

his ministry, for spiritual nourishment,—and detailing the various duties incumbent upon him as the spiritual guide of the flock over which God, in His providence, has placed him. The speaker also drew attention to the work that it became the people to perform, in order that the labors of the most zealous pastor may be effectual;—that of co-operation,—by work, by counsel, by prayer, by attendance at the regular services, and on the ordinances; and all this, he was fully persuaded, they were able and willing to do.

At the conclusion of the services, the choir sang the anthem, “How beautiful upon the mountains,” &c., and the meeting closed with the benediction; when Mr. Campbell was introduced to, and cordially received by, the people of his charge.

Soiree.—A Soiree, under the auspices of St. Andrew's congregation in Halifax, was held in Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 18th ult., with a view to welcome their new pastor, Mr. Campbell, and afford an opportunity for introducing him to the congregation and the numerous friends present. The hall and tables were tastefully decorated and provided with things pleasing to the eye and palate. About 350 persons were provided for, and great credit is due the committee, who were somewhat taken by surprise at the demand for tickets, but managed to meet the emergency to the satisfaction of all present. Jane Thompson, Esq., presided, assisted by John Gibson, Esq. A number of short, spirited addresses were made, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The unanimity of St. Andrew's congregation in extending the call to Mr. Campbell, and the evident heartiness of their welcome, augurs well for the future prosperity of this church. It has been a source of gratification to other churches to witness the good feeling and zeal displayed by St. Andrew's congregation; and there are great hopes indulged that the new relation of pastor and people may result in great good to the cause of Christ.

Presentation.—On the evening of Saturday, the 20th, a very handsome and very valuable Pulpit Gown was presented to Mr. Campbell, by a Lady of his congregation. The matter was kept entirely secret till the present was put into his hands accompanied by the following note from the giver:—

“Mrs. Bauld, senr., begs the Rev. J. Campbell to accept of the accompanying Gown, with her best wishes for his happiness, prosperity, and long life to wear it in the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church.

“Pleasant Street, Halifax, 20th March, 1869.”

We congratulate Mr. Campbell on the singularly enthusiastic reception he has met with from the people of St. Andrew's.

Missionary Appointments.—The following Missionary appointments were made by the Pictou Presbytery at its last quarterly meeting, 3d of March; viz.: the Rev. F. R. McDonald to be at West Branch River John, 18th April; Earltown, 25th; Roger's Hill, 2d May; Barney's River, 9th; Lochaber, 16th; Barney's River, 23rd; Roger's Hill, 30th; Earltown, 6th June.

W. McM., P. C.

Explanation.—*To the Editor of the Monthly Record*—MY DEAR SIR,—By appointment of Presbytery, I was to preach at Lochaber on the 14th March. The Rev. Mr. Brodie desired me to exchange with him, and preach in Gairloch, which I did. Unfortunately Mr. Brodie was unable to proceed to Lochaber, owing to the badness of the roads. I think it my duty to send this note to the *Record*, in order that our people in Lochaber may understand why I did not make my appearance. Yours, &c.

F. R. McDONALD.

Pugwash.—We understand that a number of the Pugwash congregation paid a donation visit, on Tuesday, the 23rd March, to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, at their residence in Wallace. Contributions from loom, dairy, granary, and