

"The Synod agreed to request the Moderator to appoint a Sabbath day, on which all the Congregations of the Church shall be recommended, in their public and private devotions, to render special thanksgiving to God for the great blessing which He has bestowed, in the auspicious union now so happily consummated; and for the unity of spirit, and the great harmony which have eminently distinguished this the first meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church; and earnestly to pray that the presence of her Great King and Head may be in all her assemblies, and with all her Ministers and people; that He would grant a plenteous effusion of the Divine Spirit on her field of labour, and render her greatly instrumental in the salvation of souls, to the praise of His glorious grace."

In fulfilment of the duty thus devolved on him, the Moderator appoints the third Sabbath of December for the above purpose, and hopes that it may suit the convenience of all the congregations of our Church to observe that day.

The Synod, in the above Resolution, mentions only the "auspicious union," as a cause of gratitude; special prominence ought therefore to be given to it, in the thanksgivings which we present to Almighty God. But the Moderator is of opinion that it will be quite consistent with the spirit of the Resolution, to conjoin with it other reasons, which, though not exclusively applicable to our Church, yet obviously demand a public, grateful acknowledgement from us, and the whole population of this Province. He would mention in particular, the abundant harvest which God has given us,—the season of commercial prosperity which we have enjoyed, and our civil peace and security, under the wise government of our Sovereign the Queen. Great force is added to this latter consideration, when we compare our condition with the condition of the churches and people of the United States, who are suffering the manifold evils attendant on civil war.

As there is no likelihood that a day of thanksgiving will be appointed by proclamation of the Governor, the Moderator recommends it to Ministers and Kirk Sessions to connect the above weighty reasons with that which is specified in the Resolution of the Synod, for the gratitude which we publicly and devoutly render to Him, from whom "every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down."

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MEETING OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.—There will be a meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee in the Vestry of Knox's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, 10th December, at half-past 6 o'clock, P. M.

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Editorial Items.

MISSIONARIES FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND RED RIVER.—In last *Record* we simply stated the fact that at the meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto it was decided that the Rev. R. Jamieson should proceed to British Columbia, and the Rev. J. Nisbet to Red River, as the Missionaries of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Mr. Nisbet will not be able to proceed to Red River until the beginning of next Summer, and will in the meantime continue his ministrations at Oakville. Mr. Jamieson will proceed on his more distant mission as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. It is intended that the designation of Mr. Jamieson