

Territory had confined themselves to constitutional and lawful measures of relief they would have secured the sympathy and co-operation of every citizen between the Red River and the Rocky mountains, and further they would have found the Government at Ottawa did not desire, and would not knowingly oppress or wrong the humblest citizen of the land." The address, founded on 1 Chron. xii. 32, was an earnest appeal on the duties of the hour.

Official Notices.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

The annual meeting of the Union 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.

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.

Cobourg, April 1, 1882.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in the Congregational Church, Hamilton, on Thursday, June 11, at four o'clock p.m. As there are likely to be matters of great importance brought before the Society it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of all who are interested in the foreign work.

A meeting of the Directorate will be held at four o'clock, p.m., on Wednesday, June 10. All the gentlemen on this Board are urgently requested to attend.

HUGH PEDLEY, Secretary.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

The above Association meets in the Western Church, Spadina Avenue, Toronto, on Tuesday, April 21, at half-past two p.m.

Arrangements have been made with several brethren for papers on various subjects of importance. In the present position of our denomination it is of great moment that conference should be had on various interests, and it is confidently hoped that a good representation of churches and pastors will be present.

J. J. HINDLEY, M.A., Secretary.

Barrie, April, 1885.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY received since last acknowledgement: Frome, \$7.10; Sheddon, \$13.34; Hamilton, \$102.15; Emmanuel Church, Montreal, \$160.82; Calvary Church, Montreal, \$70; Guelph, \$59.30; Burford, \$50; Listowel Ladies' Missionary Society, \$10; Edgar, \$33.75; Rugby, \$23.75; Tilbury East, \$9; Kingston First, \$115.55; Embro, per Rev. T. Hall, \$28.10; Franklin Centre, per Rev. T. Hall, \$12.50; St. Andrew's, per Rev. T. Hall, \$13.17; Yarmouth, N.S., \$80; Paris, \$90.15; Churchill, \$10; Howick, First and Second, \$14.12; A Friend, Montreal, \$400; A Friend, Montreal, towards Mr. Hall's salary, \$100.

B. W. ROBERTSON,

Treasurer.

Kingston, April 6, 1885.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Western Association of Ministers and Churches met in Guelph, March 24-25, 1885, Rev. D. McGregor, pastor of the church, presiding. Very interesting papers were presented by the following brethren: "Our Spiritual Forces," by C. S. Pedley; "Utilization of our Spiritual Power," by C. E. Gordon-Smith of Stratford; "Relations of Home and Church Life," by W. Wetherald; "Relations of Children to the Church," by H. D. Hunter. These papers gave rise to a good deal of discussion, and enabled the brethren to get the time in very pleasantly. The reports from the churches were very encouraging, revival having been general, and a healthy spiritual tone prevalent all along the line. The Association was pleased to have a call from Rev. John Burton, of Toronto, who remained most of Wednesday and took part in the discussions, besides addressing the Association with regard to the college and THE INDEPENDENT. A resolution was carried unanimously, as a result of this visit, thanking Mr. Burton, and affirming our active interest in these institutions. We are pleased to see THE INDEPENDENT as a fortnightly and hope the day is not far off when we can expect it every week. Evening service on Tuesday was well attended by the members of Brother McGregor's congregation, and