

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF 1874.

We present, in the Appendix, the Minutes of the Annual Meetings of the Congregational Unions of Ontario and Quebec, and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the Reports of the several Denominational Societies connected therewith. The former of these were held in Toronto, June 10th-16th, and were largely attended, and full of interest. For the first time, the Chairman's Retiring Address took the place of a sermon, at the opening session. The theme chosen by Mr. Barker—that of Christian Union—was both timely and important, and the spirit in which it was discussed, was excellent. Considerable difference of opinion existed, however, as to how far organic union was desirable, or attainable at present. Its vote of thanks to Mr. Barker for his Address, published in the Minutes, defines very clearly the position of the Union on this question.

The Rev. Joseph Unsworth, of Georgetown, Ont, was elected Chairman for 1874-5 and the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of Kingston, Secretary, *vice* Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, resigned.

Papers were read by Rev. W. F. Clarke, on "The introduction of Ministers to our Body ;" and by the Rev. J. Wood, on "The Scriptural terms of admission to Baptism."

The address by the Rev. Mr. Fenwick, on "Revivals in 1874," and also that by Mr. Robt. McKay, recently from the scene of the great Scottish awakening, were of very great interest and value. May the desire they prompted for such seasons of refreshing, in Canada, be abundantly realized! Those by the Rev. H. Sanders, of Hamilton, and the Rev. J. Fraser, on "The Ministry for the Times," and "The Church for the Times," were also most effective.

The address of Mr. C. H. Brooks, and his prospective departure to Turkey, as the first Missionary of the Canadian churches, in connection with the A. B. C. F. Mission, also added much interest to the occasion. The proposal "to make his maintenance the special charge of the Congregational Churches in Canada," was "heartily approved" by the Union.

The action of the C. C. Missionary Society, and the *Canadian Independent Publishing Company*, in appointing the Rev. J. Wood to the position of Home Missionary Superintendent, and Editor of the Magazine and Year Book, was felt to be a most important step in the right direction. Mr. Wood has accepted the appointment, and has relinquished his pastoral charge at Brantford, which he has held for nearly twenty-two years.

We commend the appended Reports to the careful perusal of all our readers.

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The following is the Minute adopted June 10th, and endorsed by the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, June 11th, in regard to the appointment of Mr. Wood as Superintendent of Home Missions and Editor of the *Canadian Independent*.