

send Brother Mattingley to Walsingham, hoping that in a month or so he would be able to go to the Institute, to which he was appointed by the Conference, but the Committee's hopes were not realized, for Bro. Auger's health continued bad, and he has not been able to take charge of his Station for the year.

The affliction of the Brethren Cheetham, Hassard, and Cook placed the Committee in trying circumstances. They could not send persons to fill the places of these esteemed brethren. Woodstock was supplied for a season with brethren from Toronto and London, but Jubilee was too distant from Toronto to be supplied in this manner, even if the Committee were able to do it. Bro. Hassard was empowered to engage the services of any suitable person, but it appears no one could be found. This was the more to be regretted, as Jubilee was doing well, and likely to do better, but for the illness of Bro. Hassard. It is gratifying to the Committee, that though these brethren could not preach, yet at some risk to themselves they did their best to keep matters in a right state on their Stations. The illness of Bro. Cook, and that of his family, was the cause of much anxiety to the Committee. He was authorized to employ some one to help him, and though his health is somewhat better, yet it is still such as to constrain Bro. Cook to ask for superannuation. The Committee earnestly hope that these brethren may yet, if it be God's will, be spared to their families and charges, and soon be in possession of their accustomed health.

3. MINISTERS FROM ENGLAND.—Correspondence was held last September with the English Missionary Committee, respecting a probationary preacher coming out to this country, but it was decided that it would be better for him to come this spring. The English Missionary Secretary forwarded the application of the Rev. S. C. Willis, of Hastings, for a Station in this country. At the same time, Mr. Willis corresponded with our Secretary respecting coming here; and after some correspondence with himself and the English Committee, his offer was accepted by your Committee, and it is expected that both Mr. Willis, and the young brother already referred to, will be here to take the Stations to which you may appoint them.

4. The Committee, at their February Quarterly Meeting, had the pleasure of welcoming to their midst our venerable friend the Rev. John Davison, who had been appointed our Deputation to the last English Conference, and hearing from him a Report of his visit, and the success attending his efforts in connection with those of our esteemed Brother R. Walker, Esq., with the Conference. The Committee feel that an increased interest has been awakened with our English friends, by the visit of both Messrs. Davison and Walker. The efforts of these brethren has resulted in an increase to the Annual Grant made to our Missions in this land, and in an increased discount allowed by the English Book Room on works published by them, and purchased by our Book Room.