

able subscriptions, and to submit this information to Meeting of Committee to be called as soon as practicable, further that this Committee shall take the entire management and control with reference to the completion of this building. Mr. Glass as agent to act under the instructions of the Committee.

Reasons of dissent by Messrs. Ferrie and Jack against basis of Union adopted by Synod with reply of Committee on Union were submitted, viz:—

We the undersigned ministers of the Synod of the Presby-  
terian Church of New Brunswick in our own behalf and in the behalf of all others who may adhere to us hereby dissent from the finding of the Synod at its yesterday's meeting in regard to proposed basis of Union with the other Presbyterian bodies in this Province. Reasons of dissent.

1st. The basis they have adopted is too brief and quite insecure inasmuch as it neither states what is the Magistrate's duty to do nor plainly declares the incompetency of appeals to the Civil Courts against findings of ecclesiastical judicatories legislating on purely spiritual questions.

2nd. Because virtually all the satisfaction demanded of the Moderator is simply this, that they declare the proposed Colonial Church independent of the Church of Scotland, and it appears to us to be as unsafe as it is felt by us to be both distasteful and undutiful to contemplate incorporating with us ministers, who, it is supposed would demur, (even when resolved to become independent of the Church of Scotland) to sign any basis of union recognizing the paramount doctrine of the Headship of Christ over His Church.

3rd. Because we consider a Coalition Church composed of Free Church men, Voluntaries and Erastians, an institution less likely to advance the interests of Evangelical religion than a Free Church acting by itself in the face of all others.

4th. Because by making no mention of the Headship of Christ in its basis this Synod which originated in consequence of the power of an Anti-Erastian spirit, has in our opinion virtually lowered its distinctive flag, and ceased to be eminently a witness in behalf of one of the most important doctrines of the Word of God, and one which no Church can slight with impunity.

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