

**HAMILTON:** 21st January. — Twenty-six ministers and fourteen elders were present. Mr. Goldsmith reported that a Sabbath-school Conference, would be held in Hamilton on 18th February. Rev. John Laing, M. A., of Dundas was nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. A call from Drummondville and Chippawa, in favour of Rev. R. Thomson, a minister of the English Presbyterian Church, was sustained and arrangements were made for his induction. The annual report of the Women's Mission Association was read and received.

**MANITOBA:** 11th December. — Rev. Mr. McKellar was elected moderator, deputations appointed to visit Springfield and Sunnyside, and Beautiful Plains, reported satisfactorily respecting these stations. The Rosseau Indian school was reported to be again in operation with increased attendance. A school has been organized at Okanase. A letter was read from Mr. McKay of Prince Albert in reference to the erection of mission buildings at the reserve on the south branch of the Saskatchewan. Professor Bryce read the report of the Home Mission Committee. Mr. McKenzie, M. P. P., was thanked for valuable aid rendered to the missionary labouring last summer at Beautiful Plains. Mr. Stewart was at his own request relieved of the charge of the mission at Palestine. The death of the Hon. D. Gunn, was announced. Attention was directed to the necessity of energetic action in the establishment of Sabbath-schools in all the congregations and stations connected with the Presbytery. Rev. A. H. Cameron, gave in an interesting report of his work on section 15 of the C. P. Railway.

**BALRIE:** 28 January. — A standing committee was appointed on Sabbath-schools, to receive the returns to the questions of Assembly's Committee and prepare a report on Sabbath-school work, based on the returns for transmission to the Synod's Committee on this subject. Mr. Gray, on behalf of the Boards of Knox and Queen's Colleges advocated the claims of these institutions to more liberal support. Mr. Rodgers tendered resignation of the Conventionship of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. Dr. W. Fraser of Bondhead, tendered demission of the charge so long held by him; to be taken up by next meeting. The congregation and session meantime cited to appear for their interests. A committee was appointed to consider what steps may be taken to secure continuance of Dr. Fraser's ministerial and Presbyterial status should the resignation be accepted.

### Obituary.

**MR. THOMAS KERR.**—St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, has been called upon to mourn the

loss of one of its oldest and most prominent members in the person of Mr. Kerr who died in London, England, on the 21st November last. He had been connected with the congregation for upwards of forty years, and was for many years an Elder. He was a member of the last General Assembly.

### Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund.

WESTERN SECTION.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

IT is to be hoped that the action of last Assembly in commending this Fund to the liberality of the wealthier members of the Church will not be without some good fruit. The recommendation has specially in view the accumulation of such an amount of capital as may be necessary to ensure an adequate annual income, when the claims upon the Fund have become, as they must become, much more numerous than they are now. The present capital is under \$4,000, having been, owing to insufficient income, reduced in three years from \$8000. The Assembly has very properly laid an arrest upon the further reduction of the capital, and directed that it be increased by adding to it "all donations and bequests, except when otherwise ordered by the donors." This, of course, limits the income available for current expenditure, to the congregational contributions, minister's rates, and interest from capital. As the income from these sources will be far from sufficient to pay the beneficiaries now on the Fund, unless congregational contributions, which have hitherto been, generally speaking, very small, are largely increased, the Committee has, by authority of the Assembly, issued a special appeal to congregations on the subject. We shall be disappointed if the appeal is not liberally responded to. It will be no small discredit to the Church if the Committee is laid under the necessity of reducing the annuities.

It is just possible, however, that the recommendation which has in view the increase of the capital by donations and bequests, may be lost sight of unless something be done to press it on the attention of those to whom it is directed, viz:—the wealthier friends of the Church. We trust there are not a few who have at once the will and ability to do something in one or other or both of these ways, towards bringing up the Fund to such a condition as to ensure something like a decent maintenance for every minister who may be constrained by infirmity or age to retire from his pastoral work.

With the view of indicating what it may be