

Thomas, D. Bentley, Jno. Stark, Chas. Raymond, the last to take J. D. Fulton's place.

Another member being required, the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for Bro. Jas. Ryrie, which was accordingly done.

The report of the Home Mission Board, including Treasurer's report, was adopted.

The Committee on Arrangements suggested that the Convention hear the report of the Committee on Finances.

It was moved and carried that the report be taken up *seriatim*.

The Secretary of the Committee, Bro. T. Trotter, then read the report as follows:

Your Committee, appointed to review our methods of using funds for denominational enterprises and make suggestions thereon, beg to submit the following series of resolutions:

1. That the officers of the various Denominational Boards, and representatives of other interests, be requested to submit to the Convention, each year, for its approval, an estimate for the respective sums required for the work of the succeeding year.

2. That the churches, which have no better plan, be recommended, in taking up their contributions for denominational objects, to group these objects as follows:

- (1) Home Missions.
- (2) Foreign Missions.
- (3) Grand Ligne and Manitoba.
- (4) Ministerial Education, Superannuated Ministers' Society, and Church Edifice Society;

the monies in those cases where two or more objects are combined, to be divided *pro rata*, as each of the churches may decide.

3. That it be further recommended that all the churches adopting this plan in a given Association observe the same order and month in making their collections; but that the order and month differ in respect of the several Associations, so that convenience and economy may be served in the work of the representatives of the various interests.

4. That the Superintendent of Home Missions, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, and a representative of each of the other enterprises before-mentioned, be requested to draft a joint programme of their work of visitation for the year, and that these Associational Conferences of pastors and deacons be called by the Chairmen of the Associational Home Mission Board, to arrange the order and date of all collections in their respective Associations, and to take such other steps as may give the foregoing proposal practical effect.

Considerable discussion followed this report, which was taken up clause by clause and finally adopted as a whole.

Several brethren took part in the discussion, viz., D. G. McDonald, D. Dack, D. Grant, T. McGillicuddy, C. C. McLaurin, John Trotter, J. P. McEwen, C. Goodspeed, T. H. Rand, E. Bosworth, E. O. Weston, H. WaJe, J. I. Bates.

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