

### Delegates from the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

Rev. James B. Dunn and R. Crook, Esq., of Boston, were then introduced to the Moderator, and their Commission read as Delegates with Rev. Mr. Durfee, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. The brethren being cordially welcomed by the Moderator, Rev. Mr. Dunn addressed the Synod, and having expained the cause of Mr. Durfee's absence, delivered a speech, comprising much information respecting the extent, resources and work of the great Body represented by him, expressing deep interest in the people and ministers and work of this Church, in the Lower Provinces, and concluded by presenting to the Synod the cordial greetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

R. Crook Esq., followed and was heard with deep attention, while expressing his lively interest in all the movements of the Presbyterian Church with which from conviction he had connected himself, and his earnest desire for the welfare of the Church in these Provinces from which they in the United States, and especially in Boston, received many and valuable accessions.

Rev. James Bennet responded in the name of the Synod, bidding the Brethren welcome, and assuring them of our very high appreciation of this mark of the notice and affection of the great Presbyterian Body in the United States.

The following motion proposed by Rev. G. Patterson was then adopted with entire unanimity, and read to the Delegates by the Moderator, who in his own name, and in the name of the Synod, assured them of our affectionate interest in themselves, their church, and their country.

"That the Synod record the pleasure with which they have heard the delegates from the Presbyterian Church of United States, and the satisfaction with which they have received the fraternal greetings of the Assembly which they represent,—desire the delegates to communicate to that venerable Body our reciprocation of these fraternal feelings, and to express to them our readiness to enter into measures by which these feelings may be maintained and strengthened."

### UNION.

The Report of the Committee on Union was submitted by Rev. Dr. Bayne, as follows:

In fulfilment of the trust committed to them by Synod, your Committee have to report, that after correspondence between the Conveners of the respective Committees as to time, and place of meeting the general Conference was opened in the city of Montreal, and within St. Paul's Church, on Wednesday 28th, September last. A preliminary meeting had been held on the previous evening in Erskine Church, at which members of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church, and of your Committee were present by mutual arrangement. At this meeting a free and full conversation was entered upon with a view to ascertain the degree of unanimity existing between the representatives of their respective Churches on the points most likely to occasion divergence of opinion.

It was soon made apparent that there existed perfect accord on all matters of importance, and that united action might be anticipated. As some of the Brethren, however had not arrived in time for this meeting it was agreed to reassemble in the same place next morning, when on reading the minutes of previous conversation it was at once discovered that the same remarkable unity of sentiment and harmony of feeling animated every individual.

Being thus prepared to act in unison, members present went immediately to the place appointed for general conference and on the arrival of the Brethren from the other Committees and after friendly greetings the Joint Committee was constituted by the appointment of Rev. Dr. Cook of Quebec, Chairman, and Rev. Dr. Topp of Toronto, Secretary. The several Conveners of Committees from the different Churches thereupon tabled their Synodical Commissions when it was found that with two exceptions all the Brethren named therein were present, and took their seats accordingly. The absent Brethren were the Rev. Dr. Barclay of Toronto and Monson Goudge, Esq., of Windsor, the former physical inability, and the latter from pressure of business. It is proper here to note that Mr. Goudge did not discover his inability to be present until it was too late to secure the services of either of his Alternates. It was further ascertained that the same reason would in all probability have hindered their attendance.

After the Roll had been adjusted, the Chairman addressed the Committee in words of wisdom and in the spirit of that Christian charity admirably fitted to inaugurate deliberation on Christian Union.