

feature, was a counterpart of Saturday's, when the ministers and elders of the Kirk, following their moderator and clerk, repaired in a body to Knox church to tell the Assembly of their desire to accept, almost to the letter, suggestions that had been submitted for their consideration. It made a lump rise in some of our throats as their moderator met us on the doorstep of the church, and the members of Assembly rose to their feet as we entered, and when it was found that each alternate pew in the church was reserved for our occupation. The reception was more than cordial: it was deeply touching.

This meeting of Synod was the longest on record in the annals of our Church, having occupied, Sabbath included, ten days, and the average daily attendance of the members, up to its close, was beyond that of any previous occasion. The tone of the debates was in keeping with the dignity of the Court. The speaking, in many instances, was of a high order. The main subject of discussion was the proposed union of the four Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion under one organization. And although, from the very outset, the issue was not doubtful, so far from any feeling being manifested to override the minority, their statements received the utmost consideration, and the final vote was not taken until every fair and legitimate means of arriving at unanimity had been evoked; and while it is to be regretted that this was not completely attained, it must be admitted that the Synod could not have arrived at other conclusion than it did when it resolved, by a vote of eighty-eight to ten, to take immediate steps for consummating the Union. It does not follow as a necessity that the members who entered their dissent against this decision—in vindication of their consistency—should further continue to oppose the union. We venture to hope that, in the interval which must elapse ere the union can be consummated, such arrange-

ments may yet be made as shall tend to remove some at least of the objections advanced by the minority—few of whom, we are firmly persuaded, feel bound to maintain a position of uncompromising opposition to union upon any terms. In the meantime, the amended basis agreed upon by these two Courts has already been sent down to Presbyteries, Kirk Sessions and Congregations, and also transmitted to the Supreme Courts of the other negotiating churches.

PRESENTATIONS.—It gives us much pleasure to notice the presentation of an address, accompanied by the royal gift of one thousand dollars, to our estimable Synod clerk, the Rev. JOHN H. MACKERRAS. The presentation was made in the manse of St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, in the name and in the presence of a few of the brethren with whom the proposal originated. The address reads as follows.

In recognition of eminently successful services rendered to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland; in testimony of admiration for your abilities and great courtesy as the clerk of Synod; in acknowledgment of your attainments as Professor of Classical Literature in Queen's College; that we may evidence our gratitude for the noble manner in which you upheld the cause of our Church and College at a time when the interests of both were imperilled, and also as an assurance of our personal regard and esteem for you:

We, the undersigned, on behalf of a few of your friends, ask your acceptance of the accompanying gift along with our best wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, Mrs. Mackerras and your dear daughter. Signed,

W. Snodgrass, D.D.; John Jenkins, D.D.; Gavin Lang, D. J. Macdonnell, Kenneth McLennan, D. M. Gordon, T. G. Smith, Robert Campbell, Wm. Bain, D.D., James Croil.

We further observe, although the intelligence has been long in reaching us, that the kind and generous people of ELDON during last winter took occasion to mark their esteem and respect for their minister, the Rev. Alex. McKay, by the presentation of a very gratifying address along with valuable substantial tokens of their appreciation of his faithful ministra-