

APPENDIX VII.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. In reference to a memorial from the St. Thomas District Meeting, in respect to the publication of the missionary reports—

That, whereas for some time past our missionary reports have been so late in reaching our circuits as to seriously inconvenience us in holding missionary meetings, also thereby reducing our missionary income, we would strongly recommend the Conference to urge upon the Missionary Board the importance of having the reports in the hands of Superintendents of Circuits not later than the last day of October in each year.

2. We have considered the resolution from the Guelph District Meeting, on the subject of Evangelistic Agency, and recommend the Conference not to take action in the case; for while we fully recognize the great benefit which has often resulted to the Church by the employment of suitable agency for this work, yet in our present transition state we deem it untimely to take future action.

3. By request of the Conference, we have considered the cases of certain brethren in regard to their claims on the Superannuation Fund, and beg to report as follows:

(1) With respect to Bro. McNair's case, your Committee, after a careful consideration of all the circumstances, regret that in its judgment it would be of no avail to refer the matter to the Superannuation Board.

(In lieu of the above, a resolution was adopted by the Conference, recommending the case of Bro. McNair to the favorable consideration of the next General Conference of "The Methodist Church.")

(2) In regard to Bro. Bell, it is the judgment of the Committee that application is based on equity, and is in accordance with the law of the Church as existing when he united with us, and we recommend the case to the Conference in view of his prayer being granted.

(In lieu of the above the following was adopted: "That in the judgment of this Conference Bro. J. W. Bell is entitled to the privilege of levelling up for the years in which he was employed in the Primitive Methodist Church, and recommend the Superannuation Board to grant him his petition.")

(3) That all matters of claims upon the Superannuation Fund from all the uniting Churches be referred to the next General Conference, with the request that a special committee be appointed to thoroughly investigate each case, and report thereupon to said Conference, which shall finally determine each case upon its merits.

(4) In reference to Rev. Chancellor Teeter's application, the Committee