

14 ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"The General Assembly expresses its deep and respectful sympathy with Lady Macdonald and the other members of the family of the deceased Premier, and prays that the God of all consolation may abundantly comfort them in their great sorrow.

"Further,—The General Assembly resolves that on adjourning after the forenoon Sederunt, it will stand adjourned till half-past seven in the evening to allow its Moderator and Clerks, and all its members who may so desire, to attend the funeral of Sir John A. Macdonald.

"The Assembly directs that a copy of this resolution be communicated to Lady Macdonald."

It was then agreed that the order for adjournment at half-past twelve o'clock be departed from, and at the hour of noon the Assembly adjourned to meet again at half-past seven o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and the Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

On the same day and at the same place, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening:—

The General Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator with praise, reading of Scripture and prayer.

The Minutes of the morning Sederunt were read and sustained.

SPECIAL PRAYER.

In view of the special business of the Sederunt, viz., the presentation of the Reports on the Home Mission work of the Church, Principal Caven, at the request of the Moderator, led the Assembly in prayer.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Assembly called for the Reports on Home Missions and Augmentation in both Sections of the Church.

EASTERN SECTION.

Mr. John McMillan, Convener of the Home Mission Committee (Eastern Section), presented the Report of that Section.

Mr. P. M. Morrison presented the Report of the Augmentation Committee (Eastern Section).

The Reports gave evidence of an encouraging increase of interest on the part of congregations in both Home Missions and Augmentation, and of contributions to their support, as well as of the continued success of both branches of the work.

DELIVERANCE.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Jack, the following Deliverance was adopted. The General Assembly receives the Reports of the Home Mission and Augmentation Committees of the Eastern Section, and records its gratitude to God for the blessing that has rested on the work done during the year.

The Assembly returns thanks to the Free Church of Scotland, for the gift of one hundred pounds sterling (£100 stg.); recognizes with much gratification the continued liberality of its own people to the Home Mission work, and particularly the contributions to the North-West, and commends the efforts put forth to enlist the interest of Sabbath Schools in this cause.