

Rev. J. L. Murdoch, Convener of Committee on union stated, that no communications had been given or received by the committee during the past year. The committee was re-appointed. Com. on Union

Rev. Professor King read the correspondence with the Parent Churches so far as the work had devolved upon him. 1st. A letter addressed to the General Assembly of the Free Church informing that Body of the Union, accomplished here and furnishing a copy of the Basis of Union, 2nd. A letter addressed to Rev. Dr. Bonar, Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, acknowledging obligation for past kindness and aid especially in the advancement of ministerial Education, and soliciting for a time the continuances of this aid. Report on Correspondence with Parent Churches

A reply was read from the Rev. Dr. Bonar, together with extracts from the minutes of the Colonial Committee, expressing their deep interest in the welfare of this United Church, and their regret that the increasing demands upon their funds, shut them up to the necessity of discontinuing at the end of their financial year, the aid hitherto granted. Reply from Dr. Bonar

The following letter from Rev. Dr. Guthrie, Moderator of the Free Assembly, having been read and heard with deep interest, was ordered to be entered on the minutes :— Reply from Free Assembly

To the Very Reverend, the Moderator, and Remanent Members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

*The General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly, this 29th day of May, 1862.*

FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

We have received with the greatest pleasure, your communication announcing the consummation of the Union, and incorporation of the two Churches in Nova Scotia, formerly known as the Presbyterian Church and the Free Church respectively.

From other sources we had previously been informed of this event, and of the basis on which this Union had been effected. We rejoice in this opportunity of expressing anew, our high satisfaction with the spirit in which the transactions connected with this Union have been carried forward, and the declaration which you have made of principles held sacred by this Church.

We rejoice to hope, that by the blessing of God, your now united Church will prove a powerful and effective instrument for advancing the cause of the Redeemer, and for maintaining and illustrating the authority of Christ as sole Head of his Church, and as the Governor among the nations.

Assuring you of our earnest desire to strengthen the bonds of brotherly fellowship with your Church, by mutual sympathy, counsel, assistance, and intercourse—we commend you and the congregations of your communion to Him, who is able to bless you and to make you a blessing in the land of your habitation.

In name, and by authority of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

THOMAS GUTHRIE, Moderator.

The Rev. Professor Ross, who conducted another part of the correspondence, not being present, the Synod passed for the present to another subject. Business unfinished

A letter was read, signed by the Moderator and Clerks of the Canada Presbyterian Church, informing this Synod of the Union recently effected there between the Free and the U. P. Churches of Canada, giving information respecting the extent, and resources of that Church, and expressing their fraternal regards for this body, and their readiness to welcome Ministers from this Church as fellow labourers in Canada. Letter from Canada Presbyterian Churches