

At one time the question whether the military salute should be given to a Protestant Bishop in Canada was referred to the then Commander-in-Chief, the Duke of Wellington, and His Grace replied that the soldiers were to pay no attention to anything about the prelate *but his sermons*.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF SCOTLAND.**—The annual meetings of this Union were held last week in Dundee. At the Wednesday's meeting, a paper drawn up by the Rev. W. Swan, of Edinburgh, was read. It stated that at one time many thought that Independency would become popular in Scotland; but it was now plain that such popularity was not to fall to the lot of Independent churches in Scotland, which was chiefly attributable to two causes,—the general bias of the people in favour of Presbyterianism, and the prejudice against the principle of pure communion. These might be called theoretical objections to Independency; but there was one cause of a practical or experimental kind which operated strongly against the prevalence of the principle of Independency. It was impossible to conceal that their churches had not exhibited so high, holy, and consistent a character as from their professed principles was expected from them. Referring next to what he considered to be of the first importance to the future prosperity of the churches, Mr. Swan urged the necessity of maintaining a high-toned spiritual Christianity, and of showing a generous concern in the true prosperity of sister Churches, with regard to the relation of Independent churches to other Christian communities he cautioned Independents to beware of the pharisaic spirit on the one hand, or of regarding more popular churches with jealousy. They ought to walk with sister Churches as far as they could, and go before them in zeal, self-denial, and consecration to Christ's service. The paper met with the cordial approval of the meeting.

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### CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada will convene in the Second Congregational Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 8th June, at 4 P. M., and probably will remain in session till the following Tuesday. Brethren are particularly requested to be present at the organization of the meeting, that important business may be despatched at the first sederunt.

The Annual sermon will be preached on Wednesday Evening; Rev. Thomas M. Reikie, preacher; Rev. James Elliot, substitute. Service commencing at 7½ o'clock.

An arrangement has been made with the Grand Trunk Railway, and the Northern Railway, by which Ministers, their wives, and delegates from the Churches will be conveyed to and from the above meeting at half fare.

Friends desiring to secure this privilege will be furnished with the requisite cheques, on sending their names (*post paid*) to the following parties: for the Grand Trunk Railway, apply to Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., Montreal;—and for the Northern Railway, to Rev. F. H. Marling, Toronto.

Brethren in the west will avail themselves of the Grand Trunk Line from London, as the Great Western Railway has not entered into the arrangement.

Pastors and Churches are specially requested to provide liberal collections in aid of the funds of the Union; and it is respectfully suggested that as far as possible such collections be taken up on the Sabbath before the Annual Meeting.

EDWARD EBBS,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

Paris, 3rd May, 1859.