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Ordered,—That an extract of the Minutes in relation to the adoption of the amended preamble to the Basis, by the Synod last night, be transmitted forthwith, to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Extract
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Synod.

The Clerk read extract Minute of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, transmitted by their Clerk, embodying the Preamble to the Basis of Union, as amended in conference yesterday, and the action taken by the Synod adopting the said Preamble, and the Basis as a whole with the Preamble prefixed.

Dr. Ferrier's
Paper.

The Rev. Dr. Ferrier inquired whether or not the Synod would receive the paper which he had laid on the table yesterday, and enter the same on their Minutes.

Motion on.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Henderson, Elder,—That the paper presented by Dr. Ferrier be received and entered on the Minutes.

Negatived.

The Yeas and Nays being taken on the motion, 3 voted yea, and 33 nay. The motion was therefore lost.

Dr. Ferrier
dissents.

The Rev. Dr. Ferrier, on the refusal of the Synod to receive and enter on their Minutes, the paper which he had offered, craved leave to have his dissent from the Basis of Union, as finally adopted by the Synod, with reasons, entered on the Minutes. Leave was granted. Dr. Ferrier's dissent and reasons were in terms following :

DISSENT.

I, Andrew Ferrier, minister of the United Presbyterian congregations of Caledonia, Indiana, and Oneida, Dissent from the fourth Article of the Basis agreed to by this Synod, for the reasons following :—

1. Because,—In the sense in which it is generally understood by the Presbyterian Church of Canada, it involves the principle of a Civil Establishment of Religion ; and unless this Church understand it otherwise, they sacrifice principles for which many of their fathers and brethren in Scotland have been contending for many years.

2. Because,—It seems to raise what is called Christ's Headship over the nations to an equality with His Headship over the Church, and to imply that Christ, as Mediator, has two different Kingdoms,

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