

church being then ready for occupancy. The invitation was accepted. The Secretary was instructed to write to all churches within the bounds, not in membership in the Association, suggesting to them to enter into fellowship with it. The Committee appointed to revise Constitution and By-laws was called upon to report. The Secretary stated that he had failed in having a meeting of Committee; but Mr. Marling and himself (who were members of the Committee) had looked over the Constitution and By-laws. He gave notice of a proposed amendment to 5th Art. of Constitution. One by-law was amended, one new by-law passed, and one proposed for next meeting. When finally disposed of at next meeting, they will be inserted in the INDEPENDENT, along with report of proceedings. All former rules and by-laws were repealed. The revised Roll of Members and Associated Churches was read. The deferred resolution "That, in the opinion of this Association, a certificate of Membership in good standing in any of the recognized Associations should be deemed sufficient to introduce to membership in the Congregational Union," was further deferred to the larger meeting in the Winter. By request of the Association, Rev. F. H. Marling gave an account of the origin and work of the Evangelical Alliance, then holding its meetings in New York. In the afternoon reports from churches were continued. Rev. Joseph Wheeler reported Albion, and Rev. S. T. Gibbs, Whitby. Rev. S. T. Gibbs read a paper before the Association on "Sunday School Work." Remarks were made by several brethren. The General Text, Phil. ii. 12, 13, was then called for. No written plans were presented, but Rev. F. H. Marling read a written sermon on the text. Several brethren made remarks. Rev. W. W. Smith read a paper on "Church Meetings." The Review Club transacted its annual business. In the evening, the Committee of Arrangements for next meeting made the following report, which was adopted: "The next meeting to be held in Bond Street Church, Toronto, on the 20th, 21st, January 1874. Rev. E. D. Silcox to preach: alternate, Rev. J. I. Hindley. Gen. Text, Rom.

i. 16, "For I am not ashamed," etc." Review, "Hodge's Theology;" Rev. J. A. R. Dickson. Address or Essay, "Suggestions on Church-building," Jas. Smith, Esq. Essay, "Revivals," Rev. J. Unsworth. Association to meet on Tuesday at 7; afternoon being left free for meetings of Union Committee and Missionary District Committee. Wednesday evening to be spent by members of Association in delegations at the week-evening meetings of the three Congregational Churches. Secretary to invite other Ministers, not members of this Association, who might be likely to attend. Time to be given to carry out the recommendation of the College corporation, in "encouraging and counselling young men, who may be proposing to enter the work of the Ministry"—such young men being invited to attend, and confer with the Association. Members, Delegates and Visiting Brethren to notify Rev. F. H. Marling, 69 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, not later than a week previous to the meeting; so that places may be provided for them. At 7.30, Rev. C. H. Silcocks, of Meaford, entered the pulpit, and preached to a good congregation from Judges viii. 4; "Faint, yet pursuing." The Association then adjourned; to meet in Toronto in January. The sessions, though instructive, lacked the zest which would have been given by a larger attendance of members. The first day was nearly lost from this failure to attend. It is hoped that our next meeting will be such a full one, that we shall forget the partial failure of this meeting. w: w. s.

EASTERN DISTRICT MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.—The late meeting of the Association was of unusual interest, all the members being present, taking part in the exercises. The first meeting was on Wednesday evening, and assembled in the Audience room of the Church, in Kingston; Revds. J. and R. Brown conducting the devotional exercise. A Lecture followed, delivered by Rev. J. G. Sanderson, of Ottawa, on "The Life of John the Baptist," based on Matt. 11 chap. 11 verse.

On Thursday morning an interesting prayer meeting was held in the Lecture