

STREETSVILLE, November 22, 1854.

REV. DEAR SIR: I beg to inform you that the Committee on Union of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met on the 31st ultimo, and adopted the following motion:—

"That the Committee having read the Resolutions of the Committee of the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada, agree to express their deep regret at the decision come to by the last named Committee, which seems to preclude, for the present, the hope of a joint meeting of the Committees; and declare that, while not disposed to modify in any degree their estimate of the importance of the principles referred to in the Deed of their Synod, they are nevertheless of opinion that such a joint meeting might be productive of beneficial results in the way of removing any possible misunderstandings that may exist, and of facilitating the progress of a Union on a basis mutually satisfactory."

Permit me, my dear Sir, in conveying to you the above decision, to express the pain which I feel in common with yourself at the somewhat unfavourable aspect which matters have for the present assumed in reference to Union. I deeply regret that any thing in our Deed of Synod should have been considered by your Committee as a barrier in the way of mutual conference; for I must say, I counted much upon the good which might result from a frank and friendly interchange of views and sentiments. As it is, I hope the time is not distant when negotiations may be resumed, with some reasonable prospect of their leading to a successful issue.

With respect and esteem, I am, reverend dear Sir, yours sincerely,

ROBERT URE.

Rev. John Taylor, M. D., &c., &c., Toronto.

[No. II.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Theological Education beg respectfully to report as follows:—

The Session of the Divinity Hall was opened on Tuesday, 1st August. The Rev. Mr. Thornton, the only member of Committee present, besides Dr. Taylor, conducted devotional exercises and delivered an Address; after which the Introductory Lecture was read.

With regard to the Students who came forward, in addition to Messrs. John Lees and John Fotheringham, both of whom had completed their curriculum the preceding year, but attended this year spontaneously, there were: of the Fourth year, none, that being the year corresponding to the one during which the Professorship was vacant, and in which there never were any students;—of the Third year, two, Messrs. Robert C. Moffat and Francis Tisdell, the former of whom, becoming seriously unwell, after a few weeks, found it necessary to leave;—of the Second year, one, Mr. Alex. McFaul, who entered in 1852, but was prevented by severe illness from attending in 1853;—and of the First year, four, Messrs. John N. Agnew, James M. Campbell, Thomas Chesnut, and Robert Hume, the last of whom, however, in compliance with the wishes of his friends, immediately withdrew, in consequence of the prevalence of cholera in the city. Mr. John McNaughton also entered as a hearer, but left before the close, owing to bad health.

During the Session, the students were examined on Dr. Dick's Lectures, from the 82nd, inclusive, to the end, and on Mosheim's Church History, from the 11th to the 15th century, both inclusive. They read critically