

there could be a union at the present time. When the larger branches of the Church of Scotland were yet separated, how could the smaller in the Province twine together? He desired to maintain all brotherly love towards the ministers of that body; but he did not see, if they had a due regard to their own interests, how a union could take place at the present time. Not until there was a union between the parent Churches, could there be an enduring bond between their offspring.

Rev. JAMES MURRAY (Tabusintack) said, that there was nothing that he would desire more to see than a union between the churches: if that union was perfect, it would strengthen their hands, advance the cause of religion, and do away with all petty jealousies. But he thought that the question was then untimely. He did not see how there could be a union immediately, for several reasons. There had been as yet no communion between the two churches. They must be first drawn together in the spirit of the religion of Jesus, and commune with each other in prayer. They must first interchange good offices in all love and kindly feeling in their pulpits, and in their intercourse with one another—as yet, there had been little of that, and before they could think of union, there must be that communion. He would say nothing about their standing as clergymen of the Church of Scotland, which would be lost or jeopardized by union. If their Church was self-sustaining, he might be content to give that up; but as yet they were dependent on the Church at home for their very existence, and could not therefore throw off their connexion.

While he thought that union at the present time was unadvisable, and impossible if advisable, no member of the Synod was more desirous of union in mind and spirit with the other Presbyterian bodies in the Province than he was, or more willing to interchange kindly offices with any minister of Christ, let him be of what Church he might.

Rev. Dr. DONALD (St. John) said, that it had been agreed on all hands, by those who had expressed their opinion, that union was desirable, but that the time for incorporation had not yet come. That was precisely his opinion also. No doubt a union was to be desired, but there were then several practical difficulties in the way. Before there could be an incorporation of the two Churches, a union of sentiment and feeling must take place, and unless it was one