

after the Synod had maturely deliberated on the subject, the following motion was made and seconded:—The Synod having maturely considered the report of the Committee, and being deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of receiving into the Synod, the members of the United Synod of Upper Canada, both as regards the prosperity and advancement of the Presbyterian cause, and the general interests of religion in the Province, declare their readiness to receive the members of the said body, on the following conditions, viz:—That the Ministers of that body shall produce the extracts of their ordination to the Presbyteries of this Church, within whose bounds their congregations are placed, and that they, together with the sessions, or the representatives of their respective congregations, shall declare their adherence to the standards of the Church of Scotland, as to doctrine, discipline, government and worship, and also their adherence to the Presbyteries into which they are admitted, as well as to the Synod. That this measure shall not interfere with any arrangement now existing between individual members of this Synod, and the British Government, as to pecuniary allowances made to them, the Synod at the same time declaring their readiness to use their best endeavours to obtain from the British Government such extension of the allowance as may place the Ministers admitted into this Synod, in terms of this resolution, on the same footing with the present members. That the Synod instruct Presbyteries to give effect to this resolution, and they appoint the Commission to communicate this resolution to the Rev. William Smart, of Brockville, for the information of the members of the United Synod of Upper Canada; and they also instruct the commission respectfully to communicate this resolution to His Majesty's Government, the Union having been suggested by Sir George Murray, late Secretary to his Majesty for the Colonies, and at the same time to pray for an extension of the grant to Presbyterian Ministers. The Synod farther instructed the Commission to transmit to the General Assembly, a full statement of the circumstances of the Church in these Provinces, which called for this measure.

The following amendment was also proposed and seconded:—That the Synod consider a deliverance on a subject so important, as precipitate and premature, before the particular nature of that connection which does or may subsist between this Synod and the General Assembly, be fully defined. That the Synod, however, instruct the Presbyteries within their bounds, to procure all the information possible on the subject, and under existing circumstances, merely renew their declaration of the desirableness of a Union with the United Synod of Upper Canada, and request the co-operation of the United Synod towards the attainment of this object. That a memorial be prepared by this Synod, and transmitted to the Committee of the General Assembly on Colonial Churches, together with the information which may be procured on the subject, craving immediate advice.

The Roll being called and the votes taken on this motion and amendment, there appeared for the amendment two votes: against it, twelve.

Whereupon the motion was declared to be carried.

Against this decision, Mr. John McKenzie entered his dissent in his own name and in the name of such as may adhere to him, for reasons

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