

Lecture Room at St. Matthew's Church on the evening of 16th August last, embodying a resolution in reply to a note in which, according to your advice, I solicited the co-operation of the Association in the Richmond Church-building enterprise. Said resolution expressed a determination to grant a site for our new Church upon the Association's grounds at Richmond. I would suggest that as this has been made a Presbytery scheme, the order of this Court signed in the usual form be the authority of the Treasurer for paying all moneys drawn out of the Building fund: I furthermore beg leave to submit, according to your request at our last regular meeting, the names of a number of gentlemen who shall form a Committee to take immediate charge of all matters connected with providing Church accommodation at Richmond,—the Committee to be subordinate to this Presbytery.

As it is extremely desirable that a Kirk-session should be formed in Richmond at an early date, I have to request the appointment of Assessors to aid me in the ordination of Elders chosen from and by the congregation.

The Synodical collections have all been taken up and handed to the Treasurers of the different schemes. Extraordinary collections have been made at the Arm to the amount of about \$200, and expended in and about our neat little Church in that section—at Richmond to the amount of about \$100, and expended as follows:—\$54 to the Chiniquy Mission and Relief Fund, \$29 for a Sabbath School Library, and the remainder for music books and the relief of poor and needy persons.

Collectors have been appointed in both sections of the congregation in the interest of the Presbytery's Home Mission. The returns are not yet complete; but, when all brought together, they will amount to not far short of \$30, if they do not come fully up to that figure.

There have been sixteen baptisms dispensed by me in connection with the two congregations up to the present time. The particulars of names, age, date of baptism, and place of birth, with the names of parents, may be found in a Baptismal Register which I have carefully kept, and which, along with the Communion Roll, and a short outline of the Congregational History, will be handed over to the Presbytery when the proper period arrives. There have been two communions, and I purpose that another shall take place some time before the end of April, on the 17th of which month you will find my resignation dated.

In reference to Richmond, I have to state that progress has been made. A good foundation has been laid, and the people are beginning to feel their true position as a congregation of God's worshippers. Still, there is much carelessness in many hearts, and some who should be more anxious about spiritual affairs are not so zealous as they ought to be: yet there is a decided improvement since my arrival in the field. There is a gradually increasing punctuality in waiting upon religious ordinances that is a sure index of the good heaven working in the souls of those in whom this change is apparent. But there is no use denying that there is a good deal of up-hill work, and many discouragements to be grappled with. Taking the most favourable view, a good many years must pass away before a strong congregation can be gathered, but there is little doubt of it being collected in time; and hence the wisdom of the Presbytery will be shown in the resolution to keep the field regularly occupied, and gather in the Presbyterian population as it settles down in this portion of the city. There is the nucleus of a fine congregation here, but it requires patience and perseverance to accomplish its full development.

With the North-West Arm, affairs are different. Some of the leading men of this neighbourhood are Presbyterians, connected with St. Matthew's Church, and to whom our little Church at the arm is a kind of Chapel of ease. But there are very many persons in the neighbourhood who attend no House of God save ours, and the congregation has been going on with a steady and