HOME & FOREIGN RECORD

OF THE

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

No. 8.

AUGUST, 1875.

 ∇ ol, XIV.

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Committee in making their annual appeal to the Church on

behalf of this Fund, would press it, on these considerations:-

1. This Fund, though nominally affecting only ministers, really concerns congregations still more,—the great object being to enable ministers to retire from pastoral work, when, through age or infirmity, incapable of discharging its duties, and to set congregations free to call more vigorous men.

2. The number of ministers wholly, or in large measure dependent on

this Fund, is steadily on the increase,

3. The change in the value of money renders it necessary that the grants be largely increased. Even should that not be done, probably

\$5,000 may be required for this year.

God, under the old dispensation, fixed the term of ministerial labour at from thirty to fifty, at which age the Levites retired from the more onerous duties of their office, not, however, without provision being still made for their support. And surely it is not wise, and cannot be the duty of the Church, to oblige the ministers to continue in charge when age and infirm ty press on them. Yet some are painfully keeping their places, while feeling that they cannot overtake their work, because they have no provision to fall back on, and congregations and the cause of the Lord are thus suffering. This is peculiarly the case in some of the weaker congregations.

The Committee do not doubt that if these matters were fairly considered, the funds at their disposal would be much more ample; and I, in their name, and on behalf of God-fearing men who I know are patiently suffering, and for the Lord's sake, plead for a large income, and request of the ministers of the Church to read this notice to their congregations.

JOHN MACTAVISH, Convener.

Woodstock, 26th July, 1875.

MESSRS. MOODY AND SANKEY'S WORK IN LONDON.

The American Evangelists have now finished their labors in London. These were most abundant, and the results, according to the testimony of all impartial witnesses, are highly satisfactory, and such as should call forth heartfelt thanksgiving on the part of all who are seeking the glory of the Saviour, and who love the souls of their fellow-creatures.