

bability, does not exist to any considerable extent. We remember, however, that those who were antagonistic to the union of 1860, made use, at the last moment, of every artifice to stir up groundless fears and suspicions of this sort, and it may not therefore be amiss in the present case to dispose of these difficulties in advance.

The Canada Presbyterian church is extending its operations eastward to the borders of New Brunswick. We may reasonably expect her aid in sending the gospel to the French population of that province, if not to a still greater extent. The operations of our Canadian sister among the French of Lower Canada are of great interest to us, in their bearing upon a similar population within our own bounds. We may reasonably look forward to a time when a general assembly of all the Presbyterians of British America will assemble once a year, by turn in St. John, Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto. Such a gathering together of the "dispersed of Israel" would be a glorious consummation devoutly to be desired.

It is pleasant, it is most cheering to look forward to this "good time coming" for our Presbyterian church. God has committed to us vast work to do for him, and much land to possess for him. It is well to look into the far future and the joyous prospect it affords; but we must address ourselves with ardour to present duty. The union with New Brunswick must first be consummated, and the duties, the arduous work which will inevitably follow it, must command our earnest attention. Then, step by step, our path will be made plain before us. Our children, and our children's children, will arise to carry forward to perfection the good work inaugurated by us, while we enjoy the purity, the bliss, and the glory of the church above.

In view of the Synod's meeting at St. John, we trust that those who "love Zion" will be constant and earnest in prayer for divine aid and blessing. It is the arm of our Omnipotent Saviour which can alone remove all difficulties, and make a plain path before us. It is His Spirit alone that can impart wisdom, love, holy zeal, and the

graces which should adorn the "body of Christ." We appeal to our brethren in New Brunswick to unite with us in preparation and prayer. Who knows but the approaching solemn assembly of our churches may see the commencement of a revival of true religion among us!

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## THE ORDINANCE OF PRAISE.

### No. 1.

The principal parts of New Testament worship are prayer and praise. Indeed in the strict and peculiar sense of the term, they may be said to be the only parts of our ordinary services which can be called worship. It is only in the general sense of the word, as including all religious service, that preaching of the gospel can be denominated worship. The "good news" of salvation might be addressed to a body of men, not one of whom was qualified to unite with the speaker in any Christian act at all—to Jews, Mahometans and Pagans, or the immoral and godless among those who bear the Christian name, and in such cases could scarcely be called worship.

Preaching the word as it ordinarily exists in Christian churches, as embracing the illustration of doctrine, the inculcation of duty and the exhibition of promise and privilege, for the comfort and nourishment of Christ's flock, as well as for the conversion of sinners, is more nearly of the nature of worship, and is usually included in the term, as employed to denote the exercises of our ordinary christian assemblies. Still, worship properly includes only those services of the church, which have a direct and immediate reference to God as their object, which are concerned with what he is in himself—his relations to us and the expression of the corresponding sentiments and emotions of the christian soul.

Of these ordinances it is not too much to say, that praise holds the highest place.—We may indeed place it in the same relation to the other exercises just mentioned, that the apostle does love, in relation to the three great elements of the christian life. "Now abideth preaching, prayer and praise, but the greatest of these is praise."