

\$88,40, and this after the payment of a half-year's salary, \$600, to Professors. He moved that the report be adopted, and the following be elected Trustees:—Hon. James Fraser, of New Glasgow; W. Gordon and D. A. Perry, Esqrs., of Pictou, N. S.; J. Gibson, G. P. Mitchell, and Brenner (Treasurer), Esqrs., of Halifax; and Revs. G. M. Grant and Pollock, and if vacancies occur, they shall be supplied by the Synod in which the College exists.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Rev. Mr. McRae presented the report for this fund. Assets in hand, \$6,099 39; other items since received, etc., made it amount to \$8,000.

Rev. Mr. McRae moved, seconded by Rev. James Murray, that the Committee and Convener be thanked for the diligence and wisdom displayed in the management of the fund. They rejoice that the contemplated amount of \$8,000 has been so nearly reached, and trust that the expectation of the Convener as to the increase of the fund may be fully realized. The Committee, with certain alterations, was re-appointed.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Moderator presented the Report on Home Missions. It appeared that in 1868, when organized, the Synod consisted of thirty-one ministers, the number now being the same, while in some cases there has been a change as to individuals. The report referred to some causes which had led to the want of growth, the chief being the scarcity of ministers, and the fact that so few young men had studied for the ministry. There had, however, been an improvement, chiefly from the fact that they had received labourers, principally catechists, from the Colonial Committee. The church is to a great extent self-sustaining, although there is a necessity for raising the salaries of ministers. The report referred to the appointment of Rev. Mr. Pollock, as Professor in the Hall at Halifax. From the Treasurer's report it appeared that \$556 13 had been collected for the Synod's Home Mission, about one-third of the congregations having failed to make any collection. After several members had expressed their views the report was received.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Mr. McLean read the Annual Report of the Mission Board; while the mission at Santa, one of the South Hebrides Islands, had to be discontinued, the work on the island of Erromanga was progressing most satisfactorily under the charge of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, who now employed ten native assistants. There have been twenty-four members added to the church out there, and between four and five hundred attend Divine service on the Sabbath. Miss Johns had gone to Madras as a missionary, the entire expense being borne by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church. It presented to the entire body a signal example of true Christian liberality, and should erase for ever from the Treasurer's returns, the pitiful figures of \$20, \$30, etc., showing the sums given by various congregations to the work.

It was agreed that this Synod cordially adopt the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee; thank the Committee, and very especially the Convener, for the zeal and fidelity with which they have discharged the important duties entrusted to them, and re-appoint them to continue the good work in the foreign field.