

James Wilson for one year before he left for Scotland. On his removal last summer the Committee felt themselves bound to do something for these and other Missionary Stations then left vacant. After mature deliberation they agreed to guarantee the sum of £50 a year, for three years, from their funds to the Missionary who should be appointed to succeed Mr. Wilson, and communicated their intention to the Presbytery of Halifax. The Presbytery, on receiving this guarantee, lost no time in applying to the Colonial Committee for another visiting Missionary. With a diligence deserving of the highest praise, the Colonial Committee immediately appointed the Rev. George W. Stewart to the vacant Mission, who arrived in Halifax in August last, in less than four months after the application had been sent home from this Presbytery. You can judge of the wisdom and success of the arrangement entered into by your Committee, from the statement transmitted by the Secretary of the Colonial Committee to one of our Ministers, that no appointment would have been made in present circumstances to Nova Scotia, had not the application been supported by the accompanying guarantee from your Association.

Your Committee are led to believe that the friends of our Church and the members of this Association will cordially approve of the steps which have been taken for promoting the interests of religion in our Missions. They are convinced that every person who has read Mr. Stewart's excellent report to the Presbytery, must feel satisfied that a more diligent and acceptable Missionary could not have been obtained for the situation which he occupies. He has entered upon his labors with a zeal and an energy worthy of the highest commendation; and only those who are intimately acquainted with the field in which he ministers can estimate the value of his exertions.

Although not directly connected with your Association, yet the Missions within the bounds have derived, and are still deriving much valuable assistance from the labors of the Rev. John Martin, the Superintendent of Missions, who devotes, as appears from his report to the Presbytery, a large portion of his time and ministrations to the Stations in the neighborhood of the city.

In regard to the state of the funds, the Committee are enabled to report, that through the liberality of their friends they are prepared to fulfil their present engagements, and in due time also extend their opera-