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## Miscellaneous Articles.

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### PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS AS TO PENDING UNION.

*To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.*

DEAR SIR,—Should you give the following thoughts, as I request, a place in your number for June, they will be read but a few days before the meeting of Synod in Toronto. Indeed, two Synods will be about to be held there, that of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and our own. Now, this coincidence of place and of time rises up solemnly in my mind, as I think it ought to do in many minds, as having been arranged, in June 1858, in the pleasing expectation that, by June 1859, these two fraternal branches of the Christian Church in this land, under the banner of simple Scriptural Presbyterianism, might be nearly ready by June 1859, to unite into one body to strive together for the faith of the Gospel over this country. Such was the fond anticipation, at any rate, the fervent wish, last year, or many, I believe I may say, of nearly all on both sides. Surely, it was a most proper, and a most eventful wish, for who can tell what would be the happy results, were it accomplished. Look back to unions in Scotland, and see how plentiful are their good fruits. Well, is that wish now likely to be realised? Fears and tremblings respecting it have arisen, lest there should be a disappointment of cherished hope, inasmuch as there have been fresh disputations, or objections so far, regarding the "Basis of Union" which was drawn up, and presented to the Synods last June, by the Joint Committees on Union; and there is some apprehension that thus, instead of speedy incorporation there may be still jarring discussions in the Synods, putting the prospect of Union into a receding and dark back ground of the picture. Should this be the case, it will be matter of deep lamentation to the concord-