

beneficiaries,—giving the names of the applicants to be placed in connection with the Fund, and mentioning the gratifying increase of revenue as compared with the preceding year. On motion of Mr. D. Macdonald, elder, seconded by Mr. P. M. Morrison,—The Assembly adopts the report, expresses its thankfulness for the fairly satisfactory position in which the Fund is found, regrets that so many congregations have failed to contribute to the Fund during the past year, and that so many ministers have not yet connected themselves with the Fund, and cordially commends the scheme to the favourable consideration and hearty support both of congregations and ministers; and, further, orders that Messrs. Edwin Smith, J. W. McLennan and J. F. Dustan be permitted to connect themselves with the Fund, in terms stated in the report.

Western Section.—The report of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund for the Western Section was presented and read by Mr. J. K. Macdonald, the Convener, who dwelt at length on the condition of the Fund under the administration of the Committee, the prospects in regard to it which might be considered as promising, stating the number of beneficiaries who during the year had been removed by death, and suggesting many alterations which it was expedient to make in the regulations for the administration of the Fund.

It was moved by Mr. George Bruce, seconded by Principal King, and unanimously and heartily adopted,—That the report on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund now submitted be received, and that the cordial thanks of the Assembly be, as they are hereby, tendered to Mr. J. K. Macdonald for the eminent service rendered to the Church as the Convener of the Committee on this Fund.

NEXT ASSEMBLY.

The hour of four o'clock, at which it was agreed to take into consideration of time and place for holding the meeting of the next General Assembly, having arrived, Principal Grant moved, seconded by Mr. John Mackie, that the next General Assembly meet at Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the second Wednesday of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, at the hour of half-past seven o'clock in the evening. The motion of Dr. Grant was unanimously adopted, and the Assembly decreed and ordered in terms thereof.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Assembly returned to the consideration of the report on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, and agreed to,—That the report, with the exception of that referring to Mr. McNaughton, be remitted to a committee to consider, and report on Wednesday, said committee to consist of the members of the Standing Committees of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Funds, East and West, who are present at this Assembly, with Messrs. P. M. Morrison, E. Scott, Ministers, and Mr. D. McDonald, Elder, added.

In the line of the suggestion in the clause respecting the case of Mr. McNaughton, it was moved by Mr. F. W. Farries, duly seconded, and agreed to,—That a committee be now appointed for the purpose indicated.