

## TEMPORALITIES FUND.

It was reported on the part of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. "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 :

1st. 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.

2nd. The annual receipt of two thousand dollars, (\$2000) by the Treasurer of Queen's College.

3rd. The annual receipt of two hundred dollars, (\$200) by all the ministers who shall be on the Synod Roll at the time of Union, and by all recognized Probationers and Licentiates during their lifetime and good standing in the Church ; that as soon as the Fund or any part of it shall no longer be required for these purposes, it shall be appropriated (1) to the formation of a Fund for the benefit of Aged and Infirm Ministers of the United Church, retired from the active duties of the ministry with the sanction of the said Church, in the proportion of six-ninths (2) for the maintenance and extension of the Theological Faculty of Queen's College, in the proportion of two-ninths (3) to the Ministers' Widows', and Orphans' Fund of the said United Church in the proportion of one-ninth—these calculations to be based on a capital fund of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, (\$450,000) and the residue over and above the amount, up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be devoted to the maintenance of the Theological Faculty of Morrin College; and whereas the Committee on Union desire instructions as to the mode of making provision for the payment of two hundred dollars (\$200) per annum to all ministers on the Roll at the time of Union, until such time as they become beneficiaries of the Temporalities Fund, the Synod refer the matter to the wisdom of the Committee to arrange such method of provision as they may deem best, drawing if necessary, and only as an extreme measure, when no other method of meeting the difficulty can be devised, upon the capital of the Fund—the same to be repaid to capital before any distribution of the principal Fund take place.

In view of this Synodical deliverance the Joint Committee agreed unanimously to record its satisfaction with the proposed arrangement of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

## HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On these most important departments of Church work it was after earnest consideration resolved that the Committee does now express its confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign Missionary and Benevolent operations of the several Churches according to their respective claims ; and that with regard to the practical work of the Church, and the promotion of its schemes whilst the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements through Synods and Local Committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy, the various sections of the Church, and at the same time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people on behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion, and throughout the world.

## NAME OF THE UNITED CHURCH.

After some friendly conversation on this point it was finally resolved that the name of the United Church shall be "The Presbyterian Church of British North America."

Having thus happily exhausted all the subjects prepared for mutual consultation, the Committee resolved to record the following statement: "This meeting having carefully reviewed the deliberations and proceedings of the present, and two former joint meetings of Committee, records its gratification at the agreement which has been attained on the various subjects that have been considered, and believing that all matters claiming attention have been discussed, resolves "That the Committee in reporting to the next annual meeting of the Supreme Courts of their respective Churches shall submit an extract of this minute, along with the proposed Basis of Union, and the deliverances that have been passed, with a strong recommendation in favour of the adoption of the same without charge, so that precisely the same document may be transmitted by all the courts, and that there may be no further delay in ascertaining the views of all parties concerned on the subject of Union."

Before concluding this Report your Committee feel great pleasure in drawing attention to the very satisfactory decision recently taken by the Assembly in Toronto and Synod in Montreal, which contain the