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OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

(AD INTERIM)

OF

THE SYNOD

OF THE

United Presbyterian Church

IN CANADA,

HELD IN TORONTO, OCTOBER 2-4, 1860.

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# Roll of the United Presbyterian Synod.

OCTOBER 2, 1860.

## I. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Ministers.	Elders.	Congregations.	Post Offices.
James Skinner	Archibald Caverhill.	Eng. Settlement.	Birr.
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William Inglis	John Bain	Woodstock	London.
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William Walker		Chatham	
William Deas		Adelaide	Wisbeach.
"		Warwick	
John Fotheringham	William Edmond	Hibbert	Kirkton.
Robert Hamilton	John Caven	Fullarton	Avonbank.
"	James Muir	Downie	
Stephen Balmer	Thomas Cavel	Detroit	Detroit, Mich.
William Fletcher	John Bell	Carlisle	Falkirk.
Robert Hall		Nissouri	St. Mary's, Bleh'd.
"		Fish Creek	
"	Alex. Bartlett	Windsor	Windsor.
	William Weabter	Florence	Florence.
		Delaware	
		Lambeth	
		Grant County, Wis.	
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"	David McClung	Indiana	Seneca.
"	Edward Rutherford	Oneida	
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William M. Christie	R. Aberdein, M. D.	Chippawa	Chippawa.
"	Alex. Reid	Crowland	
William Dickson	James McCabe	Thorold	Thorold.
		Drummondville	
John Lees	John Robertson	Ancaster Village.	
"	John Renton	" East	Ancaster.
"	James Young	" West	
Robert Hume, M.A.	Robert Christie	St. George	St. George.
	Walter Chisholm	Dundas	Dundas.

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Ministers.	Elders.	Congregations.	Post Offices.
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Wm. Fraser	Charles Wilson	W. Gwillimbury	Bond Head.
"	Thomas Saunders	Essa	Mayfield.
David Coutts	Robert Marshall	1st Chinguacousy	Toronto.
"	John Beatty	2nd Chinguacousy	Coleraine.
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"	John Dalziel	Albion	Tottenham.
James Dick, Clerk	John Hamilton	Richmond Hill	Brampton.
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J. F. A. S. Fayette, M.A.	James Agnew	1st Tecumseth	
"	Saunson Steel	2nd Tecumseth	
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	Thos. R. Buckham	Orangeville	
	James Marsh	Laskey	

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	John Murray	New Glasgow	New Glasgow.
		Mille Isles	

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William Aitken	George Foster	Smith's Falls	Smith's Falls.
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John Scott		Napanee	Napanee.
John M. King	John Calder	Columbus	Columbus.
George Riddell	Robert Huggart	Newton & Newcas.	Clarke.
John Patterson		Verulam	
"		Bobcaygeon	
"		Pakenham	
		Arnprior	
		Fitzroy Harbor	
		Torbolton	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

Ministers.	Elders.	Congregations.	Post Offices.
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William Barrie .....	John Armstrong .....	Eramosa .....	Guelph.
Robert Torrance, Clerk .....	John Lennie .....	Guelph .....	Guelph.
John James .....	James Dalgleish .....	Galt .....	Galt.
	John Stewart .....	Esquesing .....	Stewarton.

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Joseph Young .....	Adam Kerr .....	Brantford .....	Brantford.
David Caw .....	John Sinclair .....	Paris .....	Paris.
Alex. A. Drummond .....	Robert Kennedy .....	Mornington .....	} West's Corners.
" " .....	Peter Stewart .....	North Easthope .....	
Arch. Cross .....		Ingersoll .....	Ingersoll.
John Dunbar, Clerk .....	Robert Sloane .....	Glen Morris .....	Glen Morris.
William Robertson .....	John Fairbairn .....	Brantford .....	Chesterfield.
William Peattie .....	George Bryce .....	Mount Pleasant .....	Mohawk.
	Andrew Gouinlock .....	Stratford .....	} Stratford.
		Shakespeare .....	
	John Allison .....	Tilsonburgh .....	
	John McKee .....	Culloden .....	
		Norwichville .....	
		Windham .....	

