

LEAVE TO RETIRE FROM THE ACTIVE DUTIES OF THE MINISTRY.

The report of the Committee, charged with the consideration of the applications of Ministers for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry, and those relating to the retention of certain names on Presbytery Rolls, was given in by Mr. Laing, read and received.

The recommendations of the report were considered *seriatim*.

The Assembly agreed—

1. To grant leave to the Rev. William Fraser, D.D., to retire from the active duties of the Ministry, to retain his position as Senior Minister of the charge of First West Gwillimbury, and further to transmit his application for an allowance to the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

2. To grant leave to the Rev. Messrs. James Dick, William Forrest and William Hancock in terms of their application.

3. To authorize the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund to pay to the representatives of the late Rev. James Adams the allowance to which he was entitled from the date of the resignation of his charge to the date of his decease, Mr. Adams having died since the Presbytery of Toronto transmitted to the Assembly his application for leave to retire.

4. To delay action on the application of the Rev. Duncan Morrison, M.A., until such time as the Assembly is furnished with evidence as to the advanced age or infirmity of the applicant.

5. To decline to entertain in the meantime the application of the Rev. Alex. Campbell, on the ground that there is no sufficient evidence as to the age or infirmity of the applicant.

REPORT ON CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIES.

Mr. Robert Campbell (Montreal) presented and read a report from the Committee appointed to consider changes in the bounds of Presbyteries. This report was received, and its recommendations were considered *seriatim*. The Assembly agreed—

1. To transfer Knox Church, Embro, from the Presbytery of London to that of Paris.

2. To transfer the congregation of West Brant from the Presbytery of Saugeen to that of Bruce, with a view to union with the congregation of Pinkerton, that these may form one pastoral charge under the supervision of the Presbytery of Bruce.

3. To transfer from the Presbytery of Saugeen to that of Bruce the following charges, viz.:—North Brant and West Bentinck; St. John's, Walkerton; Balaklava; and Hanover and North Normanby.

In regard to the proposed new Presbytery of Maitland, it was moved by Mr. Robert Campbell and duly seconded, That the petition for the erection of the said Presbytery be granted, and that it be composed of the following Charges, viz.:—Ashfield, Dungannon and Port Albert, St. Helen's and Whitechurch, Wingham, Belgrave, Bluevale and Eadie's, Melville Church, Brussels, Knox Church, Brussels, Cranbrook and Ethel, Walton, East Ashfield Mission Station, Wroxeter and Fordwich, St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, South Kinloss and Lucknow, Langside, Knox Church, Ripley, Huron, Pine River, Knox Church, Kincairdine, St. Andrew's Church, Kincairdine, and Chalmers' Church, Kincairdine Township. To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. Straith and duly seconded, That the said motion be amended so as to include in the new Presbytery of Maitland the Township of Kinloss, in addition to those mentioned therein. A vote having been taken, the motion was carried over the amendment, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

It was further agreed that the Presbytery thus formed be within the bounds and subject to the jurisdiction of the Synod of Hamilton and London; that the first meeting of the said Presbytery be held in the church at Wingham on the third Tuesday of July at eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and that the Rev. Samuel Jones be the first Moderator.