

united action to make that hope a reality. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that all who assemble in Synod, be they few or many, should lay aside every consideration except the sole and simple desire to do all that is possible to suggest such measures as are best calculated to promote the general good; to consider calmly and seriously every plan suggested by others; to put away self entirely, so that each man may throw his whole heart into the work before him, and give every fellow-labourer credit for being actuated by the same motive. And, having resolved upon a particular course, it is necessary to carry out faithfully all the resolutions come to. It is one thing to be stirred up to enthusiasm by passionate appeals, and another thing to carry this enthusiasm into action in the face of discouragements, difficulties, anxieties and the sickness of hope deferred. No man ever succeeded who was not determined to succeed. And what is true of the individual is true of the collective body. Each member must act as if he were indispensable. If placed in a situation of peril on an Alpine height, a man has to brace every nerve to save himself from destruction, what are his chances if the smaller nerves and sinews and tendons were to say, "We can rest! let the large muscles and ligatures do the work." Yet there are in every undertaking, such as that in which we are now involved, many as deeply interested as those engaged in the active struggle, who are satisfied to be spectators. This should not be, and we speak plainly, that all may understand that the struggle is too serious to be idly watched by any who desire that it should be won. The efforts of all are needed. We have no fear of the result, but that confidence is only possible because we know and are assured that there are adherents enough of our Church who will not be terrified, nor tired out, that they will haste not to seek their rights, but likewise that they will rest not until they are obtained and secured.

We trust that as many members as can be present will meet in Montreal at Synod. There are some, it may be, who may find it impossible to come. It is to be hoped these will be few. Vacant congregations should take the proper steps to be legally represented; but, at least, they may send a member of Session or Congregation to lay their case before the Synod. Is it too much to ask that there may be united prayer for guidance at the Synod offered up, privately and publicly, on the Sunday preceding the meeting, that the blessing of God may rest upon its deliberations, that harmony may prevail in its councils, and that success may follow the work resolved upon?

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THE CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

In our last the declarations by the Synod which we quoted on this subject were so clear, that it might almost seem unnecessary to adduce further proof.