

## SUSTENTATION FUND.

The Assembly then took up a memorial from the Synod of London, expressing satisfaction with the past management of the Home Mission business by a Central Committee, and regret that, while the salaries of some ministers are ample and increasing, those of others are totally inadequate, thus occasioning a discrepancy hardly compatible with the unity implied in Presbyterianism, and the ecclesiastical parity of its ministers; and praying the Assembly to take such steps as may tend to secure, if possible, the management of the Home Mission business of the united Church by a Central Committee, whose labours and resources shall be confined to strictly Home Mission work; and also to have a large Sustentation Fund, out of which the stipends of ministers may be supplemented, so that such a degree of equality may be attained as may be practicable in the different spheres which ministers occupy, and as may be sufficient to secure adequate and comfortable support to all.

After long conference on the important subject, a resolution, on the motion of Dr. Topp, was adopted in the following terms:—"The Assembly receive the memorial from the Synod of London, and heartily endorse the object contemplated by said memorial, in the hope that at the earliest opportunity, such action may be taken by the United Church as will effectually promote the establishment of a Sustentation Fund for the support of the ministry."

## REPORT OF KNOX COLLEGE.

On Thursday afternoon the Assembly called for the report of the Board of Management of Knox College. The same was read by Dr. Proudfoot, Chairman. The report of the Senate was also given in, and the report of the Board of Examiners was, in the absence of Rev. John King, the Chairman, read by Professor Gregg.

It appeared from the reports that there were in the College during the past session thirty-two theological students; twelve students in the preparatory department, while not a few students were taking a full University course. The report stated that the subscriptions for the new College buildings amounted to \$110,000, of which amount \$51,000 had been paid. The buildings are now almost completed. The work of canvassing the remaining congregations of the Church is being carried on by Mr. Warden. It was hoped that the amount received might be sufficient for the erection of houses for the Professors. The report referred to the fact that there was a balance against the ordinary fund of \$2,700, the greater part of which had been contracted in former years. The report of the Senate referred to the Scholarship and Bursary Scheme, and gave the names of the successful competitors.

On the motion of Dr. Topp, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, the Assembly adopted the following resolution:—

"That the Assembly receive the report of the Board of Management of Knox College with the accompanying documents, and adopt the same, expressing its thankfulness for the large liberality which has been manifested towards the erection of the new College, and earnestly recommending that strenuous efforts be made by the congregations of the Church, that the regular income of the College may be sufficient to meet the expenditure."

## MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The report of the Board of Management of Montreal College was