

THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

A Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Conference was held in the John St. Church Vestry, on the 2nd December, 1857, pursuant to notice in the *Christian Guardian*.

Present, Revs. S. Rose, J. Douse, G. Douglas, J. Hughes, S. D. Rice, and Messrs. R. Woodsworth and J. McDonald.

After a lengthened discussion on the Constitution of the Children's Fund, it was unanimously resolved that the following be adopted:—

In order to equalize the burden of supporting the Children of our Ministers, authorized alike by the connexional form of our Churches, and the itinerancy of our Ministers, and thus to relieve from difficulties often felt in stationing Ministers with large families to otherwise suitable Circuits, it was resolved at the Conference held in London in 1855, that the rules adopted by the British Conference on this subject for their own guidance, should be received by this Conference, so far at least as they may be found to apply to our condition.

1. That every District shall be considered to be responsible for providing within itself, and by its own local resources, the usual quarterly allowances for such a number of the Ministers' Children, as shall be found, on annual examination and calculation, to be fairly chargeable on the Circuits belonging to that District, according to the principles of proportion to numbers in Society.

2. That when the number of Children's allowances, to be provided in each District collectively, has been ascertained,