

4. That, considering how much unhappy and mischievous division among Evangelical Presbyterians has been occasioned by the question respecting the power of the Civil Magistrate in matters of religion, or, in plainer terms, by the question of Ecclesiastical Establishments, the Synod takes the present opportunity of stating that the principle of this Church, in regard to that question, has always been, that it shall be matter of forbearance; and the Synod has great pleasure in reflecting that, while the principle seems just and sound in itself, it has this special excellence, that it presents a basis on which persons differing widely in their views respecting Establishments, may, nevertheless, conscientiously and honorably unite, provided none of them regard these views as of such vital and momentous importance, as to demand that they be made a term of Christian or Ministerial communion.

5. That the Synod hold out every encouragement to the congregations, Sessions and Presbyteries, under its inspection, to give expression to their sentiments on this most interesting and important matter, and exhort them earnestly to pray God that, under his blessing, the whole may terminate in what shall conduce most to the advancement of His glory, and the peace and prosperity of His Church; the Synod at the same time declaring that it will eagerly embrace the earliest opportunity that may seem to present itself, for giving practical effect to the reasonable, Scriptural and pious wishes of the people under its charge.

*Ordered*—That an authenticated copy of these Resolutions be sent to the Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, about to meet in Toronto, next week.

Copy to be sent to Moderator of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

It was further resolved, on motion of Mr. Caw, seconded by Mr. Skinner:—

Union, Committee appointed.

That a Committee be appointed, as a Standing Committee of Union, consisting of Ministers and Elders, to confer with any Committee from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, or from any other Evangelical denomination on this subject.

The following were then appointed a Standing Committee of Union, in terms of the foregoing Resolution, viz.:—The Rev. Thomas Christie, Professor Taylor, Dr. William Taylor, and Rev. Messrs. Jennings, Thornton and Skinner, Ministers, together with Messrs. Thomas Armstrong, Robert Christie, Alexander Smith, James Young, and Alexander Burnet, Elders. Professor Taylor to be Convener.

Instructed the Clerk to have the Resolutions on Union given to the public through the press.

Union Resolutions to be published.

Resumed the consideration of the question of Ministerial support, interrupted by the adjournment last night.

Ministerial support, consideration of resumed.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolution on.

*Resolved*—That a Committee of Synod be appointed to draw up an Address, expressive of the views of the Synod, respecting the justice and necessity of increased Ministerial support, and that the Presbyteries see to it that the Address be read from the pulpits of the congregations in their bounds, and to take such measures as they judge best, in order that its provisions be carried out.

Appointed the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Christie and Hogg, together with Messrs. Christie and Henderson, on

Committee to draw up Address