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CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—The next annual meeting of the Union will be held in the Northern Congregational Church, Toronto, commencing on Wednesday evening, the 10th of June, 1874, when the Chairman's address will be delivered by the Rev. Enoch Barker of Fergus. Afterwards a brief session will be held for organization. A full and interesting programme has been prepared for the sessions of the Union, which is expected to extend its time until Tuesday night, instead of Monday night, as formerly. Ministers and delegates may therefore come prepared to remain to the close. According to standing rule 12, the payment of travelling expenses shall not be made till after the final adjournment.

J. A. R. DICKSON,
Secretary.

TORONTO, April 16th, 1874.

UNION MEETING, TRAVELLING EXPENSES.—At the last meeting of the Union, the Rev. John Wood moved the following resolution to be referred to the Union Committee, "that the 12th standing rule shall be altered by the omission of all after the words "if possible," and the insertion of the following, "provided always that through its pastor or delegate, no church shall receive more than double the amount of its contribution for the year, and that no payment shall be made until after the final adjournment, except with the leave of the union." Upon consideration, the Union Committee think it is not expedient at present to recommend the proposed change in the rule, fearing it might in certain cases be unjust to the weaker churches. At the same time, the Committee recognize the difficulty which this proposed amendment was intended to remedy, and appeal to the churches whose contributions have in past years been entirely inadequate to meet their

proportion of the expenses of the union, to increase their contributions." It is to be hoped that this appeal of the committee of the Union will meet with a liberal response.

J. A. R. DICKSON,
Secretary.

TORONTO, April 16th, 1874.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—For the information of churches and ministers intending to apply for admission into the above union, the following provisions of its constitution are here republished—**CONSTITUTION ART II.** "That it (the Union) shall consist of congregational or independent churches, and of ministers of the same church order, who are either in the pastoral office, or (being members of congregational churches) are engaged in evangelistic or educational service, approved and received at a general meeting." According to standing Rule No. 1, "application for admission to the union shall be made in writing." It is particularly requested that all such applications be sent to me *before* the Union meeting.

J. A. R. DICKSON,
Secretary.

UNION EXAMINATIONS.—In accordance with the announcement made in the *Canadian Congregational Year Book* for 1873-4, p. 94, to which reference is made for further particulars, the examinations there referred to will be held in the vestry of the Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, on Thursday and Friday, June 4th and 5th, 1874, commencing at 9 a.m. Ministers from other denominations, purposing to present themselves, will please send previous notice to the undersigned.

F. H. MARLING, *Chairman,*
Committee of Examiners.
Toronto, April 23, 1874.