

the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Canada Presbyterian Church; and does resolve to consummate the Union, on the ground of these articles, at the close of the meeting of the Supreme Court of this Church in June next, in the event of the other Churches agreeing to the same: and further, the General Assembly, in coming to this resolution, does express its thankfulness to the God of all wisdom and grace, who has guided the Church to the harmonious termination of the negotiations carried on for several years, and its fervent prayer that the union about to be consummated may, by his blessing, be made eminently conducive to the advancement of the cause and kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ in this and in other lands.

An amendment proposing the rejection of the remit received the support of only the mover and seconder.

At the request of several members the roll was called, when 111 voted yea, and 2 nay. It is here to be added, however, that 8 ministers who voted yea to the remit generally, were permitted to record their dissent from the resolution on modes of worship. Messrs. Middlemiss and Ross dissented from the preamble, basis and resolutions, generally, with reasons. These reasons were subsequently answered.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

In connection with the Report on Union, there was read an extract minute of proceedings of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, stating that all the Presbyteries of that Church, 107 Congregations, 97 Sessions, had reported in favour of Union, and that the Synod to take the further steps necessary to consummate the Union.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES, &c.

The Assembly were also informally made acquainted with the result of the action of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, to the effect that the resolution in favour of Union had been carried by a large majority.

An hour was spent at the opening of the Assembly on Thursday morning in devotional exercises—special thanksgiving being offered to God for the harmonious conclusion which had, by the divine blessing, been reached on the subject of Union.

CONFERENCE.

A conference of the Assembly with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, at the same time in session in Toronto, was held, at which it was agreed that Montreal would be the most suitable place for the meeting of these respective bodies for the consummation of the Union.

The Union Committee was re-appointed.

CONSTITUTION OF NEXT ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly proceeded to consider that portion of the report on Returns to Remits having reference to the representation of the Church in the next General Assembly, when the following resolution was adopted:—That, with the consent of a majority of Presbyteries, the representation of the Church in the next General Assembly be so extended as to embrace, at the next meeting of Assembly, all the ministers and elders on the rolls of the various Presbyteries.