

"Congregationalism among the Churches." Among other good things, he said :

"Although the denomination is behind some others in wealth and numbers, it is inferior to none in spiritual power and blessing. It has always had as its leaders men of distinguished power and ability. In the Mother country, in other lands, and in these Provinces, Congregationalists have stood in the front rank as champions and defenders of liberty, civil and religious. Even men who have ignored Divine authority have acknowledged this, and have complimented us upon the work we have accomplished, saying, 'England owes an everlasting obligation to the Independents for her civil and religious liberty.'

"In the mission field Congregationalism has won honors for the Master. Two of the oldest and greatest of the Foreign Missionary Societies, viz., the London Missionary Society and the American Board of Foreign Missions, were organized and supported by our denomination. Other churches recognize this and acknowledge the good done by us, and yet some of them seem to think that we have accomplished our mission, and that we would do an excellent and graceful act by retiring now from the field! This is sometimes suggested by our connectional friends, the Presbyterians and Methodists, and also doubtless by our sisters in polity, the Baptists. But our mission is a live issue yet, and can not be relinquished.

"We are influencing them for good. They have been moulded in a measure by our teachings, and are coming to us—rather, coming toward us. We are greeting them fraternally, but are not going toward them! We are pressing on in the direction we have always been going—toward Gospel liberty that makes all free; so that we can all say, 'One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.'

"The progress in this direction by our brethren has been marked and rapid; may we not hope for organic union on the lines of gospel liberty at no distant day? We hold that Christ will draw all men to Himself if He be lifted up. For this end we need a higher consecration: wealth to feel its responsibility; learning to be more humble; trade less selfish; power of every kind, less grasping and domineering.

"Let us stand firm by our principles, encouraging our societies of Christian Endeavor, doing more than ever for our Home and Foreign Missionary Societies and our College, and as individual church members let us not forget that time is flying, and it stands us in hand to use well each passing hour in the Master's service, and for the Master's glory."

Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Kingston, being present, next addressed the meeting, bringing the greeting of the Quebec and Ontario Union.

Saturday was a busy day. A delightful hour was spent from 9 to 10, in devotional exercises, presided over by our veteran minister, Rev. Jacob Whitman, and participated in by many of the brethren.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. The minutes were read; the sessional roll was formed: all the ministers of the Union were present and answered to their names; some of the churches were unrepresented, their delegates failing to be present. The following brethren from a distance were present, and were accorded the privilege of honorary membership: Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., Kingston; Rev. J. B.

Silcox, Montreal; Rev. C. B. Smith, D.D., Boston; Rev. Alex. McGregor, Pawtucket; Rev. Dr. Scott, of Leominster, Mass.; Rev. W. H. G. Temple, Boston; T. M. Lewis, Esq., Yarmouth.

Dr. Smith addressed the meeting. He said he was one of the directors of the American Peace Society, and that it was their object to labor for an International Court of Arbitration, to which all matters of dispute between nations might be referred, and there be decided instead of by war. He spoke in eloquent and thrilling terms of the progress that was being made towards the abolishment of war, and said: "Britain and the United States must ever be united in bonds of friendship and peace." He brought the greetings of the Congregationalists over the the border.

Rev. D. W. Purdon, late of the Lancashire Association, England, and Rev. John Wood, of Truro, were received into full membership, the Chairman giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Revs. J. B. Saer and David Howie were dismissed, and recommended to Congregational associations in the United States.

Rev. John Wood was chosen Chairman by the unanimous vote of the Union and was inducted into the chair by Mr. Moore, who expressed himself more than gratified by the Union's choice. Mr. Wood, with a few felicitous remarks, took his seat. The rest of the day was mainly devoted to a missionary conference of the churches. Reports were heard from many of them, giving a good account of the state of the fields requiring missionary aid. Much interest especially was taken in the reports from the most discouraged churches, such as Kingsport, the oldest cause in the Dominion, now without a pastor; and Margaree and Maitland. Much sympathy was expressed for these old causes, continually being depleted by emigration, by our visiting brethren from the Ontario and Quebec Union, as well as from those across the border. The prevailing sentiment seemed to be that these old causes must be maintained if possible, and that none of them should be allowed to die out for the want of men and money.

Very encouraging reports were received from Economy, Brooklyn and Beach Meadows, Liverpool, Pleasant River, Chebogue, Keswick Ridge. The churches of Sheffield, St. John, Yarmouth and Truro are bravely holding their own and doing a grand work for the Master, undismayed by difficulties.

Much thankfulness was expressed for the aid the Christian Endeavor movement had given to all the churches.

SABBATH.

The meetings were grand on Sabbath. The