

the Union, and every church connected with it, along with the blanks for statistical returns, to be handed in on Thursday morning on entering the church in which the meeting is held, and to be counted by scrutineers for the purpose appointed by the Union Committee.

### CONGREGATIONAL UNION, N. S. AND N. B.

The 37th Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of N. S. and N. B., was held at Economy, N. S., on June 28-30, July 1, 1884.

The Rev. S. Sykes presided at the opening session in the absence of Rev. J. L. Beman, retiring Chairman.

Rev. W. McIntosh, of Yarmouth, applied for personal membership and was received.

Revs. Messrs. Jackson, Cornish and Hall were presented as a deputation from the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, and Rev. Dr. Warren, as delegate from the National Council of Congregational Churches of the United States.

Rev. D. W. Cameron, of Keswick Ridge, N. B., was elected Chairman for the current year.

At the afternoon Session on Saturday, Mr. James Woodrow, the Treasurer of the Union, gave an address on "Our Mission Work," recommending a union with the "Canada Congregational Missionary Society," for the purposes of Missionary work. The Union resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole when a free expressions of opinion anent such union was given, several of the brethren participating in the discussion. On motion it was resolved, that it is the sense of the Committee that a union of this body with the Canada Congregational Missionary Society for Missionary purposes is desirable.

The committee rose and reported the resolution when it was adopted by the Union.

On motion resolved that the Union Committee, be authorized to meet and consult with the deputation from the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, to draw up basis of union. An adjournment then took place to enable the conference to be held.

In the evening there was a very large audience at an evangelical service. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. McIntosh, Hall,

and Cameron, which were of a stirring character.

On Sunday morning the annual sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Johnson, of Milton, text. 1 Peter ii. 9: "That ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

In the afternoon a Sunday-School gathering was addressed by Rev. Dr. Warren, Rev. Thomas Hall and Mr. James Woodrow.

Dr. Warren preached in the evening to a large congregation from Rev. xxi. 5: "He that sat on the throne said, behold, I make all things new."

The Presbyterian and Baptist pulpits of Economy and vicinity were supplied by ministers of the Union.

On Monday after devotional exercises of an hour, conducted by Rev. Mr. Cox, and in which several brethren took part, Mr. Cox on behalf of the Union Committee reported a plan of Union in missionary work with the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, the representatives from the latter Society consenting thereto. After considerable discussion the basis of the Union was agreed to by unanimous vote. This Union gives the supervision of the missionary work to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, the "Union" and the local associations having the right to representation on the Executive Committee, the Union of N. S. and N. B. agreeing to send the income of its invested funds to the general Treasurer. The Canada Congregational Missionary Society agreeing to spend the full amount thereof in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick agreeably to the terms of the bequest. The churches of the Union of N. S., and N. B., also to have a share in the labours of the Missionary Superintendent.

The Union of the two Societies for Missionary work was consummated amid much applause, and special prayer was offered for the divine blessing on such Union.

In the afternoon the report of the Statistical Secretary was given, showing an increase of one church (that of Baddeck, Cape Breton), and an increase of sixty-eight members over deaths and removals. Total members in nineteen churches reporting 1,246.

In the evening the annual missionary meeting was held. From the report of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society, which was re-read, it appears that that Society, through its