

The Rev. Duncan McGregor was appointed Delegate to the Maine Conference.

The Rev. James Shipperley was appointed the preacher of the Annual Sermon.

The Rev. Simeon Sykes was appointed to prepare an Essay on "The Temptations to Christians peculiar to the Times."

Mr. James Woodrow was appointed to prepare a paper on some seasonable topic.

Mr. Woodrow was requested to make enquiries in regard to the Trust Deeds of the Churches.

MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS.

The Report of the acting Secretary, Mr. Woodrow, who had taken the duties in the interim, on the removal of the Rev. W. Williams to Montreal, showed a gratifying increase in the membership of the Congregational Churches in the two Provinces during the year, being about one hundred over and above removals, or an increase of eight and a half per cent. This gratifying increase was mainly due to the large additions in the churches at Yarmouth, Keswick Ridge, and Pleasant River, and to a more limited extent in other churches.

The Report of the Treasurer showed an expenditure of \$1,724 72 in the Missionary work, of which \$362 19, had been drawn from the general fund of the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society.

The Rev. Alexander McGregor, Delegate to the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, reported. Mr. McGregor also reported his consultations with the Canadian Missionary Society on the work in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Rev. Jacob Whitman reported result of his efforts in connection with the resuscitation of the Congregational cause at Manchester, N. S.

Sundry reports were made and routine business transacted.

The Rev. Alexander McGregor, following up the idea presented in his retiring address, in reference to the use of the press in the spread of Congregational principles, introduced a proposition looking towards the establishment of a first-class weekly Congregational newspaper as the organ of the body. The subject met some consideration, the result of which was, that twenty-two shares at \$50 per share were taken up, the list being in the hands of the Rev. J. B. Hawes, of Maitland.

THE PLACE OF MEETING, ETC.

Brooklyn, where the Union assembled, is associated with Beachmeadows in church work, with an organization known as the Brooklyn and Beachmeadows Congregational Church. This church was recently under the pastoral care of the Rev. Charles Duff, who removed to Ontario early in July. The Church was supplied until the meeting of the Union by Mr. Joseph Barker, a graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary. Brooklyn is in the neighbourhood of Liverpool, having formerly been associated as a part of the Liverpool Church. In the neighbourhood of Liverpool is the Congregational Church, Milton; while in the same county (Queen's), is another Congregational Church, that of Pleasant River, all the offspring of the another church in Liverpool, which was so long harassed by internal troubles in times gone by, but which is now enjoying peace.

The members of the churches in Liverpool and Milton, attended the meetings in considerable numbers throughout the Sessions, and showed attention in various ways to the ministers and delegates.

The meetings closed on Monday evening, 13th September, and on the following morning a religious meeting was held at Beachmeadows.

Thus closed a meeting which, taking all in all, was one of the most pleasant of the annual gatherings of the body. Several faces were painfully missed that had lent interest to the proceedings in former years—the counsel of some who had taken an active part in previous proceedings was lacking—but in spite of the discouragements, it was evident the presence of the Spirit was with the assembled body; and the love and unity which prevailed was manifest in the fact that those who met were of one mind and one heart in the prosecution of the work which lay before them.