

## ABSTRACT, &c.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION FOR EASTERN CANADA, held its Eighth Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 8th, and following day, in *Zion Church*, Montreal. The Rev. D. GIBBS, Bishop of the Congregational Church at Granby, presided during the Session, as Chairman of the Assembly. The Session was opened, as usual, with devotional exercises, and addressed by the President.

The Roll of Ministers and Delegates was called, and the stated Subscriptions for the general purposes of the Union were received.

It was then *Resolved*,—That Members of our Churches occasionally present, be admitted to our Sittings, whether they be delegates or not.

The continuance of the present Session was taken into consideration, when it was,

*Resolved*, That the present Session of the Union do close on Thursday.

The Committee of Overtures and Nomination was chosen, consisting of Messrs Drummond, Connell, and Fisk.

The examination of young men within our bounds, who may be candidates for the ministry, having been duly considered, it was declared,—

That as this Union takes a lively interest in the Theological Institute at Toronto, and as young brethren in our churches apply from time to time for admission therein, and as a desire has been expressed on the part of the Institute, that a Committee should be appointed by this Union, to examine candidates for admission, and report to the General Committee at Toronto, therefore,

*Resolved*, That such Committee of Examination be annually appointed; and that the General Committee of the Union be such Committee for the ensuing year, any three of whom shall form a quorum.

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The Annual Sermon was preached in Gosford Street Church, by the Rev. J. DRUMMOND, Bishop of the Congregational Church, *Quebec*, from 1 Chron. xii. 32. :—"And the Children of Issachar were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."

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The Pastors present gave brief reports of the state of religion within their respective Churches, when, after reviewing the whole, it was declared,—

That while there is much in the general state of our Churches, and in the