

Christ. We want men to go up to the North-West who are prepared to stick there. Let them work hard, and they will have good success. They did not need money in Winnipeg; they had plenty of it, thanks to Providence and the "boom." He hoped that God would put it into the hearts of some good men to go West and work for Christ. His church has now a building lot and a fund of \$30,000 for church and parsonage, which are to be built this summer.

DURING the year a number of the brethren having met in Montreal for College purposes, agreed to issue a circular agreement, which we now give in its amended form, for the issuing thereof was specially designed to draw decided attention to certain principles which the Union had affirmed. Being sent to all acting pastors who, with their churches, were members of the Union, considerable correspondence ensued, and the original signers now agree to the form as, in accordance with several suggestions made, amended:—

In the Report of the Union Committee, June, A.D. 1880, are the following words: "Recent occurrences among our Canadian Churches indicate the existence of a pressing necessity that something should be done to protect vacant churches against the introduction to their pulpits of unworthy men. Events have transpired since then which, in the judgment of many, have intensified the necessity above referred to.

Recognizing this necessity, and feeling the incongruity of a denomination based upon the principle of "Purity of Communion" being open to the charge of laxity in admission to its pulpits, we whose names are appended, until a more excellent way is found, covenant as follows:—

While guarding against interference with the rights of the individual Church, we own the obligations of fellowship, and therefore shall not, by taking part in ordination or recognition services, recognize as within the bounds of our denominational fellowship Churches or pastors who fail to comply with the purport of the following recommendations passed by the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec in June, 1876, and reaffirmed in 1880:

(1.) That previous to the formation of a new Church of our Order, a Council of Pastors and Delegates of sister Churches should be called by the parties desiring to be so formed into such a Church, and that statements and documents relating to the proposed organization should be presented to the Council thus formed, and its advice in the matter sought.

(2.) That in the ordination, recognition or installation of pastors, and in the setting apart of evangelists in or among our Churches, the Church over whom the pastor is to be placed, or of which the evangelist is a member, should call a Council, before whom should be laid the call of the Church, and the

credentials of the pastor elect, or the evangelist, as the case may be, and the advice of the Council sought in relation thereto.

(3.) That a Council consists of the representatives of Churches, not of individuals, and it is expedient that each Church consulted should be represented by its pastor and a delegate, and should embrace, though not exclusively, the sister Congregational Churches contiguous to the Church or people seeking advice.

Nor will we, unless under very exceptional circumstances, endorse the settlement of pastors, not at present in our fellowship, whose literary and other attainments are not in accord with the standard required by the regulations of the Congregational College of British North America.

Unwilling to ask what we are not ready to reciprocate, we consider ourselves under similar obligations in our denominational fellowship.

The names thus far given to this agreement (in alphabetical order) are Rev. Messrs. R. K. Black, Burton, Cornish, Dey, Foster, Hall, R. Hay, Hindley, Hunter, Jackson, Kaye, McColl, A. F. McGregor, Powis, Roy, Stevenson, Unsworth, Warriner, Wilkes, Wood; Messrs. C. Alexander, Hague, Henry Lyman, the Lanark Church, and Toronto Northern. A very decided approval was also received from the Church at Yarmouth, N. S., and its respected pastor.

That this matter might come before the Union, it was agreed that Dr. Stevenson should give notice of the following motion:—"That in view of the circumstances in which the churches now stand, and have stood for the last few years, in the matter of the introduction of ministers to their pastoral oversight, it is now more than ever desirable that ministers and churches should adhere to the recommendations of the Union with respect to the settlement of ministers passed in 1876, and reaffirmed in 1880."

This motion was, with the circular, discussed on Saturday morning, and was carried with but one dissenting vote.

THE Upper Canada Bible Society, by a circular, invited attention to its work, and the following resolution is affectionately pressed upon our churches:—"That this Union, being deeply interested in the freest circulation of the Holy Scriptures throughout our land, pledges itself in the future, as in the past, to a living and vigorous sympathy with the Upper Canada Bible Society in the various departments of its religious and philanthropic work, and would at the same time express its gratitude to God for the manifold blessings with which He has crowned the labour of the time-honoured parent society, and of this, one of its auxiliaries."