

when Mr. Donaldson, the ordained Missionary of the Irish Presbyterian Church, is received as a minister of this Church, by the Presbytery of Manitoba, the Home Mission Committee be authorized to make his salary equal to those of the other Missionaries, and to pay his expenses from Toronto to the field.

The Assembly agreed that a definite understanding be sought with the Presbytery of Manitoba, respecting the salary, to be raised for the Missionaries in the respective districts, to which their labours are devoted, and that for the present year also, an additional sum of \$100 be given to each of the Missionaries, whereby their claims are raised to \$700.

The Assembly, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Laing, Convener, whose services are no longer available to the Church in that capacity, expresses its cordial thanks to him for the important service he has rendered, at no small sacrifice on his part, to the cause of Home Missions during the seven years that he held the office of Convener, regarding, as it does, the extension of the Home Mission operations, and the efficiency with which these have been conducted, as largely attributable to his ability and diligence. The Assembly would take this occasion also to express its high respect for his character, and his ability and devotedness as a Minister of the Gospel, and, as he has accepted another position of importance and usefulness, prays that the blessing of the Lord may rest on him and his family, and that he may be favored with comfort and success in his work.

In compliance with petitions from the Presbyteries of Simcoe and Ottawa, the Assembly authorizes the former Presbytery to appoint Rev. James Barron, B.A., to take charge of the Muskoka Missions at a salary of \$600 per annum, and the latter Presbytery to call and ordain a Missionary to labor at the Mattawan and other points in the Upper Ottawa, at the salary which may be deemed necessary; both these ordained Missionaries having a seat in their respective Presbyteries.

LETTER FROM REV. W. AITKEN.

The Assembly took up a letter from the Rev. W. Aitken, formerly of Smith's Falls, and was recently a missionary in British Columbia. In accordance with the request therein contained the Assembly agreed to grant W. Aitken a certificate of ministerial standing.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance presented a report, and Mr. McMullen, Convener of the Committee, addressed the Assembly in support of the recommendations of the Report. The Assembly agreed to receive the Report, and instruct the Committee to take such steps as in their wisdom they might deem proper, in the way of petitions to Parliament, and remonstrances to the Directors and employees of Railroad Companies, and in other ways, as may tend to abate the evils of Sabbath desecration.

MODE OF ELECTING THE MODERATOR.

An overture transmitted through the synod of London, with reference to the mode of electing the moderator of Assembly was read. The object of the overture was to do away with the nomination by Presbyteries. The Assembly, after hearing Dr. Waters in support of the overture, agreed that there was no reason for changing the present law and practice of the Church.

UNION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

At the afternoon diet of Monday 10th, the Assembly proceeded to con-