to May, for seventeen collections for the great oh | brother immediately before him-one of the Irish ects alone, -the wheels of the machinery. Now delegates-would be on their feet. we have a channel. Here are men in whom we have entire confidence. We shall stop all this, and relieve those brethren from their severe labors I, for one, am prepared to pledge myself to do the best thing I can with my church for this cause,-something more for this year. We may say of churches as Virgil said of the rowers: Possunt quia posse videntur. He explained how the money came from Rome—not from the old lady in scarlet petticoats, but from one of his members travelling in Europe, who was the more impressed with the importance of the work in his own country by what he saw there. Why, I almost feel like saying with John Foster: American Christians might almost be exempt from Foreign Missions, we have such a

magnificent work on our own hands.

D. W. Ingersoll, Elder from St. Paul's. The church at Mankota is a centre of influence for the whole Minnesota valley. It has revolutionized the whole population of that town; a Congressman from that State declared that it is the centre of influence, instead of, as formerly, a certain man's saloon. This is the result of giving them a house. My conviction is that no church organization is safe until we have a house of worship. We ought to have \$150,000 for Church Erection this year.

Dr. Darling feared that the allusion too the \$400 reported as having been received from the corruption fund at Albany might lead many to think that corruption had existed in the Legislative body of the State. (Laughter.) He rose to defend that august assemblage from the consequences of such an insinu-ation. (Laughier.) This was not an evidence of corruption, but of purity. For this was a part of a fund raised by the liquor dealers to oppose the excise law, and was probably the first money they had ever contributed to so worthy an object. I am ready to stand here and pledge my influence as a pastor. I have one little misgiving in regard to the appointment of a day to take a simultaneous collection. The cause is new, and we must work up

our people when and as we can. Dr. Goodrich, Chairman of Standing Committee. Precisely because it is a new object, we have appointed a day. The day is not absolutely fixed. The Commtttee on Devotional Exercises reported

the following suggestions:
That the reception of the Scotch delegation be made the first order of the day on Wednesday afternoon.

That the Communion of the Lord's Supper be administered on Thursday evening under the direction of the Moderator, assisted by Dr. Adams and Dr. Darling.

That there be no services on Friday evening, in

order that the members of the Assembly may have an opportunity of attending the meeting of the American and Foreign Christian Union to be held that evening.

The report was adopted. The time for adjourn-

ment having arived, the session was closed with

prayer. SIXTH DAY-WEDNESDAY, A. M.

The Chair was occupied during the devotional exercises by Rev. Chas. S. Robinson, D.D., of Brooklyn. The interest of these meetings has increased from day to day, and prayers were asked for young clergymen by Rev. Herrick Johnson, of Pittsburg. Dr. Shaw earnestly commended to the Commissioners, in their associations and in their prayers, the members of the households in which they were entertained, and particularly those ladies, whom the domestic duties consequent upon their entertainment hindered from attending, and who would much enjoy these devo-tional exercises. His mind was deeply exercised, and he prayed that God would graciously bless the meetf this Assembly in the city.

At the expiration of the hour devoted to conference and prayer, the order of the day was taken up. This was the reception of delegates from corresponding ecclesiastical bodies. Letters from four delegates were read, stating that they, with their alternates, had unavoidably been detained, and presenting the regards of the Conventions from which they were accredited to this Assembly, and the Church which it represents. The following are the names and Conventions of these:

Rev. A. S. Dwinnell, Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin. Rev. Isaac Walker, General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Convention of Congregational Ministers and Convention of Congregational Ministers and Convention of Presbyterian and the Computation of Presbyterian accomplished for the healing of our divisions and the Convention of Presbyterian accomplished for the healing of our divisions and the Convention of Presbyterian accomplished for the healing of our divisions and the Convention of Presbyterian accomplished for the healing of our divisions and the Convention of Congregational Ministers and Congregational Minister Churches of Vermont. Rev. J. George Butler, Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the United States. Rev. George A. Jewksling, General Conference of Congregational Churches in Maine.

The Assembly then rose to welcome the delegate from the General Association of New Hampshire, the Rev. E. G. Parsons, and the delegate from the General Association of Connecticut, the Rev. Robert G. Vermilye. They were received together, and the Moderator replied to both in one address. Mr. Parsons first addressed the Assembly, bearing the Christian greeting of the churches which he presented, and recounted their work and condition. He said the bodies were nearly related. Coming from the Puritan stock they had the same faith and characteristics. They were one of the smaller branches of the Congregational churches. They have 20,000 communicants, 189 churches, 179 ministers, 150 pastors. They had scarcely held their own during the year. Their educational institutions are sentenced in the sentence of the congregation. cational institutions were more than usually prosperous. They are agitating the subject of more adequate support for their ministers. In taking his leave he congratulated the Assembly, and said they in New Hampshire were closely watching them, and rejoicing with them in the prospect of speedy re-union.

