

Prize intimated his acceptance. At an after diet, Mr. Pitt's trials were sustained, and his ordination appointed to take place on Wednesday 25th April.

A call was laid on the table from Blenheim, in favour of the Rev. John Gillespie. The Presbytery agreed to delay action in the matter of the call, until Mr. Gillespie shall be reported as in a condition to close with it, by his being formally received as a minister of this church.

The Presbytery sanctioned the separation of Paris from Blenheim, and appointed the Rev. John Alexander, of Brantford, to moderate in a call at Paris, on the 26th April.

On application made, the Presbytery appointed the Rev. Mr. McAuley to organize the congregation of Wellesley, and moderate in a call to a minister, on the 2nd May.

The Rev. Mr. Cheyne was appointed to moderate in a call, to a minister at St. Catherine's, on Thursday, 26th April.

Messrs. Young and McAuley were appointed to moderate in a call, to a minister at Cummins-ville and Nairn Church, on the 26th April.

The Presbytery appointed the Rev. Mr. McKinnon, (the Rev. Dr. Burns having agreed to cooperate) to make arrangements for the dispensation of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Durham.

The Rev. James Black was appointed to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Walpole.

Various missionary appointments were made by the Presbytery.

The Presbytery sympathizing with their brother, Mr. Irvine, in the circumstances in which he is placed, and desiring to afford him some relief from duty, appointed the Rev. John Alexander to supply Knox's Church on Sabbath first, Mr. Young to supply Mr. Alexander's place at Brantford.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, was appointed to take place at Hamilton, and in Knox's Church, on the second Tuesday of May, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Session Records to be brought forward at that meeting.

Owing to the absence of the Rev. Dr. Bayne, the Rev. Robert Irvine and others, the conference on the state of religion was delayed until the evening of the 8th of May.

UNION OF THE FREE AND U. P. CHURCHES.

This day, by previous arrangement and public intimation, a Meeting was held in the United Presbyterian Church, English Settlement, London, composed of the Rev. Lachlan McPherson, and Elders and Members of the Free Church Congregations of Williams and Lobo, under his Pastoral inspection; and the Rev. James Skinner, and Elders and Members of the United Presbyterian Congregations of English Settlement and Proof Line, London, under his Pastoral care.

After Public Worship, conducted by the Rev. Mr. McPherson, Donald Fraser, Esq., was called to preside, and Mr. John Robson appointed Secretary, when a free and cordial discussion took place, regarding the propriety, and the attainableness of union between the Churches to which they respectively belong, when the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Moved by James Bell, U. P. Church, seconded by Alexander Monroe, Free Church.

I.—That this Meeting rejoices in the acknowledged fact, that the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, agree so fully in their profession of Scriptural truth and order; and in their efforts for the advancement of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, in this new and rapidly advancing Country.

Moved by Rev. Mr. McPherson, seconded by John Robb, U. P. Church.

II.—That this Meeting firmly believes, that the separation of Churches, so closely affiliated, involves the violation of the law of Christ; tarnishes their profession, grieves the hearts of good men, presents a stumbling-block to inquiring minds; and furnishes matter of reproach to the profane and impious; and thus grieves the Holy Spirit, and leads to the withholding of His gracious influences.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Skinner, seconded by Wm. Colvin, Free Church.

III.—That we assuredly believe, that the Union of these Churches would involve no dereliction of Scriptural Principle, on either side; whilst union in the bonds of truth and love, and peace and purity, would tend to the edifying of the body of Christ; and, owned by the Great Head of the Church, would secure to her Spiritual health and energy, holiness and joy; and, so prepare her to exert an enlarged and powerful external influence for good; as well as draw out the thanksgivings of many, in the abundant reception of promised blessings.

Moved by Donald Fraser, Free Church, seconded by Mr. Waters, Student in Theology, U. P. Church.

IV.—That the Members of this Meeting agree, through grace, to act towards each other, in all respects, in Christian love; viewing this as necessary in their intercourse and discussions, in relation to a Scriptural union, as well as their usefulness in their own vicinity.

Moved by Mr. James Fraser, Catechist, U. P. Church, seconded by Angus McTavish, Free Church.

