

Much yet remains to be done before the United Church shall have all its schemes and operations thoroughly amalgamated. It may be a work of time; but much has been already accomplished in the consummation of the Union, and, no doubt, by the blessing of God on the counsels of the Church, everything will before long be in a consolidated condition and in healthy action. A large Committee meets in September to consider various matters which could not receive full consideration at the meeting in Montreal.

It becomes us all to thank God for what He has wrought, and to take courage, and go on in dependence upon Him for His blessing, which alone can give success. Let it be our great desire and aim that there shall be something more than a merely external and ecclesiastical union, even a real union of heart and spirit, of effort and aim, and a pressing forward after a more close and intimate union with the living Head of the church. Without Him, although strong in numbers and material resources, we are nothing, and can do nothing. With His presence and blessing we shall do valiantly, and be largely instrumental in manifesting His power and advancing His kingdom and glory.

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#### MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church took place in Erskine Church, Montreal, on the 8th June, at 7:30 p.m. The Moderator for the past year—the Rev. Thomas McPherson, of Stratford—preached from Ephesians iv. 16: “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” The sermon was a very suitable and impressive one. For it, and for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the moderatorship, he received the thanks of the Assembly. The Rev. Principal Caven was unanimously called to the chair, and on taking it made a few suitable remarks.

#### CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

The Clerk submitted a statement of the changes in the rolls of the several Synods, and of the Presbytery of Manitoba since last year. There had been eight deaths, viz., Mr. C. C. Stewart, Mr. John Baird, Mr. James Nisbet, Dr. Thornton, Mr. Andrew Melville, Mr. John I. Dunlop, Dr. Cairns, and Mr. Andrew Milne, formerly of Waterdown and Wellington Square. There had been twenty-six ordinations, sixteen translations, nine ministers received, twenty-one students licensed, nineteen new charges erected, and six new mission stations added to those already organized.

#### DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

In accordance with the usual practice, the first hour of the second day's proceedings was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by Professor Gregg, Messrs John M. Roger, J. Dick, and W. B. Clark.