

Fast year. It was agreed that the Conveners of the different Standing Committees of the Presbytery interested, deal with the delinquents, and if possible, secure a collection from them during the current year. Revs. J. R. Munro, G. S. Carson, and W. J. Fowler, were appointed to secure supply, at regular intervals, during the coming winter, for the Mission Stations of Cape George, Cariboo, and Wine Harbor, respectively. Notice of the amount asked by Synod from this Presbytery for Augmentation was received from the Rev. E. Smith, and allocations made as follows:—United Church, N. G., \$234; Prince street church, Pictou, \$158; James church, N. G., \$140; Sharon church, Stellarton, \$88; James church, Antigonish, \$82; Knox church, Pictou, New St. Andrew's, N. G., West River and Green Hill, Hopewell and Middle River, \$70 each; Scotsburn and Salt Springs, Union Centre and Lochaber, \$65 each; Westville, \$59; Thorburn and S. River, Springville and Bridgeville, St. Andrew's, N. G., \$47; Glenelg and East River St. Mary's, \$41; Blue Mountain and Garden of Eden, Sherbrooke, Sunnybrae and St. Paul's, Trenton, Merigonish and French River, and St. Luke's church, Salt Springs, \$35; West River, St. Mary's, \$20; Ferrons, Candlish church, Barney's River, \$15 each; St. George's church, River John, \$10. After attending to other matters of local interest, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in same place on the last Tuesday of the month and at half-past one o'clock, p.m.

Presbytery of Orangeville.

Met Nov. 10th at Orangeville, Mr. Bell, Moderator in the chair. Rev. Mr. McKenzie reported that the Home Mission Committee agreed to grant supplement to Maxwell, McIntyre and Foversham on condition that all arrears of stipend were paid. Messrs Bell and Harrison were appointed to visit said stations absent the matter.

Messrs Bell and Morrison were appointed to consider the first and second of the Assembly's Remits; Messrs McKenzie and McRobbie the third; Messrs Farquharson and Matheson the fourth, and Messrs Orr and Fleming the fifth; all to report at next regular meeting.

Dr. McRobbie reported that he had visited Proton Station and dispersed communion, that nine members were received, and a treasurer, secretary and board of managers were appointed. The report was received, Dr. McRobbie thanked, and requested to visit the station and complete its organization.

Mr. McLeod submitted a minute absent Mr. Wells' resignation, as follows: In accepting the resignation of Rev. John Wells, M. A., the Presbytery would record the high appreciation of him as a faithful, diligent, efficient, and successful pastor, an able minister of the Word, a laborer that needeth not to be ashamed, regular in his attendance at church courts, thoroughly versed in church procedure and business, manly, candid, firm, but considerate, always ready to give his services to help a brother minister when possible. The Presbytery regret to part with him and trust and pray that the Lord may be with him, and soon place him in a field where his abilities and experience may be fully employed in the service of the Church. The report was received and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.

Mr. Bell reported that the Presbytery's Committee had agreed to recommend that Rev. Frank Davey be appointed ordained missionary for two years to the congregations of Maple and Singhampton. The report was received and the recommendation adopted. Mr. Davey accepted the appointment, and his induction was appointed to take place at Maple Valley, Mr. Nellie to preside, Mr. Morrison to preach, Mr. Hudson to address the minister and Mr. Harrison the people.

Mr. Farquharson reported that he had met with the people of Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant and moderated in a call which was given in favor of Mr. S. O. Nixon. The call was signed by 162 members and 31 adherents. Stipend promised \$750 and manse.

Messrs McCalloch, Hunter, and Clark, from Mount Pleasant, and Messrs Henderson, Lyons, and Fraser, from Cheltenham,

were heard in support of the call. The call was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Nixon, and it was agreed that, conditional on his acceptance, his ordination and induction would take place at Cheltenham, on the call of the clerk, Mr. Farquharson to preside, Mr. Matheson, to preach, Mr. Fleming to address the minister, and Mr. Campbell the people.

A circular letter from the secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee intimated that this presbytery was expected to raise \$600 for Foreign Mission work.

Messrs Elliott, Campbell, Farquharson, McKenzie, Bell, and Morrison were appointed to make arrangements by which all the congregations of the Presbytery may be addressed on all the Schemes of the Church.

Rev. J. A. Matheson, of Calodon, was appointed to present the claims of the Manitoba College within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Leave was granted to Mr. McLeod to moderate in a call at Flesherston and Eugonia, and said congregations were allowed to provide their own supply for two months.

Mr. McKenzie was appointed to visit Camilla and Mono Centre absent future supply. Next regular meeting of Presbytery at Orangeville on Jan. 12.—H. Crozier, Clerk.

Presbytery of Stratford

Met at Knox church, Stratford, Tuesday, Nov. 10th, and was constituted. There was a good attendance of members.

The principal items of business were the following:—The Presbytery considered the question to whom the unpaid remainder of the late Mr. John Campbell's salary should be remitted. The Treasurers of Granton and Lucan were advised to wait the result of correspondence by the clerk of Presbytery.

A communication from the Foreign Mission Committee contained a request that this Presbytery contribute \$1,400 to the F.M. Fund. A Committee was appointed to issue a circular to the sessions and congregations of the Presbytery and urge special effort in this matter.

