

**MR. GOODWILL'S VISIT THROUGH HALIFAX PRESBYTERY**

*Mr. Editor*,—On Tuesday night, the 30th of March, about 10 o'clock, I bade farewell to Dr. Donald and St. John, and took up my quarters on board the steamboat. The night was somewhat stormy, and there was very little hope that the boat would leave at 2 o'clock, A. M., her appointed time, for Windsor. I retired, committing myself to Him who rules over sea and land, and who gives His beloved sleep, and awoke about 6 o'clock quite refreshed. Hearing the thig, thug of the sea, and the whis of the wind, I felt confident that we were sailing on at a good speed. In due time we arrived at Windsor, where I waited some hours, hoping to see the Rev. Mr. McDonald, who was expected to take the boat to St. John. Not being successful in meeting with Mr. McDonald, I took the train, and arrived at Halifax about 7 o'clock. It being the evening of prayer meeting, I found a large number assembled together in the basement of St. Matthew's Church. I was quite delighted at seeing so many. I do not remember of ever seeing so many at an ordinary week-day meeting for prayer before. I have been told that the attendance for some time past has been in general very large. After the meeting, Messrs. Campbell, Thompson and myself accompanied Mr. Grant to the Manse, where I remained for a whole week, hospitably entertained. If there is a minister in our Synod to be envied, Mr. Grant is the man. He is surrounded by a mighty force of active, pious and energetic men, who are of themselves a centre of influence, by whose prayers his hand shall be upheld if it becomes weary, and his heart encouraged. Mr. Grant has a large Sabbath School, about 400 names on the roll. The Sabbath School and Bible Classes are well provided with able and active teachers. He has every thing in thorough working order; he is the right man in the right place, and maintains the dignity of our church in the Capital. On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Grant invited a few friends together at the Manse on my behalf, among whom were Mr. Harrington and his lady, daughter of Dr. Geddie of Ancityun, whose information about the South Sea Islanders I valued very much. Here I made the acquaintance of Dr. Cogswell and his lady. The Dr. had been, during the winter, in Philadelphia, finishing his studies, and where he took the degree of D. D. S. After a few minutes conversation we were quite at home, as we had been frequently together during the winter attending the same clinical and surgical instruction.

On Sabbath, 4th April, I had service at Richmond School House, one of Mr. Thompson's stations. There were about 60 present. The Rev. Mr. McKay of St. John took part in the services. In the afternoon we had preaching in St. Matthew's, and the Rev. Mr. Grant led the devotional exercises. There was a large congregation. In the evening, we had service in St. Andrew's, and Mr. Campbell took part in the services. The attendance was very good. The congregation of St. Andrew's is at present in very good heart, and hopeful for the future prosperity of their church. The sorrow which made them so despondent on parting with the Rev. Charles M. Grant is no more remembered; for joy has filled their hearts in being so fortunate as to get such an able and promising young minister as Mr. Campbell. We wish him and the charge over which he presides all prosperity and every success. On this day there were two collections taken up in St. Andrew's Church,—one in the forenoon for the Home Mission, and the other in the evening for the Foreign Mission. The amount contributed in all was \$60, in other words, \$30 for each, the largest sum, I have been told, that was ever taken up in St. Andrew's on one Sunday. On Monday Dr. Cogswell drove me about and through the city, until we came to his own residence, where he had previously engaged me to dine with his lady and family. In the afternoon I accompanied Mr. John Doull to the North West Arm, and at 7 o'clock addressed about 60 persons in the church, one of Mr. Thompson's stations. After the meeting I spent a few hours at Mr. Doull's,