

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer the temporary Committee reported.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Services consist of Rev. A. Burpee, Rev. J. Gray, and Mr. Chas. Whitman; and that the Business Committee consist of Rev. Messrs. Howell and Burpee, and Messrs. F. H. Hilton, H. Freeman, and N. McLeod.

The Minutes of last year were read and confirmed.

The Secretary of the Union reported on Sabbath School efforts for Missions, and favourable reports were made from the Churches in Sheffield, Pleasant River, Milton, and St. John.

The Secretary reported that new Trustees had been appointed for the Gorham Estate Fund, and expressed his conviction that this would operate beneficially for the Union.

The Rev. J. Howell reported, on behalf of the Committee appointed by the Union to secure an Act of the Provincial Parliament, to give enlarged powers to the Trustees of the Gorham Estate, that such petition had been prepared and presented to the Upper House by the Hon. Freeman Tupper, who introduced a bill in accordance with its prayer; that it was referred to a special committee, who reported that in the opinion of its legal advisers such powers could not be granted in opposition to the declared wish of the testator; but that the Hon. Mr. Tupper ascertained that the Trustees could give leases of that property for building purposes, the renewal of leases being secured by a legal power requiring the trustees to take such buildings on valuations by arbitrators mutually chosen.

Rev. R. Wilson, delegate to the Canadian Union, reported that he had sent a letter which he read. Rev. R. K. Black, Delegate to the Maine Conference, reported that he had communicated by letter, to which he received a reply, which he read. Rev. J. Howell, Delegate to the Illinois Conference, reported that he had overlooked his appointment.

Rev. R. Wilson reported, that in accordance with the vote of the Union last year he had drawn up a paper on Congregational principles, that it had not been printed, and urged its non-publication for the present. *Resolved*, That the paper of Rev. R. Wilson be referred to the Business Committee.

The Secretary reported that he had secured printed blanks for statistics of Churches, which would be issued during the ensuing year.

The Secretary reported in reference to the Church in Halifax, that the matter had been laid before the Colonial Missionary Society. Rev. Mr. Poore stated to the Union, that it was desirable Halifax should be occupied, and that he would visit it and ascertain its condition, and that such action should be taken as the case required.

The Secretary reported concerning resolutions passed last year in relation to Sectarian Schools and Colleges, that the petitions had not been laid before the Legislature for reasons which he set forth. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Wilson and Rev. Mr. Burpee be appointed to attend to the matter.

The Secretary laid before the Union the Missionary Report for the past year. *Resolved*, That the Report be accepted and further consideration postponed till to-morrow.

The Union adjourned at five.

In the evening, at half-past seven, public service was held. A most appropriate Anniversary Sermon was preached by Rev. R. K. Black, which