

had now extended over 33 years. The Rev. F. H. Marling also spoke on behalf of the Ontario Sunday School Missionary Union, whereupon a resolution was passed, commending both these agencies to the confidence and support of the churches.

Rev. J. T. Byrne presented the claims of the French Canadian Missionary Society. He said there had arisen quite a spirit of enquiry among the Romanist population of the Province of Quebec. About 100 secessions had taken place during the year from the Church of Rome. Twenty-one young people at the Institute had been hopefully converted, and had lately, for the first time, sat down at the Lord's table. The rev. gentleman said there were two or three hundred pupils at the Mission Schools; and in all respects the work of the Society was most hopeful and important.

Rev. Dr. Wilkes then urged the claims of the same Society, especially referring to the work now doing by Rev. C. Chiniquy.

A Resolution, commending the Society to "the support of the Churches of our order throughout the Dominion," was afterwards reported by the Business Committee, and passed.

CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT OF TEMPERANCE.

A Conference was then held, as arranged, by the Committee of the Union, on the subject of Temperance. Rev. E. Ebbs introduced the subject in a concise and suggestive address. Without saying a word against former or existing organizations, he advocated the introduction of the pledge into the congregation, and the carrying on of the Temperance reform as a part of the Christian work of the Church. Let the Pastor preside at the monthly meetings, let the young be educated in the principle, and let the pulpit give no "uncertain sound" on this subject.

Mr. John Nasmith, Mr. B. Lyman, of Montreal, Mr. W. H. Johnston, Rev. R. Parsons, and others, took part in the discussion.

Rev. H. J. Colwell, among other points, deprecated the use of intoxicating wine at the Lord's table.

The feeling seemed to be general that the churches should, as such, take up the work more vigorously. One speaker remarked that "the world, apart from the Church, was not prepared to deal with this great moral evil;" therefore the need of the Church working. A strong resolution was passed, urging upon the Churches more earnest effort on behalf of the Temperance cause, and recommending an annual sermon from all the ministers in December; expressing confidence in the work of the British Templars (whose grand Lodge had addressed the Union, by circular,) and kindred organizations, and commending the example of the Ottawa Church, in the formation of a "Congregational Temperance Union," to the other churches of the denomination throughout the land.

THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

of the Union was held in Zion Church, at 7.30 P.M., an immense audience being present. After singing the hymn commencing—

"O God, beneath thy guiding hand,
The "Pilgrim Fathers crossed the sea."

the Rev. E. Ebbs led the assembly in prayer. The Chairman of the Union who presided, then introduced the Rev. Dr. Beecher, in a few