

gations have, in doing so, rejected selfish considerations and have made no adequate provision for their own support when the ordinary disabilities of age shall prevent their commanding an income for that purpose.

Since the organization of the Union and the commencement of the Society several of our excellent brethren have been relieved and one particularly had his last moments made comfortable and his anxieties allayed by the provision of this Fund.

During the past year we have had no call in New Brunswick which seemed to come properly within the object of this provision, though it appears a special favour in Providence allowing us to accumulate the Fund, the amount of which would justify an appropriation of substantial benefit to a needy recipient.

In Nova Scotia a small appropriation has been made to a worthy brother whose circumstances required relief.

We beg once more to set forth pre-eminently what appears necessary in order to perpetuate confidence and general interest in this subject. That we consider the Churches under an imperative obligation to meet the wants of their Pastors when their strength or health fails temporarily in their service, and leave this fund to the service of those only who are literally superannuated or who have no Pastoral connection with a Church. If a Pastor falls into necessitous circumstances and is not relieved by his Church we feel that such a Church is under a moral obligation to represent to this Board their inability from want of means to give the requisite aid to their Pastor in his infirmity. We are fully persuaded that if Churches abuse this provision and cast their Pastor upon it as soon as they are disabled from service, it will operate disastrously, not only upon this, but upon every department of exertion contemplated in this Union Convention.

ALEXANDER McDONALD.

Secretary.

On motion of Rev. J. Francis,

Resolved,—That all applications for Ministerial aid from Nova Scotia, made through Elders I. E. Bill and N. Vidtoe, to the Superannuated Ministers Board in St. John.

On motion of Rev. S. Robinson,

Resolved,—That application to the Board for Ministerial aid be permitted through the recommendation of any two ordained ministers connected with this Convention.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Publications and Colportage was presented.

REPORT.

The Committee on Publications and Colportage beg leave to present the following report:

That this Convention feels deeply sensible of our dependance upon well conducted religious periodicals for the circulation of valuable information and of their importance in forming the opinions and constructing the habits of all, and especially of the younger members of our families.

That it gives this Convention great pleasure to recognize, both in Nova Scotia and in New Brunswick, papers adapted in their character to the Province in which each paper is published and both of which