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THE LATE MEETING OF ASSEMBLY.

We do not intend to enlarge on the proceedings of the General Assembly lately held in the City of Ottawa. An account of the principal items of business transacted will be found elsewhere. Many went to the meeting of Assembly with gloomy forebodings. It was anticipated that there might be bitter discussions, and that even division was possible. But, in the great goodness of God, all such fears were dissipated, and light was shed upon the path of the Church. The thought occurred to the mind of the convener of the Union Committee a few days before the meeting of the Assembly—no doubt he was led in this by the Spirit of God—that while there would be a difficulty in obtaining a new article in the basis of union on the subject of the Headship of Christ, the object might be gained by a preamble in which that doctrine was distinctly set forth. The proposal was agreeable to all parties in our own Assembly, and having been communicated to the Synod of the other Church, meeting at the same time in Ottawa, met with favour in that body likewise. Thus one great difficulty was at once removed, and the way opened for harmonious action. Some other modifications were also sought and obtained, and the result was that with almost entire unanimity—a few dissents were entered, but chiefly on one point in one of the appended resolutions—the Assembly accepted the basis of union. It is again sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration. We presume it will be generally accepted, and that before this time next year the union will be an accomplished fact. We are called upon to give God thanks for the way in which we have been led. May He still lead and guide us, and make the union, which now appears to be so near a means of imparting fresh energy and life and strength to the Church.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Fifth General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church met, according to appointment, in Knox Church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. The Moderator for the past year—the Rev. W. Reid, M.A., of Toronto—preached from Philipians i. 18: "What then? Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached ;