

John Gibson, and G. P. Mitchell, Halifax; and Revds. G. M. Grant and Prof. Pollok; that vacancies in said trusteeship shall be supplied as they occur by appointment of the Synod within whose bounds Dalhousie College shall hereafter be embraced; and that future nominations of Professors in terms of this Trust shall also rest in the hands of the said Synod."

The Revds. Dr. Waters and Mr. T. Sedgewick, having been introduced by Rev. Mr. Cameron and invited to sit and deliberate, stated that they appeared as a deputation from the Sister Church of the Lower Provinces to request the appointment of a Committee to consult with a similar Committee appointed by their Court, with reference to the organization of the Church in future as to Presbyteries and Synods;—whereupon it was *Resolved*, "That, the Synod having heard the Revds. Dr. Waters and T. Sedgewick, agree to appoint the following Committee, viz: Revds. R. J. Cameron, J. M. Sutherland, John McMillan, A. McLean, Wm. M. Wilson, and James Cumming, elder."

### MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND REPORT.

Report on the Widow and Orphans' Fund was next read:

"Your Committee, in transmitting the Treasurer's accounts for the past year, are pleased to be able to report the position of the Fund as much more favorable than at last meeting of Synod.

"The Treasurer shows the amount of assets in his hands to be (valuing Nova Scotia Bank stock at cost) \$6099.39, but the following sums have been received since closing the accounts, viz.: from St. James' Church, Charlottetown, \$300, and from St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., \$400. The 21 shares in Bank of Nova Scotia owned by the Fund could be sold for about \$1000 more than they cost, and next month there will be a six month's dividend to be received from the Bank on the 16 old shares, so that the assets of the Fund now amount to within a few dollars of the \$8000 originally contemplated to be raised. But as a large portion of this (over \$1600) is made up of enhanced value of investments and accrued interest, there must still remain a corresponding amount to be paid into the Fund, and which, it is hoped, will be paid in soon, thus putting the Fund in a very favorable position.

"As the report of the Committee presented to Synod in October last was fully published in the *Record*, the Committee did not think it necessary to print it as authorized by the Synod, but they sent to each minister a form as required to be filled up. Returns as per accompanying statement have been received from all except four, who will doubtless give the necessary information during the meeting of Synod or shortly after.

"By direction of the Synod your Committee recommend the following as an addition to the constitution submitted for the approval of the Synod at its last meeting:—'All Professors in Arts or Divinity appointed by this Church, who shall annually pay to the Fund not less than \$12, shall be entitled to the benefit of the Fund to the same extent and subject to the same conditions as a minister paying annually the same amount.' The Committee also recommend that the following be prefixed to the 14th clause of the Constitution:—'Any minister hereafter inducted to a charge in this Church annually paying the amount specified in Clause 3, or whose congregation shall annually make a collection for the Fund of not less than \$12, shall be entitled to be admitted to the benefit of the Fund, but any minister aged 40 or upwards,' &c.

"Your Committee regret that their Treasurer, W. C. Menzies, Esq., finds it necessary to resign the position on account of ill health, and consequent intended from the Province, and they respectfully recommend the appointment of George P. Mitchell, in his stead.

"Respectfully submitted,

"JAMES J. BREMNER,

"Halifax, N. S., 5th June, 1875.

*Convener of Committee."*