

# APRIL, 1879.

## Amalgamation.

ONE of the arguments made use of in advocating the Union of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada was that it would tend to a more economical and convenient distribution of the effective working power of the Church: that in many places where there were two weak, struggling, and rival congregations, the interests of religion would be better served by one minister and church organization. The accompanying table shews that this expectation has not been disappointed, for here are at least *thirty-seven* cases in point, where congregational unions have been harmoniously effected by those who formerly belonged to different sections of the Church. In each of these, members formerly in connection with the Church of Scotland are now found worshipping along with their brethren who previous to the Union were identified with the Canada Presbyterian Church. And possibly there are other instances which have escaped our notice where like happy results have followed the Union.

### CONGREGATIONS. PRESBYTERIES. UNITED.

Chateaugay and Beanharnois.....	Montreal,	5 Oct., 1875
Hemmingford, St. Andw & Knox Ch,	do	do
Russeltown and Covey Hill.....	do	do
St. Louis de Gonzague, 2 Congre's	do	12 Jan., 1876
Cumberland, 2 do	Ottawa,	20 Dec., 1875
Indian Lands, 2 do	Glengarry,	1 Sept., 1875
Spencerville, 2 do	Brockville,	14 July, 1875
Edwardsburgh and Iroquois.....	do	do
Napanee, 2 Cong's,	Kingston,	13 Sept., 1875
Warsaw and Dum-mer.....	do	28 do
Whitby, St. Andw and 2nd Pbyn Ch,	Whitby,	9 Nov., 1875
Lindsay, St. Andw and 2nd Pbyn Ch,	do	do
Kilkyth & D.Rby..	Owen Sound,	21 Dec., 1875

Simcoe, St. Andws & Norfolk St Ch,	Hamilton,	9 Feb., 1876
Lynedoch, 2 Congs,	do	do
Hamilton, St. Andw's & St. Paul's,	do	11 April, 1876
Dunwich, 2 Congs,	London,	14 do
Goderich, St. Andrew's & Knox Ch,	Huron,	10 Aug., 1875
Richmond & Windsor Mills.....	Quebec,	4 Oct., 1875
Newtonville, 2 Congregations.....	Whitby,	13 Jan., 1877
Leith & Lake Shore,	Owen Sound,	17 April, 1877
Winterbourne, St. Andw & Chalmers	Guelph,	9 May, 1876
Erin and Osprings,	do	9 Jan., 1876
North Dorchester, 2 Congregations..	London,	20 Mar., 1877
Balderson & Drummond.....	Perth,	13 Nov., 1877
Mainsville and Edwardsburgh.....	Brockville,	1 Oct., 1877
Edwardsburgh and Morrisburgh....	do	do
Caledon, 2 Cong's,	Toronto,	11 Dec., 1877
Waterdown, St. Andrew's and Knox.	Hamilton,	5 June, 1877
Nelson & Kilbride,	do	do
Westminster, two Congregations...	London,	do
Widder and Lake Road.....	do	do
Manchester and Smith's Hill....	Huron,	13 Nov., 1877
Saugeen and North Bruce.....	do	25 Sept., 1877
Park Hill, 2 Congs,	London,	
Bayfield & Bethany,	Huron,	
St. John's, Nfld., 2 Congregations..		1878

Besides this indication of Christian unity, it appears from the official record of translations that the old dividing lines are disappearing even more rapidly than was to have been anticipated. Already we can point to a considerable number of instances in which old Kirk Ministers have been elected to the pastoral charge of congregations formerly belonging to the Canada Presbyterian Church, and *vice versa*, as for example the appointment of Rev. J. A. Murray, formerly of Lindsay, to one of the largest congregations of the C. P. Church, in London, Ontario, and that of the