

ference might be postponed for one week. The Committee, feeling how greatly our Church would be advantaged by the presence of Mr. Antliff, decided to postpone the Conference, looking to that Court for justification of their act.

8. The Committee gave permission to Brother Hughan to visit England, for three months. Other items of business were attended to by the Committee, which are too numerous, and not of sufficient importance to detail here.

Trusting this Report is satisfactory, it is now respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ROWE, *Secretary*.

Yearly Report of the General Missionary Committee to the Conference of 1871.

In presenting you with their Annual Report, your Committee beg to notice :—

1. *The Resignation of Agents who have been under the supervision of the Committee.*—At the November Quarterly Meeting, Rev. J. H. Stonehouse resigned his position amongst us as a Minister. This act of Brother Stonehouse caused the Committee considerable trouble ; and had it not been that the Rev. J. F. Parker, who had arrived from England, and who was intended to supply Woodstock, was able to go to Chatham, the Mission would have suffered considerably. The Committee regret Brother Stonehouse's conduct, as he had promised to continue in charge until this Conference. At the January Quarterly Meeting, Brother Monkman gave in his Resignation, and expressed a wish to be relieved from his charge as soon as possible, as he wished to engage in secular business. The Committee accepted the Resignation, but informed Brother Monkman they could not then relieve him ; and the Committee wish to record their gratification with the conduct of Brother Monkman, in remaining at his post until this Conference. At the same meeting, Brother Gavin, who had married while in probation, was retained as a hired Local Preacher, until a supply could be procured for his Station. The Committee regret to report that Brother Gavin did not pay that attention to his work which its necessities demanded, and at last left the Mission to do the best it could. The resignation of Brother Jolly took effect at the May Quarterly Meeting, agreeably to a notice he sent to the Committee.

2. *The Illness of Missionaries.*—The very week after the last Conference, Brother Checcham informed the Committee that his continued illness prevented him from attending to Woodstock, and he has been unable to resume ministerial labor for the whole year. The Committee supplied Woodstock as best they could ; but as these supplies could only remain during Sabbath, the Mission suffered considerably. In January, however, the Rev. J. E. Lidstone, who had been sent out from England, was sent to Woodstock, thus relieving the Committee from considerable anxiety. The Committee are