

students for the ministry be not carried on in connection with the Theological Institutions of the United Church in Ontario and Quebec; but that provisions be made by the United Church for such work in Queen's College, Kingston, and in Morrin College, Quebec.

3. That the Theological department of Queen's College and that of Morrin College, and the Presbyterian College, Montreal, shall be united into one College, situated at Montreal.

4. That the Theological College thus formed at Montreal, shall be governed in general accordance with the provisions of the charter of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

5. That the three Theological Colleges of the United Church, viz: at Halifax, Montreal and Toronto, shall be affiliated with Queen's College, so as to be represented in the University Senate. For conferring degrees in Divinity. For taking such share in the government of the University as may be proper in relation to the preparatory training of students for the ministry.

6. That the present Principal of Morrin College shall be invited by the General Assembly of the United Church to be the first Principal of the Theological College at Montreal, that another Theological Professor shall be so invited from Queen's College, and that in the event of his declining the invitation, such Professor shall be nominated by the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

7. That the legislation necessary to effect the foregoing changes shall be sought, and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation, in conformity with the said changes, as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall, at Halifax, into relations to the United Church, similar to those which they now hold to their respective churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist.

Principal Snodgrass dissented from these resolutions for reasons, which, it was agreed, he might, if he thought proper, send to the Secretary.

The Committee further agreed to ex-

press their confident expectation that 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 that with regard to the practical work of the Church, and the prosecution of its schemes, whilst of course the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, and be the final Court of Appeal, yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard for such arrangements, through synods and local committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in christian love and sympathy the various sections of the Church, and at the same time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion and throughout the world.

It was agreed also by the Committee that the Basis of Union for the United Church, to be known as "The Presbyterian Church of British North America," as revised and made up from the previous minutes by the Committee appointed for that purpose, be as follows:

1. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people; it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

3. That the government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterian Church Government," and in "The Directory for the public worship of God."

4. That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its seve-