

summer; the winter came in so early this season that the joiners had to stop work earlier than they expected. Next summer we hope to have a missionary labouring among us, and that some of the Presbytery of Pictou will come down and open the church for us. We rejoiced very much to see the delegates, Messrs. Fraser and McMillan, visiting Cape Breton last harvest. We hope that the Committee will be pleased to grant us one hundred dollars towards finishing the church.

I am, yours, very truly,

DOUGALD McDUGALL.

Loch Lomond, Dec. 8th, 1871.

(We publish this letter willingly, and in reply may say that if Mr. McDougall will forward to the Rev. Mr. Fraser a copy of the deed of the church to be forwarded to the Colonial Committee, and will give an assurance that the \$100 grant now asked for will be sufficient to finish the church and leave it free of debt, Mr. Fraser will bring their application before the Home Mission Board at its first meeting with every assurance of success. The two conditions we have mentioned are insisted on by the Colonial Committee in making any grant. —ED. M. R.

ment in the Church at home. We trust that Mr. Begg will be duly appreciated and aided in the field in which he is to labour, and that the Lord of the vineyard will bless his labours abundantly.

Notice

The following supplements may be drawn for on Feb. 1st for the half-year then ending, from the Treasurer, Alex. Jardine, Esq., St. John, N. B., the Presbytery certificates and receipts being at the same time forwarded:—

Nashwaak and Stanley.....	\$120 00
St. Andrew's, N. B.....	120 00
Tabusintac.....	120 00
Black River and Red Bank.....	50 00
Truro and Folly Mountain, N. S.....	50 00
Richmond and N. W. Arm.....	50 00
Albion Mines and Westville.....	186 00
Wallace and Pugwash.....	75 00
River John.....	80 00
McLennan's Mountain.....	75 00
St. Peter's and B. Point Roads.....	50 00
Rev. D. McCurdy.....	50 00

Extracted from Minutes of H. M. Board. G. M. GRANT, *Convenor*.

Halifax Sabbath School New Year's Day Fete.

One of the pleasantest gatherings of the year is that held usually on the first day of the year by the Sunday Schools in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Halifax. They mustered in new St. Andrew's this year, and the Church was well filled with them. Bright, radiant faces met you everywhere; and dull care was dispelled from the longest faces as they gazed on the happy scene. W. H. Neal, President of our S. S. Association, was in the chair, and our three Halifax ministers, Revs. J. F. Campbell, John Campbell and G. M. Grant were present, and gave short and appropriate addresses. Hymns were sung under the leadership of Mr. Thos. Mitchell and a choir of St. Andrew's scholars; presentations were made, and prizes and certificates awarded; and Christmas trees stripped of their hundreds of prizes; and apples and sugar plums distributed.

The proceedings lasted from 9.30 A. M. to 12, noon; and every one went away delighted, instead of thinking them long. About seven hundred teachers and scholars were present, and

News of the Church.

Arrival of Another Missionary.

The Rev. Mr. Begg, whose arrival was expected, as may be seen from the minutes of the Home Mission Board published this month, landed in Halifax on Dec. 20th, and proceeded the week after to the Presbytery of St. John, N.B.

Mr. Begg is a great acquisition to our ranks. He was the first student of his year in the Glasgow University Divinity Hall. Last session he took all the three first-prizes of the year. And he brings letters from several of the leading ministers of the church commending him to us in the highest terms. His elder brother was that missionary to India, whose early death was so much lamented a few years ago. And nothing but a similar spirit of devotedness and missionary zeal would have brought to the Colonial field one whose rare talents would have ensured him speedy prefer-