

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF 1875.

The assembling of the Union in Hamilton, in 1875, will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant, harmonious and effective gatherings we have ever enjoyed. There were present 35 ministers, 44 delegates, and about 30 visitors, mostly ministerial. The address of the Retiring Chairman, the Rev. Joseph Unsworth, of Georgetown, was devoted to the question "How to make our Churches an Increasing Power in the Land." It has already appeared in full in the *Canadian Independent*, and need not be reproduced here. The Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A., of Zion Church, Montreal, was chosen his successor for the year. The Rev. D. Macallum again did good service as Minute-Secretary, assisted by Mr. H. Pedley.

Papers were read by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, on doing all things "Decently and in order;" by the Rev. J. Wood, on "How best to promote denominational efficiency;" by the Rev. W. Manchee, on "Amusements;" by Dr. Richardson, of Toronto University, on "Science, falsely so called," and by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, on "Special efforts to extend the Kingdom of Christ." Valuable addresses were also given at the Annual Public Meeting of the Union, by Rev. Messrs. Stevenson and Marling respectively, on "The Relation of the Church to Modern Skeptical Thought," and "Spiritual Power;" and by Mr. George Hague, on "The Reflex Spiritual Influence of Foreign Missions." These have nearly all been more or less fully given in the Magazine.

"The Narrative of the State of Religion," and the reports given by brethren present, show the past year to have been one of much more than usual prosperity. The Home Secretary's Report indicated progress, and inspired hope for the future. The income of the Missionary Society was reported as steadily increasing. That of the College was also represented as "in a healthy state," and the Corporation, in consequence, upon the recommendation of a large select Committee, appointed to consider the matter, added to its staff of Professors, Mr. Archibald Duff, Jr., M.A., who takes the chair of Biblical Literature. The Provident Fund grows strong, and the Pastors' Retiring Fund gives promise of being in operation by another year.

The Reports of these several Societies, as well as of the Indian Mission, and the sister Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, are all given as formerly, and we bespeak for them all a careful perusal.