

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY—ADJOURNED MEETING.

According to the adjournment, agreed to at Quebec in June, the General Assembly met in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the evening of Tuesday, 7th Nov.

After the Assembly had been opened with prayer, praise, and the reading of a portion of Scripture, followed by an appropriate and excellent address by the Moderator, the roll was called, and the attendance marked.

The attendance was very considerable, there being in all 76 ministers and 43 elders. Had all been present, there would have been 101 ministers and the same number of elders.

The Assembly then called for the report of the Union Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Topp. The report consisted of the minutes of the Joint Committee on Union, which met at Montreal, 26 Sept.—2nd October, and embodied the following Basis of Union, and accompanying resolutions.

#### BASIS.

1. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people; it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

3. That the government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterian Church Government," and in the "Directory for the public worship of God."

4. That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches, as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such ecclesiastical relations to churches holding the same doctrine, government, and discipline with itself, as that ministers and probationers from these Churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall from time to time be adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS ANENT COLLEGIATE EDUCATION.

"That the negotiating Churches shall enter into union with the Theological and Literary Institutions which they now have; and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall, at Halifax; into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist."

The subject was reconsidered by the Committee, and the following resolutions were substituted.

1. That inasmuch as the Canada Presbyterian Church has resolved to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the endowment of its Theological Institutions, it be recommended to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, to provide such further endowment to the Faculty of Arts in Queen's College as it may appear necessary or desirable.

2. That Tutorial work in relation to the Literary and Scientific studies of students for the ministry be not carried on in connection with the Theological Institutions of the United Church in Ontario and Quebec; but that provision be made by the United Church for such work in Queen's College, Kingston, and in Morrin College, Quebec.