

legacy of £500, the prospect of which may serve as security on their behalf. At the same time it is worthy of the serious attention of the church that our annual expenditure is steadily increasing, as new fields of missionary enterprise open up before us, and if these inviting fields are to be entered and efficiently cultivated, our stated annual income must go on increasing in the same proportion. It is to be observed, however, that the increase of expenditure arises more from the amounts drawn under the head of supplements than from the employment of probationers, and it is for the synod to consider whether it would not be advisable to separate these departments and present them as distinct objects appealing to the liberal support of our people, in accordance with a proposition submitted to last synod by the committee on Supplements, and reserved for decision at this meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Home Mis. Board,

A. McKNIGHT, Sec'y.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLEMENTS.

The Committee of Synod on the supplementing of weak congregations beg to offer the following Report:—

They have agreed to recommend the following congregations as needing supplement—

The Presbytery of Halifax—

1. ANNAPOLIS.—This congregation is small but energetic. Hitherto they have received £50 on condition of their raising £100. The grant is still continued on the same conditions as before.

2. CLYDE RIVER AND BARRINGTON.—The supplement promised to this congregation was £25. It is still continued on condition that they raise £100.

3. LAWRENCETOWN.—£20 was granted to this congregation last year. The same sum is continued for the present year. The committee believe however, that this congregation is not contributing to the extent of their ability to the support of their minister, and would recommend the Presbytery to take an early opportunity of dealing with them in the matter.

4. SHEET HARBOR.—Your committee recommend that the sum of £30 be granted as last year.

5. BRIDGEWATER.—Your committee hoped last year that there would be no occasion further to continue the grant of £12 10s. to this congregation. For various reasons known they recommend its continuance, but only for one year.

6. WEST CORNWALLIS.—Through a mistake this congregation did not appear on the list last year. It is recommended that £20 be granted for this year.

The Presbytery of Truro—

7. PARRSBORO'.—This congregation received from the Presbytery a promise of assistance for a few years, provided they would raise £100. Your committee therefore continue the grant of £20 as made last year, on the understanding as before that the above condition be complied with.

8. HARVEY.—Your committee last year had every reason to believe that this congregation would require no farther assistance. On the recommendation of Presbytery, however, they are inclined to recommend that the grant be continued for one year, on the distinct assurance of the Presbytery that it will not be required again.

The Presbytery of Pictou—

9. LITTLE HARBOUR.—This is a new congregation organized only about 18 months ago. Last year the sum of £15 was granted. Your committee upon recommendation of Presbytery would allow the same sum for another year. It is due to the Presbytery of Pictou to say that this is the only congregation under their charge receiving supplement.

The Presbytery of Tatamagouche—

10. GOOSE RIVER.—Your committee recommend that the sum of £10 be continued as last year.

11. NEW ANNAN.—From information laid before your committee and upon the recommendation of Presbytery, they are of opinion that a small sum may be advantageously granted to this congregation. £10 is therefore allowed for the present year.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island—

12. WOODVILLE.—£20 P. E. Island currency, is granted as last year.

13. DUNDAS.—£20 P. E. I. currency, as last year. In this case and in the preceding, upon the recommendation of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Cape Breton—

14. BADDECK.—Your committee have agreed that this congregation receive for another year £14, on condition that the congregation raise £100.

15. WEST BAY.—From information laid before your committee, they would