

occasions, yet they had the pleasure of hearing several deputies. The Rev. Mr. Gardner, deputy of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Rev. Mr. Sankey, from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America, and the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, favoured the Assembly with seasonable and stirring addresses in the course of the session of Assembly. The Rev. Mr. Gillies, Agent of the Scottish Religious Book and Tract Society, and a minister of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, also addressed the Assembly. To all these deputies and representatives the Moderator replied in suitable and appropriate terms.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Report of the Committee on the State of Religion was given in and read by Rev. W. Donald, in the absence of Mr. T. Wardrope, Convener. The report was highly interesting and encouraging, referring to the improvement in the state of religion, and especially to the marked indications of revival which had been witnessed in various parts of the church. On motion made and seconded the report was received and adopted; the thanks of the Assembly were given to the committee, and especially to the Convener; and the report was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

REPORT OF UNION COMMITTEE.

Dr. Topp, on the part of the Union Committee, charged with all matters connected with the completion of the Union, presented first an *interim* report, and, before the conclusion of the proceedings, a more full and formal report. The report included the various arrangements for the completion of the Union, and especially the concluding minute to be adopted by the Assembly, resolving to go in to the Union with the other negotiating churches, and authorizing the Moderator, in behalf of the Assembly, to sign the Basis of Union and accompanying resolutions. It was moved and seconded, to receive and adopt the report of the committee, and forthwith to carry out the Union. It was moved in amendment, by Mr. John Ross, seconded by Mr. L. McPherson, that the report be recommended, with the view of securing, if possible, several changes in the basis and resolutions. After full discussion a vote was taken, when the motion was carried by a large majority. The "Yeas" and "Nays" having been called for, 224 voted "Yea," and 4 "Nay." Mr. Ross dissented in his own name, and in name of all who might unite with him. In accordance with his memorial, Mr. G. Smelhe, who was prevented by circumstances from being present, was allowed to have his name entered as dissenting. A number of members entered their dissent from the Resolution having reference to "Modes of Worship." At the following sederunt several other members joined in this dissent. At the same time sixty-four (64) members who were not present when the vote was taken were allowed to have their votes added to the votes of the preceding diet, making the majority 288.

On the morning of Tuesday, 15th June, the Assembly, having disposed of all its business, in accordance with its resolution then formally agreed to, proceeded to Victoria Hall, to take its part in forming THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.