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CHURCH CONGRESSES.

The hospitality of the good people of the city of Toronto seems likely to be severely tested during the present month, for almost simultaneously with the Congregational Union, four other ecclesiastical bodies will meet there, in annual convocation, viz., the Conferences of the Wesleyan and the Primitive Methodist Churches, the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, comprising in all over a thousand ministers, besides elders and lay delegates, who are admitted to participation in the deliberations of all these assemblies, except the Conference first named.

Already we observe that some alarm is felt at the prospect—although, whether the phenomenon of such a cloud of black coats, and white neckties, is regarded as the portent of famine, or of tempest, does not appear—but the *Guardian*, in a recent issue, warns any members of the Conference who may have contemplated bringing their wives with them, that—they had better not—in fact that all such property must be “at the risk of the owner.” We are sure our cotemporary could not have been betrayed into so ungallant an act, except under the pressure of dire necessity, and we devoutly hope that no such *caveat* will issue in regard to Congregational wives ! There is an old saw about “All work and no play,” that will apply equally well to both sides of the house, and it is really too bad if those who have been “keepers at home,” all the year round, cannot, occasionally, at least, go up with their husbands “to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.”

The assembling of so many ecclesiastical bodies in the same city, however, is a coincidence deserving of more than ordinary notice. Of course, many of the ministers connected with these several organizations