

DEPUTATION FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN
CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

On the afternoon of Monday, 13th, the Assembly received a deputation from the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. The deputation, consisting of Mr. J. C. Smith, Minister at Belleville, and Mr. Craig, was introduced by Mr. W. B. Clark, of Quebec, who reported that he had as the delegate of the Church waited on the Synod lately held in Montreal and that he had been very graciously received.

Messrs. Smith and Craig severally addressed the Assembly, conveying in forcible and eloquent terms the brotherly and christian salutations of the Church whose commission they bore, and referring to the identity of principles held by the Churches, the objects in which they were both interested, and the events which seemed to indicate their nearer approach to each other than in former years.

The Assembly, on motion made and seconded, expressed its gratification in having received such a deputation, its wish to reciprocate the sentiments expressed by the deputies, and its hope that the time is not far distant when the two Churches shall be one. The Moderator, in accordance with the resolution of the Assembly, addressed the deputies in appropriate terms.

OTHER DEPUTATIONS.

In the course of the Assembly's sittings, deputations were received and heard from the Primitive Methodist Church, the Congregational Union, and the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The several deputations offered their hearty christian salutations to the Assembly, and spoke of the tendency towards greater union, and unity among those who are still under different organizations. Appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Assembly in reply, and the Moderator, in the name of the Assembly, addressed them severally in a peculiarly happy and appropriate style.

REPORT OF BOARD OF KNOX COLLEGE.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College, on the evening of Wednesday, 8th. It was given in and read by Mr. D. Inglis, in absence of Dr. Ormiston, chairman of the Board. The Report of the Senate was also read. These reports were of a favourable and gratifying nature. The attendance had been encouraging, embracing in the Theological department 29, and in the Preparatory 39. The Ordinary Income Fund has been increased, amounting, in all, to \$6636.53, and the debt, which last year was \$2009.25, had been reduced to \$998.79. The Endowment Fund now amounted to \$5040, the interest of which would now be available for the ordinary revenue of the College. The sum of two thousand dollars had been received for establishing permanent bursaries, in addition to those already in the possession of the College. A subsequent report was presented, conveying a letter from Principal Willis expressive of his wish to retire from his office on account of his advanced age, and tendering his resignation of his office as Principal and Professor in the College; also communicating the information that Mr. Ure had tendered his resignation of his Lectureship in the College.

After a very general expression on the part of members of Assembly of the high estimation in which Principal Willis was held for his many and varied qualifications, and his extensive and mature acquirements as a sound Theologian and a mature scholar, the following motion was unanimously