

these committees at St. John, N. B., on Friday, the 11th April, 1873, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Rev. Robert Ure, at the request of the Chairman, engaged in prayer.

The minutes of this and the previous meeting were read and approved.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

In proceeding to the proper business of the Committee, it was resolved to take up the consideration of the Basis of Union first, and that the articles of the Basis of Union, as adopted by the Joint Committee, at its meeting in 1871, be now read. This having been done,

It was moved by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Ure, and unanimously agreed to, that the four articles, as thus read, do form the Basis of Union for the United Church, viz :—

1. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate standard of this Church; that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people—it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms, regarding the power and duty of the Civil Magistrate, shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

3. That the government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterian Church Government," and in "The Directory for the Public Worship of God."

4. That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches, as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such Ecclesiastical relations to churches holding the same doctrine, government and discipline with itself, as that Ministers and Probationers from these churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall, from time to time, be adopted.

The Committee then took up for consideration that part of the Minutes of the Conference held in Montreal, which relates to the subject of the Headship of Christ, as contained in the instructions of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church to its Committee.

After full deliberation, the Committee deferred, in the meantime, a formal deliverance on the subject.

The Secretary then read the resolution of the Conference held at Montreal, on the subject of State grants to Denominational Colleges. The Committee unanimously expressed its approval of said resolution, and adopted it as its own, viz. : The Committee claims for the respective churches represented by it, the fullest forbearance as to any difference of opinion which may exist respecting the question of State grants to Educational Establishments of a Denominational character, and does not see, in such diversity of sentiment upon a subject on which uniformity of opinion is not enforced within any of the negotiating bodies, anything which need prove a barrier to Union, or disturb the peace of a United Church.

Principal Snodgrass then, as Convener of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, read the deliverance of the Supreme Court of that church on the subject of the mode of election of Theological Professors.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

At St. John, same day and place, 7.30 p. m. The Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. G. Christie, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and sustained.

The Committee took up consideration of the subject of the appointment of Theological Professors, as brought before them in the deliverance of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. After lengthened deliberation, and a free expression of opinion, it was moved by Principal Snodgrass, seconded by Professor Caven, and unanimously agreed to, That it is inexpedient for this Committee to pass at present any resolution on the subject.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

At St. John, 12th day of April, 3 p. m., the Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before, with the exception of the Rev Dr. Brooke, who was unable to remain longer. The Rev. Robt. Cameron took his seat as alternate for Dr. Brooke. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Sec'y.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

The Committee now resumed considera-