

gations, but certainly it would be cheering to hear that the eldership and people were bidding God speed to our negotiations. *They* will do most for union who are most earnest in prayer, and who display most largely the *pure, forgiving, loving* spirit of the Lord Jesus. In proportion as we become *one with Jesus* in love for truth, for God and for the souls of men, will we be *drawn together* by the constraining influences of the Divine Spirit. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee."—*Christian Instructor, Halifax.*

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

This Presbytery met at Hamilton, on the 12th of October. A copy of "Arthur's Tongue of Fire," having been put into the hands of each Minister of the Presbytery, as a gift from John Henderson, Esquire, of Park, Scotland: the Presbytery unanimously and cordially agreed that a letter of acknowledgment and thanks be sent to John Henderson, Esquire, for the suitable and excellent gift referred to above, and also for the continued favour conferred upon the ministers by his sending to their several addresses the *Beacon and Christian Times*, a paper peculiarly valuable to us as ministers in Canada, and which is felt to be a very great boon.

The committee appointed to make up a general report of the findings of Sessions on the subject of Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and to prepare a finding on the subject for the Presbytery, reported as follows: "The Sessions of the Congregations of Hamilton, Beverley, Chippawa, Crowland, Dundas, Thorold, Ancaster Village, Ancaster East, and Ancaster West, report in favour of union on the basis of the joint Committee

"The Sessions of the Congregations of Caledonia, Indiana, and Oneida, earnestly desire union, but feel themselves constrained to insist on entire forbearance on all points connected with the power of the civil magistrate in matters of religion.

"The Session of West Dumfries Congregation desire union, but believe that no union can be permanent on the basis of the joint Committee.

"The committee also respectfully recommended to the Presbytery the following finding on the subject: After earnest and careful deliberation, the Presbytery heartily agree to record their gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the measure of progress in this matter so happily attained, and also to express their approval of the Basis as drawn up by the committee, and their entire readiness to adopt it:—It being distinctly understood however, that the Notes appended to the fourth Article be regarded as a part of the document and as expressing the sense in which they understand and receive said article. The Presbytery further desire to express their decided conviction of the practicability as well as desirableness of such a union, and earnestly resolve to do all they consistently and conscientiously can to further its accomplishment."

After discussion, the following motions were made and seconded: 1st. "That the Report now read be received and adopted as the Report of this Presbytery." 2nd. "That the Report be not adopted." Upon which eleven voted for the former and three for the latter motion.

The Revs. Thomas Christie and A. Ritchie dissented from the above decision of Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. Fervier dissented from the above in so far as it relates to the 2nd article of the Basis, which requires an adherence to the whole doctrine of the Westminster Standards, which we have no right to explain, but as the language bears; and to the expression in the 4th article, "To bow to the authority of Christ as King of nations."

The Presbytery learned from the reports of probationers that domiciliary visits by them were declined; and also heard in explanation, from the elders of vacant congregations, that this arose from the fact, that the preachers declined the companionship of a member of Session. Therefore the Presbytery affirms the well understood principle, that it is exceedingly desirable that an elder should accompany all preachers and ministers in making such visits.—[Communicated.]

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF BRANT.

This Presbytery met in Paris on the 15th September. Rev. David Caw, Moderator. Full and favourable reports were received from the Sessions of the Pres-