

mittee was appointed as follows, namely, The Rev. Dr. Thornton, Rev. Messrs. James, King, Aitken, and Mr. John Agnew, Elder.

The Synod cordially agreed to the request of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to meet them in Conference at any hour this afternoon that may suit their convenience, and that the above named committee intimate the same to that Synod and make all necessary arrangements for the conference.

Extracted, &c., by Wm. Fraser, Synod Clerk."

The members of the deputation briefly addressed the Synod.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that the Moderator convey to the deputation the great gratification which the Synod had experienced in receiving the deputation, and hearing from them the decision to which their Synod had come.

This was accordingly done by the Moderator in appropriate terms.

The Synod then adjourned until after the conference, and the diet was closed with prayer.

The Synod again met at half-past seven, p. m., and was constituted with prayer, praise and the reading of the Word.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Clerk read report of conference which had just taken place between the members of this Synod and those of the United Presbyterian Church. The Report embodied the following modification of the preamble to Basis.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that it would be for the glory of God, and for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the land, that they should be united, and form one Church, do hereby agree to unite on the following Basis, to be subscribed by the Moderators of the respective Synods in their name and behalf; declaring, at the same time, that no inference from the fourth article of said Basis is held to be legitimate, which asserts that the Civil Magistrate has the right to prescribe the faith of the Church, or to interfere with the freedom of her ecclesiastical action; further, that unanimity of sentiment is not required in regard to the practical applications of the principle embodied in the said fourth article, and that, whatever differences of sentiment may arise on these subjects, all action in reference thereto shall be regulated by, and be subject to, the recognized principles of Presbyterian Church order.

On motion made by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Topp, it was resolved to adopt simpliciter the preamble to the Basis of Union as agreed upon in conference, and as now read.

It was also on motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McTavish, agreed that the Basis of Union with the preamble be now adopted, and that the Clerk be instructed to communicate the same to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. L. McPherson, Minister, and Mr. D. Fraser, dissented.

The Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow at half-past nine o'clock.

On Thursday, 4th October, the Synod again met and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

Mr. L. McPherson handed in reasons of dissent from the decision come to last evening. The same were read, and it was agreed that they be kept in retentis.

The Synod appointed the following as a committee to prepare answers to said reasons, viz., Messrs. Topp, Kemp, and McLaren.

A communication was read from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, to the effect that they had unanimously adopted the preamble to the Basis as agreed to in conference.

The Clerk read the minutes of a conference held last evening between the members of this Synod and the members of the United Presbyterian Synod. From these minutes it appeared that a majority approved of the title of the united church being, "The Canada Presbyterian Church;" and that a majority was in favor of the union being consummated in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the 20th December, 1860.

Thereafter the following motions were submitted:

1. It was moved by Mr. Kemp, and seconded: That the name of the United Church be, "The Canada Presbyterian Church."

2. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Duncan, and seconded: That this Synod has a very decided preference for the name of "The Presbyterian Church in Canada," but that in the event of the sister Synod deciding to abide by the name adopted at the conference last night, the Synod resolve to concur with them in that decision.

3. It was also moved in amendment by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Inglis: That the name of the Church be "The Canadian Presbyterian Church."

The two amendments being put against each other, that by Mr. Duncan carried. The original motion and the amendment were then put to the house, when the amendment was carried, and was adopted as the deliverance of the Synod.

It was then moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. McRuar, That this Synod does not judge it expedient to hold any special meeting with a view to union with the United Presbyterian Church, but resolves to proceed in consummating that union at its next ordinary meeting as appointed to be held in Montreal in June next.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Sharp, That the resolution adopted by the conference as to time and place for the consummation of the union be adopted by this Synod.

Mr. Smellie also moved an amendment, which not being seconded, fell to the ground.

On a division, Mr. Laing's motion was carried by a majority, and the Synod resolved accordingly.

Dr. Willis dissented from the decision in so far as it commits the Synod to consummate the union at the date specified. Mr. Smellie also dissented for reasons, which he gave in.

The Synod appointed the following committee, viz., Messrs. Ure, McTavish, Inglis, Scott, to prepare answers to Mr. Smellie's reasons of dissent.

The Synod adjourned to meet again after conference with the members of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Synod again met at three o'clock, p.m. and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

Mr. Topp read in answers to the reasons of dissent given in by Mr. L. McPherson.

It was moved and seconded, — That the answers be approved, and that they be kept in retentis with the reasons.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Ross, and seconded by Mr. McRuar — That the answers be re-committed to the committee.

The motion was carried, and the answers were accordingly approved.

From this decision Dr. Willis, Dr. Irvine, and Mr. McRuar dissented.

The Clerk then read minutes of conference with members of the United Presbyterian Church. In accordance with the recommendations of the conference the Synod appointed the following committees, viz.:

1. For Arrangement of Presbyteries; Mode of Distributing preachers; and Home Missions—Messrs. Laing, Wilson, J. K. Smith, T. Wardrope, McRuar, Scott, Ross, W. B. Clark, Nisbet; Mr. Nisbet, Oakville, Convener.

2. On Theological Education—Messrs. Topp, Kemp, Laing, Ross, McMurrich; Mr. Topp, Toronto, Convener.

3. On Act for Securing Congregations in possession of their property—Messrs. Kemp, Gregg, Reid, McMurrich, F. Terrance; Mr. Kemp, Montreal, Convener.

4. On Forms of process—Messrs. Gillespie, Kemp, Gregg; Mr. Gillespie, Princeton, Convener.

5. On Widow's Fund—The existing Committee on Widow's Fund; James Osborne, Esq., Hamilton, Convener.

6. On arrangements for consummation of Union—The Presbytery of Montreal, the Elders resident in the city, the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, with Messrs. Ure, Scott, Dr. Irvine, Messrs. Laing, McLaren, J. K. Smith, and Duncan.

Mr. Ure, on behalf of committee, read answers to reasons of dissent given in by Mr. Smellie. The same were sustained.

A communication having been received from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church to the effect, that they had decided in favor of the name of the Church being "The Canada Presbyterian Church," it was resolved to adopt that as the name to be assumed by the United Presbyterian Church.

It was moved by Dr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Topp, and agreed to, that the Clerk be instructed to have the Basis and preamble, as now finally adopted, printed and circulated throughout the church.

It was, on motion made and seconded, agreed to record special thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for His great goodness in thus far guiding the deliberations of the Synod, and bringing them to the present stage.

After recording thanks to the office-bearers of Knox's Church and to the friends in Toronto, for their hospitable reception and entertainment, the Synod closed in the usual way.

The following are the reasons of dissent given in by Rev. G. Smellie, with the answers to the same:

In my own name, and in name of all who may adhere to me, I dissent from the action of the Synod, on the 4th October, 1860, in finally accepting the Basis of Union, and preamble, and resolving to consummate the Union in June next, for the following reasons: