

estimated,—since, as our common Master assures us, it is one of the ways in which His cause is to be exhibited and commended to the world. But if ends so important are served by its manifestation, it must be obvious, we think, that evils of an opposite character must result from division—evils too, which must be augmented in proportion to the closeness with which Christian denominations approximate each other; embracing a common faith, and pursuing opposite and often conflicting interests. That such evils do exist in connection with ourselves, and to an extent which every intelligent Christian must deprecate, we think no one can deny. It becomes therefore, a matter of grave inquiry, whether our respective bodies can, on Scriptural grounds, be justified in keeping apart—holding as they do, so much Scriptural truth in unison, the same views of Church Order, and occupying a similar position in a new and rapidly rising country,—very destitute still of what we mutually believe essential to the spiritual welfare of our population. We are decidedly convinced that in the circumstances, separation is not justifiable. On the contrary, we believe that it is at once greatly injurious to the progress of the Redeemer's cause around, and hurtful to the parties themselves. From the various considerations noticed in the third resolution of April last, and others suggested on calm reflection; we believe that, as expressed by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, in June, 1854,—“almost every effort and sacrifice, not inconsistent with principle, ought to be made for the attainment of union.” But really we know of no sacrifice required in the case, of any thing deserving the name of principle. And, believing that a vast majority of the people mutually concerned, hold our sentiments, and that all that is wanting to lead to such measures, as will, ere long, mature a union on sound Scriptural grounds, and without undue concession on either part, is harmonious, and decisive action on their part, in giving such expression to their wishes as, under our excellent representative system of Church Government, cannot be set aside.

We therefore earnestly beseech you, as you value the interests of Christianity, and respect the law of its great Author, to take such measures as you judge best adapted to secure in your bounds, that

attention to the subject, which it merits; and also to give due publicity to your deliberations and opinions in regard to it. And we suggest whether some organization, say, Union Associations, might not be a likely means of enlisting the sympathies of our intelligent fellow Christians; and by the mutual expression of sentiments, in the exercise of “brotherly kindness and charity,” tend to unite more in heart, those whom we believe to be essentially one on all vital points. Far from wishing to dictate, we shall be most happy to respond to any call to co-operation for this great object, or to listen to any suggestions which others, doubtless as warmly interested, may see cause to make.

We remain, Christian Brethren,

Yours cordially, in Gospel bonds,

WM. HERON,

*Chairman.*

J. RATCLIFF,

*Secretary.*

THOROLD.

At a social meeting held in the Hall belonging to the Sons of Temperance on the 9th ult., the ladies of the U. P. Congregation here, and other friends residing in the village and neighbourhood, presented the Rev. William Dickson with £23 in money, and other valuable articles, amounting in all to the handsome sum of £30. After a few appropriate remarks from Dr. Grant, who occupied the chair, Mr. Dickson returned thanks to the ladies for the substantial proofs he had received of their good-will, and concluded his address by expressing the hope, that the impression made that night would be a permanent one, and that he would be enabled to give greater heed to the important duties which devolved upon him as a Christian minister. The meeting was very numerously attended; and that it was a very delightful one, was abundantly manifest from the happy faces of all present. The good taste and liberality displayed on the occasion, reflect the highest credit on the ladies, who have made this movement, so honorable to themselves and their pastor.

HOLLAND AND SULLIVAN.

Mr. Dewar has declined the call from this congregation.

WHITBY.

On the 6th February, the U. P. Congregation here, held their Annual Mis-