

all of which are divided on the question of union. With these exceptions the Synod concurred cordially in the Minute for consummating the Union on the following day, at the same time expressing its belief that the separation from valued brethren in the County of Pictou would be only nominal and temporary. And, in evidence of the Synod's desire to maintain the old relations with them, it was agreed that they should continue to occupy the same relation to the several funds of the church as they had hitherto done, and as though they had entered the Union. Indeed, the kindness and tenderness of feeling manifested throughout, between the brethren who represented the dissenting minority and the Synod, was most creditable to the hearts and judgements of all concerned.

After the conclusion of all routine business the following minute was passed.

"The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, having, after taking the necessary constitutional means for ascertaining the mind of the Church on the subject, resolved to unite with the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, on the ground of the articles of Union agreed upon by the Supreme Courts of the negotiating Churches; and having, by the help of God, completed all preliminary arrangements,—Does now, whilst recounting with fervent gratitude all the goodness and mercy vouchsafed to this Church in the past—humbly trusting that the Divine sanction will be given to the solemn and important step about to be taken—and earnestly praying that the Holy Spirit in all His quickening and sanctifying influences may descend largely on the United Church—RESOLVE, and hereby does record its resolution, to repair forthwith, as a constituted Synod, to the VICTORIA HALL, the appointed place of meeting, for the purpose of consummating the Union with the aforesaid Churches, and of forming one General Assembly, to be designated and known as the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and does at the same time declare that the

United Church shall be considered identical with the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and shall possess the same authority, rights, privileges, and benefits to which this Church is now entitled.—And further, with the view of ratifying the act of Union, the Synod does empower its Moderator to sign in its name the Preamble and Basis of Union, and also the Resolutions adopted in connection therewith."

This was done and the four Churches were accordingly united into one, under the designation of "The Presbyterian Church in Canada."

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

##### First Day.

Tuesday, June 15, was the day on which the Union of the negotiating Churches was completed, and Victoria Hall was the place. Each of the courts having completed its own special work, they formed processions in their different places of meeting, and walked two by two, headed by Moderators and Clerks,—to the place appointed. The day was bright, and glorious with summer's fullest beauty. All nature seemed to smile upon the happy occasion.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the vast area of Victoria Hall was filled with ministers, elders and spectators. The number present is variously estimated from five to seven thousand. On the platform were five tables. Behind these, in the centre, was a large chair for the Moderator of the United Assembly, when he should be chosen, but in the meantime it was unoccupied. To the left was seated Rev. P. G. McGregor, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, senior Moderator, and Rev. A. Falconer, Clerk of Synod. On the right, the Very Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, D.D., Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and Rev. J. H. McKerras, M.A., Professor of Classical Literature in Queen's University, Clerk of Synod; on the extreme left Rev. G. M. Grant, M.A., Moderator of the Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and