

Ministers' Fund (Western Section). This was agreed to, and on motion of Mr. J. Gray the Committee as previously appointed was cancelled, and the Committee was now appointed as follows:—Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Convener; Dr. Middlemiss, Dr. Parsons, J. A. Murray, H. McQuarrie, A. Leslie, J. Beckett, W. Burns, Professor Baird, P. Nicol, P. Straith, D. Tait, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Battisby, Ministers; and Dr. Macdonald, Warden King, Sir Donald A. Smith, W. B. McMurich, James MacLaren, John Charlton, M.P., David McLellan, Alex. Nairn, Robert Lawrie, W. Adamson, Hon. J. M. Gibson, A. M. Smith, J. K. Osborne, Robert Blackburn, James Gibson, H. J. Johnston, John A. Paterson, D. Morrice, Joseph Gibson, John Kay, John Leys, Jr., W. E. Roxburgh, Robert Brodie.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—ADDITION.

According to notice previously given, Dr. McTavish moved that Messrs. D. Fotheringham and James McNab be added to the Committee on Sabbath Schools already appointed. The motion was adopted. [See list 17th Sederunt.]

BEQUESTS—LATE MRS. NICHOLLS.

A letter was read by the Clerk from the Solicitor of the estate of the late Mrs. Nicholls, of Peterborough, stating that certain Bequests had been made by Mrs. Nicholls to various objects in connection with the work of the Church, as follows:—

To the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000); To the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); To the Home Mission Fund, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); To the Foreign Mission Fund, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); To the fund for the aid of Missions in Manitoba and the North-West Territories of Canada, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); To the French Evangelization Fund, five thousand dollars (\$5,000); To Queen's College, twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000); To Knox College, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000); and further, suggesting the necessity of action by the Assembly in respect to those funds of the Church which are controlled by two different Boards of Management.

Principals Caven and Grant and Mr. J. A. Paterson were appointed a Committee to bring in a suitable resolution in reference to this subject at the evening Sederunt.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUNDS.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald presented the report of the joint Committee (Eastern and Western Sections) to which the reports of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Funds were referred at the ninth Sederunt, to consider how far the work of the Eastern and Western Sections may be unified. On motion of Mr. Macdonald the report was received, and it was agreed to consider it clause by clause. This being done, the clauses were severally adopted, and on a motion to adopt the report as a whole, it was moved in amendment by Mr. C. H. Cooke, seconded by Mr. A. B. Dobson, that the following addition be made to the report, namely:—

That the Committee be instructed to make a re-draft of the regulations for the administration of the Fund, so as to effect: 1st. That no one shall become a beneficiary of that part of the Fund which arises from sources other than ministers' rates, unless his private income is less than four hundred dollars (\$400) a year, and that no beneficiary shall receive more from the Fund than the amount necessary to supplement his private annual income up to that sum; 2nd. That all ministers who are permitted to retire from the active duties of the ministry on the ground of age or infirmity, and not barred by the rule embodied in the preceding clause, shall have the right to go upon the Fund; 3rd. That a scheme of insurance be devised, by which the premium may be paid out of the whole or a part of the Fund arising from ministers' rates; and that the Committee report this re-draft to next Assembly.