

case the deputies did their duty and reported. Presbyteries responded with enthusiasm. A hearty interest was evoked. Congregations to be benefited were easily dealt with by the Presbyteries. The same deputies visited every congregation in each Presbytery. Meetings were held at each station and the people invited to contribute—the amounts being subscribed and the books sent in to Presbyteries. The poorer congregations having done their duty, the Committee were able to deal effectively with the richer congregations evoking their sympathy and help. Mr. McDonnell's congregation had set apart one-fifth of their contributions for months. He asked a special collection of \$1500 and got \$2,300,—making in all about \$2,900 from one congregation.—This was of immense value to the fund. Envelopes were largely used.—We asked for \$26,000, and got \$35,000 with a reserve fund of over \$17,000. The scheme has greatly lessened the vacancies.—The average contribution in this synod for supplementing has been \$4000. You now need \$10,000. You must make extraordinary efforts. The money must be got from the wealthier self-supporting congregations that can and will give \$1000 if the minister, and session deal faithfully with them. Everything depends on you ministers. We have scarcely begun to give as we ought. Would you dare to put that sum into the Saviour's hand if he were here personally soliciting our gifts. If we appreciate our Saviour's sacrifices we would have abundance of money and of men consecrated to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Rev. D. J. MacDonnell spoke of the great value of Mr. Warden's services in the cause in the West. He never feels like a stranger in Pictou or in this Synod. He hoped we would soon get rid of the line of demarcation—East and West. We are one Church, doing one great and blessed work. It is necessary to press upon our people the solid principles on which the Scheme rests. 1. The duty of the Church as a whole to support the Ministry 2. The duty of the strong to help the weak.—The people will understand these principles, and accept them as essential to our system. The relations of the people are not merely to their own minister.—Every Presbytery must set this matter in the best way possible before the congregations. *They must take care to prevent the misapplication of funds.* Presbyteries must be conscientious in the matter. One grant unwisely given will

do incalculable harm whenever it becomes known.—The work of bringing the matter before the congregation should be placed in the hands of the best possible men.—Use skillful labour. You should ask definite sums, of congregations and individuals. When he had asked his congregation for a contribution he received usually what is asked for or more. Claims should be presented in connection with the preaching of the Gospel in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day.—The ministers of the stronger charges must take the post of honor in this work; but every minister has his share of the work to do.—There is not a congregation in the Church where high water mark has been reached. The ministers must include themselves with their people, and give as liberally as they expect their people to give.—You need enthusiasm, but it must not end in eloquent speeches and resolutions. If we do our duty the intelligence and the conscience of our people will respond."

The addresses of these brethren awakened a deepened interest in the matter of Augmentation, and was no doubt the means of the decision to which the Synod came to endeavor to rise at once to the Assembly's minimum. They were tendered the hearty thanks of the Synod.

*Wednesday Afternoon.*

Mr. Maclean Sinclair submitted the report of the Synod's commission anent the Truro appeal case which had been sent up to the Assembly. Mr. E. Ross and Mr. James Sinclair had settled the matter privately. Report approved.

A complaint of Rev. E. Ross again the Presbytery of Truro was then taken up and occupied the remainder of the Sederunt.

*Wednesday Evening.*

The Synod met in Prince St. Hall.

After the devotional exercises Rev. Dr. MacGregor gave some facts on behalf of the F. M. Board; that Miss C. Copeland of Pictou has been appointed to take charge of San Fernando school, and Miss Amy Hilton of Yarmouth, to Aronca School, Trinidad, both of them to sail in about six weeks; that Mr. Grant is on his return to the Island and is with Mr. Gibson about sailing from New York, that a home for Mr.