

18 ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to sit for ten minutes longer. It was then agreed that the motion of which Mr. McLeod had given notice should be the first order of business this afternoon.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Principal Caven now presented the Report of the Committee to arrange for the Assembly Services on the coming Lord's Day. The appointments recommended were agreed to by the Assembly and are as follows :—Dr. A. B. Mackay, of Montreal, to conduct Divine Service and preach at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and Mr. G. M. Milligan, of Toronto, at seven o'clock in the evening. The Moderator to preside at the Communion Service to be held at four o'clock, afternoon; Dr. Laing and Dr. McMullen to deliver the addresses, and certain elders, members of the Assembly, to assist the elders of the congregation meeting in this place, in the distribution of the Elements.

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

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

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

The Assembly met in accordance with adjournment, and was duly constituted, prayer being offered, at the Moderator's request, by Mr. John Gray, of Windsor.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

MR. FINDLAY'S SALARY.

The motion of which Mr. McLeod had given notice in the morning was now brought forward. Extract minutes of the Presbytery of Barrie in reference to the application of said Presbytery to the Home Mission Committee for an increase to Mr. Findlay's salary were read by the Clerk. The motion was then presented by Mr. R. N. Grant, seconded by Mr. W. B. McMurrich, as follows :—That the General Assembly raise the salary of the Superintendent of Missions in Algoma and Muskoka to fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400) per annum. The motion was agreed to by the Assembly.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

The Assembly then called for the Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers. The Report was presented by Dr. Torrance, and contained details as to the work of the Committee during the year, and also a unanimous request by the Committee that the Assembly should discharge them from further service. On motion of Dr. Torrance, seconded by Dr. Laidlaw, the report was received, and the request contained therein granted.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS—NEW SCHEME.

Dr. Cochrane presented and read a proposed New Scheme for the Distribution of Probationers, prepared by a Sub-Committee of the Home Mission Committee—Western Section—and transmitted to the Assembly *simpliciter* by the Home Mission Committee, which had been instructed by last Assembly to prepare such new scheme. Explanations of the proposed scheme were made in detail by Mr. Ratcliffe.