

manent work. I advised them to make an effort to this end at the Union meetings in Hamilton. The Turnberry church also lost an attached and useful member by death, Mrs. William Willetts. She was of the Lanark Congregational stock, the origin of the Turnberry church; and much esteemed by all who knew her. Her call was sudden, but her end was peace. "She talked to me," said her husband "for two hours of God"; and then died, leaving a little babe of four days old, now living and thriving under kind care.

W. W. S.

PARIS.—The anniversary services of this church were held on the 26th and 27th ult. The sermons on Sunday were preached by Rev. John Burton, of the Northern, Toronto, the morning subject being the assurance of the ultimate triumph of Christ's Kingdom; the evening on "The Misgiving Heart." On the evening of Monday an old-fashioned and spirited tea-meeting was held, and speeches were delivered; Mr. Charles Pedley showing that our Congregational Churches must prove their right to exist by the results of their work. Mr. W. F. Clarke touched many hearts by personal reminiscences beginning in Paris forty years ago. Mr. William Hay continued those memories. Mr. Burton, referring to the North-West troubles, asked the friends to sing "God Save the Queen," which they most heartily did, three verses. Mr. Fuller made some happy remarks; also resident ministers, after which the close. The pastor, Mr. Hughes, presided in a graceful and cheery manner. It goes without saying that the ladies did their part with their usual grace and care, and the choir rendered most effective service. The services were all well attended, and were manifestly of a helpful and abiding character.

WOODSTOCK.—Mr. E. D. Silcox, of Embro, and our Missionary Superintendent have been prospecting in this flourishing county town. May 26th, Mr. Hall held services there in the Town Hall. On Tuesday evening following, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Burton, and Mr. Hall, on behalf of the Missionary Society, met in the Council Chamber of the building some forty-seven friends, representing about twenty-five families, for consultation. The result of the conference was a resolve to proceed towards the establishment of a church of our order in this place. A committee was appointed to make the necessary canvass for securing a site and building, and to perfect other arrangements. Mr. Andrew Gerrie is to be on the spot until the Union meetings. A Sunday school is to be organized, and services to be held meanwhile in the Court House, which has been kindly granted for the occasion. The meeting was hearty and hopeful, and the prospect encouraging. May our prayers arise for the new ground, that in its opened furrows may abundantly fall the seeds of righteousness and the showers of grace.

## Official Notices.

### CONGREGATIONAL UNIONS.

The annual meeting of the Union of Ontario and Quebec will be held, according to adjournment, in the Congregational Church, Hamilton, Ont., commencing on Wednesday, June 10, at half-past seven p.m., when the annual sermon will be preached.

The churches connected with the Union are reminded of the twelfth Standing Rule which requests every church to take up a collection for the Union on or before the first Sunday in June. This rule is intended to apply to all the churches not excepting those who may not send delegates. It is to be hoped that the collections will be liberal.

It is requested that all matters to be brought before the Union, especially applications for membership, should be placed in the hands of the Secretary a reasonable time before the annual meeting. All such applications for membership are required to be in writing, and, in the case of churches, to be accompanied by a recommendation signed by three members of the Union.

The attention of pastors and churches is directed to No. 4 of the Standing Rules of the Union where they will find instructions as to the manner of electing the Chairman. The statistical secretary has sent out ballot papers to all concerned. A list of the ministerial members of the Union may be found on page 103 of the Year Book and may serve as a help in selecting candidates.

Arrangements are being made with the railway and steamboat companies for reduced rates. The Secretary is prepared to furnish the necessary certificates to all ministers and delegates. He would be obliged if the applications were all forwarded in good time, and specified the lines by which it was intended to travel.

Ministers and delegates will please remember the request to send their names as speedily as possible to Henry H. Laing, Esq., 90 King street West, Hamilton.

The Union Committee will meet at the Congregational Church, Hamilton, on Wednesday, June 10, at two o'clock p.m.

HUGH PEDLEY:

*Sec. Cong. Union of O. and Q.*

*Coburg, April 1, 1885.*

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK will be held (D.V.) in Zion Congregational Church, Chebogue, N.S., on Saturday, the 4th day of July, and following days. Pastors delegates and friends intending to be present will kindly forward their names not later than the 12th of June to Wilson Haley, Esq., Chebogue Point, N.S.