

up with a grand festival in the Music Hall, on the evening of the third day, and, as might have been expected, the enthusiasm throughout was great.

THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE met in Oshawa this year. Rev. W. Hooper was elected President. A resolution condemnatory of Sabbath interment of the dead was adopted. The subject of christian union, especially among the members of the large and divided Methodist family, received much attention, and consultation with other bodies in regard to it was determined on. It was resolved to attempt the establishment of a denominational paper. A public temperance meeting was held during the session of Conference. A new discipline was adopted, and a resolution on the Fenian raid passed.

W. F. C.

CHEBOGUE, N. S., AND REV. JOHN GRAY.—You have already announced Rev. John Gray's resignation of the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Chebogue, N. S. This resignation was hastened by a reduction of the missionary grant consequent upon Rev. J. L. Poore's visit to the churches last year. Present arrangements contemplate sabbath-school and prayer-meeting in the morning, with preaching in the afternoon of each Lord's Day by your correspondent, whose people have consented to this as a temporary arrangement, in the belief that their brethren at Chebogue will avail themselves of the opportunity to set their beautiful and commodious church-building free from debt as soon as possible. Their pew-rents, averaging from \$120 to \$150 per annum, have been hitherto appropriated to that purpose, and special efforts are made yearly to the same end. It is hoped that, with the divine blessing, this church will ere long be in a position to invite another to the pastorate, and support him independently of all missionary aid. Meanwhile Chebogue draws nothing from the Society.

On the 14th June some of Mr. Gray's friends met at his residence—due notice of their intention having been given—and spent a pleasant afternoon. After tea, your correspondent was deputed to present certain contributions in the name of friends in Chebogue and Yarmouth, to which Mr. Gray made a suitable reply. The result, taking everything into account, was highly satisfactory. The contributions consisted exclusively of money and useful articles, chiefly materials for clothing, reaching a total of nearly \$70, including contributions subsequently sent in. It may be well to add that the above was a *bona fide* donation, and that although Mr. Gray's resignation took effect 30th June, it was understood that his salary would continue till 1st September, an act of thoughtful kindness which leaves our brother at liberty to seek another sphere of labor at his leisure.

The following is from the report which appeared in the *Congregationalist* of the 64th annual meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts, held on the 28th of June: "Rev. John Gray, from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia, made one of the best speeches of the session. Recognizing the fact that Congregationalism is but a small organization there, he said that it was sustained from pure love to its civil, social and religious principles. He then gave some very interesting historical reminiscences, showing that Massachusetts and Nova Scotia had in the olden time a common interest in the denomination, and he instanced two councils in our state which were called to deliberate on Nova Scotia matters. We hope to present these statements to our readers in full, and therefore will only allude to them here. A vein of quiet humor ran through his remarks which was very pleasing and acceptable."

Yarmouth, N. S., July 14, 1866.

A. B.

REV. G. A. RAWSON, writing from *Batavia, Illinois*, June 25th, says: "I am happily situated here, having received and accepted a call to the pastorate. My wife and family came on a week since; a social at the house of one of the friends was given to welcome them, and to give us an opportunity of becoming acquainted with each other. My people also aided us in getting a home, by donating nearly