

THIRTEENTH DAY.—*Wednesday.*

## HOME MISSIONS.

Mr. Campbell, Montreal, read the report of the Committee, which was discussed clause by clause. A request from Mr. Jamieson, of British Columbia, to be permitted to unite his congregation in the meantime with the Presbytery recently erected there in connection with the Church of Scotland, was, after some conversation on the subject, agreed to. A discussion then ensued as to the best means of liquidating the debt of some \$9,000 that had been incurred by the Committee. Mr. Hall moved that a special collection be taken up for this purpose. Dr. Proudfoot, on the other hand, moved that the Treasurer of the Western Section be authorized to borrow a sum sufficient to meet pressing engagements. The latter motion prevailed, with the understanding that Presbyteries call the attention of congregations who had not contributed to this fund to the necessities of the case, and that measures be taken to introduce a uniform and thorough system of collection for Home Missions throughout the church. The Eastern Section of the church, that is, the Maritime Provinces, were understood to have had less difficulty than the Western Section in regard to funds. The subject of appointing a special Agent for the Management of this work was deferred and Dr. Cochrane was re-appointed Convener of the Western Section. It was further resolved that Presbyteries be instructed to see that Missionary Associations are formed in every congregation, and that the following be the stated days for taking up collections for the schemes.

French Evangelization, 3rd Sabbath, July.

Widows' & Orphans Fund, 3rd Sabbath, August.

Assembly Fund, Last Sabbath, September.

College Fund, First Sabbath, December.

Home Missions, Fourth Sabbath, Jan'y.

Foreign Missions, Third Sabbath, March.

Mr. Bruce suggested that licentiates should labour for at least one year in the Mission fields before being ordained to a fixed charge.

Mr. Henderson of Orieff, a delegate from the Free Church of Scotland, was introduced at this stage and briefly addressed the Assembly.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This report was next dealt with. It was agreed to sustain the recommendations of the report in its main features. The ap-

pointment of Mr. J. F. Campbell and Mr. Douglass as Missionaries to Central India was confirmed, and attention called to the fact that the treasuries of both sections of the church were empty, that \$26,000 was required to carry on the work already undertaken, and that these new appointments would involve an increased expenditure of at least \$6,000, which would make the whole amount required for this service \$32,000 for the current year.

## COLLEGES.

This section of the Montreal Committee's report was taken up, and there was read in connection therewith a memorial from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, praying that the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa be assigned to this College, as the territory from which it should derive its support. The memorial was supported by Mr. Scrimger and Mr. Croil. This brought to their feet nearly all the representatives of the Colleges then present. On the vote being taken, the recommendation of the report was sustained restricting the Western boundary of territory for the support of Montreal College to the line of the Brockville and Ottawa Railway. The discussion elicited expressions of opinion (1) as to the practicability of by and by reducing the number of Theological Halls, and (2) of the importance of keeping in view the ultimate endowment of our Colleges.

FOURTEENTH DAY.—*Thursday.*

## ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the Committee's report and recommendations. The greater part of the day was again taken up with discussions on the support and management of the Theological Colleges, which will remain much on the same footing next year as last. It was agreed to relieve the Home Mission Fund from the support of the Manitoba College, and a committee was appointed to take such steps as might seem best to procure the necessary funds for carrying on that institution, and also for defraying the balance of debt incurred in the purchase of buildings.

## AGENCY OF THE CHURCH.

The appointments of Dr. Reid and Dr. McGregor as agents for the Western and Eastern sections of the church respectively were confirmed.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The Draft Act which had been sent down to Presbyteries was found to have received