

mittee having reason to believe that the prospects there are encouraging, if a settlement can be effected. In the Presbytery of P. E. Island, Tryon an Bonshaw has been added. In the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, Baddeck has been removed, having become self-sustaining. In the Presbytery of Cape Breton, Boularderie and Cow Bay have been withdrawn, for the same reason. In the Presbytery of Halifax, West Cornwallis has been added, though with considerable misgivings, the Committee being doubtful as to the propriety of erecting it into a separate congregation.

As to changes in the amounts recommended to be granted, in the Presbytery of St. John, Baillie receives an increase of \$25, being less than the Presbytery asked, as much as the Committee could recommend with the funds likely to be at their disposal. Bocabec receives an addition of \$25, the decrease of \$25 last year being as, we are informed, a mistake, and other circumstances in the Committee's knowledge, warranting the addition. For Buctouche, \$25 less is granted than asked for by Presbytery for the same reason as stated in the case of Baillie. In the Presbytery of P. E. Island, \$80 is granted to Cove Head, instead of \$100 as asked by the Presbytery, the Committee not feeling themselves at liberty to go beyond the sum granted by Synod last year to this Congregation. In the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Clyde River and Mahone Bay, each receive \$10 less, at the Presbytery's recommendation.

The whole amount recommended to be granted this year is \$4,335, as compared with \$3805 last year, shewing an increase of \$530. It should not, however, be forgotten that \$1,190 of this amount is appropriated to unsettled congregation, and we may fairly assume that in all probability, at least, one half of these will not be settled during the year. So that deducting \$595 from \$4,335, and adding, say \$300 for Agent's Commission, Secretary's allowance, and other expenses, there remains about \$4000, less than which sum it will not be wise to calculate upon as necessary to meet the requirements of the coming year.

We come now to submit particularly some matters to which the Synod's attention should be directed.

1 We have to ask the Synod to approve of the action of the Convener and Secretary in granting at the rate of \$100 per annum to Buctouche, in December last, at the recommendation of the Presbytery of St. John. Their action was sustained by the Committee, and they now ask for it the approval of Synod.

2. We ask the Synod to authorize us to pay \$30 to the widow of the late Rev. J.

Fraser, of Boularderie, being the full amount of Supplement for the half year, ending at this date.

3. We feel bound to bring to the notice of Synod, the action of the Rev. D. McDougal, of Cow Bay, in returning to the Secretary his order for \$20, being the last half year's supplement, his congregation having meanwhile become self-sustaining.

4. Your Committee would call attention to two rules long ago laid down by Synod, (1) that Congregations before receiving Supplement should fulfil all obligations to their Minister, and (2) that all Supplemented Congregation should contribute to all the Scheme of the Church, i.e., Home and Foreign Missions, Education and Supplementing Fund. These rules have been plainly forgotten by many parties concerned, and the Committee would here give notice to Presbyteries and Sessions and Congregations, that it is their intention in future to enforce them somewhat directly, and they hope that in taking this course, the Synod will sustain them.

5. We would call the special attention of Synod to the fact that the grant of \$500 per annum, which for the last four years has been received from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, has been withdrawn, and we do not feel that after all that has past, we can go back to that Committee and ask for its continuance. At the same time, in the Committee's judgment, the case of an emigrant colony like that of New Kincardine is such as to warrant the attention of the Free Church Colonial Committee being called to it, and they would suggest that the agent of the Church be authorized to communicate with the Rev. P. Hope, Secretary of that Committee on the subject.

6. The Synod will observe the largeness of the sum which will be needed to meet the Committee's obligations—large in itself and large in view of the withdrawal of Foreign aid. We would not conceal from the Synod our fears arising from our experience of the past that this amount may not be raised, but it is for the Synod to say whether these fears are well founded or not. We do not affirm because we do not believe that to raise this sum is beyond the Church's ability; but to do so will require great exertion, and it is for the Synod to determine whether that will be made. At the same time, the Committee feel it to be a matter of the last importance that the Scheme be kept free from debt—and, therefore, they feel constrained—though very unwillingly to recommend that the amount granted be paid *pro rata* if sufficient money is not forthcoming to pay them in full.

7. Finally, we feel it to be our duty to call attention to the large number of Congregations, (51, as gathered from the