

yet, so as to do no violence to the consciences of any.

4. To recognise in particular the Sabbath not only as a day of rest, man's need for which may be inferred from natural principles, but as a divine institute, which is to be kept from desecration on the ground that it is so, whatever may be thought of man's natural right to a day of rest.

V. That the Committee be empowered if they shall see cause to call by requisition to the Moderator a meeting of this Synod at any time before next ordinary meeting, that they may deem desirable, and, if they do not deem this necessary, they shall then report to the Synod at next ordinary meeting.

It was moved by Mr. D. Fraser, seconded Mr. J. Ross.

The Synod approve of the articles drawn up by the Joint Committees of the two Churches, as embodying the views, on the important questions therein treated of, which this Church has always been anxious to uphold.

Further, the Synod, although embarrassed by the circumstance that the U. P. Synod have not, in their resolutions recently laid upon the table, expressed any opinion regarding the said articles; yet, being assured that they regard the action of the Joint Committees as having served a most important purpose, in preparing the way for the formation of a basis of Union, and that they desire the re-appointment of the Committee of this Church to co-operate with theirs in forming said basis, now re-appoint the committee for that purpose, instructing them to take heed that the basis of Union be in harmony with the principles set forth in the articles already framed by the Joint Committees, and now approved by this Synod; and also to give it frankly to be understood, that this Church cannot, in consistency with its views of truth and duty, treat with unfettered forbearance all varieties of opinion on the relations of the Magistrate or of Civil Government to revealed Religion. But, finally, instruct the Committee to assure the Committee of the United Presbyterian Synod, that this Church is not only willing, but sincerely desirous, to form, without any needless delay, a union with them on a basis, which, allowing forbearance on minor relations or applications of the question, shall distinctly assert the Headship of the Lord Jesus over the nations of the earth, and the duty of the Civil Magistrate to acknowledge and obey the revelation of God's authority in His inspired Word.

After full discussion extended over several diets, a division was called for, when on Dr. Baynes motion, and Dr. Frasers being put to the house, 18 voted for Dr. Bayne's and 126 for Mr. Fraser's. Mr. Young's motion and Mr. Fraser's were next put to the house, when 14 voted for Mr. Young's motion, 116 for Mr. Fraser's, 15 declining to vote.

At a subsequent diet the following was added to the motion carried. The Synod further agreed that the Committee be empowered, if they shall see cause, to call by requisition to the Moderator a meeting of this Synod at any time before next ordinary meeting that they may deem desirable, and if they do not deem this necessary, they shall then report to the Synod at its next ordinary meeting.

The Committee on Union was re-appointed as follows, viz.: Mr. Ure, Convener, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Messrs. Laing, Lowry, Inglis, Thos. Wardrope, Fraser, Scott, Gregg, Ross, Ministers, and Messrs. Heron, Jeffrey and A. McKenzie, Elder.

On Thursday evening a memorial from the Congregation of Walpole with reference to the

Synodical collections was taken up. The Synod remitted the memorial to the Presbytery of Hamilton instructing them to deal with the Congregation of Walpole by deputation or otherwise, to instruct them as to their duty to carry out Synodical appointments, at the same time to deal with them in a tender and judicious spirit with the view of removing any existing difficulties.

On Friday evening the Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa for a division of said Presbytery. The Synod granted the application of the Presbytery, and agreed to a division according to the request of the Presbytery, viz.:

1. The Presbytery of Brockville, composing the following ministers, congregations, and stations, viz.: R. Boyd, D.D., Prescott; W. Lochead, Gloucester, and N. Gower, J. Smith, A. M. Brockville, A. Melville, Edwardsburgh; A. Crawford, Westport; J. C. Quinn, Kemptonville; D. E. Montgomery, S. Gower and Mountain; together with Young and Bellamyville.

2. The other to be called the Presbytery of Ottawa, to comprise the following ministers, congregations, and Mission stations, viz.: J. Geggie, Dalhousie; Thomas Wardrope, Ottawa; J. Corbett, Wakefield; J. B. Duncan, Perth; J. L. Gourlay, Aylmer, and Nepean; D. Wardrope, Bristol; H. McMeekin, Pembroke; together with the following vacant congregations and stations, viz.: Ramsay, McNab, Renfrew, Beckwith, Osgoode and Russell, Cumberland and Thurso.

