

was to have been heard at the social meeting, but was unfortunately compelled to leave the city during the day.

Rev. Dr. Beecher was then introduced, as the Representative of the Memorial Convention, and of the Illinois Association. He spoke of the beginnings of Congregationalism in the Western States. They had an idea that Chicago will ere long become a greater centre of Congregationalism than Boston. There are already very nearly as many churches of this order West of the Alleghanies as there are in New England. And the great Pacific slope, East and West, is but beginning to be filled up. He rejoiced in the spirit he found abroad in the brethren. What a power was in the keeping of consecrated men, who, in all their various organizations now assembled in this city, love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Messrs. Lavell and Dewart were introduced as Delegates from the Wesleyan Conference, and expressed the christian greetings of the conference. Mr. Lavell spoke in affectionate terms of the pastor of Zion Church, and of their former Christian Associations. He said he had been accustomed in former years to hear much manly Theology from the Rev. John G. Manly, and also referred to the debt of the whole Christian church to many of the great names among Congregationalists.

The Rev. Mr. Dewart spoke of the need of vigorous and united efforts on the part of all christians. As Nelson reconciled two captains who were at variance, by pointing out the French fleet in the distance, so we should learn that it is no time to dispute when the enemy is so united and powerful. We have a great work before us, the bringing of the world to Christ. The more we know of each other, the more shall we be animated by the same spirit. The christian church is greatly indebted to the writings of Congregationalists, and good books published by them found a large circulation among his Methodist brethren.

These kindly sentiments were appropriately responded to by the Chairman.

The Rev. R. K. Black also presented the brotherly salutations of the Congregational Union of N. S. and N. B. He said he represented a "little sister." They had only eleven churches, but some of them were the oldest in the Dominion. Eight of them were of Pilgrim extraction. His own was called "the Church of the Puritans." Wesleyans, Presbyterians, &c., were *cousins*; he loved them, and delighted to work with them, but did not approve of the *marriage* of cousins! Congregationalism has its own special mission, and we must aim at a wise and scriptural administration of it.

The delegates to corresponding bodies then reported as to the fulfilment of their commissions, and the Union adjourned to

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which had been provided in the Lecture Room. After ample justice had been done to the repast, the Pastor of the Church referred to the gratifying fact of this being the largest gathering of the Union ever held, and gave the ministers and delegates, and *their wives*, a most hearty welcome. Zion Church had been the birth-place of *Churches*, as well as of souls, and it was pleasant to be able to say that entire harmony in feeling and work existed between the three sister churches now existing in Toronto. He then called upon several brethren for impromptu addresses.