

herein submitted, and that the Committee consist of the following gentlemen, namely: J. C. Becket, A. Ferguson, Mansfield Street; John Redpath, J. S. Hunter, W. Rowan.

After a full and free discussion, the above resolutions were unanimously adopted, and in accordance therewith the Committee appointed to carry them out, were requested to prepare a circular and have them sent as soon as possible, in order that the mind of the Churches may be ascertained, on this very important subject, before the approaching meeting of Synod.

C I R C U L A R .

DEAR BRETHREN:

The above resolutions testify to the unanimity which prevails, among the lay Elders of all the Presbyterian Churches in this City, with regard to the great question of Union.

Believing then as we do that such Union must tend to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom, and to the advancement of His Church in these Provinces, we trust and pray that the scheme may meet with a hearty approval and be speedily consummated, throughout the length and breadth of the land. We are assuredly far from being indifferent to the basis and conditions on which it must finally be effected, but consider a sessional discussion of these at present, to be premature and unnecessary. Once let the fact be established, that the Ministers, Elders and members of the Churches generally, are convinced of the desirability of being united, and we feel assured that no insurmountable obstacles will present themselves.

We must assure you, our brethren in the Eldership throughout the Provinces, we have only ventured to take the initiative, from a conviction that further delay would be prejudicial to the cause. We entreat therefore that you will be kind enough, to take the earliest opportunity of laying the above resolutions before your brethren in session and let us know the result without delay. Replies may be addressed to the undersigned, Com. of Com., JOHN C. BECKET.

The next meeting took place on the 29th of May, by which time fully two-thirds of each of the two branches of the Church