

of the new Jerusalem." Then many that are first shall be last, many that are last shall be first. And so shall they ever be with the Lord. Amen.

After the sermon the Standing Committees were appointed; Rev. Duncan McGregor being the chairman of the Business Committee, Rev. Wm. Hay of the Nomination Committee, Rev. Robert K. Black of the Membership Committee, and Mr. Charles R. Black of the Finance Committee. Revs. Alex. W. Richardson and Geo. F. Brown were appointed Minute Secretaries. Rev. J. Morton, of Hamilton, Chairman, delivered the Annual Address (see p. 212). Dr. Wild was elected on the second ballot, as Chairman for 1889. During the forenoon of Thursday Rev. W. H. S. Fielden, Secretary of the Colonial Missionary Society, London, made his appearance at the Union, having just stepped ashore; (the Allan steamers bring their passengers with them to Montreal now.) He was immediately in harness, and was heard several times during the day and evening. A pleasant feature of the meetings was the

#### NOONDAY LUNCHEONS

in the Lecture Room, on Thursday and Friday. Here 200 persons, including the honorary waiters, comfortably dined. The latter were distinguished by jaunty white caps which formed the text for portions of many of the after-dinner speeches—witty or less witty, as the case might be. And the waiters *all* wore "white-caps"; for we did not see a solitary young gentleman waiting on the tables. The three churches were equally well represented in this service. These gatherings—as well as a similar one for "tea" at Calvary Church on Thursday afternoon, gave the opportunity of a few words from a number of brethren, visitors and others. Rev. Messrs. Fielden, Barbour, Wells, (Am. Presb.) Macintosh, Smyth, (Presb.) Marling, Allworth, Barnes make a partial list of those who were thus heard: for there were a number of others.

#### THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

occupied the most part of Thursday afternoon. Dr. Cornish in the chair. Mr. Wood, Secretary, read the report. Reference was made to the visit of Mr. Fielden, as a deputation from the Colonial Missionary Society, and to a similar deputation twenty-three years ago; and the Report, in a general survey of the field, specified forty-one churches, then recipients of missionary aid, now self-supporting. The North-west was touched on, and reference made to our four brethren laboring there. The Society has employed 34 home missionaries during the year; also 13 students during vacation. Six new home-missions have been established during the year. Several changes have taken place in the missionary staff during the year. The Rev. W. Burgess has gone from Listowel into Michigan;

the Rev. C. G. Gordon Smith, of Stratford, has taken a Presbyterian charge at Lancaster; the Rev. W. F. Clarke has latterly supplied the vacant pulpit at St. Thomas; Woodstock has received assistance in erecting its new church; Dr. Ward is now pastor at Wingham, the Rev. James Webb at New Durham, the Rev. J. Dixon at Franklin Centre, and the Rev. T. W. Bowen at Manilla; Margaree and Baddeck are vacant through the Rev. J. Shipperley going to Maitland, and Economy by the removal of Mr. McLeod. In finances, the

#### INCOME HAD BEEN NO LARGER,

while the expenses had been more than the year before. At the date of the Report, about \$400 had been overdrawn. Reference was made to two Montreal gifts of \$500 each; and anonymously. \$24,002 had been received from the Churches: \$200 less than the year before. The "Woman's Board" has contributed \$217; and the twenty per cent. addition of the Colonial Society amounted to \$1056. Dr. Jackson's Statement as Treasurer, showed over \$6,000 trust-funds invested, the interest of which was devoted to missionary work in the lower Provinces. The Church-Building Fund, used only by way of loans, (with or without interest,) had \$2400 out, and \$1200 at the moment on hand. \$5,500 from Brockville Church-property, the interest only of which accrues to the Society, had been securely invested. "It had been a year of financial depression; and the churches have done very well": so the Treasurer said. In the matter of giving, "Emanuel," Montreal, was the "banner church"; having given the Society \$477. But

#### LARGER CONTRIBUTIONS WERE NECESSARY

this year. The special fund for Manitoba had been exhausted, and the great West will draw on the general fund this year, and the friends of the Society must give more and collect more.

The officers elected were: Rev. Prof. Cornish, Montreal, President; Rev. John Wood, Ottawa, Secretary; Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., Kingston, Treasurer. Mr. Marling, in moving the adoption of the Report, combatted the idea that "Ministers were never business men." The management of this Society shows the fallacy of such a statement. The brethren at the head of this Society have given far more time to this work than any business man could give. It was encouraging that the Colonial Missionary Society gives this year £50 a quarter, specially for the North-West. And he looked for an increasing amount of help from the Woman's Board of Missions.

The Missionary Superintendent, Rev. Thomas Hall, of Kingston, gave his Report. Several new pastors had been settled. Growth to report in the number of churches, and in financial resources.