

METHODIST CHURCHES—UNION OF.

The following resolution was moved by the Hon. Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Laing, and adopted unanimously :—That a Committee be appointed to prepare a congratulatory resolution, expressing the great satisfaction with which this Church regards the union of the Methodist Churches of our Dominion, and that such resolution be presented to the Methodist Church in such manner as may be deemed most fitting. The Moderator named the Hon. Mr. Morris, Dr. Laing and Dr. Caven, a Committee to draft a resolution in the sense above indicated, and report at a subsequent sederunt.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE—REPORT IN PART.

Mr. R. H. Warden, from the Committee on the nomination of members to compose the Boards and Standing Committees of the Church, stated that it was expedient, for the furtherance of the work of the Church, that certain Committees and Boards should now be appointed. Mr. Warden then read the names of members to compose the Home Mission Committee for the Western Section, and the Board of Management, the Senate and Examiners of Knox College. The Assembly accepted the nominations and appointed the Committee and Boards above named.

The Assembly then ordered that the lists of the Boards and Committee now appointed, together with the nominations for the remaining Boards and Committees be printed, and submitted to the Assembly in that form at a subsequent sederunt.

APPEAL—DR. GREGG, *et al.*—MARRIAGE DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

The Assembly took up a dissent and complaint of Dr. Gregg, and others, against a decision of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston in sustaining action of the Presbytery of Kingston, in sisting proceedings in the matter of a marriage performed by one of the ministers of said Presbytery of a member of the Church with the sister of his deceased wife, in contravention of the law of the Church.

MODERATOR LEFT CHAIR.

The Moderator, being a member of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, from the decision of which appeal had been taken, left the chair, which at his request was taken by Dr. MacVicar.

The parties were called and compeared, namely, the complainants, Dr. Gregg, with Messrs. Andrew Wilson, J. Cleland and J. Brown; for the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell and P. McF. McLeod; and for the Presbytery of Kingston, Mr. W. T. Wilkins. The papers in the case were read. Dr. Gregg was heard for himself and the other complainants, Messrs. Macdonnell and McLeod were heard for the Synod, and Mr. Wilkins for the Presbytery of Kingston. Dr. Gregg was heard in reply. Parties were removed from the bar.

It was moved by Dr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. J. G. Forbes, that the General Assembly dismiss the protest and appeal, sustain the decision of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and the finding of the Presbytery of Kingston. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Robert Campbell, of Montreal, seconded by Mr. H. H. McPherson, that the appeal be sustained, and that the case be remitted to the Presbytery of Kingston to be dealt with according to the laws of the Church. Dr. Proudfoot replied. A vote was then taken, when the amendment of Mr. Campbell was carried by a large majority and became the judgment of the House, and the Assembly decerned in terms thereof.

Dr. MacVicar, from the chair, announced the decision to the parties.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

At the request of Mr. D. M. Gordon, the Assembly returned to the consideration of the expediency of now appointing other Committees besides those already agreed upon at