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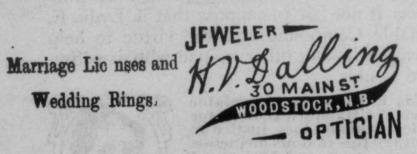
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### ASSEMBLY AT ODDS OVER CHURCH UNION

#### One of the Most Exciting Debates Ever Witnessed by Assembly.

debate in the General Assembly.

HAMILTON, June 8.—The afternoon and evening sessions of the General Assembly were devoted to a discuscame to a sudden termination by a motion to adjourn at 10.10 and is to morning.

It was by far the most sensational and exciting debate on church union that has yet been seen at an assembly meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION

'Ine afternoon session opened Kowtowing between the mayor of the city and the moderator of the assembly. The mayor was glad the assembly had come and hoped they would have a good time, etc, and the moderator reciprocated. Then came the representative of the Methodist Church. Hesalaamed and was happy in his terms. The moderator countered with becoming ability. No other denominations came to wish well and church union was called to the carpet.

SPOKE FOR COMMITTEE.

Principal Patrick spoke for the committee on union. He opened by a reference to the attitude of friendliness exhibited by the Anglican Church. A letter had been received from the Anglican Church suggesting union on certain conditions preliminary to negotiations. These conditions were impossible because of the reflection on the Presbyterian view of the administration of the sacraments. The letter was answered and now negotiations are more likely to take place.

Then he passed on to the report proper. He touched on the various labors of the sub committee eulogizing the courage and industry of these men. They have left nothing und ne. No hard things have been dodged; but with fairnessand openness every problem has been investigated. He dealt with three difficulties in the way of union. The first and greatest in some ways of doctrine. He quotsaying at the beginning of negotiacannot frame articles of creed." When the nineteen articles were submitted to the committee, Dr Potts was satisfied that Union was possible and a duty because possible.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION Principal Patrick characterized the 19 articles as an advance on anything to be found in any of the three negotiating churches. He declared that the Westminster confession contained much that is antiquated and not a little that is defective. It is too much philosophy and too little of the religion of the Bible. The 19 articles drawn up by the committee constitute a common creed for the churches he declared to a faint ap plause from his hearers.

Regarding polity he reported the committee as of the opinion that representation in higher courts of the united church should be open to all in the church who are in good standing whether elders or not.

The ministry in the new church as proposed will be regarded as exist. ing for the sake of the church. The Methodists have conceded the princhurch and no unemployed ministers. The probationer will be a lost

quantity when union comes. Principal Patrick was convinced ed. that no statement of equal importance to his today has been made in the experience of the three chur-

committee had been charged to find isting. Never have the people of if organtic union was possible. He claimed it was because the findings of the committee show it to be practicable. Therefore it is the duty of warm up, but when he did he made these churches to unite. He quoted | the union men attentive to an inter-Scotsmen from Chalmers down in esting degree. He believed we have the matter of the duty of union now the true union of the churches where it is possible. He declared because we find the churches as in that the church of today is not the the laymen's missionary movement, N T church, nor of the first century, banded together for solid work. In nor of the second century. He closing he appealed for federation, spoke for over an hour and a half not union, and a letter to all congreand closed with an appeal to the assembly to do its duty in the pro

REV DR DUVAL.

In view of great interest through. who deemed it a work of supererogaout the county in the subject of tion to speak at any, length after the Church Union we print in full the extended deliverance of Principal charged that co-operation and feder-Patrick. His method of approach was from the higher ground of spiritual one could tell how much good it working. He found the spirit of God at work in all this union movement. sion on church union. The debate It is the coming together of sundered parts of the church. "We are in the world," cried Dr Duval, "not to save be resumed at ten o'clock tomorrow this life or that life, nor this church not that church, but to obey the moving of the higher forces that are making for righteousness and union.

"We are grinding men to death and effecting very little by their sacrifice. We murlered Dr Robertson because our organization is not what it ought to be and union will bring this better organization."

