

THE
CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING,
HELD IN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, HAMILTON.

JUNE 11th, 1875.

The Provident Fund Society met in the Congregational Church, Hamilton, June 11th, 1875, at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Wm. Edgar, of Hamilton, was called to the chair, and Mr. S. J. Lyman, of Montreal, appointed Secretary. After prayer the roll was called and the following members answered to their names :—

Revs. Messrs. W. H. Allworth, R. Brown, W. Clarke, Geo. Cormish, C. Chapman, J. Howell, J. I. Hindley, S. N. Jackson, F. H. Marling, D. Macallum, J. McKillican, A. McGregor, J. G. Sanderson, J. Salmon, W. W. Smith, J. Unsworth, J. Wood, Dr. Wilkes, J. A. R. Dickson, W. Manchee, E. D. Silcox, W. H. A. Claris. Delegates representing churches—J. Crow, Guelph; J. Fraser, Bond street, Toronto; Geo. Pim, Zion Church, Toronto.

The Reports of the Society were presented by Mr. T. Robertson, of Montreal, in the absence of the Secretary of the Board. The Rev. H. J. Colwell enquired whether under Article No. 4, sec. 1, he could transfer his name, with funds to his credit in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund branch, to the Retiring Fund branch. The question was referred to the Secretary of the Board.

Rev. Wm. Clarke addressed the Society on the state of the endowment for the Retiring Ministers' Fund branch. It was proposed that five thousand dollars should be raised. Of this, Ontario would raise \$3,000, and Quebec \$2,000. He was happy to be able to report that \$3,400 had been promised in Ontario, of which \$1,234.66 had been paid in.

It was moved by the Rev. S. N. Jackson, seconded by the Rev. R. Brown, and *Resolved*, that the report be amended by inserting the names of churches and individuals entitled to representation at the annual meeting; and that the following gentlemen constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing year :—Messrs. J. C. Barton, C. R. Black, C. Alexander, J. R. Dougall, J. S. McLachlan, R. Dunn, R. C. Jamieson, W. R. Ross, T. Robertson, and J. Baylis.

In reference to notice of motion of last year, it was moved by R. Brown, seconded by Rev. J. Wood, and

Resolved,—"In general By-Law, No. 3, for section 2 to substitute the following :—

"Any beneficiary member leaving the ministry, or the denomination, or ceasing to be in good standing, shall thereby forfeit all claim on the fund, unless he has been a member for five years; but after having paid in