

two adjourned meetings, in all of which there had been so much harmony of sentiment, and cordiality of feeling, as furnished matter of devout thankfulness to God. The Committees had agreed to present the following Minute to the respective Synods :—

“Having had lengthened conference together, in the conducting of which the Committees have reason to believe that they have enjoyed much of the presence of the Great Head of the Church, they are gratified to find, that, apart from the question pertaining to the power, obligation, and duties of the Civil Magistrate, they are perfectly at one on all the great doctrines laid down in the Westminster Confession of Faith ; and further, that, on the special question above referred to, and the points involved in it, or connected with it, such as the exclusive Headship of Christ over the Church, individual liberty of conscience in religious matters, and the obligation of all men, in all the relations of life, to be governed by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, there was such a measure of harmony of sentiment manifested as to warrant the hope of its being found practicable to frame some declaration on these points which might be mutually satisfactory, and calculated to prepare the way for a Union of the two Bodies. They therefore agree to ask their respective Synods to re-appoint a Committee to take additional steps to advance the Union of Churches holding so many great principles in common, and especially to prepare a Declaration which might be afterwards used as a basis of Union, in which the exclusive Headship of our Lord Jesus Christ over his Church, and the freedom of conscience, on the one hand, and the obligation of all men to be governed in all their public and private relations, by the authority of Christ, in his word, on the other may be fully maintained.”

(Signed) JOHN JENNINGS, *Chairman.*
JOHN LAING, *Clerk.*

All of which is respectfully submitted, in name of the Committee.

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The Report was received and cordially approved.