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OUR SYNOD (1876-1896) OR "TWENTY YEARS' PROGRESS."

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THE union of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada took place at Montreal on June 15th, 1875. It was a day never to be forgotten by those who were present. Memories of the past, no doubt, crowded the minds of many of the *fathers* there, but old and young alike looked forward hopefully to the future. It was a beautiful bright day outside, and every one in Victoria Hall could say "there is sunshine in my soul to-day." Every heart thrilled with joy when Dr. McGregor, still to memory dear, rose and proclaimed the continuation of the union, and the formation of "the Presbyterian Church in Canada," and then every voice joined in singing the 133rd Psalm as perhaps it had never been sung before.

But how have the hopes which cheered the vast assembly that day been realized? A review of the past twenty years will prove conclusively that the union has been an unspeakable blessing. The burial of old strifes, the healing of old breaches, the wiping out of old dividing lines, and the consolidation and thorough organization of our forces have worked marvels. The first statistical report of the General Assembly was that of June,