

agree to accept, *simpliciter*, the Basis now submitted, as a sufficient Basis on which they can cordially unite with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church, being satisfied that it contains the principle so long contended for by this Synod.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. King,—That this Synod devoutly acknowledges the goodness of God in the result to which the Joint Committee on Union has been unanimously brought, and adopts the Basis in its amended form, as a ground of Union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that everything is secured by the preamble of the said Basis which was contemplated by the proposed addition to the 4th Article, and unanimously agreed upon at the last meeting of Synod.

3. Amendment.
Mr. James.

After lengthened reasoning the Synod declared themselves ready for the vote.

Before taking the question, Professor Taylor asked and obtained leave to withdraw part of the motion submitted by him yesterday, and in the motion, as put to the vote, the words which "expressed regret at the somewhat inelegant and confused form and structure of the Basis" were withdrawn.

Part of Prof.
Taylor's
motion
withdrawn.

The Moderator read over the several motions in their order.

A vote was first taken between the amendment of Mr. James and that of Mr. Logie, when 50 voted for the former and 3 for the latter, which was then dropped from the list of motions. A vote was next taken between the amendment of Mr. James and that of Dr. William Taylor, when 41 voted for the former and 25 for the latter. Dr. Taylor's amendment was dropped from the list of motions. A third vote was taken between the amendment of Mr. James and the original motion of Professor Taylor, as amended, when 50 voted for the former and 11 for the latter.

The amendment of Mr. James was declared to be carried, and the Synod did and do decide in terms of the said amendment.

Decision.