

last year heartily recognizes the duty and advantage of promoting and effecting a Union of Presbyterian bodies, when this can be done on Scriptural grounds and without compromise of principle.

II. That it appears to this Synod that the basis of Union agreed upon by Presbyterian bodies in Australia now constituting the Presbyterian Church of Victoria is well adapted to the purposes of such union.

III. That this Synod appoint a Committee consisting of the Moderator, Messrs. Elder, McKay, Law, J. Bennet, Alves, and Gray, Ministers, with W. Parks, Peter Morrison, and J. Mann, Esqs., Elders, (Mr. Elder Convener.) On the subject of union, whose duty it shall be to correspond with other Presbyterian bodies in this Province with a view to union, should their views on this matter be found to correspond with those of this Synod.

As a counter motion it was moved by Mr. Ferrie, and seconded by Mr. Jack.

That, however well adapted for providing for union upon Scriptural ground without sacrifice of principle the basis of union agreed upon in Australia may be among persons far advanced in Christian Grace, yet as our experience teaches us that persons not so far advanced have signed the very standards alluded to in that basis, and still have vindicated Erastian tenets to the utmost, it is not expedient that this Synod which is the Supreme Court of a Church which owes its origin to the anti-erastian spirit of its founders, and seems, therefore, specially called upon to see to it that the crown rights of Christ be recognized in its formulas should adopt such a brief and vaguely worded basis as the one in question, and seeing that the basis of union first proposed in Australia seems to declare the doctrines of Christ's headship alike over the Church and over the Nations, the Synod shall adopt that basis as its platform in proposing union with other Presbyterian Churches in New Brunswick.

The two motions being put to the Court, the resolutions proposed by Mr. Elder were carried by a majority of twelve to two over those proposed by Mr. Ferrie.

Mr. Ferrie craved leave to dissent from the above resolutions and to assign reasons therefor in due time.

Mr. Jack also signified dissent and resolve to assign reasons.

Leave granted to Mr. Ferrie and Mr. Jack.

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