

conveying to him, at the same time, the earnest desire of the Conference that he would give this call his favorable consideration.

It was thereafter resolved that the Conference express their sense of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His signal blessing upon the whole proceedings in regard to Clyde River Church. Whereupon the Rev. G. W. Stewart, at the request of the Chairman, engaged in prayer.

In regard to the congregations of Cove Head, Brackley Point and St. Peter's Road, Mr. Duncan reported, as a member of the Committee on that business, that he had communicated with the Ministers of these charges.

Mr. Allan and Mr. Stewart entered very fully into the subject, and expressed their perfect readiness to adopt, and, to the best of their power, to carry out any arrangement that the Conference might consider best suited to promote the object in view. Various suggestions having been made by different members, it was unanimously resolved, that the following Committee be appointed to confer with these congregations, viz., Messrs. Duncan and Murray, D. Laird, Esq., and Dr. Fraser.

The subject of the Presbyterian newspaper was then taken up, when Mr. Barratt read a detailed statement, showing the number of copies taken by every congregation, from which it appeared that only 1158 in all, were in circulation.

The Conference were of opinion that, as 1500 copies were printed, and for the payment of which they were liable to the printer, no effort should be spared to raise the circulation to that number.

It was further resolved that the two Presbyteries take up this matter separately, and send in the names of additional subscribers as early as possible. The attention of subscribers is also called to the terms of publication whereby payment is to be made in advance, inasmuch as the Committee have become responsible for the expenses of printing.

Mr. Frame, in accordance with the notice given by him at the previous meeting, moved that the House of Assembly be petitioned for a Bill to incorporate the Publishing Committee of the *Presbyterian*, which was seconded by the Rev. Mr. McLean, and unanimously agreed to. Messrs. Frame, Duncan, J. W. Morrison and D. Laird, were appointed a Committee to carry out the object of the motion, with instructions that the capital of the Company shall be placed at £1000; that the designation shall be "The *Presbyterian* Publication Company," and that said Company shall consist of the members of the present Publishing Committee, viz., Messrs. Duncan,

Murray, Frame, J. W. Morrison, R. M. Barratt and J. D. McLeod.

The Conference then took up the subject of the Registration of Marriages. After remarks by several members, it was resolved that a Committee consisting of Messrs. Allan, Campbell, Duncan, and Dr. Fraser, be appointed to petition that a change be made in the present Marriage Law, whereby Licenses shall be given out to ministers in order that greater facility may thus be given for the obtaining of such than at present exists.

The subject of Female Education was then taken up, when different members spoke and urged the necessity of immediate and vigorous action being taken in this matter. A Committee was accordingly appointed to take the oversight of this subject and to report to next meeting of Conference,—the Committee to consist of the Revs. R. S. Patterson and T. Duncan, the Hons. Messrs. Bell and Duncan, Dr. Fraser and D. Laird, Esq.,—Dr. Fraser, Convener.

The Conference then adjourned to meet in St. James' Church, on the last Wednesday of March at 2 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

ALEX. MCWILLIAM, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

The Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth visited, on the 1st and 2nd days of March, the congregations of Lunenburg and Lower LaHave, of which Revs. Wm. Duff and D. McMillan are pastors.

Matters generally are in a very satisfactory state. The elders are not fully up to their duty, but promise to improve. The managers in both are working diligently. The Lunenburg Congregation, though comparatively small in the number of families, contribute \$600 to the minister's stipend, and nearly \$100 to the schemes of the Church. The LaHave Congregation is very low in the average contribution per family. There are about 130 families, and only \$500 with manse paid to the minister, with about \$70 to the schemes of the Church. The Presbytery laboured to get them to increase largely in their liberality—not, we hope, without success. The Presbytery applied for a catechist, during the summer. The congregations of Clyde and Barrington and Mahone Bay gave reports of all financial obligations fully discharged, and applied for the same supplement as was received last year, namely, \$120 each. The Presbytery knowing the necessities of these two congregations, unanimously agreed to recommend the applications.

Large missionary meetings were held in the evenings, in both the Lunenburg and