

The Rev. Dr. Cook was appointed Chairman, and the Rev. Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Taylor.

Extract minutes of the Supreme Courts of the various Churches appointing the Committees were read, as also the letter of the Rev. Dr. Ormiston of Hamilton, on the ground of which, and of the sentiments expressed therein, the said action of these Churches was taken.

The Chairman opened the business by referring to the desirableness and expediency of Union between the Churches represented by this meeting, inasmuch as they hold the same doctrine and government and discipline.

I. All present were of opinion that for many and strong reasons, it was desirable to have a union of the Presbyterian Churches within British North America, and that there was on the ground of principle no obstacle to said Union, if it were accomplished on the basis of the Holy Scriptures, as the Supreme Standard of faith and manners, with the Westminster Confession of Faith, as the Subordinate Standard, it being understood, 1st, That full liberty of opinion in regard to the power and duty of the civil Magistrate in matters of religion, as set forth in said Confession, be allowed; and 2nd, That the use of the Shorter Catechism be enjoined as an authoritative Exposition of doctrine for the instruction of our people.

II. With regard to the name by which the United Church shall be known, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that the name should be "The Presbyterian Church of British North America."

III. The meeting also resolved to record their opinion that this United Church should maintain fraternal relations with Presbyterian Churches holding the same doctrine and government and discipline—and that ministers and probationers should be received into the Church subject to such regulations as the Church may from time to time adopt.

IV. It was also agreed that the general polity, laws and forms of procedure be settled by the United Church, and compiled from