

ing the same period the endowment of Queen's College, so that neither it nor the theological institutions referred to may be a burden to the United Church, or interfere with the prosecution of its home and foreign missions. Further, that it is understood that all the other matters pertaining to the Colleges be left for adjustment to the United Church."

The Westminster Confession, and Longer and Shorter Catechisms were adopted as the "subordinate standards" of the Church. A committee was appointed to prepare a plan for the establishment of an efficient Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the United Church. The Organ question was again revived in connection with a resolution regarding "modes of worship," to the effect that "the practice presently followed by congregations" be allowed; but the Assembly resolved,

"That the article be remitted to the Committee on Union, to be brought before the Committees of the negotiating Churches to consider if, under the present circumstances, such an article be necessary."

And so that matter was disposed of.—

Marriage with a deceased wife's sister was again condemned, as "unscriptural"? Other matters of purely denominational concern, were attended to, and the Assembly closed, on Friday, the 18th.

TORONTO INSTITUTE.—The Annual Institute of the Toronto S. S. Association will be held in Knox Church, commencing on Monday evening, 4th December, and continuing each evening till Friday the 8th; commencing at 7.45 precisely. Rev Dr. J. H. Vincent, of New York, is to be the conductor. One subject only will be taken up each evening, introduced by the Conductor, spoken to by two gentlemen announced, and afterwards by the members generally, and finally put through the question box. The subjects are.—Monday, "The plan and purpose of the Sunday School"; Tuesday, "S. S. Officers"; Wednesday, "S. S. Teachers"; Thursday, "Teacher Training"; Friday, "Week Day Relations of the Sunday School." A fine programme.

TORONTO, BOND STREET.—On Sunday, Nov. 26, at the morning service, the pastor gave a narration of the proceedings of the Oberlin Council, and the lessons therefrom, taking as a text Acts xiv., 26, 27; and in the evening preached on "the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, our Great Want," as one of the chief of these lessons.—The Anniversary will be held on the 27th December, when Rev. W. M. Punshon will preach in the morning and Dr. Wilkes, in the evening. Dr. W. will probably spend Sunday 17th, at Hamilton, in the interests of the Lillie Memorial Fund.

Good Words for the Family.

TURNING-POINTS OF LIFE.

The switch-tender was weary, and, as he sat at his post, his eyes were heavy, and he fell asleep. The train came thundering along, and, as it neared the place, the man heard the whistle, and rose to adjust the switch for the train. He was just too late. He sprang aside; the cars moved on, were thrown from the track, and a scene of death and disaster was the consequence.

It was only a little switch. A bar of iron, a few feet in length, which opened at one end *only an inch*, to allow the flange of the wheel to pass through the narrow way. *Only a few seconds more*

would have placed the little bar at the right angle, and all would have been well. But the few seconds were lost; the little bar was out of place, and the train, with its invaluable freight of life and property, was nearly all buried in a mass of death and ruin.

A young man was once under a state of deep inquiry about his eternal interests. Two or three of his companions learned that he was going to prayer meeting, and they determined to change his purpose. They persuaded him, *only this once*, to go to the accustomed place of resort. He finally yielded. They plied their arts of amusements, gaiety and pleasure, and bound him at last in