

DIVISION OF PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.

The Assembly returned to the consideration of the question of the division of the Presbytery of Manitoba, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning. Dr. Cochrane here withdrew his motion for the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee, that no action be taken in the meantime. A vote was then taken on the motion of Mr. D. M. Gordon, submitted in the morning, with the addition of a clause permitted by the Assembly, as to the boundaries of the new Presbyteries. The motion was carried, and the Assembly decreed and ordered as follows:—That the Presbytery of Manitoba, as at present constituted, be divided into three Presbyteries, viz.: the Presbytery of Winnipeg, the Presbytery of Rock Lake, and the Presbytery of Brandon, the boundaries of which Presbyteries to be afterwards defined. That there be constituted a Synod, to be known as "*The Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories*," embracing the three Presbyteries of Winnipeg, Rock Lake, and Brandon.

Mr. D. M. Gordon moved further: That there shall be a representative from each Presbytery appointed to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, and that the amount to be expended on Home Missions be not forwarded to Manitoba in lump sum as at present, but be allocated by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, as is done in the other Presbyteries of the Church; that there shall be a Home Mission Committee in each Presbytery, and it is desirable that the Convener of this Committee shall be the representative of the Presbytery on the Home Mission Committee. It was moved in amendment by Mr. H. M. Parsons, and duly seconded, That the money appropriated by the Home Mission Committee for Manitoba and the North-West be sent in lump sum to the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories. A vote being taken, the amendment was carried over the motion of Mr. Gordon, and the Assembly decided and ordered in terms of the said amendment.

Mr. Gordon moved further: That the Superintendent of Missions shall still be known as the Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West; That he shall choose his own place of residence, but shall be a member of the Presbytery of Brandon, and shall be entitled to sit and deliberate in each of the other Presbyteries; That he shall *ex officio* be a member of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee; That in regard to the oversight and visitation of the Mission Stations and Supplemented Congregations, and the organization of new stations throughout the Synod, the relations of the Superintendent to each of the Presbyteries be as closely as possible similar to those now borne by him to the Presbytery of Manitoba; That he shall receive through the Conveners of the Home Mission Committees of the several Presbyteries, statistics of membership, families, and adherents in each Mission Station and Supplemented Congregation; That he shall, with the Conveners of the various Presbyterian Home Mission Committees, prepare for the General Assembly an Annual Report of Mission Work in Manitoba and the North-West, to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. R. H. Warden, duly seconded, the Assembly ordered this latter part of Mr. Gordon's proposals for the management of the affairs of the Church in Manitoba and the North-West to be remitted to a Committee to consider the same, and report at a subsequent Sederunt.

It was further agreed, that the question of the boundaries of the Presbyteries ordered now to be erected be remitted to the same Committee.

REPORT—HOME MISSION COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

On motion of Mr. R. H. Warden, duly seconded, the resolution following was unanimously adopted:—That the General Assembly adopt the Report of the Home Mission Committee as amended; express heartfelt gratitude to God for the large measure of success achieved in both departments of the work, and especially for the success attending