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MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION IN MONTREAL.

We are persuaded that much interest is felt by many of our readers, in the approaching gathering of the messengers of the churches at Montreal. We are therefore impelled to express a hope that the forthcoming assembly may be largely blessed by the presence of our Divine Redeemer, and prove a source of pure satisfaction by strengthening and forming the bonds of christian friendship; while we trust it shall also be distinguished by the adoption of wise measures for the promotion of God's glory and Christ's cause. The note of preparation has already come from the warm-hearted and generous friends of the good city whose hospitalities the Union has been invited to share. There is, however, a preparation of vast moment in all that concerns the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, which we trust our brethren will vigorously seek and fully enjoy, that all who engage in the solemnities of the occasion, may do so in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. The disciples were, in all probability, much affected by the ten days of fervent prayer which they spent previous to the gracious effusion of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The preparation of the heart is from the Lord. A constant and enlightened presentation at the throne of grace of the necessities of the case, will do much to secure the manifestation of the hand of God. What an impulse may thus be given to zeal, to faith, to love! Ought not the Union to be a hallowed scene, blessed as a distinct expression of that unity which binds the hearts of the brotherhood in Christ. Our Congregationalism does not drive us to erratic courses, like wandering comets. The Sun of Righteousness, as the central luminary, draws by the attracting power of love. We recognize no repelling force,

“ We bless the tie that binds
Our hearts in christian love.”

We trust the meeting in Montreal will prove of special interest, from the nature of the times in which we live. Seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord are graciously enjoyed. A change has come on the atmosphere of the religious world. The climate has manifestly changed in many places, from below Zero to the genial warmth of summer. There are churches in other lands joyously exclaiming, too, the winter is past! How glorious these trophies of the Saviour's power! Does the re-awakening and re-invigoration of prayerfulness call for no song of praise? These displays of prayer-power convey the solemn lesson—do likewise. When the lowest depths of society are reached by the