

MINUTES
OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL UNION
OF
CANADA,

HELD IN MONTREAL, CANADA EAST,

10th—16th June, 1857.

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OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA,
FOR 1857.

Chairman.

REV. E. EBBS.

Secretary--Treasurer.

REV. KENNETH M. FENWICK.

Committee.

REVDS. DR. WILKES, F. H. MARLING, J. WOOD,
WM. HAY, MESSRS. E. F. WHITTEMORE,
J. McKEAND, JAMES WILKES AND
W. MELLISH.

Next Annual Meeting at Brantford, C. W., on the Second
Wednesday in June, 1858, at 4 P. M.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA.

I. That the name of this Association be "The Congregational Union of Canada."

II. That it shall consist of Ministers and Professors, or Tutors in Colleges or Theological Institutes, of approved character, and of Churches of the Congregational or Independent order, duly received at a general meeting. In the admission of new members application shall be made in writing, addressed to the Secretary six weeks prior to the general meeting, in which a statement of doctrinal and ecclesiastical sentiments shall be made, and testimonials, if any, be supplied. Students who have finished their course at the Canadian Congregational Theological Institute, and who are ordained to the Ministry, and persons recommended by Associations of the same Church Order in other countries with which a fraternal correspondence is maintained, shall be eligible for admission without any probation; others shall be received only after having been proposed at the previous meeting.

III. That this Union is founded on a full recognition of the distinctive principle of Congregational Churches, namely the Scriptural right of every separate Church to maintain perfect independence in the government and administration of its own particular affairs; and therefore that the Union shall not, in any case, assume Legislative Authority or become a Court of appeal.

IV. That the following are the objects contemplated in its formation. 1. To promote evangelical religion in connection with the Congregational Denomination. 2. To cultivate brotherly affection and co-operation in everything relating to the interests of the associated Churches. 3. To establish fraternal correspondence with the several Congregational Unions on this Continent and in Europe. 4. To address an annual or occasional letter to the associated Churches, accompanied with such information as may be deemed necessary. 5. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational Churches throughout the British American Provinces.

V. To promote the accomplishment of these objects and the general interests of the Union, an Annual Meeting of its members shall be held, each of the associated Churches being represented by two lay delegates, the meeting to be held at such time and place as may be appointed at each Annual Meeting.

VI. That the Officers of the Union be a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Minute Secretary, and Committee, all to be chosen annually, by ballot with nomination, who shall execute the instructions of the Union, and prepare a docket of business for the Annual Meeting.

STANDING RULES OF THE UNION.

I. The Union shall meet annually on the 2nd Wednesday in June, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for organisation; to commence with devotional exercises; the Chairman of the last meeting, (or, failing him the Pastor in the place of meeting,) to preside then, and until his successor be appointed.

II. After the above exercises, the Constitution and Standing Rules shall be read, and a Minute Secretary for the Session appointed.

III. The Roll of the Union shall be called, and a Sessional Roll formed.

IV. A Committee of ~~five~~ shall then be chosen, on nomination of the Chair, for Business and Nominations.

V. An Annual Sermon shall be preached, on the Wednesday evening; the preacher being appointed at the previous Annual Meeting.

VI. On Thursday morning, after the Devotional Services, the retiring Chairman shall deliver an address; new members shall be admitted, and the new Chairman, chosen by ballot, without nomination.

VII. The Minutes of the last Meeting shall be read, and the Report of the Union Committee presented.

VIII. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer; the morning devotional exercises to extend to an hour.

IX. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without permission from the Chair; and every motion shall be presented in writing by the mover, if required by the Chair.

X. The Roll shall be called, and the Minutes of the preceding day read at the opening of each day's session; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the session.

XI. The Church in whose locality the Annual Meeting shall be held, shall be requested to celebrate the Lord's Supper in connection with such meeting; with which Church the members of the Union shall individually seek occasional fellowship.

XII. On the Monday evening, during the sittings of the Union, a Public Meeting of the Union shall be held.

XIII. The Pastors, or the Officers of the Churches are expected to send to the Secretary, one month at least before the Annual Meeting, a brief narrative of the State of Religion, with statistics, in their several localities; that he may prepare a condensed narrative of the whole for the Annual Meeting, and for printing, if so ordered.

XIV. That a Collection for the Funds of the Union shall be made annually in each Church on, or near the Lord's day, prior to the meeting. From the Fund so raised the *extra* travelling expenses of Ministers and Delegates, arising out of the amalgamation of the Unions, shall be paid; as also the expenses of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

XV. That Delegates from the Union to Corresponding Bodies, who may fail to fulfil their appointments by personal attendance, shall address those Bodies by letter, communicating in substance such information and sentiments as they would furnish if present at their Annual Convocation.