For the Home Mission Committee Dr. Hamilton made allocation of sums to be raised by the different congregations for the F.M. Fund.

Mr. Cosgrove presented the report of the Committee on Y.P.S., which was adopted—including a programme for a Convention to be held in Knox Church, Stratford, on Dec. 10th.

Remit No. 1 from the General Assembly was taken up. It was unanimously agreed to approve of reducing the representation of Presbyteries in the Supreme Court, from 4 to 2 of the whole number of members.

In re Remit No. 11, the Presbytery disapproved of any change from the system adopted in the past. Consideration of the other remits were postponed.

The following were appointed Conveners of Standing Committees, viz.—For A. and I. M. Fund, Mr. A. G. McLachlan; State of Religion, Mr. Kay; Temperance, Mr. J. D. Ferguson; Systematic Benevolence, Mr. Grant; Sabbath Observance and Church Life and Work, Mr. J. W. Cameron; Home Missions, Dr. Hamilton, W. and O. Fund, Mr. James Dickson, elder, of Atwood; Sabbath Schools, Mr. McKibbin, Y.P.S., Mr. Cosgrove.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox church, Stratford, the 12th of Jan., 1897, at 10.30 a.m. H. M. McKibbin, clerk.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Stratford was held at N. Easthope, on Nov. 17th, for the ordination and induction of Mr. R. F. Cameron into the pastoral charge of the united congregations of N. Easthope and Hampstead. The hands were laid on Mr. Cameron, and the ceremony was made still more attractive with floral decorations, and the same kind care prepared a sumptuous table for the Presbytery and the large company assembled in the basement. The audience-room was filled with hearers, closely attentive to the impressive services.—W. M. McKibbin, clerk.

Presbytery of Inverness.

This Presbytery met at Whyccomagh on the 17th Nov. There were present Messrs. A. Ross, Moderator; E. McKenzie, A.

Grant, D. McDougall, A. McMillan, E. S. Bayne, D. McDonald and J. Rose, Ministers; and J. W. Campbell and Angus McDonald, Elders.

The first matter taken up was a complaint and appeal against a resolution of the congregation of Baddeck proposing to give nearly half of the Sabbath services of the pastor to Baddeck Forks, at least for the winter. Parties were heard *pro* and *con*, after which the matter was disposed of by the following motion which passed unanimously—"That this Presbytery is of opinion that the congregation of Baddeck had better not enter into the proposed arrangement with the Forks until it is clearly shown to the Presbytery that the said congregation cannot meet its obligations to the pastor; or, until circumstances will be such that the Presbytery may deem it best to have this or some other arrangement carried into effect. At the same time the Presbytery would recommend the congregation to use all diligence to secure promised support for their pastor, and to secure it with greater promptitude."

The amount of \$360 asked of this Presbytery for the Augmentation Fund was allocated as follows:—Whyccomagh and West Bay \$38 each, Strathborne \$35; Mabon and Port Hood \$34, Malagawatu and River Dennis \$32, Little Narrows \$28, Baddeck \$27, Middle River \$27, Port Hastings and Lako Ainslie \$24 each, Baddeck Forks \$18, River Inhabitants and Margaree Harbor \$12 each, Big Intervale \$7, Cheticamp \$5.

The following Committee were appointed for the current year:—Church Life and Work, Messrs. D. McDougall, J. Rose, A. McMillan; Sabbath Schools, Messrs. E. S. Bayne and Walter McDonald; Young People's Societies, Messrs. A. M. Thompson and N. P. MacKay; Statistics and Systematic Giving, the clerk and Mr. Bayne.

The report of Mr. L. H. McLean, B.A., catechist at Baddeck Forks was adopted. The Presbytery was pleased to find that the people had paid in full for Mr. McLean's services. Rev. K. McKenzie gave a very satisfactory report of labors within the bounds since last May. He continues to supply Little Narrows.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery at Baddeck on the third Wednesday of Jan at 11 o'clock for business and at 2 p.m. for visitation.—D. McDonald, Clerk.

Correspondence.

Home Mission Contribution.

Editor Presbyterian Review:

SIR,—In a circular issued by the Home Mission Committee bearing date Nov. 13th, 1896, and signed by Dr. Cochrane, showing the total amounts contributed by the several Presbyteries and the average givings per member in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the Orangeville Presbytery is represented as having contributed last year \$374 so that the average for each member is set down as only 9cens. In the last Assembly's Minutes, Appendix 26, the Orangeville Presbytery is credited with having contributed \$682 to the Home Mission Fund so that the average per member is nearly double of that represented in the circular. While heartily wishing that the contributions from this and other Presbyteries may be largely increased, I have pleasure in showing that the position of Orangeville Presbytery is not so bad by one half as represented. Wm. Farquharson.

Central India.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—In reference to the too long neglected people, the Bheels, the Foreign Mission Committee a year ago last June authorized the Central India Mission to begin work among these very interesting non-caste boards of the Central India jungle country. Accordingly last October Mrs. Buchanan and myself were appointed to this mission, which we entered upon at once, living in tents until our return to Canada. From the last census report we learn that there are within the bounds of the Canadian Presbyterian Church there over 50,000 of these despised "Aboriginals." An hospital for these down-trodden, death-