

bytery in regard to the proposed "Basis of Union" between The United Presbyterian and Presbyterian Churches, which had been sent down to Sessions and Presbyteries to report thereon.

The Presbytery then, after deliberation, embodied their views of the "Basis" in a resolution which implied, that while they were unanimously desirous of a speedy union, yet they would have preferred that the fourth Article of the series had simply expressed a mutual forbearance in regard to the diversified opinions held "Of the Headship of Christ over the Nations, and the duty of the Civil Magistrate." Nevertheless, if the Union cannot be consummated except by the adoption of the "Basis" in its present form, they would readily receive it, provided that forbearance be extended to the different modes of interpreting the aforesaid fourth Article.

Applications for moderation were received from the respective congregations of Blandford and Norwichville. Mr. Stevenson was appointed to attend to the former and Mr. Rodgers to the latter. By circular from the Presbytery of Toronto, this Presbytery readily assented to the acceptance of Messrs. John Mackie and John Scott as preachers in accordance with the rules of the Church.

The Presbytery met again on the 5th of October. The call from the congregation of Blandford was unanimous in favour of Mr. William Robertson, Preacher, and that from the united congregations and station of Norwichville, Burford, and Wyndham was also unanimous in favour of Mr. F. B. Tisdell, B.A., Preacher. Messrs. Turnbull and Whyte gave in their prescribed exercises as students of the second year, which were accepted with approbation by the Presbytery, and it was agreed to certify them to the Hall as entrants for the third year. Next meeting of Presbytery to be held in Paris on Tuesday, the 16th day of November.—[Communicated.]

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery held its usual Quarterly Meeting in London, on Wednesday, the 7th October. A proposition from certain members of the London congregation to erect a memorial to the memory of the late Mr. Proudfoot, in the shape of a house for his widow, was favourably entertained, and a committee appointed to co-operate with any other committee the congregation may appoint for realizing the object proposed. Mr. Wm. T. Murdoch, of Florence, was admitted to the study of Divinity for the first time. Mr. Fraser, Catechist, reported on his exploratory labours during the last three months, and explained to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and, it is to be hoped, of the Mission Committee, the deficiency in his collection for the first half of 1858. A moderation was granted to the congregation in Carlisle, Mr. Skinner to preach and preside. The committee appointed to visit the congregations of Hibbert and Flat Creek reported favourably, and Mr. Fotheringham saw his way clear to withdraw his demission. About an hour and a half of the afternoon was taken up in meeting the brethren of the Free Church Presbytery for devotional exercises. Three of the brethren of each Presbytery engaged in prayer. Reading the Scriptures and singing were interspersed; and before separating it was agreed that another joint meeting should be held in April for prayer and free brotherly conference. The Presbytery, after resuming, was chiefly taken up in hearing students' discourses. Mr. Milligan, of the first year, read an Essay and delivered a homily. Mr. Irving, of the second, read an Essay and delivered a lecture; and Mr. Hall, of the third year, read a critical exercise, and delivered a discourse. After being examined in certain subjects the whole of the exercises were sustained, the students encouraged to prosecute their studies, and certified to the Hall. Mr. Fraser's services were continued as heretofore, till next Presbytery at any rate.—[Communicated.]

BASIS OF UNION APPROVED BY SESSIONS AND CONGREGATIONS.

In following up the recommendation of the Committee on Union, as instructed by the United Presbyterian Synod at last meeting, the Sessions of the United Presbyterian Congregations of Bethel and of the English Settlement, both in the Township of London, met for public worship respectively on the 28th and 30th of September. The Sessions met respectively at an earlier hour on these days when