

The Report was referred to a Committee to consider the various matters embraced in the report. To the same Committee the Assembly referred several special applications from Presbyteries with reference to the employment and standing of ordained Missionaries, and with same committee in connection with the Committee on College matters, was referred an overture for the Presbytery of Manitoba with reference to the Manitoba College.

At a subsequent diet the Assembly adopted the following deliverance :

The Assembly expresses its satisfaction and its gratitude for the decided progress which has been made in the cause of Home Missions during the past year, as shown in the amount of work accomplished, in the increase of contributions to the fund which exceed those of last year by the sum of \$2,744, and in the circumstance of nine mission stations having been advanced into organized congregations, and the same number of supplemented congregations having become self-sustaining ; and also notices, with approbation, the interest and zeal manifested in the cause of missions by the students of both Knox College and the College of Montreal, and the large amount of work accomplished by these respective Societies, and further regards, as of great importance, the city mission work conducted at considerable expense by several congregations, exclusive of their liberal contributions to the general schemes of the Church.

The Assembly observes, with regret, that while the advance in the income of the Home Mission is considerable, it does not equal the increase of expenditure ; that there is great inequality of liberality in different Presbyteries ; and that, in the case of several, there is an actual decrease in the aggregate amount for the last year ; and in the view of these circumstances again urgently enjoins on Presbyteries to take a greater interest in the cause of missions, and to employ all proper means for inciting defaulting congregations to a performance of their duty.

The circumstance of 113 ministers of the Church having stipends less than the minimum of \$600, and there being little prospect from the present rate of contributions, of the number being diminished, is deeply regretted, and the attention of Presbyteries and congregations called to this, as a reason for increased efforts to secure greater liberality.

The Assembly instructs the Clerk to acknowledge receipt of the grants of £100 Sterling respectively for the Free Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and tender the cordial thanks of the Assembly for the same, and also to express the thanks of the Assembly to the Presbyterian Church of Ireland for appointing a Missionary to labour in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, in the Province of Manitoba, with an allowance of £50 yearly in part payment of his stipend.

With reference to the application of the Presbytery of Manitoba for assistance for Prof. Bryce, the Committee having received an unofficial intimation of the appointment by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, of Mr. Hart an ordained Missionary to labour in Manitoba, and the strong desire expressed by the Synod for co-operation with this Church in the work in Manitoba, the Assembly expresses its satisfaction at the proposed co-operation on the part of a sister Church, and instructs the Presbytery of Manitoba to act in this matter as to its wisdom may seem fit.

The Assembly resolved that the Presbytery of Manitoba have leave to employ another labourer for such fields as they may deem necessary ; also that