

LANGSIDE CONGREGATION.

The Assembly entered now upon the consideration of recommendation (b) in relation to the congregation of Langside, in the Presbytery of Maitland, laid on the table yesterday, as follows :—

(b) LANGSIDE.—“Whereas in October last the Committee notified the Presbytery of Maitland, that in their opinion the field around Langside should be re-arranged, with a view to avoid the unnecessary expenditure of the Augmentation Fund; and whereas the Presbytery has again made application to have the congregation put on the list as requiring aid, *Resolved*,—That the congregation be reported to the General Assembly, with the recommendation of this Committee that no supplement be granted.”

There was read a memorial and petition from the session of the congregation of Langside, reclaiming against the action taken in their case by the Home Mission Committee. There was read also a memorial from the Elders and Managing Committee of the said congregation of a similar purport to that of the session, and stating that Mr. Dawson had been appointed to support the claims of the congregation before the General Assembly. Mr. Dawson was heard. Questions were asked of Mr. Dawson, and were answered. It was then moved by Dr. Laing, and seconded, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. It was moved in amendment by Principal Grant, seconded by Mr. J. G. Forbes, as follows :—The Assembly, sustaining the past action of the Home Mission Committee in the case, remit the matter to the further consideration of the Committee and Presbytery, with instructions to consider whether by re-arrangement of the fields in the Presbytery, or otherwise, the status of the congregation of Langside may be preserved. Votes were taken on this amendment and the motion for the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee, when the amendment of Dr. Grant was adopted and the Assembly decreed in terms thereof.

DIVISION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.

The Assembly proceeded to consider the action of the Home Mission Committee in regard to the proposed division of the Presbytery of Manitoba. Dr. Cochrane read the report of the Committee on this subject, presenting a report of a Sub-Committee recommending such division, and the action of the Home Mission Committee on the report of the Sub-Committee, in terms following :—

1. “That the Presbytery of Manitoba should be divided into three parts, which may be known as the Presbyteries of Pembina, Winnipeg, and Portage la Prairie or Brandon. The first two named to consist of the congregations and territories specified in the minute of Presbytery referred to the Committee, and the third to consist of all the territory not specified, and which is now within the bounds of the Presbytery of Manitoba.

2. That these three Presbyteries shall constitute the Synod of Manitoba.

3. That the Superintendent of Missions shall devote his whole time to the Mission Work in the western Presbytery of Portage la Prairie or Brandon, and that his relations to that Presbytery be the same as they now are to the Presbytery of Manitoba.

4. That the Presbyteries of Pembina and Winnipeg shall work the Mission Fields under the same regulations as are in force for the other Presbyteries of the Church, and that the Presbytery of Brandon shall conduct its operations in general accordance with the special provisions framed for the conduct of the work in the present Presbytery of Manitoba.”

The report was received, and the following resolution adopted :—“The Committee, having carefully considered the whole subject, recommend, in view of the changed circumstances during the year, in the working of the Mission Field of the North-West, that no action be taken in the meantime.”