

MANITOBA.

REV. D. ROSS AND PRINCE ALBERT MISSION.

A letter was read from Rev. D. Ross, dated Selkirk, Manitoba, 27th September, stating that he and his family had reached that point on their way to Prince Albert, but, that owing to ill-health and other causes he had been unable to proceed further, and forwarding medical certificates from Doctors Young, Agnew and Henderson.

The Committee resolved to express their deep sympathy with Mr. Ross in the painful circumstances in which, in the Providence of God, he is placed, and in relieving him from his appointment as Missionary to Prince Albert, do so in the hope that ere long his health may be fully restored, and that another sphere of usefulness may be opened up for him in the Master's vineyard.

The following were appointed a Committee to arrange the financial matters connected with Mr. Ross' Mission: Hon. A. Morris, Convener; Rev. G. Bruce and Mr. T. W. Taylor.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. D. C. Johnston, lately of Prince Albert, and Mr. A. Bell, of Portage la Prairie, being present, addressed the Committee as to the present condition and future prospects of the work in Manitoba.

There was laid on the table and read a report from the Home Mission Committee, of the Presbytery of Manitoba, containing a number of recommendations adopted by that Presbytery. These were considered *seriatim* by the Committee with the following result:—

1. It was agreed to empower the Presbytery of Manitoba to re-engage Messrs. J. S. Stewart, J. Scott, H. J. Borthwick, S. Donaldson, S. Polson, and J. Duncan for six months from 1st October, 1879.

2. Owing to the state of the Fund the Committee regret their inability at present to entertain the application to appoint Mr. Johnston to Nelsonville.

3. For the same reason the Committee are unable to appoint Missionaries for Beautiful Plains and Upper Little Saskatchewan districts.

4. It was agreed to sanction the temporary appointment of Mr. Duncan to Prince Albert, and to pay him while labouring in this field at the rate of \$600 per annum from the funds of the Committee, the balance of his salary to be made up by the people in the field.