

superior to the said Presbyters, and the unity of the Church in a due subordination of a smaller part to a larger, and of the larger to the whole, is the government of this Church, and is, in the features of it therein set forth, believed by this Church to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God.

VI. *Of Worship.*—That the ordinances of worship shall be administered in this Church, as they have heretofore been, by the respective bodies of which it is composed, in a general accordance with the directions contained in the Westminster Directory of Worship.

On the motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. Logie, the Report of the Union Committee was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered them for the manner in which they had performed the duty intrusted to them.

Report
received.
Thanks to
Committee.

The Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the Basis of Union as submitted by the Committee.

It was moved by Professor Taylor, seconded by Mr. Caven,—

Motion by
Prof. Taylor.

That the Synod having considered the Basis of Union between the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, presented by this Synod's Committee on Union, as agreed to at a joint meeting of the Committees on Union, appointed by these Synods, this Synod resolve that, while they regret the somewhat inelegant and confused form and structure of the Basis, and especially regret that the doctrine of forbearance respecting the right and duty of the Civil Magistrate in matters of religion—a doctrine which this Synod have always held, and do now most steadfastly hold—is not more unequivocally and clearly and fully expressed; yet understanding that the substance of that doctrine is meant to be implied in the Basis, this Synod accept the same, and on that footing respectfully offer to unite with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, trusting that all constitutional liberty will be granted, on both sides, in reference to matters concerning which there is difference of opinion, and praying and hoping that under God's blessing any existing points of difference may gradually disappear.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Wm. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Coutts,—

Motion by
Dr. W.
Taylor.