

this the minute suggests the rule, that in future the administration of this fund the Association will be governed by the views of the colonists, and as a medium of communication they point to the "governing body of the colony," as the organ. He (Mr. Sedell) wished to know the exact meaning of this arrangement. If it is intended thereby that the funds should be under the control of the municipal body of the colony for the time being - whatever that might be, he (Mr. Sedell) would say that he for one would not ~~would~~ be willing to entrust a religious fund to a mere municipal body. The distributing body should be one of a different constitution. He threw this out merely as a suggestion, and not with any want of confidence in the general plan contemplated by the minute of the Committee of Management - but at the same time it might remain as a sort of protest; lest the colonists should hereafter be considered as having pledged themselves to accept the minute in its integrity as a law, and among other things be considered bound to accept the municipal body as sole distributor of the religious fund, an arrangement to which he had the strongest objection. He had no doubt but that the members of the Assocⁿ then present could inform him upon this point to his satisfaction.

Sir Walter James said that Lord Lyttelton's object when he drew up the minute in question was to prescribe the circumstances under which the Association's control would cease - but what the nature of the substituted control would be must depend upon the constitution hereafter.