

commenced three sermons on Sabbath, with a ride of more than 20 miles every third Sabbath, and I believe I injured my health very much by so doing. I will hardly try the same thing again. The great John Wesley would not allow his preachers, on any account, to preach three times on a Sabbath, although he was known to do it himself."

Home Missions.

THE Board of Home Missions met last week. The want of Probationers was severely felt. The Board expressed their sympathy with the congregation of Westville in the loss of their church, by adopting measures to send them the object of their choice for at least three months. They expressed regret at the disappointments to which St. John Presbytery had been subjected; appointed Rev. S. Archibald to that Presbytery for two months; Mr. Isaac Simpson to Pictou Presbytery for two months; Mr. Gauld, one month, February, to Truro Presbytery, and March to Halifax; and Rev. A. Cameron, during Feb., to Halifax, and during March to Truro.

It was with deep regret they found that they could do nothing for the Presbytery of Lunenburg from the middle of February till the end of March. Halifax Presbytery has one preacher for five vacancies, all but one being too far distant to be supplied from the city.

Directions were given to the Secretary to write to our young men already asking them to come to our aid, and also to secure the services of a number of Catechists for the approaching summer.

Bay of Islands, Newfoundland.

BY REV. M. HARVEY.

I was much pleased to observe, by an article in the *Record* for October, that an effort was likely to be made to send a missionary to the Bay of Islands, on the western coast of Newfoundland. That locality has special claims on the Presbyterians of Newfoundland, and I am persuaded they will gladly respond to an appeal for aid towards sending a missionary to our people

there, who are destitute of Gospel ordinances.

Should the Home Mission Committee appoint a missionary for the Bay of Islands, I think I can undertake, on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches in this Island, in connection with the Synod of the Lower Provinces, that they will meet half the expenses, for the first year at all events. I have not yet had an opportunity of consulting the Rev. Mr. Ross of Harbour Grace, but from the well-known liberality of his congregation, I have no doubt they will gladly join my own congregation, who are never behind hand when a good work is to be done; and by our united efforts, we will be able to pay half the expenses of a mission to the Bay of Islands. What I should recommend is this—that a suitable missionary should be despatched to the locality in May next. Let him labour there for a few months, and then come to St. John's, prepared to give us full information about the wants of the people, and the prospects of planting a church there. Should the prospect be of an encouraging character, we will do what we can to aid in the erection of a church, and sustaining a minister. As soon as I hear that the Home Mission Committee have nominated a missionary, I shall organize a Home Mission movement in connection with our Church, with a special view to raise funds.

The Bay of Islands is destined to become an important settlement, and its population is rapidly increasing. Presbyterians from the neighboring Provinces are likely to settle there in considerable numbers, as well as in Ronne Bay, and St. George's Bay, and Codroy. In each of these localities we may hope one day to see a Presbyterian church, and the ground should be occupied at once.

Errata.

In a brief article on our finances in last number, the receipts of two months were exhibited as if they all belonged to January, and the sum paid within the month to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, was inadvertently inserted with the other receipts, making every line in the addition appear incorrect. When the error was seen it was too late to be corrected.