

themselves; and for more than a hundred years, religion seemed very dead.

8. The modern revival began about 1740, with Whitefield and Wesley. At the end of the century, modern missions began.

XXXV. THE CHURCH.

1. The Greek word rendered "church," at first meant any assembly or meeting, drawn out from the mass. Afterwards, the word was used by the Apostles and their followers, to denote organized assemblies of Christians for worship.

2. In the New Testament, the word denotes either (1) A meeting of believers, or (2) The whole number of believers. It is never used in any intermediate, or any territorial sense.

3. No power outside the Church itself, has any authority to make laws for it, or to appoint its officers.

4. The New Testament is the "Constitution" of the Church. The Church may only make rules or by-laws, in accordance with the "Constitution."

5. The Church is not of human invention. The inspired Apostles established "Churches" wherever they gathered converts. It is Christ's great school for training Christians.

6. Every member has work to do in the Church. Those who feel weakest and most unable, are those who are in most danger of sinning in this matter.

7. Every matter of Christian duty, that needs numbers and co-operation, should be done by the Church. The Church cannot hand over its own duties to some outside "Society" or "Guild."

8. Everyone, who has intelligently received Christ as his or her Saviour, no matter how young, should be received into the Church as a member. From that moment they must (1) Be instructed in the truth, and (2) Be given work to do.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, was held in the city of Kingston, Ont., beginning on Wednesday, 4th June, at 9 a.m.

The first exercises were devotional, extending to one hour. Rev. William Cuthbertson, B.A.,

Chairman of the Union, presiding. More efforts are made for some years past, than formerly, to have all members of Standing Committees free to attend the morning devotional meetings of the Union; and they are much better attended: a majority of the members and delegates being present.

Rev. Dr. Barnes, of Sherbrooke, Que., spoke in praise of the arrangement by which the morning prayer meeting is made a part of the Union meetings; and hoped the members would warmly invite the families of their entertainers to be present; if otherwise inconvenient, then in relays.

The chairman made some tender allusions to the late Rev. Joseph Shallowcross, whom, he said, we had just begun to learn to love, when he suddenly passed away.

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

At 10 o'clock, the business of the Union was taken up. The Standing Committees were: *Business*, Rev. John Morton, Convener; *Nomination*, Rev. George Robertson, Convener; *Membership*, Rev. R. K. Black, Convener; *Finance*, Mr. Thos. Moodie, Convener.

Several applications for transfer, and for membership, were read, and referred to the Membership Committee.

The Annual Report of the Union was then read by Prof. Warriner, Sec. Treas. The report spoke of an unusual number of vacancies occurring during the year. One pastor was dead, and five had removed from the Dominion. The Congregational Union of England and Wales was represented among us in the person of an honored delegate, Rev. W. F. Clarkson, of Birmingham. In 1885, this Union suggested to the English Union, to call a general Congregational Council, and the suggestion has borne fruit. Such a council to consist of 300 representatives from all parts of the world, is now called for July, 1891. To this Union are allotted six delegates: to the Lower Provinces two, to Newfoundland one. The report spoke of the revelations of corruption in public life; the modification of our statistical tables; progress observable in the body since the Union last met in Kingston, eleven years ago; and other matters. After the adoption of the report the meeting of the

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was held; the President, Rev. Dr. Cornish, in the chair. Rev. John Wood, Secretary, read the Thirty-Seventh Annual Report, which, he stated, if we go back to the actual beginning of organized