

I cannot close without expressing my firm belief that those views of divine truth for which we contend, are destined to spread more and more. The Evangelical Union is lengthening its cords and strengthening its stakes in our native land. It is taking firm root in Scotland. We see that urgent calls are coming from Australia for Evangelical Union ministers. We have room for more in Canada. Let Evangelical Unionists be true to their mission, and the Lord will accomplish a great work by their means. He will do great things for us, which shall fill us with gladness.

The reading of this address was followed by the reading of minutes of last Conference by Mr. James Robertson, Secretary. These being approved, the Rev. H. Melville proposed as President of Conference for the ensuing year the Rev. James Howie; which motion being unanimously approved, the President took his seat, and the Conference went into Session for business. The Conference was then found to include the following ministers and delegates:—The Revs. James Howie, President, George Anderson, Henry Melville, Angus McPhee; Messrs. D. D. Robertson, Toronto; Jas. Anderson, Guelph; Wyllie, Ayr; Templeton; Gemmell, Secretary to Executive Committee of Mission; James Robertson, Secretary to Conference, &c., &c.

The Rev. Geo. Anderson then moved that Rev. H. Melville, Mr. D. D. Robertson, and the Secretary be appointed a Committee to arrange the business of Conference. This being approved of, the first Session of Conference was brought to a close with devotional exercises.

II. SESSION.

The Session being constituted by prayer, the President called upon the delegates to report progress in the various fields of labor represented by them.

The Rev. Geo. Anderson, Huntingdon, said that by the blessing of God the labours of the Church under his care, had, during the past year, been crowned with some measure of success, there having been the average addition to the membership of the Church. Several months ago it had pleased some of his brethren in the ministry to commence, in St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon, a series of controversial lectures, bearing pointedly on our denominational views, and not free from personal reference to himself. He had, for the purpose of defending himself, been an occasional hearer of these lectures, entering reports as he had been able in the pages of the *Day-Star*. This proceeding had not either in matter or manner pleased his Revd. opponents, who accordingly had sought redress by carrying the controversy into the public newspapers, where it was still going on.

For this step he had occasion to be thankful, as it gave that publicity to our views which seems to be the principal condition of our success. Throughout the whole he had been stayed and encouraged by divine aid; and his heart, and the heart of his people, had been cheered by the successive visits of his Reverend brethren Howie and McPhee. He request-