

RICHMOND BAY, P. E. I.

The Rev. Jas. Waddell was appointed to labour for a few weeks within the bounds of Princetown Presbytery. Some time was lost on his way thither in consequence of certain irregularities, which we need not detail, in the sailings of the steamer between Pictou and Charlottetown. He was enabled, however, notwithstanding this delay, to spend three weeks in Missionary work in the vacant stations of that Presbytery. On the first Sabbath after his arrival he preached at Lot 16. The day was favourable, though somewhat threatening; and the audience was good. He also preached in the evening in the house of an aged couple, one of whom was confined to the house. The Presbytery having appointed that he should dispense the Lord's Supper at Lot 14, he preached there on Thursday, (Fast Day), Saturday, Sabbath (Sacramental services) and Monday. He admitted four candidates to communion, and baptized two children, under direction of the Session. The weather was very wet on all these days, and the audiences were correspondingly small. There happened also to be service at Lot 16 on the Sabbath, which prevented some from coming who were expected; but the people of Lot 14 were well out considering the season. Next Sabbath he preached twice at Lot 11, to a full house: and also held an evening service in the house of Mr. McArthur at Front River.

WEST ST. PETER'S, P. E. I.

Mr. Waddell's next appointment was to the Presbytery of Georgetown. He was instructed by the Board to give them his services for a few Sabbaths, whilst the navigation remained open; and the Presbytery were authorized to retain him for the winter, if they had work for him, and he himself was willing to remain. The matter was left thus open for two reasons—on the one hand, because the Presbytery had applied for a *Gaelic* preacher, if possible—but there happened to be none available—and on the other hand, because the Board are unwilling to banish Mr. Waddell from his family for a whole winter without first asking his consent. This statement respecting the manner of his appointment will explain the opening part of his report to the Presbytery. The report is dated 26th January, and is as follows:—

"When I came by order of the Home Mission Board into your bounds, I found as you will remember a letter from the Secretary of the Board, informing you of my coming, and authorizing you to treat with me for my labors if required here for the winter. All my feelings of a domestic kind prompted me to desire labor where I could visit my family on an emergency, but when you represented to me the destitute condition of the congregation of West St. Peter's and Dundas, and the impracticability of supplying them by any other agency after that season of the year, I made up my mind to sacrifice domestic claims to the claims of the Great Head of the Church, and resolved to remain.

After the steamer ceased to run for the season, when you informed me that Dundas could be supplied only with Gaelic services, and I found that leading persons at St. Peter's felt embarrassed by the prospect of having more of my time than they could afford to provide for, I felt anxious to return to Nova Scotia and proceeded to Charlottetown, intending to take the packet immediately for Pictou. The packet, as it proved, had sailed for the last time for the season from that port, and I returned to St. Peter's.

On the Sabbath following, I heard that the packet had landed her mails at Georgetown, and would likely ply between that port and Pictou several times before the navigation in that direction would be closed, for the season. On Monday