

building of the W. C. Railway than with Lunenburg.

Agreed to let the petition lie on the table, and correspond with the Halifax Presbytery, also with Carleton and Chebogue congregations which were stated to be moving in the same direction.

The Remit of Assembly in Supplementing and Sustentation schemes was taken up and after discussion it was

Resolved, that in the circumstances of the Church, the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth prefer the Supplementing to the Sustentation principle; but take exception to the following points in the Supplementing Scheme now before the Church.

(1) Sec. 2. (a) In the opinion of the Presbytery the *family* is a more equitable unit than the communicant for estimating the contributions of congregations.

(2) Sec. 2. (b) We deem this clause an unnecessary complication in view of the principle laid down in section 2, that each congregation must provide a manse or rented house.

(3) Sec. 2. (c) The Presbytery believe that the preparation of this list annually will be attended with serious difficulties; and therefore prefer the adoption of a definite minimum contribution of, say \$350, as a transitional measure.

(4) Sec. 3. It should be expressly provided that in the event of a deficit, the first division of the fund shall be made in ratio to the sum at the disposal of the Committee after reserving sufficient for Bourses.

(5) Sec. 5. This Presbytery believe that here, too, the *family* should be adopted as the unit of contributions; and that an equitable rate per family should be laid down.

(6) Sec. 6. The Presbytery believe it will be better to fix a maximum contribution of, say, \$800, above which no stipend shall be raised by means of the fund.

It was agreed to apply for Supplement of \$150 for Carleton and Chebogue. Consideration of Supplement for New Dublin was deferred until next meeting.

Rev. Principal MacKnight was nominated as moderator of next General Assembly, and Rev. D. B. Blair as moderator of Synod. The next meeting is appointed for the last Tuesday of April, at 2 p. m., at Bridgewater.

Presbytery of P. E. I.

This Presbytery met in Georgetown on 21st March.

Rev. John McKinnon's resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Georgetown, Cardigan, and Montague was accepted, and a minute adopted and recorded expressive of their high appreciation of Mr. McKinnon's work in P. E. Island and commending him cordially to the Free Church of Scotland into whose ministry he purposes seeking admission.

The Presbytery also met on the following day in Cardigan and found that in that section, as well as in Georgetown and Montague the general feeling is that the congregation is too large and that some readjustment should be made before the settlement of another minister.

With this object in view it was agreed that committees be appointed in each section of the congregation to meet with a committee of Presbytery at Cardigan on Monday, 27th March, at 6.30 p. m. The committee of Presbytery to consist of Rev. Wm. R. Frame, convener; Dr. Murray, S. C. Gunn, E. S. Bayne and J. M. McLeod. The committee from Georgetown are Messrs. Cogswell, Rutherford and Renton; and from Cardigan Messrs. John McMillan, Alexander Martin, John Goff, Donald Stewart, and Malcolm McLeod.

Rev. Mr. Bayne was appointed to preach at Montague Bridge and Rev. Mr. Gunn at Dundas, and secure the appointment of a committee from these sections.

Mr. Frame was appointed moderator of the session of Georgetown and Rev. J. M. McLeod to preach in Georgetown at 11 o'clock, Cardigan at 3 o'clock, and Montague Bridge at 6.30, on 4th Sabbath in March.

The Presbytery agreed to meet for Presbyterial visitation at Mount Stewart on Monday, 3rd April, at 7 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Scott to preach, and on the following day at 11 o'clock at West St. Peter's, the Moderator to preach, and at East St. Peter's at 7 o'clock same day, Rev. K. McLennan to preach.

J. M. McLEOD, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met at Upper Musquodoboit on Tuesday March 7th, for the ordination and induction of Mr. John A. Cairns.

There were eight members present, viz., Messrs. Wylie, (Moderator) McPherson and the Clerk from the city, and Messrs. Layton, Dickie, Henry, McKinnon and Logan (Sheet Harbor). Rev.