

Ottawa, and other overtures were referred to various Committees.

The overture of a number of members of Assembly was read asking for changes in the Standing rule of the house with a view to expediting business. On motion of Dr. Proudfoot the overture was referred to the Presbyteries for consideration.

On motion the name Rev. Mr. Smellie, of Guelph, was added to the roll of that Presbytery.

Rev. Prof. Forrest's name was retained upon the roll of the Presbytery of Halifax.

An overture of the Brockville Presbytery praying that a manual of Church government be published under the authority of the Assembly was laid on the table.

A letter of greeting from the Synod of the Reformed Church in America was received, and the clerk was instructed to make a suitable reply.

The Committee to consider the manner of appointing standing committees was at its own request re-appointed, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Assembly.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented, showing increases in the College, foreign missions, aged and infirm, missionaries', widows' and orphans', and Assembly funds, and a decrease in the Home Mission fund. The latter is attributed to the special effort made in this direction in the preceding years. The amount of contributions to the Assembly fund is \$600 more than last year.

On motion the Committee was instructed to grant Mr. Wright, of Muskoka, an annuity of not more than \$100 from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

An overture from the Presbytery of Manitoba in favour of establishing a fund to build churches in Muskoka and the North-West Territory was read, in which it was stated that a gentleman in Newfoundland had offered \$1,000 to start such a fund. After a brief discussion, in the course of which the importance of the proposal was dwelt upon by several speakers, the overture was received—the Assembly cordially expressing its approval of the object, and referred to the Home Missions Committee.

A Committee was appointed on the Manitoba College.

Days were, on motion, appointed for the taking up of collections for particular schemes of the Church.

On motion of Dr. Burns, the thanks of the Assembly were expressed to the Christian friends of Kingston for the hospitality with which they had received the delegates, mentioning especially Prof. James Fowler and Alex. McAllister, members of the Committee of Arrangements, and the ministers and elders of St. Andrew's Church. Thanks were also given to the Principal and Board of Queen's College, the railways and the press. The mind of the Assembly on this subject was expressed by a rising vote and loud applause.

The Moderator briefly addressed the Assembly, and at his request the closing prayer was offered by Dr. McGregor.

After singing the psalm beginning "Pray that

Jerusalem may have peace and felicity," the Moderator in the usual way declared the Assembly dissolved, and announced that the next Assembly would meet in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., on the second Wednesday in June, 1882, at 7:30 p.m.

The benediction was then pronounced.

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## Literature.

COMPARATIVE NEW TESTAMENT.—Dawson Brothers, Montreal.—This edition contains the Authorized Version and the Revised Version in parallel columns. The print and paper are good, and the arrangement is exceedingly convenient for reference. It is specially suited to the study table.

KANT AND HIS ENGLISH CRITICS: *A Comparison of Critical and Empirical Philosophy*: By JOHN WATSON, M.A., L.L.D., Professor of Moral Philosophy in Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. Glasgow: JAMES MACLEHOSE.—This work indicates a thorough mastery of Kant's Philosophy and a familiar acquaintance with recent philosophical discussion and speculation. We are glad that a Canadian University can show so remarkable a monument of sound reasoning and extensive learning. Dr. Watson's criticism of the Spence-rian Philosophy is acute and conclusive.