

congregations for Supplement, even if they have fulfilled the financial condition of the Assembly's scheme, if, in their judgement, they are able to be self-sustaining charges. It is perfectly obvious that a grant made to a single undeserving congregation will do more harm to the scheme, than the efforts of any two or three congregations will do it good.

It will moreover be requisite for Presbyteries to take wise and vigorous measures to keep all the Supplemental charges up to the full measure of their ability in their local contributions for ministerial support. There is ample room for most useful work in this direction. The effort all round should be to establish and maintain such organization as will secure a constant and regular increase from year to year in the amount raised for this purpose from such charges. Nothing will command the confidence and aid of strong congregations, like clear and satisfactory evidence that the weaker charges are working energetically and as they are able towards complete self-support.

Once more it will be necessary for Presbyteries to take some steps to secure contributions, and contributions in some measure in proportion to ability from every congregation within their bounds. There is no possibility of success unless the movement be general, I had almost said universal, as well as hearty. And the Presbyteries hold the key of the position in reference to this matter also. Let them therefore so complete their organization as to secure this result too. In the event of all these matters being duly attended to there is every reason to believe that the Synod may cherish a confident hope of the most complete and gratifying success.

The only other matter that I am instructed by the committee to bring before the Synod is the question of the unification of the Committee and Funds East and West in connection with this work. The committee simply solicit the opinion of the Synod upon this question.

And is it a mistake to say that the burden of furnishing the necessary information, and of providing the requisite organization, and stimulus to attain the desired result rests primarily upon pastors? Our people never have failed us when we presented to them properly a worthy object. No doubt there are some persons, perhaps in most of our congregations, who have not much sympathy with this movement, but I am confident that there are quite enough people in our

church, whose sense of justice, equity, and right is keen enough and strong enough to secure a worthy response, if only the matter be fairly laid before them by their pastors and Sessions. It cannot indeed be reasonably expected that pastors should urge a direct increase in their own salaries from their own people. That matter however may safely be left in the hands of Presbyteries. But it can be expected and is expected that all our ministers should plead for large and generous contributions to the general fund.

THE NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Letter from Rev. J. Annand.

Ancltium, N. Hebrides,
July 15th, 1894.

Dear Brother Scott.—

With regard to the Augmentation Scheme I am glad that our Church at home is making a move toward providing more comfortably for her servants. She seems to be far down in the scale in regard to ministerial support.

We propose D.V. showing ourselves in Nova Scotia next summer. Then we can discuss face to face our plans and pleas.

The mission box sent away at the end of last year was too late. In fact the odds are rather against our receiving any box in April that is despatched from N. S. in December of the preceding year. Probably we will receive the box and papers in October. We have never lost a box yet but on two previous occasions they had to lie in Sydney over five months.

Our health has been good during the summer now past. Our work has been moving along as heretofore. A spiritual quickening is much needed and desired by us, that a remnant may be saved. My report to the board will show a large decrease in population. We lately lost a man who was our servant on Iririki and for several years hear. His wife is still with us. Naping is her name. She if I recollect aright wrote you a letter on one occasion. "Nipivarched" who lately died, was our assistant teacher here for two or three years. We miss him much. He died of dysentery combined with another disease from which he was long a sufferer.

Our annual meeting was held here last month. Four of the missionaries in the field were unable to attend owing to