

of a separate annual record since the formation of the Union renders it unnecessary to give more than a brief glance at its history.

In the Autumn of 1886, Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Sandford once more left their native land to resume foreign work. Their farewell addresses delivered at the annual meeting held in the Leinster Street Church, St. John, were of special interest.

Mrs. Churchill thus refers to the different aspects of missionary life :—

“Thirteen years ago I first stood upon the public platform as an acknowledged Missionary, or as one desirous of devoting her life to the work of giving the Gospel to the perishing heathen. For ten years previous to this, it had been the most intense desire of my heart to be allowed to devote my life to this work, and now the wish was about to be realized.”

“Well do I remember the thoughts and anticipations that filled my mind then : and you may ask, have they been realized ? Only in part. A real missionary life I find to be somewhat different from an ideal one. In the latter, trials and privations are anticipated, but the expectation of being able to devote all your time to talking about the Saviour and pointing the poor heathen to Him as the One to cleanse from all sin, almost eclipses every other thought, —or so it was in my case. This expectation is never realized ; and the trials and privations are of a different nature from those anticipated. To say that I do not shrink from many things that I see before me would be untrue, but I hear the voice of my Master saying “Go forward,”