

pointment of the Deputy by the aforesaid Church, but before deciding as to the extent to which intercourse with the aforesaid Church can, consistently with a regard to vital doctrines which they must ever hold sacred, be established, appoint a Committee to make full inquiry of the subject, and to report to the Synod at a future diet."

A division having been called, it was found that fifty-four voted for the motion, and eighty for the amendment, which was declared to be carried, and a Committee appointed.

UNION.

The Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the subject of Union.

Mr. Ure, the convener of the Committee on Union, gave in the report of the Committee, which was read. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to receive the report.

There were also read various memorials from congregations in favor of Union.

There was also read the Basis of Union as finally adopted by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church.

BASIS OF UNION.

BASIS OF UNION WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, ADOPTED BY THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, ON THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY NINE YEARS.

I. Of Holy Scripture.—That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the inspired Word of God, are the supreme and infallible rule of faith and life.

II. Of the Subordinate Standards.—That the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, are received by this Church as her subordinate standards.

But whereas certain sections of the said Confession of Faith, which treat of the power or duty of the Civil Magistrate, have been objected to, as teaching principles adverse both to the right of private judgment in religious matters, and to the prerogatives which Christ has vested in His Church, it is to be understood:

1. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is held by this Church, which would interfere with the fullest forbearance as to any difference of opinion which may prevail on the question of the endowment of the Church by the state.

2. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church which would accord to the state any authority to violate that liberty of conscience and right of private judgment which are asserted in Chap. xx. Sec. 2 of the Confession; and in accordance with the statements of which, this Church holds, that every person ought to be at full liberty to search the Scriptures for himself, and to follow out what he conscientiously believes to be the teaching of Scripture, without let or hindrance.

3. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church, which would admit of any interference on the part of the state with the spiritual independence of the Church, as set forth in Chap. xxx. of the Confession.

III. Of the Headship of Christ over the Church.—That the Lord Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of His Church; that he has made her free from all external and secular authority in the administration of her affairs, and that she is bound to assert and defend this liberty to the utmost, and ought not to enter into such engagements with any party as would be prejudicial thereto.

IV. Of the Headship of Christ over the Nations, and the Duty of the Civil Magistrate.—That the Lord Jesus Christ as Mediator, is invested with universal sovereignty, and is there-

fore King of nations, and that all men, in every capacity and relation, are bound to obey His will as revealed in His word; and particularly, that the Civil Magistrate (including under that term, all who are in any way concerned in the Legislative or Administrative action of the state,) is bound to regulate his official procedure, as well as his personal conduct, by the revealed will of Christ.

V. Of Church Government.—That the system of polity exhibited in the "Westminster Form of Presbyterian Church Government," in so far as it declares a plurality of Elders for each congregation, the official equality of Presbyters who minister in word and doctrine, without any officers in the Church superior to said Presbyters, and the unity of the Church, in a due subordination of a smaller part to a larger, and of a larger to the whole, is the Government of this Church, and is, in the features of it therein set forth, believed by this Church to be founded on, and agreeable to the word of God.

VI.—Of Worship.—That the ordinances of worship shall be administered in this Church as they have heretofore been, by the respective bodies of which it is composed, in a general accordance with the directions contained in the Westminster Directory of Worship.

NOTE.—That the article having relation to Christ's Headship over the nations, and the duty of the Civil Magistrate has always been, and is one of the things most surely believed, and most firmly maintained by the United Presbyterian Church, while, at the same time, she has constantly and carefully guarded against the practical inference drawn from it by some, that Christ as King of Nations delegates his power to earthly Kings—that they are in any sense his viceregents, or that magisterial interference in matters purely of a religious nature, is a medium through which Christ exercises the authority with which, as King of Nations, he is invested.

The Synod called for report of the Committee on fund for aged and infirm ministers. The report was given in and sustained.

A report was also given in by a Committee appointed to correspond with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, with reference to the ordination of ministers.

The further consideration of the subject of Union was appointed for Monday evening.

COLLEGE.

On Saturday morning the Synod agreed to take up the remaining points connected with the College report.

