

Rev. James Fraser Campbell, who had offered his services to the Synod as a missionary to a foreign field, was called on to state his views. He believed the foreign mission work was decidedly the most important; and that a church by extensively devoting its energies to this branch would quicken the home churches. He quoted the passage in which our Lord called on his disciples to preach the Gospel to all the world, beginning at Jerusalem, but not remaining there. He desired to go to some field where he could use the English language. After prayer on the subject,

Rev. Mr. McRae believed, from all he knew, that the Rev. Mr. Campbell would be extremely useful in Madras, India, where there is a very large heathen population that speaks English; under God it was probable English would eventually become the written and spoken language of India's 300,000,000 people. He moved a resolution, expressing a willingness to allow Mr. Campbell to go as a missionary, and noting two propositions from the Church of Scotland for him to go to Madras, and from the Canada Presbyterian Church inviting him to go to Formosa.

UNION.

Before the close of the proceedings a document was presented signed by several members intimating that, for reasons, they could not go into the Union at present. A friendly conference took place, and the general feeling was entertained that the separation could not be permanent. All business having been completed the Synod proceeded, as did the other bodies, in a constituted capacity, to Victoria Hall for the consummation of the Union.

FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

On the 15th June, 1875, in Victoria Hall, Montreal, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was organized, being composed of the four churches, The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, 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. On the several bodies taking their places in the Hall, the four Moderators of the respective churches jointly presided. After devotional exercises the concluding remarks of the several Courts were read, and then the Basis of Union and Resolutions accompanying. These were then signed by the several moderators in name of their respective Churches, the ministers and elders of the several bodies rising in succession while their Moderator signed the document. Thereafter the Union was declared to be consummated, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada to be organized. The Moderators gave each other the right hand of fellowship, and in this were joined by their brethren, the Assembly uniting in singing the cxxxiii. Psa. The Senior Moderator then called for the reading of the several rolls, and on these being completed declared the First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to be constituted, and called on the Assembly to proceed to the election of a Moderator. Dr. John Cook, of Quebec, was nominated as the first Moderator. The motion was seconded, and was unanimously agreed to. Dr. Cook then took the Chair, and addressed the Assembly in appropriate terms.