

The Rev. J. Fraser returned thanks for the very kindly greeting they had accorded to him as a "Prodigal Son." After all, he said, Canada is not a bad place to return to!

Mr. C. Alexander, of Montreal, urged attention to the key-note of the sermon of the previous evening,—sympathy with Christ in his work.

The Rev. E. J. Robinson, from England, gave his impressions of Canada, and of the Canadian Churches, which he thought were very earnest, very small, and very poor. But when he remembered the vast resources there were to be developed, he thought this a fine Missionary country.

Rev. Dr. Beecher then spoke, at the call of the Chairman. He said, by way of appendix to what Dr. Wilkes said this morning of "no marriage being possible" between Canada and United States, that he had heard of such things as young ladies saying *no*, and after all, agreeing! Marriages are sometimes for money, and sometimes for love. He was inclined to believe, that if they had many interchanges of such friendly visits, they should by and by be "in love." As to the question of *interest*, he was not quite so sure—he would leave it to those who professed to know better. We have often spoken of the "North-West." Now there is *another* North-West. There is said to be room enough, north of the line, and West of Hudson's Bay, for forty States as large as Ohio. It looks so on the map. A most fertile region. There is to be a great movement for God or against Him, in that vast territory! There was a time when the French, with their Priests and Jesuits, had nearly all North America. But God had different designs; and they were ousted. I am deeply convinced, he said, that this whole continent is to be sacred to the cause of Human Freedom. And though *you* stand independent, and *we* stand independent, we have *both* our duties to God and duties to man, for God, for Right, and for Liberty.

Rev. R. Hay was next called on. He had been most kindly received in his new sphere in Illinois; and could testify to the general regret of Christian people there that Canada should be annoyed by Fenianism.

Mr. W. H. Johnson, of Ottawa, was the last speaker. His official duties would bring him into connection with the approaching census, which would be taken early in 1871. It was very desirable that every denomination should show its real strength. There were many mistakes in the last census, chiefly through the use of *initial letters*, as "C" for Congregationalist, which was just as likely to be taken for *Church* or *Catholic*. He was also able to testify to the liberality of our body. In one Diocese of the Church of England, the contributions of its members were only 10 cents per head, while those of Congregationalists varied from \$3.20 to \$25.89 per head.

The national anthem was then sung, and the Union resumed Session.

MEMBERSHIP.

3 P.M.—Applications for membership were presented from the Revs. W. S. Rae, of Danville; E. J. Robinson, at present of Montreal, and subsequently from Rev. J. Fraser, of the same place; all of whom, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, were received, as was also the Rev. C. Pedley, of Cold Springs, whose application had been lying over from last year. The Rev. R. Parsons, of Simcoe, and the