

The Association met on Tuesday the 7th at 10 a.m., and remained in session throughout the whole day, and the following morning. In the evening the Rev. James M. Smith, of Southwold, preached, according to appointment. His theme was "Spiritual union with Christ, the indispensable condition of fruit bearing," from John xv. 5. The figure employed by our Lord was beautifully illustrated from the Scriptures. One regret must have been participated by all the hearers—that so few were present to enjoy the discourse. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. B. W. Day and Rev. C. Pedley.

This late meeting of the Association was the largest ever held by it. Ten ministers were present throughout, all members, or seeking membership. At our last morning session we held a consultation respecting the relations of our Home Mission work to the "Colonial Missionary Society." The result of our free conference may yet be forwarded to you for publication in our magazine. In the meantime I will only add that our beloved secretary-treasurer's proposal respecting a successor to himself and the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, combining in one the offices of secretary and travelling agent, obtains no favour in this circle,—if for no other reason,—as utterly impracticable. We cannot relinquish the hope that until our relations to the Colonial Society undergo some change, relieving the secretary of much of the difficult and delicate diplomacy at present required, our generous and indefatigable secretary-treasurer will consent to remain at his post.

Yours, &c.,

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ST. FRANCIS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1864, the "St. Francis Association," of Congregational ministers met at Fitch Bay. This is a small village on the east side of Lake Magog, in the township of Stanstead. Rev. L. P. Adams is pastor of the Congregational Church which was there organized 8 or 10 years ago, in connection with his faithful ministry. Though small, and still aided by our Missionary Society, yet there has been a gradual increase of numbers and strength. Mr. Adams' labors have been blessed with revivals, resulting in the hopeful conversion of souls, and additions to the Church of "such as shall be saved."

At this meeting were present the following members of our Association: Revs. Duff, Forsyth, Adams, Macdonald, Farrar, and Sherrill. Mr. Duff preached the Association Sermon from Luke xvii. 20, and 1 Cor. iv. 20—subject, "The nature and power of the kingdom of Christ."

Wednesday, 14th—Brethren present read essays, expositions of scripture, and plans of sermons. In the evening there was a public meeting in the large school house where Mr. Adams preaches. Rev. W. Price (Wesleyan, C. W.) was with us. The services were appropriate, solemn, and full of hope. "For all the people were very attentive to hear."

The next Association meeting will be in Danville, March 14th, 4 o'clock, p.m. Rev. A. Macdonald was appointed to preach the Association Sermon, J. A. Far