Rev. R. G. Vermilye, D.D., from the General Association of Connecticut, said their association was constituted of ministers—no laymen. They had taken great pains in gathering statistics, and were proud of them. They had 47,000 communicants and 288 churches. 800 infants were baptized during the year. This rite was observed by them better than by any other body in their denomination. The accession by profession during the year was over 3,000, the largest since 1858. The net increase was about 2,500. These

statistics showed religious advancement.

A minister said to him that he was ashamed of his native State. He thought that shame arose rather from political than religious reasons. The good people there have hope, which they trust will be one which will not make ashamed. He spoke in favor of working each in his favorite organization with a Christian spirit and union of feeling. They were regarding with interest the great question of re-union in the Presbyterian Church. He believed that the great Christian work could be more effectually done by a united body. He proceeded to make some very com-plimentary allusions to Moderator Nelson, saying to him that he would not venture to say them, but turning to the Assembly added that, now that his back was turned, he might express his own high esteem for one whom they had fitly chosen for their Moderator, and who had, perhaps more than any other man saved freedom to the State of Missouri. [Applause.] Dr. Nelson, twenty-one years ago preached for him. He remembered his sermon and his text, and he ought to have then foreseen from what he saw and heard of him that he would one day be Moderator of the General Assembly.

The Moderator made his official response to both of these delegates as one, representing one denomination. He said-You are from New England, which is still visible to the naked eye, (casting his eye to the great map of the United States, which hung behind the pulpit, and on which New England makes of course a very small show) and her influences felt wherever the breezes of freedom are wafted. He would venture to request every man and woman in the house who was born in New England to arise.

A large number, perhaps one fourth of those pre-

sent, immediately arose to their feet.

The Doctor, who should himself be included among those who had arisen, said he did not ask all to rise whose ancestors were born there. If he had, he pre-

Presbyterianism, is as firm as the granite of their native hills. The Charter Oak, he understood, had been uprooted from the soil of Hartford, but it shall never be torn from the hearts of Presbyterians.

Our two communions are so nearly alike that we can hardly tell them apart. Differing only in church organization we are really and truly brethren. He compared the different denominations to the different armies in the service, which rendered the army more efficacious if they all moved forward together upon the enemy. He spoke of occasional difficulties between our own body and the Congregationalists in the West, but said, if by mistake the different armies came in collision in the West, he should look to the older and wiser heads in the East to remedy the evil.

Notwithstanding his near neighbour, Dr. M. Post was understood to be a jure divino Congregationalist, in the thirteen or fourteen years of their truly pleasant and fraternal intercourse, the subject had not been mentioned between them. In conclusion he requested the audience to rise and

> How sweet and heavenly is the sight When those who love the Lord

sing two verses of the hymn commencing,

THE APPEAL CASE.

Dr. Canfield moved to postpone the order of the day, so as to take up the unfinished business of the appeal of Silas Miller. In his remarks in favor of the motion he stated that a telegram had been sent to the Moderator of the Synod of Illinois, asking him, 'Did Silas Miller lodge with you a notice of appeal to the General Assembly?" The answer was, "Yes." This was all he wished to say upon the question. He was now satisfied, and cared not to have immediate action, but only that the subject should not be put entirely aside. It was made the first order for Fri-

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RE-UNION.

The following report of the Special Committee on Re union was then read by Dr. Hawley: The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Special Committee appointed by the last General Assembly to confer with a similar Committee on the desirableness and practicability of reuniting the bodies which they severally represent, would respect fully report:

That they have given the document committed to them a careful consideration, in view of its grave importance, and the manifold interests it involves, in its relations to our own Church and the progress of the Kingdom of Christ in the earth. It presents a basis for the proposed re-union, which, if the two Assemblies so order, is to be submitted to the deliberate examination of both branches of the Church for one year, subject to such modifications as may appear necessary or desirable within that period. It leaves the General Assemblies of 1868 free to act with reference to these terms of re-union, in whole or in part, as providential signs may indicate; and if advisable to submit them to the Constitutional and final action of the Presbyteries. Ample opportunity is thus afforded for a full and deliberate consideration of the whole subject, in all its bearings, as they shall affect local interests or the well-being of the entire Church.

