

The Assembly records its profound satisfaction with the attitude taken by the Church of Scotland, towards the congregations in British Columbia connected with it, and, instructing the committee to do nothing to imperil the unity of Presbyterianism in that Province, confidently leaves the matter in its hands.

The General Assembly took up a supplementary report from the Home Mission Committee, western section, relating to the Church in British Columbia, and the visit of Dr. Cochrane there during last year, giving details of the condition of churches in that Province, and closing with the expression of the committee's entire confidence in the impartiality and accuracy of Dr. Cochrane's report in the discharge of the duty laid upon him by last Assembly, to inquire into various matters affecting the interest of the Church in that remote Province. The report was received and its recommendations being considered, were adopted.

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## II. ON AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

The following is the deliverance of the General Assembly :

"The General Assembly is deeply impressed with the duty of putting forth the most strenuous efforts for the better support of the Ministry, so that, if possible, a minimum stipend of not less than seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) with a manse, shall be secured.

"The Assembly deems it inexpedient to pronounce in favour of the principle of a Supplementary rather than a Sustainment Scheme, yet considering that our past working has been in the line of Supplement, the General Assembly instructs the Home Mission committee for the Western Section of the Church, and the committee on Supplements in the Eastern Section, to use their best endeavours to put into operation the Scheme of Augmentation presented to the Assembly last year,—*except* that the extent of Supplements of ministers in the North-West shall be regulated by the action of the General Assembly on the Home Mission Report ; and, with the further exception that the second regulation, clause (d), be expunged, and that the fifth regulation read as follows,—“That the general principle of the distribution of this Surplus fund shall be an equal dividend to the ministers of the supplemented congregations on the list, to the extent of seven hundred and fifty dollars, (\$750) and a manse, but that beyond this amount the committees be empowered to recognise exceptional liberality on the part of any of the Supplemented congregations.”

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