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UNION OF PRESBYTERIANS.

The great number of fragmentary bodies into which the Presbyterian family is divided, and the existing tendency to division and subdivision...

It was here stated that both Synods had unanimously approved of the action of the joint committees as well as of the Basis, and it is now agreed to consummate the Union on the 4th of October...

Another said: "I see to-night such joy in every countenance and brotherly love in every eye that a tide of gladness rolls in on my own heart, causing me to exclaim, 'The Lord has done great things for us which have filled us with joy.'"

Reference had been made to the *George McKenzie* and it was worthy of remark that while steam had been applied to a great many purposes...

Another spoke of the prospect of a third Presbyterian body uniting with them at an early day. He referred to the Established Church, whose people, he said, entertained devotional feeling pervaded the audience...

What are the facts in the case? First we have in our own country a recent experiment at union, in which is properly called the United Presbyterian Church...

Turning now to Canada, and Nova Scotia, we find that great progress has been made in the praiseworthy work of union in these provinces.

This amendment, we are informed, was well received by the Committee of the United Synod, the body itself having adjourned, and it is thought that the union may be consummated during the present year...

The Toronto paper goes on to say: "Deputies from the mother churches in Scotland and Ireland will probably be present at the celebration of the auspicious event, as well as from Presbyterian churches in the United States, and we hope that the gathering will take place in Toronto."

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DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN OUR ASSEMBLY. The type-setters made us do justice to our church in regard to this important branch of benevolent operations to the amount of \$70,000.

THE MODERATOR'S SERMON. Messrs. Editors:—Please allow me space in your paper to say that the money subscribed at Pittsburgh has been sufficient to print 1,500 copies of the Moderator's sermon, and to forward them free of expense to the subscribers.

THE LATE DR. HOUGHTON. The following, which we take from the columns of the last Evangelist, furnishes some additional facts of the life of our late associate, which will be interesting to his bereaved friends and to our readers generally.

DR. HOUGHTON. Dr. Houghton was a native of Vermont, and was born to the energetic and self-reliant experiences of the majority of our New England countrymen.

EDITOR'S TABLE. THE SAND HILLS OF JUTLAND, by Hans Christian Andersen, author of the "Improvvisatore," etc. Boston: Ticknor & Fields, MDCCCLXX. 12mo., pp. 267.

MEMOIR OF EUROPE, OR WORD PICTURES OF TRAVEL, by E. K. Washington. Philadelphia: James Challen & Son, No. 25 South 6th St. 8vo. 697.

THE MORNING AND NIGHT WATCHES AND THE MAC DUFF, D. D. Two beautiful little mangals of devotion, formed of brief reflections upon various passages of Scripture. They can be taken up in such snatches of time as are within the reach of all.

THE BIBLE REPOSITORY AND PRINCETON REVIEW, edited by Chas. Hodge, D. D., July, 1860, Philadelphia, published by Peter Walker, 821 Chestnut St. Octavo.

THE PREBYTERIAN PARLOR MAGAZINE, a Monthly Journal of Science, Literature and Religion. Alfred Nevin, D. D., editor. Vol. I. No. 2. July, 1860.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE finds its way to our table regularly every week, and is a welcome visitor. The leading article of last week's number is from the Westminster Review: "Sicily as it was and is." Published by Little, Son & Co., Boston.

GONEY'S LADY'S BOOK, Vol. LXI. August, 1860. With numerous illustrations. The article on "Modern Coaches" is instructive and entertaining.

THE EVANGELICAL REPOSITORY, devoted to the principles of the Reformation as set forth in the formularies of the Westminster Divines and witnessed by the United Presbyterian Church. Edited by Thomas H. Beveridge. Vol. XIX. No. 2. July, 1860.

NEW WORKS. The Presbyterian Publication Committee are about to issue the Presbyterian Manual, by Rev. Jno. H. Lewis.

The Publication Committee also announce, as in course of our Lord Jesus Christ, to express our sympathies and sentiments; therefore, Resolved, That we have implicit confidence in the Christian and ministerial character of brother Wilder, his strict integrity and exemplary fidelity while in the service of the A. B. C. F. M., as well as in his assiduous efforts to excite and in-