

Resolved,—That the Society accede to the proposition of the Church Society of Huron, and pay them \$200.00, placing the bond of the Elora parsonage to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' investments.

The Secretary then read the following report of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

The special committee named by his Lordship the Bishop, on the 15th June, to consider the remainder of the Report relating to the Widows and Orphans' Fund beg to report, and suggest: for the present "Article XI" to By-law for the due administering and improving the Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto—that the following be substituted:

"Every Widow, or the Guardian of any of the Orphans of a Clergyman desiring annuities from the Widows and Orphans' Fund, shall apply by memorial to the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto for said annuity, setting forth the time of decease of such clergyman, the name of his widow, and the names and ages of each of the children as the case may be. And such memorial shall be taken into consideration by the Standing Committee at their next meeting after the receipt of such memorial, and if it shall appear that the deceased clergyman has complied with all the provisions and requirements of this by-law, they shall forthwith report to the Society that the widow and orphans of the said clergyman are entitled to annuities according to the scale following:—

1. Every widow with an income of \$200, and under, an annuity to herself of \$240, and children under 21 years of age each \$40, but not to exceed in all for children \$160.
2. Every widow with an income of \$200 to \$400 an annuity to herself of \$160, and children under 21 years of age each \$20, but not to exceed in all for children \$80.
3. Every widow with an income of over \$400, to \$500, an annuity for each child under 21 years of age of \$40, but not to exceed in all for children \$160.
4. Every widow with an income of over \$500, to \$600, an annuity for each child under 21 years of age of \$20, but not to exceed in all for children \$80.

And in cases where orphans alone are the subject of annuity:—

1. Where the orphans have collectively an income of \$200, or under, an annuity to each orphan under 21 years of age of \$70, but not to exceed in all \$280.
2. Where the orphans have collectively an income of over \$200, to \$400, an annuity to each orphan under 21 years of age of \$45, but not to exceed in all \$180.
3. Where the orphans have collectively an income of over \$400, to \$500, an annuity to each orphan under 21 years of age of \$40, but not to exceed in all \$160.
4. Where the orphans have collectively an income of over \$500, to \$600, an annuity to each orphan under 21 years of age of \$20, but not to exceed in all \$80.

And with regard to the monetary position of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, the committee recommend that whereas, on a further examination into the accounts of the Church Society, it satisfactorily appears that the sum of \$5, hitherto annually paid by the clergymen, has been incorrectly carried to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund,—the sum of \$5250 being the balance that has arisen from such error—still, as this amount has been held as an asset of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, the same be not now actually refunded, but that while funds of the Wid-

ows and Orphans' Fund to that amount be repaid to the General Purpose Fund, for general application, lands to a similar amount, selected under the advice of the Laud Committee, be given in lieu thereof to the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

Resolved,—That the report upon the Widows and Orphans' Fund be printed in the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, and distributed to the incorporated members of the Society, to be taken into final consideration at the next meeting of the Church Society; and a notice of a by-law embodying this Report be now given.

The adjustment of the funds recommended in the last clause was agreed to.

Dr. BOWELL read the following letter from F. HEWARD, Esq., which was ordered to be referred to a special Committee:

Toronto, March 29th, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR.—In reference to our conversation as to insuring the lives of clergymen within this Province, I beg to say that a Premium on a life aged 25 with participation of profits to cover £100 sterling, at death, would be £1 2 6 sterling each half year, and my proposition to you was that the Society, in order to create a fund for the provision of the Widows and Orphans, should appropriate a sum out of the immediate collections for this fund sufficient to effect an insurance on some 10 or more lives of the clergy, and that in case of death, the amount so insured should be placed to the credit of that particular fund. My reason for suggesting this is that annually I observe the Society have to deplore the loss of one or more of their members, and therefore by such a provision, in the course of a few years this fund would be materially increased. The premium is small, and the security offered undoubtedly—as to the period for the payment of the premiums I think I could induce the Company to meet the wishes of the Society, and so far as my Company is concerned, I would too gladly remit one-half for the benefit of the fund.

