

Mr. Boyd stated that he now wished to resign the office of Presbytery Clerk. The Presbytery, on accepting this resignation, desire to record their deep sense of his accuracy, diligence, and courtesy in the discharge of the duties; and instruct him to lay the Presbytery records, and relative documents, on the table at next ordinary meeting.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed for the first Wednesday of February, 1866, and Mr. Philip was requested to preach the Presbytery sermon at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Truro.

An interesting letter from the Rev. Mr. Philip of Truro, to the Convener of the Colonial Committee, appears in the November No. of the *Home Record*. The space at our disposal will admit of but a few brief extracts:

"TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA, }
30th Aug., 1864. }

DEAR SIR,—I addressed a letter to you on the 15th September last, narrating, for the benefit of the Colonial Committee, such circumstances in connection with my work here as seemed worthy of notice. Since that period I have had the additional experience of nearly a twelvemonth, and have continued to fulfil the duties of : t. Paul's Church, Truro—as yet a really missionary office, which involves the duty of supplying three separate stations, viz.: Truro, North River, and Salmon River. North River, as formerly stated, is situated at a distance of seven, and Salmon River at a distance of fourteen, miles from Truro.

Since writing to you, I am happy to state that some progress has been made both in consolidating and extending the Church in this quarter of the Province.

1. **TRURO.**—The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed for the first time in the Church at Truro on the 10th day of July last, when there sat down to the communion 30 individuals, 4 of whom were communicants for the first time. This number may appear small, even to begin with, but it is considerably larger than I had any reason to expect. The communion roll does not, in these parts, bear the same proportion to the number of the congregation as it does at home.

2. **NORTH RIVER.**—Since last writing to you, the sphere of my ministrations has been advantageously extended at this station. There are two churches (or "meeting-houses," as they are called), in this quarter, situated within three miles of each other, and each about seven miles from Truro, the one being the place within which we worship, and the other belonging to a congregation of Seceders. Situated only about a quarter of a mile from the former, there is also a Baptist meeting-house. The Secession Church is a building recently erected, and the congregation are

supplied by a clergyman of their own with religious services once a month. About six months ago this congregation solicited me to give them a sermon once a month, offering to contribute a fair proportion towards the payment of salary. A month or two ago, this arrangement commenced, and, in consequence, the Colonial committee will be relieved during this second year of my ministry at Truro of the burden they generally undertook in support of our in-ant church here, to the extent of £10 currency (=£8 sterling).

3. **SALMON RIVER.**—I have nothing new to report concerning this station. I preach here (the service being a double one) once a month. The people contribute £20 currency towards salary. The most of the settlers are poor, and struggling hard, as yet, for a living. A line of railway has been projected, and partly contracted for, between Truro and Pictou, and when completed will be of great benefit to the settlement through which it is to pass.

On my arrival here there was a debt of £240 on the Church in Truro. This amount has since been reduced by £52 10s., and I trust that before another year elapses, similar progress may be made towards its extinction. The building is by deed the property of the Church of Scotland."

Aid for Musquodoboit.

OWING to an oversight, which we greatly regret, the following announcement did not appear, as intended, in the October No. of the *Record*, in connection with the Addresses and presentations to the Rev. Mr. Stewart, Musquodoboit, from the St. Andrew's congregation, Newfoundland, and which we now have great pleasure in publishing; and, at the same time, calling the attention of our readers to this act of liberality in aid of extending the means of religious instruction and the cause of our blessed Redeemer in localities destitute of places of worship. See the Rev. Mr. Stewart's Missionary Report in the June No. of this year:—

"The Rev. Geo. W. Stewart has great pleasure in stating, that while discharging Presbyterial duty to the St. Andrew's congregation, Newfoundland, last summer, the sum of £11 15s. 3d., Nova Scotia currency, was handed to him, after special religious services, as its contribution in aid of erecting places of worship in New Antrim and Dean Settlements, in connection with his Church at Little River, Musquodoboit.

"Mr. Stewart takes this renewed opportunity of tendering his grateful acknowledgments to that congregation for this liberal response,—feeling assured that this sum would have been greatly enlarged had the island of Newfoundland been favored with its former seasons of commercial prosperity:

"And should this meet the eye, and find sympathy with, the benevolently disposed,