

of our visitors received fresh energy by a tour on board the celebrated warships *Pylades* and *Bellerophon*, the proud members of England's great navy.

The city papers were generous in their gifts of space for reports of the convention, and several editorials appeared on Congregationalism as great in intellect, in scholarship and in missionary enterprise. The democratic religious denomination of the days of Elizabeth and James, the sturdy Independents of the Commonwealth, and the Free Churches of to-day having a great history and the services of brilliant divines.

The subject of the retiring chairman's address was "Congregationalism, Its Supreme Requirements." It was published in the city papers; through the liberality of Mr. Geo. Hague a special edition was issued for distribution among the churches, and by vote of the Union it was resolved that it should appear in THE INDEPENDENT and Year Book.

The Rev. J. B. Hawes, a brother beloved for his abundant labours, was chosen Moderator of the assembly. The efficient minute secretary was the Rev. H. McLeod, with Student Lee, assistant. The statistical secretary's report gave evidence of progress. There are thirty stations, twelve pastors and two students, an average attendance of 2,545. On the church roll, 1,383, and under pastoral care, 4,610. About ninety were added to the membership during the year. There are nineteen Sabbath schools with an average attendance of 850, and about 200 teachers. There are twenty church edifices, representing a money value of about \$80,000.

The treasurer of the Union reported receipts from Contingent Fund, sales of property, mortgage, collections and subscriptions and Ladies Missionary Society, amounting to \$1,407.76. Paid Union Mission Fund, as per detailed account, \$1,377.42, leaving a balance on hand of \$30.34.

The reports from the churches were of an interesting character; specially those from Margaree, Chebogue, Keswick Ridge and Economy.

A racy and interesting paper was read by Rev. Mr. Shipperly on "The Necessity of Insuring Church Property." It abounded in strong and bristling points, and showed the unreasonableness of churches asking aid from the Missionary Society when property is not covered by insurance against fire.

The Rev. W. H. Watson preached the annual sermon—text: "Behold, I have graven thee on the palms of My hands."—Isa. xlix. 16. It was carefully prepared, abounded in striking illustrations, and delivered in good style.

It was with regret that we learned that Rev. John Burton could not convey in person the greetings from our brethren in the West. The delegates from the Union of Ontario and Quebec, the Missionary So-

cietty and College sustained their reputation, and did honour to the societies they represented.

Our Superintendent, fresh with the inspiration from the Old World, told with pathos and power of the glory and strength of our churches, of edifices cathedral-like in appearance, of institutions that are an ornament to the land, and of preachers who are the strength and saviours of the nation. He spoke of the efforts on our behalf before the Colonial Society and the churches of the East, and pleaded with much earnestness that our missionary collections be doubled during the year.

For various reasons it was a privilege to welcome Mr. Geo. Hague; his addresses on "Mission Work," "Effort from a Common Centre," "Interest in the Denomination at Large," on "Systematic Giving and Church Finances," elicited profound attention. His wise words to the Sabbath school, and the sweetly pathetic and strongly powerful address at the Lord's table, are among the most inspiring reminiscences of the Union.

The Rev. Duncan McGregor is well and favourably known to the churches by the sea. His previous visit to St. John was as chairman of our Convention. For his own sake, as well as the representative of 25,000 Western Congregationalists, he was cordially received. With characteristic eloquence and zeal he presented the position, the prospects and requirements of our college. The best possible comment on his address was a good collection, and a definite promise of more to follow.

Dr. Jackson, the Ralph Wardlaw or Henry Dexter of Canadian Congregationalism, received quite an ovation. The fact that he was visiting historic ground, made sacred by the sacrifices of descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers, stirred the depths within. The result was a masterly address on the history, the strength and glory of the churches and polity we represent. Women are the powers behind the thrones in the East; hence the doctor's influence was doubled by the presence of his other half. Mrs. Jackson may ever count on the hospitality of her numerous friends by the sea.

The public meetings of the Union were good. The speakers earnest in manner, strong in thought, and eloquent in expression. These were responded to by liberal collections for college, missions and incidentals.

Only a limited number—and those of the aristocratic type—of the masculine gender were admitted to the Ladies' Missionary meeting. What was done may be known in heaven, but it was too angelic to be reported to the Union. This is women's rights with a vengeance.

Our loyalty was expressed to the Queen, and also our thankfulness for the liberty and progress which are the brilliant expressions of the Victorian era.

An unanimous vote of sympathy was passed with