

will not be present, but after making all allowance for absentees, we have no doubt that it will be by far the largest assemblage of the Canadian churches and ministry ever brought together. Could not an occasion so auspicious be improved by a united communion service, or a grand Evangelical Alliance meeting, with an address by a representative man from each of the denominations named? Such a gathering might accomplish great good in demonstrating the substantial unity of all true believers, and helping to remove the misunderstandings, and soften the asperities, which even yet mar our denominational intercourse.

Our own Union meeting is likely to be a large and important one. Toronto is central to the great majority of the associated churches, and has, on that account, usually commanded the attendance of a larger number of ministers and delegates than any other place. The approaching meeting, we are sure, will prove no exception to the general rule. The papers to be presented on "The Christian training of the young," and the discussion which is to follow, will doubtless be stimulating and useful, and not less so, we hope, the conference on "The duty of Christians and Christian churches in relation to the cause of Temperance." The latter strikes us as being especially timely and important. Never was it more needed. The subject was once somewhat old and hackneyed, but that is so long ago, that a vigorous and earnest discussion of it will now be something *new*. The hope also held out by our Secretary, Mr. Marling, of an address by some distinguished American brother, on the Pilgrim Fathers, seems likely to be realized, Dr. Edward Beecher, of Galesburg, Ill., having been deputed to visit us by the Memorial Convention lately held in Chicago.

The interest of the College meeting will centre, of course, in the election of a new Principal and Theological Professor. The action of the Board of Directors, and the concurrence of the Committee of the Colonial Missionary Society, as reported last month by Prof. Cornish, leave no room to doubt that the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal, will be chosen to fill that position. An election so important, however, should not be allowed to go by default, but should receive the earnest personal attention of every subscriber who can be there.

Apart, however, from any features of special interest connected with the approaching meeting, every member of the Union ought to make an effort to be present, and to contribute his quota to the enjoyment and profit of the occasion. It is our one annual opportunity of brotherly intercourse, and fellowship at the mercy-seat, which, although once or