started for King Williams Town to attend the Meeting of Presbytery. On my return to Pietermaritzburg more extensive notes & there will come in their own place.

Meeting of Presbyterians of Free & U.P. Churches in King Williams Town 4th Jan. 1886.

Mr. Stuart & I drove to the Central Hotel where we stayed during the meeting. There many of the ministers met.

Shortly after we went to St. Andrew's Church where Mr. Don is Minister.

There met Mr. Stewart, Mr. Moir, Mr. Lennen, Long, Ross, Menka, Makwana.

Isola Chinhaka Mission was much discussed & a strong minute went to the Foreign Missions Committee not to remove Mr. Stuart from Burnt Hill.

The union between the churches was then taken up & a conference arranged for. This conference took place. Minutes of former meeting was read over by Mr. Field Clark of U.P. Presbytery. Mr. P. Davidson then led by a paper
some length. Its chief points were pleading for union because of the benefits to brethren and the field generally. He showed that the U.P. here is not a constituent part of the home church because it sends no representative to the Synod. The Free Church sends its representative or finds them. The missionaries have all the rights of home missionaries. The union would certainly cut off this because it will have a new name and jurisdiction. It will have a right of appeal home for advice. In this way it will have a visible identity. The financial position will remain the same. All the support at present given is promised for an indefinite period.

A letter was then read from Mr. Temple. It thinks that circumstances may arise that will make the young church painfully feel that she is separate from the home church. Mr. Chalmers said that the Dutch
Reformed had the best right to be called the Presbyterian Church of S. Africa. Then a union should embrace all the Presbyterian Churches which it does not.

Mr. Bryce: Rise. We can be separate yet not dependent. Appeals to home church are final. Financial difficulties in the way. When you write you cannot appear at the courts of this county as trustees of the home church.

W. Davidson: It said the U.P. Pres is separate yet not independent. She has a right of appeal I connect financially, but she has also a right of action in herself.

W. Beasley: Representing the Grahamstown congregation said, They wish union for the benefit of work. By calling ourselves the Presbyterian Church of S. Africa we show we are independent. Those at home at present will understand this. We support us, but what of those who come after. Will not the future generation tre
If the financial connection, how near can we say we are to independency financially? A change will take place in the Mission Board. Large deductions may take place.

Mr. Mc. Laren showed that the Free Church brethren had something to lose in being cut off from corporate connection with the Home Church. The U.P. brethren were in the same position after union as before to the Grahamstown Congregation.

Mr. Murray says a church on the basis prepared has in it the elements of disruption. Until the time comes that the Church has full power over her spiritual jurisdiction and over her temporalities, it will bring trouble to itself when disputes arise.

Mr. Mamba showed that as Churches became self-supporting the Mission Board withdrew support. They will live as do so even more when we unite.

The Evening Sedentary brought the Union apparently no nearer. A depart
ation was to be sent to Grahamstown to try to remove difficulties report. It was a great pleasure to meet the most of the brethren in the field & a great surprise to see sitting opposite one at dinner M. Welsh once a fellow student in Calderwood’s class & M. Stirling Missionary in Rose Street.

Here I again met M. A. Murray & heard him address a meeting of workers in the afternoon of 8th Jan & a meeting in the evening must be praised.

On my return to King Williams Town I saw more of it & will then speak of it more particularly.

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_Mr. Mr. Stirling_

very kindly invited me to accompany them home remain for a few days. On Friday morning Mr. Cumming, Mr. Y. Mr. Stirling, Mr. Bridwood & Mr. Welsh & I started for Doone by train. At Blouwy we changed carriages the main train going to London.