

mutual conference with the male members of this church on as early a date as possible."

Negotiations connected with the call to the Rev. Dr. Wild, and his acceptance thereof caused considerable delay in following the instructions conveyed in these resolutions. Of this the churches referred to were duly informed by the Executive Committee of the church under date of September 27th.

On October 30th an invitation was sent addressed to the Revs. J. Burton, H. D. Powis, J. B. Silcox and W. H. Warriner, reading thus:—

TORONTO, October 30th, 1880.

DEAR SIR,

In furtherance of the resolution of the Bond Street Church, a copy of which was forwarded to you on the 27th ult., the Executive Committee have much pleasure in inviting yourself and the officers of the church to a meeting to be held in the Bond Street Sabbath School on Tuesday evening, the 23rd prox. at 8 o'clock. We trust that, with the Divine help and guidance, this mutual conference may be productive of the happiest results, by cementing and binding together in Christian fellowship and labour all the churches of our denomination in this city, and that the cause of the Master may be strengthened amongst us, and His name be glorified.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. McCARTNEY, Sec.

The conference met in regular course on the evening of November 23rd, and adjourned for three weeks in order that the Bond Street Church might, in accordance with suggestions of the brethren, make some expression of regret with reference to the late pastorate.

On December 8th the church held an adjourned meeting at which the following resolution was passed on the recommendation of the Executive Committee:—

*"Resolved,* That we, the members of the Bond street Congregational church, desire to express our deep regret that the results which have followed upon the call and settlement of our late pastor have been of so unhappy a nature.

*"While we cannot admit that in giving that call, or in our subsequent action, we were actuated by any motive other than that of seeking and securing the best interests of the church, we see in the results the evidence that we were unfortunate in our*