

we could not help deeming it a fit beginning and welcome to the ministrations of one who will certainly make his influence to be felt for good.—*Communicated.*

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## Gleanings.

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UNION COMMEMORATION FUND.

*To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.*

DEAR SIR,—In view of the Union of the Churches next year, it has occurred to me that the present would be a most fitting time to commence raising a "Union Commemoration Fund," as a testimony, by the members and adherents of the Church, of their hearty approval of the Union—as an earnest that it is not to be a dead letter; but as one of its objects is greater means of usefulness, why the sooner these objects are looked after the better. It is plain that funds will be needed by the United Church to enable them to carry out any scheme of usefulness that may be desired. I would propose that the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds be raised throughout our congregations, by means of a large staff of collectors, appointed by each congregation, whose duty it would be to collect weekly payments from members and adherents, in sums of one penny, three pence or six pence per week, at the option of the subscriber. A Committee might be appointed in Toronto whose duty would be to prepare, and extensively circulate, an Address to the congregations setting forth the duty and privilege of vigorously helping forward the movement—providing collecting books and giving such information as might be desired by any congregation. In fact their duty would be to keep the matter alive, and to find their treasurer in possession of ten thousand pounds to be presented to the church on the day of consummation. I refrain from going into further details, trusting that wiser heads may take the matter up, but would merely suggest that the foundation of a fund for decayed ministers might be laid, and aid given for the erection of new churches in destitute districts, as worthy objects of the fund. It would be a proof to the world, which not unfrequently sees no reality or desirableness in any movement emanating from a religious body unless accompanied with their gold and silver, that christians still do "love one another;" and I well remember travelling in Scotland during disruption times, meeting persons who had hitherto stood aloof from religious movements and were avowedly worldly, not only contributing of their own wealth to the cause, but actively engaged as collectors, being won by proofs which they could understand, viz., the abandonment of worldly interests by the faithful ministers of the Church of Scotland for the cause of Christ.—Your obedient servant,

Toronto, August 13th, 1860.

A FRIEND TO THE UNION.

[The above is from an excellent Member of the other Church. We need scarcely say we should be delighted to see his idea realised.—Ed.]

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INVITATION BY THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE TO A WEEK OF PRAYER IN 1861.

Our Missionary brethren at Lodiana invited Christians throughout the world to begin this year with united supplication for the enlarged outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The cordial response to their appeal, is fresh in the memory of us all. The earth was girdled with prayer. The sun for seven days never set on groups or congregations of praying believers. Many striking answers to these prayers are known to have been received. Eternity alone will reveal all the blessings which were vouchsafed.

The recent Missionary Conference at Liverpool directed their attention to the subject, and expressed their earnest hope that "the whole Church of God throughout the whole world" would set apart a week for special prayer at the beginning of next year; and the promoters of the Conference have communicated their desire that the Evangelical Alliance would prepare and issue an invitation to this effect. A similar wish has been expressed by the Lodiana Mission-