

ation 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 of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland." And in 1871 they further resolved, "That the Committee regard with much satisfaction and approval the proposed distribution of the Temporalities Fund, as one which may largely promote the interests of certain important schemes of the Church, but are of opinion that the object recommended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland as to the payment of a sum of \$200 per annum to every minister on the Synod roll to whom the benefit of the Temporalities Fund does not yet extend, may be efficiently carried out by said Synod in another way, acceptable to all parties."

In the last Synod at Kingston this matter was finally disposed of as follows, by a very large majority: "That, whereas the Committee of Union desire instruction as to the mode of making provision for the payment of \$200 per annum to all ministers on the roll at the time of Union, until such time as they become beneficiaries to the Temporalities Fund, the Synod refer the matter to the wisdom of the Committee to arrange such method of provision as they deem best, drawing, if necessary, (but only as an extreme measure, when no other method of meeting the difficulty can be devised,) upon the capital of the fund—the same to be paid to the fund before any distribution of the principal fund take place."

No alteration was made on resolution of former meeting to amalgamate equitably the Widows' Fund now in existence in the respective churches, beyond the appointment of a Committee to carry it out. The finding of the joint Committee on this subject has been sustained in the respective churches so far as known, and must commend itself to this Synod.

In conclusion, your Committee are quite hopeful of a successful issue to these Union negotiations, and would recommend Synod not only to continue efforts to secure the incorporation of the churches negotiating, but meanwhile and with a view thereto that co-operation be at once instituted and carried forward as will bring the different churches into more intimate acquaintance. Presbyteries should hold meetings for conference and common understanding of Christian work in their respective spheres. Interchange of pulpits should be practised by ministers in convenient localities. Sessions in neighbouring districts should meet for conference and prayer. Congregations too, might with great advantage hold Union

prayer meetings and generally confer on this great subject.

It may be confidently predicted that these several steps towards ultimate Union, wisely taken and prudently conducted, will not only hasten its consummation but render it more perfect and profitable to the United Church, and more glorifying to her King and Head.

All which is respectfully submitted, along with an authenticated copy of the Minutes of joint Committee at their meeting last year in Montreal.

By order of Committee,

JAMES BAYNE, D. D.,

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The Report was approved and the recommendations of the Committee were adopted. The Committee was re-appointed with instructions to continue co-operation with the Committees of other churches, according to their best discretion.

Address.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Houston, agreed unanimously: That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of congratulation and welcome to His Excellency Lord Dufferin on his assuming the Government of the Dominion of Canada, to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and forwarded for presentation.

The Clerk read a copy of a Despatch from the Earl of Kimberly to His Excellency Lord Lisgar, transmitted through His Honour General Doyle, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, stating that the Petition sent by the Board of Foreign Missions by authority of Synod "had been presented to Her Majesty the Queen, and that Her Majesty had received it very graciously." And further informing the Synod "that a Bill had been introduced into Parliament by Her Majesty's Government, with the object of checking the abuses complained of" in the petition of the said Board of Foreign Missions.

On motion of Rev. T. Sedgewick, it was unanimously agreed to present to Her Majesty the Queen an Address of Congratulation on the recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Tercentenary.

The following motion was adopted:—

"That the present year being the Tercentenary of the setting up of Presbytery