The Synod further appointed the Presbytery of Brockville to meet at Brockville on the last Tuesday of July, at 7½ p.m., Mr. James Smith, Moderator; and the Presbytery of Ottawa to meet at Ottawa on the first Tuesday of August at 7½ p.m., Mr. D. Wardrope, Moderator.

The minutes of the joint Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa shall be placed in charge of the Presbytery of Brockville, and shall at any time be open for reference to the Presbytery of Ottawa.

The joint Presbytery shall meet at Hamilton on Tuesday 22nd inst., at 2½ o'clock, p.m., to transmit any business that may be necessary, and specially to agree to a geographical boundary between the two Presbyteries, and at the first meeting of the separate Presbyteries the same shall be inserted in their respective minutes, together with an extract of the minutes of Synod sanctioning the division.

The Synod then proceeded to call for the Report of the College Committee. The same was given in by Mr. Gregg, Convener.

After discussion, the following deliverance was agreed to, viz.: That the Report be received and sustained, and in view of the paramount importance of the Theological Seminary to the welfare of our church and country, adopt its recommendation for the appointment of a day of special prayer on its behalf; and further, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Burns and the Rev. D. Fraser, for their energetic and successful efforts in Great Britain and Ireland on behalf of the College Building Fund, and to the Colonial Committees of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and of the Free Church of Scotland, as well as to Christian friends in these countries,

and in England, for their liberal donations to this institution. The Synod also would express their thanks to the Convener and members of the Committee for their diligence, and regret to find that the income of the College has not yet met the necessary expenditure, and again urge upon Presbyteries and office-bearers of the Church the necessity of increased contributions, remit to the College Committee to be appointed the consideration of any special measures that may be required to liquidate the present arrears on the ordinary College Fund. The Synod further appoint the first Sabbath of November as a day of special prayer throughout the Church in behalf of the College. The College Committee was appointed as follows, viz.: Free Presbytery of London, Messrs. Scott, Ross, D. McKenzie, Ball, T. McPherson, D. McDiarmid, R. Wallace, ministers; Messrs. Clark, Smith, Gunn, and Douglas, elders. From Presbytery of Hamilton, Dr. Bayne, Dr. Irvine, Messrs. Inglis, McKuar, S. Young, J. Alexander, ministers, and Messrs. Dickerman, Hopkin, Davidson and Cowan, elders. From the Presbytery of Toronto, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Professor Young, Messrs. Reid, Lowry, Gregg, McTavish, Ure and Laing, ministers, and Messrs. McMurrich, Henning, C. S. Patterson, and J. Laidlaw.

From the Presbytery of Cobourg, Messrs. McLeod, Roger, J. Smith, ministers, and Messrs. Riddell and Fraser, elders.

From Presbytery of Kingston, Messrs. Wilson, Gordon, and Gray, ministers; Dr. Holden, Messrs. McLaughlin, and Stewart, elders.

From the Presbytery of Brockville, Dr. Boyd and Mr. Smith, ministers; Messrs. Sherwood, and Joseph Reid, elders.

From the Presbytery of Ottawa, Messrs. T. Wardrope, Duncan and Gourlay, ministers; Messrs. Robertson and Nicoll, elders.

From the Presbytery of Montreal, Messrs. Clark, Fraser, Kemp, Anderson, ministers, and Messrs. Richardson, Gibb, Court, Redpath, F. W. Torrance, elders; Mr. Gregg, Convener.

The Synod appointed also Messrs. Gregg, Reid, Ure, Stark, and Inglis, ministers, with Messrs. McMurrich, Jeffrey, and Dr. Holden, as assessors to the Professors' Court, or College Senate.

At the diet of Saturday morning, the first matter which occupied the attention of Synod was the appointment of the time and place of next ordinary meeting. It was agreed that it should take place in Toronto, and within Cooke's Church there on the second Tuesday of June, 1859, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Synod thereafter called for the Report of the Committee on Colportage. The same was given in by Mr. Inglis, Convener. After reasoning it was resolved on motion made and seconded, "That the Synod receive the report; the Synod, while still impressed with a sense of the importance of Colportage, resolve to wind up the present scheme, and instruct the Board to dispose of the stock on hand as soon as possible, and to adopt such means as they may think best for the liquidation of the