The cost of purchasing an annuity for each Widow of £50, I am not prepared to name, but as I am writing to the Home office to day, I will transmit your names and let you hear the result, but I fear the terms would be too great to meet their views.

I inclose with this one of our Almanacs, which will fully explain to you what I am authorised to do here.

With every desire to aid you in so important a work,

I am

Truly yours,

Dr. Bowell, Toronto.

H. HEWARD.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH THE CORPORATION OF TRINITY COLLEGE.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Corporation of Trinity College on the details of the proposed plan for providing exhibitions for Divinity Students, having conferred with a Committee of that Corporation to which the conduct of the matter had been entrusted, beg leave to present the following report:—

It appears desirable to the Committee that the annual Sermon for the Divinity Students' Fund should be continued, and that the collections made, on that appeal, should constitute a common fund, from which the Church Society may aid efforts made in different localities to provide exhibitions for Divinity Students.

The Committee recommend that any District desiring to provide for one or more exhibitions should furnish at least two thirds of the minimum value of such exhibitions, the remaining third of that minimum being furnished from the proceeds of the annual collection.

Further, they advise that any district which

may furnish the two thirds of the sum required for one or more exhibitions, raising that sum in any way which may appear most convenient to the Branch of the Church Society within that District, should enjoy the right of nominating holders of these exhibitions, such nomination being carried into effect in such manner as the District Branch of the Church Society may approve; subject, however, to the approval of the Society at large. Persons thus nominated to exhibitions shall enjoy them, subject, with only one exception, to no other conditions but those which are prescribed for every candidate for admission into Trinity College, which are these:

1. That he shall produce testimonials of good conduct.
2. That he shall pass the Matriculation Examination.
3. That he shall have entered on his sixteenth year.

The exception mentioned above respects this third condition of age—it will probably be thought desirable that every Divinity Exhibition shall have entered on his 18th or 19th year, in order that his course of study may not be completed too long before the time at which he can receive Holy Orders.

The Committee recommend that the minimum value of the exhibitions shall be £30 per annum, no smaller sum being in their opinion, an adequate assistance to the class of young men who will generally be candidates for them.

They also recommend that the exhibitions should be tenable for three years, as this is the term which every student of divinity is absolutely required to spend in the College. If a young man's classical or mathematical abilities induce him to remain a longer time than this, he may, it would seem, be fairly thrown, for that additional time, upon the numerous Scholarships which are open to all students without reference to their future destination.

The Committee, feeling that adequate provision is not at present made for the education of young men to serve in the sacred ministry, cannot recommend that less than six exhibitions should be open every year. The exhibitions being tenable for three years—the whole number will be 18, amounting, when they are all filled, at £30 per annum each, to an annual charge of £540.

The sum at present required to support the Church Society Scholarships is £200 per annum—and the average collections for 1857, 58, and 59, barely meet that demand. If then, from this source one third of the proposed exhibitions is paid, £180 will be required, which is the amount realised by collections in 1858, and which exceeded that collected in 1859.

Assuming that 18 exhibitions are absolutely necessary, and that this necessity will be promptly recognised by the members of the Society, the Committee have ventured to suggest a distribution of this burden among the several districts of the Diocese, leaving their suggestion to be corrected by the more accurate local knowledge of those Clergymen and Laymen by whom the affairs of the Society are administered in the different parts of the Diocese.

The Committee have apportioned the 18 exhibition as follows: Home District, 3; Simcoe, 1; Gore and Wellington, 3; Niagara, 2; Newcastle, 2; Midland, 2; Prince Edward, 1; Bathurst, 1; Eastern, 3; total 18.

The Committee present their report, trusting that it may be received by the Society and printed, with a view to its receiving the deliberate consideration of the members of the Society. They have great hope that the principle which it advocates is one which recommends itself gene-