

lengthened consideration and also conference with those of the applicants present, the Committee unanimously appointed Messrs. Smith and Douglas to the Presbytery of Manitoba for three years, on the usual terms, and Rev. A. H. Cameron to the Canada Pacific Railway Mission. The following resolution was adopted as to Mr. Cameron's appointment: That Mr. Cameron's salary be not less than \$700 per annum exclusive of travelling expenses; that the people enjoying his services are expected, according to their promise, to make up this amount; that the Presbytery of Manitoba be requested to take an oversight of Mr. Cameron's labours, and to take such steps as may be requisite in order that the promised amount may be raised; and that Mr. Cameron be required to report semi-annually, through the Presbytery to this Committee, the amount received and the state of the work.

The Committee agreed to appoint Mr. Alex. Stewart, Probationer, to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Mr. Stewart having been at once communicated with, and having by telegram declined the appointment, a sub-committee, at a later stage of the meeting, was named to offer the appointment to certain suitable students now graduating at Knox College. No definite arrangement with any of these being come to before the close of the meeting, the appointment was left in the hands of a sub-committee consisting of the Convener and Messrs. Laing, King, and McMullen. To the same sub-committee were referred all matters requiring action prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.

#### II. GRANT TO MR. D. C. JOHNSON.

In response to a request from the Presbytery of Manitoba, the Committee agreed to grant the sum of \$200 to Mr. D. C. Johnson, for services rendered the Committee at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

#### III. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

A Report from the Presbytery of the finances of the several Stations for the year ending 31st December last was submitted, showing that with three exceptions all the groups had raised the amounts promised towards the salary of the Missionaries.

The Committee agreed to refer the Presbytery of Manitoba to the finding of the General Assembly, (see "Minutes," 1877, p. 33), as follows:

"(1.) The Assembly require each Station, or group of Stations, hereafter to guarantee a certain sum per annum, or for each Sabbath's supply, according to the ability of the people.

"(2.) The Assembly instruct the Presbytery of Manitoba to forward, before the 1st October in each year, to the Home Mission Committee, a statement of the amount which each station has agreed to pay, and which, in the opinion of the Presbytery, is an equitable sum to be contributed by each station."