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Thomas Stevenson .....	Thomas Lunn .....	Owen Sound .....	Owen Sound.
Walter Inglis .....	William Miller .....	Kincardine .....	} Kincardine.
" " .....	John Moffat .....	McKinney's Corn's .....	
Robert Dewar, Clerk .....	Waller Hope .....	Lake Shore .....	Leith.
Robert C. Moffatt .....	Robert Gouinlock .....	Walkerton .....	} Walkerton.
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	Robert Kane .....	West Bentinck .....	
	Robert Young .....	Southampton .....	Southampton.
	James Rowand .....	Dunblane .....	Southampton.
	Malcolm McGill .....	West Brant .....	Dunkeld.
	James Milligan .....	Normanby .....	Bentinck.
	George Cromar .....	Riversdale .....	Riversdale.
	William Pringle .....	Culross .....	Teeswater.
	Ebenezer Clarke .....	Meaford .....	Meaford.
	David Black .....	Euphrasia .....	Euphrasia.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

John Logie, Clerk .....	George Thompson .....	Warrensville .....	} Rodgerville.
" " .....	John Allison .....	Thames Road .....	
Matthew Barr .....	William Habkirk .....	McKillop .....	Harpurhey.
James Duncan .....	James Pollok .....	Bayfield .....	Bayfield.
John Fraser .....	John Stewart .....	Goderich .....	Goderich.
Wm. C. Young .....	Thomas Taylor .....	Turnberry .....	} Morrisbank.
" " .....		Grey .....	
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		Brucefield .....	

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I. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, Tuesday, October 2, 1860,  
7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, called *ad interim*, met, and, after engaging in praise by singing the 125th Psalm, and reading the 27th chapter of the prophesy of Isaiah, was constituted by the Rev. Alexander A. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll of Synod, as hereto prefixed, was called and marked.

SEDERUNT.—James Skinner, William Caven, William Walker, John Fotheringham, Robert Hamilton, Stephen Balmer, William Fletcher, Dr. Ferrier, John Porteous, William M. Christie, John Lees, Robert Hume, M.A., Professor Taylor, Alexander Kennedy, William Fraser, David Coutts, Peter Glassford, James Dick, John Baird, M.A., J. F. A. S. Fayette, M.A., James Pringle, Dr. William Taylor, Dr. Thornton, George Lawrence, William Aitken, John M. King, George Riddell, John Duff, William Barrie, Robert Torrance, John James, David Caw, Alexander A. Drummond, John Dunbar, William Robertson, William Peattie, Robert C. Moffatt, John Logie, Matthew Barr, John Fraser, William C. Young, Robert Hall, Ministers; and

Members  
present.

Alexander Smith, Robert Flaws, William Edmond, William Richmond, James Young, Robert Christie, John Parker, Thomas Saunders, Robert Marshall, John Beatty, John Henry, John Hamilton, Henry Stewart, James Agnew, James Haggart, John Dick, Thomas Grey, John Lennie, James Dalgleish, John Stewart, John Sinclair, John Allison, George Thomson, John Stewart, John Robertson, John Emslie, John Calder, Elders.

Reasons for meeting.

The Moderator stated verbally the reasons for calling this meeting of Synod, and submitted the circular summoning the meeting, of the tenor following :—

BOND HEAD, August 11, 1860.

REV. SIR,—In accordance with action taken on the subjoined Resolution, I have to inform you that an interim meeting of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in the Bay Street United Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of October next ensuing, at 7 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of considering the Report of the Synod's Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada then to be submitted, and for the transaction of any other lawful business.

You will please to give timely notice of this meeting to the Elder representing, in Synod, the congregation under your charge.

By order of the Moderator.

I have the honor to be, Rev. Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM FRASER,

*Synod Clerk.*

(EXTRACT MINUTE.)

At HAMILTON, June 16, 1860.

*Inter alia.*—It was unanimously agreed that the Union Committee be re-appointed with certain additions, after stated, to meet with any Committee appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to prosecute the matter of Union, with power, if they see cause, to request the Moderator to call an interim meeting of Synod.—*Extracted from the Minutes of Synod, by WM. FRASER, Synod Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Dick, the conduct of the Moderator in calling this interim meeting of the Synod, was approved.

