Fourthly. Beyond this your Committee would recommend the exaction of a substitute legal guarantee for the whole sum represented by the book of notes, from four or more reliable churchmen in each cure, and that the book of notes itself be transferred to these four or more persons as their security for the amount by them pledged to the Synod.

Fifthly. This latter guarantee should be held, not by the Clergyman, but by the Synod, and be periodically enforced by the Archdeacon, or by some officer deputed by him to that service.

Sixthly. All moneys thus incoming should form a common fund, and the Clergy be paid out of that fund by draft, under the authority of the Synod.

Your Committee do not believe that under the proposed system severe action need ever be taken. The strict legality of the whole proceeding would so impress the parties interested that the money would be paid with little hesitation or delay. In the majority of cases it is not inability to pay, but carelessness or a presuming upon the forbearance of the Clergyman that induces the evil. Some such change as this, by putting the whole matter in a stricter form, and placing the claim to payment in powerful and independent hands, would, in all probability, remove that evil. The success, however, of any remedial measure must altogether depend on the determined, energetic, and uncompromising action of the Synod.

CHARLES FOREST, Chairman of Committee.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The Committee on the Widows and Orphans Fund beg respectfully to advise the adoption of the following Canons:—

1. A Committee, consisting of seven members of the Synod, of whom four shall be Clergymen, shall be annually appointed by the Lord Bishop, to superintend and manage, under the authority of the Synod, the affairs of the Widows and Orphans Fund; it shall be the duty of such Committee to prepare and transmit, for the consideration of the Synod, at its annual meeting, a report of all business relative to the management, investments, and improvement of the said Widows and Orphans Fund; and no matter connected with this Fund shall be decided upon by the Synod until it shall have first been submitted to the Committee for them to report thereupon.

2. All rents, issues, or profits of lands or tenements held, or to be held by the Synod, for the relief of the widows and orphans of Clergymen, and all moneys given or granted for the same purpose, unless special provision be mad thereof othery Fund,

3. Each and cese shall, in fits of the Wid pay to the said of the Canon shall, from tin said Fund; a directions giv collections (af phans Fund, Bishop, in w collections in excuse or disp Clergyman so be to make a considered, so such collection that nothing h duly licensed, ister, from par Fund, although

4. The wido his decease, she cese, or as a C as such, or have of the Bishop o or from the tim with the requi claim the annu who may have may, on petitio participate in the together with th required by the his petition be a with the reason Synod may gran man deceased, v of this Diocese,

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