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in each Church, on or near the Lord's Day prior to the meeting. From this source, in addition to the other expenses of the Union, the travelling fares, by the cheapest route, of the ministerial members of the Union, and of one delegate from each Church contributing for the year, shall be paid in full, if possible, and of both delegates as soon as the funds suffice—on the understanding that such payment shall not be made until after the final adjournment, except with the leave of the Union."

At the Annual meeting in Montreal, in 1869, it was necessary to deduct 82.25 from the expenses of each minister and delegate, though one delegate only from each Church was included in the list. This year, the meeting will probably be largely attended. It is necessary therefore that the collections be correspondingly liberal.

The following are the arrangements made on the different routes of travel: The Grand Trunk Railway has not yet been heard from. When their reply is received, if granting former privileges, tickets will be sent to all parties entitled to them along the line.

The Great Western Railway will grant return tickets at one-quarter of the usual fare to ministers and delegates, and their wives, who have paid full fare on that road to Toronto, and present a certificate to that effect from the Secretary of the Union, at the Yonge Street station, Toronto, on or before the 18th June.

The Canadian Navigation Company has not yet announced its terms.

The Stanstead and Shefford, and the Montreal and Vermont Junction Railways will give return tickets for one fare, on presenting a certificate from the Secretary at the commencement of the journey; the privilege being extended to ministers, delegates and "visitors who go to attend the meeting, and for no other purpose."

F. H. MARLING, Secretary.

Toronto, 25th April, 1870.

Membership in the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.— For the information of Churches and Ministers intending to apply for admission into the above Union, the following provisions of its Constitution are here republished :—

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE II.—" That it [the Union] shall consist of Congregational or Independent Churches, and of ministers of the same Church order who are either in the pastoral office or (being members of Congregational Churches) are engaged in evangelistic or educational service, approved and received at a general meeting."

STANDING RULE 1.—" Application for admission to the Union shall be made in writing, and shall include a statement of doctrinal and ecclesiastical views. All such applications shall be reported to the Union, and at once referred to a standing (membership) or special committee for full enquiry. Upon their report that the evidence of good standing is sufficient and satisfactory, the applicant shall be eligible for immediate admission by unanimous vote. In other cases, with the consent of the Union, they shall stand prcposed (with the privilege of honorary membership), until the next annul meeting, at which, after a further report from the same committee, they may be fully received."

It is particularly requested that any such applications be placed in my hands before the Union Meeting.

F. H. MARLING, Secretary.

Toronto, April 20, 1870.