

1. The Presbytery of COBURGH, by a unanimous vote, decided to express approval of union with other Churches on the basis sent down by the General Assembly. It was agreed to invite congregations within the bounds to consider and report on the basis before the next meeting of Presbytery.

2. In the Presbytery of HAMILTON, the matter having been considered previously and sent down to sessions and congregations, it was found that 13 approve and 5 disapprove of Union on the present basis, and that 16 congregations approve, and 3 disapprove of it. The several returns were read and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly. The Presbytery then proceeded to consider the matter. It was moved by Mr. McCall, and seconded by Mr. Porteous, that the basis of Union be *simpliciter* adopted. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Laing, and seconded by Mr. John Brown, Elder—1. That Union among the Presbyterian Churches in the Dominion is desirable, if it can be accomplished in terms satisfactory to all parties concerned, with due regard to the principles held in common by the Churches, and to harmony of action; and that the Presbytery cherishes the hope that this will be effected in due time. 2. That the basis sent down by the General Assembly is not satisfactory and is disapproved by the Presbytery.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Fletcher, and seconded by Mr. McLeod, that the Presbytery, having taken into consideration the remit ament Union sent down by the General Assembly, while desirous of seeing Union between the negotiating Churches accomplished as soon as possible, resolved, that having due regard to all interests concerned, such a modification of the proposed basis be sought by the Assembly, as would secure a larger amount of unanimity in the prospect of Union. After deliberation, the amendment of Mr. Fletcher was put against that of Mr. Laing, and six voted for the former, and two for the latter. Mr. Laing's amendment was therefore set aside, and Mr. Fletcher's was put against the motion of Mr. McCall, when 14 voted for the motion, and 7 for the amendment. On the yeas and nays being taken, there were 14 yeas and 6 nays. The motion of Mr.

McCall was declared carried, and the Presbytery decided in terms thereof. Mr. Laing, and Messrs. John Brown and Andrew Wilson, Elders, marked their dissent. The Presbytery took up the resolutions *seriatim*, with the following results:—The first, fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth were approved unanimously. The second, third, fourth, eighth and tenth were carried by a majority. The Presbytery decided accordingly.

3. In the Presbytery of BRUCE the remit of General Assembly ament Union was considered; when it was moved by Mr. Anderson, and seconded by Mr. Cameron: "That this Presbytery rejoice to find a very strong desire among its members for the union of bodies of Christians declared to be of one mind in doctrine and church government, yet, as there are a number of esteemed brethren in the C. P. C. who strongly oppose union on the present basis, some of whom declare that they cannot receive it, the Presbytery agree to declare that another effort should be made by the General Assembly to secure some deliverance to be inserted in said basis, so as to meet the conscientious views of these brethren, and thus secure a harmonious union."

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. John Straith, and seconded by the Rev. D. Wardrope: "That this Presbytery, finding that there is substantial harmony between the Churches negotiating for union, in doctrine, discipline, Church government and worship, regard the proposed basis as embracing all that is necessary to govern the United Church, and therefore approve of the same."

The amendment and motion being put, the motion was carried two to one.

4. In the Presbytery of OWEN SOUND, the remit on the Basis of Union was ordered to be sent down to Sessions and Congregations for their consideration, with instructions to report thereon at next meeting.

5. Presbytery of HURON. The remit on Union was taken up. After a long discussion, the following motion and amendment were submitted: Moved and duly seconded, "That the Presbytery having taken into consideration the Assembly's remit ament Union, agree to adopt the proposed basis, approve generally of the resolutions accompanying it,