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We have neither leisure nor space for any lengthened remarks on the proceedings on the late meeting of Synod. But we cannot allow *this number of the Record* to go forth, without an expression of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for His goodness manifested to us in connexion with our late meeting. In many ways has his goodness been manifested. It is through his goodness that we have been preserved with almost unbroken numbers during the year, and that so many ministers and elders were permitted to meet together in conference on the affairs of Zion. We have to thank Him that the Synod was enabled to go through such a large amount of business, we trust, on the whole, in a satisfactory manner. A stranger listening to the proceedings of Synod might have occasionally felt that much precious time was wasted, and that comparatively unimportant matters were occupying the attention of the Synod to the prejudice of more important interests. But we acknowledge, that, on reviewing the business actually done, we have felt astonished at the real amount of it, and at the great number of matters that received attention, in a greater or less degree. We have to thank the Head of the Church, too, for the large measure of unanimity and harmony that prevailed, and for the absence of anything like party spirit. The fact, that on several questions the motions submitted were somewhat numerous, does not disprove our assertion that there was a large measure of unanimity. For, in point of fact, the motions frequently differed but little from each other, and indicated, not so much any marked contrariety of view or sentiment, as a conscientious desire to have the best possible deliverance come to by the Synod.

On one or two particulars important action has been taken by the Synod, which may influence our position as a church, not only now, but in years to come. 1. In the first place, we may mention the reception of Mr. Chiniquy and his congregation at St. Ann's. We trust that, notwithstanding the difficulties which have surrounded this matter, the step taken by the Synod may commend itself, by the results, as the wisest and best. Viewing Mr. Chiniquy and his people more in the light of French Canadians than of citizens of Illinois, we shall have abundant cause for thankfulness, if our reception of them into our church leads, as we hope it may do, to fresh efforts and still greater