

Rev. J. Wood was chosen minute Secretary, and R. H. Smith, Esq. Assistant.

The hours of session were fixed at from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 2½ P.M. to 5½ P.M.

The delegates to corresponding bodies reported on Wednesday afternoon. The greater number of them had written fraternal letters. Some of them had written narratives of their visits, to the *Canadian Independent*, which have already appeared in these pages. Rev. A. Duff, delegate to Maine, spoke of the deep and thrilling interest felt in the meeting of the General Conference of that State. The meetings are all crowded,—business is conducted with great facility,—people come from all corners of the State,—spiritual questions have great prominence given them. Dr. Adams of Maine, explained why their meetings are so well attended; one cause is the fact that a number of holy women are usually present, whose influence is felt in giving acceleration to business, that more time may be devoted to prayer.

ANNUAL SERMON.

The Annual Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Elliot, of Ottawa, from Luke 23d ch. and 28th v. "Jesus said" * * * "Weep not for me." The preacher remarked, that the sun had risen on the day in which the last section of the last chapter of the history of man for 4000 years was being written, when Jesus spoke these words. Jesus never sought our compassion. The grandeur of his position was then beyond our utmost conception. He had a great work to do "and how am I straitened till it be accomplished."

The subject of discourse was, *The Saviour's delight while on earth in the great work of human redemption*. This was illustrated, I. In its relation to God. The purpose was through this work to turn the tide of public opinion in regard to the most high God. Jesus had the confidence that he was engaged in a work that would have through Eternity a bearing on the Father's glory. II. In its direct relation to Man. The Saviour's compassion. Love in the heart is according to the degree of light in the understanding. The case of a beggar; our feelings toward him. The Saviour understood man's state of sin and misery, condemnation and exposure to endless woe. III. In its relation to all the hosts of heaven. IV. In its relation to all the future. For the joy set before Him. Its effects through time. Progress and success.

This was followed up by the following practical observations, 1st. If the Saviour when on earth delighted in the work of human redemption, we may be sure that he delights in it *now*.

2nd. From the same view of the Saviour's delight, well may the servants of the Saviour delight in their Redeemer. 3rd. In view of the same truth, then should not those here delight to hear his voice. Call to the unconverted. Jesus does not call for pity. Your confidence, your love, yourselves. 4th. If the Saviour when on earth delighted in the work of human redemption, surely it is meet that his servants should delight to be laborers together with Him. This part of the sermon was specially applied to ministers, that they should strive together for the faith of the gospel—in the study—in the character of the subjects selected for illustration, and enforcement on the people—in the labours of the pulpit—in access to the people by visiting, by comforting the mourners in Zion, by speaking words in season to the young and other classes, aiming at an aptness to teach the great themes of redemption. A large and intelligent audience listened to the solid discourse of which, we