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NOTES ON THE UNION MEETING OF 1872.

WE trust that none of our readers will fail to read in full our condensed accounts, in "News of the Churches," of the proceedings of the Congregational Union, and other denominational organizations, held in Montreal during the past month. Yet we would call attention to the leading points there presented, in a few brief notes and comments.

1. Montreal was hospitable, as of old. Indeed, the external attractions of the place were too powerful to allow of a steady attendance at the meetings. It was pleasant to find the new pastor of Zion Church leading his people in denominational movements as heartily as his veteran colleague.

2. We think we express a general feeling, when we say that the Union Meeting was not quite as animated and animating as usual. We scarce know how to account for it, but such was the fact. We trust that the Committee will be able to devise more satisfactory arrangements for the future conduct of business. The complaints were very freely expressed before the meeting closed: (1) that many members—ministers and delegates—failed to give regular attendance at the sessions, dropping in late and dropping out early; (2) that too many were in such haste to return home, that important business was hurried through, lest it should be transacted by a remnant of the Union; and (3) that those who were serving on important Committees, especially the Missionary Committee, were "pressed out of measure, above strength." If the proceedings of the body are to have due weight, there must be ample preparation beforehand, and sufficient time for deliberation in the Annual Meeting itself. We notice that similar complaints are made in other bodies, but that is poor consolation.

3. The position of the Missionary Society demands the earnest attention of its friends. There is a deficiency of several hundreds of dollars in the revenue; and the Colonial Society diminishes its grant by £50 sterling, with a prospect of a further decrease of the same amount year by year. We raise no alarm on the question. We have no doubt that the case can be met, if the churches will. But the