

situated between Barney's River and Antigonish, intimating that they had subscribed nearly \$200.00 towards the erection of a church, and praying the Presbytery to recommend them to the Committee on the Hunter Church Building Fund for a Free Grant. It was agreed to allow the petition to lie on the table till next meeting, and in the meantime to ascertain the views of the sessions of Barney's River and Antigonish upon the subject.

A call from Stellarton was laid on the table, but owing to the want of unanimity on the part of the congregation, it was not sustained.

The Committees on Sabbath Schools and State of Religion submitted reports which were received and adopted.

The Committee on Statistics presented a report which was approved and directions were given to correspond with a view to obtain explanations with reference to certain discrepancies noted, and to take such steps as may commend themselves to their judgement to secure reliable and complete statistics.

Mr. McCurdy by appointment of the Assembly's Committee on Supplements brought the new Augmentation Scheme before the Presbytery, when the following resolution was unanimously and most heartily adopted.

"The Presbytery having heard with great pleasure the Rev. E. A. McCurdy, the representatives of the Committee on Supplements, agreed

1. To express approval of the Supplementing Scheme adopted by the General Assembly of 1883.

2. To take immediate steps to have all stipends within its bounds raised to the minimum of \$750.00 and a manse.

3. To send delegates to the congregations which are not paying the minimum aimed at by the Assembly with the view of urging them to increase the stipend paid, so far as may be possible.

4. To send deputations also to the congregations which pay at least the minimum sum, with instructions to meet, in the first place with the sessions and managers and bring the nature and claims of the Supplementing Scheme to their notice, and in the next place with the congregations for the purpose of deepening their interest in the subject and of securing liberal contributions in aid of the weaker charges.

In terms of this resolution the following arrangements were made.

Green Hill: to be visited by Messrs. Donald, A. W. McLeod, and H. Prim-

rose.

Blue Mountain, Garden of Eden and Barney's River; by Messrs. J. F. Forbes, Dr. Murray, and Alex. Grant, New Glasgow.

Merigomish; by Messrs. J. T. Carruthers, R. Cumming, and J. D. McDonald. Little Harbour and Fishers Grant; by E. A. McCurdy, A. McLean Sinclair, and G. W. Underwood.

Scotsburn and Saltsprings by A. M. McLeod, and J. T. Carruthers.

Sherbrook and Goldenville; by J. F. Forbes and D. Sinclair.

Lochaber and Goshen; by J. L. George, and J. A. McDonald.

Antigonish; by E. A. McCurdy, and J. D. McGregor.

Vale Colliery, and Sutherlands River; by A. W. McLeod and John McKenzie.

East River; by Messrs. Alex. McLean, and Alex. Grant, Stellarton.

Hopewell; by A. McLean Sinclair, and D. C. Fraser.

Westville and Middle River; by Mr. Donald, and John Fraser.

Stellarton; by J. T. Carruthers and Hugh Ross.

United Church, New Glasgow; by E. A. McCurdy, and G. W. Underwood.

James Church; by E. Scott, and J. D. McGregor.

Prince St. Church Picton; by E. Scott and D. C. Fraser.

Knox Church Picton; by A. McL. Sinclair, and Alex. Grant, Stellarton.

West River; by Dr. Murray, and John D. McDonald.

In each case the first mentioned person was appointed Convenor of the Committee. The deputations were instructed to effect the visitation at their earliest possible convenience, and to report their diligence and its result to the next meeting of Presbytery.

The following persons were appointed commissioners to the next Assembly, viz. Messrs. Wm. Stewart, E. A. McCurdy, E. Scott, and A. McL. Sinclair, ministers, and J. D. McDonald, G. W. Underwood, J. D. McGregor, and H. Primrose, ruling elders.

A communication was read from the Presbytery of Maitland, intimating that Mr. Sutherland had declined the call from the congregations of Scotsburn and Saltsprings. It was agreed to express sympathy with the congregation in their disappointment and to appoint Mr. Carruthers to preach at Scotsburn on the 23rd inst. and to call a meeting of the congregation on the 24th, with instructions to the Interim Moderator of the Ses-