

o'clock and that the sessions be continued on following days as long as necessary.

3. That a general invitation be extended through THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT to all who may wish to be present and take part in the deliberations.

4. That those expecting to attend be requested to send in their names at once to "Mr. James Smith, care of Smith & Gemmel, Architects, 31 Adelaide Street East, Toronto," so that provision may be made for their entertainment.

In accordance with the above resolutions your personal attendance, with representatives from your church, is hereby cordially invited.

If your church is favourable, will they kindly assist by a collection, so that members of conference may have little or no personal expense?

It is expected that the ordinary reduction of railway fares will be obtained. In order that the certificates may be furnished, will those who intend coming please apply at once to Mr. Smith. Yours truly,

E. BARKER, *Secretary of Committee.*

Toronto, March 5, 1887.

SUBJECTS FOR DELIBERATION.

1. Missionary Society organization and work.
2. Distinctive denominational principles.
3. Evangelistic work.
4. Denominational extension.
5. Our publications and literature.
6. Our college.
7. Religious education in public schools.
8. Constitution of the union.

Arrangements are made by which each of these subjects will be introduced by some one appointed beforehand.

THE next union meeting is to be held in the Bond Street Church, of this city. We have received a cordial letter from the secretary of that church, expressing on behalf of the church, an earnest desire that the representation of churches shall be full, and the determination of the church to do all that is in its power not only to extend a hearty invitation to all, but to make the meetings enjoyable and effective. We are satisfied that the friends mean all they say, and that no heartier welcome awaits the Union than that which will (D.V.) be given in June next.

A RESPECTED pastor's wife writes thus in answer to the question: What the children can do for missions.

1st. They can become interested by reading mission news, by earning enough to get a missionary paper, or by persuading their parents to provide one for them, e.g., *Dayspring*, *Missionary World*, or *Missionary Herald*. 2nd. They can give so much each week or each month (as they find best) to Christ for missions. "Tis the littles makes the great." Just think of it, children, if the 1,000,000 Sabbath school scholars of

the United States were each to give one cent every Sunday for a year, they would raise more money than is given by all the Christian people of the United States for Foreign Missions, viz., \$3,640,000. And if the children of the Congregational Churches of Ontario and Quebec were to give one cent each Sabbath, they could raise in the year for missions, \$3,640. How the Lord will bless these mites if only cheerfully given, and for His sake. 3rd. The children can send up a prayer daily for the missionaries, that they may have strength and wisdom to do their work, and that the Holy Spirit may prepare the hearts of the benighted ones to receive and accept the Gospel. Children, let us read, and work, and pray, that Christ's kingdom may speedily come.

WE direct attention to the very thoughtful and scriptural paper on the "Holy Ghost," by one whose contributions to these columns have always fed the flock of God. The subject discussed is one that has most intimate relation to our Christian life, and which, rightly appreciated, will add much to our growth in maturer days. Better far than theological quibblings regarding *filioque* are these plain, scriptural thoughts. May they be abundantly blessed to our churches and readers all.

HENRY WARD BEECHER is dead! Estimates of his career are various. It could not be otherwise in relation to such a remarkable man. His faults were many, his virtues not a few. We cannot forget the courage with which, in other days, he fought the battle of the slave, nor the open-hearted frankness with which he expressed views held by others in secret, or spoken with bated breath. He was an orator, not a philosopher, and under the impulse of the hour would utter to an audience words he never calmly penned. But he influenced as no other man influenced, and that for good, the commercial circle of New York, and his voice was ever powerful as he pleaded for the brotherhood of man. As a theologian his lead is not to be followed; indeed we doubt if Beecher had a theology, but, as an advocate for humanity and for honesty, take him for all in all, we shall not soon look upon his like again. He is gone, his work is done; he leaves little behind him save the influences of his long career, and these influences are neither small nor few. If any feel inclined to speak harshly of his memory our word is:

Forbear to judge, for we are sinners all,
Close up his eyes, and draw the curtain close;
And let us all to meditation.