

Assembly, asking that the allowance for house rent in cities should be increased from \$100 to a sum not exceeding \$300 per annum. The Committee agreed, on motion of Mr. Macdonnell, to commend the overture to the consideration of the General Assembly and to call the attention of the Assembly, also, to the necessity for additional regulations as to allowance for house rent in the country and for the cost of keeping a horse where this is rendered necessary by the circumstances of the charge.

PRINTED REPORTS.—There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Owen Sound, recommending that it be a condition of receiving aid from the Augmentation fund, that congregations submit annually a detailed statement of the contributions of their members for the maintenance of ordinances among them.

The extract minute was received.

HARRINGTON.—An application from the Presbytery of Stratford for a grant to Harrington for the past year, as well as for the ensuing one, was declined.

BAYFIELD ROAD AND BERNE.—The Presbytery of Huron asked a grant to this congregation. Extract minutes were read and the representative of the Presbytery heard. The following resolution was adopted :—Inasmuch as it appears that the congregation is perfectly able to pay \$800 per annum, the Committee decline the grant, and express the hope that the disaffected persons will loyally sustain the minister who was the choice of a large majority of the united congregation.

At a later stage a motion to reconsider this resolution was lost.

The following resolution, on motion of Dr. Thompson, was carried :—

In re of the Bayfield Road and Berne Congregations the Presbytery of Huron reflect on the conduct of the Convener and Executive of the H. M. C. This Committee call the attention of the Presbytery to the fact that a communication having been received from certain officials of said congregations declaring their ability to pay the salary of their minister without supplement; what was done was not to refuse the grant, but they simply sent this communication to the Presbytery for their consideration, and delayed action till the Presbytery was heard from. The Committee feel that this was the only action that could be taken in the circumstances, and regret that the conduct of the Convener and Executive of the H. M. C. is called in question by the Presbytery.

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