

"That such legislation shall be sought as shall preserve undisturbed all rights of property now belonging to congregations and corporate bodies, and at the same time not interfere with freedom of action on the part of congregations in the same locality desirous of uniting, or on the part of corporate bodies which may find it to be expedient to discontinue wholly or partially their corporate existence."

It was explained by Dr. Snodgrass, on whose motion the amendment was made, that the latter clause was intended to leave it open to the corporation of Queen's or any other college, if the necessity should ever arise, to surrender its privileges wholly or partially, or become entirely defunct.

With regard to Widows' Fund, the following resolution was adopted:

"That steps be taken at the first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Church for the equitable establishment and administration of an efficient fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of ministers."

Concerning the practical work of the church, the following resolution was adopted:

"This Synod does now express its confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign missionary and benevolent operation of the several churches according to their respective claims, and that with regard to the practical work of the church, and the prosecution of its schemes, whilst the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the church, yet the Committee recommends that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through synods and local committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy the several sections of the church, and at the same time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion and throughout the world."

"The resolutions forming the doctrinal basis of union were read and re-adopted by the Committee, and again recommended by it to the favorable consideration of the supreme courts of the negotiating churches. It was finally agreed that the finding of the Committee should consist of these four resolutions, and the resolutions respecting State grants, modes of worship, the College question, Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Rights of Property, Temporalities Fund, and Home and Foreign Missions, these to be embodied by a sub-committee in a single

document to be presented to the several supreme courts. Other resolutions not here enumerated, such, for instance, as that on the Headship of Christ, not being intended to satisfy all, can be transmitted to the church or churches particularly interested by means of the Minutes of the Committee's proceedings."

ADVANTAGES OF BIBLE STUDY.

The personal benefits to be derived from the study of the Bible are almost innumerable. The world is under infinite obligations to the Bible. Any man who studies it in a proper spirit cannot fail to be improved intellectually, morally and spiritually. It is labour that will bring a rich reward. That reward may not come exactly in the way we expect, but it cannot fail to be enjoyed. A father, when dying, said to his two sons, There is a great treasure in that little field which I leave to you. The sons accepted his language literally. They dug the ground deep below the surface all over the field, but found no gold. But, to make the best of a bad job, they agreed to sow grain in the soil that had been so thoroughly trenched. There was a beautiful crop, and a splendid return of fine wheat. As they gathered in the golden sheaves, they said one to another—"This is the treasure of which our father told us." It was indeed a treasure. The field was thoroughly subsoiled, cleaned and drained. The strength of the sons had been fully developed by the exercise of digging. Industrious habits had been formed by the continued labour. The land had been rendered fertile by what was done to it, and years of health, prosperity and abundant harvests secured.

The Bible is that field. An infinite treasure is contained in it. The earnest, prayerful, persevering digger will discover it for himself. The very labour of digging will increase our knowledge. The diligent Bible student will always be found to be a well-informed and intelligent man. God's word quickens even the intellect. It is one of the best educators in the world. The very attempt to understand it makes thinkers. Its grand truths require thought to grasp.