The Rev. Dr. Thornton reported verbally the proceedings of the Committee on Union, in their conferences with the Committee on Union of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and submitted as the result of the deliberations of the Joint Committees, the Basis of Union as unanimously adopted by them in the following terms:—

BASIS OF UNION

*Between the United Presbyterian Church of Canada, as agreed upon by Joint Committees of both Churches, 1st August, 1860.*

WHEREAS, for the glory of God and the welfare of the Church, it is desirable that a Union should be effected between the "United Presbyterian Church" and the "Presbyterian Church of Canada," on such terms as may be agreeable to the Word of God, and the standards accepted by both Churches: Whereas, also, it is expedient that a Basis of Union, in terms of the six articles which follow, be adopted, as a statement of principles in regard to which the Churches are mutually agreed: Whereas, besides, it is desirable to prevent any possible misapprehensions in reference to the fourth of said Articles, it is therefore *herby declared*, that no inference from that Article is legitimate, which asserts that the civil magistrate has the right to prescribe the faith of the Church, or to interfere with the freedom of her ecclesiastical action: And it is further declared, that, in regard to the practical applications of said fourth Article, unanimity of sentiment is not required in the united body, and that if any particular case should emerge, it may, and can only be considered and determined by the Church Courts, in accordance with the general principles and procedure of Presbyterian Churches:

Be it therefore resolved,—

I. *Of Holy Scripture.*—That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the inspired Word of God, are the supreme and infallible rule of faith and life.

II. *Of the Subordinate Standards.*—That the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, are received by this Church as her Subordinate Standards.

But whereas certain sections of the said Confession, which treat of the power or duty of the civil magistrate, have been objected to, as teaching principles adverse both to the right of private judgment

in religious matters, and to the prerogatives which Christ has vested in His Church, it is to be understood—

1. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is held by this Church which would interfere with the fullest forbearance as to any differences of opinion which may prevail on the question of the endowment of the Church by the State.

2. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church which would accord to the State, any authority to violate that liberty of conscience and right of judgment which are asserted in chap. xx., sec. 2, of the Confession; and in accordance with the statements of which this Church holds that every person ought to be at full liberty to search the Scriptures for himself, and to follow out what he conscientiously believes to be the teaching of Scripture, without let or hindrance, provided that no one is to be allowed under the pretext of following the dictates of conscience, to interfere with the peace and good order of society.

3. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church which would admit of any interference on the part of the State with the Spiritual independence of the Church, as set forth in chap. xxx. of the Confession.

III. *Of the Headship of Christ over the Church.*—That the Lord Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of His Church; that he has made her free from all external or secular authority in the administration of her affairs, and that she is bound to assert and defend this liberty to the utmost, and ought not to enter into any such engagements with any party as would be prejudicial thereto.

IV. *Of the Headship of Christ over the Nations, and the duty of the Civil Magistrate.*—That the Lord Jesus Christ, as Mediator, is invested with universal Sovereignty, and is therefore King of Nations, and that all men in every capacity and relation are bound to obey His will as revealed in His Word; and particularly that the Civil Magistrate, (including under that term all who are in any way concerned in the Legislative or Administrative action of the State,) is bound to regulate his official procedure, as well as his personal conduct, by the revealed will of Christ.

V. *Of Church Government.*—That the system of polity established in the Westminster Form of Presbyterian Church Government, in so far as it declares a plurality of Elders for each Congregation, the official equality of Presbyters, without any offices in the Church

superior to the said Presbyters, and the unity of the Church in a due subordination of a smaller part to a larger, and of the larger to the whole, is the government of this Church, and is, in the features of it therein set forth, believed by this Church to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God.

VI. *Of Worship.*—That the ordinances of worship shall be administered in this Church, as they have heretofore been, by the respective bodies of which it is composed, in a general accordance with the directions contained in the Westminster Directory of Worship.

On the motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. Logie, the Report of the Union Committee was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered them for the manner in which they had performed the duty intrusted to them.

Report  
received.  
Thanks to  
Committee.

The Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the Basis of Union as submitted by the Committee.

It was moved by Professor Taylor, seconded by Mr. Caven,—

Motion by  
Prof. Taylor.

