

On Wednesday morning the Board met at half-past nine o'clock. After devotional exercises and the transaction of some routine business, the amounts of missionary appropriation applied for by the several Conferences were presented. It was decided that all matters of expense connected with the Indian and Foreign work, other than direct grants to the missions, be referred to the Sub-Committee of Consultation and Finance for appropriation, and that in future these estimates be presented to the Central Board separate from the Home work. The Rev. A. Sutherland, with W. Clendinning, Esq., were detailed as a committee to ascertain from last year's disbursements the approximate amount that would be necessary to meet such claims for the current year.

On motion of W. CLENDINNING, Esq., seconded by Rev. S. F. HUESTIS, a Committee was appointed to examine the Schedules, comparing them with each other; as also with the appropriations of last year, and bring in a basis upon which the appropriations for the current year should be made. This Committee was constituted by selecting a representative from each of the Annual Conferences as follows:—

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| <i>Toronto</i> .....  | Robert Wilkes, Esq.  | <i>Nova Scotia</i> ..... | Rev. S. F. Huestis. |
| <i>London</i> .....   | A. J. Donly, Esq.    | <i>New Brunswick</i> ..  | Rev. D. D. Currie.  |
| <i>Montreal</i> ..... | W. Clendinning, Esq. | <i>Newfoundland</i> ..   | Rev. Thomas Harris. |

While this Committee was in session the Board rose, giving an opportunity for the Special Committee of the General Conference to meet and dispose of some important business.

In the afternoon at two o'clock the Board again met. After devotional services and reading of the minutes, the question of a special missionary deputation to the Eastern Provinces was introduced by the Rev. A. W. NICOLSON, President of the Nova Scotia Conference. It was decided that as such an arrangement had been attended with signal advantage last year, it should be repeated for the present year.

It was then moved by the Rev. A. W. NICOLSON, seconded by Judge DEACON, that the Rev. Wm. Williams, of Simcoe, with W. H. Gibbs, Esq., of Oshawa, and J. B. Morrow, Esq., of Halifax, should comprise such deputation. This proposal was very heartily entertained by the Board; and, though the brethren nominated expressed considerable diffidence in assuming the grave responsibilities involved in such a commission, the nomination was unanimously and cordially confirmed.

W. Clendinning, Esq., of Montreal, was also requested by the Board to attend as many of the missionary meetings in Western Canada as he may find it convenient to visit.

On motion it was resolved, "That the very large debt of this Society calling for the earnest consideration of every lover of the missionary cause, the members of this central Board pledge themselves to aid by personal contributions, as well as by urging at the various missionary meetings the need of such special contributions as will extinguish the debt, in addition to their ordinary subscriptions for the carrying on of the regular work."

A large amount of routine business was disposed of by the Board, amongst which we may particularly specify the appointment for the year of the sub-Committee of Consultation and Finance, which is to consist of the following persons—Officers of Conference, Revs. Dr. Green, S. D. Rice, G. R. Sanderson, J. A. Williams, J. Elliott, W. Williams, J. G. Laird,