

present beneficiaries of the fund must be conserved. The matter of a Sustentation Fund was brought up in connection with the question now under discussion. After lengthened deliberation, it was resolved that whilst a general Sustentation Fund may not be in the meantime practicable, though highly desirable, the efforts of the United Church should be strongly directed in favour of Home Missionary or Church extension purposes. And as to the future appropriation of the 'Temporalities' Fund as vested rights gradually lapse, it was thought best to express no special opinion at present, inasmuch as the decision on the subject rests with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland.

VI. With regard to modes of worship, it was, after some conversation on the subject, resolved, that the practice presently followed by congregations in the matter of worship be allowed, and that further action in connection therewith be left to the legislation of the United Church.

VII. The subject of Collegiate Education was then taken up. There was full expression of sentiment thereon; but the hour of adjournment (5 o'clock) having arrived, the meeting adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D.,
Chairman.
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D.,
Secretary.

At the same place on the 29th September, 1870, the joint committee again met and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. James Bennett.

Sederunt, as before, the Rev. Dr. Cook; chairman; the Rev. Dr. Topp, secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

The subject of Collegiate Education was resumed and consideration of the same continued till the hour of adjournment (one o'clock.)

The meeting then adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

On the same day and at same place the joint committee met and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Donald McRae.

Sederunt as before, the Rev. Dr. Cook, chairman; the Rev. Dr. Topp, secretary.

The subject of Collegiate Education was again resumed, several motions were pro-

posed, but the consideration of the subject was further deferred.

The meeting adjourned at five o'clock, and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary*

At the same place on the 30th September, 1870, the joint committee met and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. G. Christie.

Sederunt as before. The Rev. Drs. Cook, chairman; the Rev. Dr. Topp, secretary.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and sustained.

The meeting resumed consideration of the subject of a Collegiate Education, when the following motion, proposed by the Hon. Alexander Morris and seconded by the Hon. John Robertson, was unanimously adopted, viz., the joint committee resolve to recommend that the earnest attention of the United Church should be given at the earliest possible moment to secure the maintenance in thorough efficiency of a Presbyterian University, and of such theological halls as may be found requisite to provide the necessary facilities for the education of the ministers of the Church in the various provinces of British North America.

VIII. The matter of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the United Church was then taken up, when it was unanimously agreed to recommend the establishment of an efficient Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the United Church, to which all ministers and congregations will be expected to contribute, and that in the meantime the services of an actuary be secured to value the different funds now in existence, and to submit an equitable plan for the establishment and future management of the Fund.

The meeting appointed the following committee, viz.: the chairman, and secretary with the conveners of the respective committees, the Hon. Alexander Morris, and the Hon. John McMurrich, to prepare a document embodying the results of these meetings to be submitted to the respective churches.

Adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At Montreal and within St. Paul's Church there, at five o'clock, 30th September, 1870, the joint committee met after adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman.