

and under other circumstances we should have desired to put these proceeds into a more permanent shape, that the testimony of respect they convey might be handed down to your children; but in present circumstances we consider it best to hand to you the funds we received, in the shape they came to us.

Our earnest hope and trust is that the Celebration we have just had may be for the good of us all.

On behalf of the Soiree Committee,

JOHN BOYD.
PHILIP TAYLOR.
JOHN AGNEW.

Whitby, Feb. 19th, 1859.

WHITBY.—UNION MEETING.

To the Editor of the Canadian U. P., Magazine.

DEAR SIR,—Will you have the goodness to insert the following resolutions passed at a meeting held in Mr. Thornton's Church here, this day, for the purpose of considering the basis agreed upon by the joint Committee of the "United Presbyterian," and "Presbyterian" Churches of Canada, and of promoting the cause of union between these Churches. All the four congregations in what was originally the township of Whitby, were represented; three of the ministers were present, and all the resolutions were passed with great unanimity and cordiality of feeling, the discussion being free, candid, and extremely friendly.

Moved by Gavin Burns, U. P. C., seconded by Robert Gardiner, F. C., and *Resolved*,—

1. That this meeting cordially rejoices in the growing prospect of union between the "Presbyterian" and "United Presbyterian" Churches of Canada, believing, as it does, that it would be of great service to the interests of Christianity in the country generally, and should be earnestly sought by those who are so near to each other in all essential matters.

Moved by Dr. Tempest, U. P. C., seconded by Richard Cormack, F. C., and *Resolved*,—

That this meeting believes the proposed union to be a most desirable measure, not only for the general interests of Christianity but for the maintenance and propagation of the Gospel within the bounds of our rising congregations, the support of our educational institutions, and for invigorating missionary efforts to extend the Gospel into other lands.

Moved by John Agnew, U. P. C., seconded by Hugh Frazer, F. C., and *Resolved*,

2. That we feel grateful that by the good hand of God upon the joint Committee on Union; all their meetings were characterized by unbroken harmony, and conducted at length to such an issue as the basis of Union now before the public.

Moved by Wm. Heron, senr., F. C., seconded by Alexander Burnet, U. P. C., and *Resolved*,—

4. That it is much to be desired that the supreme courts of the respective churches should speedily take such measures as may lead to the consummation of the union; and although it may not be possible to present any basis of union that will not require the exercise of Christian forbearance, this meeting is fully convinced that the one now offered calls for no sacrifice of principle from either party.

Moved by John Ratcliff, U. P. C., seconded by Wm. Heron, jun'r, F. C., and *Resolved*,—

5. That this meeting would much rejoice to learn that all the congregations in connection with the "Presbyterian" and "United Presbyterian" Churches, had given, or were preparing to give, free and unbiased expression to their views in regard to a union on the basis adopted by the joint Committee, in order that the supreme courts of these churches may be made fully aware of the state of feeling in the respective bodies; and earnestly hope that immediate steps will be taken to give such an expression of opinion.