

"4. A Minister who has an annual income of not less than *six hundred dollars*, derived from any source or sources whatever, shall not receive any benefit from the fund, unless he has paid the rate in accordance with the regulations; but, if he has so paid his rate, he shall, on his retirement, by leave of the Assembly, on account of age or infirmity, be entitled to an annuity of seventy-five dollars for his first ten years of ministerial service, and two and a-half dollars additional for every year of service beyond ten up to forty years' service.

"5. The Committee would further recommend that, in view of the not unfrequent occurrence of the removal of a minister from one section of the Church to the other, the Assembly should pass an ordinance equally binding in the administration of both funds, to the effect that in such a case a minister's claim to benefit, and subjection to the regulations shall be at the date of his translation, transferred *simpliciter* to the fund of the section to which he is translated."

APPLICATION—REV. J. M'TAVISH.

The Assembly further remitted to the Committee the application of the Rev. John McTavish, with instructions to consider, and report thereon to next Assembly. The statement of the Committee in reference to this application is in terms following:—

"The Committee beg to lay before the Assembly an application from the Rev. John McTavish, who, as is well known to all, rendered valuable service to the Church in many ways for five and twenty years or more. Mr. McTavish who is now nearly seventy years of age, applies for the remission of the rate imposed upon him by the Assembly, on his removal to Scotland some years ago; and for such an annual allowance as may be considered reasonable in view of the fact that, though still doing work as a pastor, he is obliged to have permanent assistance. As the Committee are not yet fully informed in regard to all the circumstances, they would now ask authority from the Assembly, to grant, after due inquiry, the application of Mr. McTavish, to the extent of remitting his annual rate, and giving an annuity of not more than one hundred dollars."

REPORT AS WHOLE ADOPTED.

The following motion for disposing of the Report was submitted by Mr. J. K. Smith, and seconded, and agreed to:—That the General Assembly adopt the Report of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, with the exceptions recorded in the Minutes of the Assembly; tender thanks to the Convener and Committee for their efficient and economical administration of the fund; agree to place on record their thanks for the evidence given in the Report of growing interest in the fund, and for the Christian liberality which has enabled the Committee to avoid the reduction of the annuities, notwithstanding a large addition to the number of beneficiaries; and in view of a still larger number of beneficiaries likely to require aid during the current year, earnestly commend the fund to the membership of the Church and considering that a large proportion of the congregations of the Church are in a marked degree wanting in their support of the fund, urge congregations generally to greatly increased liberality.

STATISTICS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics. The Report was presented in printed form by Mr. R. Torrance, the Convener of the Committee, who at the same time directed attention to features of interest contained in the Report.

There was presented an Overture on the subject of Statistics from the Presbytery of Sarnia. The Assembly ordered the Overture to be remitted to the Committee on Statistics.