That the Synod having considered the Basis of Union between the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, presented by this Synod's Committee on Union, as agreed to at a joint meeting of the Committees on Union, appointed by these Synods, this Synod resolve that, while they regret the somewhat inelegant and confused form and structure of the Basis, and especially regret that the doctrine of forbearance respecting the right and duty of the Civil Magistrate in matters of religion—a doctrine which this Synod have always held, and do now most steadfastly hold—is not more unequivocally and clearly and fully expressed; yet understanding that the substance of that doctrine is meant to be implied in the Basis, this Synod accept the same, and on that footing respectfully offer to unite with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, trusting that all constitutional liberty will be granted, on both sides, in reference to matters concerning which there is difference of opinion, and praying and hoping that under God's blessing any existing points of difference may gradually disappear.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Wm. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Coutts,—

Motion by  
Dr. W.  
Taylor.

That this Synod adopt *simpliciter* the Preamble and Basis, as contained in the Report of the Committee on Union, as a ground of Union between the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

After reasoning for some time the hour of nine o'clock arrived, and the Moderator asked if the Synod should now adjourn. It was agreed to suspend the standing rule requiring the Synod to adjourn at the hour mentioned, and to proceed for another hour with the consideration of the question before the court.

At the hour of 10 o'clock, no decision on the foregoing motions being arrived at, the Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the Sederunt was closed with prayer by Mr. Caw, and the benediction by the Moderator.

## II. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Wednesday, October 3, 1860.*

9 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll was called and marked. Sederunt, *ut supra*.

The Rev. George Murray being present was invited to correspond.

Read the Minutes of the first Sederunt, which were approved.

Resumed consideration of the subject interrupted by the adjournment last night.

**S. Amend-  
ment.  
Mr. Logie.**

It was moved, in amendment to the former motion and amendment, by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Skinner,—That this Synod give hearty thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the unanimity reached on the subject of Union, at the last meeting of the Joint Committees of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and this, the United Presbyterian Church; and that this Synod

agree to accept, *simpliciter*, the Basis now submitted, as a sufficient Basis on which they can cordially unite with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church, being satisfied that it contains the principle so long contended for by this Synod.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. King,—That this Synod devoutly acknowledges the goodness of God in the result to which the Joint Committee on Union has been unanimously brought, and adopts the Basis in its amended form, as a ground of Union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that everything is secured by the preamble of the said Basis which was contemplated by the proposed addition to the 4th Article, and unanimously agreed upon at the last meeting of Synod.

3. Amendment.  
Mr. James.

After lengthened reasoning the Synod declared themselves ready for the vote.

Before taking the question, Professor Taylor asked and obtained leave to withdraw part of the motion submitted by him yesterday, and in the motion, as put to the vote, the words which "expressed regret at the somewhat inelegant and confused form and structure of the Basis" were withdrawn.

Part of Prof. Taylor's motion withdrawn.

The Moderator read over the several motions in their order.

A vote was first taken between the amendment of Mr. James and that of Mr. Logie, when 50 voted for the former and 3 for the latter, which was then dropped from the list of motions. A vote was next taken between the amendment of Mr. James and that of Dr. William Taylor, when 41 voted for the former and 25 for the latter. Dr. Taylor's amendment was dropped from the list of motions. A third vote was taken between the amendment of Mr. James and the original motion of Professor Taylor, as amended, when 50 voted for the former and 11 for the latter.

The amendment of Mr. James was declared to be carried, and the Synod did and do decide in terms of the said amend-  
Decision.

ment,—That this Synod devoutly acknowledges the goodness of God in the result to which the Joint Committee on Union has been unanimously brought, and adopts the Basis in its amended form, as a ground of Union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that everything is secured by the preamble of said Basis which was contemplated by the proposed addition to the 4th Article, and unanimously agreed upon at the last meeting of Synod.

**Dr. Ferrier's Paper.** The Rev. Dr. Ferrier here laid on the table a paper containing a statement of his own position in relation to the decision now arrived at, and requested that said paper be entered on the Minutes of Synod. The paper was read.

**Deputation Phyn. Ch. of Can.** A deputation from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Starke, Topp, Kemp, Gregg, and Inglis, was now introduced by Dr. W. Taylor, and was welcomed by the Moderator.

