

and if there be in the end of the day any insuperable barrier to union (which may God prevent) it will stand out luminous to the whole country. The speech of Dr. Wallace Williamson in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland was seconded by Mr. D. C. Milligan, advocate, Aberdeen, a son of the late Professor Milligan, and supported by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, joint convenor of the Church of Scotland's committee. The speech of Dr. Henderson, in the United Free Church Assembly was seconded by Dr. Young of the Home Mission Committee, and supported by Professors Martin and Denney. Amendments in both Assemblies were moved and seconded, but it was evident that these were to have small support, and on being ultimately withdrawn, the unanimous finding of both Assemblies was to continue the Committees and set them to work along the lines indicated. The committee of the Church of Scotland will now address itself to the framing of the new constitution for a United Church, but in this it will have the help and suggestion of the committee of the United Free Church. When this has been drawn up and approved it will be submitted to parliament by the Church of Scotland, not for authority, but for recognition.

That is the present position. It is big with hope and full of good cheer. Humbly, yet heartily we thank Almighty God for help vouchsafed in answer to many an earnest prayer. Whatever be the issue, brighter and better days for Scotland are in store.

The unanimous verdict of the leaders on both sides is that there can now be no going back.

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every year find you a better man."

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—B. Franklin

"The lesson of life is to believe what the years and the centuries say against the hours."

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—Emerson

"Our soul may receive an infinite hurt and be rendered incapable of all virtue, merely by the use of innocent and lawful things."

—Wm. Law

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"Look not on thine own loss, but look beyond, and take the Cross for glory and for guide."

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"Conscience is not the Lord's persecution, but His jealous pleading, not the fierceness of His anger, but the reproof of His love."

—A. Smith.