

MANITOBA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.—Rev. James Robertson presented a report of his labors for the past six months, with details as to his visits to Prince Albert, Edmonton, and Battleford. The report was received, and Mr. Robertson's expenses, amounting to \$304, for the half-year, ordered to be paid.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.—It was unanimously agreed to recommend the General Assembly to increase the salary of Mr. Robertson, by \$200 per annum, from 1st April, 1884.

SUPERINTENDENT'S WORK.—Dr. Laing, Messrs. Pitblado and Warden, were appointed a committee to revise the regulations affecting the superintendent of missions, to report to the executive sub-committee in April, and the executive were instructed to notify the Presbytery of Manitoba of any changes proposed, prior to 1st May.

SPECIAL CLAIMS, &c.—The Convener reported that he had paid the following claims:—Minnedosa, \$60; Rev. D. McRae, \$37; Rev. A. H. Cameron, \$84; Carrot River, \$119.65. The Convener's action was approved. It was agreed to pay a claim of \$149.50, being one-half the expense of printing the Presbytery's Home Mission report, and the Church and Manse Building Fund report for 1883.

PRINCE ALBERT.—Letters were read from Rev. W. MacWilliam, giving particulars as to the present condition and future prospects of this field. The people agree to contribute \$800 per annum towards salary. Mr. MacWilliam's expenses to the field were \$142.70.

INCREASE OF SALARIES.—It was resolved to increase to \$850 per annum the salaries of ordained missionaries appointed by this committee, and engaged by the Presbytery for a term not less than one year; the liability of this committee not to exceed \$400 per annum for any field supplied by such missionaries; the increase of salary to date from 1st April, 1884.

EXPENDITURE OF LAST HALF-YEAR'S GRANT.—Rev. C. B. Pitblado submitted a statement in detail of the expenditure of the \$6000, granted the Presbytery for the past six months. The expenditure included the sum of \$100 paid Mr. T. Smith, Catechist. The report was received, and it was agreed to express regret that the Presbytery had used part of the grant in payment of the services of a catechist who is not one of the recognized laborers of the committee.

GRANT TO PRESBYTERY FOR ENSUING YEAR.—After consideration, it was agreed to grant the sum of \$13,000 to the Presbytery of Manitoba for carrying on the work during the year beginning 1st April, 1884, this sum to cover the entire expenditure from the funds of this committee, excepting grants to supplemented congregations and the salary and travelling expenses of the superintendent of missions; the grant to be payable in four instalments, viz: \$4,250 each, on 30th June and 30th September, and \$2,250 each, on 31st December and 31st March next.

SUB-DIVISION OF PRESBYTERY.—The Assembly's remit as to the sub-division of the Presbytery of Manitoba, together with the Presbytery's recommendation thereon, was referred to a sub-committee, consisting of Dr. Laing, (Convener,) Messrs. Farries, Robertson, Pitblado, McRae, and McKenzie. At a later stage the sub-committee presented the following report:

The sub-committee appointed to consider the division of the Presbytery of Manitoba having considered the matter, as far as it was possible, in all its bearings, beg leave to report:—

That there is good ground for difference of opinion, as to the advisability of dividing the Presbytery at all, as to the number of Presbyteries that should be erected, and as to the relation which the superintendent shall bear, hereafter, to the several Presbyteries and the Synod of which the Presbyteries shall consist. Nevertheless they are agreed to report as the most advisable course to be pursued:—

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