

were, and of what immense benefit it had been to our united Church, as well as to the general interests of pure and undefiled religion throughout our Dominion, taking occasion from the signal success of the Union with us, respectfully though earnestly to recommend the Churches in Scotland to go and do likewise.

The hearty response given in both Assemblies, especially to that portion of our addresses bearing on that vital subject, convinced me that Union is already a living, if not burning question in Scotland, and that the realization of it may be in the not distant future.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

I was sorry not to have been at the United Presbyterian Synod which came off nearly a fortnight earlier, and proved a remarkably successful gathering. The interval elapsing between the meetings, and especially the condition of my health which rendered two different visits to Edinburgh unadvisable, prevented my paying my respects to a body which is one of the most vigorous and energetic in Scotland, and which has ever been most prominent in the cause of Union.

UNION IN THE AIR.

The pulse of both Kirk and Free Church beats truer to Union than ever before. There is a more kindly tone of feeling and speaking between these bodies. A mutual Eligibility Act has been for some time in operation between the F. C. and the U. P., and the Established Church has enacted one too, *i.e.* allowing Ministers to be called from the one Church to the other. Exchanges between the Ministers of the Kirk and Free Church which were before forbidden, are now in order and quite common. The School Boards which play such an important part in the Local Government of Scotland bring them together. And there are other objects of common interest which repeatedly supply a platform for them on which to meet and move. It was noticed when the Free Assembly met in Inverness two years since that there was no more regular or interested attender than Mr. Gavin Lang, and no more hospitable entertainer of the delegates. His presence was also noticeable at the recent F. C. Assembly, and on the floor of his own Assembly he spoke most strongly for Union, giving his earnest support to Professor Charteris' motion which went most directly in the line of Union. The action of the Church of Scotland was dwelt on in prevailing on the Legislature to abolish Patronage, and to legalize the popular Election