

pleading with the Father of mercies,—that the blessing may descend, not only upon the brethren assembled, but upon the whole membership of the church, who now, in a practical way, are seeking to glorify their Head.

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### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE UNION.

The deputation that left the Upper Provinces on the 17th of last month, to represent to the Church at Home the question of the Union of the Churches, have met with the General Assembly, and been very favorably received. A message by cable has come to hand from one of the members of the deputation, which gives us to understand that that Venerable Body endorses the action that has been taken, and the consummation of the proceedings. The following is the message:—

“Dr. Cook was enthusiastically received by the General Assembly, and spoke with warmth and effect. Our mission has been successful. We bid you go forward, assured that your proceedings are approved, and that the announcement of the consummation of Union will be received with thankfulness on this side of the Atlantic.”

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### THE “MONTHLY RECORD.”

We do not care to begin so early in the season—for we are generally compelled to do so toward the close of the year—to draw the attention of all interested, to the fact that we are heavily in debt to the printers. In the Report submitted to last meeting of Synod, it was shown that a deficiency of nearly \$170 on accounts up to the end of 1873, appeared against agents and subscribers, and of this very little has as yet been paid. We do hope that all delinquents will make a special note of this, as it is impossible to meet our obligations unless we are honorably dealt with by those who undertake to send in orders. We have frequently intimated that names should not be sent at our risk, and every order for a copy or copies of the *Record* is expected to be paid for by the party

requesting the same. If he fails to secure payment, it is not our fault. This must be distinctly understood. We beg also to remind agents that it is very inconvenient to wait till the end of the year for the subscription price, because our accounts should be discharged monthly, which is impossible, if all payments are kept back till the term of subscription expires. With each subscriber it is only a matter of 60 cents; with the committee it is a matter of hundreds of dollars. Half of the amount at least should be paid before this date. We are well aware that a good deal of difficulty is often experienced by agents in obtaining the amounts scattered over a wide district, and therefore we ask subscribers to save our agents the unnecessary trouble of collecting the yearly subscription price, by forwarding it to them at once. To those agents who have advanced the value of their clubs for the year are due our special thanks, as their considerateness alone has enabled us to keep up our credit, to a certain extent, with the contractors.

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### LETTER FROM REV. JOHN GOODWILL.

We are enabled to make extracts from a private letter from Mr. Goodwill, dated April, 1875. He writes from Melbourne, where he and his family had gone to sail by the “Great Britain,” which was announced to sail on March 24th; but her time for starting has been successively postponed to April 9th and April 30th, so that they will be unable to be present at the Synod in Montreal, as they had fondly expected. He says:—

Oh! We are so sorry that we will miss the meeting of Synod, and the Union, if it be accomplished this year. We trust and pray that the Holy Spirit of all grace will guide and direct you all to do what is right and what shall be to the glory of God, to the peace and prosperity of the church, and to the salvation of souls. I should like to be present for several reasons, into which I shall not now enter. But with respect to Missions, I may be allowed to give a