

of the Foreign Mission work, whose duty it shall be to administer the funds contributed for Foreign Mission work, to take the oversight of the Missionaries now engaged, or that may be hereafter engaged, and to seek out such ministers or others as may be willing to undertake Foreign Mission work, to judge of their qualifications, and, where necessary, to conduct their preparatory training, and appoint them to their fields of labour.

It was recommended that the Foreign Mission Board shall be in the meantime divided into two sections, one comprising the members in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and the North-west, and the other those of the Maritime Provinces, each section to have charge of the Missions now in connection with the Western and Eastern portion of the Church respectively, and such other missions as may be assigned to them by the General Assembly; the Board to hold at least one joint meeting during the year, and to combine the reports of the operations in one report, to be submitted to the General Assembly.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The General Assembly having taken definite action with reference to French Evangelization, the committee did not feel itself called upon to consider it.

COLLEGES, EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTRY, AND EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS.

The matter of Theological Colleges was considered at great length both in the sub-committee to which it was referred, and in the General Committee, and on various points considerable difference of opinion was found to exist. The Colleges connected with the several Churches now united, are the following:—Halifax Theological Hall, Morrin College, Quebec; the Montreal Presbyterian College; Queen's College, Kingston; Knox College, Toronto; and Manitoba College. The Churches in the Maritime Provinces are in the meantime responsible for the support of certain Professors in Dalhousie College. Morrin College, Quebec, has been supported by bequests and private benefactions, and has not received anything from the Church at large.

The points principally considered were the following:—1. Shall there be a College Fund for the support of the Colleges, or shall a definite territory be assigned to each College? 2. The territorial system being adopted, what shall be the limits of the territory assigned to each College?

In regard to the first point, the following decision was carried by a vote of twenty-four to sixteen, several declining to vote:—That this Committee express their conviction that it is desirable to have one College Fund, under the direction of the General Assembly, from which the various Theological Halls shall be sustained so far as necessary. But while affirming this the committee ultimately agreed upon a modified territorial scheme, as follows:—1. It is expedient that the territorial principle should for the present be adopted in the scheme for supporting the Theological Institutions of the Church. 2. The Maritime Provinces shall be the constituency for the support of the Theological Hall at Halifax. 3. The congregations in the Province of Ontario, on the east side of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway, shall contribute towards the support of the Presbyterian College at Montreal, and those to the west of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway shall contribute towards the support of Queen's College and Knox College. 4. Inasmuch as Morrin College seeks no aid from the Church at present, the committee make no recommendation concerning the mode of its support.

With reference to Manitoba College, it was agreed by the Committee to recommend: 1. That the College should be sustained in efficiency; 2. That while in the meantime it is necessary that the funds of the Home Mission Committee shall be drawn upon for the support of this Institution, it is not desirable that it should continue to be a permanent charge upon the Home Mission Fund.