

The second Article was read.

Article 2
read.

At this stage, engaged in devotional exercises, Mr. Skinner leading in prayer, with the singing of Ps. cxxxiii. 1, 2.

Prayer and
praise.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. John Scott, the second Article, as amended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, was unanimously agreed to.

Article 2
adopted.

The third Article was read; and on motion, was agreed to unanimously.

Article 3
adopted.

The fourth Article was read; and also the note attached to it by this Synod last year, and of which the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada request the removal.

Article 4
read with
note formerly
attached.

It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Morrison,—That the note be taken away, and the following words added to Article 4, viz.: “It being understood, that no one is held bound to believe that by the revealed will of Christ, the civil magistrate has been appointed either to assume the authority, or act the part of Patron of the Church on the one hand, or on the other to submit to her dictation.”

Motion on.
Mr. Watson.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. William Taylor, seconded by Mr. Aitken, That this note is designed to declare the fact, that the United Presbyterian Church has always maintained the doctrine therein stated, and has denied certain inferences unfairly deduced from it,—particularly the right which magistrates have sometimes claimed, in the name of God, to prescribe the faith of the Church; to regulate her ordinances, and interfere in various ways with her ecclesiastical action;—That viewed in this sense, this Synod cannot reject the sentiments contained in it, nor do we think it necessary to do so, to meet the views of our brethren of the other Synod:—That nevertheless, this Synod does not insist on its being retained as a part of the Basis of Union;—But requests the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to cause this our deliverance to be entered on their minutes, to stand as a record.

Amend-
ment, Dr.
W. Taylor.