

ence of every friend of our Church to strengthen our hands. We believe the *Record* is doing no small amount of good; its circulation is rapidly increasing, and all we ask our literary friends is to help us to increase its real value and usefulness in the same ratio.

#### MEETING AT BARNEY'S RIVER.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of a report of meeting held at Barney's River in January last, in behalf of the schemes of the Church. A Report of the same meeting was furnished us by a correspondent and appeared last month, but we are much obliged to Mr. McDougal for furnishing us in addition with the names of the office bearers of the Lay Association, which we have much pleasure in publishing.

*Committee of Management.*—Angus Campbell, Convener, Donald McLeod, James Sutherland, Duncan Robertson, and Hugh McLeod. William McDougal, Secretary and Treasurer.

*Collectors.*—Janet Sutherland, Grace Stalker, Esther Robson, Catherine Stewart, Mary Cameron, Janet Cameron, Elizabeth McLeod, Janet Robertson, and Marjory McGregor.

We wish our fair friends every success in their excellent undertaking and hope that they will allow no discouragement or apparent difficulty to stand in their way. The great secret of success is regularity and punctuality in collecting; not to put off the appointed day on any consideration—Never let the intervals between calls be too long; a small sum given often is paid much more cheerfully than a larger one at a greater interval. The labour thus pursued will soon become a labour of love. We trust our faithful adherents at Barney's River, will do their utmost to keep up the organization of their Church during the absence of their pastor, whose safe return among them we hope they will soon be able to welcome.

#### REPORT OF THE REV. JOHN MARTIN,

*Superintendent of Missions, to the Presbytery of Halifax, for the Year 1859.*

As a large portion of my ministerial services for the past year, have been performed within the bounds of the Presbytery of Halifax, and as it is desirable that its members should be intimately acquainted with all the congregations and missions under their ecclesiastical inspection, I have felt it to be my duty to furnish you with such information respecting the state of religion as I have been enabled to collect in the different districts I have visited. I preached last year, fifty-eight times in seventeen different places. On three occasions I have officiated in Halifax—nine times at Lawrencetown—seven times at Sackville—eleven times at the Hall Settle-

ment and Elmsdale—seven times at Lake Thomas—nine times at the Little River and Meagher's Grant Settlement, Musquodoboit—once at Stewiacke—once at Preston and five times at Truro—all within the bounds of this Presbytery. I have also performed during the year, divine service at Kentville, Cornwallis, Londonderry and Saltsprings, Pictou. When it is known that Sackville is ten miles, Lake Thomas eleven miles, Lawrencetown thirteen miles, and the Hall Settlement twenty-five miles, distant from Halifax—that the Musquodoboit settlements are above forty miles and Truro more than sixty miles from this city, and that the other stations are still more remote, it will be seen at a glance that I have travelled many hundred miles, besides preaching and visiting in the discharge of my duty. I have been much encouraged and comforted by the protecting care of Providence, and the attachment of the people when ministering to their spiritual necessities, even under various disadvantageous circumstances, arising from the state of the roads, the inclemency of the weather, and sometimes worst of all suitable accommodation for public worship. The kindness and hospitality of our people in these and other settlements, more especially to clergymen, are well known to all who have visited them. The attendance at public worship on the Lord's day, although affected by the state of the roads and weather, amongst a widely dispersed population is highly encouraging, and the thirst for religious knowledge amongst all classes, more especially amongst the young, is evidently increasing. Sabbath schools are taught—Bible classes formed and prayer meetings held in several of the places of worship in which I officiate; and there can be no doubt that much more good would be accomplished in all the districts by the presence and exertions of a resident clergyman.

You have already received most satisfactory reports from your zealous and efficient missionary, Mr. Stewart, respecting his ministerial labors at Truro and Musquodoboit, and therefore it is unnecessary that I should add any further intelligence at present from either of these congregations, except to confirm from personal knowledge and to the fullest extent, all the statements he has made. None of the other missions are in such an advanced state as Musquodoboit and Truro, although they are all making more or less progress in their attendance upon religious ordinances and in their efforts to support the gospel.

Lawrencetown, which has received a large share of my services, is one of the oldest stations within the bounds of the Presbytery—the church in which we assemble for public worship was erected more than thirty years ago—the ordinances of religion were dispensed in it for more than eleven years, by the Rev. James Morrison, one of the first missionaries from the Glasgow Colonial Society in the year 1827, and a flourishing con-