



PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

INTRODUCTORY.



WHAT is called a "Basis of Union" has been sent down to the Presbyteries, Kirk Sessions and Congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. The vagueness of the statements contained in the articles embodied in the "Basis" is such, that many of those who are most strongly opposed to the project may have some difficulty in meeting the plausible arguments founded on this document for a junction of the interests of the different Presbyterian bodies in the Dominion. It must be remembered, that it is not merely to obtain the assent of Congregations to the theoretical statements contained in the Articles, that they are sent down by Synod. That assent to abstract propositions is to be made use of to bring about the abolition of the branch of the Church of Scotland in Canada. Such a consummation has for some time been aimed at, by a small section of the members of Synod, who, by bringing up their demands year after year, and by other means, have been insidiously sapping the strength of the Church. By the careful concealment of the real grounds of difference between the Presbyterian bodies in the articles sent down for adoption, those who conscientiously desire to maintain the existence of their Church, have been made to appear as factious bigots, prejudiced and narrow in their views. It is on many grounds, therefore, desirable that the true nature and bearing of the proposals may be understood, and the ground taken by those who