

Rev. Walter Wright, of Canada Presbyterian Church, also applied for admission. Action deferred according to standing rule. The Rev. D. C. Frink was dismissed to the General Association of New Hampshire, and the Rev. A. Macdonald was excluded, he having been expelled from Zion Church, Montreal. The names of the churches at Bell Ewart, Innisfil and Newcastle were also ordered to be dropped from the roll, these organizations having ceased to exist.

A letter was read from the church in Hamilton, regarding the conditions of membership in the Union, which was referred to a special committee appointed by the chair, and consisting of the Revs. W. F. Clarke, T. M. Reikie, E. J. Sherrill, and Messrs. Jos. Barber and H. J. Clark. The said committee were also instructed to report upon the proposed amendment of the first standing rule, which they did at a later stage of the proceedings, by recommending the insertion of the words in italics in the rule as below given :—

“Application for admission to the Union shall be made in writing, and, *except when accompanied by a satisfactory letter of dismissal from a sister body*, shall include a statement of doctrinal and ecclesiastical views. All such applications shall be reported to the Union, and at once referred to a standing (membership) or special committee for full enquiry. Upon their report that the evidence of *doctrinal soundness and good standing* is sufficient and satisfactory, the applicant shall be eligible for immediate admission by unanimous vote. In other cases, with the consent of the Union, they shall stand proposed (with the privilege of honorary membership), until the next annual meeting, at which, after a further report from the same committee, they may be fully received.”

Their report was adopted.

It was resolved, on their recommendation, that the following minute be adopted in reference to the communication from the Hamilton Church, and a copy of it sent to said church by the Secretary :—

That this Union being the child of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, has ever regarded itself as substantially standing on the Declaration of Faith, Church Order and Discipline of the Parent Body, though it has never used that Declaration, nor any other humanly composed creed as a test of membership; moreover, that its course in the past sufficiently exemplifies its principles and methods in the reception of new members, and that no member of the Union in good standing has ever been debarred the full enjoyment of his rights and privileges.

In consequence of the public breakfast in honour of the delegates from Great Britain and the United States, the Union did not reassemble until

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After devotional exercises and routine, the business Committee recommended *inter alia*, and it was resolved, that the Committee of the Union be requested to report, through the *Canadian Independent*, such amendments to the Blank Trust Deed as they may think advisable.

And also, that the Secretary be requested to call attention, through the same medium, to the great desirableness of congregations doing all in their power to ensure accurate census returns.

The Union then adjourned in favour of the College Corporation, a report of whose proceedings is inserted elsewhere. In the evening, 6:30 P.M., a