

## PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

- 25. Leitch Creek, \$130.
- 26. Gabarus, \$200, if settled.
- 27. Cape North, \$100.

## PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

- 28. French River, \$80.

## PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

- 29. Parrsboro', \$100.
- 30. Coldstream, \$100.
- 31. Acadia, \$100, if settled.

## PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

- 32. Annapolis \$150, if settled.
- 33. Kempt & Walton, \$120, if settled.
- 34. Lawrencetown, \$140.
- 35. Musquodoboit Harbor, \$120.
- 36. Noel, \$120.
- 37. West Cornwallis, \$200, if settled.

## PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH.

- 38. Clyde River, \$75.
- 39. Cheboque, \$150.
- 40. Riversdale \$200, if settled.

One or two remarks on these recommendations may now be submitted.

The number of Congregations on the list this year is forty, as compared with thirty-nine last year. In the Presbytery of St. John, Chipman has been added. In the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth Mahone Bay has been removed, having become self-sustaining, and Riversdale has been added. This last is a new Congregation, and the grant has been recommended upon the representations of the Presbytery that the case is a deserving one, and that the prospects there are very encouraging if a settlement can be effected.

As to changes in the amounts recommended to be granted—in the Presbytery of Cape Breton, and upon their recommendation, Gabarus receives \$100 additional in the event of a settlement. From facts laid before the Committee they could not take the responsibility of refusing this increase. In the Presbytery of Halifax, Annapolis receives \$25 less than last year, that amount being assumed by the Congregation; while \$100 is added to the supplement granted to W. Cornwallis, making it now \$200. This is done at the urgent request of the Presbytery, and from facts brought to the Committee's notice they feel that in present circumstances it would be wise to foster that Congregation and to encourage the settlement of a minister there. In the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Clyde River receives \$15 less upon the Presbytery's recommendation.

To sum up, the whole amount recom-

mended to be granted is \$4753, being an increase of \$420. This increase, however, is more apparent than real, and it is not probable that more will be required this year than last.

One or two other matters yet remain to which the Synod's attention must be directed.

1. We have to ask the Synod to sustain the action of the Secretary (already sanctioned by your Committee) in granting \$100 to the Congregation of Chipman, upon the recommendation of the Presbytery of St. John.

2. We have to ask the Synod's approval of the action of the Secretary (sanctioned in like manner by you Committee) in paying the Rev. J. P. Bryant, under call to Kouchibouguac, and actually supplying that Congregation the supplement granted it. This action was taken in conjunction with the Agent of the Church and the Presbytery of Miramichi, and full particulars of the circumstances can be given if required by Synod.

3. Your Committee would suggest that the Treasurer be authorized in paying the supplements for the current half year to draw if necessary from the Fund of the Home Mission Board. They are informed that there is at present a very considerable balance to the credit of that Board, and the Synod will not forget (1) that this Committee's work is really Home Mission work, and (2) that some Congregations contribute to the Home Mission with the full knowledge that the course now suggested by your Committee may be adopted when the occasion arises.

4. Finally, your Committee cannot forget that very probably this may be the last report which it will be their duty and privilege to present; and this being so they feel that perhaps one or two further observations will not be deemed inappropriate on their part. It is now twelve years since this committee was first appointed, during which time they have labored in the face of no inconsiderable difficulties, but still they would fain believe with some measure of success to fulfil the duties entrusted to them by this Synod. They rejoice to think that during that period their efforts have contributed somewhat to extend and strengthen our Church in these Provinces, and thus to set forward the cause of Christianity which was the direct object of their appointment; while indirectly they think they can claim that the marked improvement in the standard of ministerial support among us of late years is due in some degree to their persistence in keeping this important matter prominently before the Church. But be this so or not, they cannot point with legitimate satisfaction to the