

W. Leitch and J. Fleming. Mr. Thos. Wilson submitted the report of the committee appointed to confer with St. George Church office-bearers regarding their financial standing. The report indicated considerable increase in contributions for the support of ordinances, and recommended the work to the continued liberality of St. Andrew's Church. The report was adopted, and Mr. Thos. Wilson appointed to lay the matter before the office bearers of St. Andrew's Church.

St. George Church Report.

Mr. J. Currie reported that the executive of the Augmentation committee had expressed sympathy with the Presbytery in the recent action taken in rearranging certain congregations within the bounds with the view of consolidating the work of these charges and ultimately saving the funds of the church; but in view of the special application made in behalf of Fingal referred the application to the Synodical Committee. The application in behalf of Appin and N. Ekfrid was similarly referred. The report was received. The clerk intimated that it has Mr. John McNeil's desire to renew his application for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry on account of impaired health, and also to be placed as an annuitant on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The Presbytery agreed to sustain the application and sympathized with Mr. McNeil, also appointed Mr. R. Stewart and Mr. I. Rathburn, elders, to be associated with the Clerk as a committee to confer with Mr. McNeil and prosecute the application in behalf of the Presbytery, with the view of obtaining immediate relief from the fund if possible, and securing that Mr. McNeil's standing, as an annuitant should date from the 25th March last, when his resignation took effect. A petition was presented from a number of present and former members and adherents of McBride's Church, Southold, asking that the arrangement of the services in the newly formed congregation be left to the minister and people. The petition had not passed through the Session. It was moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. J. G. Stewart and agreed that the petition be not received on account of irregularities, but inasmuch as these are confessedly due to ignorance of church law, a committee be appointed to confer with the petitioners concerning the difficulties complained of in their petition and report at afternoon sederunt. The following were appointed the Committee:— Messrs. Currie, Drummond and Steven, ministers, and Messrs. Rathburn, McLarty and J. D. Campbell, elders.

Action of Augmentation Com. in re Fingal, &c.

J. McNeil Applies For Leave to Retire.

Petition of Parties in Southold.

Committee Appointed.

Mr. J. H. Geddes asked for power to grant certificates of membership to remaining members of the East Williams Church, and also to call a meeting of the members to dispose of the property. The consideration of this was deferred till the afternoon, Messrs. Stuart and the clerk to meet with Mr. Geddes in the meantime and inquire into the particulars. The committees appointed to examine session records reported, and the moderator was author-

Mr. Geddes in re E. Williams.