

UNION OF PRESBYTERIANS.

For "The Colonial Presbyterian."

CONFERENCE ON THE PROPOSED UNION OF PRESBYTERIAN BODIES IN THE
SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN CON-
NEXION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Last week the Synod of the Church of Scotland held their annual meeting in Fredericton. The question of Union came up on Friday afternoon (August 16), in the following manner:—The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Mr. Elder, Convener of the Committee of Union appointed by the Synod known as the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, requesting the earnest consideration of this Synod to certain papers forwarded at the same time, and which were also read. At same time was also read a letter from a Committee on Union, appointed by the Presbyterian Churches of the Lower Provinces, which was also accompanied by a copy of the Minutes,—1st, Of last Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia; 2d, Minutes of the last session of the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia; 3rd, Minutes of the last session of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America. Read also, from the Minutes now described, the basis of union entered into by the Church in Victoria, by the two Presbyterian bodies in Nova Scotia named, and also by certain parties in Canada. Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Donald, the several members of the Synod were called upon to express their opinion on the subject. This accordingly was done by the members present. Some of the members asked to be excused from expressing their thoughts; and all who did speak, spoke shortly, in the order and to the following effect:—

The Rev. Mr. Ogg (of Chatham) said, he had been called upon unexpectedly to speak, and he was therefore not prepared to enter fully upon the subject, or to give his opinion