

feed the flock of God. How is it possible to do this if we do not break to them the bread of life?

But having reached our prescribed limit, we close by invoking the divine blessing upon our Churches, with their bishops and deacons, and upon all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with us all. Amen."

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Eighteenth Annual Sessions of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Congregational Union were held at Chebogue, N. S., on the 21st, 22nd and 24th of July, 1865.

After an hour spent in devotional exercises, the Union was organized and a Sessional Roll formed.

PRESENT:—Rev. J. Howell, of Liverpool; Rev. R. Wilson, of Sheffield; Rev. John Gray, of Chebogue; Rev. Archibald Burpee, of Yarmouth; Rev. S. Sykes, of Pleasant River; Rev. R. K. Black, of Milton; Rev. J. R. Kean, of Cornwallis, and Mr. Hiram Freeman.

Delegates:—Captain N. K. Clements and Mr. L. S. Balkam, from Yarmouth; Messrs. Chas. Whitman and Nelson McLeod, from Milton; Messrs. James Woodrow and Archibald Rowan, from St. John; Messrs. F. H. Hilton and Ambrose Kelly, from Chebogue, and Captain G. McLeod, from Liverpool.

Honorary Members:—Rev. Dr. G. Smith and the Rev. J. L. Poore.

Mr. Jas. Woodrow was appointed Minute Secretary, and a temporary committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Black and Howell, and Mr. Charles Whitman, to nominate Standing Committees.

The Rev. Archibald Burpee, Chairman, delivered his retiring address.

Moved by Rev. J. Howell, seconded by Rev. R. Wilson, and resolved, That the Rev. R. K. Black be Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Dr. Smith and the Rev. J. L. Poore were then introduced to the Union by the Secretary, and the Chairman, in the name of the Union, gave them a cordial welcome, and extended to them the right-hand of fellowship.

The Rev. Dr. Smith addressed the Union at some length, testifying the regard of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and the English brethren, for the Churches in these Provinces, and presented their affectionate salutations to this Union. He announced that he and the Rev. Mr. Poore were at the disposal of the Union, to take part in any services that might be considered of benefit. The Rev. Mr. Poore extended the hearty greetings of the Colonial Missionary Society, expressed its readiness, and his readiness as its representative, to coöperate in every Christian endeavour with the Churches in these Lower Provinces, and addressed the Union at some length in regard to his mission.

Resolved, That the Union adjourn at half past twelve o'clock, meet again at two, and adjourn again at five.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Union are hereby tendered to the retiring Chairman for his able address, and that the Secretary of the Union be authorized to have it published in the *Canadian Independent*.