

of this church, when it shall continue to be paid until he attains the age of 21 years. When the youngest daughter shall have attained the age of 21 years, the Managers may allow to each unmarried daughter, during the period of her natural life, an annuity not exceeding \$50. Whenever any daughter is married, her interest in the Fund shall cease. In case of b.ys, who, from mental or physical incapacity, are unable to support themselves, the Managers may allow an annuity for a longer time than their attaining the age of 18—such annuity in no case to exceed half of what would be allowed to a widow.

7th.—That whenever an annuity shall become due and payable, in consequence of the death of any Minister, any portion of the contributions remaining unpaid for that year shall be deducted from the first payment.

8th. That in cases of congregations not contributing at all, or of ministers leaving the Province, their widow and orphans shall have no claim for relief, except from the Ministers' department of the fund; and then only in the event of such ministers having regularly contributed during their lives to that department of the fund.

9th. That the annuities to widows shall be payable for the full half year in which the decease of the husband occurs, he being a Minister on the Fund.

10th. That on the death of a widow, the annuity shall be paid to the end of the current half year.

11th. Any Minister refusing or neglecting to pay his annual subscription, shall cease to be entitled to any benefit from the Ministers' Fund for his widow and orphans.

12th. Any Minister refusing or neglecting to take the proper steps to secure the annual collection from his congregation, shall cease to be entitled to any benefit from the Fund for his widow and Orphans.

13th. That any Minister who shall fail or cease to become a member, and afterwards desire to participate in the benefits of the Fund, shall make application to the Board, and, if the Board shall favourably receive his application, it shall only be on payment of all arrearages of subscriptions with interest.

14th. That any Minister, aged forty years or upwards, coming into the Church, shall be admitted to the benefits of the Fund only after a special application to the Board to be made a recipient of its benefits, and upon such terms as the Board shall, upon consideration of the case, in its discretion impose.

15th. That the annuities to Widows or

Orphans form no part of the estates of the contributors, and are payable to annuitants free from responsibility for the contributors' debts, (except such as they may owe to the fund,) and are, and shall be free from attachment by any party whomsoever.

16th. That annuities payable to widows shall be forthwith forfeited by re-marriage.

17th. Should any doubt arise as to the interpretation of any of these Bye-laws or the construction which should be put upon any of them, such doubt shall be referred to the Board, who shall appoint a Committee to consider the same and report to the Board; and the decision of the Board, after receiving such report, shall be final and conclusive.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. J. BREMER,

*Convener of Committee.*

*Halifax, N. S., 20th Oct., 1874."*

Having heard the Report read, it was moved by Rev. D. McRae, seconded by Samuel Archibald, Esq., and adopted, "that the Synod receive the Report, and thank the Committee, the Convener especially, for its diligence; and seeing that the contemplated capital of \$8000 has not yet been raised, delay creating a trust till next meeting of Synod."

In the meantime, the Synod empower the Committee to print its Report, and send a copy to ministers, with a form to be filled up by them, giving all the information required by the Committee.

The Synod also empower the Committee to pay to Mrs. Donald and Mrs. Keay, annuities of \$60 a year, in semi-annual payments of \$30, the first semi-annual payment to be made to them on 1st July, 1875.

The Synod also empower the Committee to add a clause to the constitution, extending the benefit of the fund to Professors in Arts or Divinity, appointed by the Church; re-appoint the Committee, with the addition of James Thomson, Custos, Halifax, G. P. Mitchell, J. S. McDonald, and John Doull.

Also resolved, that Revs. D. McRae, R. J. Cameron, G. M. Grant, Jas. Anderson, Jas. Murray, and W. McMillan, and H. F. Ames, and D. Morrison, Esqrs., be a committee to prepare the business for the next meeting of Synod—said Committee being empowered to confer with similar committees of the negotiating churches, and to determine,