

4. The Book of Psalms, which is of Divine inspiration, is well adapted to the state of the Church in all ages and circumstances, and should be used in the worship of God. Therefore, we recommend that a new and faithful version of the Book of Psalms be provided, as soon as practicable. But, inasmuch as various collections of Psalms are used in the different churches, a change in this respect shall not be required.

In addition to the proposed Basis, the following recommendations were unanimously adopted :

First. That we unite in requesting our respective churches, in their supreme judicatories, to appoint a Committee of five each, which shall constitute a Joint Committee, whose duty it shall be to meet at a time and place to be agreed upon, and proceed with all convenient despatch in an attempt to form a Basis of Union according to the principles of this report; which Basis they shall submit to the churches for their consideration and adoption, it being understood that this is not designed to interfere with the pending negotiations for Re-union between two of the larger bodies represented in this Convention.

Second. As there is so much agreement among all Churches here represented in all essential matters of faith, discipline, and order, it is recommended that friendly and fraternal intercourse be cultivated by interchange of pulpits, by fellowship with one another in social religious meetings, and in every practicable way, subject to the regulations of each particular branch of the Church.

Third. That a Committee be appointed to lay this action of the Convention before judicatories of the various branches of the Church here represented.

Fourth. That the members of this Convention who may vote for the foregoing Basis of Union, to be laid before the Churches shall not, thereby, be regarded as being committed to advocate its adoption when laid before the branches of the Church respectively, but shall be free to act according to the indications of Providence at the time.

ITEMS OF GENERAL RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

CHURCH CONFERENCES IN ENGLAND.—Since the meeting of what has been called the Pan-Anglican Synod, several ecclesiastical conferences have been held in which Ritualism and other subjects have been freely discussed. At a meeting at Wolverhampton, Lord Sandon, in a very telling and eloquent speech denounced the “priestly feeling,” which was stealthily at work, which, he said, would lead to the extinction of learning among the clergy, to the inordinate multiplication of rites and ceremonies, to the extermination of all who differ from the priestly party, to the establishing of another master in the household, in place of the husband and father, and to the establishing of a human barrier between man and his God.

THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.—The Abyssinian Expedition is being pushed forward, and the British Parliament has met at an earlier period than usual, mainly for the purpose of sanctioning the amount necessary for the expedition. By latest accounts the captives were all pretty well and were well treated; but the king's manner had become cold and indifferent.

REV. DR. HAMILTON, OF LONDON.—We regret to notice that the health of Dr. James Hamilton still continues in a very weak and precarious state.

REV. DR. HALL, FORMERLY OF DUBLIN.—The Rev. Dr. Hall, form-