

gregations in Charlottetown. The following Committee was appointed:—Rev. W. Duff, G. Christie, D. B. Blair, Dr. McLeod, E. Ross, and A. James and H. B. Webster, Elders. The Committee met with the congregations on Monday evening and reported on Tuesday. All the members of the congregations, except two or three, expressed their willingness to abide by the decision of the Committee. The Committee expressed their views and recommendations as follows:—

1st.—They were unanimous in the opinion that the two congregations should be united, as only then will they be found sufficiently strong to support a minister.

2nd.—While uniting, there must be provision made to prevent any sacrifice of the property of either of the congregations—which may be done without any difficulty.

3rd.—Whereas hitherto the property belonging to Queen Square Church has been vested in Trustees, who, though members of this Synod, were not members of the congregation, they recommend that after union the united congregation select Trustees from among themselves, to whom the care and management of the property may be entrusted. They also consider that it will be equally easy while uniting to secure for the benefit of the united body, the property now held by Trustees in the name and for the benefit of the Free Church.

4th.—Your committee found that some at least of the members of the Free Church preferred that the congregations when incorporated into one body, should worship in the Free Church in preference to Queen Square—or at least that part of the services should still be held in the Free Church. To this, however, your committee are entirely opposed. Queen Square Church is far the best and most commodious building, and therefore should have the preference.

On the whole then your committee are of opinion that the time has come when these two branches of our Zion should be united into one. Even then the membership of the church will not be large—nor will the united congregation feel more than able to support a minister respectably. Such a union is necessary to satisfy the Lord Jesus, who desires that his people may be “all one.”

There may possibly be a few persons in those congregations who will not favour the union now recommended. But if any, they are few, and should not be sustained by this Synod in keeping up divisions. We therefore conclude with the recommen-

mentation that the Presbytery of P. E. Island be directed to take the necessary steps for uniting these two sections of the church into one. It were better even to lose one, two, or more, than that things should continue as they now are, to the scandal of our common Presbyterianism and the wounding of the hearts of good people. They cannot remain as two congregations, for in the present dearth of preachers, we cannot, in justice to the other parts of the church, afford such an amount of supply as this would involve, and besides, the present unseemly separation is calculated to foster a feeling of bitterness which wherever it exists, grieves the Holy Spirit and hinders the progress of religion.

The Synod, after mature deliberation, did then and there declare the two congregations united. The necessary directions with regard to the property of the congregations were given. The Free Church congregation is authorized still to meet in its corporate capacity for civil purposes.

Psalmody.

The Rev. Dr. BAYNE submitted the Report of the Committee on Psalmody. The Book is expected to be printed and placed before the public in a few weeks. The delays which had arisen were caused by the limited number of composers qualified to set up musical characters. The committee hope to secure a publication of the highest order, at a rate that will fully meet the expectations of subscribers.

The Synod while regretting the delay in the publication of the volume, approved of the Report.

Report on Popery.

This Report was read on Tuesday evening by Rev. N. McKAY. Reference was first made to the general subject of the Papacy; to the policy enunciated in the *Syllabus*; and to the attitude of European nations.—In Protestant countries there is a crusade against Free Schools and popular Education. This whole church, ministers and people, should throw their undivided influence in opposition to separate schools.

Two agents had been engaged by the committee to labour among French Acadians. A report of their labours was read. They had encountered prejudices and difficulties, but were not discouraged. Bibles and good books had been distributed,