

rules which, in enlightened society, regulate private Christian intercourse.

In all social conversation, we usually proceed upon the assumption that our friends can discriminate between that which they may freely speak of any where, and that which is intended for *their ear only*.

We feel that mutual confidence is one of the most important links in the chain that binds society together, and he who does not understand and act upon this principle we justly pronounce to be a dangerous man.

I would not for an instant shield the backbiter and slanderer. The laws of God are plain as to our duty towards him. I would merely urge upon my brethren and sisters in Christ, the importance of adopting and carrying out the principle above referred to.

A may have a *right* to tell B that he gathered in private conversation that C does not admire him, but who does not see that such a course would be highly improper? C may think it all right enough to tell the Bishop that both A and B thought his sermon a lame affair, but C, by so doing, would show himself to be a busybody and mischief maker, and utterly unworthy of our confidence, while I freely admit that we have need of an increased measure of the "harmlessness of the dove," I feel at the same time that a little more of the "wisdom of the serpent" would do my brethren and sisters in Christ much good.

The divine injunction, "Let brotherly love continue," cannot be acted upon, unless fraternal feelings exist, and fraternal laws and regulations are obeyed.

I am, dear sir,

Your's, very truly,

Pax.

Montreal, 13th July, 1843.

The following admirable account of the Meetings of the Congregational Union of Western Canada, we find in the "New England Puritan," where also is copied from our last number an account of the Union and Institute of Eastern Canada. It is rather odd that the only intelligence we have concerning our Western Brethren in Union assembled, should be thus received by way of Boston;* it has this advantage, however, that we thus receive the impressions of an impartial judge, who seems to be very competent:—

* We have learnt since, that the account was copied from a Brantford paper, to which, from respect to the brethren in that place, it was primarily conveyed.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA WEST.

The Annual Meeting of this body was convened in the pleasant village of Brantford, (located on the Grand River, about 25 miles south west of Hamilton,) on Wednesday, the 5th of July ult.

The meeting was opened in the evening, in the Congregational Church of Rev. Thomas Baker, with the Annual Sermon by Rev. William Clarke, of Simcoe, from Luke ix. 55: "But he turned and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of Spirit ye are of." The sermon was highly interesting, and very appropriate to the occasion; containing an able elucidation of the evils of the spirit, rebuked in the text, and of the great principle of that religious freedom which Congregationalists claim is the unalienable right of every man.

After Divine Service, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Met, according to adjournment. Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. Charles Armour.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Rev. Messrs. Adam Lillie, Theol. Tutor, Cong. Academy, Toronto; James Nall, Burford; Thomas Baker, Brantford; William Clarke, Simcoe; John Roaf, Toronto; Thomas Machin, Whitby; William P. Wastell, Guelph; Samuel Harris, Vaughan; William Hayden, Coburg; John Climie, Sen., Innisfil; John Climie, Jr., Nottawasaga; James Vincent, Newmarket; Leonard McGlashan, Warwick; Hiram Denny, Esquensing; Ari Raymond, Oro; Stephen King, Caledon; Charles Armour, Esquensing; Joseph Silcox, Southwold; Ludwick Kribbs, Stouffville; James Hart, Adelaide; Joseph Marr, Port Dover; Samuel Griswold, Monroe Association, New York; James H. Rice, Norwich, Cor. Mem.: Rev. Thomas Baker, ex officio Chairman; Rev. Adam Lillie, Secretary.

There were several delegates from the churches present, but I did not receive a list of them.

The following Committees were chosen: Rev. Messrs. Baker, Wastell and Clarke—a Committee to prepare resolutions for the evening.

Rev. Messrs. Baker, Wastell, Harris, Clark and Machin, (Secy.,) Committee on the Congregational Academy.

Rev. Messrs. Lillie, Clarke, Baker, Harris, and Wastell and Machin, (Secretaries,)—Committee on Missions.

After prayer, adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Met, according to adjournment, and arranged the business for the evening services, after the reports of the Committees relating to the same. Prayer by Rev. J. Silcox. Adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Met, according to adjournment. After singing and prayer, the Secretary of the Union read a highly interesting report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The following resolutions were then adopted: Moved by Rev. William Clarke, and seconded by Rev. Samuel Harris:

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the presence among us of the Rev. Samuel Griswold, as Delegate from the Monroe Association of Orthodox Congregational Churches, New York;