

R. G. Baird and Robt. McGregor; and the churches of South Caledon, Hillsburg, Bothwell, with the united churches of Barton and Glanford. The Rev. Joseph Hooper, stands *proposed*, and also the church in Erin. Letters of *dismissal* were granted to Rev. T. Bayne, and Rev. R. J. Williams.

On Friday morning, the chair was vacated to allow the annual meeting of the Canadian Congregational Theological Institute to be held.

HYMN-BOOK QUESTION.

On Friday afternoon the union resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Hymn-book question, having previously been addressed by the Rev. A. Rankin, on behalf of the Sabbath Hymn and Tune book. In the Committee of the whole James Wilkes, Esq., was called to the chair. This Committee reported to the Union a recommendation to appoint a Committee to report on the Hymn-book question to a Committee of the whole on Monday, at 3 p.m. The Union concurred in the recommendation, and the chair appointed Revs. F. H. Marling, W. F. Clarke, Messrs. C. Alexander, D. D. Campbell, and Professor Cornish, *Concener*. The report of this Committee, which recommended the Sabbath Hymn Book, was accepted on Monday, at 3 p.m., and the Union went into a Committee of the Whole, Rev. R. Wilson in the chair, the Committee of the Whole rose without any report. Professor Cornish, requested on behalf of the Hymn Book Committee that their report be withdrawn, which was allowed. It was also resolved on Tuesday, that the New Congregational Hymn books in the possession of the union, be divided amongst the different Associations in Canada, the friends in Lower Canada who are not united in a local association, the churches in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and British Columbia.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING.

The usual public Missionary meeting was held on Friday evening, Charles Whitlaw, Esq., occupying the chair. Dr. Wilkes presented an abstract of the missionary report, which stated that about 40 missionaries had been engaged during the year, and that the financial income from Canada had been very little short of last year; after which the statistics of the following churches were read by the Secretary of the Union, and short narratives of their state given by their several pastors; Albion, by the Rev. J. Wheeler; Potton and Fitchbay, by the Rev. L. P. Adams; Port Sarnia, by Rev. R. G. Baird; Scotland, by Rev. Wm. Hay; Hamilton, by Rev. T. Pullar; Stanstead South, by Rev. A. McDonald; Danville and Little Warwick, by Rev. A. J. Parker. Rev. R. Wilson, also gave an outline of the state of the body in N. Brunswick and Nova Scotia, making brief references to the churches at Sheffield and St. John, N. B., at Cornwallis, Halifax and Canso, in Nova Scotia. During the evening, a recess of half an hour was allowed for refreshment and social greetings. A collection was also taken on behalf of the Missionary Society.

DR. LILLIE'S ESSAY.

The essay of Dr. Lillie was read on Saturday forenoon; and it was unanimously resolved, that the hearty thanks of this Union be presented to Rev. Dr. Lillie for his valuable essay on "Permanency in the Pastoral Relation;" that he be requested to place the manuscript in the hands of the Union for publication in the *Canadian Independent*; and that should sufficient guarantees be given, it be also published as No. 3 of the Tract series.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

After the reading of Dr. Lillie's essay, the report of the Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, was read by Mr. W. R. Hibbard of Montreal; whereupon the Union gave way to a meeting of the subscribers to that fund.

APPOINTMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Annual sermon, Rev. J. Elliot, Primary; Rev. A. Duff, Substitute.

Sabbath morning sermon, Rev. R. K. Black, Primary; Rev. J. Howell, Substitute.

Sabbath evening sermon, Rev. J. Wood, Primary; Rev. E. Barker, Substitute. Rev. K. M. Fenwick, was appointed writer of an essay on "Doctrinal uniformity—how far necessary and attainable in our denomination."