

A question having been raised by Rev. W. J. Ancient as to the length of service of one of the clergy on the Fund, the Clerical Secretary moved seconded by Rev. E. A. Harris,

That the Report lie on the table.

Carried.

The Report of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund Committee was read by the Secretary, and on motion received and adopted, with slight verbal amendment.

Report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Committee.

The position of things reported last year as regards the W. & O. Fund has not materially changed. Despite the attention drawn to the state of the Fund, and the earnest pleadings for its objects by the Diocesan Agent and the Deputations, the income from subscriptions has not increased, while there are more widows to receive the pensions. In consequence of this the Committee have been obliged to reduce the amount of pension to \$100 a year for the present. There is a deficit of nearly \$3000; the income is about \$1900, the pensions amount to \$1500, and the balance of \$400 will have to be set aside until the \$3000 borrowed from the Reserved Fund to keep up the payments to the widows of \$175.00 and \$150.00 successively has been repaid.

The amount of \$100 a year to the widow of a clergyman who has spent life and health in the service of the Church, is most inadequate, and operates as a barrier to the acceptance of our vacant missions by clergymen from other dioceses. But in justice to the Committee it must be remembered that the premiums to be paid by the Clergy are very small, and that the \$100 a year is all that the Fund on its present basis was calculated to be able to pay. In endeavouring to go beyond this amount, the Committee have encountered difficulty, which can only be overcome by an increase of capital, or an augmentation of donations, or by keeping strictly to the terms of the rules which limit payments to the original \$100. In the absence of the two former alternatives, the Committee have felt bound to adhere to the latter.

The Committee would suggest that a Deputation be sent to Prince Edward Island. The Clergy there are now enjoying the same advantages with the Clergy of the Province of Nova Scotia; and the Island has done but little to increase the Funds. An influential and persuasive member of the Committee would doubtless succeed in arousing some interest in the objects of the Fund, which would lead to its improvement.

The name

Almon, F.
Allison, D.
Ambrose,
Ansell, E.
Avery, R.
Axford, F.
Bambrick,
Ball, E. H.
Bell, J. L.
Belliss, W.
Brown, A.
Davies, S.
DeBlois H.
Ellis, W.
Forsythe, J.
Gelling, W.
Gibbons, S.
Gilpin, E.
Groatorex,
Grindon, O.
Hill, G. W.
How, H.
Heath, R.
Harley, H.
Harley, A.
Johnson, R.
Johnstone,

The available sources:—

Premium
Donation
Collection
Interest

NOTE.—The Dec. 31st, 1891. here. They will be included by

The following Fund during the

Amherst
Annapoli
Aricat.
Bridgewa
Charlotte
Cornwalli
Crapaad.
Dartmouth
Digby...
Falkland
Falmouth.
Halifax:—