

34 ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In reference to the Mission to the Chinese in British Columbia, Principal Grant moved, duly seconded, that the resolution of the Foreign Mission Committee be adopted by the Assembly.

The resolution was afterwards divided, and the first clause was unanimously agreed to, as follows:—The Committee is rejoiced to hear of the mission initiated among the Chinese by St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, and of the marked success of like efforts in Donald, and expresses the conviction that such volunteer work ought to be prosecuted by every congregation in the North-West and British Columbia where Chinese reside, as has been done for many years in Toronto, Montreal and elsewhere.

Principal Grant then moved the adoption of the second clause, duly seconded, as follows: The Committee regrets that it is not able to report the name of a missionary who would give his whole time to labour among the Chinese in British Columbia, and would request authority from the General Assembly to continue its quest for a suitable agent, and for information regarding the most suitable field.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. P. McF. McLeod, seconded by Professor Baird, that the resolution be amended by an addition to it after the word "field," the whole then to read as follows:—The Committee regrets that it is not able to report the name of a missionary who would give his whole time to labour among the Chinese in British Columbia, and would request authority from the General Assembly to continue its quest for a suitable agent and for information regarding the most suitable field; if such suitable agent can be secured, operations shall be commenced by the month of October next, otherwise at the earliest possible date thereafter.

The amendment, on being put to the House, was adopted, and was affirmed as the decision of the Assembly.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The hour of adjournment had now come, but before adjourning Mr. P. McF. McLeod was permitted to give notice of motion to the effect that, when the question of the place for the meeting of the next General Assembly shall be taken up, he would move that the next Assembly meet in Victoria, British Columbia.

DR. KING RELIEVED FROM ATTENDANCE.

Principal King, at his own request, was relieved from further attendance at this Assembly.

The Assembly then adjourned, to meet again this afternoon at half-past two o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

On the same day and at the same place, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon:—

The General Assembly met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. John Cameron, Elder, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

MR. R. MURRAY DECLINES EDITORSHIP.

The Clerk read a communication from Mr. Robert Murray, who had been appointed at the morning Sederunt as Editor and Business Manager of the *Presbyterian Record*