

"Be it therefore Resolved,—

"1. That we, the Commission of Synod, fully and joyfully appreciating the enlightened and truly benevolent motives from which originated the appointment of the deputation, which, at the last General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was commissioned to visit this and other provinces of North America, beg leave to tender to the parent church our sincere thanks for this timely and most suitable visit.

"2. That holding, as we do, that all good and perfect gifts come from the Father of Lights, and are all under His controul and direction, we cannot but give thanks to the All-wise Ruler of the Church, that under His guidance, the General Assembly were enabled to select such men as formed the deputation to Canada,—men whose high talents, diligence, prudence, meekness, and christian zeal, qualified them for going through extraordinary labours, for giving the best information and counsel, for comforting the hearts of their brethren, and in all things accomplishing the ends of their mission (often amidst extraordinary difficulties) with the greatest candour, tenderness and delicacy.

"3. That after extensive inquiry and mature consideration, we are well assured that the deputation have, under God, been eminently instrumental in removing many gross misconceptions regarding the present position of the Church of Scotland, and many fears as to her future prospects, and strengthening in no small degree the ties that bind many hearts in this land to the Church of their Fathers.

"4. That while we, in common with very many of the followers of the Redeemer throughout the world, sincerely regret that so many persons of acknowledged worth, should have considered it to have been their duty to secede from the Church of Scotland; and although there may be certain things in her ecclesiastical polity, as an establishment, against which some of her best friends in this province may have taken exception; yet we firmly believe, and joyfully record our conviction, that as a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, she still holds the truth in its purity, and possesses ample means for unfolding all the riches of the gospel for the conversion of sinners, and the edification of God's dear children.

"5. That the meakness, humility, love of peace, and christian charity, which have been so prominently exhibited in the Church of Scotland, throughout the peculiar trials which she has of late been called to endure, are, to us, pleasing indications that she is still animated by the spirit of her Divine Master, and that He who has often been her defence in troublous times, will continue to be a wall of fire around her, and the glory in the midst of her.

"6. That while our Synod has all along sought to cultivate a fraternal christian intercourse with those Presbyterian Churches that hold the truth as it is in Jesus, so much more, from the nearer relation in which we stand to the Church of Scotland, have we ever desired, and do now desire, that the fellowship and connection with that church may be as fully carried out as the respective circumstances of the two churches will warrant.

"7. That many of the most tender and sacred recollections which the children of Scotland cherish in this far distant province, are recollections of the sacred scenes they have witnessed, and the truths they have heard within the walls of the parish churches of their native land.

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