

prepare a scheme for a fund for the widows and orphans of Ministers, proposing to raise by appeal to the more wealthy members and adherents of the Church, a capital fund of \$4,000 to increase this fund, that a collection shall be taken up in each Church; and while open at all times to the donations and bequests of the benevolent, that the fund shall depend for its future support, on the annual contributions from both Sessions and Ministers.

The raising of a capital fund of \$4,000, by appealing to the liberality of the wealthy, and of increasing it by collections in each congregation was approved, and it was remitted to the committee to carry out the object, in the way which they judge best. It was further agreed, "That for the present year the chief effort shall be the raising of the capital fund, and that the details for the management and distribution of funds be a matter of future consideration;" and the committee were directed to have a scale of distribution prepared, to be submitted to Synod next year. The committee was re-appointed, with the addition of Rev. D. Roy.

Appointment to
Chatham

Rev. Thomas Sedgewick was appointed to assist Rev. J. McCurdy, in dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at Chatham, on the 4th Sabbath of July.

Report of Com.
on Popery

The Rev. G. Sutherland read the report of the committee on Popery, shewing the incessant danger of our Protestant Institutions in the Lower Provinces, from the large numbers of the Romanist population, under the guidance of an influential priesthood; and recommending an application to the Protestant Institute of Scotland, to send at least one Evangelical labourer to be employed among our Roman Catholic brethren; and recommending co-operation with other Protestant bodies, to counteract the designs of the Papacy. The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved, and the committee re-appointed with the addition of Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Moses Harvie, Rev. Mr. Downie.

Motion on
Scripture
Readers

On motion, agreed that the committee be authorized to open negotiations with the Protestant Institute of Scotland, and the French Canadian Missionary Society, to ascertain if Scripture readers to labour among the Gaelic and French population, may be obtained, and at what cost, with directions to report to next meeting of Synod. Closed with prayer.

SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Statistical
Table

The Rev. James Allan then submitted the Statistical Returns arranged in tabular form and stated to the Synod what congregations had failed to make returns. It was agreed that prior to publication of the table, the Clerks of Presbyteries be directed to use diligence to have returns forwarded to the Clerk from the vacant charges, as well as from all settled ministers. The Clerk was directed in future to send the questions to the Clerks of Presbyteries instead of to individuals as heretofore.

Appeal fm. Mr.
& Mrs. Fraser

Took up an appeal against a decision of the Session of Prince Street Church, which decision had been sustained by the Presbytery of Pictou, by which Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser were suspended from Church privi-