

harmony that prevails in our Union, which calls for the devotest thanksgivings to the Divine Head of the Church, there is great cause to mourn and humble ourselves before God, in view of the fact that we have had no general refreshings from the presence of the Lord during the past year,—that comparatively few conversions have taken place, and that much spiritual torpor prevail, therefore,—

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to all the Members of our Churches, that they humble themselves individually before God, repent of all their backslidings, be up and doing their Master's work, while it is day, put forth their prayerful efforts for the conversion of sinners; and that one prominent object of their daily and fervent prayers be, in the spirit of the language of the Prophet, "*O Lord, revive thy work; in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.*"

The advantages of local Associations being considered great to the Ministers and Churches thus connected, it was:—

Resolved, That it be recommended to form such Associations, whenever practicable, within our bounds.

To prevent the sudden and unseemly dissolution of the Pastoral relation and thereby to prevent much evil to our Churches, it was

Resolved, That this Union considers it *inexpedient* that the Pastoral relation should be dissolved without the advice and approbation of the Ministers and Churches in the vicinity;—and further, that this Resolution, with the one which refers to the introduction and ordination of Pastors, shall have a permanent place on the Minutes of the Union.

The subject of a closer Union, and more efficient co-operation with the Churches of Western Canada, was duly considered, when it was:—

Resolved, That this Union cordially expresses its readiness to enter into any arrangement with the Union of Western Canada, which may be mutually satisfactory, to bring their respective churches into more intimate and affectionate co-operation with each other; and that this Resolution be transmitted through Mr. Lillie, now present, the respected Secretary of the Congregational Union, Canada West.

Resolved, That Delegates from this Union to corresponding bodies, who may fail to fulfil their appointment by personal attendance, be required to address these bodies by letter, communicating, in substance, such information and such sentiments as they would furnish, if present, at their Annual Conventions; and further, that this Resolution be placed among the Standing Rules of the Union.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Union, that Parliamentary grants to religious bodies, for sectarian purposes, is wrong in principle, and oppressive in practice,—and that it respectfully tenders its thanks to S. Brooks, Esq., and the other Members of the House of Assembly, who opposed such grants in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament.

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