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A Higher Standard.

OUR Church has made most encouraging progress in every department of her work during the past ten years. There has been life, shewing itself energetically in every fitting way; and there is ample promise for the future. We now enter on the second decade of our history as a United Church, and we do so with thanksgiving and with glowing hopes. That day in June, 1875, when four churches became one, was a very joyful day to tens of thousands; but there were fears and anxieties; there were uncertainties and doubts. Happily our fears have been dispelled. All anticipations of evil have been disappointed. Our best hopes have been realized; and the prayer of faith has been abundantly fulfilled. Our Home Mission work has greatly increased in the amounts raised for its prosecution, the number of agents employed, and the fields embraced in our operations. Our Foreign Missions have been strengthened almost in similar proportion—but not altogether. We cannot but acknowledge the force of the modest remonstrance of our New Hebrides missionaries—based on the fact that we have fewer men now in that most interesting field than we had in 1873. But we are stronger among the Coolies, stronger in India, stronger among the Aborigines of

the north-west, and stronger in Formosa. It may be that some of our young men will be moved to offer themselves for the inviting field where John Williams and the Gordons fell, where Geddie and Inglis and Robertson and Mackenzie and Annand have laboured with such signal success.

Our colleges have prospered since 1875. All have added greatly to their resources and to the advantages and attractions they offer to students. The number of well-equipped workers they place at the disposal of the Church from year to year is steadily increasing and is becoming more commensurate with the requirements of our ever-widening fields. In no respect has the Church made healthier progress than in providing for the better support of the ministry. This work is going on with an intelligent earnestness and unanimity that ensure success. It will be a happy day for minister and people when the question of support falls wholly out of sight as the result of the increasing volume of the Church's beneficence. Before the lapse of another ten years, an adequate stipend will, we think, be a matter of course in poor and weak charges as well as among the rich; and all the energies of the Church will be set free for exertion in other directions.

In the matter of French Evangelization, the progress made in ten years is enough to encourage to greatly increased effort. It has