

the liberty of dissent allowed to a minority. Ultimately the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz. : ' That while it is the duty of the civil magistrate to protect the sacred character and obligations of the Sabbath, it is also the duty of the Church to bear her testimony in favor of God's holy day, which she may do by approaching the Legislature, or otherwise, as the majority may determine.— And that a minority, while permitted all equitable liberty, would be understood in this as in other departments of Ecclesiastical government, as bound in action or dissent to respect constitutional order and the received principles of the United body.'

Questions regarding the practice of the churches in admitting to sealing ordinances ; and as to bonds or promises securing the payment of stipends, were considered and a satisfactory understanding was arrived at, showing that in these respects, the practice of the Churches is substantially the same.

Also the following articles were agreed to ;

I. That the relations which the United Church should bear to the Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and all other Evangelical Churches, be intimate, or otherwise, as the supreme court may, from time to time determine. That all ministers and preachers applying for admission shall be received on an equal footing, as by law to be enacted ; and that all ministers or preachers at the time of the union, having temporary pecuniary aid for missionary or pastoral work from any foreign Church or Society, shall continue to receive the same till the time agreed on expires. From the first section of the above, Dr. Burns dissented and gave in reasons.

II. That the Committees recommend that the two Theological Institutions be amalgamated, and all the Professors retained, and that the Supreme Court determine the special duties of the respective Professors, as well as all other matters of arrangement.

III. That the name of the United Church be 'The Canadian Presbyterian Church.'

IV. " In conclusion, the Committees would express their conviction, that further enquiry into the practical bearing of the principles as enunciated in the minutes of June 4th, 1857, is unnecessary : since any differences which confessedly exist between the two bodies, particularly on the power of the civil magistrate with regard to religion, are not, as seems to the Committees, so great, nor of such a nature as to prevent cordial co-operation, and may be made, and should be made, matters of mutual christian forbearance. They would therefore recommend to their respective Synods, that the statements contained in the minutes of the joint Committees be adopted as a basis of Union."

[Being ourselves very desirous of union (evil-speakers to the contrary notwithstanding) we beg to recommend the above to the deliberate and careful consideration of members of Synod, and hope they will come to the ensuing meeting prepared for prompt and decisive action. In our numbers for July and November, 1857, will be found reports of the former proceedings of the committees.]

#### U. P. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The usual quarterly meeting of this Presbytery, was held in London, on Wednesday, 9th of April. There was a tolerably full attendance of members. After various matters of routine were disposed of, there was read a petition from the congregation of Woodstock, asking the appointment of one to moderate in a call. The prayer of the petition was granted, and the Rev. Wm. Inglis, Westminster, appointed to preach and preside on Monday the 26th April, at 2 P. M. A similar petition from the United Congregations of Nissouri and Flat Creek, was also favourably received. Messrs. Cavan and Fotheringham to preach and preside on Wednesday 28th April, at Nissouri at 10 A. M., and at Flat Creek at 2 P. M.

There having been no communication received from Rev. Joseph Young in reference to the call to new Windsor it was agreed that the call be set aside, and by a majority, that the whole matter be allowed to drop. Agreed to transmit to Synod,