

heard them, we think, will ever forget the wise, and loving and tender words of counsel and encouragement given by the revered and honoured chairman, Mr. Ferrier. Like Moses, from the border land of the other world, he spoke words of godly wisdom to his young brethren, which should be to them an inspiration all their lives. The present writer and the Rev. James Graham, of Dundas, had also the privilege of addressing the meeting, but its key-note had been struck, and we could only endeavour to second and deepen the impression that had been already made. Our personal observation only strengthened the conviction, derived from former visits, of the thorough work that was done in the college, and the admirable grounding which the young men there received in the studies which were necessary for their training for the work and office of the Christian ministry.

THE UNION MOVEMENT.

We are glad to see that the feeling in favour of the Union movement is spreading throughout the different branches of Canadian Methodism. Several of the quarterly and district meetings have passed resolutions strongly favourable to the movement. The *Union* newspaper is conducted with vigour, and furnishes a good opportunity for the friends of union to discuss the question. We have been much impressed by the excellent and judicious letters on this subject of the Rev. James Gray, of the London Conference. Let us continue to cultivate the kindly Christian spirit which this movement exhibits, and organic union, we think, cannot long be delayed.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR VOLUME XVI.

It will be gratifying to the friends of this Magazine to learn that the last two years of its history have been the most successful it has known. Its circulation and influence have been constantly increasing, and it now occupies a better position than it ever did before. No effort shall be spared to make its

future still more deserving of success than its past. We are glad to announce that we have secured the co-operation of a large number of skilled writers, both within our own church and without.

In addition to the papers previously announced, we have arranged for the appearance of a series of articles on living and recent authors, to be accompanied by portraits, similar in style to that of Longfellow in the May number. The series for volume xvi. will embrace Emerson, by Mrs. Dr. Castle, author of the Emerson Birthday Book, Whittier, by Dr. Nelles; Tennyson, by, we think, Dr. Stevenson, of Montreal; Dr. Lord Lytton, by Professor Reynar; Lowell, by Rev. Leroy Hooker, and Mrs. Stowe, by——. The portraits to accompany these sketches will be in the highest style of the engraver's art.

In the July number an important paper on Darwin and Darwinism, by Dr. Canniff, will appear.

We have also secured the promise of a series of life-sketches, including Dr. Chalmers, by Dr. Ryckman; Robert Hall, by Rev. W. W. Ross; Dr. Lachlin Taylor, by Dr. Burwash; James Evans, by Dr. Carroll; and Judge Wilnot, by the Rev. A. W. Nicolson; and Memorials of Dr. Ryerson and Dr. P. P. Johnson, by Dr. Nelles and Rev. Hugh Johnson.

Important papers on the General Conference by leading writers of the connexion will be presented, and a condensed account of its proceedings will be presented as a permanent record, and other features of interest and importance will also be presented.

The illustrated articles will embrace: Loiterings in Europe, by the Rev. C. S. Eby, Missionary Heroes, by the Editor; Footprints of Bunyan; Picturesque Canada; Italian Pictures; Pictures of Paris; Bible Lands, etc.; "Life in a Parsonage" will be concluded.

We take the liberty to quote from the last number of the *Wesleyan Methodist Magazine* a remark of the Rev. B. Gregory, its accomplished editor, on the circulation of con-