

was held on the 25th day of November, in the vestry of St. Matthew's Church. Sederunt—Rev. G. W. Stewart, Moderator; Rev. Messrs. Martin, Scott, Boyd, ministers; Dr. Avery and Mr. John Taylor, elders. Various matters arising from the last meeting, and the reading of the minutes, were taken up and disposed of.

At the last meeting Mr. Stewart had been admitted a constituent member of court, Mr. Boyd dissenting. He was also unanimously elected Moderator for the next twelve months.

Mr. Boyd was elected Presbytery Clerk.

Mr. Stewart's term as Missionary from the Colonial Committee expiring in August last, upon application by the Presbytery to the Colonial Committee his appointment was continued for another year on the same conditions as before, that his salary be supplemented, to a certain extent, by the Home Mission Association.

Mr. Martin reported that, as opportunities offered and the state of his health permitted, he had visited and ministered at various places.

Mr. Stewart reported that he had fulfilled all the usual appointments of Presbytery. He had dispensed the Lord's Supper, as usual, in Musquodoboit, and gave gratifying statements of our religious prospects in Upper Musquodoboit and the Antrim settlement.

The petition from St. Paul's Church, Truro, for a grant of money from the Colonial Committee, in aid of the Church building there, was ordered to be forwarded in accordance with the Synod's injunction, and with this Presbytery's instructions at last meeting.

The Clerk reported that, as instructed at last meeting, he had written to the congregations in Musquodoboit and Truro on the subject of increased pecuniary aid toward missionary services.

The Rev. Mr. Scott intimated his intention of demitting his charge of St. Matthew's Church as soon as a successor is appointed. On hearing this intimation, the brethren expressed their deep regret, and gave expression to their high respect and admiration for Mr. Scott as an aged minister of the Church. The Presbytery further expressed their readiness to carry out the views of Mr. Scott and the congregation of St. Matthew's Church in this matter.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed for the first Thursday of February, 1863,—Mr. Stewart to preach in the basement of St. Matthew's Church on the evening preceding the meeting.

Closed with prayer.

With reference to "Correspondence" on "Our Statistics" in last number of the *Record*, it may be explained, that in the schedule as transmitted from St. Andrew's, Halifax, "credit" was not assumed for the whole sum raised in Halifax toward the "Young Men's Scheme."

It may also be observed that some confu-

sion has been fallen into about the statements in reference to schools and scholars pertaining to St. Matthew's, Halifax. G. B.

Call to St. Matthew's, Halifax.

WE observe from several of the Halifax papers that the congregation of St. Matthew's in that place, have given a call to the Rev. George M. Grant, at present labouring in the Missionary field on Prince Edward Island. It will be seen also from the Minute of the meeting of the Presbytery of Halifax, published in our present number, that the Rev. Mr. Scott, the present incumbent, has given notice of his intention to retire as soon as a successor shall be found for the charge. Mr. Scott has presided over this important and influential congregation, for, we believe, the long period of thirty years, and during all that time, if we mistake not, his pulpit has not been once left unprovided for. How few ministers are privileged to be able to say so! Retiring and studious in his habits, he never pretended to take any active or forward part in what may be called the public life of a clergyman. He has not often been seen on the platform at religious gatherings, as a public speaker, but his high principle, the purity of his life, his unostentatious but sincere piety, joined to the care and finish of his pulpit preparations, have secured for him during a somewhat lengthened course, a respect and influence in the community inferior to none of his brethren of any denomination. We trust he will be long spared to adorn the circle in which he moves, and enjoy the *otium cum dignitate*, won by a dignified and faithful discharge of the most important duties to which man can be called.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Rev. Mr. Grant.

MY DEAR MR. COSTLEY,

As I know that any news from the missionaries of our Church to the heathen world is acceptable to the readers of the "*Record*," I enclose to you an extract of a private letter, which I have received from the Rev. Mr. Patterson, missionary at Sealkote, India. He and his fellow-labourer, the Rev. Mr. Taylor were sent out by the Church of Scotland to take the place of the Rev. Mr. Hunter, who was massacred along with wife and child, at the time of the Hindoo mutiny. They are evidently engaged in the work of the Lord, and on a