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October, a financial statement for the six months then ending, and accompanying this a report on the schedules prepared by this committee, of the work done during the half year in the respective mission fields, with the names of the missionaries, the amounts contributed by the people, and the appropriations made by the Synod's Committees to the several fields.

That these synods, through their Home Mission Committees, be instructed to submit to this committee, on or before the 25th of April, annually, a financial statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending 31st March, together with an annual report of the several fields on the schedules furnished by this committee.

A communication was received from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, asking the General assembly to organize a new Presbytery, embracing the northern portion of the Presbyteries of Lanark and Renfrew, Barrie and Algoma. It was agreed to express generally, disapproval of the proposal.

The convener read a number of letters he had received from the Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of North-West missions, now in Britain, reporting as to the result of his labours there in getting assistance on behalf of the Home Mission work in Manitoba and British Columbia. The committee expressed their warmest appreciation of the sympathy and liberality shown by the friends in Britain.

It was agreed to continue the publication periodically of information regarding home mission work. Rev. A. Henderson was asked to forward the information to Rev. E. Scott for publication in the Record first, the matter there appearing to be issued in leaflet form under the supervision of Mr. Henderson and the convener.

INSURANCE—IS IT RIGHT ?

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PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.

This Presbytery met at Sunderland on the 16th inst. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. D. D. Macdonald, who is spending the winter in California, the Rev. J. M. Cameron discharged the duties of the chair. A card was presented from Cannington in favor of Mr. A. E. Duncan, Licentiate. After the usual procedure it was placed in the hands of Mr. Duncan, and accepted. Arrangements were then made for the induction, which will take place on the 30th inst. Home Mission claims and grants were passed. Mr. Armstrong was ordered to be certified to the H. M. Committee for employment as a catechist. Mr. H. Currie was appointed moderator pro tem of Sebright session. Mr. J. M. Cameron read the report on Church Life and work. A cop was ordered to be sent to each minister that attention might be drawn to its more prominent features from the pulpit. The trustees of Sunderland Presbyterian church were authorized to transfer the title deeds of the burying ground to a joint stock company. The report on Y.P.S. prepared by Mr. Hanna was read by Mr. Macmillan and adopted. It was agreed to make application to the A. and L. Ministers' Fund on behalf of Rev. S. McDonald of Minden. The recruits on decreased representation, permanent central place of meeting for Assembly (Toronto) with fund for payment of commissioners, and the doing away expenses of commissioners, and the doing away with the bulleting system were all approved. The remit on central mission board was not approved. The following resolution was passed: "Inasmuch as the S. S. Committee are opposed to the establishment of a Board of Publication this Presbytery does not favor it; but recommends that an editor be appointed and nominates Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M. A., St. John, N.B., to the office because of his proved fitness for the work." The following commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly: Ministers, Messrs. H. Currie, W. M. Reid, A. M. Campbell, G. Mackay and D. McDonald, and elders, Robt. Ross, Glendamey, Thompson, Kirin and Stewart. Rev. A. D. Macdonald, D.D., Seaforth, was nominated for Moderator of the Assembly. Mr. Reid was appointed on the Assembly's Committee on bills and

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