

Greger, Stewart, McKay, ministers, who proceeded to inquire into the state of the congregations.

Questions were first put to Mr. Stewart, the incumbent, when it appeared that he entered on his duties in this (to him) new sphere of labour with much zeal and activity. Mr. Stewart was licensed by the Presbytery of Dunkeld, and sent to this field under the auspices of the Colonial Committee. He preaches twice every Sabbath, and has three places of worship—officiates in one of them twice, and in the other two once a month. There are monthly prayer meetings in church, and also prayer meetings in private houses. Since Mr. Stewart was settled in this charge—not quite six months—he has catechised all his people, and visited nearly all at their houses. He is also regular in his attendance at Church Courts—is commissioner of Schools, and finds that the word of God is read as a morning exercise. He also reports that he considers the moral condition of the people to be very good. A branch of the Bible Society has been lately formed in the congregation.

By the questions put to the Elders, it was found that they consider it to be their duty to watch the moral conduct of the people, that they visit them in their affliction, take part in prayer meetings, and are regular in their attendance in the Church Courts. There are six Elders in McLennan's Mountain, two in Sutherland's River, and three in St. Mary's, and these are regarded sufficient. They intend to keep the five registers of the church. In the meantime there are no Sabbath schools, and the Lord's Supper was not dispensed since the induction of the Rev. Mr. Stewart, owing to his absence in Cape Breton during the most suitable season of the year. The ordinary attendance in Church is 450. There have been 18 baptisms during the past year.

By the questions put to the Trustees, it appeared that the Church is not incorporated, but is secured by deed to ministers of the Church of Scotland. There are five Trustees, and they hold half-yearly meetings. They secure £150 currency to their minister, which is raised by voluntary subscription. The first instalment is not quite due, but nearly collected. The Church building in the Mountain, which is a very handsome one, is quite finished and clear of debt, while about £200 is still due on the seats—all having been sold. It is but due to Mr. Stewart's predecessor, the late Dr. McGilvray, to state that this satisfactory state of the Church in being free of all incumbrance is greatly owing to his exertions and liberality.

It was also found that the congregation is due the late Dr. the sum of £8 for the year 1861, and one-third of the salary for the following year, the year succeeding his death.—they having agreed to pay that year's salary as usual, with the understanding that the Presbytery should give partial services. It was plead in excuse, however, that they did

not receive supplies as regularly as they had expected. But seeing that the congregation had done so well in other respects, it is fondly hoped that they shall not be long behind in this matter.

The examination being ended, the members of Presbytery expressed their satisfaction with the state of the congregation, anticipating growing prosperity in this important charge, where so much harmony prevails, and so much zeal and activity was manifested alike by pastor and people. The Lay Association being resuscitated, the meeting, which was small, in consequence of the day being very stormy, was closed with the benediction.

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### **Report of Missionary Labors, during the past year, in Musquodoboit, by the Rev'd George W. Stewart.**

I AVAIL myself most willingly of this renewed opportunity of submitting to the Presbytery a report of my missionary labors during the past year. At the outset, I may be allowed to observe that, owing to the Mission at Truro, one of my fields of labor now being occupied by another missionary—the Rev'd Wm. M. Philip—I, in consequence of which, have been enabled greatly to extend my operations here, and to devote my whole services over an extensive field of Christian labors.

There are, in connection with the Mission Church of St. Andrew's, at Little River, two other stations—the one at New Antrim, combining the Halifax Road, and a part of Grey's River Settlements—and the other at Upper Musquodoboit, with which are connected the Dean and Chaplin Settlements. The distribution of Sabbath services in these places is as follows: On the 1st Sabbath of each month, a morning service is held in Little River Church, and at New Antrim in the afternoon; on the 2nd Sabbath, two diets of worship at Little River; on the 3rd Sabbath, morning service at New Antrim, and in the afternoon at Little River; and, on the 4th Sabbath, morning service in the Upper Musquodoboit meeting house, and in the Dean Settlement in the afternoon; and, when there is a 5th Sabbath in the month, services are given to the congregation at Little River Church. In the discharge of these Sabbath services, I have to travel over 90 miles every month, besides paying domiciliary visits to families and the sick connected with mission stations, which cannot be less than 30 miles more. It is a great cause of thanksgiving and gratitude on my part, to report that, by the Divine help, and God's blessing, I have been enabled regularly to implement these Sabbath appointments (with the exception of two Sabbaths, when I was laid up with cold caught in the discharge of ministerial duties), in all seasons of the year, and in every condition of the roads.

*St. Andrew's Church, Little River.—This*