XVI. In case of disagreement between members of the Union, it shall be regarded as incumbent upon them to seek, without delay, an adjustment of their difficulties and a mutual reconciliation; and the party refusing to give or accept satisfaction according to Christ's rule, may be dealt with by the Union on that account.

XVII. That the travelling affairs of the Ministerial Members of this Union, and of one delegate from each Church, be paid in full, if possible, or otherwise according to an equal rate of per centage, on the understanding that such ministers and delegates remain during the sessional meetings.

XVIII. Should any Ministerial Member of this Union remove from Canada, and not apply for a letter of dismissal for the space of a year after his departure, the Secretary of the Union shall, if he can ascertain his address, forward to him a letter certifying his membership up to the date of his departure; and if his location be unknown, his name be reported in order to erasure from the roll.

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LIST OF MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE UNION.

Adams, L. P.	Fraser, J.	Raymond, A.
Allworth, William H.	Hall, R. V.	Reikie, T. M.
Armour, J.	Harris, S.	Ritchie, G.
Baker, T.	Hay, Wm.	Robertson, J.
Bayne, T.	Hay, James	Robinson, J. B.
Black, R. K.	Hayden, Wm.	Robinson, Robert
Boyd, James	Howell, James	Searight, T.
Bucher, G. B.	Hugh de Burgh, W. H.	Sim, A., M.A.
Buckham, J.	King, S.	Shanks, Philip
Burgess, Wm.	Kribs, L.	Sherrill, E. J.
Burpee, A.	Lancashire, H.	Snider, S.
Byrne, J. T.	Lillie, A., D.D.	Unsworth, J.
Campbell, J.	Marling, F. H.	Ward, S.
Clarke, Wm.	McCallum, D.	Wilkes, H., D.D.
Climie, J.	McGregor Dougald	Wickison, A., M.A.
Denney, H.	McKillican, J.	Williams, R. J.
Dunkerley, D.	McKinnon, N.	Wilson, Hiram
Durrant, J.	Noble E. A.	Wheeler, J.
Ebbs, E.	Parker, A. J.	Wood, J.
Fenwick, K. M.	Powis, H. D.	

LIST OF CHURCHES CONNECTED WITH THE UNION.

Abbotsford, C. E.	Hawkesbury, C. W.	Owen Sound, C. W.
Albion, C. W.	Hopetown, C. W.	Philipsburgh, C. E.
Belleville, C. W.	Indian Lands, C. W.	Port Sarnia, C. W.
Brantford, C. W.	Inverness, C. E.	Quebec, C. E.
Brockville, C. W.	Innisfil, C. W.	Russeltown, C. E.
Brome, C. E.	Kelvin, C. W.	Scotland, C. W.
Bowmanville, C. W.	Kingston, C. W.	Simcoe, C. W.
Caledon, C. W.	Lanark, 1st Ch., C. W.	Sherbrooke, C. E.
Cobourg, C. W.	Lanark Village, C. W.	Springford, C. W.
Cold Springs, C. W.	London, C. W.	Southwold, C. W.
Danville, C. E.	Markham, C. W.	Stanstead South
Durham, C. E.	Melbourne, C. E.	Stratford, C. W.
Eaton, C. E.	Martintown, C. W.	Stouffville, C. W.
Eden Mills.	Montreal, 1st Ch., C. E.	St. Andrew's, C. E.
Eramosa, C. W.	Montreal, 2d Ch., C. E.	Toronto, 2d Ch., C. W.
Garafraxa.	Newcastle, C. W.	Vaughan, C. W.
Georgetown, C. W.	Newmarket, C. W.	Warwick, C. W.
Granby, C. E.	Oro, C. W.	Whitby, C. W.
Hamilton, C. W.		

MINUTES.

THE Annual Meeting of the CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA, was convened in Zion Church, Montreal, C.E., on Wednesday, the 10th June, 1857, at 4 o'clock, P.M.

Dr. Wilkes, as Pastor of the Church, presided till the arrival of the Rev. E. J. Sherrill, Chairman. The Session was opened with devotional exercises. The Secretary read the Constitution and Standing Rules.

The Rev. T. M. Reikie was elected Minute Secretary.—The Roll was then called.

