

5. That Sessions and Presbyteries in reporting their respective votes on the basis of Union report at the same time the number of the vote.
6. That the Union Committee be continued, and the Clerks of Assembly prepare a statement of the result of the vote in Presbyteries and Congregations and furnish the same to the Secretaries of the Union Committee, in order that the said Committee may have opportunity to meet and prepare a deliverance to be submitted to the Assembly of 1916."

The vote on this motion was then taken and stood 368 for and 74 against and it became the deliverance of the Assembly. (See 1915 Minutes, page 50.)

The following amendment to the motion of Dr. Clark was moved by Dr. D. D. MacLeod (See 1915 Minutes, page 48) but on being put to a vote of the Assembly was lost by 84 to 366 (See 1915 Minutes, page 50).

"Whereas in the year 1904, the Assembly accepted the invitation of the Methodist Church to confer on union;

Whereas when, in 1911, a vote was taken to ascertain the mind of the Church on the question of organic union, only about one-third of the membership of the Church voted in favour of it, and only about one-fourth of the membership voted for union on the proposed basis;

Whereas the proposed union involves the giving up of the standards of our Church, and an entire change in our system of government, and would bring to an end our present relationship with the Presbyterian Churches of the World;

Whereas we can better accomplish our work by harmonious co-operation with the negotiating churches;

Whereas a large part of the Presbyterian Church has definitely resolved that it is their duty to remain in and continue the existence of the Presbyterian Church and that further efforts to press organic union is injurious to the peace and prosperity of our Church and to the cause of religion;

And whereas the present crisis in our country makes it especially unfitting to introduce contentious matters into our congregations and the courts of the Church, during this year.

The Assembly therefore resolves as follows:—

That this Assembly reaffirm its belief in the essential unity of all true Christians; its sympathy with all Church organizations that bear Christ's name and likeness; its readiness to co-operate with other evangelical Churches in whatever may advance the interests of His Kingdom, but is of opinion that our Church is not yet ready for organic union on the basis proposed, and resolve to take no further steps in this direction at the present time, and to respectfully inform the other Churches accordingly.

The motion was seconded by Dr. T. F. Fullerton."

Dr. Sedgwick and others, enter their dissent for the reasons set forth in the above preamble to the amendment of Dr. MacLeod. (See 1915 Minutes, page 50). The following signified their adhesion to the Dissent: Dr. Sedgwick, Dr. D. D. MacLeod, Dr. R. Campbell, Messieurs, T. C. James, W. Paul, James Ross, P. A. McGregor, A. J. Sinclair, C. N. Mitchell, G. C.