He sacrificed the output of the colleges today after importing these boys from the streets of Glasgow, Edinburgh and London. Protestantism ought to have an apology for left wing of the echoing laugh from existence; as it is, it is only an exag- the audience. Time was called. The gerated individualism th t is ready moderator gave the speaker a minute to vanish in absurdity. As a piece of more. Some did not hear the perbeen equalled in the assembly.

Principal McKay of Vancoucer rose to offer an amendment. Either he was unable to form a judgment or the union committee was laboring under a delusion. He went for Principal Patrick with a refreshing frank

PRINCIPAL MCKAY.

"He knows or he ought to know, it was distinctly anti union as is conunion by the B C principal.

and Dr Duval," he concluded and ject among the people. the house applauded soundly.

settled. There is no overlapping probe left out. In B C there are 117 stations, "Union is hopeless because we tions. Most of these are not missions of the negotiating churches, so in B C the overlapping is not so exaggerated as often represented."

> the sections of the revolt and was helped to a fine line of applause as he scored against the committee. Sometimes he was turning his Long Tom on humming birds, but his admirers did not seem to appreciate this In the new church a man would get to an assembly once in 24 years according to the increased number of men and the system of election proposed. He moved for a committee to meet with committees from the other churches to discuss and devise a federation, not a union. After his main address and before he sat down he declared vigorously: "The worst of this question is the chan e to hide a bad reason behind a pious phrase will come if we have union."

Time to adjourn came before he had finished and he has the floor at evening service.

EVENING SESSION

Principal MacKay was late in coming to the house to resume his argument in the evening and a man was put up to mark time. He was a good stop gap only. He held the fort for ten minutes after the principal arriv-

Getting back to his work, the principal pointed out that the people of the church have not yet expressed their indifference to the denomina-He reminded the house that the tional idea of the church as now ex these churches been more loyal and liberal in their gifts of sympathy and substance. He took some time to gations explaining all that is involved in the proposed union. To adopt

this resolution is to be committeed

to union. He expounded the reso-

amid a storm of approving applause. of the Methodist church will not But the end had not come. A tangle meet till the month of September. and turmoil occurred over the length 1910, the assembly agree that the of speech yet in the minds of men. judgement of the church at large on Fifteen minutes was the time allow- this important subject be not sought ed. Rev Dr Morton of Trinidad ad- until after that date. They direct, vocated union as one who looked at however, that copies of the report the question from a foreign mission be sent down to presbyteries, sespoint of view. The heathen cannot sions and congregations for their understand the divisenes of Protest- use, in order that they may be fully antism, and Dr Morton thinks this informed as to the whole question, union will heal divisenes in Canadian and be prepared to deal with it when Protestantism.

T J Jones, Charlettetown, followed in a condensed and comprehensive speech against the resolution. He advisability of preparing a brief ation had never been tried and no report for popular use. would do.

PRINCIPAL FORREST.

President Forrest was afraid he could not speak his mind in fifteen minutes. He attacked the anti-unionists in characteristically vigorous fashion. Then he reviewed the history of the union movement. Incidentally he averred that these men had turned on themselves, had contradicted their own expressed views. He ridiculed the opinions of the parties of the other part and caused a roar of applause when he said "Union is bound to come if the laymen's missionary movement did not fizzle out." The worthy president laughed at quotations in general and Principal Patrick came in for the clear and trenchant speech it has not mission. A roar went up: "Time, time." "I am ruled by the moderator," said the president, and finished

Rev Dr Robert Campbell continued the debate. He gave three reasons against union. (1)-Opposition in the church to union.

