

The opinion was very generally entertained that the United Church should aim at the permanent endowment of all its Colleges as soon as possible. In the meantime it is recommended that the deficit of revenue for the said Colleges be provided by congregational contributions, under the authority of the General Assembly, and, to this end, that the territorial system be adopted; that the Synod of the Maritime Provinces be the constituency for the support of the Theological Hall at Halifax; that the territory bounded by the Maritime Provinces on the East, and by the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway on the West, be assigned for the support of the Montreal College, and all the territory west of the said Railway, for the support of Knox College, Toronto, and Queen's Theological Hall, at Kingston. (In the event of it being judged necessary to augment the equipment of the said Colleges, by the appointment of additional professors under the above system of support, it was conceded that Morrin College, Quebec, be entitled to an equitable consideration.

RESHIPS, AGENCY AND PERIODICALS.

(1) The Rev. William Reid, M.A., of Toronto, Rev. Professor MacKerras, M.A., of Kingston, and the Rev. William Fraser, Bondhead, be appointed joint clerks of the Assembly, the two first named with a salary of \$250, and the last named, \$150 per annum, exclusive of incidental expenses. (2) That two Agents be appointed for the management of the financial affairs of the Church—their respective salaries to be hereafter defined—One in Toronto, the Rev. William Reid, M.A., and one in Halifax, the Rev. P. G. McGregor, each with a salary of \$2000 per annum. (3) That one periodical be published monthly under the authority of the General Assembly as the official Record of the Church; that it be published in the city of Montreal, and that Mr. Croil, be the editor; that it be supplied to congregations at the rate of \$25 per 100 copies, free of charge, and to single subscribers for 60 cents per annum; that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for commencing the issue of the periodical on the 1st of January to be named THE PRESBYTERIAN RECORD, with an edition of at least 30,000 copies; and that the same Committee be charged to report on the expediency of establishing and maintaining a monthly periodical suitable for circulation in the Sabbath Schools of the Church.

ECCLIASTICAL PROCEDURE.

The report was also read and adopted, and the question to be put to Ministers,

Elders, and Deacons at their ordination and appointment; prescribing the formula to be signed by ministers at their induction, the terms of the Barrier Act, the form in which church records, reports, and like official documents are to be engrossed, with other matters of detail which do not require to be specified. There being no further business the members united in singing the last three verses of the 122 psalm, commencing with the lines:

"Pray that Jerusalem may have
Peace and felicity.
Let them that love thee and thy peace
Have still prosperity."

After which the chairman engaged in prayer, and closed the proceedings with the Apostolic Benediction.

It only remains to be added that the proceedings were conducted throughout in a business-like manner, and that nothing could exceed the fine spirit and temper which prevailed. The discussions were characterized by marked ability, and a tone of earnestness and conciliation, which not seldom rose to magnanimity. A frank and fearless expression of opinion was honestly given—predilection for particular systems were pronounced, but of the old dividing party lines not the faintest trace could be seen. Had the members of this Committee done nothing more, they might justly feel proud that they have solved a problem hidden for generations from the wise and prudent, and proved, beyond contradiction, the essential unity of the great Presbyterian family.

TRUE RELIGION.

The tree is known by its fruits. "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to assist the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unsporting from the world."

Such is the declaration of God by the apostle James. Our faith must be shown by our works. We must be as epistles of Christ—letters clearly and plainly written—letters of love and beneficence. If we love God we must love our brother also. Like Him we must tenderly care for the poor, the sorrowful, the fatherless, the widow. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."