

ports from the governing bodies of the various negotiating churches having been called for, Dr. E. D. McLaren submitted the following resolution, adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in June last:

"That the Assembly receive the report, record their gratification with the progress made, and learn with much satisfaction that in the judgment of the Committee, so far as they have prosecuted their labors, the proposed union seems to be practicable. The Assembly direct that the report, along with a copy of the deliverance, be sent down for information and suggestions to Presbyteries, Sessions, and Congregations, instructing those who desire to offer suggestions to forward these to Dr. E. D. McLaren, the Secretary of the Committee, by the first of December, so that they may be dealt with by the Committee at its meeting in that month.

"In the event of Dr. Herdman being unable to serve on the Committee, the Assembly appoint Dr. McQueen to act in his place."

Dr. Carman reported for the Methodist Church that the General Conference had not met since the last meeting of this Joint Committee, and that, therefore, no action had been taken by that Church.

On behalf of the Congregational Church, Rev. Hugh Pedley presented the following report, which was ordered to be sent to the Sub-Committee on Doctrine:

"The Congregational Committee beg to say that they made a report to the Congregational Union of Canada at its annual meeting in June. This report included the following items:

"1. The fact that considerable progress had been made towards the completion of the basis of union.

"2. Satisfaction with the expressed desire of the Joint Committee to incorporate into the united Church the valuable distinctive elements found in each of the negotiating churches.

"3. Regret that the desire on our part, as well as of others, for a simpler credal statement had thus far received no definite recognition, and hope that the door is not yet closed upon the possibility of action in that direction.

"4. These two recommendations:

"*First*.—That the Committee be continued to carry on the work of negotiation, with instruction to bring the whole matter before the churches and associations at as early a date as possible, with the request that suggestions and recommendations be sent to the Committee.