For this and kindred reasons your Committee conclude it was not the intention of this body in referring to them this proposed basis of re-union, that its several articles should be discussed at this time and place; and yet they cannot withhold their conviction, expressed in these general terms, that results have already been reached full of promise and hope; that whatever concessions have been made, they only indicate how near the two parts of the divided Church have approached each other; that nothing more and nothing less than Christian charity would dictate, has been yielded; and that in the adjustment of any difficulties or differences, a proper regard has been pre-served for the honor and rights of the respective bodies to which the work of their Joint Committee is now submitted. The remarkable unanimity with which these initiatory proceedings have been concluded, after a thorough and frank discussion of the basis of union is full of encouragement, and whatever accomplished for the healing of our divisions and the promotion of peace and good will in the Presbyterian

bodv. Impressed with these considerations and gratefully recognizing therein the guiding providence of God in the successive stages of this work of concord, and especially the Spirit of wisdom and love given to His servants in their several conferences, we do recommend that this Assembly approve of the whole action of its Special Committee as declared in their Report, and that the same Committee be continued for the purpose for which it was constituted.

There is a single point on which the Joint Committee ask instructions from the two General Assemblies. It relates to the changes in representation, &c. which will be required to adapt our ecclesiastical system to the necessities and circumstances of the United Church. We would recommend that it be left to the Joint Committee to examine carefully the whole subject, and suggest such changes in the Constitution as in their wisdom they may deem requisite. It is further recommended that the Report of the Joint Committee be published, under the authority of the Assembly, for general distribution among our ministers and churches.

It is also recommended that the Assembly appoint the several gentlemen designated by the Joint Committee as legal advisers, and in case of the inability of any one of them to serve, the Committee have pow

er to fill his place.

It is indicative, we would believe, of the temper of this Assembly, the largest during our history of thirty years since the separation, that your Committee though representing the extremes of our territory, and even the lingering memories of the conflict which culminated in the division, are of one mind in desiring the speedy and permanent re-union of our beloved Church. It is but reasonable to anticipate that the same spirit will characterize the action of the other Assembly, in the recollection of the fraternal, not to say magnanimous, advances made one year ago, and which gave rise to present measures for re-union, and the hope increasingly and fondly cherished in the great Presbyterian household. Other members of that renowned family, than those represented in the two Assemblies now in session, at home and across the sea, are stirred in sympathy at the goodly prospect. The friends of Christian Union everywhere claim an interest in the completion of our work, so happily begun, as another sign of the predicted day when all Christ's people shall be one, keeping the

unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.
(Signed) CHAS. HAWLEY, (Signed) GEORGE A. LYON, WM. C. WISNER, L. M. GLOVER, James A. Carnahan. John C. Farr. FISHER HOWE, L. W. CAPEN,

D. W. INGERSOLL. The report was unanimously accepted and adopted. Questions of adopting the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions came up, on which remarks were made by Elder Huntington, of Califor-nia. The churches of California are in favor of re-

Elder Barber, of Illinois, had one objection to this very excellent report, and that is, that it names no sum at which we should aim for Home Missions. He recommended half a million of dollars.

Adjourned with prayer.
[The Afternoon Session was taken up with hearing the Delegates from the Free Church of Scotland, and the lay delegate from the O. S. Assembly. sumed all in the house, with the exception of his dear | Full reports in our next.]

Special Aotices.

Amund meeting in Sweden, on Tuesday the 11th day of June next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery of Buffalo hold their stated mee-ting at Fredonia, on Tuesday the 11th day of June. at 4 o'clock, P. M. TIMOTHY STILLMAN, Stated Cierk. DONBIRK, May 11th, 1867.

NOTICE.—The Presbytery of Ontario, will hold their next stated meeting in Lakeville, on the second Tuesday in June, (11th.) at 4 o'clock, P. M. J. BARNARD, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Columbus will meet at Columbus on Tuesday, the 18th of June, at 7 o'clock P. M. Church records are to be presented at this meeting.

B. G. RILEY, Stated Clerk. Lodi, Wis., May 18, 1867.

The Presbytery of Steuben will hold its next stated meeting at Hammondsport on Tuesday, June 11th at 4 o'clock P. M.

W. A. NILIS, Stated Clerk.

A3 The Presbytery of Chemung will hold its next stated meeting at Rock Stream, commencing June 11th, at two o'clock P. M. C. C. CARR, Stated Clerk. May 24, 1887.

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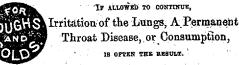
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