

Met pursuant to adjournment at 2, p.m. After prayer and praise, business was resumed.

The minutes of morning session were read and confirmed.

The Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Secretary-Treasurer for the Missionary Society in these Provinces, was requested to explain the missionary connection existing between these Provinces and Canada. This he did at some length. His remarks led to a long and interesting conference, in which both ministers and delegates took part.

It was moved and carried, that the Revs. Dr. Wilkes, R. Wilson and J. Howell, form a committee to draw up some plan for the better management of local missionary matters, and to report at next sitting of the Union.

The Rev. R. Wilson reported his visitation to the Canada Union, as delegate from this Union, and spoke highly of the kindness shown him by the brethren there. He mentioned that from several remarks made by different brethren, there seemed to be doubts in the minds of some as to the propriety or expediency of continuing the Union between Canada and these Provinces. These doubts appeared to be entirely removed by the statements made by other brethren, and especially by Dr. Wilkes.

The Rev. J. Howell reported having fulfilled his duty in writing to the General Conference of Maine, and read a copy of the letter sent.

The Rev. Dr. Wilkes, delegate from the Canada Union, presented the salutations of the brethren in Canada to the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He gave a brief outline of the progress of the cause in the Canadas, which was highly encouraging, and stated that the difficulty between the Colonial Missionary Society and these Provinces was likely to be removed without any unpleasantness or trouble.

The following resolution was moved and carried :

"That it affords this meeting much grateful pleasure to see their esteemed friend and brother, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, among them, as the representative of the Congregational Union of Canada; to enjoy the advantage of his valued counsel in our deliberations, and to receive from him the affectionate salutations of our brethren in Canada, and to hear of their welfare and progress. Also, to welcome among us the Rev. Professor Cornish, a member of that body, and that we sympathize with the members of that Union in all their difficulties, and desire their continual prosperity; while we hope that the pleasure enjoyed by us this year in the presence of a delegation from that body may be enjoyed by us in future meetings of this Union."

The Rev. Professor Cornish, in reply to that portion of the resolution relating to himself, stated that he still felt a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of our cause in these Provinces, and expressed himself as much gratified and encouraged by the present aspect of our affairs.

Reports were read by the Secretary from the churches in Cornwallis, Chebogue and Liverpool. Verbal statements of an interesting character were made by Mr. D. Loomer, Cornwallis; Mr. F. H. Hilton, Chebogue; Mr. George Strassenburgh, Rev. George Ritchie, and Rev. J. Howell.

It was moved and carried, that the Revs. R. Wilson, G. Ritchie and J. Howell, be a committee to make arrangements for Sabbath services.

After praise and prayer, the meeting adjourned till 9, a.m., Saturday morning.

In the evening a public missionary meeting was held, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, and by the Rev. Messrs. Howell and