

The moderators and members of the Synods next shook hands, while a hearty and spontaneous round of applause burst from the audience. The articles of union having been signed by the moderators, in the order of their seniority, and witnessed by the clerks, the senior moderator declared that the churches were now united under the name of the "Canada Presbyterian Church."

The first Synod of the said Church was then constituted in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, and the 122nd Psalm, 6th verse, sung, and prayer offered by the junior moderator. The 100th Psalm followed, and it was next proposed by Mr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Jennings, of Toronto, that the Rev. Dr. Taylor of Montreal be elected moderator of the Synod.*

After some observations by Mr. Clark, of the most flattering and eulogistic nature, in reference to Dr. Taylor's past history and qualifications for the office, he was elected amidst great enthusiasm, and introduced by the two Moderators, who then retired, and occupied seats on the right and left, and the Dr. took the chair amidst considerable applause.

It was then moved and seconded—that Mr. Reid and Mr. Fraser be joint Clerks of the Synod, which having been carried,

Dr. Taylor arose and said: Fathers and brothers, you have now conferred upon me the highest honour that I can, or ever shall, receive in my ministerial career. I thank you for thus electing me to so honourable and responsible an office, but I shrink from undertaking it, under a sense of my incompetency; nevertheless, I know that I shall receive in its discharge your indulgence and aid. The voice that has called me to it is not merely that of you, fathers and friends, but that of Him in whose blessed name we have here assembled. These two members of the one living Church have now been united, and in a union of not mere outward form, but in one of heart and soul. We have been labouring and praying for this object many years; at one time the prospect has seemed cheering, at another time obstacles have appeared in the way; but I shall not attempt to describe our feelings on these occasions—all that is now passed—the thing has been accomplished. We are now gathered into one, and angels are raising the song of glory to Christ, with which our songs should also mingle. On looking on the things that have been done we must exclaim,

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let Angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!"

While we rejoice in this, let us anew consecrate ourselves to the service of the Lord, and offer all our talents and energies to his service who has bought us. While sedulous to perform his work, there is no fear of our harmony being interrupted; let us never forget, that as in Christ we are one, so is it likely that we shall remain one in Him. Let us cleave to God; the nearer we are to the cross, the closer the tie that will unite us. What but the cross has brought us, and what but its power will keep us, together? The cross has subdued the world.—The rev. gentleman then went on to observe, that it would behove them to exhibit in their actions that beautiful order which was as far from despotism as from popular anarchy. It was a singular circumstance that it was in Montreal, which was built at the confluence of the two great streams of Canada that afterwards flowed peacefully together to the sea, that their union to-night was consummated. They did not restrain their Christian sympathies to the bounds of those of their own creed, but from that place they extended their fraternal salutation to all who loved the Lord Jesus Christ. The speaker concluded in a strain of fervid eloquence, invoking the Divine blessing upon all who were co-workers in the heavenly vineyard.

* We think with "Presbyter" in our last number, that the oldest member present should have been called to the chair. It was unbecoming in the Synod to appoint any other, still more so in Dr. Taylor to accept the office. Perhaps, however, the moderatorship of the first United Synod was the reward, the consideration, for untiring efforts on his part to secure a Union, even at the expense of abandoning the distinctive principles of the U. P. Church. Principles which, after all, it may be a grave question if he ever held.—ED.