

when addresses were delivered by several of the delegates. Principal Snodgrass and Rev. Dr. Topp, from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, we observe, took part in the public proceedings. We have only room for the Constitution, which was agreed on.

PREAMBLE:

Whereas churches holding the Reformed Faith and organized on Presbyterian principles are found, though under a variety of names, in different parts of the world: whereas many of those were long wont to maintain close relations, but are at present united by no visible bond, whether of fellowship or of work: and whereas in the providence of God the time seems to have come when they may all more fully manifest their essential oneness, have closer communion with each other, and promote great causes by joint action: It is agreed to form a Presbyterian Alliance to meet in general council from time to time, in order to confer upon matters of common interest, and to further the ends for which the Church has been constituted by her Divine Lord and only King. In forming this Alliance the Presbyterian churches do not mean to change their fraternal relations with other churches, but will be ready as heretofore to join with them in Christian fellowship, and in advancing the cause of the Redeemer on the general principle maintained and taught in the Reformed Confession, that the Church of God on earth, though composed of many members, is one body in the Communion of the Holy Ghost, of which body Christ is the Supreme Head, and the Scriptures alone the infallible law.

ARTICLES:

I. DESIGNATION.—This Alliance shall be known as "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system."

II. MEMBERSHIP.—Any Church organized on Presbyterian principles which holds the supreme authority of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in matters of faith and morals, and whose creed is in harmony with the Consensus of the Reformed Confessions, shall be eligible for admission into the Alliance.

III. THE COUNCIL:

1. *Its Meetings*.—The Alliance shall meet in General Council ordinarily once in three years.

2. *Its Constituency*.—The Council shall consist of delegates, being ministers and ruling elders appointed by the Churches forming the Alliance, the number from each church being regulated by a plan sanctioned by the Council, regard being had generally to the number of congregations in the several churches. The delegates, as far as practicable, to consist of an equal number of ministers and ruling elders. The Council may, on the recommendation of a committee on business, invite Presbyterian brethren, not delegates, to offer suggestions, to deliver addresses, and to read papers.

3. *Its Powers*.—The Council shall have power to decide upon the applications of Churches desiring to join the Alliance, it shall have the power to entertain and consider topics which may be brought before it by any Church represented in the Council, or by any member of the Council, on their being transmitted in the manner hereinafter