

SESSION OF 1861-2.

The next Session will commence (*D. V.*) on Wednesday, October 16th.

SECRETARYSHIP.

From August 1st to December 1st, the Secretary's duties will be performed by Rev. Dr. Wickson and Patrick Freeland, Esq. *All remittances to be sent to Mr. Freeland.*

F. H. MARLING,

Toronto, July 26, 1861.

Secretary.

THE DEPUTATION TO GREAT BRITAIN.

The readers of the *Canadian Independent* generally, will learn with much disappointment and regret, that by a unanimous vote of "Zion Church," Montreal, it is decided that the Rev. Dr. Wilkes cannot be spared at present, for the service to which he was called by the Union, at its last Annual Meeting. The disappointment is somewhat counterbalanced by the encouraging fact, that the unusual accessions to his congregation of late, render his presence specially requisite. Moreover, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastoral settlement over his present beloved charge, would occur during his absence, were he to fulfil the appointment of the Union; which would involve no small deprivation, both on his own part, and that of his attached flock.

Under these circumstances, we are fortunate in having appointed a co-delegate, and one so well suited to the delicate and responsible service. The Second Church, Toronto, has cordially relinquished its claim upon its beloved pastor, for the time requisite for the fulfilment of this important commission: and with great liberality has assumed the entire expense of supplying the pulpit, besides contributing handsomely towards the incidental travelling expenses of our Delegate.

According to present plans, Rev. Mr. Marling will set sail in the *Great Eastern* on the 6th August, leaving Toronto on the 30th instant. Let the churches and pastors give themselves continually to prayer for our beloved brother, that he may be enabled to render our Missionary work much service by his personal conference with the Colonial Society's Committee, and awaken increased interest throughout the churches of Great Britain, in the goodly vine planted by them in this Province. Let us specially commend his flock, during his absence, to the faithful watch and care of the Great Shepherd, and seek that their temporary deprivation, so cheerfully borne for the sake of the churches, may be abundantly compensated to them, both during their beloved Pastor's absence, by the special manifestation of the Spirit's presence in their midst, and by his safe restoration to them in due time, with renewed life and energy, in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

Any friends who have not sent in their intended contribution towards the expense of this deputation, will confer an esteemed favour by inclosing the same, without delay, to the undersigned, at Paris, C.W.

EDWARD EBBS,

Paris, 18th July, 1861.

Secretary-Treasurer, C. U. of C.