

and express the earnest hope that on said basis Union may speedily be effected."

Moved in amendment and seconded, "That seeing we are already under covenant engagements and solemn vóws regarding the Lord Jesus Christ as the only King and Head of His Church, and also as the King of Kings, this Presbytery disapproves of a Basis of Union in which no place is allowed to a distinct recognition of His glorious Crown Rights, and in which entangling relations to other churches are made a fundamental provision of the United Church."

The motion was carried by a majority of one. From the finding of Presbytery on this point: Messrs. Ross, Logie, Graham, Ferguson, Ministers; and Kerr, Carnochan, Walker, Elders, craved to have their dissent recorded with reasons.

6. In the Presbytery of ONTARIO the Union remit was considered, and after discussion the following Resolutions were presented and carried:

*Resolution I.*—That this Presbytery, desirous of Union between the negotiating Churches, and rejoicing in the substantial harmony which exists among them with regard to important points of Faith and manners, would recommend a Union simply on the doctrinal and ecclesiastical basis of our common standards without being encumbered with by further additions.

The Bible and Confession of Faith formed the Basis of the recent Union of the Presbyterian Churches in the United States, and which is in the words following:

"The Union shall be effected on the doctrinal and ecclesiastical Basis of our common standards. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments shall be acknowledged to be the inspired word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. The Confession of Faith shall continue to be sincerely received and adopted, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, and the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church of the United States shall be approved as containing the principles and rules of our policy."

*Resolution II.*—In the opinion of this Presbytery, the first three articles contain all that is required for a basis of union, and inasmuch as these articles have been

agreed upon by the Joint Committees, therefore this Presbytery would recommend that these three articles be the basis on which the negotiating Churches shall unite.

*Resolution III.*—That as the third and fourth resolutions (including the Act of Independence) are unnecessary, and as many think they may commit the Church to doubtful principles and practices, this Presbytery would recommend that they form no part of the deliverances of the negotiating Churches.

7. The Presbytery of GUELPH had the matter of Union before it for consideration. The minutes of Assembly bearing on the case were read, and the articles of the proposed basis with the connected resolutions. The returns which had been received from Sessions and Congregations were also read. It was then resolved, by a majority, to consider the basis as a whole, over a motion to discuss the articles *seriatim*. It was next moved by Mr. Wardrope, seconded by Mr. A. D. Ferrier, that the Presbytery record their acceptance of the proposed basis. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Middlemiss, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that in the judgment of the Presbytery, the proposed basis is seriously defective as not containing an article exhibiting the Presbyterian doctrine respecting the headship of Christ over the Church, such as is embodied in the basis of 1861, and that no satisfactory, safe, or harmonious union can be consummated without the addition of such an article. After a discussion extending over all the forenoon to a greater part of the afternoon sederants, the vote was taken, when twenty-one voted for the motion and eight for the amendment.

8. Presbytery of MONTREAL. In the Cote St. Church the remit regarding the Union of all the Presbyterian Churches was carried unanimously. The congregation of Erskine Church have also, after a full and free discussion, voted for the union on the basis submitted to them. The Kirk-session and congregation of Knox Church, Montreal, have also voted for the union cordially and unanimously.

9. The Presbytery of Paris, after long and earnest reasoning, approved of the Basis of Union, as it stands, by a vote of twelve to ten. The discussion was chiefly