

## THE READING OF PAPERS, ETC.

The first of these was on Saturday afternoon. Mr. C. H. Whitman, of Milton, N. S., who takes a warm interest in Sunday School work, read an admirable paper on the subject of "Sabbath Schools and their requirements."

On Monday evening, the Rev. Duncan McGregor read a carefully prepared and interesting paper on "Indifferentism," its cause and the remedy against it. The paper referred not merely to religious indifferentism, but to indifferentism in other matters.

Mr. Freeman Dennis, who had read a paper at a previous session of the Union, on "Storing for God," gave a brief outline of his views on the topic, showing the importance of following the Scriptural method of the weekly-offering system.

The Rev. H. M. Parsons followed Mr. Dennis on the same subject. Mr. Parsons advocated the principle that the ministers of the Gospel should have faith in God, and trust Him to supply their needs, without stated salaries, and educate the people to give as the Lord had prospered them. The first day of the week, the people should bring their offerings, not to the church or the minister, but as to the Lord, using the church merely as the channel for their free-will offerings. The adoption of this principle would result in greater liberality; and the Treasury of the Lord would not be empty.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Among these was a resolution in acknowledgment of God's blessing on lay and evangelistic work. This resolution was proposed by Mr. W. P. Sterritt, Delegate from the church in Yarmouth, and seconded by Mr. H. P. Kerr, Delegate from St. John, and was as follows:

"That this Union hereby records its thankful acknowledgment of God's mercy in sending down copious showers of blessing all over the Christian world during the past year, and honouring the efforts of laymen and evangelists, specially those honoured servants of God, Messrs. Moody and Sankey."

This resolution was discussed on Monday afternoon, but was discontinued at 3 p.m., the time appointed for the Bible reading of Mr. Parsons, and was again taken up at the close of the Bible service. The rain poured outside, while inside an earnest discussion of the important topic proceeded in presence of a large congregation. This discussion was one of interest, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Resolved, "That this Union recommends to the cordial support of our churches the *Canadian Independent* and the *Congregational Year Book*."

Resolved, "That the Union recommends that each church take up a collection for the Provident Fund on the first Sabbath in December."

Resolved, "That the Secretary of the Union be authorized to write a fraternal letter to the pastor of the Congregational Church, St. John's, Newfoundland."

Resolved, "That in view of the very great evils resulting from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, this Union desires to express its sympathy with every Society having for its object the suppression of these evils; but would especially urge upon the churches the duty of greater activity in the promotion of the principle of Total Abstinence; being convinced that this is the only correct principle, not only on the ground of Christian expediency, but as being the only safeguard against the vice of Intemperance; and in pursuance of this object, this Union would recommend to the churches the adoption of a Total Abstinence pledge in connection with Sabbath Schools wherever established."

Resolved, "That this Union recommends to the prayers and practical sympathy of the Churches the Congregational College of British North America; and that it also sincerely prays that the College may prove the centre of a hallowed and blessed influence that will, through the men it prepares for the Christian ministry, be felt throughout the entire Dominion; and further, that the second Sabbath