

State of Religion to mature and set in operation, as soon as possible, a scheme for special Evangelic Services.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Report on the State of Religion was given in and read by the Rev. T. Wardrope, convener of the committee. The report referred to the hopeful and encouraging movements in several quarters of the Church, while there was still reason to deplore the prevalence of intemperance, neglecting family worship, and Sabbath desecration. The report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Assembly conveyed to the committee, and especially to the convener.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented with statement of the receipts for the various objects of the Church, and a statement from Messrs. McMurrich and Blaikie, auditors. The report also referred to the Assembly fund, and the result of the new mode adopted by last Assembly for raising the amount required for the Assembly's purposes. The report was referred to a committee, who subsequently reported:—

1. That the Report on Finance be adopted, and the diligence of the committee be approved.
2. That the new mode of assessment for the Assembly Fund, by dividing the Presbyteries into three classes, be approved and continued.
3. That before the assessment for the fund has been apportioned among the several Presbyteries their rolls of membership be equalized, so as to include the members of non-reporting congregations.
4. That there be appended to the Annual Report a statement containing the name of each Presbytery assessed, the rate per member and the amount of assessment for each Presbytery, and the membership on which the assessment has been based.
5. That the Committee report any Presbytery that may not have paid in whole, or in part, the amount assessed thereon.
6. That Presbyteries be enjoined to deal with defaulting congregations, and to take order that the amount apportioned to them be paid.

BUXTON FINANCE REPORT.

This Report was given in and read by Rev. R. H. Warden. It stated that the accounts of the fund had been audited and that the assets of the fund amounted to \$3,342; the liabilities were \$94. The committee acknowledged the services for fourteen years of the late Mr. W. Clarke, of London, and recommended the continued payment of \$250 from the fund towards the support of the Buxton congregation. The report was adopted.

"BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN."

An overture from the Presbytery of Simcoe anent the *British American Presbyterian* newspaper, recommending that the printing of the Church should be given in whole or in part to the office of that paper, was read. In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, the Assembly agreed to appoint a Standing Committee on Printing, to which the overture should be remitted.

"HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD."

The Report on the *Home and Foreign Record* was given in by Rev. D. H. Fletcher, convener of the committee. It referred to the increase in the circulation during the year from 8,000 to 12,600. There had been received \$3,061.28, and paid \$3,049.10. The committee recommended:

1. That Sessions and Boards of Management be strongly recommended