

one of us to do his part in making it so !

We have heard the complaint occasionally uttered that, so much of the time of the Union is occupied with *business*--much of it mere *routine*, in which strangers and many of the members themselves, have no interest. Much of this, however, is unavoidable. One chief object of our coming together is the transaction of the very *business* complained of. Unless our societies are to become close corporations, and committees are to hold office in perpetuity, a considerable amount of time must be consumed in appointing them, and in receiving reports of their labours. But attention to such necessary matters need not in any way interfere with the spiritual character of the meetings. To a devout mind work is worship, and worship is work. Our care should be to do everything "heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men." With such a spirit we shall feel with good George Herbert,—

"All may of Thee partake ;  
Nothing so small can be  
But draws, when acted for Thy sake  
Greatness and worth from Thee."

Our interest and profit in attending the meetings, as in attendance upon public worship, will depend very largely upon the spirit in which we go, and the attitude of mind in which we listen. The sermon reflects, very often, quite as much of the hearer's feeling as the preacher's thought. The critic, and the skeptic will listen with very different results to themselves, from the man who hath "ears to hear."

What we need, therefore, is a devout heart, attention to the business before us,

so as to be able to speak or vote intelligently upon it, and a hand ready to help to the best of our ability. Let us regard the business of the Union as the first thing, and visiting, or pleasure, as admissible only so far as may be consistent with that, and we shall not feel on separating as if we had met in vain.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The death of Lieutenant-Governor Crawford of Ontario, on the 14th ult., has thrown a shadow over the community, and called forth general expressions of regret. He is said to have discharged the duties of his high office with great impartiality, and to have been highly esteemed in the relations of private life. The event reminds us that no position exempts from the common lot. Death enters the mansions of luxury as well as the dwellings of the poor. His funeral, which was a public one, was attended by all the prominent men both of the City and of the Province, and an immense concourse of people. His successor in office is the Hon. D. A. MacDonald, late Postmaster-General of the Dominion, and we note, a Roman Catholic. We suppose we have no business to allude to the faith of the new Governor, in a country where all creeds and classes enjoy equal civil rights. But is it because there was no Protestant in Ontario, five-sixths of whose people are Protestants, who was worthy to be our chief Magistrate, that a Roman Catholic was elevated to that high office ?

The Commissioners appointed by the Bishop of Toronto, to enquire into the charges against Dean Grasett, and the