

was listened to with deep interest and attention. The text was Isaiah lxi. 4. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Kean.

#### SATURDAY.—MORNING SESSION.

After devotional services of one hour the Union was called to order by the Chairman. Minutes read and approved as amended.

*Resolved*, That the Missionary business be taken up.

The Secretary read the Missionary Report, after which the Rev. Mr. Poore addressed the Union in reference to the relations between the Colonial Missionary Society and the Churches in British North America, and especially in relation to these Lower Provinces, and gave a statement of the new plan of action as detailed in the *Canadian Independent*. There being perfect unanimity amongst the brethren no discussion was raised. *Resolved*, That the nomination of Missionary Committee be referred to Business Committee.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After praise and prayer the Business Committee nominated the following persons for the Missionary Committee, viz.: Rev. G. Sterling, Rev. R. Wilson, Rev. O. Brown, Rev. J. Howell, Rev. A. Burpee, and Messrs. H. P. Bridges, Arch. Barker, Isaac Burpee, jun., James Woodrow, N. K. Clements, F. Dennis, H. Freenan, and John McLeod. *Resolved*, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Union are hereby most cordially given to Andrew Hamilton, Esq., of Toronto, for his indefatigable efforts to promote and extend the knowledge of our distinctive principles, by means of the press, and especially for his repeated generosity in furnishing copies of such publications to the Pastors and Churches in these and other British Provinces.

*Resolved*, That this Union cordially recommends the Widows' and Orphans' Fund to the sympathy of the Pastors and Churches, and that they be requested to take up collections on its behalf on the 1st Sabbath in January, 1866.

*Resolved*, That this Union joins with the Corporation of the Congregational College of British North America, in recommending to the Churches the observance of the second Sabbath in October next as a day of special prayer for the College, and that they take up collections on its behalf.

*Resolved*, That the Union hereby renews its protestations against the drinking usages of society, and reaffirms its testimony in favour of the principles of Total Abstinence; also, resolved, that our ministers be recommended to preach on the subject on the Sabbath immediately preceding the 25th December next.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. R. Wilson be delegate to the Canadian Congregational Union; Rev. A. Burpee to be secondary. To Massachusetts and Maine Conferences, Rev. J. Gray, primary; and Rev. J. R. Kean, secondary. To Illinois Conference, Rev. J. Howell.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. R. Wilson be the secretary of the Union, and that H. P. Bridges, Esq., be treasurer; and that the Union Committee consist of Rev. Messrs. Sterling and Wilson, and Messrs. Bridges, Clark and Christie.

*Resolved*, That the Union meet next year at Keswick Ridge, N. B. That the annual sermon be preached by the Rev J. R. Kean; secondary, Rev. A. Burpee; that the Rev. S. Sykes address the Sabbath School.

*Resolved*, That this Union desires to record its hearty sympathy with the views of vast multitudes of good men everywhere, who in varying language have ex-