

shared in the honor of helping the contribution.

Go on, dear young friends. Do all you can to help and encourage missionaries in their trying work. We have been called the advanced guard of the Christian army, but we need recruits; and it is to you we look as the worthy successors of those already in the field.

May Jesus bless you all, is the prayer of your friend,
JAMES H. LAWREN.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne.

This Presbytery met at Mahone Bay on Tuesday Feb. 19th.

Present, Messrs. John Cameron, A. Brown, H. Crawford, I. S. Simpson, E. D. Millar, and the Clerk, ministers, with Dr. Calder, and Alfred Kedy, elders.

The attention of the Presbytery was first directed to the consideration of the new scheme for augmentation of stipends when Mr. Millar, on behalf of the committee clearly explained the matter, pointing out the advantages to be derived and showing the amount necessary to be raised, and what proportion should be raised by this Presbytery. In the table sent down by the Committee, La Have and Mahone Bay were marked to be visited.

Resolved, "That the Presbytery having heard Mr. Millar's statement of the new supplementing scheme, heartily approve of the same, and resolve to make every possible effort to carry it out in accordance with the recommendations of the Assembly's Committee."

The Clerk stated that the matter had been brought before the Mahone Bay Congregation, and that the managers were prepared to report their present position, when Edward James Esq., reported that at the annual meeting it was resolved to make a thorough canvass of the congregation, which had been since done, and they were now prepared to guarantee \$540 as a beginning. It was then, on motion, unanimously agreed, That the Presbytery having heard the statement of the managers of Mahone Bay congregation regarding the efforts already made, consider no further visitation in the matter necessary, accept the guarantee for \$540, and put the congregation on the list to be aided by the scheme.

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to

draw on the Treasurer of the Presbyterial Fund for amount due Assembly Fund for the current year.

Report of Dr. Calder, Treasurer, was approved with thanks, and the Clerk directed to notify congregations in arrears to Presbytery Fund.

Report of Rev. A. Ross of services in Lockeport and East Jordan during January, adopted as very satisfactory, and Home Mission Board asked to pay balance of \$2 a week; and the Clerk's action regarding further supply was approved.

Rev. J. A. McLean was appointed to supply Lockeport and East Jordan on the third Sabbath of March, and Rev. James Rosborough on the first Sabbath of April, and that collections be taken at all their services for Foreign and Home Missions.

Riversdale Session reported that the congregation had paid for the quarter ending Feb. 1st, the sum of \$75. The report was approved and the Clerk directed to forward it to the Home Mission Board and ask for payment to Riversdale of \$75 according to agreement.

Mr. Millar made a statement regarding the condition of the people at settlements near Lunenburg. Known as the Blue and Black Rocks, showing that at least 25 families can be classed as Presbyterian, and that most of the remainder was open missionary ground. The people have taken steps to secure a church building. He then, sustained by the Lunenburg congregation, made application to have those 25 families erected into a mission station, to be known as that of "The Rocks," to be placed under charge of the Lunenburg session. The application was heartily granted. Mr. Miller further explained the position of the proposed site, and submitted sketch plans for the new church, and stated that the people had voluntarily subscribed \$356, half to be paid before the end of March, and the other half in August of the present year, and asked the Presbytery to make application to the Hunter Church Building fund for a grant of \$500, (\$150 to be paid this year and \$150 next year.) Presbytery cordially endorsed the action taken by Mr. Millar and agreed to make the desired application.

Blanks for Sunday Schools and financial returns, and copies of petitions regarding the Sabbath law were distributed, and the following were appointed to prepare reports for the Presbytery:—1. Mr. Simpson on Sabbath Schools; 2. Mr. Cameron on temperance; 4. The Clerk on statistics.

In the evening there was a large con-