

able to respond. We rejoice to welcome Rev. J. W. Cox as a delegate from that Union, who will convey to us the greetings of the brethren by the sea. He, too, is assured of the most cordial reception at the hands of the Union.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

One year ago the Union placed a resolution on record in connection with this matter. Since that time remedial legislation has been before our Dominion Parliament, and is now a question of special prominence. We would recommend that the Business Committee present a Resolution for the consideration of the Union.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL.

A communication has been received from Rev. H. A. Hazen, Secretary of the National Council of the United States, calling attention to the meeting of the International Congregational Council, which it is expected will assemble in 1899. This Union would place on record its most hearty willingness to co-operate with brethren of other lands, in helping to make the gathering one of world-wide importance, and would instruct our secretary to communicate with Mr. Hazen to this effect.

OUR CLOSING MEETINGS.

We are pleased to announce that on Monday evening, Rev. R. M. Hill will deliver a stereoptican lecture on "Congregational Shrines." It is hoped that all the members may be able to remain for this evening, and that it may be one of the best of the Union. We would recommend that in future the time for closing be extended to Wednesday evening. In placing this report in your hands, we do so with the earnest prayer that in every session there may be recognized the presence of the Master, and that in our deliberations and counsel, we may be directed by the Spirit of God. We pray for the brethren a time of rich profit, and that all assembled may have abundant reason to thank God for the Union of 1896.

Respectfully submitted,

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