

as they are not at present. If the size were that of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT the transference of documents from one to the other would be rendered more easy.

For our part we should like to see these reports issued chiefly in the collective form, and sold for say 10 cents a copy. Any one who would care to read them would give that trifle for the privilege. The whole would then form, with other appropriate matter, a "Canadian Congregational Year-Book."

ONE-THIRD RETURN FARES

It will be noted, in the announcement of the Union Meeting, that all the railways will grant return tickets at one-third of the usual fare. Hitherto the Grand Trunk has conveyed members of such bodies both ways for one fare, and the Great Western has charged but one-fourth for the homeward journey. This will so much increase the travelling expenses, and will necessitate more liberal collections.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The custom of appointing delegates from a body like the Congregational Union to similar bodies at home and abroad, of our own or other denominations, is one that has been followed for many years with varying interest and advantage, and is one of the usages which are all the better for an occasional revision. Many of these interchanges of visitors have been very pleasant, and our brethren have "in conference added" something "unto us." Others have seemed little better than calls of ceremony, consuming valuable time, and leaving us no wiser as to matters elsewhere than the newspapers had made us already. Can we secure more of value and reality from these appointments? Can we guard against their misimprovement?

In the United States, since the formation of the National Council, it has been pretty generally resolved by the several State bodies, on recommendation of the former, to discontinue the practice of appointing delegates from state to state; it being considered that the modern religious press gives tenfold more information every week to the many than was formerly imparted by word of mouth once a year to the few, and that the churches will deliberate and act in the Council itself concerning all matters of joint concern.

That Council will also undertake the duty of correspondence, by letter or by delegate, with other religious bodies in their own country, and with Congregational bodies abroad. Accordingly, the unions of Ontario and Quebec, and of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, received last year letters from the delegates of the National Council. It is, of course, quite open for any State body to keep up such correspondence if it sees fit, but several have dropped it, and the others will probably follow suit.

We shall be sorry, for our part, if the change results in our receiving no American delegates, as it may, for we have often found it good to hear from these geographical neighbours and ecclesiastical brethren of ours. And our delegates, on the other hand, have enjoyed their visits to "the other side."

The interchange of delegates with Canadian bodies may be made a valuable