

Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the United Church, to which all Ministers and Congregations will be expected to contribute, and that in the meantime the services of an actuary be secured to value the different Funds now in existence, and to submit an equitable plan for the establishment and future management of the Fund.

The meeting appointed the following committee, viz.:—The Chairman and Secretary, with the Conveners of the respective Committees, the Hon. Alexander Morris and the Hon. John McMurrich, to prepare a document embodying the results of these meetings which might be submitted to the respective Churches.

Adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Sec'y.*

At Montreal and within St. Paul's Church there, at 5 o'clock 30th September, 1870. The Joint Committee met after adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman.

Sederunt, the Rev. Dr. Cook, the Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D.D., Hon. Alexander Morris, Mr. Croil, Mr. Sheriff McDougall, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Topp, the Rev. Robert Ure, Hon. John McMurrich, Mr. David Mackay, Mr. Thomas McRae, the Rev. Allan Pollok, the Rev. G. M. Grant, the Rev. Donald McRae, Hon. John Robertson, Hon. John Holmes, Mr. James J. Bremner, the Rev. Dr. Bayne, the Rev. James Bennet, the Rev. G. Christie, Mr. Henry Webster and Mr. David Laird.

The Rev. Dr. Cook, Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the former meetings were read and sustained.

The members of this Committee, in bringing their deliberations to a close desire to record their great satisfaction at the entire harmony of sentiment which has prevailed among them on the subject of Union, and generally with regard to all matters of detail affecting the practicability of the contemplated Union, and now in the belief that the hopes of the negotiating Churches will, through the blessing of God, be realized, unanimously resolve to report to their respective Churches that the following articles be recommended to be adopted as the basis of Union for the United Church to be known under the name of "The Presbyterian Church of British North America."

1. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, being the infallible Word of God, are the supreme standard of faith and manners.

2. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall be the subordinate standard of this Church, it being understood, 1. That

full liberty of opinion in regard to the power and duty of the Civil Magistracy in matters of religion, as set forth in said Confession, be allowed; and 2. That the use of the Shorter Catechism be enjoined as an authoritative exposition of doctrine for the instruction of the people.

3. That this Church shall maintain fraternal relations with Presbyterian Churches holding the same doctrine, and government and discipline, and that Ministers and Probationers shall be received into the Church, subject to such regulations as the Church may from time to time adopt.

The joint Committee, in order to bring the other matters considered by them under the notice of their respective Churches, resolve to report, as they hereby do, by transmitting the minutes duly signed and attested.

The Committee unanimously resolved to meet at 8 o'clock this evening to engage in religious services, in prayer and thanksgiving to God for the spirit of unity and brotherly love, poured out upon them in all their deliberations.

Adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Sec'y.*

At same place and date, 8 o'clock, p. m. The joint Committee met and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt, the Rev. Drs. Taylor, Snodgrass, Bayne, Topp, the Rev. Messrs. Christie, Grant, Pollok, McRae, Hon. Alexander Morris, Messrs. Croil, Mackay, Webster, McDougall, Laird.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor, Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Topp, Secretary.

This being a meeting mainly for devotional exercises, Mr. Pollok read the 47th chapter of Ezekiel, after which the Rev. Dr. Jenkins being present was requested to engage in prayer. After one or two addresses from Members, the Chairman read part of 17th chapter of John, and Mr. Christie afterwards engaged in prayer.

The Committee then unanimously resolved to record their thanks to the Trustees of this Church for their kindness in granting them the use of it for their meetings, and also to the Christian friends in Montreal, who have with so much heartiness and generosity extended their hospitality to the members of these Committees.

After singing the last two verses of the 72nd Psalm, and after the benediction by the Chairman the meeting was closed.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, D.D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

It would be unreasonable to expect that all obstacles and difficulties could be surmounted at once; or that the proceedings of the Committees would give perfect satis-