

mated. As the other conferences and churches have no such invested capital, all further action on the subject is referred to the first General Conference of the united church.

(4) *The Children's Fund.*

As there are no investments in connection with this fund in any of the uniting churches, it is agreed that the whole question be relegated to the first General Conference of the united church, to determine on what basis, if any, a children's fund shall be maintained.

V. BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

1. The Halifax book-room and weekly paper shall be continued as at present, on account of their geographical position.

2. The Toronto book-room, with its various publications, will also be maintained, and no serious difficulty is apprehended in the way of consolidating the other publishing interests in the west, at an early date, after the union is effected.

3. As the assets of the book and publishing house of the Methodist Church of Canada for the three western conferences are larger in proportion to the number of ministers in those conferences than the similar assets of any of the other contracting parties, it is agreed that each minister of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches, entering the union, shall pay into the general publishing fund such a sum as will make his interest equal to the *per capita* interest of the ministers of the three western conferences aforesaid.

4. In equalizing the *per capita* interest as above, payment may be made in cash, or by notes, payable in one or two years from the date of union; such notes to bear interest at six per cent. per annum.

VI.—EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

1. The Methodist Church of Canada and the Methodist Episcopal Church have a number of educational institutions in successful operation: The Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches have no such institutions in this country.

2. The educational institutions in the Maritime conferences present no difficulty in the way of union, and no change is recommended in their present relations.

3. In regard to the western conferences, it is believed that those institutions which possess university powers can be consolidated to the honor of their graduates and the advantage of their educational work.

4. It is recommended that the United Church adhere to the traditional policy of Methodism in regard to education, believing that the best interests of the church and of education imperatively demand that our colleges and universities should be under the fostering care of the church.

VII.—MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) *Composition of the First General Conference.*

The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, having authorized the calling of a special session in 1883, to give effect to the union, provided a satisfactory basis is secured, it is recommended:

(a.) That in case the basis of union is approved by the requisite majorities in the quarterly meetings and annual conferences of the churches proposing to unite, it shall be competent for the annual conferences of the Methodist

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