

find it necessary to retire from active service. Further, as it was stated that Mr. Campbell's claim had lapsed, the Assembly agreed to cancel the forfeiture.

The Report of the Committee was then on motion of Mr. Kenneth McLennan, duly seconded, adopted as a whole.

DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers. The Report was submitted in printed form by Mr. R. J. Laidlaw, the Convener of the Committee. On motion, the Report was received. The Committee recommended that no Committee for the Distribution of Probationers be appointed for the ensuing year. Dr. Laing moved, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, that the Report be received and its recommendation adopted. It was moved and agreed to lay this motion on the Table until the Report on Returns to Remits on this subject be submitted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Dr. Jardine at this stage, moved that the Order of Business be reconsidered. A vote being taken, the motion was adopted. Dr. Jardine then moved that the consideration of the Memorial on a House of Publication be the first order of business for the evening Sederunt, which was agreed to. It was moved that the Overture on Party Politics be the second order. Dr. Caven moved in amendment that the Report of the Committee on Marriage with a deceased wife's sister be the second order. Mr. J. K. Smith, moved in further amendment that the Report of the Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be the second order. On a vote being taken the amendment was carried first, as against the second amendment, and then as against the motion, and the consideration of the Report on Marriage was made the second order for the evening. It was then moved that the Report of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be the third order for the evening. It was moved in amendment that the Overture on Party Politics be the third order. A vote being taken the motion was carried, and the Report on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was declared to be the third order for the evening.

RETURNS TO REMITS.

Mr. James Carswell submitted and read the Report of the Committee on the Returns to Remits, on the proposed new regulations for the Distribution of Probationers ;—stating that returns had been received from eight Presbyteries, namely :—Lanark and Renfrew, Ottawa, Peterboro', Guelph, Maitland, Bruce, Huron, and London ; That of these, one, namely Huron, approves of the Scheme *simpliciter*.—Three, namely, Lanark and Renfrew, Peterboro, and London, suggest a number of alterations ; and four, namely, Bruce, Maitland, Guelph, and Ottawa, disapprove of the Scheme, and express a preference for the one at present in operation. On motion the Report was received.

DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE—OMITTED.

Dr. Laing's motion, laid on the Table, was then taken up, and adopted, and it was agreed that no Committee for the Distribution of Probationers be appointed for this year. And further, the Assembly agreed to tender thanks to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence.

APPLICATION FOR MESSRS. VALENTINE AND HAWLEY.

Dr. Macrae read an application from the Presbytery of St. John, on behalf of Mr. John Valentine and Mr. John Hawley, asking permission that they be allowed to enter the Theological Hall as Students. It was moved by Dr. Macrae, seconded by Mr. George Bruce, and agreed to—that in accordance with the application of the Presbytery of St. John, Messrs. John Valentine and John Hawley be permitted to attend the Divinity Hall in Halifax, during the Session of next winter.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Assembly adjourned, to meet again at half-past seven o'clock, of which intimation was publicly given, and the Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.