

never failed to hit the public. He was of his age, yet immortal. No artist can be more.

But there was no copyright in songs.

Mark the consequence of that gap in the law! While the theatre and the streets rang with his lines and tunes, while the fiddlers fiddled him and were paid, and the songsters sang him and were richly paid, the genius that set all those empty music pipes a flowing, and a million ears listening with rapture, was fleeced to the bone. All reaped the corn except the sower. For why? The sower was an author; an inventor. And so in the midst of successes that enriched others and left him bare, in the midst of the poor unselfish soul's attempts to found a Charity for distressed performers, nature suddenly broke down under the double agony of a heart full of wrongs and an empty belly, and the man hanged himself.

They found him cold, with skin on his bones, and a half-penny in his pocket.

Think of this when you next hear "God Save the Queen."

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#### UNION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Everything which betokens Christian union should be hailed with joy. The points of agreement among the different evangelical churches are so numerous, and embracing, as they do, the vital truths of the Gospel, that they completely overshadow the points of disagreement. Especially is this so among those churches which hold essentially the same form of church government, and subscribe to the same exposition of faith; separated and held

aloof, it may be, by nothing more than a mutual misunderstanding. And yet, on the principle that family quarrels are productive of the strongest enmities, the strife among such bodies has been the bitterest and most disastrous. Any approach to union, in such cases, is extremely desirable; for why should religious communities essentially one in every important respect, remain asunder, weakened by their divisions, and present a broken front to the enemies of religion. As indicative of the dawning of a brighter period, and as a step in the right direction, we rejoice at the prospect of an Ecclesiastical union of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada with the Free Presbyterian Churches of this Province. The basis of that union was satisfactorily settled, recently, in Toronto, and its consummation will be effected in Montreal next June. A pleasing feature in connection with the matter, was the cordiality and unanimity manifested by the members of these two respectable bodies, auguring well for the happy and successful working of the union. The designation of the united body is to be, "The Canada Presbyterian Church." The Presbyterians of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick anticipated their Canadian brethren by a similar movement, which was happily effected at Pictou on the 4th of last month. We wish our Presbyterian friends much prosperity, and hope that their example will be followed by other churches.

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