



The Unfederated Church.

At the opening of the Federal Parliament Lord Hopetoun read prayers on behalf of the King, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, the people of the Commonwealth, and the Federal Parliament. He then recited the Lord's Prayer, and pronounced the Benediction. The reason why it fell to Lord Hopetoun's lot to carry out the religious ceremony was owing to the heads of the leading denominations failing to agree amongst themselves as to which of their members should perform the duty, and the Governor-General elected to conduct the service to avoid friction.—Cable.