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## Miscellaneous Articles.

### REMARKS ON THE BASIS.

*To the Editor of the Canadian United Presbyterian Magazine.*

MY DEAR SIR,—In your last number you present to us the Basis of Union with such alterations as were made at the late meetings of the Presbyterian, and United Presbyterian Synods. To the addition made by the Free Church to Article II. I should think there can be no objections. For if their suggestion was not expressed it was certainly understood by us. In addition to this, you inform us that our brethren have courteously intimated to us that they cannot accept of the Note appended to Article IV. In that case, to prevent dispute, I would humbly suggest that the entire Article be rejected; and I should think that the Union might be at once accomplished on the five remaining Articles. I have been led to this suggestion from the fact, that in the discussions which took place in the Free Church Synod, desires were repeatedly expressed to know the practical results which our Synod would deduce from the doctrine—that Christ is King of nations. Now the United Presbyterian Church holds as truly, as fully, and as practically, the universal sovereignty of Christ as their Free Church brethren. They believe that the whole world, and thus that all the nations and individuals it contains, are under subjection to Christ; and although this cannot be expressed till Christ is known, yet they hold that every human being, where the sound of the Gospel is heard, is under obligations to acknowledge His sovereignty, and to obey His laws, as they are recorded and inculcated in His Holy Word. There is no need, in our estimation, to specify any particular class, or classes, of mankind, for all are