to the Sister Synod returned, and reported that they had met with a very kind and courteous reception, and discharged the duties entrusted to them. When, on motion of Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Duncan, it was resolved, that Revds. R. J. Cameron, J. Murray, and D. Morrison, Esq., be a Committée to arrange with a Committee that has been appointed by the P. C. L. P. Synod, as to the time, place, and manner of consummating the Union, and the Synod do agree to hold a Conference with the Sister Synod at 9.30 to-morrow morning.

WIDOW AND ORPHANS' SCHEME RE-PORT.

J. J. Bremner, Esq., Convener, submitted the following Report on the Widow and Orphans' Scheme:—

The Committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to draw up rules and regulations for the management of the Widows' and Orphans' fund, heg respectfully to report that they have given the matter their earnest consideration, but regret that the absence of certain information, such as the ages of our ministers, and the numbers of their families, as also the amount contributed to form the capital fund, puts them at a disadvantage in attempting to come to satisfactory conclusions on the subject.

Your Committee think it best, under those circumstances, to report, for the consideration of the Synod as the result of their investigations, certain general principles for the government of the fund. and recommend that when these have been discussed by the Synod, they, as approved or amended, may form the basis of a constitution to be drawn up by a Committee appointed by the Synod for that purpose, such Committee being furnished with the information which appears to your present Committee to be so important.

Your Committee desire to state that they have in a great measure derived their information on this subject from the working of the scheme of our sister church in Ontario and Quebec; and have drawn their recommendations largely from the constitution of that scheme, rejecting some clauses, and adding to and amending others, as seemed to them desirable.

Your Committee submit the following for the consideration of the Synod:

1st. That the Synod create a Trust for the management of the fund, the members to be chiefly laymen, and their successors to be elected by the Synod, said trust to

hold the funds, receive all income and pay all annuities.

2nd. The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the trust in three accounts; the first to be composed of the contributions made annually by the ministers themselves; the second to be composed of congregational collections; the third a capital account, such portion of the interest only of this fund to be used for the payment of annuities as may be deficient in the annual income from ministers' and congregational contributions, any surplus from this source, as well as from the others, to be put to capital account.

3rd. All ministers of our church who shall, not later than 1st December, 1875, agree to pay \$12 annually to the fund, or whose congregation shall annually make a collection for the fund of not less than \$12 per annum, first collection to be made previously to 1st December, 1875, shall be entitled to the benefit of the fund, the first payments to the treasurer to be made previously to 31st Dec., 1875, and subsequent annual payments previously to 1st August

in each year.
4th. That the Board shall from time to time determine what annuity shall be paid to Widows and Orphans, and that, until otherwise determined, the annuity to be paid to all parties entitled thereto shall be as follows:

To the widows of ministers who have contributed to the ministers' fund

\$12 per annum, an annuity of \$50 per annum.

To the widows of ministers whose congregations have contributed to the congregational fund

\$12 and under \$18 p. ann., an annuity of \$80 p. an. 90 " 100 " " 30 36 44 64 24 " 110 " 30 " 66 42 and upwards,

5th. That in the case of widows having children, males under 18 years, and females under 21 years of age, an addition payable to the mother shall be made to the above scale of annuities at the following rates, viz:-\$16 for one child, \$28 for two children, \$36 for three children, \$40 for four children, and \$4 for each additional child, as the number may be.

6th. That in the event of a child or children coming on the Fund, in consequence of the death of both parents, the same annuity as in the case of a widow shall be payable for the benefit of the minor or minors, until the youngest daughter shall attain the age of 21 years, or the youngest boy shall attain the age of 18 years, unless he is studying with a view to the ministry