

Report of the General Committee.

The General Committee beg to Report :—1. That at the first Quarterly Meeting of the year they made the necessary arrangements for placing the Probationary Preachers under Tutors, as recommended by the last Conference. They appointed the time when the collections on behalf of the Educational Fund should be made, and instructed Brothers Goodman and Herridge to apportion among the Circuits of Toronto and Brampton Districts the sums those Districts should raise towards the indebtedness of the late Institute. Farther on in the year, they arranged for the Examination of Probationary Preachers, according to the requirement of last Conference. The first or semi-annual Examination was held on the last day of November and 1st of December, in Toronto. The Committee also appointed the Rev. Dr. Antliff, of Sunderland; Mr. Councillor James, of Derby; and Mr. Councillor Robson, of Hull, to be our Representatives at the present Conference. Several of the Stations not having paid their portion of the indebtedness of the Institute, the Committee called upon them to do so.

2. A dispute having arisen between Orangeville and Albion Stations, respecting the single Preacher of the first Station being returned by that Circuit to Albion, the Committee decided that the Preacher had not failed in his pledge.

3. The Rev. Wm. Cook being superannuated by the last Conference, applied for his removal expenses, and the Committee not knowing what fund these should be paid from, have referred the matter to the Conference to decide.

4. At the February Quarterly Meeting, Rev. W. C. Allen applied for permission to accept the Agency of the Ontario Sabbath School Missionary Union, and the Committee finding that his Circuit Quarterly Meeting were willing for him to accept the Agency, the Committee believing he would be useful in that work, granted the application.

5. At the same meeting, the Toronto Circuit applied for permission to make the Eastern part of it into a Branch, to be called "Toronto East;" and the Committee believing it would prompt that part of the Circuit to make efforts to become self-sustaining, gave their consent.

6. In the month of April, Brother Swift applied for a Home Station, and the Committee forwarded the application to the Home Committee; at the same time regretting that Brother Swift had felt it his duty to return to England.

7. The Rev. S. Antliff, the English General Missionary Secretary, being appointed to visit this Conference, as the Representative of our Home Conference, informed the Committee that it would not be possible for him to leave England so as to be here at the time the Conference usually assembled, and asked, if possible, that the Con-

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