

8. *Quarterly Meetings.*—No changes are proposed in the composition or functions of Quarterly Meetings, but the Primitive Methodist Church agrees that the Circuit Superintendent shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Quarterly Meeting, as is now the practice in the other Churches.

9. *Church Property.*—No concessions are necessary; but a plan is proposed of dealing with property that may not be required after the Union.

10. *Church Funds.*—In regard to these, the work of the Committee was simply to protect vested interests, and to prepare an equitable basis on which to adjust the various claims. Whether they have succeeded in this, the Church at large must judge.

11. *Book and Publishing Interests.*—The Halifax and Toronto Publishing Interests of the Methodist Church of Canada are to be maintained, and no difficulty is apprehended in the way of consolidating the other publishing interests at an early date after Union.

12. *Educational Interests.*—The Educational Institutions in the Maritime Provinces are to remain unchanged. Those in the west having University powers, will be consolidated.

*Points that will be Opposed.*

Such, in brief, is the Basis of Union agreed upon by the Joint Committee. Much of it will be accepted without controversy; but there are three points that may elicit opposition. These are, 1. General Superintendency; 2. Lay Representation in the Annual Conferences; 3. The Superannuation Fund. On the first point some opposition may arise from two of the uniting bodies, namely, the Methodist Church of Canada, and the Methodist Episcopal Church; but in neither case is it likely to come from the laity. Ministers in the former body may possibly oppose it because of their dislike of Superintendency in any form, especially in a form that will in any way interfere with the absolute independence of Annual Conferences. Ministers in the latter body may possibly oppose it from a conviction that, in giving up the life appointment and the separate consecration, they are yielding the essentials of Superintendency. But both should remember that without mutual