

various branches, had raised nearly \$300 during the past year. The Treasurer read his annual report showing receipts \$1,494.75, Expenditure \$1,748.69. A movement to wipe out the deficiency was at once made, resulting in a subscription of nearly \$100.

(At a subsequent session, the Rev. Mr. Hall was authorized to collect subscriptions from the churches with the same end in view.) After the presentation and adoption of the reports of the retiring Missionary Secretary and of the Treasurer the meeting was addressed by the Missionary Superintendent, Rev. T. Hall, also Rev. Dr. Cornish, President of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, and by Rev. Dr. Warren, the latter speaking of the great work accomplished by the 4,100 Congregational Churches in the United States in home and foreign work.

The Rev. A. F. Thompson, (Presbyterian) who was invited to sit as an honorary member pronounced the benediction.

On Tuesday, after devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. Whitman, the Union resumed business. The following resolutions among others were proposed and unanimously adopted:

1. "That this Union express its appreciation of the Year Book and earnestly recommend it to every member of our Churches.

2. "That this Union express its confidence in the management of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT as a means of denominational communication and religious instruction, and recommend that the pastors of our churches seek to extend its circulation.

3. "Whereas intemperance has been, and is still, a great, if not the greatest evil, with which our churches have to contend, therefore be it resolved (1) That this Union urges total abstinence as a Christian duty upon all members and adherents of the Congregational Churches, and all within their influence. (2) That the churches be recommended to use unfermented juice of the grape in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. (3) That the ministers be requested to preach a temperance sermon at least once a year, and that the third Sunday in December be the day when this subject be specially brought before the people. (4) That this Union views with pleasure the efforts of the W. C. T. U., and sees in this movement great hope for the future; also the efforts put forth to submit

the Scott Act to the electors of the several Counties of the Provinces, and urges all ministers and members of our churches to put forth all reasonable efforts for its success."

4. "That in view of the increasing desecration of the Lord's Day, the Union would express its sorrow for the same, and recommend that the members of all our churches do their utmost for the suppression of this growing evil."

At the afternoon session the delegates from and to corresponding bodies were heard. Rev. Dr. Warren conveyed the greetings of the National Council of Congregational Churches of the United States, as well as the greetings of the Maine Conference which he represented by request of the delegate who was appointed, but was unable to be present in person. He gave a statement of the National Council, and referred to the new creed drawn up by a Committee of the Council. "If this creed," said he, "is received by the churches, we shall be in the singular position of being the only Protestant denomination which would have a creed that the denomination in general believed." Dr. Warren, by request also spoke of the *Christian Mirror* with which he is connected.

The following resolution was then unanimously adopted,—"That this Union has heard with pleasure the addresses from Dr. Warren in which he conveyed to us the fraternal greetings of our sister churches in the United States, and rejoices with them in their continued prosperity; also that this Union welcomes to our midst Dr. Warren as Editor of the *Christian Mirror*, of Portland, Me., and would express our appreciation of that journal, and commend it to our families as worthy of their confidence.

Rev. Dr. Cornish then addressed the Union, first conveying as he had been requested to do by the delegate appointed, the greetings of the sister Union of Ontario and Quebec, and then speaking on behalf of the Congregational College of B. N. A. of which he is Secretary.

On motion Resolved, That this Union has heard with pleasure the address of Dr. Cornish anent the new departure, the C. C. B. N. A. has made in the completion of new and commodious College buildings and its more efficient management. We would commend the college to the systematic beneficence of the churches of our Union as well as to their prayerful sympathy.