

BY-LAWS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TEMPORALITIES FUND.

[In the *Presbyterian* (Montreal) for January, there is an article bearing the above title. We subjoin the portion of it relating directly to money matters. Our readers may feel a special interest in it, now that union with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland has been talked of. We observe that the *Presbyterian* contains no reference to the Union Meeting held in Toronto on the 27th December, noticed in our last.]

18th. It shall be the duty of the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer on receiving from Presbytery Clerks, lists of Ministers of their respective Presbyteries, with the dates of their ordination or induction, to pay to the Ministers who commuted £112 10s. per annum; to the Ministers on the roll of the Synod at the time of the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, but who were not allowed to commute £100 per annum; and to all others until such time as this Board shall afterwards determine, a minimum stipend of £50 a year, the whole in half-yearly payments, and also £500 a year to the Treasurer for the time being of Queen's College, to be employed, as heretofore, in the payment of Professors being Ministers of the Church.

14th. That any Ministers now entitled to the guaranteed stipend of £112 10s. per annum, or £100, or other allowance, and who from age or infirmity now are, or shall from time to time be released from their respective charges by their respective Presbyteries with the sanction of the Synod, duly signified by the Clerk of Synod to this Board, shall be entitled to receive the same, or such other allowance as shall be agreed upon with the Synod for life.

15th. That the original funds arising from the said commutation, and which were constituted into one fund and amount to the sum of £127,000, shall be kept separate and distinct from any other funds which may come into the possession of the Board, for any of the purposes of the Board, and a separate account shall be kept thereof until it shall otherwise be ordered by the Board by a By-law to that effect; and further, that separate accounts be opened, first for Congregational Collections, and secondly for annual or other subscriptions for the sustentation of the Church, the former to be designated as the "Contingent Fund," and the latter as the "Home Mission Fund of the Church," which last mentioned fund shall be invested as a Permanent Fund.

16th. That a list by name, residence and Presbytery, of the several Ministers who commuted their allowance and joined the same into one fund, and also a list in like manner of the ten surviving non-commuting Ministers shall be prepared by the Board, engrossed in one of the Books of the Board, and authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary as of Record.

17th. That in the event of any Minister departing this life who shall then be a beneficiary of the Board, the widow of such deceased (or should he leave no widow, his child or children, if of full age, or their Tutor or Guardian,) shall be entitled to receive from the said Board, the current half year's stipend, to which such Minister would or might have become entitled as such beneficiary as aforesaid, and the receipt of such Widow, Child or Children, Tutor or Guardian shall be a sufficient discharge therefor.

18th. Travelling expenses of members of the Board shall be paid by the Board.

FORE-ORDINATION A SHAM. BY THE REV. H. W. BEECHER.

Do you say, "I believe in fore-ordination, and am waiting 'God's time?'"
Fore-ordination! that is a shameful sham. God's time is "now." He never has any other time. Fore-ordination is nothing for you to meddle with, any more in religious, than in money-making matters. In each it is in equal force, but 'tis God's business, not yours. If you will meddle with it, you deserve to get befogged and puzzled, though there's nothing against but everything for you in it. But let it alone if it troubles you.