

There was laid on the table a list of subscribers to the *Presbyterian* within the bounds. After some conversation on this matter, the Presbytery recommended to the members the necessity of using every means to increase the circulation, within their respective districts, by the appointment of agents to canvass, or otherwise, and with all convenient speed.

The subject of the Presbyterian Home Mission was then brought up by reading the minutes of the Home Mission Board, from which it appeared that this Presbytery is recommended to raise from its Lay Association the sum of \$100 towards the support of those weaker congregations of the Presbytery which are not self-sustaining, in order thereby to diminish the amount drawn from the Colonial Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart stated that the Congregation of St. Peter's Road had increased the amount paid to him this year by £15.—The Presbytery record their gratification at this statement, and recommend the congregations of Georgetown and Cardigan to increase, so far as they are able, the amount of salary presently paid by them.

The Presbytery therefore resolved, in terms of the recommendation of the H. M. Board, to make up from the funds of their Lay Associations the balance of the \$100, which the supplemented congregations may be unable to raise.

The Clerk was instructed to request the Treasurers of the different Lay Associations to send up a full report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery thereafter adjourned to meet in St. James' Church, on the last Wednesday of March, at 11 o'clock. Closed with the Benediction.

ALEX. MCWILLIAM, *Clerk*.

[Could not some such organization be set on foot and prosecuted so as to increase the circulation of the "*Monthly Record*" as well as the "*Presbyterian*." ED. M. R.]

WE regret to learn that the Rev. Charles M. Grant has been ordered off from duty for a term of weeks, owing to ill health. We sincerely hope that relaxation and change will enable him to resume work on his return to Calcutta.

News of our Church.

Statistics.

We publish on another page the interesting tables of Statistics of two more Presbyteries. Nothing has appeared in our pages of greater interest, and we therefore hope that all in the Presbyteries of Pictou and P. E. Island will answer the queries of the Convener of the Committee. These questions are issued on the authority of Synod, and we hope that those who have not yet sent in their replies will do so without delay, so that the whole may be in the hands of members of Synod in June.

Presentations.

A very handsome black Walnut Chair was lately presented to the Rev. Geo. J. Caie, of St. Stephen's, St. John, by his Bible Class. A suitable address accompanied this thoughtful and timely gift. The chair is for Mr. Caie's use in the vestry. Mr. Caie, in accepting the same, expressed himself highly gratified; and desirous, above all things, to convey to the members of the Bible Class a knowledge of God's Word, which prepares both for happiness in time and eternity.

A few days ago the congregation was presented, by a young gentleman of their own number, with an elegant eight-day clock for the use of the vestry. We congratulate the minister and congregation of St. Stephen's on these signs of vitality, good-will and earnestness.

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John did not meet at Nashwaak and Stanley according to appointment, owing to the breaking up of the ice on the St. John River opposite Fredericton.

Rev. Mr. McColl.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. McColl has been laid up with illness during the past winter, and that he intends to take a trip to Scotland for his health. We trust that the bracing air of the Highlands will, under God, restore him to his old vigour, and that we shall soon see him back to labour in his important field in Prince Edward Island.