

APPENDIX D.

THE BASIS OF UNION.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENTS.

THE SCRIPTURES.—The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments have their authority from God alone, and are given to us by divine inspiration. They are a perfect, supreme, infallible and sufficient standard of faith and practice.

GOD.—There is one true and living God. He is an Infinite Spirit, self-existent, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, good, wise, just, and merciful; He is the creator, preserver, and sovereign of the universe; He is inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all honor, confidence and love. In the Godhead there are three persons in one—The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, who are equal in every divine perfection, and who execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

CHRIST.—Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the person of the Trinity, who, by virtue of his sacrificial work, is the world's Redeemer, and the Savior of all that believe. He is at present the intercessor of his people at the right hand of the Father, and is to be the judge of all men.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.—The Holy Spirit is the person of the Trinity, by whom all saving, comforting and sanctifying power is exerted upon human hearts.

STATE AND FALL OF MAN.—Man was created sinless. By his own disobedience he fell into sin. Through his fall into sin, an evil nature was transmitted to the whole race, revealing itself in actual transgression, and bringing all under the reign of condemnation and death.

ATONEMENT.—The perfect life, the vicarious death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, have removed the obstacles in the way of the Holy Spirit's regenerating power and of the Father's forgiving grace being extended to the sinner, and constitute for every believing soul an all-prevailing plea and sufficient ground for righteousness before God.

REGENERATION.—In regeneration a new life principle is begotten in the soul of man by the Holy Spirit, through the Word of Truth, producing a disposition to joyful obedience to Christ and to holy conduct in life.

REPENTANCE.—In repentance, the sinner, having seen his sin, being moved by the energy of the Holy Ghost, is led to grieve for, and hate it as an offence against God, and, apprehending the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, he lovingly returns to God to walk in the way of His commandments.