

whereas Christ has but one kingdom, and that properly is his Church, although, for wise and holy reasons, His sceptre extends over the world, nay, "over all things to the Church." But this not as requiring obedience, but as exercising control: and the duties of both magistrates and subjects have no connection with this extended power of Christ, as the article seems to represent, but arise from the universal authority of the Divine law.

3. Because,—I am not allowed by this Synod to have inserted in their Records, a Declaration, by which I could sustain the article without entering a Dissent, which, with this permission I was prepared to do.

4. Because,—The ambiguous and obscure language of this article which leaves every one to interpret it for himself, is a sufficient reason for rejecting it altogether, which I would be very unwilling to do, as that might disturb the harmony of our deliverance on the Basis.

5. Because,—Seeing the Presbyterian Church of Canada, have, honourably to themselves, come so far to meet us, I was unwilling to dissent from any interpretation of this article, however different from ours, at least from mine, and intended silently to hold my own views, which I consider not only Scriptural, but in strict accordance with the Westminster Standards.

And 6. Because,—On uniting with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, without having my Declaration inserted in the Minutes of this Church, I must be understood, as declared in the Basis, to have full liberty to maintain all the principles I have hitherto advocated, —which principles I have always understood to be substantially those of this Church, and for maintaining which the Presbyterian Church of Canada, at a recent period, subjected me to grievous misrepresentations, and severe discipline, probably still approved of by many of them; and, at all events, for preventing the recurrence of which, although this is not apprehended, the great principle of forbearance is not, in my estimation, sufficiently expressed.

For these reasons, and others which might be mentioned, although I receive the Article, according to my own construction of it, I Dissent from it in the view in which it is understood by many, yet I cordially go forward with my brethren to the Union contemplated.

ANDREW FERRIER, D.D.

Toronto, 4th October, 1860.

The Synod did not appoint any Committee to answer Dr. Ferrier's reasons of Dissent. No answer to dissent.

The Rev. Professor Taylor tendered his resignation of the office of Professor of Divinity in the following terms:— Prof. Taylor's Resignation.

TORONTO, 3rd October, 1860.—The subscriber begs respectfully to tender his resignation of the office of Professor of Divinity to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada; and