

time and careful consideration of the whole matter, we have arrived at the conclusion, that any amalgamation of the two bodies is, however desirable, at present impracticable. Let us express the hope that in the course of time, many of the obstacles to Union that now exist may be removed. Meantime we trust that, in this as in other countries, the existence of two or more Presbyterian bodies engaged in the work of spreading their principles and promoting the cause of Christ, may not retard but on the whole advance the great work in which we are all engaged, afford an opportunity for the exercise of Christian charity and forbearance, and exhibit a rivalry, alone in zeal and good works.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in connection with the Church of Scotland by

JAMES CHRISTIE, *Synod Clerk.*

To the "Committee on Union" of the "Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America."

#### REPLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

*St. John, N. B., June 26, 1861.*

DEAR BRETHREN,—We duly received your esteemed communications of the 6th instant, and heartily concur with the sentiments expressed in them, with respect to the general subject of Union. We rejoice to know that the principle of Union, is now so widely recognized among Presbyterian Bodies, and that the tendencies of the age are towards the realization of our Lord's prayer to the Father, "that they all may be one." With a view of promoting the Union, the Synod has sent down an overture to the several Presbyteries, to report to next meeting of Synod; a copy of which, we transmit herewith.

"The subject of Union with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces was again taken up, when it was moved by Mr. Fowler, and seconded by Mr. Elder, "Whereas the doctrines, and Church Government of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, are the same as those held by the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick; and whereas the Basis of the Union recently formed, appears to be very satisfactory; and whereas the formation of a general Assembly would be desirable.

Therefore Resolved, that the articles of this Basis, be sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration, and to report to next general meeting of Synod. Also, that the judgment of Presbyteries, be taken on the subject of a scheme of Union."\*

P. S.—We take this opportunity of saying, that the Synod highly appreciate your kindness, in sending the members, a copy of the *Record*.

Cordially reciprocating your fraternal regards, we are

Dear Brethren, affectionately yours,

In name of the Committee,

JOHN TURNBELL.

We can look confidently, cheerfully, prayerfully, to the day as not very far distant when all the Presbyterian Churches of these provinces, will be one with the "Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces"—pure in doctrine, strong in brotherly love, faithful and earnest in working.

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\*It was further moved and agreed to that Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Jack, Mr. Fowler, and Mr. Elder, (Mr. Turnbull Convener,) be a Committee, to write a fraternal letter referred to, in the foregoing resolution.  
J. T.