

the Augmentation Scheme adopted by the Assembly last year, whereby a minimum stipend of \$750 per annum, and manse has, for the present, been secured to the ministers of the Western Section of the Church ; cordially thank the Committee, and especially the Convener and Secretary, also the Convener of the Sub-Committee on Augmentation, for their services ; commend anew the Home Mission work of the Church to the hearty sympathy and liberality of the congregations of the Church :—Further, the General Assembly recognizing the desirability of union, if practicable, between the Eastern and Western Sections of the Church in the conduct and support of Home Missions and Augmentation work, remit to the Committees of the respective sections to consider, during the year, the practicability of such union, to report to the next General Assembly.

SUPPLY OF PULPIT—ST. JAMES' SQUARE CHURCH.

Dr. Caven, from the Committee appointed yesterday to arrange for the supply of the pulpit of this Church on the next Lord's day, reported, recommending that the Assembly appoint Mr. D. M. Gordon to conduct Divine service and preach in said church, in the morning, and Mr. L. G. MacNeill, in the evening. The Report was received and adopted, and the Assembly decided in accordance therewith.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was submitted and read by the Convener, Mr. W. T. McMullen. After a free expression of opinion by several members of the Assembly on important points presented in the Report, the resolution following, moved by Mr. H. M. Parsons, and seconded by John Charlton, Esq., M.P., was unanimously adopted :—That the Report be received, and the Committee thanked for their diligence ; that the recommendations be adopted ; and that this Assembly do now express strong disapprobation of the various forms of Sabbath profanation referred to therein, especially—Excursions by rail or water ; Volunteer or other Street Parades with bands of music ; the running of Trains ; the making up and despatch of Mails ; the holding of Funerals, unnecessarily on that day. And that the Assembly earnestly and affectionately urge all persons within the Church to abstain from, and discountenance these and other forms of Sabbath profanation, and aid in every suitable way in protecting this Divine institution.

The recommendations of the Report as adopted in the foregoing resolution are as follows :—

1. That the attention of the Synods be again called to the duty of reporting on Sabbath Observance within their bounds, to the Assembly's Committee.
2. That the Assembly re-affirm the instructions given last year to the Committee, as to co-operating with corresponding Committees of other Churches, with the view of securing needed legislation.
3. That the Assembly petition the Dominion Government on the general subject of the better observance of the Sabbath, and that the Moderator and Clerk be directed to sign said petition in the name of the Assembly.

OVERTURE—PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.

There was taken up and read an Overture from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew on the subject of Sabbath Observance. On motion made and duly seconded, it was agreed to refer the said Overture to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

MR. MACLEAN SINCLAIR, ON NOMINATION COMMITTEE.

On motion of Dr. Macrae, it was agreed to add the name of Mr. A. McLean Sinclair to the Committee, appointed this afternoon, for nominating members of the Boards and Standing Committees of the Church.