

The Delegates from the churches were :—Barton, D. Hess ; Bowmanville, H. O'Hara ; Danville, J. L. Goodhue ; Framosa, J. Hindley ; Garafraxa, A. Lightbody ; Georgetown, W. Barber ; Guelph, J. Ellis and S. Hodgskin ; Hamilton, W. Edgar and Dr. J. B. Laing ; Kingston, W. Massie and G. Robertson ; Listowel, D. D. Campbell ; London, J. Hargreaves ; Markham, D. Cash ; Montreal, W. R. Hubbard and E. Wright ; Oro, R. Thomas ; Owen Sound, W. W. Smith ; Paris, N. Hamilton and D. Finlayson ; Southwold, R. Lewis ; Standstead South, — Young ; Toronto (2nd), Jas. Fraser and J. Hodgson ; Vaughan, R. Bowman.

Rev. Dr. Burns of Toronto and Mr. Hugh Young of Hamilton, attended as delegates from the Canada Presbyterian Church ; Rev. J. Butler of Bergen, N. Y., from the General Association of New York ; and Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D., from the General Convention of Vermont.

The following gentlemen were invited to sit as honorary members, viz :—Rev. Mr. Pedley, St. John's, Newfoundland ; Revs. Dr. Irvine, Burnett, Brown, Cheatham, Brennar, McClure, and Shaw of Hamilton ; Revs. Mr. Norton of St. Catharines ; Mr. Frinck, supply of Melbourne, C. E. ; J. Farrar, Cowansville ; Mr. Loring ; Students—G. Strassenburg, J. M. Smith, Sanderson, Thomas ; and Messrs. D. Loomer of Cornwallis, N. S., D. McLellan of Paris, C. W., J. Nasmith and A. Christie of Toronto.

The Rev. J. Elliot, Chairman, called the meeting to order at four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, and after devotional exercises the Union proceeded to business by appointing Rev. C. P. Watson of London, *Minute Secretary*, and Rev. J. Wood of Biantford to assist. The Chair nominated the temporary Committee of Nomination ; the Secretary of the Union presented a docket of business ; and an interim financial statement was made, and considered in committee of the whole. The hours of session were arranged, viz., 9 A.M. to 12½ P.M., and 2½ to 5½ P.M.

THE ANNUAL SERMON BEFORE THE UNION

Was delivered on Wednesday evening. According to appointment the Rev. James T. Byrne of Whitby officiated, and was assisted in the service by the Rev. Mr. Pedley of Newfoundland. The subject the preacher selected was *The duty of contending for the faith*, taking Jude iii. and Eph. iv. 15, 16, as the basis of his discourse. He commenced with the remark, that "the Scriptures frequently illustrate spiritual objects and relations, and the duties of christian life, by alluding to things seen and temporal," by which means they "become valuable instructors to us, and incentives to holy and earnest action." Alluding to his text for illustration, he said, "in the one we have an image from *Anatomy*, in the other an allusion to the *Grecian games*." These points he confirmed at some length in the exordium, and then proceeded in the following order to elucidate the theme chosen : I. The *object* for which the christian is called to contend, "*The faith once delivered to the saints*." II. The *manner* in which this contest is to be carried on, "*Ye should earnestly contend for the faith*," "*speaking the truth in love*." And III. The *motives* that should prompt us, one and all, thus to engage in this contest.

Under the first head he commented upon the *terms* used in the text from the epistle of Jude, and then observed, "Whatever, then, God has clearly