

Application having been made in behalf of the congregations of Rockburn and Gore, and of Covey Hill and Hemmingford, in the county of Huntingdon, formerly connected with the United Presbyterian Church of North America and now dismissed at their own request, and recommended by the Presbytery of St. Lawrence in connection with said church, the Presbytery of Montreal, having read papers in the case and heard Mr. Andrew Oliver, of Rockburn, resolved, on motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Coulthard, That the congregation of Rockburn and Gore, and also the congregation of Covey Hill and Hemmingford, be received by this Presbytery into the Canada Presbyterian Church, and that Mr. James Watson, Clerk, be appointed Moderator of Sessions of said congregations.

The mission station at Mile End, Montreal, having petitioned to be erected into a Congregation, the Presbytery appointed Dr. Taylor, Dr. Irvine, with Messrs. P. S. Ross and L. Paton, a committee to organize the congregation and report at next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. J. M. Gibson, Clerk of the Senate of Presbyterian College, Montreal, informed the Presbytery that at a full meeting of the Senate last evening, it had been unanimously resolved, that as an effort was being made to endow a chair in Knox College, Toronto, in connexion with the name of the late Dr. Burns, and as it is considered highly desirable that the whole Church should take part in such an effort, the committee in charge of the movement should be corresponded with, with a view to the adoption of a larger scheme, which should contemplate the raising of a sum sufficient to endow at least two chairs in Theology, one of which should be in Toronto and the other in Montreal; and further, that the Chairman of the Board of Presbyterian College, Montreal, be requested to call a meeting at an early date, to take into consideration the propriety of taking immediate action thereon. The Presbytery having heard the statement, agreed, on motion of Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Young, to record their cordial approval of the scheme, and in the event of its adoption by the Board of Presbyterian College, Montreal, to commend it to the hearty co-operation of the office-bearers and members of the Church within the bounds.

Dr. Macvicar made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Clarke, and carried unanimously, viz.:—"The Presbytery having learned from the published report of the Committee which recently met in this city to negotiate a union of all the Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion, that it was agreed to present to said Churches, as a part of the basis of union, a proposal to establish and maintain a Presbyterian University, resolved to declare its conviction that said proposal is unwise and likely to hinder union, inasmuch as it implies the adoption of a principle contrary to the views very generally held and advocated by the Canada Presbyterian Church in relation to University education." Subsequently, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, having been absent, by permission, when the preceding motion was discussed and carried, craved and obtained leave to dissent and to complain to the General Assembly, through the Synod of Montreal, for the following reasons:—"1st. Because the Report of the Committee has not been presented to the General Assembly; in its present state it is the property of the Assembly, and until that body shall have disposed of it, and given it to the Churches, it is contrary to Presbyterian order for a Presbytery, or any inferior Court, to sit in judgment upon it, much more to pronounce a judicial censure on it, as this resolution does. 2nd. Because the main statement in the resolution of Presbytery is not true, inasmuch as it says that a 'proposal to establish and maintain a Presbyterian University is a part of the basis of Union,' recommended by the Committee, whereas it is no part of the basis of Union at all. The clause which refers to the Colleges is quite distinct from the basis of Union. 3rd. It is not fair to represent that clause as 'a proposal to establish and maintain a Presbyterian University.' This form of expression would lead people to suppose that the Committee contemplate the erection of some new institution not now in existence, whereas it contemplates only the 'thorough efficiency' of institutions already established by the Churches. When it is considered that there are