

incompatible tempers were joined together in marriage, surely their happiness was not promoted by "union;" and it was his opinion if the two bodies were united in name at the present time, before many years went over they would be separated again. In justice to themselves they could not entertain the thought of union with those who called themselves the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick: that properly was their own title; and to enter into a union with that body would be to admit that it had a right in assuming that title, and to allow themselves to be swallowed up by it. If those who seek union are really desirous of it, let them return to the parent church. They "went out from us." There could be no middle ground—they could not be met half way. Let them return to their first love, and they would be received graciously. But they could not be received at present on their own terms. Such a union could only be parent of a new secession. He had been surprised to hear a member of the Synod say that he was ready to give up connection with the Church of Scotland. He confessed he was very much surprised at such a sentiment. They had been indebted to her for every thing, and it would be ungracious, ungratefully to break off their connection with her under *any* circumstances.

The Rev. Dr. DONALD then stated that it was a serious subject with which they had been engaged, that it had been seriously discussed, and that the minds of all were seriously impressed. He therefore thought that it was a fit occasion to call upon the Moderator to engage in prayer for the union of the visible Church of Christ, and more especially for those branches between whom there is so little difference.

The Moderator then offered up a very earnest and impressive prayer, for the object referred to.

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DELIVERANCE ON THE SUBJECT OF UNION OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN CONNEXION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

At Saint Paul's Church, Fredericton, the 16th day of August, 1861.

The which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, being met and constituted.

*Inter alia*, the Clerk read a letter from the Rev. William Elder, Convener of a Committee on Union, appointed by