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WILL our subscribers look at the label on their magazine and forward their subscription due? Will our pastors and other true well-wishers do something in the way of obtaining new subscribers? Our churches want to know more of what is thought and done among us. Then news items are sadly needed from friends who are content to tell their story simply, and not be offended should the editorial pen be drawn through such adjectives as "the grandest, most glorious, tremendous, such-as-never-was-before," *et omne hoc genus*. We are widening the circle of our contributors, and shall aim to make the magazine thoroughly representative of the denomination. And we want the privilege of speaking to every household therein. Come friends, one and all, rejoice our editorial heart, and fill up our means of getting the printer to send forth a widening flow of mutual sympathy and knowledge.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The thirty-sixth annual session of this body was convened in Milton, N.S., Saturday afternoon, July 7th, 1883. The first meeting was opened by observing a brief session of devotional exercises, Rev. J. Shipperly presiding, after which the regular business transactions took place. Mr. N. Burpee, of St. John, N.B., was chosen minute secretary. Roll of members was then called.

Several delegates and all the personal members of the Union were present during the whole or part of the session.

The Rev. Mr. Murray (Baptist), and Rev. Messrs. A. W. Main, and E. N. Johnson, pastors of the Congregational churches of Economy, and Milton, N. S., were invited to sit as honorary members.

After the appointment of nomination and other committees, the secretary read a telegram from Rev. T. Hall, announcing his expected arrival on Monday, the 9th inst.

In the evening, Rev. J. Shipperly, of Chignecto, gave his retiring address. Subject—Congregationalism, its Necessity and Demands," which was well received.

Rev. I. L. Beman was then elected to the chairmanship for the ensuing year. The thanks of the Union were voted to the retiring chairman for his address.

The Business Committee reported that Revs. J. W. Cox, S. Sykes, J. Whitman and Mr. Robert Faulkner serve as a committee to draw up a resolution touching the removal of Rev. Alex. McGregor.

On Sunday morning, at half-past ten, the public exercises were held. Rev. D. W. Cameron, of Keswick Ridge, N.B., gave the annual sermon, to a full house. The subject of his discourse was timely, viz.: "The more Sure Word of Prophecy;" text, 2 Peter 1:19. He showed that the Scriptures are the revealed word of God, and upon them we stand or fall in our religious life, after which the communion service was observed, the Revs. Jacob Whitman, I. L. Beman and G. W. Johnson officiating.

On Sabbath afternoon a very enthusiastic meeting was held, in behalf of the Sunday school. The exercises consisted in reading the Scriptures, prayer and singing, followed by addresses by the clergymen present.

In the evening, a large audience assembled to listen to an interesting sermon by Rev. I. L. Beeman, Rev. Mr. Shipperly assisting in