

distance from the printer—referred to in his prefatory note—will largely account for them, and they will probably be corrected in a subsequent edition; and we feel as if we had said enough already in the way of adverse criticism. It is because we wish the book an extensive career of usefulness, and the author some profit, not pecuniary alone, but moral and spiritual, of this labour which he hath done under the sun, that we have felt it necessary thus to enter our *caveat* with reference to a passage which might mislead the ill-instructed.

### PROGRESS TOWARD UNION.

Whether the four Presbyterian bodies now negotiating for Union are prepared to become incorporated into one, at an early day, we cannot say. We have doubts whether a measure involving changes so many and so great, as must follow the determination to unite, can be adopted as speedily as some sanguine advocates expect. But there can be no doubt that the way to Union lies in the direction of hearty co-operation. In other words, if we walk together, and work together so far as we are agreed, the desired end will come, and come more speedily than the *less* sanguine now anticipate.

In following out this road of joint co-operation, the Presbyteries of Prince Edward Island are taking the lead. They have repeatedly met for prayer and conference. They have united in the support of a common religious newspaper, and have arranged for supplying destitute stations, so that where people were unable to have each a minister of their own body, they might unite in accepting a minister from either, on whom they might agree.

The following extract from the *Presbyterian*, which is the paper of the two Presbyteries, shews one of the early and happy results:—

#### UNION AT CLYDE RIVER.

Our readers will rejoice to know that the efforts to unite the two congregations at Clyde River have been very signally honoured. God has crowned our efforts so

far with success. From the published reports of the two last conferences of Presbyteries, it will be seen that upon each occasion a delegation was appointed to meet with the adherents of both churches at Clyde River. At the first meeting the greatest harmony was found to exist already among the people, and the result was that resolutions were carried unanimously, first to unite, and then to have a minister settled among them as soon as possible. A petition being sent to the conference to have a call moderated in favor of the Rev. Alexr. Stirling, so well and favorably known in the Island, a meeting was again held at Clyde River Church. The result was most gratifying. The call was unanimously signed, and subscription lists were brought in to the amount of £150. Our friends will receive this intelligence with thankfulness to the great Head of the Church who has prospered this matter. Already here is a *congregation self-supporting and only waiting the arrival of a Pastor*. Let us pray he soon may be sent, so that this first fruits of our prospective union may be a happy foretaste of the good things in store for our people yet.

Now, may we not pause and ask why should not this spirit of combination so happily begun, be taken up in other parts of our field? In widely scattered districts, it could be acted on with the greatest benefit to all parties. Let our ministers and people take the matter up in earnest, and He who loves to see brethren dwell together in unity will doubtless show such favor to our humble efforts, as will make many a locality to rejoice and flourish abundantly.

The Presbyteries of St. John have moved in the same direction, and their conferences and united action have been equally pleasing to themselves, and healing to the divided Presbyterianism of New Brunswick. The supply of Richmond and Woodstock, for example, is now so arranged that collision and the presence of two ministers where one may suffice are avoided. The same spirit is carried out in the appointments and missionary efforts of both Churches.

We have heard, and we think on good authority, of a much improved state of feeling in Cape Breton, and fear we will have to make the confession that Nova Scotia proper lags in this race. Something, however, is being done. The Presbytery of Tatamagouche lately met, with brethren of the Kirk from Pictou Presbytery, fraternized, and passed the following minute:—