

Esq. Letters of excuse for non-attendance, containing some valuable suggestions, were received from the Revds. R. Sedgewick, T. Sedgewick, N. McKay, H. B. McKay, W. Alves, and R. McGregor and W. H. Blanchard, Esqs.

After careful consideration of the whole question, the committee unanimously adopted a scheme to be submitted to Synod, of which the following are the chief features :

1.—Considering the greatly increased cost of living, and the very inadequate support many of our ministers receive, it is our duty, as a church, to use every means to raise their stipends to not less than \$650, or \$600 with a manse.

2.—That for this purpose a separate fund be originated, to be called the Supplementary Fund.

3.—That, except where provision is made for the same object by periodical contributions, a collection be taken in every church at least once a year.

4.—In the case of those congregations whose salary is under \$650, it is proposed that, for whatever sum they may raise in addition to their present stipend, an equal sum be given from the Supplementary Fund.

5.—The scheme contains provision for bringing and keeping the matter before the church in the most efficient manner; and also for the fair and equitable distribution of the funds.

The support of the gospel is a question which the Synod must take up in earnest. The report to be submitted by this Committee contains some valuable suggestions; and we give the above outline that members of Synod may be the better prepared to deal with the subject when it comes up on the evening of the second day of Synod.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday the 26th inst., for the ordination and induction of Mr. John Burns Watt, preacher of the gospel, as colleague and successor to the Rev. John Stewart, the present pastor of the congregation. Mr. Stewart, according to previous appointment, constituted the Presbytery as moderator *pro tem.*, and presided at the ordination. There were present beside him the Revs. David Roy, George Walker, Dr. Bayne, A. P. Miller, Alexander Sutherland, George Patterson, Lauchlan Macdonald, John Mackinnon, Alexander Ross, K. J. Grant, J. A. Sutherland, A. J. Mowitt and Alexr. McL. Sinclair, ministers; and Messrs. James Arthur, John Mackay, and John Dawson, Esq., ruling elders.

The Revs. Angus McGillivray of Springville and Thomas Sedgewick of Tatama-

gouche being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members of Presbytery, and took their seats accordingly. Mr. Macdonald preached the ordination sermon from 1 Tim. iv. 13, 14.

Mr. Stewart narrated the steps taken to see re this call, put the questions of the formula to Mr. Watt, which he satisfactorily answered, and engaged in prayer,—whereby, together with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. Watt was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and inducted as co-pastor into the charge of this congregation.

Mr. Walker addressed the minister in substance according to the following outline:—1. The honourableness of the ministerial office. The gospel minister is the ambassador of Christ, commissioned to offer in the name of his Divine Master to a world estranged from Him by rebellion and sin, mercy, peace, and salvation. That it is his duty to speak with authority, and not to be terrified by the opinions or opposition of wicked men. 2. That he may naturally expect to meet with discouragements in his work. That these may come from this world in a state of enmity towards God—from the malice of satan and even arise in himself. 3. That he may reasonably expect many encouragements to sustain him; in the interest which he would have in the affections of his people—and from their sympathy with him amid the trials and difficulties to which he might be subjected; in the hope that his labours would not be in vain in the Lord and in the promise of the Great Master himself, "Lo, I am with you alway." 4. That it was his duty to seek to be filled with the Spirit—to live to a holy life—to be ever doing good. 5. To be a diligent student of the word of God, and to make all other studies subordinate to the study of divine faith. 6. To be a man of prayer. That he was appointed to a special and a most important work, and that therefore he needed special grace. 7. To take heed to himself and unto the doctrine: To exhibit christian refinement in his manner, to be gentle and courteous in his intercourse with his people, to be a burning and a shining light in the congregation and in the world, to be punctual to all his engagements, and in every respect to adorn the doctrine of Christ.

Mr. Ross addressed the people. He directed them to love their ministers; to esteem them highly for their work's sake; to attend regularly and conscientiously on their public ministrations in the house of God and on their private ministrations from house to house; to support their newly inducted minister liberally, placing him beyond anxiety for the necessaries and comforts of life, for this was the Lord's requirement; and to pray for their ministers, for