

Some practical suggestions were made. The Union meetings at Ottawa will see the harvest from the seed sown at these Association meetings. Besides those questions we talked of the Temperance question, Church mission, S. S. work; all of which were thoroughly discussed.

*Fourth*—The good feeling and harmony which prevailed were noticeable, and more than that, the Christian character of the meetings. We returned to our homes feeling it was good for us to have been there.—We have more encouragement to work.

We cannot speak too highly of our entertainers. In the euphonic language of Artemus, they "did noble well." They feted us and treated us to repletion. The last evening was spent in a social meeting. You may understand how enjoyable the meeting was when I tell you that twelve ministers made speeches at it.

We would suggest (and the "we" only means one,) that the pastor of the church where the Association meets, have charge of this evening's entertainment, and ask beforehand those whom he wishes to speak.—We are not such ready speakers as that we can rise at a moment's notice and speak to edification.

On Wednesday evening the meeting broke up to meet again in Autumn.

J. W. P.

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

### I. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual meeting will be held in the Congregational Church, Ottawa, Ont., commencing on Wednesday, June 9th, at 7.30 p. m., when the Annual Sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. R. Black, B. A., of G. A. fraxa, Ont.

The Churches connected with the Union are reminded of Standing Rule No. 12, which requests every church to take up a collection for the Union on or before the first Sunday in June. This rule is intended to apply to all the churches, not excepting those which may not send delegates.

It is requested that all matters to be brought before the Union, especially applications for membership, should be placed in the hands of the Secretary a reasonable time before the Annual meeting. All such applications for membership are required to be in writing, and, in the case of church applying, to be accompanied by a recommendation signed by three (3) members of the Union.

The attention of pastors and churches is directed to Standing Rule No. 4, where they will find instructions as to the manner of electing the Chairman.

Arrangements will be made with the Railway and Steamboat Companies for reduced rates. The Secretary is prepared to furnish the necessary certificates to all Ministers and delegates. He would be obliged if the applications were all forwarded in good time, and specified the lines by which it was intended to travel.

The Union Committee is requested to meet in the vestry of the Ottawa Church, on Wednesday, June 9th, at 2 p. m.

### II. CONFERENCE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

At the last annual meeting of the Union a resolution was passed in favor of holding a Conference on

the State of Religion, and a committee, consisting of the Rev. Jno. Morton, together with the Chairman and Secretary of the Union, was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The Committee decided to ask several gentlemen to give addresses or papers on subjects of practical importance, these to be followed by open conference and discussion. The following is the list of subjects and speakers:—

"Statistical Secretary's Report," Rev. Geo. Robertson, B. A.

"Conditions and Obligations of Church Fellowship," Rev. W. H. Allworth.

"How to Secure the Right Material for our Ministry," Rev. W. H. Warriner, B. D.

"How may the Church Best Reach the Churchless," Rev. E. M. Hill, M. A.

"Why are there not More Conversions in our Congregations," Rev. D. Macallum.

It has not yet been finally decided at what stage of the meetings these subjects shall be introduced. It has been suggested that we endeavor to secure the whole of Saturday forenoon for the Conference. The Secretary, on behalf of the Committee, would be glad to receive any further suggestions in order that we may have all the light possible in coming to a decision. It is hoped that the brethren will come to the Conference bringing their best thought on the subjects named, and ready to utter their thought with brevity and weight.

HUGH PEDLEY,

Sec. Treasurer.

Cobourg, Ont., Box 166. April 26, 1885.

### OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

Dr. Smith, of the American Board, writes from Boston on Saturday the 3rd: "I have just come in from seeing the Curries and Fays move off in the Payonia for their distant port and labor. The day is stormy, but their hearts seemed light and brave. I was glad to be with them at the very last, and note their spirit and bring back their final greeting to friends left behind. Mr. and Mrs. Currie have made a very favorable impression upon all who have met them since they came to Boston, and we are altogether delighted with this first contribution of the Canadian churches to our work abroad. It will increase our desire for further recruits. I shall be surprised if these friends do not give a good account of themselves from the very first.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay seemed to take at once to Mr. and Mrs. Currie, and I think the friendship was mutual, and will be a lasting and delightful one. We held our farewell service on Wednesday evening last with the Phillips church of Watertown, of which Mrs. Fay was a member. Mr. Fay and Mr. Currie both spoke very appropriately, and the four were presented to the congregation.

Our friends were particularly fortunate in sailing upon so fine a steamer as the Payonia. They have the pleasure also of being fellow passengers with Jas. Russel Lowell, who is on his way to England.

I was surprised and delighted with the expedition shown by Mr. and Mrs. Currie in the purchase of their outfit. What often requires two weeks of most perplexing and fatiguing work, was accomplished by them within three or four days, with apparent ease. This was perhaps, partly due to the fact that some advance