

LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO RIGHTS OF PROPERTY.

Such legislation shall be sought as shall preserve undisturbed all rights of property now belonging to congregations and corporate bodies, and at the same time not interfere with freedom of action on the part of congregations in the same locality desirous of uniting, or on the part of corporate bodies which may find it to be expedient to discontinue, wholly or partially, their separate existence.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

The United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the home and foreign missionary and benevolent operations of the several Churches, according to their respective claims; and with regard to the practical work of the Church and the promotion of its schemes, whilst the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, yet the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through synods and local committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy the different sections of the Church, and at the same time draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion, and throughout the world.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES.

In the United Church the fullest forbearance shall be allowed as to any difference of opinion which may exist respecting the question of State grants to educational establishments of a denominational character.

The Assembly also appointed Rev. Dr. Topp and Rev. J. McTavish as a deputation to proceed to the Lower Provinces, to attend the meetings of the Synod of the Church of the Lower Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, to lay before those bodies the changes which have been made in the basis of union, and accompanying resolutions, and respectfully to ask their concurrence in the same.

It was also agreed, with reference to the name of the United Church, that the most appropriate designation would be "The Presbyterian Church in Canada," and that the Synods in the Maritime Provinces should be respectfully asked to concur in the change.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

On the afternoon of Saturday the 6th, the reports of the Theological Colleges, viz. Knox College and the Presbyterian College of Montreal, were read, as was also the report of the Manitoba College. These were referred to a committee to consider and report on the same. This committee subsequently reported to the following effect:

KNOX COLLEGE.

1. That the Assembly express its satisfaction with the state of the Bursary Fund, and strongly recommend it to the increasing liberality of the Church.

2. With regard to the Building Fund, the Assembly express its high appreciation of the services of the Professors of the College, and its deep sense of the liberality of the Church for the large sums reported, and recommend that, so far as convenient, the Professors prosecute the canvass during the current summer, and obtain the co-operation of such as may be able to lend valuable aid.