

THE CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

"UNION. This was one of the principal subjects before the Synod. Indeed it seemed to overshadow all others. It was found that eight Presbyteries reported in favour of Union last year, and none against. On motion of Rev. J. K. Smith, seconded by Rev. James Sinclair, the following resolution passed unanimously:—that this Synod rejoices in the approval of the Remit on Union by all the Presbyteries of this Church which have reported, waive further consideration of it at present, and proceed to hear the delegates appointed by the General Assembly of the C. P. Church, to inform us of the action of that Assembly on the subject of Union. Dr. Topp and Rev. Mr. McTavish then addressed the Synod, and laid upon the table a copy of the Basis as amended. It was moved by Dr. Waters, seconded by Rev. J. K. Smith and adopted unanimously:—That the Remit be sent down to Presbyteries, in forms of the Barrier Act, and to Sessions and Congregations for their consideration and approval, with instructions to report to an adjourned meeting of Synod. On motion of Dr. Waters, the Synod resolved to express its gratitude to Almighty God for the prosperous and happy issue to which the negotiations for Union have so far been brought. The Synod then united in prayer. The Synod agreed to appoint a Committee to secure the necessary legislation for the protection of Congregational and other Church property after the Union. The Court adjourned to meet at New Glasgow on the 3rd. Wednesday of October, at 10 o'clock a.m."

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN NOVA-SCOT ETC., ETC.

"The Report of the Committee appointed to receive and tabulate answers to the Remit on Union, was submitted by Rev. G. M. Grant, Convener. Rev. Mr. McTavish, one of the delegates from the General Assembly of the C. P. Church, being present, addressed the Synod on this subject, explaining the changes made in the Basis of Union.

After a very full discussion, in which most of the members of Synod took part, the following resolution was moved by Mr Grant and seconded by Dr. Brooke: That the Synod adhering to its former resolutions in favour of Re-union, resolves to take the following steps towards its consummation;—Whereas the Synod of our church

in the Upper Provinces, and the General Assembly of the C. P. Church, at their recent meetings in Ottawa, adopted a preamble to the Basis of Union, and made sundry changes in the Basis and accompanying resolutions, this Synod accepts the said preamble, and assents to the changes, approving of the same as eminently satisfactory to all who are attached to the constitution and to the procedure of the Church of Scotland and this Synod also approves and accepts the name of "THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA," by which it is proposed that the re-united Church shall be called.

Further, the Synod orders that the amended Basis be printed and sent down to Presbyteries at once, that they may, without any delay, ascertain the minds of their congregations within their bounds: and to secure, if possible, unanimous consent to the proposed Re-union, appoint Revs. A. M. Lear, R. J. Cameron, Thomas Dunlop, J. F. Campbell, and G. M. Grant, as a delegation to those congregations in the County of Pictou that form the minority of the church, to explain the position of the Synod, and to urge the great importance of unanimity on our part in the sight of the whole Church; and further, appoints a Special Meeting to be held in New Glasgow, on the 3rd Wednesday of October next, at 10 o'clock a.m., to receive the returns to the Remit, and also to receive a draft of the proposed Legislation referred to in Resolution V.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. R. McCunn, seconded by Rev. C. Dunn, that the returns to the Remit do not warrant this Synod in taking immediate steps towards the consummation of the proposed Re-union, but that, in the altered circumstances of the Basis and Resolutions, the Synod agrees to the resolution just moved by Mr. Grant.

Rev. Mr. Grant stated that, as he considered Mr. McCunn's amendment rather a substantive resolution, he would withdraw his own until Mr. McCunn's was put, that he might vote for it. Mr. Grant's resolution was then put to the Meeting, and carried, *nem. con.*—*From the Records, August.*

It may not be out of place to state here a few particulars regarding the four negotiating Churches. The number of Presbyteries are, in the C. P. Church, 19; Church of Scotland in Canada, 11; Presbyterian Church in Lower Provinces, 10; Church of Scotland in Lower Provinces, 6; Total, 46. The following congregational figures are taken from the most recent Church Statistics.

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