

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS NOT IN THE UNION.

DEAR SIR,—My attention having been called to the fact, that in the list of "Congregational ministers in Ontario and Quebec not connected with the Union," printed in the Minutes for 1869, p. 7, there are *not* inserted the names of Revs. T. Pullar and W. H. Allworth, you will allow me a little space to explain the omission.

In the first place, I should say, that the fault lies entirely at the door of the Secretary of the Union, no Committee, officer or individual having had anything to do with the correction of the list in question.

Secondly, on my own part, I have simply to state that the omission was a pure oversight. In revising the lists for publication, the names in question were, of course, erased from that of "ministers associated," and it quite escaped me to transfer them to the other place.

And thirdly, having discovered the error after the publication, I took pains to rectify it in the list subsequently sent to the *Canadian Almanac* for 1870. I had thought of addressing you such an explanation of the above, but as the Minutes go into so few hands, I concluded that it was hardly worth while, until I found that the error exposed other parties and myself to misunderstandings. These, I trust, the present statement will entirely remove.

I am, yours truly, F. H. MARLING,
Secretary Congregational Union, Ontario and Quebec.

Toronto, Nov. 20, 1869.

News of the Churches.

Fergus.—Opening of the new Congregational Church.—The effort to establish a Congregational Church in Fergus has been successful beyond all expectation. Less than a year has elapsed since the Rev. E. Barker went thither, under the direction of the Missionary Committee, and began preaching on Sabbath afternoons in the hall of one of the village hotels. A few friends of the movement gathered around him, and on the 5th May, last, a church was organized, consisting of twenty-one members, many of whom were the fruit of the remarkable religious awakening with which that place was visited early in the spring. Their number was soon augmented by further accessions of a similar character, until now there are forty-two names on the church register. Mr. Barker's congregation also much increased, and it soon became obvious that it was time to "arise and build."

A vigorous effort was accordingly made, a lot was secured, and a building 32 x 48 feet was commenced. "The people had a mind to work," and the contractor, too, for in less than two months from the time of the "raising," the house was completed.

On Sabbath, the 19th December, the new sanctuary was opened and dedicated to the worship of God. No service was held in the morning, that being the hour for service in Mr. Barker's other church in Garafraxa; but in the afternoon the writer preached from 1st Cor. 3, 9, "We are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building;" and in the evening the Rev. W. F. Clarke, of Guelph, discoursed from the words of the 24th Psalm, v. 7, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in." The house was filled to overflowing on both occasions by deeply attentive audiences, who showed their hearty good-will, not by their presence only, but by liberal contributions to the building fund, the collections at the two services amounting to about \$35.