

tributions as from the small number of the claimants and the small sums bestowed. It pointed out that the value of money had greatly decreased since the rates were fixed, and it was found a much more liberal income was necessary. The annuitants were nine in number, and the amount in hand was \$1,600. The applications that had been made to the Committee had not yet been disposed of. It was desired that a separate collection would be allowed for the fund in addition to the assessment upon Ministers. Amongst the rules and regulations which had been passed in Committee was one that provided that no one should share in the fund who entered the Ministry after he became fifty years of age, and that in order to have a claim on the fund, Ministers having salaries of \$600 and under should contribute 50c. for every \$100 of their professional income; and that every Minister receiving \$600 and over should contribute \$1 for every \$100 of his income. The rev. gentleman referred to the difficulty that the Committee had had in deciding as to the scale of payments to be made by Ministers. They found it was necessary that something should be done, and they came to the decision reported. He also trusted they would have given them a general collection for this fund. He felt assured that if they were empowered to go to their congregations and had no other resources, that the fund would be in a more flourishing condition than at present. There were at present eight cases which must be received, and there were two more which it would be necessary to receive soon; and when they considered the present value of money, it would be seen that it was necessary to give more than was given at present. They did not ask for a collection to relieve the fund. They merely desired to assist the Ministry, and every congregation might do something, however little. There was no danger of the fund growing very rich.

It was agreed to refer certain recommendations made back to the Committee, with instructions to report at next Assembly, the collection for the fund being taken up in the meantime as in former years.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

Rev. Mr. Cochrane read the report. After expressing gratitude to God for the encouragement and progress manifested during the past year, and giving some instruction to enable the members to understand the report, it went on to say:—

“Every effort has been made during the year to increase the interest of Presbyteries and the liberality of the Church at large in our Home Mission work. The total amount contributed in 1873 was \$19,022 as compared with \$14,706 in 1872, showing an increase of \$4,048. The total expenditure amounted to \$18,693 as compared to \$14,995 in 1872. The total amount contributed by Sabbath-schools was \$508.75. And a comparative statement was given of the amounts raised for Home Missions from 1861 to 1873. In 1861 the total amount collected in the various and then not united Churches was \$6,972, in 1873, as already stated, it is \$19,022. The following is the

STATE OF THE FUND AT DATE, FOR 1872-73.

Amount contributed during the year by Presbyteries	
and from other sources.....	\$19,022 63
Payments made to the several Presbyteries as per	
financial table, and other disbursements.....	\$18,119 78
Proportion of general expenses and agent's salary.	440 00
Interest on money borrowed during the year....	133,64
	18,693 42

Leaving a balance of.....	\$329 21
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