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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH TO HEAR OPPONENT OF UNION SCHEME

Presbyterian Moderator Asked To Arrange For Exchange of Pulpits Here.
PASS RESOLUTION

The moderator of the Presbyterian church will be asked by the session of St. Andrew's church to arrange for an exchange of pulpits with some minister in the London Presbyterian who is an opponent of church union. The following is a resolution passed at a meeting of the congregation yesterday morning.

The session of St. Andrew's church decided last night to ask the moderator to arrange an exchange on the morning of November 23, with some minister within the bounds of the presbytery, who is opposed to church union, that that aspect of the question might be presented to the congregation from the anti-union standpoint.

"They also decided that a congregational meeting be held on December 10, at which an opportunity will be given to every member to discuss the question for or against."

Refutes Charges.
Charges that have been made against the doctrine of the United Church of Canada were completely refuted yesterday morning by Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

During the course of his sermon on "The Doctrinal Basis of the United Church of Canada," Dr. MacGregor answered all the main charges made by those opposed to church union against that doctrine "as departing from the great fundamentals of our faith."

Stamp Offer Brings Flood

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Nov. 15.—G. W. Sulman, ex-M.L.A., is listing the names of hundreds of Chatham school children to whom he intends to send postcards during his jaunt through eastern countries this winter. He announced that he would send the postcards to children interested in stamp collecting, but did not know there were so many youthful philatelists in Chatham. The local globe trotter is an ardent collector. His specimens are valued at something like \$40,000.

The first charge against the United Church doctrine dealt with by the speaker was that "it provided an open door for every error, especially that error, which takes from Christ His crown of Deity and takes from sinners a Saviour, making Him only a man."

"Article 7 of the basis of union speaks for itself," said Dr. MacGregor. "It says: 'I believe in the Deity Christ. I believe in the virgin birth. I believe in the atonement through the sacrificial death of the Lord. I believe in the resurrection. I believe in the indwelling of the living Christ in the hearts of His people.'"

Seek Modernism.
"Exception has been taken to the doctrine of union on the ground that it has gone after modernism, which denies the supernatural in religion."

But the supernatural in religion is fully recognized in Article 5, which says: "We believe God has given His only Son to be the Saviour of sinners and in the gospel freely offers His all-sufficient salvation to all men." Article 8 affirms "that it is the Holy Spirit who persuades and enables men to obey the call of the gospel." Article 9 declares the necessity of regeneration whereby we are made new creatures in Christ by the Spirit of God. All through the basis emphasis is laid on the fact that salvation begins on God's side and is freely offered to man.

"While there are some things in the Westminster confession of faith, which do not appear in the basis of union, no one has yet pointed out one single, essential doctrine of Presbyterianism or of the Evangelical faith that is omitted in that basis."

"Anti-unionists claim that the basis of union has departed from the Westminster confession in omitting the clause, 'That, by the decree of God, there is a fixed number of men who are foreordained to everlasting death.'"

"I think it ought to be omitted," asserted Dr. MacGregor. "I cannot conceive that a God of love would deliberately create human beings and then just as deliberately condemn them to everlasting death without giving them a chance. Even children who die in infancy, if they did not belong to the elect, would, according to that doctrine, be condemned."

"The doctrine of 'limited atonement' does not appear in the basis, but instead there appears this: 'God in His gospel freely offers His all-sufficient salvation to all men.' In contrast to this the Confession of Faith has this: 'While all men are sinners, yet Christ died only for those who shall be saved, that is the elect and those not appointed unto life God passes by.' I leave you to judge which is more in accord with scripture."

One God and Head Only.
"Anti-unionists deny the spiritual independence of the church. One of the great doctrines of the Presbyterian church is the 'headship of Christ over His church.' In all matters of faith and duty she recognizes only one king and head. In issuing a writ asking the civil authority to override the decision of the church and again in voting against the resolution in the general assembly, affirming the spiritual independence of the church, those opposing union have repudiated a principle for which the Presbyterian church has fought throughout the centuries. To be consistent in any new church, they may organize on a principle which recognizes the supremacy of the state in matters spiritual, and when they do that they depart from Presbyterianism."

While granting that the doctrine of the United Church could be changed, Dr. MacGregor pointed out that such change could be effected only in the same manner as any change could, at the present time, be made in the Presbyterian church doctrine, namely, by the general council, which consists of an equal number of ministers and laymen, approving of any changes as approved by a majority of the presbyteries in the sit representatives of the people.

Quotes Statement.
Dr. MacGregor quoted a recent statement regarding church union by Rev. E. J. Scott, D.D., Montreal, as compared with his comment at the time the basis first appeared. "Last week, in a letter bristling with misrepresentation," Dr. Scott wrote this: "But the clerical directors of this new church corporation can do with it what they will. They can alter, change, modify any other religious denomination on any terms they may choose, and the people are transferred like chattels without any voice of their own destiny." That simply is untrue, but here is what Dr. Scott said when the basis was first published: "Its excellence must impress every reader. It is full, simple and scriptural. There are few Presbyterians who can find any substantial difference between it and the Shorter Catechism or the Confession of Faith."

"Another objection offered," concluded Dr. MacGregor, "is that ministers do not have to pledge themselves to anything. Before a man can begin to study for the ministry in accordance with the requirements of the basis of union, he must be recommended by the session or congregation to which he belongs. He must be examined by Presbytery before he goes to college, and at the end of every year, his college course. He must be licensed to preach by presbytery and recommended to the conference for ordination. Then he must satisfy the conference that he is in essential agreement with the doctrines of the United Church before he is ordained."

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"Knowledge and real intimacy with God can not be secured overnight or in a hurry," said the speaker. "It is the fruit of daily systematic communion with Him and the lifting up of our hearts to Him. But with that knowledge, comes power to overcome the difficulties of life, which will thereby be greatly sweetened."

Victory Over Sin.
"Christians should abound in victory over sin. At the time of baptism Christians renounced sin in its three sources—the world, the flesh and the devil, and at the time of confirmation that vow is renewed. Victory over sin is possible since God has willed that man should triumph over it."

"Christians should abound in the growth of holiness," pursued Dr. Mackenzie-Naughton. "Holiness is not much thought of these days. The modern mind shrinks from holiness as being a saint, something unattainable or else someone sanctimonious and benighted. Holiness, however, is important, since without holiness, no man can see God. Holiness on God's part has been defined as 'the glorious fullness of His moral excellence.' That, of course, means God's separation from everything evil and His consecration to everything pure. Our holiness lies in sharing God's holiness and that, too, is not impossible or unattainable, since God has willed it for us."

All Should Work.
"Every Christian ought to be at work for Christ, abounding in Christian service. There are many today who go to church and worship and adore God, who are doing nothing in His service. We are not taking Christ seriously. He came down from heaven and sacrificed His life, yet we are not willing to sacrifice anything for Him. The work of winning the world for Christ is not the work of a few interested in missions. It is the task of the church and the task of every Christian."

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