

Head of the Church for having conducted both Synods to such a point in the pathway towards union as that this happy meeting should have taken place, as it has done, this day."

It was moved by the Rev. G. M. Grant, and seconded by the Rev. John Stewart, and supported by a series of short speeches:—"That this Conference, at this its first meeting, desires publicly to express absolute allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to pledge itself unreservedly to His service."

This resolution was unanimously adopted by the members rising.

The Conference then closed with praise and prayer.

W. McMILLAN, } *Joint Secretaries.*  
A. FALCONER. }

*New Glasgow, Oct. 23, 1874.*

By command of Synod, we publish the draft Act drawn up by the Committee on Legislation, and adopted by the Synod. Our readers will see at one that its object is to secure to congregations all their existing rights and privileges; but it is published now to afford plenty of time for criticism, should any such be forthcoming:—

### DRAFT.

#### AN ACT concerning the Congregations of Churches connected with the Church of Scotland in this Province.

Whereas negotiations have been entered into between the Churches known as The Canada Presbyterian Church, The Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, to effect a Union under the title of "The Presbyterian Church of Canada;" and the terms of said Union have been finally assented to by the Supreme Courts of those Churches respectively:

And whereas it is advisable, before the Union of the negotiating churches is consummated, to protect the property and rights of the congregations connected with the Church of Scotland in this Province, who may enter into such Union:

Be it enacted by the Lieut. Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. All property, real or personal, now belonging to, or held in trust, for or to the use of any congregation, heretofore, and now connected with the Church of Scotland, whether the same shall have been organized under the Revised Statutes, or under Deeds of Trust, or under acts of incorporation, or as Union, or as Joint Stock Churches, or otherwise, howsoever, shall continue, on and after the Consummation of said Union, to be possessed and held by, and shall be used for the benefit of the same congregation, to the same extent as heretofore, after it shall have entered into such Union.

2. Where, in any act of incorporation or deed of Trust, or conveyance operating as such, or in any will, any congregation connected with the Church of Scotland is mentioned, or intended to be benefitted, such act, deed of Trust, or conveyance, or will, shall be understood and construed as referring to the same congregation or church, so soon as it shall have entered into connection or communion with the said united body.

3. Where, in the act of incorporation, or deed of trust of every congregation or church heretofore connected with the Church of Scotland, or in any conveyance in the nature of a trust, or in any will, no provision has been made for the filling up, from time to time, of trusteeships vacated by death, removal from the Province, incapacity to act, or resignation of the Trustees, such congregation or Church, so soon as the same shall be in connection or communion with the said united body, may, at any regular meeting, held in accordance with their Act of incorporation or deed of Trust, by a majority of those present and entitled to vote, elect and appoint new Trustees in place of such Trustees as shall have removed from the Province, become incapable to act, resigned or died, or shall have ceased to be members in communion with the said united body; and such newly appointed trustees and their successors, so to be appointed, shall have full power and authority to hold and administer the trust, or corporate property of such congregation.

4. Conveyances heretofore made of