2. We are adding to church or-

ganizations by this union. 3. We are breaking off most valthat he is wrong in his faith," said uable alliances by this union. These Principal Mackay with the tones of he elaborated and these he said are an auctioneer when the bids are com- unchallenged reasons for retaining ing slowly. He quoted from Scots on our identity. The whole union movethe other side of the question. Dr ment is the outcome of lack of love Deuvry was one of those quoted and | for truth. It is the result of a disregard for spiritual truth and a love templated by the committee Dr for the outward and visible organi-Lyman Abbott was quoted against zation. He was heard with various applause and "Oh, Oh." Dr Camp-"This question will not be settled bell stirred Dr Forrest by a sharp but can not very well do so in a pubby using scare words such as we word on the president's talk to the have heard from Principal Patrick assembly and his silence on the sub-

Like a flash the Haligonian was on "The needs of the world will de- his feet in a tempestuous protest and I can not as yet tell what the tem termine how the question may be the house was in an uproar. It took perature really is, for I have not a few minutes and a lot of expostued the late Dr Potts of Toronto as blem in the foreign world, so it may lation to quiet the upheavel and restore the dove of peace to her perch. Dr Campbell concluded by stating Sometimes I sigh for the luxury of a that union will do away with the historic eldership and the pastoral tie. He claimed his extra minute to He went into detailed criticism of say that the rights of the people will be sacrificed by this new arrangement. There will be no calls but settlements arranged by a committee.

Rev Dr J M Duncan followed in a union-favoring speech. He criticiz- ing the harbour the first striking ed Principal MacKay's speech and especially his quotations from Dr grim Morro Castle, which stood Denny and others named.

Here is the bit of writing that predebate: Resolution submitted to this assembly:

"The assembly receive the report discussion, arrived at the conclusion | description of it for the future. that in their judgement the organic and we are declaiming that power union of three negotiating churches ana Harbour and plainly to be seen is practicable.

the guidance of the spirit of God in the proceedings that have taken place, as evidenced in the harmony of the deliberations of the joint committee, the increase of mutual confidence and the great unanimity of the conclusions as to the lines along which the negotiating churches, if they are disposed to do so, may come together in organic union. .

"The assembly are profoundly Q thankful for the measure of success achieved in dealing with a task of such magnitude and difficulty, and O they recommend that on the second | O Lora's day of the month of October next, or the nearest convenient day thereto, ministers bring before their O congregations the history of the negotiations, the chief proposals contained in the documents embodied in the report, the historic position of the Presbyterian church regarding with other Christianchurches and the unique place occupied by the present movement in the history of Protestant Christianity.

"Inasmuch as the joint committee have expressed their conviction that the voting on the question of union should take place simultaneously in the three negotiating churches and O 

it comes before them for disposal.

"The assembly suggest to the executive of the joint committee the summary of the main contents of the

"The assembly express the hope that members of the union committee will hold themselves ready to accept invitations from presbyteries or congregations desiring to receive information or explanations.

"Finally the assembly sobmit the whole question to the intelligent, sympathetic and prayerful consideration of the church."

#### Interesting Letter From Dr Kirkpatrick.

Conditions in Cuba.

Roem 255, Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba.

Dear Sentinel and Sentinel Readers, In this far away country, of a strange people and a strange tongue, my thoughts ever turn to my native land and more especially to my na tive County of Carleton, and to my friends there for whom I shall ever cherish the warmest memories I wish to extend greetings with a strong de. sire that time would permit me to write each one personally.

While I am not supposed, in holding this appointment, to write articles pertaining to business matters for publication, excepting through the Department at Ottawa. I am anxious however to give my friends some news of my doings and some information concerning this great

The first question usually asked concerning Cubais, "Is it hot there"? and I have no hesitation in answering at once, very emphatically. "yes," and I should like, too, to make that answer more expressive, lic letter. Cuba is hot in summer, but far from being unbearable, and I have not really suffered any discomfort, although perspiring constantly seen a thermometer since coming here, and one might imagine it to be forbidden that they should be sold. good N B shiver, and if some 'inventive genius could bottle March and April Canadian shiver and put them on the market here at ten cents

each his fortune would be made. Havana is a very beautiful city and it has a history stranger than the strangest fiction. On approachthing to be seen is old frowning and guard over the city for centuries and guarded it well too, for rumour says cipitated today the recurring union | that this fortress was the only one in Cuba which American warships dare not approach during the late war with Spain. The history of and learn with deep gratification | Morro Castle would form a story in that the joint committee on union itself, and as I have not as yet had have, after five years' inquiry and | the time to visit it I will leave a

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