

from himself." In the close of His great intercessory prayer, the Lord implies that it is only when His Church presents the spectacle of an united body that the world will believe in Him. Here we have an instance of the effect of united effort for one object, that object the relief of those classes who were His special care when he was on earth. Is this not an omen and harbinger of greater things to come?

Why should not this movement be taken up in our cities, such as Halifax and St. John. In Halifax, we have a Hospital and a Dispensary not at all supported as they should be. We require a hospital for convalescents, and a childrens' Hospital. If the churches united on a "Hospital Sunday," existing institutions would be greatly benefitted, and others, for which there is a crying need, would probably be stimulated into existence.

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This month's RECORD last year contained only the minutes of Synod. This year we anticipated that the state of the case would be similar, and therefore gave orders not to keep on hand the notes for the month of the S. S. lessons. But thanks to condensation, and the non-receipt of the financial statement of the F. M. Scheme, &c., &c., we have a little room which we gladly give to other subjects of general interest. By next month, we trust that the new Editor appointed by the Synod will be with us and at the helm.

THE SYNOD'S ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The Synod appointed a Committee to draw up an address to the Governor General, and knowing that His Excellency would be in Halifax this Summer—appointed the members of Presbytery resident in the city to present it to him. They invited a few friends of the Church to accompany them, including the Chief Justice, the Custos, The President of the Legislative Council, The Recorder, James McDonald, M. P., Dr. Avery, Hon. W. A. Henry, James Thompson, G. P. Mitchell, John Doull, &c., &c., and presented it to His Excellency on the 5th inst., in the Province Building.

We have much pleasure in giving both the Address and the Reply :

ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF DUFFERIN, K. P., GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency :

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, beg respectfully to welcome your Excellency, as the Representative in this Dominion of Her Majesty the Queen.

The warm and considerate interest which your Excellency manifests for all that concerns the welfare of this Dominion, secures the increasing regard of our people.

We congratulate your Excellency upon the rapid progress already made under your Excellency's administration in the work undertaken by your predecessors; and upon the prospect that, ere long, all Her Majesty's North American possessions shall be united under one Government. Convinced, however, both from the sacred word of God, and from human experience, that Righteousness exalteth a nation, and that no mere material greatness can secure permanent prosperity, we will ever strive to promote the cause of enlightened Christianity throughout the land, mainly for its own sake, but also for its connection with the social well-being of the people. Grateful to the Giver of all good, for the national peace and just government, which we enjoy, we pray that God, in His mercy may long preserve to this land its present civil and religious