

that while they were brethren in some degree by lineage, and brethren to the full extent in holding the same faith, that the reciprocity of friendship so happily begun, would be continued. The Rev. Mr. Thornton then addressed us how much there was in common held by both; how the United Presbyterian Church looked to them as fellow helpers in regard to most important questions that affected the welfare of the Province, and the best interests of both churches, and all churches. He showed how much could be done by co-operation, and thought that both might look forward to a time, not far distant, when the bonds that united both now, would be drawn much closer.

A hymn was sung, Rev. Mr. Kribbs offered prayer, and the members of the deputation were invited to take their seats in the Court, and take a part in any subject that was brought forward.

We are glad at this commencement of fraternising between the Congregationalists and the United Presbyterian Church, and happy shall we be to see the day when they and we shall be—(what?)—Presbyterians—at any rate, when we shall be one.

All orders, payments, and communications to the Editor, are requested to be sent (Post-paid) to the Rev. JOHN JENNINGS, Toronto. We intend, in the meantime, to publish the Magazine on the 15th of every month, and have to request that all literary contributions be forwarded ten days previously.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor, Moderator, has called a Special Meeting of Synod, "to be held in the City of Toronto, in the United Presbyterian Church there, on Wednesday, the 30th of July, at 12 o'clock, noon." The business is, in accordance with the provision of a remit of Synod, in a probable contingency, to consider a proposal of the Board of Missions in Scotland, in regard to the appointment of a Professor.

ORDINATION.—Mr. THOS. DICKSON, formerly a preacher in connection with the Free Church, was ordained by the Presbytery of Toronto, to the pastoral charge of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Caledon, on the 27th of June. The Rev. Messrs. Pringle, Dick, and Coutts, conducted the services. A large, and hitherto neglected field is there presented, and we hope that the young pastor may have strength and gifts to cultivate it with much success.

CALL.—The Rev. John Hogg, late of Dumfries, Scotland, who arrived in Canada about three months ago, received a unanimous call from the congregation of Hamilton, on the 27th of June. Mr. Hogg has accepted of the call, and will be inducted in a few weeks.

LICENSE.—On July 1st, the Flamboro' Presbytery licensed Mr. John Scott to preach the gospel.

ARRIVAL.—Mr. McClure, preacher, arrived from Scotland two weeks ago, and has entered on the usual routine of appointments.

Presbytery Clerks are particularly requested to send pretty full reports of the meetings of their several Presbyteries, that thus all parts of the Church may have some knowledge of what is transpiring in the various localities.

On the last day of June, a circular was sent to all the ministers and several other friends of the Church in the Province, stating the proposal to publish a periodical in connection with the United Presbyterian Church, but it was left for the Magazine to be, in a great measure, its own prospectus. The first two paragraphs of the circular are now repeated, as explanatory of the Editor's position, and what is aimed at in regard to the general character of the Magazine.

"I have frequently been requested, by a considerable number of my brethren, to publish a monthly periodical, devoted to the religious interests of our Church. For many reasons I have long felt great reluctance, and even now there is a degree of hesitancy on my mind; but, a periodical being absolutely necessary for our cause—to vindicate and sustain as well as disseminate our principles—to make all our congregations more

interested in each other, by giving them the means of knowing more about each other's operations—to bring out their latent powers for the support of gospel and unions among themselves, and animate them to abstinence in missionary zeal and liberality—I have resolved to undertake it, provided that, to begin with, I obtain a list of subscribers at all approaching to an ordinary representation of the Church, and which can be taken as an index of what may be ultimately expected. I do not anticipate that it will pay at first, and that the number of subscribers will be large, but if ministers and congregations, in general, are interested about it, I hope, after it is fairly started, that pecuniary loss incurred at the commencement will ultimately be covered by the subsequent increase.

"In regard to the editing of it, I can say little. It is a new kind of work to me, and whether I be qualified for it or not, remains to be seen. My desire is, that it be not inferior to any periodical here, or any where else; but that this may be realized, my brethren, I trust, will give their hearty aid, and I must look for much assistance. I shall endeavour to obtain one or two original articles for every number, to give a monthly condensation of all that is available in the periodicals of the Parent Church—the United Presbyterian Magazine, Missionary Record, Juvenile Magazine, and also of the most important religious intelligence to be gathered from other sources. It is unnecessary for me to say more, for my idea of a good Magazine has to be worked out, and as I do not care about being in promise, I trust you will give a generous confidence that I will do the best I can, and that it will improve as I become familiar with an Editor's department, and have a full supply of excellent literary contributions."

Having gone so far as to issue a circular, we determined to publish the Magazine at once, and thus gave assurance that we were in earnest. For the Church then, we have at last, after much desiring and talking, got a Magazine, and now, to the ministers and membership in particular, we look for a hearty support. We have no time to dilate on the advantages of a magazine to our cause, and surely do not require to do so though we had; but we have to request ministers in particular, to contribute articles for its pages; and further, as it has been begun for the good of the Church, we request all our friends to do their best to encourage it and to procure subscribers.

It will be gratifying to our friends to learn, that the returns, in almost every case, have been double our calculations: but, as we are publishing sooner than many expect, and indeed sooner than was intended when the circular was issued, a great many have yet to be made; and, therefore, to prevent disappointment, we shall send a quantity of this number to those who have not yet sent orders—and a few extra to some who have—and in cases where we send more than required, we request that they be kept, and returned if necessary; and where we send too few, we shall complete the number on request.

Some friends have objected to the *quarto* size of our Magazine. We do not like it either, having a decided preference for a large octavo of 32 pages, but there would be a difference against us of £40 a year were we to adopt the latter, and that, in the meantime, is a sufficient reason for our choice.

On reflection, we have changed the name proposed in the circular, and though we have not yielded to adopt one which some of our warm supporters recommended, yet we hope that all will be satisfied. "What's in a name!"

Our terms are cash with the order. For the first month or so, however, we may deviate a little from what is to be our *uniform* rule, because now we come unexpectedly on many who at this season of the year have little money on hand, but in all cases, at present, when the dollar is not sent with the order, we must have the positive assurance that it will be forthcoming. We cannot afford to incur a heavy pecuniary liability.—The responsibility is not small, for we refused a guarantee bond that was generously proposed; and our constant expenditure will be heavy, and therefore we may reasonably demand punctual payments.

To the Head of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend our undertaking, and may He bless it for our denominational prosperity, and for the advancement of His own cause. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

In the report of the Synod in Scotland, given in the Scottish Press, when the application of the Synod in Canada for a Professor was under discussion, two statements attracted our attention, and have created no little surprise—to use a soft word—among many of our ministers. The first was by the Rev. James Robertson, of Edinburgh. He said:

"He would like to know what provision had been made for the Professor having a pastoral charge. Was it meant that a Professor leaving this country for Canada would be merely a callable man, and might be settled somewhere in the back-woods? Or had the idea been