

Canada. If you think that the Lord's work is best promoted in the Dominion by a divided Presbyterianism, remain separate. If you think that it will be best promoted by an united Presbyterianism, then unite. You are on the spot; you know the facts; you love your country; and we trust you. In either case, we will help you; but remember the responsibility is on you, not on us.

The responsibility is on us. And what, then, is the voice of the Church here? For successive years, our Synod has unanimously declared its mind in resolutions, which, if truly felt, mean that the sin of schism is on us if we remain disunited from our brethren. They ask us to reunite on the old standard. Can we, in the sight of the Great Head of the Church, refuse?

But there is a minority of our congregations opposed. Dear brethren, in matters not of principle but of feeling, should not the minority be willing to go in with the majority? O Lord, we know not what to do; but our eyes are on Thee!

3. It is the entreaty of the Colonial Committee that we "should follow after the things that make for peace," so that all may co-operate in work "for the spiritual welfare of Scottish Presbyterians in Canada." But how can this be done when, by disunion, we put stumbling-blocks in one another's way? These stumbling-blocks may not be fatal to the very existence of churches in a country where all the people are Presbyterians, and where the members are sufficient for rival churches of the same persuasion; but they are fatal everywhere else. For the sake of the principles of the Church of our Fathers, are we not willing to agree with our brethren?

The Colonial Committee has done many wise and many generous things for us; but it never did anything wiser and more generous, or in a more delicate and beautiful way, than what it has now done, not only in agreeing to pay the whole salary of a Professor for us in the Divinity Hall of our Sister Church till we can raise the capital amount required; but also in the clear and unmistakable way in which it defines its own province and course of action, and

in which it gives to us faithful and loving counsel.

COLLECTION FOR THE SYNOD'S HOME MISSION.

The Synod appointed this collection to be taken on the last Sunday of January, or as soon thereafter as possible. It should be made some day this month or next month. To understand the present condition of this fund, it is perhaps only necessary to refer to the Report of the H. M. Board, read at the annual meeting of Synod, and printed in the August RECORD. But it may be again stated that the collections are intended, in the first place, to reduce the amount drawn from the Colonial Committee, and, in the second place, to assist in paying the salaries of catechists and of missionaries who are not on the staff of the Colonial Committee.

For the half year ending Feb. 1st, Fictou Presbytery applies for \$383; Miramichi will probably require \$150, and St. John nearly as much. We could easily contribute the whole of this ourselves, and enough for the next half year also, and for all other purposes, especially if the congregations that made no collections last year or year before last would do their duty now, and give double this year. One good collection from each of our churches would make us independent, as we ought to be and could be.

Two Catechists were sent to Cape Breton last summer, and another is laboring there now. In addition to what the people of the different localities in which they labour give, the Board contributes \$283 for this department. Three other Catechists were employed in the summer in other Presbyteries, and were paid entirely by the respective Presbyteries or from local sources. A grant was also made to Loch Lomond Church. C. B.

We owe it to our self-respect as a Church to make this collection. And we especially owe it to the Colonial Committee now, when it has shown its willingness to aid us so liberally in the Theological education of our students here,—a measure all-important to the