

Rev. E. D. Silcox, Embro: Was a Congregationalist; and he could not preach Christianity without preaching Congregationalism. The Presbyterians themselves do not believe the Confession of Faith; and yet their ministers, at their ordination, are compelled to subscribe to it.

Rev. William McIntosh, Nova Scotia: If corporate union were brought about, and our rights submerged, we in the Maritime Provinces would associate ourselves with the Congregationalists of Maine. We have, however, no right to assume that such a union would submerge our rights.

Dr. Jackson, Kingston: Could not support the last amendment. He supported the first. We are just standing where we stood five years ago—ready to discuss the matter with other Christian bodies.

Prof. Cornish, Montreal: Was for unity—not necessarily corporate union. "Union" was seen under the Roman church in old days. We want unity. Let us not bite and devour one another. Let us have a *modus vivendi*, whereby the denominations may carry on their work without these unseemly rivalries.

Rev. Wm. Johnston: Would withdraw his amendment, if Mr. Duff would withdraw the main motion.

Rev. Chas. Duff, with consent of his seconder, withdrew his motion; only he was sorry Mr. Johnston withdrew his amendment for the reason stated, though he had already come to this conclusion.

He did not like the idea of men coming here, instructed how to vote on this question. Do they come as men ready to be guided by the Holy Spirit, as exercised upon the minds of the brethren here? This is what Christian freemen should be! Our effort is for "unity"; we have not said "union." As to the supposed present existence of a "Committee on Union," he held that that committee did not now exist. We are a *continuous* body. He was in favor of such a committee being now appointed.

The first amendment having now become the main motion, Mr. Sanderson moved to insert the words "Presbyterian or," before the words "other religious bodies."

Dr. Wild: The Presbyterian body has never approached this Union; and to consent to this amendment by inserting the word "Presbyterian," commits us to the position that these brethren were to be considered in some shape as acting representatively.

Rev. Chas. Duff: Dr. Wild says the Union has not been approached by the Presbyterians. They sent a deputation last year, who *did* approach us on the subject of union!

Mr. Sanderson said, he reluctantly withdrew his amendment.

The motion was then carried.

The nomination of the Committee on Union was referred to the Nomination Committee; to report on Monday.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

There was no session of the Union; the members and their friends taking a steamboat excursion three or four miles down the river, to Springbank.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH.

Rev. A. W. Richardson, B.A., Brantford, preached the annual sermon in the church where the Union was held; Prof. Barbour preaching in the evening; after which the church joined with the Union in observing the Lord's Supper. Most of the other pulpits in the city were occupied by members of the Congregational Union.

[Thus far from notes taken by the Editor. As he was unable to attend the meetings on Monday, he is indebted to the *Toronto Mail*, for the following summary of proceedings, from the pen of our brother, Rev. Enoch Barker.]

#### MONDAY MEETINGS.

It was decided this morning, on the recommendation of the Membership Committee, that no immediate action be taken in the case of Rev. W. H. Pulsford, M.A., late of Emmanuel church, Montreal, and now reported to be pastor of a Unitarian church in the United States; but the secretary was instructed to make further enquiries about his ecclesiastical relationship before definite action be taken by the Union.

Rev. J. P. Gerrie, of Toronto, was appointed convener of the Temperance Committee; Rev. E. M. Hill, of the Sunday Observance Committee; and Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Kingston, of the Credentials Committee.

The Union officers for the ensuing year are: Committee—Rev. Prof. Warriner, Rev. Dr. Wild, Rev. Messrs. A. W. Main, J. Morton, C. Bolton, R. Aylward, J. T. Daley, B. B. Williams, W. Johnston, Messrs. J. C. Copp, W. McCartney, T. Bale, J. Duff, J. White. Preacher of the annual sermon, Rev. J. I. Hindley; alternate, Rev. J. P. Gerrie. Union Secretary, Rev. J. P. Gerrie; Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. T. Daley.

Rev. W. F. Clarke, of Guelph, startled the meeting by announcing his withdrawal from the membership of the Union. He stated that he differed in some of his doctrinal views from most of the members, and he wished to be perfectly free in his utterances without disturbing the body. Also, he feared he was not in accord with many of his brethren in other matters.

Rev. J. Morton, Rev. B. B. Williams, Rev. Wm. Hay, and others, spoke very regretfully, of