Roll of Members and Delegates present during the Session.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

Allworth, W. H.	Ebbs, Edward	Parker, A. J.
Bayne, Thos.	Fenwick, K. M.	Powis, H. D.
Black, R. K.	Fraser, John	Raymond, A.
Boyd, J.	Hay, William	Reikie, T. M.
Bucher, G. B.	Hay, James	Ritchie, G.
Burpee, A.	Hayden, Wm.	Robertson, J.
Byrne, J. T.	Howell, J.	Sim, A.
Campbell, John	Lancashire, H.	Shanks, P.
Clark, Wm.	Lillie, A., D.D.	Sherrill, E. J.
Climie, John	Marling, F. H.	Snider, S.
Denney, H.	McCallum, D.	Wilkes, H., D.D.
Dunkerley, D.	McKillean, J.	Wilson, H.
Durrant, J.	Noble, E. A.	Wheeler, J.

Wood, John

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

<i>Brockville</i> ,—H. Freeland.	<i>Martintown</i> ,—Angus Christie.
<i>Bonaville</i> ,—R. A. Hara.	Do.,—Hugh McDermid.
<i>Cobourg</i> ,—J. C. Field.	<i>Montreal, 1st Church</i> ,—Jos. Savage.
<i>Eramosa</i> ,—J. Peters.	Do., do.,—J. W. Howes.
<i>Hamilton</i> ,—J. McEachern.	<i>Montreal, 2d Church</i> ,—A. McDonald.
<i>Indian Lands</i> ,—A. C. Sinclair.	Do., do.,—Wm. Slack.
<i>Inverness</i> ,—M. McKillop.	<i>New Market</i> ,—G. Mortimer.
<i>Lanark, 1st Church</i> ,—R. Robertson.	<i>Quebec</i> ,—J. Musson.
<i>Melbourne</i> ,—Dr. Webber.	<i>Sierbrooke</i> ,—J. S. Walton.
<i>Straiford</i> ,—W. McWaters.	<i>Toronto, 2d Church</i> ,—J. F. Marling.
<i>Stouffville</i> ,—W. Tracy.	Do., do.,—Ed. Childs.
<i>St. Andrews</i> ,—A. Stewart.	<i>Whitby</i> ,—Jas. Byron.
Do.,—D. Dewar.	

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Revds. J. J. Dana and E. W. Noble, from Gen. Assn. of Massachusetts.
 Rev. W. H. Lord, " Gen. Conven. of Vermont.
 Rev. A. T. Loring, " Gen. Conf. of Main.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. R. Wilson of Nova Scotia.	Mr. H. Elder, Stanstead.
Rev. A. Duff,	Mr. McKillican, Hawkesbury.
Rev. H. Stalker,	Mr. Massey, City Missionary.
Prof. Cleveland, A. M.	Mr. G. Baird, Student.
Mr. Campbell, Wallacetown,	

Resolved—That the following be a temporary Committee to prepare business:—

Revds. Marling, Byrne and W. Hay, Messrs Freeland and Howes.

Resolved—That the hours of meeting during the session, be from 9 A.M., to half-past 12, and from half-past 2 P.M., to half-past 5 o'clock.

Resolved—That Messrs. Marling and Savage be a committee to audit the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Resolved—That the Union adjourn on Friday at 10 o'clock, A. M., to allow the subscribers to the Theological Institute to hold their Annual Meeting and continue adjourned till the end of said meeting.

Resolved—That the report of the Committee of the Union be now read. The Secretary read the report, which was received.

The following brethren were invited to sit as Honorary Members: Revds. R. Wilson, A. Duff, H. Stalker, J. Boyd, J. Howell, Messrs. Campbell, Elder and Baird.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES REPORTED.

Revd. H. Marling, to U. P. Synod of Canada, had not attended but would still write.

Revd. E. Ebbs, to Gen. Assm. of Mass., had fulfilled his appointment.

Revd. A. J. Parker, to Gen. Assm. of Connecticut, had not attended.

Revd. E. J. Sherrill, to Gen. Con. of Main, had been unable to attend.

Revd. K. M. Fenwick, to Gen. Conyn. of Vermont, had been unable to attend.

Revd. F. H. Marling, to Gen. Assm. N. Y. did not attend, but wrote.

Revd. J. Wood, to Gen. Assm. of Michigan, did not attend.

Revd. Dr. Lillie appointed to general association of New Hampshire, reported that he did not attend.

THURSDAY, 11th June, 9 A. M.

Devotional Exercises. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The Revd E. J. Sherrill as retiring Chairman, delivered his address.

