

McCosh explained the progress made in this matter, and read the resolutions which were adopted. They are as follows :

1. In the opinion of the Churches represented at this meeting, it is desirable to form a confederation of the Reformed churches holding to the Presbyterian system, in order to manifest the substantial unity of these churches, and to combine them in the accomplishment of the great work committed to them by the Head of the Church.

2. While furnishing to the Presbyterian churches a means of entering into closer fellowship with one another, this confederation is not meant to separate them in any way from other churches which hold by Christ, the Head, with which churches they will always be ready to co-operate.

3. This confederation does not propose to form or adopt a new Confession of Faith, but will require every church proposing to join it to submit its Creed, and will admit only the churches whose Creed is in conformity with the consensus of the Reformed churches.

4. It shall not interfere with the internal order and discipline of any church.

5. It shall hold, from time to time, a General Council, composed of representatives of all the churches constituting the confederation.

6. The representatives of this Council shall always consist of an equal number of ministers and elders.

7. The General Council shall take into consideration only such subjects as have been submitted to the Church by her great Head.

8. The General Council shall seek to guide public sentiment aright in various countries by papers read, by addresses delivered, by information collected for publication, by the exposition of sound scriptural principles and defences of the truth.

9. The decisions come to by this Council shall be laid before the several churches, and be entitled to receive from them a respectful, a prayerful, and careful consideration.

10. It will labour to promote the peace and harmony of the churches.

11. It will ever rejoice to support weak and struggling churches, which have to carry on their operations amid infidel and anti-Christian opposition.

12. It will defend, by all lawful means, those who, in any country, are persecuted for conscience sake.

13. It will serve to procure for the churches that freedom of government and of action which Christ has given to such of their inalienable privilege.

14. It will employ all moral means to distribute the mission work of the churches on the foreign field, so as to prevent missionary enterprises from interfering with or hindering each other; that missionaries be sent to every nation, and our Lord's command be fulfilled by the gospel being preached to every creature.

15. It will encourage the churches to combined efforts to provide for the religious wants of great cities and other destitute portions of the home field.

16. It will press upon all the churches the imperative duty of securing the adequate instruction of the young in Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.