

and that the Rev. J. Elliott be appointed to collect statistics and suggestions, to be presented at our next session at Montreal."

#### DAY OF PRAYER.

It was resolved, "That we earnestly recommend the churches associated with us to observe the last Sabbath in June as a day of special confession of national sins and supplication to Almighty God, that he may command his blessing to rest on the roots and fruits of our land, thus preserving us from the various causes of blight by which we have severely suffered in former years."

#### PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

It was resolved, "That whilst our Educational Institutes are of great value in aiding the promotion of the interests of the Lord's Kingdom, and of those who receive training in them, we cannot overlook the fact that the Divine blessing is essential to spiritual benefit: and therefore recommend to our churches to co-operate as far as possible with those of other denominations in observing the last Thursday in February as a day of special prayer for Colleges and other Institutions of learning, that the Lord would graciously and copiously pour upon them the Holy Spirit."

#### CORRESPONDENCE WITH SCOTLAND AND AUSTRALIA.

The Secretary of the Union was instructed to open a correspondence with our brethren in these lands.

#### DR. RYERSON'S CIRCULAR.

A circular requesting the views of the Union on the subject of religious instruction in Common Schools, and which had been previously referred to a Special Committee, was on Tuesday forenoon considered in a Committee of the whole. The Committee of the whole recommended the appointment of a Committee to consider the subject brought before the Union in the circular, and present a report at the next annual meeting. Committee nominated,—Revs. E. Ebbs, J. Wood, D. McCallum, W. Hay, and Chas. Whitlaw, Esq.

#### RAILROADS.

Resolved, "That the thanks of this Union are due, and are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, the Ottawa and Prescott R. R. Companies for their kindness to ministers during the past year in making an arrangement by which they were permitted to pass over their roads at half fare; and also to the Northern and Grand Trunk R. R. Companies for special arrangements in favour both of ministers and delegates coming to its present session."

#### CHURCHES AND FRIENDS IN TORONTO.

The thanks of the Union were tendered to the Pastor, members and congregation of the 2nd Church, together with the pastor and members of the 1st Church and other Christian friends of other denominations for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Union during its present session.

#### MISSIONARY REPORT.

The first item of business on Tuesday afternoon was the adoption of the following resolution:—

"That the Missionary Report of the Secretaries (Revs. Dr. Wilkes and K. M. Fenwick) be considered as read; that it be received and adopted; and that it be published under the direction of the Committee."

#### LETTER TO THE UNION FROM THE 1st CHURCH, TORONTO.

On Saturday, a Committee was appointed to confer with the 1st Church, Toronto, on the subject of the letter addressed to the Union by the 1st Church, Toronto. On Tuesday afternoon they reported as follows:—

"It may be well at once for the committee to state the position of the question. The First Church, Toronto, has not applied for membership with the Union; nor has it sought any alteration of the constitution with a view to such an application. The object in addressing the Union was respectfully and affectionately to inform the brethren of the reasons why, as a church, it did not seek to be received as a