

stated the number of annuitants at present on the Fund, 12; and the amount received and expended during the year:—receipts, \$6,821.99; expenditure, \$5,015.79; balance on hand, \$1,806.20, exclusive of \$6,000 invested. The report embodied various regulations for management and administration of the scheme, including one requiring a payment from the ministers of the church. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and adopt the report, and tender the thanks of the Assembly to the committee, and especially to the Convener; refer the case of Mr. Monteath to the favourable consideration of the committee, to be dealt with as they see fit; further, it was agreed that no action be taken at present on the recommendations contained in the report.

CASE OF REV. J. G. CARRUTHERS.

In connection with the Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers, there was laid before the Assembly a memorial from the Presbytery of Owen Sound, with reference to the case of Mr. J. G. Carruthers, a licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church before the Union, who has been, under the afflicting hand of God, laid aside for years, with but little hope of recovery. An effort was made, on two several occasions, to raise such a sum as might be sufficient for his support, but with very partial success, although the sum of about \$600 is on hand for this object. The memorial prayed the Assembly to place the name of Mr. Carruthers on the list of annuitants from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, transferring to that Fund the amount at present in hand for Mr. Carruthers. After full conference the prayer of the memorial was granted, and the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund instructed to grant an annual allowance for his support, that they may regard as consistent with the interests of the fund, and in some measure adequate to Mr. Carruthers's support.

WIDOWS' FUND REPORT.

The Report on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was read by Mr. Reid. It stated the receipts and expenditure for the year: receipts, \$16,370 73; expenditure, \$14,347 18; balance, 2,023 60; and referred to the fact that, although no collection had been taken during the year from the congregations of the church, the capital of the fund had increased \$3,700. The number of annuitants on the fund is now 27. The report was received and adopted, and the committee were instructed to place on the list of annuitants the family of the late Rev. Andrew Milne, formerly of Waterdown and Wellington Square, deducting from the first payment the amount which should have been paid by Mr. Milne from the time of his ordination to his death.

FINANCE REPORT.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented and read, embracing,—(1.) statement of receipts and expenditure for the Assembly Fund, and the means adopted, in accordance with the instructions of last Assembly, to raise the requisite amount; (2.) statement of receipts for the various schemes of the church, with comparative statement, showing increase or decrease as compared with former years; (3.) report of auditors, attesting accuracy of accounts, and bearing testimony to the correctness and business-like manner in which the general agent had discharged the duties connected with the finances of the church. On motion made and