V.—That it is hereby recommended, that Members of our respective Congregations do, as often as they shall find it convenient, associate together for prayer and religious conference; and that the respective Sessions do open up mutual intercourse, by delegation or otherwise; and that all interested do bring this matter fervently before the Throne of Grace. That it may please the Great Lord and King of Zion, to direct and prosper this object; and, in His own good time, bring about a Union of the Churches, in truth and peace; and, still more, render their instruments in His hand, of diffusing blessings through this land—through the world, and through the generations which shall yet be born.

Moved by John Williams, U. P. Church, seconded by Alexander Clark, Free Church.

VI.—That a Committee be appointed to draw up Petitions, corresponding with Resolutions I., II. and III., to be in due order transmitted to our Superior Courts, praying them to continue to take into their serious consideration, the subject of the Union of these Churches; and to endeavour, speedily and happily, to consummate this object on Scriptural grounds.

Moved by John Sinclair, U. P. Church, seconded by Duncan McBain, Free Church.

VII.—That a Committee of Correspondence, on Union, be appointed, with power to add to their number, to correspond with any other Committees who may require it of them. [This Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. McPherson, Township of Williams, and Skinner, Township of London, joint Convener; and Messrs. James Fraser, Donald Fraser, William Wood, and William White.]

Moved by A. D. Garden, U. P. Church, seconded by John McDonald, Free Church.

VIII.—That these Resolutions be inserted in the *Canadian United Presbyterian Magazine*, and in the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record of the Free Church*, and also printed in Circular form, and two copies sent to each Minister of our respective Churches. The carrying out of this Resolution to be intrusted to the Committee of Correspondence.

JOHN W. ROBSON, Secretary.
DONALD FRASER, Chairman.
LONDON, 26th March, 1855.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION—LONDON, C. W.

On Thursday, 29th March, 1855, a conjunct meeting of the members of the Free and United Presbyterian Church, London, C. W., was, pursuant to notice from the pulpits of their respective churches, held in the church of the Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot, for the purpose of taking into consideration, the propriety of a Union between the two Presbyterian Churches in Canada, with which these congregations are connected.

The meeting was large, and evidently much interested in the important matter for which it had been convened.

Mr. William Clark of the Free Church, was called to the chair, and Mr. Adam Murray appointed Secretary.

A suitable portion of the Scripture was read by the chairman, and that very appropriate Psalm, the 133rd, given out and sung.

Prayer, invoking the divine presence and favor, was offered up by the Rev. Andrew Kennedy.

After some pertinent introductory remarks by the chairman, the following resolutions were proposed and most cordially adopted.

Moved by Mr. Wm. Begg, F. Church, seconded by Mr. Alexander Smith, U. P. Church,

1st. That as the great Head of the Church, Jesus Christ our Lord, has in various parts of His word, declared the oneness of His Church, and His followers are entreated "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," as a powerful motive to which He ever reminds them that His Church constitutes but one body, is pervaded by one spirit and animated by one hope; and that there is only one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism,—then it is the duty of all His professed disciples to unite as a visible church, in so far as it can be done on a scriptural basis.

Moved by Mr. Adam Murray, U. P. Church, seconded by Andrew Kennedy,

2nd. That as the United and Free Presbyterian Churches profess to adhere, with equal sincerity and earnestness, to the same standards of doctrine, church order and religious worship, we are of opinion that a union between these two churches may be formed without the sacrifice of any principle agreeable to the Word of God.

Moved by Mr. Robert Scott, U. P. Church, seconded by Mr. Charles Grant, F. Church,

3rd. That being firmly persuaded that very great benefits, moral and religious, would flow from a scriptural union of the two churches, this meeting would earnestly solicit their respective Presbyteries and Synods to take this important subject into their prayerful consideration, with a view to bring about the desired union, so that the time may be hastened on when the Lord's Watchman shall lift up the voice, and with their voices together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Moved by Mr. John Beattie, U. P. Church, seconded by Mr. Thomas Gordon, Free Church,

4th. That Messrs. Wm. Clark, Wm. Begg, Alexander Smith, and J. Crombie, be a committee to wait on the Presbyteries of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches in their bounds, at their earliest meeting, to lay before them the resolutions now passed, and recommend them to a favorable reception, and also to present, for transmission to both Synods at their next meeting, a petition founded on the above resolutions.

Moved by John Crombie U. P. Church, seconded by Mr. Alexander McIntosh, Free Church,

5th. That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the two Presbyterian Magazines, that other congregations may be induced to act along with us.

(Signed) WILLIAM CLARK, Chairman.
ADAM MURRAY, Secretary.