

merely to establish fraternal relations with other churches than Presbyterian. He did not see how the Synod could refuse that.

Rev. Dr. JENKINS was afraid in the prospect of union they were losing sight of their own work. The more diligent they were in prosecuting their schemes the more harmonious would be the union when it did come. He did not quite agree with Mr. Macdonnell, and thought that the venerable standards of the church should not be touched. (Cheers.) The proposed basis of union, he hoped, would not be altered. Mr. Lang, he thought, misapprehended the scope of the third article of the closing minute. It only referred to ministerial communion, and did not prevent any minister from holding fraternal relations with any other churches holding the same doctrine. It was important to adopt first the proposed basis, and then take up the arrangements, but after that to send them both down to the Presbyteries together. He moved that the committee be instructed to recommend to the Synod the acceptance of the three articles in the closing minute denominated the basis of union.

Rev. JAMES GORDON seconded that motion.

Principal SNODGRASS suggested that the other motions be withdrawn, and let Dr. Jenkins' motion pass unanimously. They could be brought up afterwards. He was beginning to think that perhaps it would not be well to send anything down to the Presbyteries this session. It would not delay the union any, as they could not send all down this session; but next session they might send all down.

Rev. D. M. GORDON agreed to withdraw his motion on the understanding that he would be free to offer it again.

Rev. Mr. SMITH also agreed to withdraw his motion on the same understanding.

Rev. Mr. LANG said he did not feel warranted in withdrawing his amendment. He thought the clause should be amended.

The vote was taken on Mr. Lang's amendment. Eleven voted for it, and it was decided lost.

Rev. Dr. Jenkins' motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The committee then rose and reported the resolution.

Rev. Dr. JENKINS moved that the report of the committee as to the adoption of this basis of union be the deliverance of this court. Carried unanimously.

Rev. D. M. GORDON proposed his former motion omitting that portion of it which was included in Dr. Jenkins' motion that had just been carried.

Principal SNODGRASS was afraid the proposed plan could not be carried out. The Commission of the Synod met in the fall, and the committee might not have met before then. Besides, it was desirable to have the voice of the whole Synod on the matters before they were sent down to Presbyteries. Furthermore, no time would be gained, as the Canada Presbyterian Church had no Commission of Synod, and they would have to wait till the meeting of their Synod. He would suggest that the words "the next meeting of Synod" be substituted in Mr. Gordon's motion for "Commission of Synod."

Mr. Bell, of Clifton, took the chair, and, after a few words from Rev. Mr. Snodgrass,

Rev. Dr. JENKINS moved that the committee from the Synod should consist of twelve members.

This was agreed to, and the convener of the Committee instructed to telegraph the result to Dr. Topp, at the Quebec General Assembly; and also that the basis of union had been unanimously agreed to.

Rev. Mr. MACDONNELL, of Toronto, in an excellent speech, expressed his fears that the anticipations of the respected Clerk of the Synod with regard to Queen's College would not be realized. They had before them the decision of the committee regularly appointed, and if the basis then come to was not satisfactory to the other body, then the responsibility of any further suggestion would rest with them. As a body, those present were not called upon to take any such steps. (Hear.)

Rev. R. CAMPBELL said that the College and Church were not connected at all. The college was in an independent position and would be able to maintain itself. The great difficulty, he believed, was with respect to the support of the establishment, and when this was better