

The Assembly is specially pleased with the earnest endeavour made to give supply during the winter to stations and vacant congregations, and rejoices to learn that a goodly number of Elders have been found ready to do work in this connection.

Furthermore—The Assembly sanctions the grants made by the Augmentation Committee, and authorizes it to deal with the deferred applications in accordance with the rules of the Fund; and in compliance with the request of the Committee and the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, agrees to give the Committee discretionary power to reduce the amount of the highest grant from three hundred dollars (\$300) to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per annum, and likewise to reduce the grant in the case of congregations that have received supplement for three years in succession without making any increase in the amount of local support.

WESTERN SECTION.

The Report of the Home Mission Committee (Western Section), including the Report on Augmentation, was presented by Dr. Cochrane, Convener of the Committee, who also submitted a copy of a proposed Constitution of "The Young People's Home Missionary Society." Dr. Cochrane dwelt at some length on the salient features of the Report, mentioning the rapid expansion of the work, especially in the far West, the increasingly large sums contributed, and the desirability of the more general and cordial support of the Augmentation Scheme.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Professor Bryce, the Report was received.

The following resolution was then moved by Dr. Warden, seconded by Dr. Robertson:—

1. The General Assembly expresses its gratitude to God for the large measure of success which has attended the efforts of the Committee during the past year, as seen in the increased number of missionaries employed, the opening of new fields of labour and the extension of the work generally; cordially thanks the Church of Scotland, the Free Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the brethren in the Maritime Provinces, and also the congregations and friends in the Western Section of our own Church, who have specially contributed, for generous aid in the prosecution of the work.

2. The General Assembly regrets that the year has closed with a deficit in both the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds, and earnestly urges on all Presbyteries to take immediate action to secure increased contributions to both funds from the congregations within their bounds, and directs their special attention to the regulation requiring that the congregations receiving aid be annually visited by deputies, so as to stimulate the liberality of the people with a view to the reduction of the grants from the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds.

3. The General Assembly approves of the Constitution of "The Young People's Home Missionary Society," auxiliary to the Home Mission Committee, as submitted by the Committee.

4. Further, the Assembly thanks the Convener of the Home Mission Committee and the Convener of its Sub-Committee on Augmentation.

During the consideration of this resolution the hour of adjournment arrived. It was moved by Dr. Warden, seconded by Dr. Cochrane, that the Assembly sit until the resolution before the House be disposed of. The motion was lost.

INVITATION Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

Before adjourning, the Clerk read a letter from Dr. W. L. Goodwin, President, and Mr. George E. Williams, General Secretary, of the Young Men's Christian Association, cordially inviting the members of Assembly to make full use of the rooms of the Association during their stay in the city.