

tennial Celebrations, and against retrenchment in expenditure for the missionary purposes of the Church.

Upon the whole, we came away favourably impressed with what we had seen and heard. The speaking was good. Except in special cases, it was limited to five minutes at a time. The Moderator by his promptness, impartiality and courtesy, proved himself the right man in the right place.

A TALMAGEAN WELCOME.—We presume Dr. Talmage was perfectly sincere when he said *ex Cathedra*,—

“Brooklyn sets her front door of welcome open to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. (Applause.) Come in, and sit in our best arm chairs, and sleep in our best apartments, and stay till you are weary of us! There is room in Brooklyn for all. Come in!—Oregon and Pennsylvania, Vermont and Alabama, Maine and California. We believe in God, the Father Almighty, and in the Communion of Saints.”

Had Dr. Talmage only thought of it, in the overflowing goodness of his big heart, he would have added,—“Come in, too, ye Northmen from Canada; be ye warmed and fed,” and the Canadians would have counted themselves happy to have gone in and admired the interior of some of those beautiful brown-stone-front Brooklyn-houses, and made the acquaintance of brother and sister Jonathan. We regret the omission the more that we feel pretty certain we shall never again have a like opportunity of telling our American cousins how warmly our hearts beat toward them.

BROTHER JONATHAN'S OPINION OF THE CANADIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—We are glad to find the few words of comment we ventured to make last month on the *toute ensemble* of our gathering at Toronto corroborated by the testimony of one of the leading members of the American Assembly, who was present with us at Toronto, and who delighted

us all with his elquence and geniality: We refer to Dr. Mutchmore, the well-known editor of the Philadelphia “Presbyterian,” who thus records the impressions left upon his mind by the all-absorbing debate on “the Macdonnell case.”—

“There were many things about this debate that were calculated to impress a Presbyterian from the States:

1. The faithfulness of this Assembly to their convictions of the truth. We have never witnessed anything like it. Here is an Assembly trying perhaps its most popular minister in his own city—with multitudes of friends and members present, intensely interested—not only not swerving in the presence of popular sympathy for a favourite, and one who is beloved by the brethren throughout the Church, for Mr. Macdonnell had no enemies that we could discover in the Assembly. But while this was apparent, the fearlessness of the argument against his position was at times like the delivery of burning shot from well-charged batteries. There was no regard for the man when he seemed to stand between the soul and the truth.

2. There was the best spirit prevailing in the Assembly that we have ever witnessed. From what we have known of religious controversies we feared the result; but no bitterness appeared. The spirit of Mr. Macdonnell was Christianlike in his trying ordeal, and that of his brethren, as he admitted, was not only fair from their convictions, but fraternal.

3. There was a wonderful unity in sentiment throughout the trial, although one could see sympathy for a friend and brother bubbling to the surface; yet underneath were the still waters, where devotion to God's truth was clear as crystal. In only one or two instances, in the special pleading which love makes, were any sentiments uttered that betrayed the slightest sympathy in his doctrinal views. In our judgment, no body of Presbyterians live on the earth of sounder doctrinal views, or of more fearless courage in their defence.

Finally, we are happy to say, in honour of our common Church, that we have never heard so many able speeches delivered within the compass of four days.”

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.—It is in order at this time to remind the congregations that the General Assembly appointed the third Sabbath of July for taking up the annual collection for the