

years of separation, have at length been brought to see eye to eye, and to resolve that in His name, and for the promotion of His glory, they shall henceforth together consecrate themselves anew to His service. Would that we could have said that the conclusion to which those Churches had come had been, not only almost, but altogether unanimous. We do not ignore the existence of a considerable minority in both branches of our own Church, who have not, as yet, joined with us in the movement, but, on the contrary, who adhere to their dissent against the proceedings that have been taken. But we are not without hope that, having discharged what they felt to be their duty in the matter, and in view of what plainly appears to be the earnest desire of the very large majority of the people of Canada, they too may, before long, be found joined with us, heart and hand. Other difficulties, that seemed quite as insurmountable, have been removed. To every successive step by which we have reached the position we now occupy we have been led by a way that we knew not, and we will not doubt that this also will be brought about—that not one shall be left behind. As Canadians, we may together be justly proud if, to any extent, we shall be instrumental in laying the foundation of a Church of the future, that shall present an unbroken front to the adversary, and whose resources and equipment shall be equal to every demand that a new country and a rapid increase of population may make upon it. Nor, as representatives of the Church of Scotland, need we fear that in what we are about to do we shall in any wise compromise the love and allegiance we owe to the venerable Church of our fathers whose doctrines, government and discipline we stand pledged to maintain and perpetuate.

We understand that the Rev William Masson of Russelton has received a unanimous call to St. Andrews

church GALT, vacant by the translation of Rev. J. B. Muir to Huntingdon, and that immediate steps will be taken by the Presbytery of Hamilton to give effect to the wishes of the people at Galt. While congratulating Mr. Masson on the prospect of entering upon a wider sphere of usefulness, we must add that his removal will cause regret to his present congregation among whom he has laboured long and faithfully and with much success for many years, as well as to every member of the Presbytery of Montreal.

TORONTO is improving rapidly. The opening up of the back country by railways has given an impetus to business, and induced a large increase of population. The city is all astir. Palatial mansions adorn the suburbs and the parks, and splendid public buildings are rising up in different parts. Its churches are numerous, and many of them are of a high order of architecture. The English Cathedral, long unfinished, is now nearly completed according to its original design: its massive spire, overtopping every thing in the city, is said to be the loftiest in America, and exceeded in height by few in any country. The Metropolitan, erected through the exertions of Dr. Morley Punshon, is, internally, one of the most modish and beautiful of modern churches. It is seated for 2300 people. The Canada Presbyterians have seven or eight churches. Knox church, the largest, has a Communion roll of 750, a staff of four and twenty Elders and as many Deacons. Our own old St Andrew's Kirk has, we are glad to find, taken a new lease of life, and the Congregation, imitating the good example of those around them, are manifesting a like degree of activity. The pews are filled, and there is a heartiness about the services that is refreshing. But that is not all. Plans have been drawn and contracts entered into for the erection of a new Church edifice in the Western part of