

of the British Conference, on the subject of Union was as follows: (the italics are mine.)

"Your proposals of Union have been received by us with great satisfaction. We are anxious to have a closer connexion with a religious body to which we are so nearly related; which holds the same doctrines, and walks by the same rule as ourselves. The few alterations which we have made in your plan, have for their object to secure more effectually a vital and beneficial union, *without interfering with the privileges of your preachers or Societies, or affecting your chapel property.*" (See Minutes of 1833.)

The Articles of Union, as agreed to by the British Conference, were then taken up *seriatim*, and after a careful examination it was *unanimously* "Resolved,—That this Conference cordially concurs in the adoption of the Resolutions agreed to by the British Conference, dated Manchester, August 7th, 1833, as the basis of Union between the two Conferences."

It now became necessary to revise, and make some alterations in, the Discipline of the Church. This task was delegated to a Committee, who entered immediately upon their important duties, and continued in Session for five days, when they presented their report. The report was agreed to by the Annual Conference, and the President was requested to call a Session of the General Conference to take into consideration the proposed alterations. The following extracts from the Minutes of the latter body will show their action in the premises:

"Special Session of the General Conference, called by the President at the request of the Annual Conference, October 7th, 1833, at York.

"The Report of the Committee of the Annual Conference on the Discipline was maturely considered, and adopted *nem. con.*"

The following extracts from the Report of the Committee will show the character of the disciplinary changes:

"Whenever the terms General, or Annual, or yearly Conferences occur, they shall be superseded by the term Conference; which term shall be exclusively applied to the Annual Meeting of the Ministers.

"The terms General Superintendent and Bishop shall be superseded by the term President.

"The terms Chairman and Presiding Elder shall be inserted promiscuously.

"The terms Superintendent, or Superintendent of a Circuit, Minister, and Preacher, shall be inserted in place of Preacher in charge of a Circuit, Elder, and Deacon.

"The first answer to question third of the Third Section, Chapter I., shall be as follows:—'The Conference shall be composed of all the preachers who have been received into full connexion, and have been appointed to attend by the District Meetings; also of all those who are to be received into full connexion.'

"The second limitation or restriction, page 18, shall read thus:—'They shall not change or alter, or make any regulations that will interfere with the Articles of Union between this and the British Conference, adopted by this Conference, August, 1832, (and acceded to on the part of the British Conference in August, 1833).'