

requested to give his views to the Court. He consented, and explained that though quite willing to go into the smaller union, he thought that the idea in Dr. Ormiston's letter of a grand Dominion Church was preferable, and that the difficulties in the way were—to say the least—no greater; and that as our church in Old Canada had committed itself to this plan, we should aim at keeping in line with them. Mr. Grant concurred in those views, and Senator Holmes, with a burst of enthusiasm that carried every one away, declared that there wasn't a man in the Court that would oppose them, and that though he was the oldest elder in the church, he was willing to be one of the delegates, and go to Montreal or anywhere else to meet the others, and do what the church laid upon him as his duty. The acclamation from all sides showed the sentiments of the Court, and a small committee was thereupon appointed to draw up a resolution on the whole subject. They did so, and submitted it at the evening sitting, when it was carried with enthusiasm. The gist of it is to appoint six delegates, to meet six from each of the three other Supreme Courts in the Dominion; that these 24 (half Kirkmen, and half connected with the other Pres. Churches) should meet in the autumn, and calmly discuss the practicability of a general union, and report to their respective Courts next year; and that in the meantime the Colonial Committee be written to and their opinion asked.

During the whole discussion, an atmosphere of peace and harmony and thankfulness to God was breathed by every one. Astonishment at there being no opposition whatever, wonder at the many signs of God's leading that manifestly appeared, joy, hope, and faith, were depicted on almost every countenance. The mountains of separation seemed to have vanished, and it was felt that the work was God's. The spirit thus evoked pervaded all the after meetings. When the question of the "Communion in private houses" came up, although there were slight differences of opinion, they were not allowed to provoke division. The spirit of conciliation was in every one, and an unanimous deliverance was come to.

July 2.—The report of the Foreign Mission was read on Friday evening, but did not come up for discussion till this morning. While as regards several portions of the Church it showed a satisfactory state of things, it also showed the reverse as regards others. The expenditure was stated to be unusually large, owing to the sending out Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill, but as it is proposed to send Mr. (and perhaps Mrs.) Robertson next year, and as after that there will always be expense connected with printing, and boats, and buildings, the *Day-spring, &c., &c.*, we may be sure that we shall always have to spend about \$1800 a year, if we are to maintain two missionaries in the Foreign field; whereas last year the collections did not much exceed \$1400, and would have been less had not ~~some~~ *some of the exceptional collections made by Mr. Goodwill himself been counted in.* This has only to be pointed out to be attended to in the future. Our people have vowed themselves to the Lord in the matter, and have no thought of going back. But it is well that it should be known that to sustain our mission properly, an average of \$60 a year is required from each of our parishes. Some will give more, doubtless, but few should give less, or at any rate not much less. By "liberal things we shall stand." It sounds a large sum, but divided among an hundred people, it is a trifle. And more, far more, than dollars, are needed. First, we must give ourselves to the Lord, as did the Macedonians of old.

The committee made several recommendations, all of which were adopted. The chief one was that Mr. Robertson should continue his studies for another year under the direction of a small committee of four, two in Halifax and two in Pictou, who are to meet quarterly to examine him, and then at next Synod he be ordained as a foreign missionary and sent out fully equipped to the New Hebrides. The Treasurer was also requested to receive any moneys that might