

Subject of union resumed.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Union with the United Presbyterian Church.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp in amendment to Dr. Bayne's motion, and seconded by Mr. Doak,

Mr. Kemp's motion.

"That the Synod receive the Report of the Union Committee; express their gratification at finding such full harmony on the views of the two sections of the joint-committee on the doctrines and principles, the expression and understanding of which have hitherto kept the United Presbyterian Church and ourselves apart; declare their adherence generally to the articles in said Report, and adopt them as a basis upon which union may be effected;—re-appoint the committee and remit said articles to them with instructions to mature still farther the terms and conditions of union, and report to next Synod;—send said articles down for the consideration of the Presbyteries who shall report to the Union Committee on or before the 31st of May next; recommend in the meantime that the Presbyteries and Sessions of the Church hold fraternal intercourse and conference with the Presbyteries and Sessions of the United Presbyterian Church."

Amendment withdrawn.

After discussion, Mr. Kemp, with permission of the house, withdrew his motion, when Dr. Bayne's was adopted by the Synod.

Committee re-appointed.

The Committee on Union was re-appointed as follows, viz.,—Messrs. Ure, Lowry, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Messrs. Laing, McLaren, Inglis, and Duncan, Ministers; and Messrs. Heron, and Young, Elders—Mr. Ure, Convener.

Report on Statistics.

The Synod afterwards called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics. The same was given in and read by Mr. S. C. Fraser, Convener. From the Report it appeared that there were now 124 ministers, and upwards of 14000 communicants. A considerable number of congregations and amongst these some large ones had failed to send any return. The amount reported as contributed for ecclesiastical purposes was £37,000.

It was agreed to receive and sustain the report and return thanks of the Synod to the Convener. It was also resolved, that Mr. Fraser's expenses should be paid out of the Synod Fund.

Committee on Statistics.

The Committee on Statistics was re-appointed as follows, viz., Mr. S. C. Fraser, Convener, Messrs. Reid, Gregg, James Smith, D. Wardrope, Court, and Hay.

The following persons were appointed by the Synod as Trustees of 'Knox College' in terms of the Draft of Act of Incorporation:—

Trustees for Knox College.

Messrs. Charles Allan, George Brown, William Clark, James Court, John R. Dickson, M. D., Alexander D. Ferrier, William Gregg, James Gibb, William Heron, George Hay, David Inglis, Andrew Jeffrey, Alexander F. Kemp, Thomas Lowrie, Morris C. Lutz, Donald McLellan, James Osborne, John Redpath, John Scott, Andrew Smith, James Stewart, James Walker, Principal Willis, Archibald Young; J. Osborne, Chairman.

The hour of adjournment having come, the Diet was closed with prayer.

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