After devotional exercises the meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, half-past 7 P. M.

The Annual Sermon to the Union was preached by the Revd. J. Fraser, from 1st Cor., 1st Chapter and 21st verse, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." The devotional services were conducted by the Revd. J. J. Dana, of Adams, Mass.

THE BALLOT FOR NEW CHAIRMAN

Was taken. The Revd. E. Ebbs was duly elected and took the Chair.

DELEGATION TO ENGLAND.

Dr. Wilkes gave a verbal report, stating that he had corresponded with the Secretary of the Colonial Missionary Society, who had advised him not to visit England for the present, in consequence of the visit of Revd. Mr. Poore from Australia. He had consequently not fulfilled his appointment.

The preliminary Committee reported the following

NOMINATION OF COMMITTEES

Which was adopted by the Union.

1. *Missionary Committee*.—Revd. Dr. Wilkes, Secretary-Treasurer; Revds. J. Wood, E. Ebbs, A. J. Parker, K. M. Fenwick, Messrs. H. Freeland, J. F. Marling, J. McEachern, J. Peters and W. Tracey.

2. *Business Committee*.—Revd. W. Clark, Convener; Revds. J. Climie, E. A. Noble, F. H. Marling, Messrs. D. Dewar and J. S. Walton.

3. *Membership Committee*.—Revd. E. J. Sherrill, Convener; Revds. J. Robertson, Dr. Lillie, W. Hayden, D. Dunkerley, T. Bayne, W. H. Allworth, Messrs. R. Robertson, A. C. Sinclair and J. Savage.

4. *Finance Committee*.—Mr. J. W. Howes, Convener; Messrs. J. C. Field, J. Byrne, W. McWatters, W. Slack, J. Mussen, Dr. Webber, Revds. S. Snider, A. Raymond and J. McKillican.

5. *Public Service Committee*.—Revd. Dr. Wilkes, Convener; Revds. A. Burpee, H. D. Powis, W. Hay, A. Sim, H. Denney.

6. *Nomination Committee*.—Rev. J. T. Byrne, Con-
 vener; Revs. R. K. Black, J. Durrant, J. Hay, D. McCal-
 lum and Mr. R. A. Hara.

Devotional Exercises.—Meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY, HALF-PAST 2 P. M.

Devotional Exercises.—After which the Treasurer read
 the audited report: it was adopted. [For report see ap-
 pendix.]

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The Union was addressed by Revs. J. J. Dana and E.
 W. Noble of the Gen. Assn. of Mass. Rev. W. H. Lord
 of the Gen. Convn. of Vermont, and at a subsequent Ses-
 sion by the Rev. A. T. Loring of the Gen. Confce. of
 Maine.

Letters were also read from Rev. H. Cowles, Confce.
 of Ohio, Rev. D. Sewall, Gen. Confce. of Maine and the
 Rev. J. O. Knapp, Gen. Assn. of New York.

The Rev. Mr. Tanner of the French Canadian Mis-
 sionary Society, the Rev. R. Wilson from Nova Scotia,
 and at a subsequent Session, the Rev. Mr. Wolff, Pastor
 of the French Evangelical Church at Montreal, address-
 ed the Union.

A SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Was read by the Secretary: it was accepted.

THE MISSIONARY REPORT

Was read by Dr. Wilkes and a financial statement made.

Resolved—That the order of the day, to-morrow at 3
 o'clock, be the first question in the report of the Committee
 of the Union.

After devotional exercises the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY EVENING, half-past 7 o'clock.

SOCIAL MEETING.

The Chair was occupied by Dr. Wilkes—Prayer by
 Rev. W. Hay—Short addresses by Revs. J. Wood, Dr.
 Lillie, F. H. Marling, A. T. Loring, W. H. Lord, J. Robert-
 son and J. J. Dana.

FRIDAY, 12th June, 9 A. M.

Devotional Exercises for one hour.—After which the
 Union adjourned, that the subscribers to the Theological
 Institute might hold their Annual Meeting. At the close
 of said meeting the Roll was called and the Minutes of
 Thursday adopted.

The Missionary Committee nominated yesterday was adopted by ballot.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee on Membership reported now and at subsequent times recommending. 1. That the Revd. W. F. Clark at his request receive a letter of dismissal. 2. That the following Ministers and Churches be received into the Union, Revds. James Howell, James Boyd, P. Shanks, J. Unsworth and Dougald McGregor—the Churches at Stanstead South, Garafraxa and Eden Mills. 3. That the following stand proposed for admission next year, Revds. A. Duff, Prof. Cleveland and J. Elliot, and the churches at Paris, Guelph, Brock, Listowel, Little Warwick and Burford. Their reports were adopted.

