

was in the forefront of comfort and respectability, and a little freshening-up would give it an air of brightness now with the sanctity of our grandfathers' time. We confess to having felt a charming spell as we walked its aisles, and a desire to tell the old, old story within its walls. The opportunity came, as we may relate, further on. But the festival—well it was chatty, homelike, enlivened with recitations, songs, and strawberries. The attendance was good—we had almost forgotten to say that the Western men had all to be heard—nevertheless the close came at a seemly hour, and good-natured all departed.

A MERRY time was on the train which conveyed several of the delegates and Western men from Digby to Yarmouth. The rolling land, water snatches, broad river and smiling lakes, all under a clear sky, added zest to the buoyancy of the spirits, as we rolled along the short line connecting the two termini just mentioned. At Yarmouth friends were waiting to "call the roll," name the hosts, and drive the visitors to their respective homes. The manly form of the Yarmouth church pastor was everywhere to be seen greeting, directing, answering questions, and introducing; equally active and hospitable was the indefatigable pastor of the Chebogue church, Mr. Watson. And, oh, the open hearty countenance of the friends in waiting! Hospitality in every motion, welcome in every tone. Being a little constitutionally tired that evening, we elected to stay in Yarmouth over night, and soon found ourselves in the grasp of Mr. James Horton, and under his kindly roof. The next morning found us at Chebogue, reached by a five mile drive along a pleasant road, with the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in session. The Rev. D. W. Cameron, late of Keswick Ridge, having removed to the neighboring republic, the Union was left without a chairman, Rev. Wm McIntosh, of Yarmouth, was therefore chosen *pro tem.*, and ultimately elected a chairman for the year. The business of the Union proceeded harmoniously and expeditiously under our friend's presidency.

THE editor was requested to give in the absence of any address from the last chairman, the address he had delivered to the Union in Hamilton; this took up the evening of Satur-

day. The local press says: "The speaker occupied over an hour and a quarter in delivery, and was listened to throughout with marked attention. The address was a clear statement of Congregationalism, abounding in broad views and breathing a catholic spirit throughout." The same paper says:

"References having been made to the *Year Book* and *THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT*, the editor of said paper was quickly on his feet. Then followed a lively, witty, intelligent and highly instructive speech on some of the difficulties of the editorial calling. He placed the claims of the paper squarely before the members of the Union, and urged their hearty cooperation in making it a success. Mr. Thos. Hall, Mr. George Fuller, Mr. J. G. Sanderson, Mr. J. Barker, and others, took part in a discussion as off-hand as it was intelligent, and each speaker seemed to vie with his predecessor in making the most entertaining address of the session. The one effect upon all was a deep-seated resolution to double the circulation of *THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT* during the coming year, and thus show appreciation of the labours of its successful editor."

THE formal minutes of the Union and the special reports will be found in the *Year Book*. Our jottings aim at giving impressions only. The ordinary routine business was conducted and transacted in the ordinary way, unless it be that it was without speechifying. Considerable interest was manifested and perplexity, as with the Western Union, in the matter of church deeds. Congregationalists appear to be remarkably liberal in the manner in which they allow property unused to become the perquisite of other friends, and correspondingly troublesome to themselves in the way of security or transfer. "Unused church property" has a provoking sound, especially when a little common sense and a minimum of suspicion would avoid it all. The spirit of our model trust deeds ought to be followed throughout. The indefatigable, and to all appearances the indispensable, treasurer of the Union, Mr. Woodrow, of St. John, N. B., has the matter in hand for the Lower Provinces.

A LADIES' missionary meeting is a new and desirable feature of Union gatherings, unless indeed such missionary organization should demand a gathering of its own. Whilst the