

D. Cash, J. Dobbinson, Markham ; R. W. Wallace, Scotland ; Geo. Hague, 3rd Toronto ; John Cameron, G. Rowley, London ; D. Neiswunder, Stouffville—45.

There were also present the following Delegates from corresponding bodies :

Rev. A. Burpee, Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ; Rev. W. P. Wastell, Congregational Association of Michigan—2.

The Union also extended the privilege of Honorary Membership to—

Revs. J. Gilray, R. Burnet, J. Potts, Hamilton ; S. T. Gibbs, Jamestown, N. Y. ; M. S. Gray, Amaranth ; J. Howell, Granby ; G. Purkis, Waterville ; C. Pedley, Cold Springs ; C. Spettigue, Newmarket ; W. McClure, Toronto ; H. J. Colwell, Duffin's Creek ; Dr. H. C. Allen, Brantford ; Messrs. A. Christie, Toronto ; R. Y. Blyth, A. Lightbody, Douglas—14.

The roll having been completed, the Rev. L. Kribs moved, and the Rev. T. M. Reikie seconded, the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

*Resolved*—That this Union, reminded by the vacant chair of the decease of the late Rev. J. Climie, of Belleville, so shortly after his elevation to that position, feels it to be its first duty to place on record its sense of the long and efficient service he had rendered to the body by his unaffected, earnest and manly piety, both by means of his ministry and his pen ; and while mourning his removal from their midst, would bow submissively to the Divine will, and pray that all needful grace and consolation may be bestowed upon the sorrowing widow and family under their sudden and heavy bereavement.

Mr. Kribs gave a graphic description of Mr. Climie's early life, and of the trials and difficulties through which he wrought his way up, notwithstanding his defective scholastic training, into prominence and usefulness in the ministry of the gospel ; and Mr. Reikie, and others, bore testimony to the earnestness, prayerfulness, and success with which he was wont to throw himself into every moral reform, and especially into revivalistic efforts, instancing the wonderful work at Lanark in 1853. After the adoption of the resolution, the Rev. T. Pullar led in prayer.

The Rev. J. Wood, Secretary, then read the Report of the Committee of the Union, which we here present to our readers in full.

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

It may seem an almost superfluous formality on the part of your Committee to call the attention of the Union, after the lapse of so many months, to the melancholy event by which the chair of this Body became vacant so shortly after its adjournment last year. But they cannot allow the occasion to pass without at least placing on record, in addition to the resolution which has just been adopted, their sense of the many excellences of our deceased brother, Mr. Climie, and of the long and faithful services he has rendered to the Denomination. He was an earnest pastor, and a laborious and successful revivalist. He was also emphatically valiant for the truth, especially in his advocacy of the principles of voluntarism and total abstinence, in the defence of which he never feared the face of man ; and although, perhaps, his zeal and courage were not always allied with prudence, we may all learn of him a lesson of fidelity to conviction and religious principle at any cost, of which he afforded us a conspicuous illustration. He did not seek the priest's office among us for " a piece of silver and a morsel of bread," and we can conceive of no circumstances, the failure of her<sup>1</sup>th excepted, that would have induced him to abandon it for any worldly calling. His attachment to the Denomination was ardent and unwavering, but his love for the work of the