

Mr. Dixon, from Clyde River, appeared before the Presbytery, and stated that, since last year, considerable progress had been made towards the completion of the Church there, and requested the services of the Presbytery in procuring the £10 voted by the Synod of 1867 towards that object. The Presbytery were gratified at the account Mr. Dixon gave, and requested the Clerk to communicate with the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

The Presbytery then considered the desirability of having an understanding with the sister Presbytery, whereby much economy of means and labour could be effected in the case of some of these stations, belonging to both Churches, which, in the present divided state of the population, are too weak adequately to support stated ordinances. The Presbytery, while feeling the necessity for some arrangement having this object in view, and while approving of the principle involved, deferred farther consideration, owing to the absence of several members, till the next meeting, when it was resolved to take up the matter.

The attention of members was then called to the defective state of the marriage laws as at present existing, when the Moderator and Clerk were appointed a committee to take action in the matter before the sitting of the Legislature.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Charlottetown on the second Thursday of March.

Closed with prayer.

A. McWILLIAM, *Clerk pro tem.*

REPORT OF MISSIONARY SERVICE WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

SINCE arriving within the bounds of this Presbytery, I have been chiefly engaged, according to appointment, in the districts assigned to my charge, viz., Richmond and North-West Arm. At the latter place we have a very neat little Church, capable of accommodating about 130 or 140 persons, and the average attendance at our diets of worship, which are held the evening of each Lord's day, is about 100. The Richmond Church is not quite so commodious, having been erected some years ago, and rented to the North End section as a school-house. Now, however, the school has been removed to the new building put up by the Commissioners, and workmen have for the last few days been diligently employed in putting our Church into a state of thorough repair. The attendance at our morning services in Richmond will barely average 50. It has increased somewhat since my arrival, and at my occasional evening services is considerably larger, but many of the people are very careless about religious matters, and a great majority of those who are not, had connected themselves with other of the city Churches before my arrival in the district. The Episcopalians have a very neat Church edifice, in the north end of the city, erected some years ago, where regular services have been held for a considerable time, and a few who have been brought up Presbyterians have connected themselves with this Church. The Wesleyans have also a Church organization here, and a new place of worship in course of erection. These, with the new Presbyterian Church of St. John, in Brunswick Street, about a mile and a half away, had attracted a large portion of the religiously inclined community. A few of these have signified their intention of casting in their lot with us, and some have already done so. But there are still a number of persons in this district who seldom enter the house of God; and while I have been encouraged by the activity and apparent seriousness of many, I have been often discouraged by the carelessness of others. The work in Richmond district is "missionary work," in the true meaning of the term.

I found Sabbath Schools in full operation, at both Richmond and North-