**Extract Minutes Synod Presbyterian Ch.** The deputation handed in an extract from the Minutes of the Presbyterian Synod, bearing that the action of their Committee on Union had been approved, and the Basis of Union, as presented, adopted, by a majority of sixty-two to seven; and that they had appointed a deputation to convey this action, with their salutations, to this Synod, and to request a conference for the purpose of arranging the phraseology of the preamble to the Basis in such a way as may be mutually agreeable.

The several members of the deputation then addressed the Synod.

**Moderator responds.** The Moderator, on behalf of the Synod, warmly reciprocated the kindly Christian sentiments expressed by the deputation, and informed them that the Synod would be prepared early this afternoon to convey to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, either by deputation, or otherwise, the decision at which this Synod had arrived on the Basis of Union.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Starke led in prayer, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at two o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

### III. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Wednesday, October 3, 1860.*

2 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll was called. *Sederunt.*—As in the morning, with the addition of Mr. Agnew, Elder, from the congregation of Whitby, and Mr. Riddell from the congregation of Vaughan.

Read the Minutes of the last Sederunt, which, with certain corrections, were sustained.

Dr. Tweedie being present was, on motion of Prof. Taylor, requested to correspond.

On motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Dr. W. Taylor, it was resolved,—That a committee be appointed to convey to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada the finding of this Synod on the Preamble and Articles of the Basis of Union. The Committee was appointed, consisting of the following persons, namely, the Rev. Dr. Thornton, Rev. Messrs. James, King, and Aitken, with Mr. John Agnew, Elder.

Deputation  
to Phys.  
Synod.

The Synod also cordially agreed to the request of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to meet them in conference, at any hour this afternoon that may best suit their convenience, and that the above named Committee intimate the same to that Synod, and make all necessary arrangements for the conference.

Conference  
accepted.

The Committee had leave to retire.

**Report of Committee.** After some time, Mr. Aitken having returned, reported that the Committee appointed to convey the finding of this Synod on the Basis of Union to the Presbyterian Synod, and to signify the acceptance of the invitation to a conference, had performed the duties intrusted to them; that they had been very graciously received, and that the Presbyterian Synod were waiting for the presence of the members of this Synod to enter on the matters to engage the attention of the conference.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at seven o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

#### IV. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Wednesday, October 3, 1860.*

7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The calling of the Roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

**Report of 1st Conference.** The Clerk of Synod submitted the Report of the conference held this afternoon with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, setting forth substantially that the conference had proceeded to the consideration of the matter specially designed by the meeting, namely, to arrange the phraseology of the preamble to the Basis of Union in such a way as might be mutually satisfactory, and had adopted the said preamble, as amended, in terms following, that is to say:—

**Preamble amended.** The Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that it would be for the glory of God, and for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the land, that they should be united and form one Church, do hereby agree to unite on the following Basis, to be subscribed by the Moderators of the respective Synods, in their name and behalf; declaring at the same time, that no inference from the fourth article of said Basis is

held to be legitimate which asserts that the Civil Magistrate has the right to prescribe the faith of the Church, or to interfere with the freedom of her ecclesiastical action ; further, that unanimity of sentiment is not required in regard to the practical application of the principle embodied in said fourth article, and that whatever differences of sentiment may arise on these subjects, all action in reference thereto shall be regulated by, and be subject to, the recognized principles of Presbyterian Church Order.

On motion made and seconded it was agreed,—That so much Adopted. of the resolution of a former sederunt, as adopted the Preamble of the Basis of Union agreed upon by the joint Committees of the two Synods be rescinded, and that the Preamble now presented in the report of the Conference be approved and adopted, in terms of the said resolution.

On motion made and seconded it was resolved,—That this Synod unanimously agree to recommend to the congregations under their inspection, that a day of Thanksgiving be observed by them, for the late abundant harvest, and that the Moderator be instructed to correspond with the Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and, in concert with him, to appoint the day. Thanksgiving day recommended.

Half an hour after eight o'clock, having arrived, at which time it had been agreed to meet again in conference with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

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## V. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Thursday, October 4, 1860.*

9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Action on  
Preamble  
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*Ordered*,—That an extract of the Minutes in relation to the adoption of the amended preamble to the Basis, by the Synod last night, be transmitted forthwith, to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

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The Clerk read extract Minute of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, transmitted by their Clerk, embodying the Preamble to the Basis of Union, as amended in conference yesterday, and the action taken by the Synod adopting the said Preamble, and the Basis as a whole with the Preamble prefixed.

