

world shall remember and turn unto Jehovah. On this, his argument a good deal depends.

I cannot conclude without expressing my intense desire that correct and definite views were attained respecting the nature of Christ's Kingdom over the world. I do not object to the name "Subsidiary" given to it by Dr. Ferrier and Dr. Stevenson. But surely it bears little resemblance to Christ's headship over the Church, for which He has appointed office-bearers, and to which He has given laws and ordinances. I cannot but think it would go far to lead us to right views on this subject were we just to recollect that Christ's Kingdom over the world is not something to be afterwards introduced, but something already realized and that it includes the heathen nations of the earth, and the principalities and powers of darkness. Let any man reflect with himself in what that government *can* consist. For my part, I can conceive of it as being nothing else than that almighty influence which Jesus Christ, as the administrator of Providence, exercises with infinite wisdom, justice, holiness, and goodness, for advancing, often in a mysterious and incomprehensible way, His Kingdom of righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. If this view be erroneous, I would fervently thank any man who should dispossess me of it. If it be correct, the general adoption of it would put an end to a great deal of wrangling, and, in fact, jargon, respecting the headship of Christ.

*Si quid mellius novisti, candidus imperti  
Si non, his utere mecum.*

As respects Union, what practical conclusion do I aim at? That my peculiar views be introduced into the Basis? Very far from it. To that I should decidedly object. My principles are much more Catholic, and, I think, more candid. Inasmuch as some difference of opinion seems to exist; and certainly a great amount of crudeness, confusion, and ignorance prevails; let us abstain from making any profession respecting points on which our minds are not clear and decided. The existing Basis without the Note will not be acceptable to many. To endeavour constructing one from the foundation, seems to me a more hopeful undertaking than to attempt tinkering the old. I would, therefore, say, let us begin anew and take, in the main, as a model, the Australian document, which, in my humble judgment, contains all that is necessary, and nothing to which either of the Churches can reasonably object.

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### PRINTING MINUTES OF SYNOD.

*To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.*

SIR,—A letter appears in your November number signed "U. P.," complaining of the delay in having the Minutes of Synod printed, as unreasonably great. I think that letter requires a few words of