In amendment to Dr. Bayne's motion for the appointment of a Committee to investigate the state of the College Fund, and the financial position of the various schemes of the Church, it was moved by Mr. S. C. Fraser, and seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith—"That the Synod deem such Committee unnecessary, as they have every confidence in the report of the auditors, and in respect to the legacy of the late James Gibb, Esq., decree that in accordance with the recommendation of the College Committee, the same be included in the current income and expense account.

On a division the motion of Dr. Bayne was carried, and the Synod appointed the following Committee, viz:—Messrs Davidson, Macanister, Lutz, Jeffrey, Hossack, Young, A. J. McKenzie, and A. Mitchell, with Rev. Dr. Bayne, Rev. A. F. Kemp, and Rev. S. C. Fraser,—Mr. Davidson, convener.

RED RIVER.

Thereafter the Synod proceeded to consider the report of the Home Mission Committee, so far as related to the Red River Mission. The report was given in and read by Mr. King.

After discussion it was, on the motion of Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Clarke—"That the Synod have heard with great satisfaction the report regarding the Red River settlement, and approve of the proposal submitted therein: they remit to the Presbytery of Toronto to carry into effect the recommendation of the

report, provided it be done without incurring any expense to the Synod, and instruct the Presbytery, if they shall resolve to proceed in the matter, to adopt the proper steps for supplying Mr. McTavish's pulpit during his absence, and to take what steps they may deem necessary to send along with Mr. McTavish a young minister, ordained if possible, to remain during the winter, and to supply Mr. Black's place during his proposed visit to Canada.

SARNIA CASE.

On Monday, the 20th, the Committee to which was referred the appeal of the Session of Sarnia, against a finding of the Presbytery of London, reported that they had met with all parties connected with the case, and that all cause of complaint between the two original parties had been now removed, and that the Committee recommended that it would be for edification that the ministers, both of the Session and Presbytery in the case should be expunged from their respective records. The Synod sustained the report, and resolved in terms thereof: the judgment of the Synod was intimated to the parties interested.

The connection with Knox's College, the Synod appointed that the third day of October be appointed for special prayer in behalf of Knox's College.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Synod then called for the report of the Committee appointed to consider the complaint and appeal of Mr. Andrews, against a finding of the Presbytery of Cobourg, and a reference from the Presbytery in the same matter. The same was given in by Dr. Burns. The Report recommended that the Synod dismiss the complaint and appeal, and sustain the reference, and that the Synod should instruct the Presbytery of Cobourg to dissolve the tie between Mr. Andrews and the Congregation. The following motions were submitted:

(1.) It was moved by Mr. W. B. Clark, and seconded,—That the Synod adopt the Report of the Committee, in so far as regards the complaint and appeal, and the recommendation to Mr. Andrews to resign his charge, but that in the event of Mr. Andrews not complying with the recommendation, the Synod instruct the Presbytery to deal with Mr. Andrews with reference to the charge against him, and, if they see cause, proceed against him by libel.

(2.) It was moved in amendment by Dr. Burns, seconded by J. W. Smith,—That the Report be received, and its recommendations adopted, and a remit made to the Presbytery in terms thereof.

(3.) It was moved also in amendment by Dr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Gillespie,—That the Synod receive the report, approve the diligence of the Committee, adopt their recommendations on the subject of the appeal, sustain the reference, and remit to the Presbytery of Cobourg, to expiate the matters affecting the Congregation of Otonabee, or the minister, and if satisfied that there is ground for proceeding by libel, that they proceed in the case according to the laws of the Church.

On a division, the amendment by Dr. Burns and that by Dr. Willis, were put against each other, when that by Dr. Willis was carried. Thereafter, the motion of Mr. Clark, and the amendment of Dr. Willis, were put to the house, when Mr. Clark's motion was carried, and the Synod adopted it as their deliverance.

COLLEGE FUND.

The Committee appointed to investigate the state of the College Fund, presented their Report. The same was given in by Mr. George Davidson, and read.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

The Synod receive the Report of the Finance Committee and approve of their diligence; express their highest approbation of the manner in which the accounts of the Church have been