

may do by approaching the Legislature, or otherwise, as the majority may determine. And that a minority, while permitted all equitable, liberty, would be understood in this, as in other departments of ecclesiastical government, as bound in action, or dissent, to respect constitutional order and the received principles of the United Body.

Questions regarding the practice of the Churches in admitting to sealing ordinances; and as to bonds or promises securing the payment of stipends, were considered, and a satisfactory understanding was arriving at, showing that in these respects, the practice of the Churches is substantially the same.

Also, the following articles were agreed to:—

1. That the relations which the United Church should bear to the Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, the general Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and all Evangelical Churches be intimate, or otherwise, as the Supreme Court may from time to time determine. That all ministers and preachers applying for admission shall be received on an equal footing, as by law to be enacted; and that all ministers or preachers at the time of the union having temporary pecuniary aid for Missionary or pastoral work from any foreign Church or Society shall continue to receive the same till the time agreed on expires. From the first section of the above, Dr. Burns dissented and gave reasons.
2. That the Committees recommend that the two Theological Institutions be amalgamated, and all the Professors retained, and that the Supreme Court determine the special duties of the respective Professors, as well as all other matters of arrangement.
3. That the name of the United Church be "The Canadian Presbyterian Church."
4. In conclusion, the Committees would express their conviction, that further inquiry into the practical bearing of the principles as enunciated in the minutes of June, 4, 1857, is unnecessary; since any differences which confessedly exist between the two bodies, particularly on the power of the Civil Magistrate with regard to religion, are not, as seems to the Committees, so great, nor of such a nature as to prevent cordial co-operation, and may be made, and should be made, matters of mutual Christian forbearance. They would, therefore, recommend to their respective Synods, that the statements contained in the Minutes of the Joint-Committees be adopted as a basis of Union.

All which is respectfully submitted, in name of the Committee.

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