

The Committee then adjourned, to meet on Monday, the 14th. at 10.30 a.m.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*  
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, and within Calvin Church there, on the 14th day of April, 1873, at 10.30 a.m., the Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

Principal Snodgrass moved, seconded by the Hon. John McMurrich, and the motion was unanimously agreed to, That the Committee recommend that steps be taken at the first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Church, for the equitable establishment and administration of an efficient Fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of ministers.

It was also unanimously resolved, on the motion of Principal Snodgrass, That such legislation shall be sought as shall preserve undisturbed all rights of property now belonging to congregations and corporate bodies, and, at the same time, not interfere with freedom of action on the part of congregations in the same locality desirous of uniting, or on the part of corporate bodies which may find it to be expedient to discontinue, wholly or partially, their separate existence.

Principal Snodgrass reported action on the part of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, as follows: "That the Temporalities Fund shall remain, as at present, in the hands of a Board, the membership of which shall be continued, after the consummation of the Union, by the remanent members having power to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise; and the administration of the Fund shall continue on the same principles and for the same purposes as at present, until all vested rights shall have lapsed; and these rights shall be held to be the following:—(1.) The annual receipt by ministers now receiving four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450), four hundred dollars (\$400), or two hundred dollars (\$200), of the same amount during their lifetime, and good standing in the Church. (2.) The annual receipt of two thousand dollars (\$2000) by the Treasurer of Queen's College, and (3) the annual receipt