

to form Mission Stations. The report was received and its recommendations were adopted. The Assembly's Remit on the Basis of Union was taken up for consideration. Returns from Sessions and Congregations to the Remit were read when it was ascertained that three Sessions approve and four disapprove of the Basis, and that five congregations approve and three disapprove of it. These returns were ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly. The Presbytery then proceeded to consider the Articles of Union *seriatim*. The first, third and fourth were adopted *simpliciter*. On the second being read, it was moved by Mr. Cameron and seconded by Mr. D. McNaughton, that the article be adopted as it stands. The Moderator left the chair, and moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. A. McDiarmid, that the article be amended as follows: "That the Westminster Confession of Faith, together with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, shall form the subordinate standards of this Church, it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the Civil Magistrate, shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with the fully liberty of conscience in matters of religion." On the vote being taken, three voted for the amendment and six for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried. The following resolution was moved by Mr. McDiarmid, and second by Mr. McLennan: "Inasmuch as the Articles of Union appear deficient as to the Headship of Christ over the Church and nations, we desire another article to be added, to the effect 'that the Lord Jesus Christ is King and Head of His Church, independent of all secular authority, and that we are in duty bound to obey Him as such in all ecclesiastical matters.'" It was moved in amendment by Mr. Cameron, and seconded by Mr. Whimster: "While the Presbytery sees no necessity for having a distinct article in the Basis of Union on the Doctrine of Christ's Headship over the Church, because such is clearly stated in the Confession of Faith, yet, out of regard to the conscientious convictions of esteemed Fathers and Brethren in the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery strongly urges on the General Assembly to adopt such means, in its wisdom, as shall satisfy these convictions, and thus make the union complete and harmonious." A vote being taken, the amendment was declared carried, six voting for it and four for the motion. The resolutions appended to the Basis were also considered *seriatim*. The first, sixth, seventh and ninth were approved. The third and fifth were approved *cum-nota*. It was recommended to leave the subject referred to in Resolution No. 4, to the wisdom of the United Church. The Presbytery refrained from expressing an opinion on the Resolution No. 8. On the 10th Resolution being read, it was agreed to recommend that the name of the United Church should be "The Presbyterian Church of Canada."

The Assembly's Remit on Foreign Missions was ordered to be sent down to Session for their consideration, with instructions to report at next meeting. Certified Commissioners from Griersville Congregation appeared and addressed the Court in reference to future supply of the means of grace among them. It was agreed to appoint a Committee to visit the Congregation, and in the meantime instruct the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee to secure them the service of a Missionary for three months, till some better arrangement can be made. The Committee to consist of Messrs. Cameron and A. Stevenson.

A petition, with a subscription list attached, from the Presbyterians in the neighborhood of Baker's School house, in the Township of Sullivan, was handed in and read, praying the Presbytery to organize them into a Mission Station and supply them with Gospel ordinances. The petition was ordered to lie on the table until next ordinary meeting, and in the meantime cite all the adjoining Stations to appear for their interests at said meeting. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed:—Messrs. Dewar, Cameron and McLennan, Ministers; and Messrs. L. Ormiston, P. Christie, and John Durie, of Ottawa, Elders. Messrs. Dewar and Christie were appointed members of the General Assembly's Committee on bills and overtures. Messrs. Whimster and McKenzie were appointed members of the Synod of Toronto's Committee on bills