Resolved, That this Union receives with cordial pleasure and hearty reciprocation the salutations of its United Presbyterian Brethren, presented by the esteemed Delegates from that Body, and joins in the hope and prayer, that the bonds of Christian love and intimacy which unite us may be drawn more and more closely.

The Committee on the publication of Rev. E. Ebbs' Sermon reported through Dr. Wilkes. 34

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The questions referred to the Committee of the Union last year were reported on through the Secretary ; when it was

*Resolved*, That the Report be received, and referred to a Committee of the whole.

Resolved, That this Union would convey to their beloved Brother, the Rev. S. Snider, the expression of their sympathy with him and his bereaved family while suffering under this severe afflictive visitation —rendered the more heavy by its unexpectedness, and their earnest prayer in his behalf, that the consolations of God may enable him and his beloved partner while sorrowing to rejoice, and that abundant spiritual blessings may accrue to themselves and to the people of our Brother's charge; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Brother Snider.

The Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund presented their final Report.

Resolved, That this Report be received, and considered clause by clause.

After discussion, the following resolutions were adopted :--

I. Resolved, That this Union approve the general principles of the plan submitted by the Committee, viz :---

- The formation of a vested Fund from special donations and legacies, congregational collections annually, and Ministers' annual subscriptions.
- A fixed payment to all Beneficiaries alike. £—— for a Widow, and £—— additional for each Orphan under and until 14 years of age.
- 3. The Fund to be managed by Directors chosen by the Subscribersnamely, Ministers, Collecting Churches, and donors of over  $\pounds$ .

II. Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report to our next Meeting upon the details of the Constitution of the Fund; the reception of Ministers' Subscriptions and the payment of Annuities being deferred until the details have been adjusted by the Union, upon which the Union shall appoint the first Directors, and call a Meeting of the Subscribers at the time and place of its following Meeting, to chose the next Board.

III. Resolved, That the same Committee be authorized meanwhile to receive contributions, as a commencement of the Fund.

IV. Resolved, That the said Committee be divided into two sections. —that for the East (from Kingston, inclusive) consisting of Reys. Dr. Wilkes, A. Burpee, E. A. Noble, Messres. H. Vennor, J. P. Clark, W. R. Hibbard, T. M. Taylor, W. Moodie, P. W. Wood, and C. Alexander, Convener; and that for the West: Messres. M. Holmes, James Wilkes, H. Cochrane, Patrick Freeland, E. F. Whittemore, Revs. E. Ebbs and F. H. Marling, and Mr. James McKeand, Convener. Three in each section to form a quorum: the two Sections to correspond with each other, and present a joint or separate Report, as they may see fit.

Closed with prayer.