

Annual Conferences voting upon it declarations in favour of the plan of union, and declared that the President should convene the General Conference at Belleville in order to give effect to the proposed union :

"And whereas the official returns show that six hundred and forty quarterly boards out of seven hundred and forty-nine, and six out of seven Annual Conferences have declared in favour of the plan of union submitted ;

"Therefore this General Conference, recognising the guiding hand of God in the movement, and feeling its obligation to give effect to the wish of the Church as expressed through the quarterly meetings and Annual Conferences, hereby accepts and ratifies the basis recommended by the joint committee as a basis of union with the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches."

The mover having spoken briefly in support of the resolution, the Rev. John A. Williams, D.D., moved the following amendment, which was seconded by the Rev. William Williams :

"That we hail with great satisfaction and pleasure the tendency and desire of the several Methodist churches of this country to form one organic body if a basis can be found that will carry a majority of the ministers and members of said churches. In relation to the basis of union now presented to this Conference, we express our deep regret that it contains certain provisions which we cannot see our way clear to accept, and in addition to these we fear that certain complications in relation to at least one of the churches proposing to unite make it extremely hazardous to consummate the union until