

There are motives presented by the Apostle, some of which I have culled from the Epistle, which is throughout one persuasive pleading and pressing to believe and to love. (1.) He is the propitiation for our sins, &c.

We have sinned, then, and ought to be able to bear somewhat with sinners.

He is our propitiation, gives us access, made peace for us, our sins forgiven for His sake. Either actual or prospective, this is all our hope.

And He is the propitiation for others' sins. They have the same right in grace to come to Christ, to receive of Christ the same forgiveness and life. And they are entitled to look to us for love, for mercy, and brotherly service. Remember the parable of the servant who had much forgiven—who to fellow-servant denied the forgiveness of a little, and what became of him,—and forgive and be kind to one another. (2.) This is the message that was heard from the beginning, he that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in Him. This is the old commandment and the new. All commands are in this one, for he that loveth hath fulfilled Christ's law. (3.) One of the many Anti-Christ's come or coming, and a formidable one, is the spirit of hate, of isolation from our kind in cold indifference, a very Anti-Christ, and destructive of all abiding in Him. No deadlier foe to our soul's well-being can we meet. And it is one that, if we yield to at all, plants itself in the citadel of our being, making the heart the abode of the wicked one, not the temple of the Spirit. (4.) God is love. Love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love. And in this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we may live through Him.

These are God's words, whatever may be said of them. They stand forever. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

What more can I say? What is needed for you and for me but that now and evermore the spirit of love may come down and reveal Christ in us; that the

love of God may be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given to us. Then will we believe, and rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of Glory. And then will we love one another with pure hearts fervently as sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty, as together the indebted to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us all.

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### THE UNION.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland opened its proceedings in St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal, on Thursday, the 10th June, at eleven o'clock, a. m. Twenty-six members were present, a very fair attendance considering the distance the members had come and that the Church numbers only thirty ministers.

Owing to a very painful affliction of the hand, the Rev. Thomas Duncan, of Charlottetown, was obliged to refrain from acting in his official capacity as Moderator. The Rev. Mr. Herlman, of Pictou, took his place and led the Synod for an hour in devotional exercises. The Rev. G. M. Grant, of Halifax, was then chosen Moderator, and the Rev. William McMillan, of Salt Springs, appointed clerk. The minister of St. Gabriel's was present and offered the hospitalities of the ladies of the Church at lunch, for every day the Court might be in Session.

Standing committees were appointed, and after the despatch of routine business, the report of RECORD Committee was called for. Before any deliverance was given, a special Committee was appointed to confer with the RECORD Committees of the other Churches to consider the advisability of establishing one Church magazine to take the place of the four now published. At a subsequent diet it was resolved to continue the RECORD to the end of the year, with Rev. John Campbell as editor, and in the hope that there shall be but one recognized periodical for the united Church afterwards, that the publication of the present RECORD be discontinued after January 1st, 1876.

The Reports on the Dalhousie College and the Widow's and Orphan's