

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

in his work, did not feel themselves restrained from speaking all their mind. It was certainly very pleasing to find their testimony so unanimous and so favorable.

Nothing is perfect in this world ; and the minor note of discontent was struck, in the matter of the possible reinforcement of Mr. Main with another evangelist ; and a resolution was passed expressing that desire. It does not, however, seem possible, and indeed scarcely reasonable, for the C.C.M.S. to engage another evangelist at present, considering their current resources. If, as was hinted, some large hearted brethren are ready to assume, or largely assist, the salary of such brother, it may put another complexion on the matter. We hope it may.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The delegates, including quite a sprinkling of women, were hospitably and pleasantly billeted on the members and on a few friendly members of other churches ; and after thus making acquaintance with their hosts and hostesses at the tea table, re-assembled at 7.45 in the evening. The afternoon meeting had been in the commodious basement, this was in the church proper. The very excellent choir was in full attendance, both at this and at the concluding evening session, and with the lady organist, who was specially mentioned, carried a warm recognition in the concluding vote of thanks.

Mr. James White, of Woodstock, read an elaborate and carefully prepared paper on the question of "How the Church could Transform and Purify the World?" The question was skilfully and philosophically argued. It needed close attention ; but such attention was amply repaid. Mr. White is no pessimist, but believes that the Church and people of God can do much for the world ; and that we are only now beginning to find out the best ways of doing it.

The president, Mr. Bolton, followed, being down for an address from the chair. As an indication of the trend of Christian thought among practical followers of Christ, Mr. Bolton and Mr. White, not knowing each other's subject, had been thinking out substantially the same problem. It is a many sided problem, and there need be no danger of overlapping ; and there was none. The church was comfortably filled for the evening.

The association met at 9 for devotion, led by Rev. A. Margrett, of Speedside, and at 9.30 for business. Verbal reports from a large number of churches, occupied a most interesting hour. We present one, as a specimen of the whole. There were more just as good ; this one was from Kincardine :—

Rev. John McKillican said he had been preaching at Kincardine, in the County of Bruce, since the first Sabbath in November. It is hard getting about, the roads are horrible, blocked up with snow, and nobody thinks of breaking them. They leave that to the minister going to see the dying, or somebody after a doctor. In Quebec they do better ; every man turns out to "break" the road as soon as the storm is over. They are a peculiar people, and have been a good deal neglected by the other churches. They think in one language, and speak in another. They speak in the grand old original tongue in which Adam addressed Eve. They think a great deal, and they talk very little. Some of them are Western Islesmen, and they live there yet ; have only brought their bodies to Canada. When the roads are blocked the old people don't come out ; the women come out. There is a grand array of young people in the settlement ; the young come out. Danger of a gulf widening, in the habits and feelings of the old and the young. The churches ought to spare a pastor once in a while, to spend a Sabbath with these isolated churches. In answer to the brother who has just asked, "If I preach in Gaelic?" I may say there is not much need of giving sermons in Gaelic, it would be well understood only by a few ; but I visit in Gaelic among the old folk. And I have procured some very excellent evangelical tracts in Gaelic ; and I read to them in their houses, and they shed tears in Gaelic.

Encouraging accounts were given from Wingham, Sarnia, Hamilton Second and Stratford ; also interesting particulars from Scotland, Fergus, London Southern, Listowel, Watford, Forest, Howick (by a lady delegate), St. Catharines and Frome. The hour closed before the larger churches could be heard from, but it was felt to be important to hear from the smaller fields.

On recommendation of the Membership Committee, the church at Fergus, and the Revs. J. C. Madill, W. W. Smith, George Skinner and George Fuller were admitted to membership.

Mr. C. W. Finlayson, of Paris, presented, in a very lucid and interesting manner, the subject of "Church Bookkeeping." He thought there was a great lack of proper bookkeeping with treasurers of churches ; "and don't put in a wealthy treasurer ; a good-natured man, who will make advances, and the people will let him ; and don't go on the principle of keeping your expenses down to your income ; that is very good as a private and