

Church of Scotland, their faithful and loyal adherence to the parent Church, particularly during the past thirty years, and the unmistakable unwillingness of a large number of our Congregations to entertain the proposal of making any change in our connection with the Church at home,—this Synod, while cherishing the warmest feelings of regard and esteem for Sister Churches, cannot, in the meantime, enter into the proposed Union of Presbyterian Churches throughout the Dominion.”

Mr. Herdman moved, in amendment, that a mutual eligibility Resolution should be adopted, and save a division, but it found no seconder.

It was then moved in amendment by Rev. D. McRae, seconded by James Cumming, Esq.:

“That, having regard to the interests of the Church in these Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland,—to the unanimous vote of this Synod, at five previous meetings, in favour of the principle of Union, and of proceeding with negotiations with the purpose of carrying it into effect,—to the fact that three-fourths of the Congregations in connection with our Synod have voted with practical unanimity in accordance with the well-understood mind of this Synod,—to the views avowed, in the case of Union in other Colonies, by the Mother Church,—and, above all, to the advancement of the Kingdom of the Great Head in this Dominion,—this Synod resolves to take steps, in full concert with the other negotiating churches, to consummate the Union of Presbyterians throughout the Dominion.”

It was further moved in amendment by Rev. J. W. Fraser, seconded by Rev. Mr. McKichan:

“That whereas, according to the Returns to the Remit on Union, eleven Congregations are either opposed to Union or recommend delay, and whereas this Synod believes that much of the opposition to the proposed Union arises from the fact that the nature of the proposed legislation necessary to its consummation and working afterwards, is not sufficiently understood by the church at large; this Synod receive the Report of the Committee on Legislation, and order it to be printed in the *Record* for the information of the people, re-appoint the Committee, and leave it in the hands of the Presbyteries and Congregations to petition the several Legislatures for such legislation as may be necessary.”

After considerable discussion, Mr. McRae's amendment and Mr. McCunn's

motions were put, when twenty-six voted for the amendment, and seven for the motion, which was declared carried accordingly; whereupon the Rev. Mr. McCunn gave notice of entering his dissent on his own behalf, and on behalf of as many as may wish to adhere to him.

The Rev. Mr. Fraser then wished his amendment put, when the Moderator ruled it out of order. He then, with the permission of his seconder, withdrew his amendment, and entered his dissent with those who voted for Mr. McCunn's motion.

Several members refrained from voting for Mr. McRae's amendment and Mr. McCunn's motion, that they might vote for Mr. Fraser's amendment, who, on its withdrawal, appended their names to the following dissent, viz:—

DISSENT.

Whereas the Synod has this day, by a majority of votes, decided to take final steps to enter into Union with other Presbyterian Churches, we, the undersigned, in our own behalf, and in behalf of all who may adhere to us, hereby dissent from said decision, and decline to be bound by any steps the majority may take in the matter.

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| (Signed) | ROBERT MCCUNN, | } Ministers |
| | CHARLES DUNN, | |
| | JAMES MCCOLL, | |
| | JAS. W. FRASER, | |
| | DON'D M'DONALD, | } Elders. |
| | CHARLES FRASER, | |
| | ALEX STEUMBERG, | |

The following addith their names as dissenting from taking immediate steps with reference to Union:—

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| (Signed) | A. W. HERDMAN, | } Ministers |
| | W. McMILLAN, | |
| | J. McMILLAN, | |
| | A. J. MCKICHAN. | |

On motion of Rev. Mr. McRae, it was agreed that a Deputation, consisting of Rev'ds. Messrs. Grant and Cameron, and Messrs. Morrison and Cumming, Elders, be appointed to wait on the Sister Synod to convey to them the result of our vote upon the question of Union.

It was further moved by Mr. McRae, seconded by Mr. Melville, and

Resolved,—“That the Synod appoint a Committee, consisting of Rev'ds. R. J. Cameron, D. McRae, J. Campbell, A. McLean, T. Duncan, and J. J. Bremner,