

Christie, Rev. Robert Sedgewick, Rev. George Patterson, Rev. James Bennett, Messrs. Henry B. Webster, George A. Blanchard, of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

Dr. Cook was appointed Chairman, and Dr. Topp Secretary.

The Committee had three meetings daily, and continued in session until the evening of Monday, the 2nd October.

The following are the resolutions which were agreed to :

NAME.

That the title of the United Church shall be, "The Presbyterian Church of British North America."

Mr. Brodie dissented from this resolution

BASIS.

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

2. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall from the subordinate standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people; it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrates shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

3. That the government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practices of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterian Church Government," and in the "Directory for the public worship of God."

4. That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches, as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such ecclesiastical relations to Churches holding the same doctrine, government, and discipline with itself, as that ministers and probationers from these Churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall from time to time be adopted.

WORSHIP.

That, with regard to Modes of Worship, the practice presently followed by congregations in the matter of worship shall be allowed, and that further action in connection therewith be left to the legislation of the United Church.

MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT OPERATIONS.

The Committee agreed to express their confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign Missionary and benevolent operations of the several Churches, according to their respective claims, and that, with regard to the practical work of the Church and the prosecution of its Schemes; whilst of course the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, and be the final Court of Appeal, yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through Synods and Local Committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy the various sections of the Church, and, at the same time, to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion and throughout the world.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Committee further agree to recommend the establishment of an efficient Widows' and Orphan's Fund for the United Church, to which all ministers and congregations will be expected to contribute; and that in the meantime a Committee, consisting of Mr. Croil, Convener, the Hon. John McMurich and Mr. D. Mackay, be appointed to apply to an actuary to value the different Funds now in existence, and submit to this Committee an equitable plan for the establishment and future management of the Fund.

PROPERTY.

The Committee, after full deliberation, resolved to recommend that such legislation should be sought as shall preserve undisturbed all the rights of property belonging to the individual congregations and corporate bodies entering into the proposed Union.

TEMPORALITIES' FUND OF SYNOD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

That the Committee regard with much satisfaction and approval the proposed distribution of the Temporalities' Fund, as one which may largely promote the interests of certain important Schemes of the Church, but are of the opinion that the object recommended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, as to the payment of the sum of two hundred dollars per annum to every minister on the Synod roll, to whom the benefit of the Temporalities Fund does not yet extend, may be