

among the Chippewas, a tribe numbering about two hundred and fifty thousand souls, now living near the head waters of the Mississippi; and have sent Rev. Mr. Dall to India, to inquire whether something may not be done there by Unitarian Christians in the work of Christianizing the people. Mr. Tanner is a native Indian, and it is satisfactorily proved that he occupies a prominent and influential position in the tribe to which he belongs. He was formerly attached to the Baptist Mission, but never having been in accord with them in respect to the doctrine of the Trinity, and asserting that this sentiment is shared by the Indian converts, he has sought and found employment at the hands of those whose religious ideas coincide most fully with his own. He is very confident upon two points: that the Indians are and have been all along Unitarians; and further, that strenuous endeavours to introduce the arts of civilized life must go hand in hand with efforts to convert the Indians.—Rev. Mr. Dall is a graduate of Harvard, and has recently been the pastor of the Unitarian Society at Toronto. He has acquirements and a spirit which are well adapted to his work. It is well known that about forty years ago “Rammohun Roy,” an eminent Hindoo, became a convert to Unitarianism under that form commonly called Humanitarianism. An English Trinitarian missionary in 1823, Rev. Mr. Adam, was, partly through his influence, led to adopt similar views, and was for some years minister of the Unitarian Church at Calcutta. In a short time Mr. Adam left Calcutta, and the opportunity of supplying his place was allowed to slip by. Attention has been recently turned towards that region by the interesting reports of Rev. C. T. Brooks, (who visited India last year,) to the effect that there were there Unitarians who earnestly desired that a preacher might be sent to them.”

## Ecclesiastical Notices.

UNION OF THE FREE AND U. P. CHURCHES.

BROOKLIN, Jan. 16, 1855.

At a meeting of the members of the Free, and United Presbyterian Churches, held here this day, by public notice, William Heron, Senr., Esq., was called to the Chair, and John Ratcliff, Esq., appointed Secretary. After devotional exercises, the Chairman explained the objects of the meeting, and called for a free expression of sentiment from others. Several appropriate remarks having been made, after a full and harmonious consideration of the objects in view, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*,—1st. That while we lament the circumstances which have prevented the committees of the respective churches meeting for mutual conference, in regard to Union, we still believe it (Union) practicable, and that it is the duty of all connected with both churches, to express their sentiments, and use their best efforts for this important object.

*Resolved*,—2nd. That the resolutions of 18th April last,\* embody the senti-

\* The resolutions appeared in our No. for May last

ments of this meeting; and that with a view to elicit the sentiments of our brethren throughout the country, these resolutions together with a Letter from the present meeting, be printed in form of a circular, and sent to all the sessions, congregations, and stations in our bounds in Canada.

*Resolved*,—3rd. That it be recommended to all the congregations interested in the cause, to associate together for prayer within their respective bounds, as often as circumstances suggest, for the Holy Spirit to grant His influences, that the parties may be brought to such agreement in mind and heart, as shall result in Scriptural Union.

A draft of the Letter was then submitted, and unanimously adopted, viz:

To the Sessions and Congregations of the (Free) Presbyterian, and United Presbyterian Churches in Canada:—

Christian Brethren,—the preceding resolutions sufficiently explain our reasons for addressing you, and we believe that their object will, from its importance in your minds, be ample apology for intruding our sentiments upon your notice.

Union among the professed followers of the Lord Jesus, cannot well be over-