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RESOLUTIONS RE CHURCH UNION BILL

AS PASSED BY THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA

1. That the Congregational Union, representing the Congregational Churches of Canada, meeting in Annual Assembly at Toronto, re-affirms its decision earnestly to seek organic Union with the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches until it is finally consummated.
2. That it declares its adherence to the spiritual liberty of Christ's Church and to her right to determine her own doctrine, polity and destiny, free from all outside interference.
3. That it affirms that the amendments which have been introduced into the Preamble and Section I.A. of the Church Union Bill contravene these principles, and, therefore, cannot be accepted by the Congregational Churches.
4. That it is astonished to learn that the Private Bills' Committee of the Canadian Parliament should be in any doubt whatever as to the Constitutional right of Parliament to determine what is clearly a Canadian issue, namely, the conditions on which Canadian Churches should hold and use property so as best to serve the Dominion of Canada and the Kingdom of God.
5. That finally, it earnestly calls on the House of Parliament to pass the Church Union Bill without infringing the main principles set forth in that Bill, which alone would be acceptable to free Protestant Churches seeking at once to conserve the great traditions of the past and to do the best in the future for the welfare of the people of our beloved Dominion, and so help to establish the State in peace, security and righteousness.

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