

effort to arrest the progress of intemperance, and counsel the employment of moral suasion and a consistent example, with this view, on the part of all the office-bearers and members of our Church.

The Assembly would further recommend to ministers to give due prominence to this subject in their pulpit ministrations, and to Synods, Presbyteries and Sessions to have special regard to the sources of intemperance in their respective bounds, and to employ every legitimate means for their removal.

HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD

The report stated that the circulation had increased during the year about 700, that the present circulation was 7,680, that the receipts last year were \$2,637 12, and the expenditure \$2,382 76, leaving a balance of \$254 36 applied to payment of General Agent and Assistant Editor.

REPORT OF WIDOWS' FUND.

The report of the Committee on the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of Ministers stated that during the year two widows had been removed from the list of annuitants, and that one additional had been placed on the list; that the number now was 21, besides one family of orphan children; that between 2,000 and 3,000 dollars had been invested during the year; that the receipts from all sources, including balance, had been \$25,065 80, and the expenditure, including investments, \$18,747 81, leaving a balance of \$6,317 47; and that the fund at present, including cash and investments, amounted to \$66,375 28. Mr. James Osborne, of Hamilton, was, at his request, relieved from the Convenorship of the Committee, and the thanks of the Assembly were given to him for the fidelity and success with which he had discharged the duties of this important trust.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The report stated that the receipts during the year had been from collections \$1,574 72, and from investments \$200, which, together with balance from previous year, amounted to a total of \$5,974 61; that the expenditure on annuities to seven ministers and other expenses amounted to \$1,651 67, leaving a balance of \$4,322 94; and expressed the hope that the members of the Church might be led to contribute more liberally to this important fund.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

The Assembly ordered, that in all congregations in which there is no organized plan or association for raising funds for the schemes of the Church, collections be taken up for the several objects on the days mentioned below:—

1. For the Assembly Fund on the third Sabbath of July.
2. For the Widows' Fund on the third Sabbath of September.
3. For French Evangelization on the second Sabbath of October.
4. For the Kankakee Mission on the first Sabbath of November.
5. For the Home Mission Fund on the third Sabbath of December.
6. Contributions for Knox College and the Montreal College not later than the 31st of January.
7. For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of March.

OVERTURES, MEMORIALS, ETC., LAID OVER OR REFERRED TO COMMITTEES.

Consideration deferred till next Assembly:—

1. Overture from the Synod of London anent Representation in the General Assembly, and a paper from certain members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church, London, on the mode of electing elders to the General Assembly.
2. Overture on the subject of a denominational organ, and proposing certain changes in the RECORD now published; transmitted by the Synod of London.
3. Returns to Remits on the Act for the Reception of Ministers.
4. Overture from the Presbytery of Kingston on Hymnology.
5. Overture, transmitted by the Synod of Montreal, on Female Education.