

been adopted by them by a vote of *twenty-six to seven*.

A Conference of the two Synods was held on Friday morning which lasted nearly an hour and-a-half. It was deeply solemn and impressive,—long to be remembered with delight. Praises were sung, prayers offered, and appropriate resolutions adopted, expressing gratitude to God for the prevailing unanimity, and pledging a higher and more thorough consecration to the service of Christ. The two Moderators, Messrs. Duncan and McGregor, presided. The two Clerks, Messrs. McMillan and Falconer, acted as Secretaries. The two Synods seemed to be perfectly fused into one in the genial warmth of brotherly love. The prevalent feeling appeared to be one of regretful wonder,—“How could we stand aloof so long!”

The Resolutions adopted with devout enthusiasm, and perfect unanimity were as follows:—

“1. That this Conference place on record their sense of their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for having conducted both Synods to such a point in the pathway towards Union, as that this happy meeting should be possible, and should have taken place as it has done this day.

“2. That this Conference at this its first meeting desires to publicly to express absolute allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to pledge itself unreservedly to his service.”

It is expected that a meeting of the four Negotiating Churches will be held next Summer, either in Montreal or Toronto, to consummate the Union. Let us pray that no obstacle may yet arise to obstruct the movement: let us speak, think, feel, and act in such a way as will aid the glorious aim our churches have in view.

The deputation from the Sister Synod announced to ours that Rev. Allan Pollok, late of New Glasgow, had been unanimously chosen by the Synod to occupy a chair in our Theological Hall at Halifax. It is hoped that Mr. Pollok will be able to undertake the highly responsible office to which he has been called, with little or no delay.

An Appeal against the action of the Cape Breton Presbytery in reference to

Sydney Congregation occupied a considerable proportion of the time of Synod. It was decided “to sustain the Protest and Appeal, and reverse the action of the Presbytery in so far as the petitioners are censured thereby.” A petition connected with the same case was referred to the Presbytery the following assessors to be associated with them; Revs. W. Duff, Dr. Bayne, A. McL. Sinclair, John MacKinnon.

A petition from Amherst was read, signed by 27 persons, asking for supply of preaching from this Synod in concert with the Sister Synod. The petition was referred to the Home Mission Board with instructions to take action in concert with the Board of the other Synod.

A slight change in the rates was proposed by the Committee on the Insurance of Churches, and stating that they had agreed to form a Guarantee Fund to provide against any loss that might occur before the Fund should be large enough to meet the same. The proposed change was approved and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the persons who had so kindly agreed to give their guarantee in view of possible loss.

At the request of the Supplementing Committee the Synod instructed Congregations to send in their contributions to this Fund, as far as possible, before the 15th December next.

As it is expected that the Synod will meet next year in one of the Upper Provinces, special liberality will be required in making contributions to the Synod Fund.

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### FORWARD IS THE WORD.

An eminent Methodist minister, Rev. Dr. Eddy, who died on the 4th October, had devoted his life to preaching the Gospel and promoting Missions to the Heathen. His death-bed was one of the most gloriously triumphant on record. For more than an hour of the last night of his life, he uninterruptedly spoke of the great needs of the church, and the imperative demands on Christians to take