

With reference to the Palmerston group of Stations, it was moved by Mr. Robert Campbell and duly seconded, That the Memorial from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew relative to the transference of the said group to the Presbytery of Kingston lie on the table until the Presbytery of Kingston have had communication of its contents. To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. D. J. Macdonnell and seconded by Principal Grant, That said group be transferred to the Presbytery of Kingston in accordance with the terms of the Memorial. A vote having been taken, the amendment was carried over the motion, and became the judgment of the House. The Assembly further agreed to transmit to the Synod of Hamilton and London for consideration the recommendation of the Committee to the effect that a portion of the Mission field of the Presbytery of Bruce be assigned to the new Presbytery of Maitland.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

The Clerk produced and read the annual report on the distribution of Probationers for the Western Section of the Church. The report was received. There was also read in connection therewith an overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa of the following tenor, viz. :—

“Whereas the present practice of quarterly distribution of Probationers by a Committee on which the Presbyteries are not represented is unsatisfactory, it is therefore humbly overtured :—

1. “That the Committee on Distribution and the Home Mission Committee consist of the same persons, and that they meet twice in the year.

2. “That no Presbytery be expected to give employment to any Probationer not chosen by their representative and not coming into the bounds with his or their consent.”

The Overture was supported by Messrs. Moore and Farries.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Macdonnell, That the Overture be received and the Assembly decern in terms thereof. To this it was moved in amendment by Principal Caven and seconded by Dr. Proudfoot, That, with respect to the Overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa, the Assembly deem it inexpedient, without further trial, to depart from the Scheme of Distribution at present in operation. A vote having been taken, the amendment was carried over the motion by 88 to 61, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place this afternoon at three o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place and on the same day, at three o'clock in the afternoon :—

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator.

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, M.A.

The Minutes of the Ninth Sederunt were read and sustained.

Dr. Burns, Convener of the Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of the Directors of the Ottawa Ladies' College, gave in and read a report, bearing :—

1. That, having considered the Memorial, and having examined the Act of Incorporation of the College, they are of the opinion that the request of the Directors should be favourably entertained.