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In another part of the *Record* our readers will find a detailed account of the proceedings of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at its first ordinary meeting since the accomplishment of the Union. We have neither space nor time to enlarge on these proceedings. Still we cannot forbear expressing very briefly a few thoughts which have again and again risen in our mind in looking back to the past meeting of Synod.

In the first place, we have often thought, and the same has been felt and expressed by many, how completely all traces of separation have been obliterated. Until a year ago, we were two separate bodies, not knowing much of each other personally or ecclesiastically. But now all mark of a dividing line is gone, and a stranger coming into the Synod could not possibly have known that a state of separation had ever existed. Have we not abundant reason to be thankful for this? May we not believe that it is the full flow of spiritual influence and of christian love that has so effectually obliterated all traces of separation, just as the full-flowing tide washes out every mark in the sand, and unites together the little pools that formerly were separated and isolated. Let us pray that brotherly love may CONTINUE. In our future progress let us take care that we fall not out by the way.

One giving any attention to the business of the Synod could not but see that there was a determination to look well into every case, and to settle it thoroughly and righteously. There were several cases which might have tried the patience of the Court, and which no doubt did so. But there was no disposition to pass any of them lightly. They were gone into thoroughly, even at the sacrifice of much precious time. It was perhaps best that they should have been thoroughly discussed. It is not likely that so many cases will be before the supreme court again. Several of the decisions too will be precedents, which will guide inferior courts in their proceedings for the future. But at the same time, while we admire the patience of the Synod in dealing with the cases of appeal, &c., which came before it, we feel that it is absolutely necessary that greater efforts be made for the future to have the real business of the church—the Home and Foreign Mission work, and the report of the College—brought on at an earlier period of the session. This would be greatly