

and various sittings, and after repeatedly joining in prayer and thanksgiving to God, considered this most important subject, unanimously agreed in appointing a Committee of sixteen Ministers and five Elders, to act in concert with the Committee of the same number appointed by the Associate Synod, in preparing the basis of a union of the two Bodies, empowering their Committee to appoint a Sub-Committee, and nominating the Rev. Robert Culbertson, of Leith, their Convener, who will correspond with the Convener of the Committee appointed by the Associate Synod.

"With those ardent and pious feelings in relation to this extraordinary and extensive disposition to union with which, as an individual, you close your communication, permit me, in the same character, to say, that I desire most cordially to coincide, and to express my earnest wishes, and my sanguine hopes, that this great and simultaneous impulse which so many Christians in our native land have received in favour of visible fellowship among the friends of Evangelical truth and order; may, under the guidance of the Spirit of our common Lord, be speedily consummated to His glory, and the enlargement and joy of His Church.

"With my most affectionate regards for yourself, as a brother in Christ and a fellow-servant in the Gospel, and for the interests of religion in the Association of which you are a member, I remain yours, &c.,

(Signed,)

"HUGH HUGH,

Moderator.

"To the Rev. George Young, Moderator of the Associate Synod."

(To be continued.)

WHAT IS THE REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PRESBYTERIAN AND THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN CANADA?

MR. EDITOR,—The question has been put a thousand times—"What is the real difference between the Presbyterian and United Presbyterian Churches in Canada?" To this question, perhaps not one in a thousand of the people, on either side, can give a satisfactory answer. Much, indeed, has been said and written on the subject; and some who might be expected to describe the precise difference with candour and accuracy, have only "multiplied words without knowledge." It would be presumption in us to pretend to answer the question; but we are deeply impressed with a conviction of the importance and necessity of obtaining some satisfactory views on the real difference—especially as, in your March Number, our Montreal Presbytery comes forward declaring, that on the point of supposed difference, and the point which, supposing these Churches to differ on it, is alleged to occasion "the principal if not the only hindrance to union,"—there is no difference whatever; for "the United Presbyterian Church," it is said "hold as firmly as their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, at all, whether in a public or private capacity, are bound to submit themselves to the authority of God's Word in all the duties and relations of life." The members of the Montreal Presbytery are not the first who have told the Presbyterian Church, that their reiterated accusations on this point have no foundation in truth; and we are afraid, from all we have seen, that they will require to be told it again and again before they can be brought to believe it. Our brethren have often shown us, that they will not permit us to explain our own views, but will persist in putting their own construction on them. This has been so often and so pertinaciously done, that we almost despair of finding as much candour and charity among them as to give us credit for sincerity in stating our views, and we have even been ready to believe they do not wish to discover that we have been all along holding Scriptural views on the very points which they seem