

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS.

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. F. H. Marling, Chairman; and after devotional exercises, the Secretary read the Constitution and Standing Rules of the Union. The Rev. E. Barker was chosen Minute Secretary, and Rev. R. Robinson, assistant.

All ministers present whose names stood proposed for membership, and delegates from churches in the same position, were received as honorary members, and also the students of the Theological Institute. A temporary Committee for Business and Nominations, viz., the Revs. K. M. Fenwick, E. A. Noble, A. J. Parker, and Messrs. R. H. Smith and C. Whitlaw, was appointed.

The hours of meeting were fixed to be from 9 A.M. to 12 M., and from 2½ to 5½ P.M. Rev. E. Ebbs, Secretary, read the Annual Report of the Committee.

Delegates to corresponding bodies reported.

Messrs. W. D. Taylor and W. Smith were appointed auditors of Treasurer's account.

The Union resolved to adjourn at 10 A.M. on Friday, to give place to the annual meeting of the Theological Institute.

ANNUAL SERMON.

The annual Sermon was preached on Wednesday evening, by the Rev. T. M. Reikie, from Rev. ii. 2,—“I know thy works.”

At the close of the public service, the temporary Committee for Business and Nominations presented a report.

THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Was delivered on Thursday morning, by the Rev. F. H. Marling. At a subsequent meeting it was unanimously

Resolved,—“That the cordial thanks of the Union be presented to the late Chairman for his excellent address delivered on his retiring from the chair, and that he be requested to prepare it for publication in the *Canadian Independent*.”

The balloting for the new Chairman resulted in the election of the Rev. H. Wilkes, D.D.

MISSIONARY AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Committees were appointed:

Missionary General Committee:—Revs. John Wood, of Brantford; E. Ebbs, of Paris; A. J. Parker, of Danville; Dr. Lillie, of Toronto; R. Wilson of Sheffield, N. B.; Messrs. C. Whitlaw, of Paris; C. Alexander, of Montreal; C. Chapin, of Scotland; S. Tuck, of Sherbrooke; W. D. Taylor, of Toronto; and R. H. Smith, of Newmarket; with the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, as *Secretary-Treasurer*; and the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, as *Home Secretary*. *Business Committee*:—Rev. J. Elliot, *Convener*. *Membership*:—Rev. A. Duff, *Convener*. *Finance*:—Rev. W. F. Clarke, *Convener*. *Nominations*:—Rev. J. Howell, *Convener*. *Public Service*:—Rev. F. H. Marling, *Convener*.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

According to the order of the day, delivered fraternal addresses on Thursday afternoon, viz.:—the Rev. J. O. Fiske, from Maine; the Rev. J. Fraser, from Vermont; the Rev. R. Wilson, from N. S., and N. Brunswick, and the Rev. Jonathan Edwards from New York. Letters were also read from corresponding bodies; viz. the General Association of Iowa, by Rev. C. H. Gates; and the General Association of Michigan, by Rev. J. Nall. The Rev. W. F. Clarke, also gave a description of the state of Congregationalism in Wisconsin. At the close of these fraternal salutations, the Union joined in singing the 133rd psalm, and were led in prayer by the Revs. Dr. Lillie and Jonathan Edwards, of Rochester. At a subsequent meeting a letter was read from the delegate appointed by the General Association of Massachusetts.

STATISTICAL TABLE AND SUMMARY.

Rev. E. Ebbs presented the Statistical Table, but on account of its length only read a Summary.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

On successive reports of the membership committee, there were received into the union, Revs. J. McLean, Robert Hay, A. McDonald, W. F. Clarke, Thos. Pullar,

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