

nature and history of the Union, and with much pleasure we present it to our readers in another page. The Union then proceeded to ballot for the new chairman, which resulted in the election of Rev. W. Hay, of Scotland, C. W. During the remainder of Thursday forenoon, the Missionary Committee was elected and the annual statistical report was presented. The Secretary-Treasurer received the thanks of the Union for the expenditure of the great labour involved in its preparation. It will appear in print, for the careful study of those who value statistical information. The neglect of some to furnish the needed replies to the circular sent, of course affects the perfection of the whole, nevertheless a high claim may justly be advanced for Canadian Congregational statistics; the labours of Mr. Ebbs have been highly appreciated, and in common with many we regret his retirement from the office of Secretary of the Union.

DINNER.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Montreal brethren provided a cold collation in the lecture room of Zion Church—an excellent arrangement for the comfort of ministers and delegates, and affording facilities for the despatch of committee business otherwise unattainable. After dinner, short addresses of a cheerful and animating nature were delivered. The loyalty of the Union was expressed by drinking her Majesty's health in pure cold water, and singing the National Anthem. Other appropriate sentiments were given and responded to by Rev. F. H. Marling, John Leeming, Esq., Revs. W. H. Daniels, U. Balkam, T. M. Reikie, J. Wheeler and E. H. Squire.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After the appointment of the Missionary District Committees, Dr. Wilkes presented the 10th Annual Report of the Canadian Missionary Society; the aspect of which was cheering, special notice being made of the tenacity of life which our churches at times exhibit, as seen during the past year in three instances, where, from adverse circumstances, dissolution was contemplated, but ultimately other and nobler counsels prevailed; the resuscitation of one cause was mentioned.

A narrative of his mission to the Colonial Missionary Society was given by Dr. Wilkes, which was listened to with great interest. We have no doubt that a better understanding and increased confidence have resulted from the labors of the deputation to the fatherland.

Rev. Mr. Vernon, of Point aux Trembles, addressed the Union (speaking in French) in the name of the six French Protestant churches of Canada. Dr. Wilkes translated the address; and it was *resolved*—"That the Chairman and Secretary of the Union frame a reply to the French Canadian Protestant Churches, in Synod represented; to be presented (with a French rendering) by Dr. Wilkes.

The Secretary of the Union read an interesting narrative of the "State of the Churches," from which it appeared that the year, though not one of great and striking events, had, nevertheless, been one of progress.

Reports of delegates to corresponding bodies were then given. Rev. A. Duff, delegate to the General Conference of Maine, related his experiences in Maine. Rev. T. M. Reikie, delegate to the Canada Presbyterian Synod, reported that he had been affectionately received, and a delegate to this Union had been appointed. Rev. A. Burpee reported that he had not been