

ness of the Court may be despatched with all possible speed, every member should consider it a sacred duty to be prompt, punctual, and ready to undertake his share of the work of the session.

Another matter that will greatly facilitate the work of the Court, is the completion of all Reports prior to the beginning of Synodic business. In former years, much time has been frequently wasted because Conveners were not prepared to hand in these documents. But it ought not to be so in the present case, when time will be so very precious. Conveners and Treasurers, then, will please forgive the urgency of this appeal, which we are well aware is trespassing upon the official work of the Clerk of Synod.

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### PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNION

The Montreal Presbyterian says that the arrangements for this event, are being well attended to by the respective Committees. The matters proposed to be embraced in the Report of the Committee on Arrangement for the consummation of the Union—Rev. R. Campbell, Convener—are the following:—

1. Preparatory conferences for prayer, when and where to be held.
2. Form of minute dissolving the several Synods.
3. Declaration to be made by Moderators on dissolving said Synods.
4. When and where Union should be consummated.
5. Proceedings connected with the act of consummation.
6. Mode of constituting United Synod, until a Moderator is appointed.
7. Appointment of Moderator and Clerk or Clerks.
8. Rules by which United Synod is to be guided until a system of Polity is adopted.
9. Public demonstration or demonstrations.
10. Disposition to be made of Official Records of the several Churches.
11. Reception of Delegates from other Churches.
12. Missionary Meeting.

13. Observance of the Lord's Supper.
14. Constitution of the New General Assembly.

15. Definition of Boundaries of Synods and Presbyteries.

16. Appointment of Committees on the following items of business:—

- (1) Home Missions. (2) Foreign Missions. (3) French Canadian Missions. (4) Theological Education. (5) Church Polity. (6) Thanksgiving Effort. (7) Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund. (8) Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. (9) Scholarships and Bursaries. (10) Correspondence with other Churches. (11) Finance. (12) Official Magazines. Said Committees to be appointed as soon as possible after the United Synod is constituted, and report before the rising of the Synod.

THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE, consisting of the minister and representative Elder of each congregation in the city, is charged with the special duty of providing for the suitable entertainment of the strangers that shall be within their gates during the meetings of the Synod; the Rev. W. M. Black, convener; the Rev. Robert Laing and Mr. James Riddell, the Clerical and Lay Secretaries. It will greatly promote their labour of love if immediate answers are sent to the circulars which they have issued.

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### THANKSGIVING,

FOR PROGRESS IN AND PROSPECT OF UNION.

The Moderators of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and of the Synod of the Lower Provinces, having had their attention called to the propriety of a grateful acknowledgment by our people generally of the goodness of God, in guiding thus far in our union negotiations, and in securing the needful legislation, and also in giving us the prospect of a speedy and harmonious consummation of our yearnings for Union in the month of June, have agreed to request the ministers and sessions of the negotiating bodies in the Maritime Provinces, to afford their people an opportunity for simultaneous thanksgiving to God, and prayer for the special outpouring of His