

APPENDIX.

Report of Committee on Union with other Churches.

Your Committee have not held any meetings since last Synod until the assembling of the Brethren on the present occasion. Their labours therefore during the year have been only of a private nature.

During this week a meeting has been held and matters of some importance discussed.

1st. A letter from the Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick to Rev. P. G. McGregor expressing regret that the deputation appointed by this Synod to visit the Sister Church had in the Providence of God been prevented from fulfilling that appointment.

2nd. A letter from the Clerk of said Synod conveying certain resolutions passed by that Body on the Subject of Union with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

After consideration of the same your Committee agreed to record their approbation of the principles set forth in the resolutions of said Synod, and also to express their cordial concurrence in the strong feeling which they manifest in favour of union with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

Your Committee have also agreed to recommend that a meeting of the joint committees should take place as soon as convenient at such place as may be mutually agreed upon by the Convener of the respective committees.

Your Committee also feeling that this Synod should cultivate feelings of Christian regard for all branches of the Church of Christ and especially for those who hold the same views of Scripture doctrine have agreed to recommend that a Deputation be appointed to visit the Kirk Synod now in Session in this town to convey to the Brethren of that Body the fraternal greetings of this Church.

JOHN L. MURDOCH, *Convener.*

GEORGE CHRISTIE, *Secretary.*

Pictou, June 30th 1864.

Letter from Synod of New Brunswick.

To the Rev. the Moderator of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

REV. SIR,—

I beg through you to make the court over which you preside acquainted with the action of the Synod of the church of New Brunswick relative to union with your Synod.

At a late meeting of our Synod met in the above church. *Inter alia*

The Synod took up the subject of Union with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and Mr. McKay and others addressed the court—whereupon a committee was appointed to meet and report at a future sederunt.

The following were reported as the principal points to be kept in view in negotiations relative to union with the Church of the Lower Provinces:—

“1st. That the standards of the united church subordinate to the word of God, shall be the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Catechisms Larger and Shorter, as now received by both Churches, and the Synod sees no objection to the explanations as to the power of the civil magistrate as defined by the Confession of Faith attached to the Basis of Union of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

“2nd. That St. John shall be included in the list of places in which the Synod, when union is formed, shall be held from year to year.

“3rd. That inasmuch as this Synod is a corporate body under a certain designation, it shall continue to meet as often as may be required for civil purposes only: inasmuch as all properties and monies which it has been or may be entrusted with can legally be dealt with by Synod only under its corporate name, at least until such time as the interests involved may be placed under proper legal protection.

“4th. That the above propositions be submitted to the Committee on Union of the sister Church in Nova Scotia, and be also sent down to the several Presbyteries and Sessions for approval.”