

# ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

THE Eleventh Annual Assembly of the CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF EASTERN CANADA, convened in *Zion Church*, Montreal, on the 17th and 18th of September, 1850. The chair was occupied by the Rev. D. Connell of Brome. The Session was opened with the usual devotional exercises, and a short address by the Chairman.

The Ministers and Delegates of the Associated Churches present were, the Rev. Messrs. D. Connell, J. Anderson, T. Bayne, Dr. H. Wilkes, A. C. Geikie, R. Miles, J. Robertson, E. J. Sherrill, F. H. Marling; Delegates, Messrs. J. Dougall, D. McCallum, J. McKillican, J. Ward, J. Wood,—Wilkinson.

Delegates from Sister Associations—Rev. R. Crawford, and Rev. D. Sanford, General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Mr. Miller, Presbytery of Champlain; Rev. A. Lillie, Congregational Union, Canada West.

The Rev. A. Geikie; Second Congregational Church, Toronto, was cordially invited to sit with the Union.

The Rev. A. C. Geikie of Quebec, was received into the Union.

The Annual Subscriptions of the Churches for the general purposes of the Union were received. (See list of Subscriptions.)

The Committee of Overtures and Nomination was chosen, consisting of Messrs. Sherrill, Anderson and Marling.

It was *Resolved*, That the hours of Meeting during the Session, shall be from 10 to half-past 12 A. M., and from half-past 2 to 5 P. M., and that the Session close on Thursday evening, with the Annual Missionary Services.

Reports of Delegates appointed at the last Annual Meeting, to visit or correspond with Sister Associations, were received and reciprocated.

The Rev. A. Lillie gave a detailed statement of the present state and prospects of the Theological Institute at Toronto.

## AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Rev. Dr. Wiley, of the Dutch Reformed Church, Utica, N. Y., was very cordially received, and invited to sit with the Union during its present Session.

A series of interesting and important questions bearing on the general interests of the body, were submitted for general discussion—ordered to come up in regular succession.

The following Committee was appointed to confer with the Rev. A. Lillie in reference to the Theological Institute, viz: Rev Dr. Wilkes, Convener, F. H. Marling, J. Anderson, R. Miles, Mr. J. Dougall.

The Committee of Overtures was instructed to present for the consideration of the Union, a Resolution on the subject of Sabbath Profanation by public authorities.

The expediency and desirableness of holding the Annual Meetings alternately in Montreal, and the other Sections of the Union was duly considered, when no change, at present, was deemed expedient.