

vinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, on the ground of the articles of union agreed upon by the Supreme Courts of the negotiating Churches; and having, by the help of God, completed all preliminary arrangements, does now—whilst recounting with fervent gratitude all the goodness and mercy vouchsafed to this Church in the past—humbly trusting that the Divine sanction will be given to the solemn and important step about to be taken—and earnestly praying that the Holy Spirit in all His quickening and sanctifying influences may descend largely on the united Church—RESOLVE, and hereby does record its resolution, to repair forthwith as a constituted Assembly to the VICTORIA HALL, the appointed place of meeting, for the purpose of consummating the Union with the aforesaid Churches, and of forming one General Assembly, to be designated and known as The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada,—and does at the same time declare that the united Church shall be considered identical with the Canada Presbyterian Church, and shall possess the same authority, rights, privileges, and benefits to which this Church is now entitled.—And further, with the view of ratifying the act of Union, the General Assembly does empower its Moderator to sign in its name the Preamble and Basis of Union, and also the Resolutions adopted in connection therewith.

The Minute, adopted by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces and the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, is of the same date, and couched in the same terms, the names of the Churches being simply transposed. That, adopted by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, is dated Monday, the fourteenth day of June, and varies from the foregoing only in the following particulars, in addition to the transposition of names, viz :—Instead of the words “to repair forthwith as a constituted Assembly,” insert “to repair on the adjournment of the Court to-morrow morning.” Also, after the words “and benefits to which this Church is now entitled,” add “excepting such as have been reserved by Acts of Parliament.”

The Preamble, Basis and accompanying Resolutions, which form the Articles of Union, were read by the Rev. William Reid, M. A., one of the Joint Clerks of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church. These are as follow:—

PREAMBLE.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, holding the same doctrine, government and discipline, believing that it would be for the glory of God and the advancement of the cause of Christ, that they should unite and thus form one Presbyterian Church in the Dominion, to be called the “Presbyterian Church in Canada,” independent of all other Churches in its jurisdiction, and under authority to Christ alone, the Head of His Church, and Head over all things to the Church, agree to unite on the following Basis, to be subscribed by the Moderators of the respective Churches in their name and in their behalf.

BASIS.

1. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.