

tee's appreciation of Mr. McLeod's services, and to request him to continue to labour in this field. It was further agreed to add \$50 per annum to his salary, conditional on the congregation contributing \$300 for the ensuing year.

Silver Islet.—Mr. Johnston, Student Missionary, has laboured here with acceptance during the winter, and remains in the field for the summer half-year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Convener reported that Mr. Jamieson had asked the appointment of a Missionary for six months to aid him in his work, he having been laid aside by illness, but that on laying the request before the Sub-Committee it was decided not to make the appointment, owing to the state of the fund. A more recent communication had been received from Mr. Jamieson, asking that no further action be taken in the matter.

A full report of Mr. Jamieson's labours during the year was laid on the table, and will appear in the Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

STATE OF THE FUND.

The state of the fund was reported as follows:—

Expenditure to date	\$26,800
Receipts	18,500

Balance against the fund at date \$8,300

Leaving the claims for the past six months, passed at this meeting, and other claims to the extent of \$4,000 additional unpaid, and only five weeks' contributions to be received before the close of the Ecclesiastical year.

After lengthened consideration, it was moved by Mr. T. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. J. Laing:

"Whereas the Committee, at its meeting in October last, resolved that in the event of sufficient funds not being forthcoming prior to the March meeting of the Committee, they would be under the necessity of deducting a per centage from the claims of all Presbyteries for Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations for the half-year ending 31st March then next, so as to equalize the expenditure with the income for the year. And whereas the amount received up to this date is the sum of \$18,500, which falls short of the amount necessary to pay in full the claims upon the fund by the sum of \$22,000, the Committee, in view of that fact, and the small prospect, judging from the experience of the past three or four years, that the contributions yet to be received before the close of the financial year will meet the deficiency, while expressing their deep sympathy with those labourers who may suffer so severely from the results of the action now forced upon the Committee through the Church's failure to give a hearty response to their urgent appeals for more liberal contributions, resolve to appoint a Sub-Committee to meet