

Scott, W. McLaren, Ministers; and Messrs. J. Shaw, W. Begg, J. Hall, J. Court, A. Smith, W. Heron, W. McMillan, and D. Kennedy, Elders. Mr. Ure to be Convener.

Extracted, &c., &c., by

(Signed) WILLIAM REID, Clerk.

After some reasoning, the following motion was adopted: That the Committee having read the Deed of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, relative to Union with the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, dated Toronto, 17th June last, and having conversed sometime thereon,

*Resolve*, I. That the Committee express their continued cordial approval of the Resolutions of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, under date 8th June last, and, in particular, their approval of the second of these Resolutions, in which it is set forth "that there are in the judgment of the Synod no sufficient reasons for this Church and the Presbyterian Church of Canada continuing in a state of separation, and that many great and obvious advantages might be expected, under the Divine blessing, to result from their heartily uniting on sound and scriptural principles."

II. That the Committee deeply regret to find themselves precluded, by the terms and purport of the above-cited Deed of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, from taking any steps at present towards the accomplishment of the Union in question.

III. That the Committee adjourn *sine die*; and that a copy of these Resolutions, together with a respectful letter from the Chairman, be transmitted to the Convener of the Committee named in the aforesaid Deed of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

(Signed) J. TAYLOR, Chairman.

R. H. THORNTON, Clerk.

Dr. Taylor stated to the Synod that he had endeavoured to fulfil the appointment of Committee, by addressing the following letter to the Rev. Mr. Ure:—

TORONTO, August 31, 1854.

REV. DEAR SIR: I beg to acquaint you that, agreeably to an intimation, I had the pleasure of forwarding to you, some weeks ago, the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada's Committee on Union met here yesterday, and adopted the following motion: "That the Committee having read the Deed," &c., &c., [as given above.]

Now, dear Sir, permit me to assure you that it would have given me the most unfeigned satisfaction had matters presented a more favourable aspect. Nevertheless, I have in no degree ceased to wish and to hope for a Union; and in this, I am sure, I express the mind of many of the best of the ministers, elders, and members of our Church. It seems to me, however, that nothing can be more injudicious than to push the matter prematurely. I trust that, in the meantime, the great King and Head of the Church will overrule every thing for the furtherance of his own glory, and the promotion of pure and undefiled religion.

With respect and esteem, I am, reverend dear Sir, yours faithfully,

J. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Rev. Robert Ure, &c., &c., Streetsville.

Dr. Taylor said that he was soon favoured with a courteous note from Mr. Ure, acknowledging receipt of the above; and afterwards received the following communication:—