

After full and earnest discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to distribute to the various Presbyteries of the Church and Missionaries *pro rata* according to their several claims as passed at this meeting, the amount on hand on the first of May—the date when the Church books are closed for the year. The Convener was instructed to carry into effect this resolution.

The Convener reported that during the winter he had received, and in name of the Committee, suitably acknowledged, a grant of £250 stg. from the Free Church of Scotland, and of £150 stg. from the Irish Presbyterian Church. The Convener's conduct was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROBATIONERS' SCHEME.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the Probationers' Distribution Scheme.

MR. VANANDEL.

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, enquiring if work in some German field could be got for a Mr. VanAndel, formerly a Missionary of the Free Church of Scotland, at Peth, who was anxious to come to Canada. The Convener reported that he had corresponded with the Presbytery of Guelph anent the matter, but that there was no opening at present in their German field, and had notified Dr. Burns accordingly.

REV. H. M'MEEKIN.

An application was laid before the Committee from the Rev. H. McMeekin, for permanent work in a mission field in Toronto, or some Western town. There being no vacant field, such as desired, under the charge of the Committee, the application was declined.

STAYNER.

A memorial from the managers of the Stayner congregation, transmitted by the Presbytery of Barrie, was received and referred to a sub-Committee. At a later stage the sub-Committee presented a report exonerating the Stayner congregation in the matter referred to. The report was received and adopted.

SALARY OF STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

Petitions were received from the Students' Missionary Association, of Queen's College, Kingston, and the Students' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, praying the Committee to take into favourable consideration the propriety of increasing the remuneration of student missionaries from \$6 to \$8 per Sabbath, and board. As the whole matter of the payment of Missionaries comes before the next General Assembly, in connection with the report of the Committee which met in Montreal last September, it was agreed to take no action in the meantime anent these petitions.

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