Dr. Ferrier's  
Paper.

The Rev. Dr. Ferrier inquired whether or not the Synod would receive the paper which he had laid on the table yesterday, and enter the same on their Minutes.

Motion on.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Henderson, Elder,—That the paper presented by Dr. Ferrier be received and entered on the Minutes.

Negatived.

The Yeas and Nays being taken on the motion, 3 voted yea, and 33 nay. The motion was therefore lost.

Dr. Ferrier  
dissents.

The Rev. Dr. Ferrier, on the refusal of the Synod to receive and enter on their Minutes, the paper which he had offered, craved leave to have his dissent from the Basis of Union, as finally adopted by the Synod, with reasons, entered on the Minutes. Leave was granted. Dr. Ferrier's dissent and reasons were in terms following :

#### DISSENT.

I, Andrew Ferrier, minister of the United Presbyterian congregations of Caledonia, Indiana, and Oneida, Dissent from the fourth Article of the Basis agreed to by this Synod, for the reasons following :—

1. Because,—In the sense in which it is generally understood by the Presbyterian Church of Canada, it involves the principle of a Civil Establishment of Religion ; and unless this Church understand it otherwise, they sacrifice principles for which many of their fathers and brethren in Scotland have been contending for many years.

2. Because,—It seems to raise what is called Christ's Headship over the nations to an equality with His Headship over the Church, and to imply that Christ, as Mediator, has two different Kingdoms,

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whereas Christ has but one kingdom, and that properly is his Church, although, for wise and holy reasons, His sceptre extends over the world, nay, "over all things to the Church." But this notion of requiring obedience, but as exercising control: and the duties of both magistrates and subjects have no connection with this extended power of Christ, as the article seems to represent, but arise from the universal authority of the Divine law.

3. Because,—I am not allowed by this Synod to have inserted in their Records, a Declaration, by which I could sustain the article without entering a Dissent, which, with this permission I was prepared to do.

4. Because,—The ambiguous and obscure language of this article which leaves every one to interpret it for himself, is a sufficient reason for rejecting it altogether, which I would be very unwilling to do, as that might disturb the harmony of our deliverance on the Basis.

5. Because,—Seeing the Presbyterian Church of Canada, have, honourably to themselves, come so far to meet us, I was unwilling to dissent from any interpretation of this article, however different from ours, at least from mine, and intended silently to hold my own views, which I consider not only Scriptural, but in strict accordance with the Westminster Standards.

And 6. Because,—On uniting with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, without having my Declaration inserted in the Minutes of this Church, I must be understood, as declared in the Basis, to have full liberty to maintain all the principles I have hitherto advocated, —which principles I have always understood to be substantially those of this Church, and for maintaining which the Presbyterian Church of Canada, at a recent period, subjected me to grievous misrepresentations, and severe discipline, probably still approved of by many of them; and, at all events, for preventing the recurrence of which, although this is not apprehended, the great principle of forbearance is not, in my estimation, sufficiently expressed.

For these reasons, and others which might be mentioned, although I receive the Article, according to my own construction of it, I Dissent from it in the view in which it is understood by many, yet I cordially go forward with my brethren to the Union contemplated.

ANDREW FERRIER, D.D.

Toronto, 4th October, 1860.

The Synod did not appoint any Committee to answer Dr. Ferrier's reasons of Dissent. No answer to dissent.

The Rev. Professor Taylor tendered his resignation of the office of Professor of Divinity in the following terms:—

Prof.  
Taylor's  
Resigna-  
tion.

TORONTO, 3rd October, 1860.—The subscriber begs respectfully to tender his resignation of the office of Professor of Divinity to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada; and

takes the liberty of soliciting that said resignation be accepted, as to take effect either immediately or at the close of next Session of the Divinity Hall, as the Synod may prefer.

JOHN TAYLOR.

Com. to  
confer with  
Prof. Taylor.

The Synod agreed that a committee be appointed to confer with Professor Taylor, to endeavour to induce him to withdraw his resignation, and that said Committee consist of the Rev. Messrs. Skinner, Dick, Barrie, Kennedy, and Drs. Ferrier and Thornton. The Committee to report at the next Sederunt. Dr. Thornton, Convener.

