

STRATFORD: March 15th:—It was agreed that in all ordinary cases of resignation or translation of ministers it is unadvisable to require the preparation of any special minutes. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly,—Messrs. Boyd, Hamilton, Hislop, Kay, Stewart, and Wright,—*ministers*; Messrs. D. Stewart, Rev. T. McPherson, A. McTavish, D. Forbes, R. Boyes and G. Mackenzie, *elders*. In re the Sustentation Fund, it was agreed, as formerly, to approve the general principle of the scheme and to recommend that congregations be fully informed on the subject and thereafter an expression of their mind be obtained. Rev. Henry Norris (Methodist Episcopal) applied to be received into the Church, and it was agreed to recommend that he attend the last two years of the theological course at any of our Colleges. J. FOTHERINGHAM, *Clk*.

PARIS: March 8th:—The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly,—Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Thomson, Munro, Mackay, and McMullen—*ministers*; Messrs. Montgomery, Marshall, Wood, Ross and Russell—*elders*. The report on Sabbath-school work given in by Mr. Macleod of Paris was adopted. It was remitted to the Committee to take into consideration the preparation of an hymn-book for use in the Sabbath-schools at a cheap rate. Principal McVicar was nominated for Moderator of Assembly. W. T. McMULLEN, *Clk*.

CHATHAM: March 15th:—The following were appointed commissioners to the Assembly,—Messrs. J. Gray, J. Becket, D. McKerracher, A. McColl and W. Walker—*ministers*; Messrs. A. Bartlett, W. Webster, K. Urquhart, J. R. Gemmill and F. B. Stewart, *elders*. Principal McVicar was nominated as Moderator of General Assembly. Mr. Waddell submitted the report on Sabbath-school instruction to Kirk-sessions for their consideration. It was agreed to institute Presbyterian visitation of the congregations within the bounds.

Obituary.

THE REV. DR. IRVINE, formerly pastor of Knox Church, Montreal, and for some time the minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, Georgia, U. S., died on the 8th of April, of congestion of the brain, aged 67. Dr. Irvine was a very able and eloquent preacher of the Gospel.

MR. JOHN FRASER, for many years an active member of the Kirk-session in the congregation of Pugwash, N. S., died on the 24th of March, in the 73rd year of his age. By his death the Church loses one of its attached and efficient office-bearers.

MR. NORMAN GRAHAM, a worthy elder of St. Matthew's Church, Wallace, N. S., died on 20th November last, aged 82 years. Mr. Graham was a native of Rosshire, Scotland, and was ordained to the eldership in the congregation organized by the late Rev. John Munro, of Wallace.

MR. ROBERT CHAMBERS, an elder of the Church at Norwich, Ontario, died on the 7th March, in the 69th year of his age. Mr. Chambers was a native of Ireland whence his father came with his family in 1817. He was an earnest and faithful Christian. Two of his sons are now missionaries of the American Board at Erzroom in Eastern Turkey.

MR. HUGH MORRISON, of St. James, N. B., died on March 29th in the 84th year of his age. He was a native of the north of Scotland—a godly, upright, public spirited man, and an exemplary elder who, in the absence of his pastor, was wont to assist in holding meetings every Lord's Day, when he would read to the congregation in Gaelic before the English service began. He was the father of the Rev. P. M. Morrison, of Dartmouth, N. S.

MR. DONALD CAMPBELL, for 37 years an active and faithful elder of St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown, died on the 14th. March at the good old age of 86 years. Mr. Campbell was a native of Glengarry.

Home Missions.

WESTERN SECTION.

THE Semi Annual Meeting of the Committee was held in Toronto, March 29—31.

There were present twenty-five ministers and three elders. Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., *Convener*; Rev. R. H. Warden, *Secretary*. Claims of Presbyteries in Ontario and Quebec were ordered to be paid to the amount of \$8749.75. Specific grants for six months were made to mission fields in the Presbytery of Manitoba, amounting to \$4,175, and \$1,000 additional was placed at the disposal of that Presbytery for supplying with ordinances fields in Manitoba and the North-West to which appropriations have not now been made, and which, in the opinion of the Presbytery, should be occupied with as little delay as possible. The state of the fund was as follows:—

Expenditure from 1st May to 28th March...	\$23,784.00
Claims passed at this meeting	8,749.75
Other liabilities to close of Ecc. year	3,025.00
Total expenditure for year	\$35,558.75
Receipts from 1st May '89 to 28th March '91.	22,820.00

Required by the 1st of May

Encouraging reports were read from the missionaries at Sault Ste. Marie, Prince Arthur's Landing, New Westminster, and various fields in Manitoba and the North-West.