

Church; The Rev. Allan Pollok, The Rev. Dr. Brooke, The Rev. Donald McRae, The Rev. G. J. Caie, Ministers, with Mr. James J. Bremner, Elder of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland; The Rev. Dr. Bayne, The Rev. G. Christie, The Rev. James Benner, The Rev. Geo. Patterson, The Rev. Professor McKnight, Ministers, with Mr. M. H. Goudge, Mr. H. B. Webster, Mr. John S. McLean, and Mr. G. A. Blanchard, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

It was moved by Dr. Jenkins, and seconded by Dr. Topp, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. Dr. Bayne be appointed Chairman. Dr. Bayne accordingly took the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

It was then moved by Principal Snodgrass, and unanimously agreed to, that Dr. Topp be appointed to act as Secretary.

The Committee unanimously approved of the conduct of the Conveners in calling this meeting.

The Conveners severally reported the deliverances on the subject of Union of the Supreme Courts of their respective churches, at their last meeting, in June, 1872.

There were also read the minutes of a Conference held at Montreal on the 26th day of December, 1872, between the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of considering matters arising out of the deliverances of the Supreme Courts of these Churches, and specially affecting them.

It was resolved to engross these in the minutes of this Committee.

The Conveners of the two Committees read the deliverances of the Supreme Courts of their respective Churches on the various matters brought under their notice in connection with the proposed Union. It was found from these, that the subjects to be considered by this Conference were the following: 1. The deliverance of the Canada Presbyterian Church on the Headship of Christ over His Church. 2. The deliverance of both Churches on State grants to Denominational Colleges. 3. The deliverances of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, on the mode of appointment of Theological Professors.

It was resolved to take up the deliverance on the Headship first. The same was read, and explanations were given as to its meaning and object by the Convener, and by other members of the Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Authoritative documents of the respec-

tive churches on the subject were read, viz.: On the part of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland: The Act of Independence; The questions put to Ministers at ordination; The Formula signed by the Ministers of that Church, and The form used in closing the meeting of the Supreme Court. On the part of the Canada Presbyterian Church, there were read the articles of the Basis of Union between the two bodies now composing that church; The questions put to Ministers at ordination, and the Formula.

After interchange of sentiment, and frank conversation on these documents, the members of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, directed copies of the documents read by them to be transmitted to the Convener of the Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church, that said Committee may deal with the matter in their report in such a way as to them may seem proper.

The subject of State grants to Denominational Colleges, was next taken up. The deliverances of the Supreme Courts of the two churches thereon, were read.

The following deliverance, proposed by Professor Caven, and seconded by Dr. MacVicar, was unanimously adopted, viz.: This Conference claims for the respective churches represented by it, the fullest forbearance as to any difference of opinion which may exist respecting the question of State grants to Educational Establishments of a Denominational character, and does not see, in such diversity of sentiment upon a subject on which uniformity of opinion is not enforced within any of the negotiating bodies, anything which need prove a barrier to Union, or disturb the peace of the united Church.

The Rev. Gavin Lang now entered, and took his seat in the Conference.

The subject of the appointment of Professors in the Theological Colleges was then taken up. The deliverance of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, respecting it, was read. After lengthened conversation on the subject, it was the unanimous opinion of the Conference that the whole matter should be referred to the deliberations of the Joint Committee at its next meeting.

The Conference having reason to express its thankfulness at the satisfactory progress which has been made with reference to the object for which this meeting has been held, recommends the Conveners of the Committees of the churches concerned, to make arrangements for a joint meeting of