FRIDAY, half-past 2 P. M.

Devotional Exercises.

Resolved—That it be understood henceforth that all applications for admission, as well of parties who have been proposed the previous year, as of those of whom this probation is not required, be referred to the Membership Committee.

Permission was given to the subscribers of the Institute to hold their adjourned meeting at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

At 3 o'clock the Union took up the first question in the report of the Committee of the Union, viz: "The best means of extending the Missionary operations of the Churches, whether through the more efficient working of the Local Missionary Committees now existing, the employment of a general Missionary Agent, the engagement of Evangelists or otherwise." After extended discussion it was

Resolved—That the whole question with the resolution of the Revd. W. Clark be referred to the Missionary Committee—said resolution being "Resolved that in view of the rapid increase of population and of rising villages in our Missionary districts, this Union recommends the Missionary Society to employ one or two Evangelists in each district during the coming year, if suitable brethren can be found—the said Evangelists to be under the direction of the Local Committees, and if desirable, to secure the services of one or more students during their recess to act as Evangelists, or to enable individuals in the Committees to act as such.

Adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow.

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FRIDAY, half-past 7 P. M.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mr. J. F. Marling was called to the Chair. The Secretary, Dr. Wilkes, gave a verbal report. Addresses were delivered by Revds. H. Denney, A. Duff, R. Wilson and J. Wheeler. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Revds. S. Snider, R. K. Black and W. Clark.

SATURDAY, 13th June, 9 A. M.

Devotional Exercises one hour. Roll called. Minutes of Friday read and adopted.

Adjourned at 11 o'clock to give place to the meeting of Theological Institute.

SATURDAY, half-past 2 P. M.

Opened with Devotional Exercises.

The Revd. F. Doudiet, Pastor of the French Evangelical Church, at Belle Riviere, addressed the Union.

The Revd. John Wood read report from Committee on Canadian Independent losses fund.

Resolved—That the report now submitted be received and adopted.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS.

The Committee on Nominations reported, recommending
1. That Brantford be chosen as the place for holding the next Annual Meeting of the Union.

2. *Annual Sermons*.—The annual Sermon before the Union by the Revd. F. H. Marling, P., Revd. T. M. Reikie, S.; Sabbath Sermons—Morning, Revd. Thomas Bayne, P., Revd. Robert Robinson, S.; Evening, Revd. James Howell, Revd. K. M. Fenwick, S.

3. *Local Missionary Committees*.—*Western District*.—Revds. E. Ebbs, W. Hay, J. Boyd, Messrs. H. Matheson, F. P. Goold, J. McEachern, C. Whitlaw, A. Malcolm; Revd. J. Wood, Secretary.

Middle District.—Revds. T. M. Reikie, J. Durrant, Dr. Lillie, A. Wickson, F. H. Marling, Messrs. E. Childs, P. Freeland, E. T. Whittemore, J. A. Smith; Revd. J. T. Byrne, Secretary.

Eastern District.—Revds. K. M. Fenwick, R. K. Black, H. Lancashire, Messrs. Wm. Massie, H. Freeland, R. Robertson, A. G. Hall; Revd. Robert Robinson, Secretary.

Lower Canada.—Revds. A. Burpee, A. J. Parker, E. J. Sherrill, Dr. Wilkes, Messrs. J. Baylis, A. Savage, C.

Alexander, R. Holland, R. Birks; Mr. J. P. Clark, Secy.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

U. P. SYNOD OF CANADA,

Rev. E. Ebbs, P., Rev. T. M. Reikie, S.

GEN. ASSN. OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Rev. J. Fraser, P., Rev. E. J. Sherrill S.

GEN. ASSN. OF CONNECTICUT.

Rev. A. J. Parker, P., Rev. J. Hay, S.

GEN. CONFCE. OF MAINE.

Rev. A. Burpee, P., Rev. A. J. Parker, S.

GEN. CONVN. OF VERMONT.

Rev. J. Fraser, P., Rev. Dr. Wilkes, S.

GEN. ASST. OF NEW YORK.

Rev. K. M. Fenwick, P., Rev. R. Robinson, S.

GEN. ASSN. OF MICHIGAN.

Rev. J. Howell, P., Rev. W. Hay, S.

GEN. ASSN. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Rev. H. D. Powis, P., Rev. T. Bayne, S.

