

And now, Fathers and Brethren, we have only to hope that our procedure in the premises will not be unacceptable to the Church of our fathers and of our affections, and that you will give us credit for sincerity of purpose and faithfulness to great principles. We trust too that the intercourse which has been so long and so cordially maintained will not, by the contemplated step, be interrupted, as we are sure that it cannot tend in any degree to lessen the love with which we must ever regard our parent Church. Having the same great objects in view—the salvation of men and the glory of Christ—though standing, after the union, in a somewhat different relation to that which we had previously occupied, we wish still to preserve uninjured the same bonds of brotherhood; and we are certain that we do not assume too much, when we anticipate that you will heartily reciprocate those feelings of fraternal and Christian regard.

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We hail as one of the most promising characteristics of the Christian world, in the age in which we live, the wide-spread and growing desire on the part of different sections of the Christian Church, to remove the walls of separation which stood between them, and to smooth down the asperities which too long kept apart the friends of Christ. We were greatly pleased to learn that on the very day on which we here in Canada had come to terms of union, in our sister Province of Nova Scotia the branch of the Church there, sprung from the two elder members of the United Presbyterian Church and the Free Church in that colony, had completed their work in that direction, and had consummated a cordial and *unanimous* union, not a single minister or congregation being left behind; and we fondly anticipate that the same very gratifying result may be realized in our own experience when we meet in the city of Montreal, in June next. We do not forget, too, that the union of the two elder branches of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, forty years ago, was anticipated, by about four years, by a similar union in the Province which we have already named. May we not hope that, in the wise orderings of Divine Providence, and in the spirit of the intercessory prayer of our Lord Jesus, the example set in the colonies may exert its influence on the Presbyterian family at large in the fatherland; that we may yet see its larger divisions there, drawn towards each other as with one heart and one soul, gathered into the same fold, and that the only strife which shall thenceforth exist shall be that so strongly urged by the Apostle, "Striving together for the faith of the Gospel."

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We need scarcely inform you that the progress of your Missions at home, and especially among the heathen, has always been to us a subject of great interest. The Christian can never look with indifference on the condition of those lands where the people are sitting in darkness and in the region and