

of Danville, Quebec, was called to the chair. Revs. R. Robinson, of Owen Sound, Chairman of the Union; B. W. Day, of Stouffville; T. Pullar, of Hamilton; W. F. Clarke, of Guelph; T. M. Reikie, of Bowmanville; and W. P. Wastell, of Michigan, were the speakers. The chapel was well filled, and the proceedings were of a most interesting character.

*Saturday, June 15th.*

The Rev. E. J. Sherrill presided at the devotional service. The Union then adjourned in favour of the Corporation of the College, to allow of their holding their annual meeting. A full report of this meeting, from another pen, will be given elsewhere.

On resuming, the Membership Committee reported, recommending that the names of Bell Ewart, Bothwell, Bosanquet, Erin, Grey, Hillsburg, Little Warwick, Moore, Newcastle, Norwichville, Plympton, and Port Hope, be removed from the roll, these churches having apparently ceased to exist. But, on motion of Rev. F. H. Marling, this report was laid on the table until next year, and the attention of the District Missionary Committees was specially invited to the matter.

The Business Committee then offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

#### INDIAN MISSION.

That this Union has listened with pleasure to the statements of the Rev. W. Clarke, agent of the Canada Indian Missionary Society, respecting the work done among the Ojibway Indians; rejoices in the encouraging aspect of its affairs; and commends to the confidence, support and prayers of the churches, the agents, teachers and evangelists of the Society, and the subjects of its missionary and educational labours.

#### THE IRISH ESTABLISHMENT.

That this Union, which has so long in its own field testified against the national establishment and endowment of churches, cannot refrain from expressing its gratification at the near prospect of the removal of the Episcopal church in Ireland, from State patronage and control; being fully assured that while a great grievance against a majority of the population of that country will be thereby remedied, the true interests of Protestantism will be also promoted; and being further convinced from the experience of the several Provinces of the Dominion, that granting of public subsidies and superior privileges to any religious body is alike an injury to the commonwealth, and a hinderance to the kingdom of Christ. While the operation of the voluntary principle, both among those who hold it as a matter of conscience, and among those who have been compelled to adopt it in practice, adds a fresh illustration to those supplied elsewhere, of its financial productiveness, and its power to promote a healthful activity, liberality, spirituality, independence and self-government in the church.

#### DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES.

That this Union congratulates itself and the country, on the stand recently taken by the Government of Ontario, against the further endowment of denominational Colleges from public funds; and earnestly hopes that the position will be firmly sustained by the Legislature and the people. That the Union regards it as a matter of the highest importance to the peace and welfare of the newly constituted Province, that its system of education should be based on sound principles, applied to every part of the plan. That the only sound principle for such a system is that which deals with the people, not as separated by religious differences, but as united in a common citizenship. That one of the most marked and cheering characteristics of the present time in ecclesiastical matters in Great Britain and her dependencies, is the general and rapid adoption, development and application of the principle. That departures from this sound funda-