

men who now carry on their work, is their best memorial. To the measure of their power, our Colonial Churches have ever striven for liberty in the State, in the Church, in Society everywhere; in the Press, and in Trade; and in the untrammelled Education of the child.

Our most serious present problem, is how to deal with

THE FOREIGN IMMIGRATION.

In free countries, you can only ward off the danger by increasing the number of intelligent and educated citizens.

We do not dream of

ABSORBING OTHER BODIES.

When we see them acknowledging Christ as their only Guide and Life, we rejoice; and cease to be anxious about our numerical strength. The *march of nations* is toward Free Churches and Free People!

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 5.

The first hour, every morning, from 9 to 10, was spent in devotion. These Prayer-meetings, which were considered a part of the regular sessions of the Union, were well attended, and very inspiring and gratifying. One of the ministers was always appointed the day before to lead the meeting. At 10, the Chairman of the Union took his place, and the business began.

On nomination of the Committee of the Union, the

REV. HUGH PEDLEY, OF WINNIPEG,

was elected Chairman of the Union for 1891. By instruction of the Union, the Secretary telegraphed the election to Mr. Pedley. The next morning he read a reply-telegram from Mr. Pedley: "Many thanks to the friends for remembering the Prairie Province!"

THE REV. W. F. CLARKSON, OF BIRMINGHAM,

Delegate of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, was presented to the Chairman by Prof. Warriner, and introduced to the Union by the Chairman, Rev. W. Cuthbertson, in a few touching, eloquent and appropriate remarks.

Mr. Clarkson said, I feel it an honor to be thus delegated. I rejoice to come to take knowledge of you and your work in Canada, and report the same to our friends at home. Your Chairman, Mr. Cuthbertson, has labored in Australia, and now in Canada. I have remained in what you call—it is a new word to me—the "old country." I will not attempt counsel; but like Joseph, who was sent by his father to see how his brethren did, and how they kept the sheep, I can take back word. One of our greatest misconceptions has been, that the Colonists are entirely able to help themselves, and

need nothing but *good wishes* from the older country. On the continent of Europe, people think that London is an El Dorado—that the streets are almost paved with gold, and a fortune to be picked up at almost every front door. And we have thought something the same about Canada. But the responsibility cannot be shifted to Ontario and Quebec. If ours is the Old Country, our people must be considered as the "old people," and they must help their younger sons.

We are looking forward to the

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next year. We pray that all our churches may be blessed and stimulated in their work. I am to speak to-night on Home Missionary work, and now only add my appreciation of your kindness and warm reception, and desire to convey to you the Christian and hearty greetings of your brethren at home.

THE CHAIRMAN:—While Mr. Clarkson is on the platform, would you allow me to say on your behalf that we wish him to impress upon the English Union the great desirability of sending us annually a representative; and to go, as I trust Mr. Clarkson will go, to country places as well as the towns—to Embro, to Garafaxa, to Wiarton, (and through the forest seventeen miles beyond), to the Indians.

The suggestion was received with long-continued applause, and was afterwards *voted*. The following were appointed representatives for

THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF 1891:

Revs. G. Cornish, D.D.; S. N. Jackson; John Wood; John Morton; H. Pedley; Mr. Geo. Hague. *Alternates*.—M. C. Whitlaw, Revs. R. K. Black, W. H. Warriner.

It was stated that this Union was entitled to 6 delegates; the Lower Provinces, 2; Newfoundland 2; the College, 1; 11 in all. A special committee was empowered to fill any vacancies in our list.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP.

Rev. Hugh Bentley, Toronto; Hope Church, Toronto; Rev. W. J. Watt, Franklin Centre, Que.; Rev. R. J. Stillwell, Edgar; Rev. Geo. A. Love, late of Newmarket. These were transferred on request:—Rev. F. Davey, to N.S. and N.B. Union; Rev. Jos. Colclough, to English Union; Rev. J. C. Wright to Washington State Association.

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

reported a long list of pulpits to be supplied on Sunday, by members of the Union. The local Methodist Conference being in session in Ottawa, every Methodist Church in the city was thus supplied, as well as several others.