

REPORT.

SINCE the date of last report the Board has met with a severe loss by the death of its late chairman. At a meeting of the Board held on the 10th of November last the following resolution in relation thereto was placed on record:—

“The Board record their sense of the heavy loss they have sustained by the death of their late chairman Mr. WILLIAM DARLING who, from the time of his election as a member of the Board in 1867, had taken a deep interest in the prosperity of the Fund, and as a member of the Executive for a long period had brought great ability to bear upon its interests, devoting much time and thought to its management. The Board, appreciating the wisdom and prudence with which he presided over their deliberations as chairman for the last ten years, feel that they will greatly miss his judicious counsels, and they beg to tender their sincere sympathy to his widow and family in their sore bereavement.”

Mr. Andrew Allan of Montreal was unanimously elected chairman of the Board in room of the late Mr. Darling. The chairman, *ex officio*, with Rev. Robt. Campbell and Mr. Alexander Macpherson were appointed the Executive Committee of the Board.

Nomination papers having been sent to the Beneficiaries asking them to name a layman belonging to the Presbyterian Church in Canada to take the place of late Mr. Darling as a member of the Board, and also of one to act as auditor in place of Mr. Macpherson, who is now a member of the Board, the returns received by the Secretary were duly laid before the Executive Committee, and the same having been carefully examined by them, it was found that Mr. Edward Black Greenshields of Montreal received the largest number of votes for the first named vacancy, and Mr. Philip S. Ross, chartered accountant, of Montreal, for the second, and it was certified accordingly by the Executive.

The suit brought against the Board by Rev. Hugh Niven, claiming certain arrears of stipend and complaining against the