

which afflict the Church and in supplication for an outpouring of the influences of the Holy Spirit.

The Minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, which was presented and read by Mr. Croil, Convener. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the Report; thank the Committee and especially the Convener; instruct Presbytery Clerks to solicit returns from non-reporting congregations and Presbyteries to deal at the earliest possible date with those which may still be defaulters, so as to secure, if possible, a complete return within two months; order the report, when thus completed, to be printed in the "Presbyterian;" and re-appoint the Committee with instructions to obtain returns hereafter through Conveners of Committees on Statistics in the several Presbyteries—which Committees Presbyteries are hereby enjoined to appoint.

ANSWERS TO MR. MITCHELL'S REASON OF DISSENT.

Dr. Jenkins presented answers to the reason of dissent given in by Mr. Mitchell from the Synod's disposal of the Temporalities' Fund in the event of Union. These answers were read, adopted and ordered to be entered in the Minutes. They are as follows, viz. :—

1. The "original" distribution of the Fund included the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) a year—equal to a capital sum of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000)—as a grant to Queen's College. It is not correct, therefore, in so far as the proposed distribution to Queen's College and to Morrin College, that it is "contrary to the original intention for which this Fund was established."

2. In regard to the proposed appropriation of six-ninths of the Temporalities' Fund to the formation of a Fund for the benefit of Aged and Infirm Ministers of the united Church retired from the active duties of the Ministry with the sanction of said Church, it clearly cannot be deemed "contrary to the original intention for which this Fund was established;" for the reason that even under its present regulations five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5400)—representing a capital sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000)—are annually expended in the form of a Ministers' Retiring Fund.

3. These considerations meet to a sufficient extent the objections to the proposed distribution of at least eight-ninths of the Fund. The appropriation to devote the remaining one-ninth to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the united Church is virtually an investment for the benefit of Ministers' families, and therefore *not* "contrary to the principle of a partial endowment of the Ministry."

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