

DR. SMITH OF STEWIAKKE.

The Clerk read a letter which he had received from Dr. Smith, setting forth that he had lately had a severe attack of sickness, but was now, in the good providence of God, fast recovering and daily gaining strength, and had no doubt but that he would be able to attend upon the duties of the Hall during the winter. The Presbytery expressed their deep sympathy with Dr. Smith in his affliction, and directed the Clerk in their name to write him a letter of condolence.

The following persons were appointed to supply his pulpit during the month of December, Mr. Baxter 1st Sabbath, Mr. McCulloch, 2nd, Mr. Byers, 3rd, and Mr. Currie 4th.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Appointed that Thursday the 27th inst, be observed throughout the bonnds of the Presbytery as a day of thanksgiving, and request Sessions to take order accordingly.

NEXT MEETING.

Appointed to meet at Economy for visitation, on Tuesday, January 6th, 1863, at 11 o'clock, forenoon.

A. L. WYLLIE, Clerk.

The Session 1862-3 of the Theological Hall, Halifax, was opened on Monday the 3rd November. Rev. Professor King lectured on the Revolution Settlement, giving a succinct and clear outline of that important epoch in the history of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.—There are sixteen students in attendance on the Theological Classes. We are glad to be able to state that Dr. Smith's health is in so satisfactory a condition that he is at his post again. Our Theological students are highly privileged in having the united services of such men as Professors King and McKnight and Dr. Smith. May they profit by their advantages!

The College at Truro was opened early in October. The attendance is about forty, and never was there a more promising class of young men in the preparatory institution of the Church.

THE MISSION SHIP.—We regret that, contrary to our expectations, we cannot give our readers full particulars relative to the building of Mission Ship in our present number. We can report, how

ever, that so far as our observation has extended, the children of the Church have taken the deepest interest in the movement, and that collecting is going forward with great spirit. Our young friends will be glad to learn that children as well as adults in Australia are contributing to the fund for the vessel with great liberality. Mr. Paton gives some examples:—One young man having no money forwarded his gold watch guard to Mr. P., with the request that he would dispose of it and appropriate the proceeds to the fund for the vessel. A Sabbath-School teacher said, "I have no money, but accept of my gold pencil case in aid of the ship fund." A Geelong lady also enclosed her gold guard for the same object. A servant girl gave him £5 for the ship, saying, "I gave it to God yesterday, and you to-day, and if he spares me I will be able to work for more." We trust that a similar spirit will pervade our own Church, especially as we have a more personal and intimate interest in the mission than our Australian brethren. The demand for collecting cards has proved so vigorous, that a large additional supply has been provided. We hope that every card given out will be well filled.

NEW CHURCH AT ANTIGONISH.—The new Presbyterian Church at Antigonish was opened on Sabbath the 16th November. The Rev. Dr. McLeod of Sydney preached in English in the forenoon and in Gaelic in the afternoon; and Rev. Mr. Downie preached in the evening. All the services were characterized with distinguished ability. The Church is a neat and substantial building, and is thoroughly finished. It is sixty four feet by forty eight, and the walls are twenty four feet high. It cost the congregation \$4,000.

CANADA.—About 70 students are in attendance on Knox's College, Toronto. Rev. A. G. FORBES, educated in the Halifax College, has accepted a Call from the congregation of Riversdale, Huron, C. W. Rev. P. Constantinides was called by the congregation of Oakville.

Six members of the United Presbyterian Church have subscribed the munificent amount of £6,800 sterling, as the commencement of a Manse Scheme for the Church.