

such situations would be placed on a secure footing from the outset, and their progress afterward, through the divine blessing, rapid and permanent.

Of the other new station, viz., Bridge-town, much cannot yet be said, as it has only been recently occupied. A petition respectfully signed has been presented to the Halifax Presbytery for supply of preaching, and the Rev. P. G. McGregor has visited them for three weeks.—His report shows a most gratifying state of feeling. The people there already expect to raise the sum of £50 for the support of a minister, and it is expected that the people of Annapolis will be able to raise the remainder of the sum proposed by Synod in order to receive the £50 promised from the Home Mission fund.

We may remark that the position of both these places renders the occupancy of them a matter of much importance.—In Prince Edward Island our Church, from the want of a congregation in the capital, has been without that public influence which its numbers, and the intelligence of its members, and its standing in the Colony, as the oldest Presbyterian, and almost the oldest Protestant body, entitle it. The young of our church have been flocking thither from our country congregations, and the experience of the past has shown, sometimes in most lamentable forms, that under the temptations of a city, and destitute of pastoral superintendence, they are in too many instances lost, not only to our body, but to the Church of Christ. And tho', as we regret to say, the movement has excited the jealousy of the members of other bodies, yet we believe there is still need in Charlotte Town of all the Evangelical preaching it can receive, and that we are engaged in a good work there, as well as one that is fitted to give solidity and strength to the whole church on the Island.

The other new station is of similar importance to our work in the west. In that part of the province Presbyterianism has long since appeared to be extinct—our principles were known only by report, and that of the most unfavorable kind. But recent events indicate hopeful progress. The closer intercourse which the people are enjoying with our Missionaries, and the acquaintance which they are gaining with our principles, are producing a favorable impression regarding our system. The occupancy of a

station in the immediate vicinity of Annapolis will be the strengthening of the hands of our friends there.

SUPPLEMENTARY STIPENDS.

The congregations which have received supplement during the past year are the same as in the previous year, viz.: Yarmouth, River John, and Harvey; the former, according to the decision of Synod, having received £25, the latter two £10 each. No particular report has been received from either.

CHURCH BUILDING.

The sum of ten pounds each has been granted to aid in the erection of churches at Bannockburn and Summerside, both in the Prince Edward Island Presbytery.

SUGGESTIONS.

The Board have only to suggest for the consideration of Synod, should the Synod not be able to overtake the Rules and Forms of procedure:

1. That the privilege allowed in the particular case brought up by the Truro Presbytery of locating a preacher for a period of six or twelve months be adopted as a general principle.

2. The Board would bring under the consideration of the Synod whether a rule similar to that adopted in the Canadian Synod, that no preacher be inducted until he shall have gone once through all the Presbyteries, or whether they might not be required to spend a certain period of time in Missionary labour.—We do not say that a preacher should be hindered from giving his decision on a call. Were this understood, the Board believe that some plan of this kind would be extremely beneficial. It would give the Mission field so much more service, a matter of importance in the present deficiency of labourers. The probationers, we believe, would relish it, as we often hear complaints of the hurry with which they are obliged to settle, and expressions of an earnest desire of seeing other portions of the church,—nor do we believe that the places about to receive the services of a settled pastor would suffer, when they knew that in a few months they might expect, in the good Providence of God, to see their teacher. This gratification of their expectation would sustain their minds, and render them willing to make the sacrifice for the good of other portions of the church not so favored.

FUNDS.

Owing to the large drafts on the Home