

## MANITOBA PRESBYTERY.

An application from the Presbytery for grants for services rendered within the bounds during the past quarter by Rev. Farquhar McRae and Mr. J. Jones, was referred to the meeting of the committee in March.

Similar action was taken in reference to a claim of Rev. G. Roddick for services in the Presbytery.

The Convener was instructed to arrange for a series of meetings to be addressed by Rev. Jas. Robertson, Superintendent of North-West Missions, in February and March.

There was submitted a lengthened correspondence in regard to the supply of Regina, together with a number of applications for an appointment to that field. A telegram of this date from Rev. Jas. Robertson was read, stating that the Presbytery of Manitoba had arranged for the supply of the field till 13th March. It was resolved that although the Committee had in October last, in deference to the urgent request of the Presbytery, appointed Mr. G. Bruce direct to Regina, the sub-committee see no reason now to depart from the usual mode of procedure, viz., the appointment of missionaries to the *Presbytery* and not to any particular field.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Convener reported that he had corresponded with the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, and communicated to them the resolutions regarding the work in British Columbia, adopted by the Home Mission Committee in October.

A letter in reply from the Rev. Dr. Gray, Convener of the Colonial Committee, was laid on the table and read. It was to the effect that the Colonial Committee were desirous that *for the present* the work in British Columbia should be carried on as heretofore, and that ministers sent out either from Scotland or from Canada be asked to connect themselves with the existing Presbytery there, and that in the event of the Nanaimo congregation getting a minister from Canada the Colonial Committee's grant to that field of £100 sterling, will be available provided the minister connect himself with the Presbytery in British Columbia in connection with the Church of Scotland.

After lengthened consideration the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

1. That while sympathizing with the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland in the difficulties which lie in the way of an immediate transfer to the Presbyterian Church in Canada of the work in British Columbia, this Committee regret the delay in effecting such a transfer, and they are of opinion that the work of the Church and the care of the Presbyterian population in that Province can be best overtaken by having all the congregations there connected with the Church in Canada.

2. That the ability of the Church in Canada to secure suitable and efficient laborers for British Columbia, such as the necessities of the field demand, would be greatly lessened were a condition of acceptance their severing their Presbyterial connection with the Church in Canada and uniting with the Presbytery in British Columbia in connection with the Church in Scotland.

3. That inasmuch as the connection with any other denomination in Canada and to the order to prevent the same, and its ministerial office, of one of the Presbyteries, the course be adopted.

4. That while the Committee are of opinion that the Canadian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Church of Scotland.

5. That copies of the same be sent to the Church of Scotland, and to the

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