

CHURCH UNION

DOCUMENTS

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBY-
TERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

AS A

BASIS OF UNION

WITH THE METHODIST AND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES, AND
ORDERED TO BE SENT DOWN TO SESSIONS AND ALSO TO
COMMUNICANTS AND ADHERENTS OF THE CHURCH;
AND ALSO TO PRESBYTERIES FOR THEIR JUDG-
MENT UNDER THE BARRIER ACT

The General Assembly at its meeting in Kingston, June, 1915, adopted, by a majority of 368 to 74, the resolutions of the Committee on Church Union, and ordered them to be sent down along with the Basis of Union, to Sessions, Communicants and Adherents, together with a short statement representing both sides of the Union question, not to exceed 500 words each. The resolutions are as follows:

1. Whereas the action of the General Assembly with regard to Union with the Congregational and Methodist Churches has been as follows:

2. In 1904 the Assembly unanimously accepted the invitation given in 1902 by the General Conference of the Methodist Church to enter on negotiations for the Organic Union of said Church with the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, and to this end appointed a committee to confer with similar committees of the other Churches. Subsequent Assemblies approved the results of the labours of the Joint Committee thus constituted until 1910 when the General Assembly approved the completed Basis of Union prepared by the Joint Committee and transmitted it to Presbyteries for their judgment under the Barrier Act. The Assembly of 1911, finding that said Basis had been approved by a majority of Presbyteries, sent down the whole question to Sessions and Congregations.

The action of the Assembly in 1912 was: