

The following elders were appointed to disburse the elements of the communion service...

FORMAL DECLARATION OF THE VOTE. Dr. Adams—Mr. Moderator, I move you the following resolution:

This Assembly having received and examined the statement of the vote in the several Presbyteries on the basis of reunion of the two bodies, now claiming the name and the rights of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America...

THE ASSEMBLY DISSOLVED. Dr. Adams—I now move you, Mr. Moderator, that this Assembly be dissolved in the usual form prescribed by our constitution.

Adopted unanimously. The Moderator then spoke as follows: By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the Church, let this General Assembly be dissolved, and I do hereby dissolve it...

FORMAL REUNION.

After the adjournment, the members of the New School Assembly formed in procession in front of the church, and marched down Sixth to Wood Street. When they reached a point opposite the gate of the First Church, the Old School Assembly moved out in double column to meet them...

A large concourse of citizens thronged the street, and the windows of the stores and dwellings in the vicinity of the church were filled with spectators...

The procession, numbering about a thousand, after a few minutes' delay, then started towards Fifth avenue, greeted with cheers, and with the waving of hats and handkerchiefs.

MARSHALS.

Gen. Moorhead, John D. McCord, William Keen, Geo. H. Stuart.

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Joseph Dilworth, Wm. A. Herron, Chas. J. Clarke, David Robinson, Robt. A. Clarke, T. A. Cree.

The procession moved up Fifth avenue to Smithfield, along Smithfield to Sixth, and up Sixth to the Third Church.

The streets were thronged all along the route, and at the Third church an immense assemblage had collected in anticipation of the opening of the audience-room.

When the head of the procession approached the church, the doors were thrown open, and the combined Assemblies entered the centre aisle.

As the procession entered, the choir sang to Lenox, the well-known stanzas commencing "Blow ye the trumpet, blow." After the officers and members of the Assemblies had taken their seats upon the platform and in the middle block of pews, the public generally was admitted.

The pressure outside the church was immense, and in a few minutes—we might almost limit it to seconds—the spacious audience-chamber, including the aisles, was literally packed with men and women.

It took some minutes for the vast crowd to settle into silence, but at about eleven o'clock, Moderator Fowler gave out the Coronation hymn. The vast volume of sound that rose from the entire audience standing, was itself a sublime opening of the services.

After a most appropriate prayer by Dr. Beatty, a committee, consisting of George H. Stuart, Rev. Dr. John Hall, and Hon. Wm. E. Dodge was appointed to prepare and send a telegram announcing the union, to the Presbyterians of Great Britain and Ireland.

The following is the text of the message: To the Rev. Dr. Buchanan, Glasgow: The two great Presbyterian Churches in America, this day united, greet the Presbyterian Churches of Great Britain and Ireland, and pray that they also may be one.

After reading portions of Scripture, viz.: the 133rd Psalm, part of the 17th of John, and the 40th of Isaiah, Moderator Fowler said:

Well may one feel dumb in the presence of this overpowering occasion, and it is from no choice of my own that I break silence now. I wish that I could sit quietly and wonder, and pray and adore and rejoice. Is there a parallel to the event that has been accomplished, in all history? It is easy to read asunder, but oh how hard to reunite. You may splinter the rock, but can you gather together the scattered fragments and solidify them again? You may easily divide

a church, but can you so easily bind it together again? History is full of divisions of the Church, but only here and there is there the record of reunion, and when reunion has taken place, how comparatively small are the bodies that have been joined again. But here are thousands of ministers, thousands of congregations, hundreds of thousands of Christians, loving together by one impulse, and embracing each other in what we hope and believe will be an indissoluble union.

This union does not arise from a sense of weakness and need in the constituent parts, for both are stronger now than ever. [Applause.] And how wonderful the unanimity: there have been reunions before, and how many and what large fragments stood out against the fusion!

Two or three days before I left my home for Pittsburgh I met a missionary brother from Ceylon. He was about coming to see me. He was the bearer of a letter from another missionary brother. The letter will best speak for itself, and I will take the liberty of reading it.

When I rose it was with the sincerest purpose to observe the utmost brevity, but before I take my seat, my dear brother Moderator, may we not perform a simple act, symbolic of the union that is now taking place between the two branches of the Church? Let us shake hands.

After the intense feeling created by this act had subsided, Moderator Jacobus said: These are the murals of the Churches we represent. Then I am sure, my brethren, that the Great Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Jesus Christ, officiates at the wedding.

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as we believe, calling upon all the brethren of the Presbyterian family to come together. But here already there are five thousand ministers nearly, with half a million members nearly, having expended last year eight million dollars, too much of it expended, perhaps, in matters not closely connected with the multiplication of sanctuaries and the sending abroad of the living missionaries.

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and days past, and although I am not inclined to be superstitious, this seems to me to be significant. One night Luther looked out of the window when he was despondent and sad, and said: "I see a sign in the heavens. The whole glorious firmament hanging upon nothing."

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Christ upon it; let us bear it down these rivers, and over the prairies and slopes, over the mountains, all over our own land, and throughout all lands, and so on earth and in Heaven will we bless God for this day.

After prayer by Dr. Hatfield, Dr. Rodgers moved a vote of thanks to the members of the Re-union Committees, which was unanimously passed.

Dr. S. W. Fisher then read the report of the Joint Committee on the proposed memorial fund, to be raised by the united Church, in honor of the Union. The amount was put at \$1,000,000 in the report, but was amended to \$5,000,000, and was passed.

The next address was made by Dr. John Hall, of New York. It was in fine spirit, but was more general in character than the others. It closed with a most touching narrative of the reconciliation of two aged and long estranged brothers which he had witnessed and brought to pass, which brought the tears like rain to scores of faces.

My heart is too full for utterance, and I have no words with which to express my emotions. I cannot describe my joy, and it would be vain were I to make the attempt. I have listened to all that has been said this morning, and I have rejoiced in all that has been said. I have appreciated the symbols, and the figures by which the union of these two great bodies has been represented, but they are all inadequate to express my feelings.

Now, it is evident that if the great solvent, the gastric juice, is not produced in sufficient quantity, or if the mechanical action of the stomach is not sufficiently brisk, the first process of digestion will be imperfectly performed.

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