

fort is well calculated to promote the interests of Sabbath School work.

Your Committee believe that so far as the Sabbath School work of our own Church is concerned it can be promoted better through Presbyterian action than in any other way, and would therefore recommend the renewing of the Synod's injunction of last year, with the addition that the Clerks of Presbyteries report to the Convener of the Committee the results of their conferences. Respectfully submitted.

ALLAN SIMPSON,
Convener S. S. Committee.

Final Minute.

The final meeting of the Synod of the Lower Provinces was held in Knox Church, on Tuesday morning. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Sedgewick. A few items of routine business were attended to, after which the clerk read the Final Minute which is as follows :

"The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, 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 Scotland, the Canada Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, on the ground of the principles 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 record its resolution, to repair forthwith a constituted Synod, to the VICTORIA HALL, the appointed place of meeting, for the purpose of constituting the Union with the aforesaid Churches, and of forming one General Assembly, to be designate and known as the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada,—and does at the same time declared that the United Church shall be considered identical with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and shall possess the same authority, rights, privileges, and benefits to which this Church is entitled. And further, with the view of ratifying the act of Union, the Synod empower its Moderator to sign in its

name the Preamble and basis of Union, and also the resolutions adopted in connection therewith."

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Baxter this Minute was adopted unanimously by a standing vote. After a few feeling remarks by the Moderator the Roll was called, after which prayer was offered by Rev. R. S. Patterson, the Father of the Synod. The Synod then adjourned to Victoria Hall and marched two and two to this place.

THE UNION: GENERAL ASSEMBLY FORMED.

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, Rev. William 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 the Rev. William McMillan, Clerk of Synod; and on the extreme right, Rev. Wm. Caven, Knox College, Toronto, Moderator of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and Revs. Wm. Reid, M. A., and A. W.