

of union now reported, with instructions to consider the same and report thereon at the next meeting of the Synod, and with the further instructions to transmit the said basis to Kirk Sessions for the purpose of obtaining their opinion thereon for transmission to the Synod.

Rev. Mr. SMITH, of Belleville, moved a similar motion, with the addition that the Synod record their satisfaction at the manner with which the committee had discharged their important trust, and that the thanks of the Synod be and are hereby tendered to the members thereof, and especially to the convener. He would like to see the whole question settled at this meeting of Synod.

This addition was made to the principal motion.

Rev. Mr. SMITH understood that the question of temporalities was entirely in the hands of this Synod. It was left by the other churches to them to settle it in the way thought fit. The question of collegiate education was also in the hands of the Synod, because this Synod was not committed to any particular system of collegiate education.

Rev. D. M. GORDON, of Ottawa, said the question was, had the result of the joint committee declared union practicable? That was what Presbyteries would have to consider, because no doubt they were all agreed to accept union if it was practicable. Therefore, he thought the recommendations to be sent down to Presbyteries should be clear and definite. There were many matters which should be further considered by the joint committee before they would be in a shape to be sent to Presbyteries. As to the college, he thought the Synod should express itself decidedly that it must be maintained. (Hear, hear.) He would therefore move

That the Synod accept and approve of the report of the committee, cordially thank the committee, especially the convener, and agree to the desirableness of union with the other Presbyterian Churches of British North America on the basis proposed in the report; but inasmuch as it is expedient that before such a union shall be consummated a clearer understanding should be arrived at by the different Presbyterian Churches regarding some of the subjects referred

to in the recommendations of the report, especially regarding a sustentation or home mission fund, and the maintenance of a University in connection with the Church; and as this Synod deem it necessary to maintain in efficiency the University of Queen's College at Kingston, the Synod re-appoint the committee with the addition of——; instructing them to confer again with the similar committees of the other Presbyterian Churches of British North America, to report the result of their deliberations to the Commission of Synod in the autumn of the present year, and authorise the Commission of Synod to remit the result immediately to the Presbyteries and Kirk sessions of the church, in order that the inferior courts may be prepared to report upon the same at the next meeting of Synod.

Rev. Mr. BAIN, of Scarboro', thought that they should not expect that Queen's College would not be changed to some extent; but he believed the union would greatly benefit the college. He contemplated great results from the union, and even looked forward to the union of all Presbyterian bodies.

Rev. Mr. McLENNAN, of Peterboro', approved of Mr. Gordon's motion, as it was prudently and wisely following up the steps that had already been taken towards the consummation of the union.

Rev. Dr. MUIR thought it was not correct to say that this church was determined to have all its own way with reference to Queen's College.

Rev. GAVIN LANG, of Montreal, could not enter into all the feelings of many members of the Synod on this subject of union, as he had but lately left the Church of Scotland, which, while rejoicing to see the union consummated here, would feel pained to see the tie severed between them and this church. He thought there was no necessity for limiting their fraternal relations to other Presbyterian Churches, but that they should maintain fraternal relations with all Protestant churches, and not dismiss the idea that some day, however distant, there might be a union of all the Protestants of this Dominion. (Cheers.) If it was competent to make any alterations in the proposed basis of union, he would offer an amendment to that effect. With reference to the