

Report on Union. The report of the Committee on Union was accordingly given in by Mr. Ure, Convener.

The following motions were then submitted :—

1. It was moved by the Rev. A. Topp, seconded by Rev. J. McTavish,

Motion by Mr. Topp.

“ That the Synod receive and adopt the Report of the Committee on Union now presented and read, from which it appears that the Basis of Union, approved by last Synod, has been approved by all the Presbyteries of the Church, and by 88 out of 95 Sessions sending returns. The Synod further instruct Rev. Professor Young and Rev. Mr. Ure to convey the said Basis, with the decision of the Synod on the same, and a statement of the above facts, to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, now in session in this city, with the cordial salutations of this Synod.”

2. It was moved in amendment by Principal Willis, seconded by Rev. G. Smellie,

Motion by Dr. Willis.

“ That the finding on the Basis now arrived at, as the result of the transmission of that document to Presbyteries, be communicated with all respect to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church ; but inasmuch as there is a doubt remaining on some minds among us as to the exact sense attached respectively to some clauses in the Basis by the two Synods, it be indicated to the other Synod as the desire of this Court, that advantage be now taken of the opportunity providentially afforded by the presence of the two Synods in one city, for a friendly and brotherly conference, in the hope that by a Christian and frank explanation, any remaining difficulties in the way of the union may be satisfactorily removed.”

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 14th June, 2.30 P. M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The minutes of the Special Committee, appointed by last Synod to prepare answers to the reasons of the dissent given in by Dr. Bayne and others with reference to the Basis of Union with the United Presbyterian Church, were read and sustained.

The Synod appointed the following Committees, viz :—

**Committees on
Presbytery Rec-
ords.**

For revising the Record of the Presbytery of London—Messrs. A. F. Kemp, J. Gillespie, and W. Heron.

On Record of Presbytery of Hamilton—Messrs. T. McPherson, A. Wilson, and D. Elder.

On Record of Presbytery of Toronto—Messrs. J. K. Smith, A. Melville, and A. Sherwood.