Report of  
Conference.

The Clerk submitted the Report of the conference held last night with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, recommending: First, that the *Name* to be assumed by the United Church, composed of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada be *The Canada Presbyterian Church*, and, Secondly, that the Union be consummated at a meeting to be held in Toronto on the 20th of December next.

Name of  
United  
Church.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the first recommendation in the report of conference, that the *Name* of the United body shall be *The Canada Presbyterian Church*.

Widows'  
Fund.

The Rev. Dr. Thornton here read a paper, containing regulations respecting a Widows' Fund, in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and inquired what action, if any, in relation to this matter, in view of the contemplated Union, it would be expedient for the Synod to take.

At ten minutes to twelve o'clock the Synod adjourned, to meet again at this place an hour after the adjournment of the Conference about to be held.

Closed with the benediction.

VI. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, Thursday, October 4, 1860.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Read extract minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, bearing, in reference to the Name to be taken by the United Church, that the Synod had a very decided preference for the name of "*The Presbyterian Church in Canada*," but in the event of the Sister Synod deciding to abide by the name adopted at the conference last night, the Synod resolve to concur with them in that decision.

Extract  
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On motion made and seconded it was agreed to abide by the name recommended by the Conference, and adopted by this Synod in the morning, that is, "The Canada Presbyterian Church."

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The above mentioned extract minutes also bore, that the Presbyterian Synod had resolved that the Union shall be consummated at the ordinary meeting of Synod to be held in the City of Montreal in June next.

Union to be  
at Montreal.

It was, on motion, agreed to concur in the resolution of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in regard to the time and place for the consummation of the Union.

On motion, the Synod agreed to recommend to all the congregations under their inspection to see to it, that the ministers and elders are supplied with the means of defraying their travelling expenses to enable them to attend the next meeting of Synod.

Funds for  
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mended.

The Committee appointed to confer with Professor Taylor in regard to his tender of resignation, gave in their report in

Report of  
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Prof. Taylor. terms following :—Your Committee met with the Professor in discharge of the duty assigned them by the Synod, and have to express their deep regret that they have been unable to induce him to withdraw his resignation; they have only induced him to say that he will reconsider it, but with the express caution that such a statement is not to be understood as holding out the hope that he will ultimately see it his duty to withdraw the resignation.

Report received. The Report was received, and the thanks of Synod were given to the Committee for their diligence.

Resolution on. It was moved, seconded and agreed to,—That should Professor Taylor not withdraw his resignation of office, as Professor of Divinity, before the close of the next Session of the Theological Hall, he shall then intimate the same to the Moderator, who shall be empowered to call a *pro re rata* meeting of Synod to consider the emergency.

Address to Prof. Taylor. It was here stated that an Address from Ministers and Students who had prosecuted their Theological Studies under Professor Taylor, had been presented to him. The Synod requested that the Address be published in the Magazine.

Report of 3rd Conference. The Report of the Conference between the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, held here in the morning, was presented by the Clerk, and was held as read. The Report embodied recommendations for the appointment of certain Committees, with a view to make all requisite arrangements for the due completion of the union between the two Churches.

Committees appointed. The Synod proceeded to take action on these recommendations, and in accordance therewith appointed the following Committees, to act jointly with corresponding Committee of the other Synod, and for the purposes specified.

On arrangement of Phys. 1. A Committee, consisting of nine members, to act jointly with a Committee of the same number of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, for the arrangement of

Presbyteries, the distribution of Preachers, and on the subject of Home Missions. The Committee to be composed of the Clerks of the several Presbyteries, namely,—The Rev. Dr. W. Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Thornton, the Rev. Messrs. Proudfoot, Porteous, Dick, Logie, Torrance, Dunbar and Dewar. Mr. Dick, Convener.

Distribu-  
tion of  
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Missions.

2. A Committee, containing five members, to act jointly with a similar committee of the other Synod, to consider and report on Theological Education. Committee,—The Rev. Professor Taylor, the Rev. Drs. Thornton and Ormiston, the Rev. Messrs. King and Kennedy. Dr. Ormiston, Convener.

On Theo.  
Education.

