

the other Synods of the Church, including Manitoba; that the Committee be correspondingly divided into two sub-sections for the transaction of business within their respective districts, empowered to act separately, but to report jointly to the General Assembly.

That the Fund to be administered by the Board shall consist of two parts, (1.) the Home Mission Fund proper, for the support and extension of Mission stations throughout the Dominion; (2) the Fund for supplementing organized Congregations unable of themselves to provide fully for the maintenance of ordinances.

That the support of Manitoba College shall in the meantime be a charge on the Home Mission Fund.

That Congregations not self-supporting but able to pay at least \$400 annually toward stipend, and at the rate of \$4.50 per communicant or \$6 per family, may be supplemented by the Board; and that the minimum stipend, exclusive of manse, from all sources, shall be \$700 in all such cases. (This recommendation as to the effect that separate collections should be taken up throughout the church annually for the Home Mission Fund, and for the supplementing of small Congregations, and that no settled minister in the church should receive a smaller stipend from all sources than \$700.) In cities and towns this sum may be exceeded at the discretion of the Committee. The amount of supplement shall in no case exceed what is necessary to bring up the stipend to \$700, and in all cases it must be proved to the satisfaction of the Presbytery of the bounds that a Congregation has contributed for stipend to the extent of its ability.

III. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That there shall be one central Fund for the support of Foreign Missions to which all the Congregations and mission stations, shall be required to contribute annually; and one Board of Management annually appointed by the General Assembly. In the meantime, however, it is deemed expedient that the Fund be divided into two sections:—(1) Ontario, Quebec, and the North-West; (2) the Maritime Provinces. (This, in consideration of the fact that the Churches of the Maritime Provinces, at the time of the Union, were committed to a very successful scheme of Foreign Missions, established a number of years ago in the South Sea Islands, the West Indies, and elsewhere.)

IV. MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS FUND.

That one Fund be created for the whole Church, that respect be had to the provi-

sions contained in the Act 38 Vict., cap. 61—passed during last session of the Legislature of Quebec, to the effect that no widow or orphan of a minister, who had formerly belonged to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, shall receive a less annuity from the fund of the United Church than would have pertained to them, in terms of the scale in force at the date of Union, if the Churches had not united; that the terms on which ministers be admitted to the benefits of the Fund be as follows:—the payment, by each minister applying for admission under 35 years of age, of \$8 annually; from 35 to 40 years of age, \$10; and from 40 to 50 years of age, \$12 annually,—application by parties over 50 years of age to be subject to special consideration; that the ministers of the late Presbyterian Church of Scotland in Canada continue to pay, as heretofore, \$12; the ministers of the late Churches in the Lower Provinces \$8,* and the ministers of the late Canada Presbyterian Church at the rate first mentioned, \$8, \$10, and \$12 annually, that saving the above proviso, in favour of the Church of Scotland in Canada, the payments to widows and orphan's be in all cases equal, namely, \$150 per annum to each widow, with the additional annual sum of \$20 for one child, \$36 for two children, \$50 for three children, and \$10 for each additional child. In the case of orphan children, the annuity be the same as to a widow until the annuitant or annuitants have reached the age of 18 years for girls, and 21 for boys.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

That there be instituted one Fund for the payment of retiring allowances, to be supported by annual congregational collections throughout the Church, donations and bequests; that ministers retiring from active service, with the consent of the General Assembly, after 10 years service, be entitled to an annuity of \$100, and \$10 per year for every additional year's service, to 40 years' service, if the Fund admit.

COLLEGES.

In addition to the revenues derived from their endowments, it was ascertained that the following sums are requisite to maintain the undermentioned Colleges in the present state of efficiency, namely:—King's College, Toronto, requires \$11,000; Theological Faculty of Queen's College, Kingston, \$2000; The Montreal College, \$6500, and the Theological Hall of Halifax \$5000, annually.

* \$8 for those who have been on the Foreign Mission to pay something more, but their side mission to be on terms exceedingly easy and advantageous.—P. G. McG.