

16.—ABOUT BRO. POWELL'S EXAMINATION.

It was moved by Rev. J. W. Bell, B. D., seconded by the Rev. W. J. Hewitt :

" That in accordance with the resolution of the Toronto Conference, Bro. Powell be allowed to write for his preliminary course on the text books of last year."

17.—METHODIST UNION.

Rev. James Woodsworth moved the following resolutions, seconded by Rev. W. L. Rutledge :

" That as a Conference, we cannot lose the opportunity of expressing our high satisfaction at the progress made by the great movement for the unification of the four Methodist Churches of Canada : that the united committee agreed upon a basis upon which it was thought a union could be affected ; that this basis has received the endorsation of an overwhelming majority of the laity of all the churches concerned ; and that a very large majority of the ministers assembled in their various conferences likewise cordially accepted the provisions of this basis ; and in view of the possibility of a limitless expenditure of money and of moral force for no desirable end in this great and rapidly developing North Western country if the present be perpetuated ; and in view of the many desirable results of such a union, other than the avoidance of the aforesaid evils, we express an earnest desire that nothing may prevent the acceptance of the basis of union by the General Conference, soon to assemble ; and that the crowning act of union in the assembly of the General Conference of the united church may, by the blessing of God, be brought about at the time provided for in the basis."

After a long and interesting discussion, in which many of the brethren took part, the resolution was unanimously carried.