

and to use their utmost efforts by petition or otherwise, through the Presbyteries and Sessions of this Church, to prevent any such legislative proceedings."

After lengthened discussion, Mr. Burns' motion having been withdrawn, the vote of the Synod was taken, when 4 voted for the amendment by Dr. Burns, and 46 by Mr. Kemp.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Report of the Widow's Fund Committee was read. It presented an encouraging position of the Fund, which amounts now to upwards of \$32,300. There has been no increase in the number of annuitants. The Report was received and adopted.

The Report presented by Mr. J. M. King, on the part of the Committee appointed to take steps to raise a certain amount from congregations connected with the former United Presbyterian Church, was of a very gratifying nature.

"The Committee reported that already 50 ministers had signified their intention to connect themselves with the fund; that \$6,492 had been promised within the three years, and that \$2,111 had already been paid. The Committee expressed the hope that by June, 1864, the whole amount would be raised, and that all the ministers of the late United Presbyterian Synod who had any desire to join the fund would be connected with it."

The Report was received and adopted, and the Committee re-appointed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCES OF THE CHURCH.

The Hon. J. McMurrich presented the report of the Committee on the Finances of the Church, together with the accounts of all the schemes. The report stated that all the funds were in a favourable state, with the exception of the College Fund. The Report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Mr. J. McTavish presented the Report of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. From the report, it appeared that there were now three ministers in the fund, so that there is a necessity for continued and increased liberality. The amount at present available is \$715 00. The Report was adopted, and certain regulations which were proposed by the Committee, were sent down for the consideration of Presbyters. The case of Dr. Cairns, an aged minister and missionary, was referred to the consideration of the Committee.

PRAYER FOR COLLEGE, &c.

The Synod appointed the first Sabbath of October as a day of special prayer for Knox College. The Synod further agreed to leave it with the Moderator, to appoint a day for special religious services, adapted to the condition of the country, when the results of the coming harvest shall have been ascertained.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Home Mission Committee was presented by Dr. Thornton, Convener, on the evening of Thursday, 12th. The Report will be published either in the present or in a future number of the *Record*. The Report stated that at the first meeting for distribution there were 59 applications and only 30 missionaries available, at the second meeting the applications were 59, while the number of preachers was only 22. The Committee had admitted claims for aid to the amount of \$1,393 73, which they were in a condition to meet, with a balance still left. The Synod sustained the Report, and agreed to record their thanks to the Church in Ireland for their liberal assistance, instructing the Convener to forward to the Convener of the Mission Board of the Church in Ireland a detached statement of the application of funds so kindly furnished by their liberality, together with an expression of their thanks for the assistance furnished during the year.

In connexion with the Home Mission Report, there was read by Mr. King a report of the Buxton Mission. The Report related that "there are two schools