3. A Committee, of five members, to act conjointly in obtaining an Act of Parliament, by which the property belonging to congregations may be secured in their possession after the Union, in the same manner as it is now held in connection with the Separate Bodies, Committee,—Dr. William Taylor, Rev. Messrs. Aitken and Lawrence, John C. Becket, Esq., Montreal, and William Dunbar, Esq., Dunbarton. Dr. Taylor, Convener.

For obtain-  
ing Act of  
Parliament.

4. A Committee, of three members, to act conjointly, to examine into, and compare the Forms of Process in the respective Bodies, and to suggest a uniform mode of Process. Committee,—Dr. Thornton, Rev. Messrs. Dick and W. Fraser. Dr. Thornton, Convener.

On forms of  
process.

5. A Committee, to act jointly with a similar Committee of the other Church, consisting of the Presbytery of Canada East, with the resident elders of the congregation of Montreal, together with a corresponding member from each of the Presbyteries, to make arrangements for the Services at the Consummation of the Union; the Moderator and Clerk of Synod to be *ex officio* members. Corresponding members,—The Rev. Drs. W. Taylor, Jennings, Ormiston, Rev. Messrs. Logie, Inglis, Stevenson, Dunbar, J. R. Scott, and Duff. Dr. W. Taylor, Convener.

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On Widow's Fund. 6. A Committee of seven members to act conjointly with a similar Committee of the Presbyterian Synod, to consider and report as to the Widows' Fund. Committee,—Dr. Thornton, Dr. Jennings, Rev. Mr. Pringle, Calvin McQuesten, Esq., M.D., Hamilton, William Dunbar, Esq., Dunbarton, Walter Chisholm, Esq., Dundas, and John Agnew, Esq., Whitby. Dr. Thornton, Convener.

Thanks to Prof. Taylor, and Congregation. On motion of the Rev. W. Fraser, the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Rev. Professor Taylor, and to the office bearers and congregation of Gould Street Church, for the accomodation furnished to this meeting of Synod.

Condolence with Dr. Jennings, and Congregation. *d/* It was also agreed to record the regret of the Synod for the cause which has rendered it necessary for them to change their place of meeting from that first appointed, and to express their sympathy with the Rev. Dr. Jennings, and the first United Presbyterian Congregation of this City, for the serious injury done their House of Worship by fire.

Instructed the Clerk to communicate this resolution to the proper parties.

*Ordered*.—That 600 copies of the minutes of this Session of Synod, be printed and distributed as soon as practicable.

*Ordered*.—That the sum of \$10 be paid to the Church officer, for his attendance and services at this meeting of Synod.

The business being finished, the Moderator having announced that the next ordinary meeting of Synod would be held in the City of Montreal, on the first Tuesday of June, closed the Session with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

A. A. DRUMMOND, *Moderator*.  
WM. FRASER, *Clerk*.

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## APPENDIX.

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Committees appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to act conjointly with corresponding Committees appointed by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, with a view to make all requisite arrangements for the consummation of Union between the two churches. Toronto, October 4, 1860.

1. For arranging Presbyteries, &c.—Messrs. Laing, Wilson, J. K. Smith, T. Wardrope, McKuar, Scott, Ross, W. B. Clark, Nesbit. Mr. Nesbit, Convener.
2. On Theological Education.—Messrs. Topp, Kemp, Laing, Ross, McMurrich. Mr. Topp, Convener.
3. On Act securing congregations in possession of their property.—Messrs. Kemp, Gregg, Reid, McMurrich, and F. Torrance. Mr. Kemp, Convener.
4. On Forms of Ecclesiastical Processes.—Messrs. Gillespie, Kemp, and Gregg. Mr. Gillespie, Convener (Princeton P. O.)
5. On Widows' Fund.—The existing Committee on Widows' Fund is appointed to confer with Committee of United Presbyterian Church. James Osborne, Esq., Hamilton, Convener. Rev. W. Reid, Toronto, Secretary.
6. Committee on arrangements for consummation of Union.—Presbytery of Montreal, with elders resident in the city, together with Moderator and Clerk of Synod, and Messrs. Ure, Scott, Dr. Irvine, Messrs. Laing, McLaren, J. K. Smith, and Duncan. Mr. Kemp, as Clerk of Presbytery of Montreal, will act as Convener.

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