

THE DELEGATE FROM THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Rev. J. Halstead Carroll, D.D., after a letter had been read from his co-delegate, the Rev. John Minor, excusing his absence, delivered a lengthy and eloquent address to the Assembly. Dr. Carroll spoke of the bond of sympathy between the Church which he represented and the Canada Presbyterian Church, referring to the fact that almost the first Presbyterian minister in Canada was the Rev. Robert McDowell, who was sent in 1798 as a missionary from the Dutch Reformed Church. He congratulated the Assembly upon the union effected in 1861 and the prospect of another union at no distant date, as well as on the strength and vitality of the Church and its adherence to their Presbyterian principles. He also gave an interesting sketch of the history and work of the Reformed Church, its foreign missions in India, China and Japan, its home missions maintained at an expense of \$50,000, its Board of Publication, and its educational institutions with 280 students of theology. The Reformed Church, he stated, has 4 Synods, 30 presbyteries, 600 congregations and ministers, 50,000 communicants, and 70,000 Sabbath school children, its annual contributions being \$500,000. Speaking of Sabbath school work, Dr. Carroll mentioned that the school attached to his own Church is the largest except one in the world. The speaker also alluded to the gift which his Church had received from Canada in the person of Dr. Ormiston, formerly of Hamilton, now a minister of the Reformed Church in New York. He tendered the cordial greetings of the Church he represented and its Christian wishes for the prosperity of the Canada Presbyterian Church to the Assembly, and longed for the time when in a more perfect state of the Church universal a larger outward union and closer intercourse might declare its essential unity.

The Moderator, in a brief reply, expressed the gratification of the Assembly in hearing of the prosperity of a sister Church, and desired the delegate to carry back with him the affectionate greetings of the Assembly, and their earnest desire for the maintenance of such pleasant ecclesiastical intercourse as they had hitherto enjoyed with the body he represented.

SIXTH DAY.

Reports of Committees already given, and the subject of instrumental music, engaged the attention of the Assembly for some time, after which the

REPORT OF THE KANKAKEE MISSION

was called for. Dr. Jennings read the report, which was dealt with in the usual manner. Mr. Chiniquy then addressed the Assembly in the interest of the Mission.

The Report set forth that the sad calamity of fire had visited the Mission in the latter part of August, and again early in September, suspending the business of the schools, and compelling the congregation to meet in the open air and in the adjoining Presbyterian church. Mr. Chiniquy set to work and raised \$1,500 among his own people, together with a considerable sum from many congregations in the Church. The Convener and Mr. Thompson, of Sarnia, visited the congregations at St. Anne's and Kankakee. The latter agreed to the recommendation of the Committee, and united with the American Presbyterian Church. The people of St. Anne's emphatically refused to be united with the Presbytery of Chicago, and earnestly desired to remain in their present connection. The Committee expressed their opinion that the best field for the labours of Mr. Chiniquy is in Montreal and the surrounding country. The schools are reported to be in an efficient state, and a good work is going on in connection with them. The Assembly resolved to express sympathy with the people of St. Anne's in their recent calamity; to authorize Mr. Chiniquy to collect funds in congregations to which he is invited for the building at St. Anne's; to approve of the Committee's action in transferring the Kankakee congregation; to remit