

isters' own sake, and for the good of the Church, and for the Lord's glory, wish to make the last days of those worn-out servants of God, as comfortable as possible, and as their number is yearly increasing, and living is becoming constantly more expensive, they hope the Church will afford them a liberal collection.

W. ALEXANDER,

*Convener of Committee on Widows' Fund.*

JOHN MACTAVISH,

*Convener of Committee on Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers.*

Woodstock, August 17th, 1872.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held its last regular meeting within Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on the 6th and 7th August. The attendance was smaller than usual, there being only ten ministers present. The following are the principal items of business that were transacted. The name of Mr. Aitken was removed from the Roll, he having received a Presbyterian certificate and left the bounds. Mr. Vincent's name was also dropped, in accordance with the order of Assembly, that it be transferred to the Presbytery of Manitoba. The Commissioners to the General Assembly reported their diligence in attending its various diets.

Mr. Melville, a member of the Presbytery of Brockville, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery as a corresponding member.

A Committee, consisting of Mr. McLaren, Minister, and Messrs. Mutchmor and Stewart, Elders, was appointed to organize the mission station of Hull into a congregation.

Mr. James Whyte was appointed corresponding member of the Foreign Mission Committee. Mr. McLaren was appointed to moderate in a call in Nepean, and Mr. Carswell in Pakenham, at an early day. Mr. A. M. Tait tendered his resignation of the congregation of Bristol, it being his intention to go to New Zealand in order to obtain a milder climate. An adjourned meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Carleton Place, on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m., to consider this resignation and all other business requiring urgent attention, and Mr. Bremner was appointed to preach in Bristol on Sabbath the 18th inst., and cite the session and congregation to appear at this meeting for their interests.

Mr. Crombie read the Home Mission Report, which gave a very satisfactory account of the work done during the past quarter, though several new stations had been opened up, the whole field had been occupied, and the reports received from the various stations showed that all the missionaries within the bounds were labouring with great acceptance.

Messrs. J. Stewart and R. Whillans, Students of Theology, in accordance with the leave granted by the General Assembly, were taken on trial for License. After hearing their discourses and examining them upon the prescribed subjects. The Presbytery, on taking a conjunct view of the whole exercises sustained the same with approbation, and licensed them to preach the gospel as Probationers of the Church. In accordance with the permission of the Assembly, Mr. George Turnbull, formerly a minister of the Church of England, was received as a minister of the C. P. Church. The list of supplemented congregations and mission stations was revised and the amount of aid to be asked from the Home Mission Fund during the present year decided upon.

The Record and Communion Roll of the congregation of Admaston were examined and the former attested in the usual form. The next quarterly meeting of Presbyteries was appointed to be held in the same place on the first Tuesday of November, at 2 o'clock p. m. The first Sederunt is to be occupied with the transaction of general business, and in the evening a conference is to be held to which the Elders and Sabbath School Teachers, within the bounds, are invited, to consider the question of the spiritual instruction, and specially the conversion of the children and youth of our Church.

JAMES CARSWELL, CLERK.