The above Report was adopted.

**CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW
BRUNSWICK.**

Resolved—That a correspondence be opened with the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and that the Rev. Dr. Wilkes be requested to represent this Body at its next Annual Meeting.

After devotional exercises the meeting adjourned.

SABBATH SERVICES IN CONNEXION WITH THE UNION.

The Rev. Dr. Lillie preached in the morning

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Revs. R. Wilson and James Hay.

In the afternoon a meeting was held to hear narratives of the state of religion in the churches, which was addressed by the Revs. J. Wood, S. Snider, T. M. Reikie, A. J. Parker, R. K. Black, K. M. Fenwick and P. Shanks.

The Rev. W. Hay, preached in the Evening from John, 17th chap., 16th verse "They are not of the World, even as I am not of the world." The devotional exercises were conducted by the Revs. A. Raymond and G. B. Bucher.

The Ministers and Delegates were invited by the Church to unite in observing the Lord's Supper at the close of the evening sermon. The Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Pastor of the Church presided, and was assisted by the Revs. J. Robertson and W. H. Lord.

MONDAY, 15th June, 9 A. M.

Roll called. Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

Report on Widows' and Orphans' Fund read. The report was received.

The Union went into a committee of the whole to consider the report, and continued during the morning session.

MONDAY, half-past 2 P. M.

Devotional Exercises.

TEMPERANCE.

The Business Committee having presented a memorial from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, it was

Resolved—That the Sons of Temperance have done a good work in Canada; and that we respond most heartily to their memorial in reference to the liquor traffic, believing with them that it is a curse to the world and the church, and we will never cease to labor and to pray for the securing of a prohibitory liquor law until the world be emancipated from the giant evil of intemperance, an evil whither viewed politically, morally or religiously.

DENOMINATIONAL INFORMATION.

Resolved—That inasmuch as it is of great moment that correct and fresh denominational information be obtained, Ministers, Deacons, Secretaries of Local Missionary Committees, and Secretaries of Associations, be requested to communicate to the Secretary of the Union immediate and particular notice of the formation of churches, the settlement or removal of pastors, vacancies in churches, the names of Ministers desiring settlement or any other items of general interest.

The Finance Committee reported progress.

Resolved—That three-fifths of the expenses of Ministers and Delegates be paid.

The Revd. F. H. Marling introduced the subject of the "*Canadian Independent*." Dr. Wilkes read a letter from the Secretary of the Colonial Missionary Society, approving of the "*C. I.*" and remitting a subscription for copies of it to be sent to the Committee of that Society.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Resolved—That we have much pleasure in expressing our continued and growing confidence in the French Canadian Missionary Society; that we gratefully see in its operations the marked blessing of the Great Head of the Church, and that we heartily approve of the course it has taken with

regard to Ecclesiastical organization amongst the French Canadian Converts.

SLAVERY.

Resolved—That the manifest determination of the Congregational Associations with which we are in correspondence in the neighboring states, to bring all their influence to bear on the extermination of American Slavery, meets our cordial sympathy and hearty approbation, and that we trust the anticipated reformation on the part of the American Tract Society in relation to this iniquity, will leave us no change to wish for in its future history.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The Union resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the report on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The Committee rose and reported the following amended plan:—

Constitution of Fund for the benefit of Widows and Orphans of Congregational Ministers in Canada, presented by the Committee appointed to devise a plan for said purpose, and as amended by the Union in Committee of the whole, June, 1857.

1. It shall be called "The Congregational Ministers', Widows', and Orphans' Fund."

2. The following shall be the sources of Revenue:—Annual Collections in all the Churches; Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies; Interest on investments; and a Subscription of ten dollars per annum from each minister whose family is to participate in the benefits to be awarded from the Fund.

3. Any minister not over forty years of age, shall be permitted to increase his subscription to twenty dollars per annum, at the time of connecting himself with the Fund, with the advantage provided for in clause 14.

4. All subscriptions to be payable semi-annually on the 1st of January and July; and if not paid within one month to be subject to a fine of one dollar. If not paid within 12 months after the payment is due, notice having been given by the trustees, the minister so in arrears shall be held to have withdrawn from connection with the Fund.

5. In all cases where churches pay the amount of their Pastor's subscription, they must have collected and paid to the Treasurer at least an equal amount on account of collections.

6. Any Congregational minister in Canada shall be eligible as a beneficiary of the Fund. Those now members of the Congregational Union of Canada, shall be allowed at once to enrol themselves; and after the expiration of twelve months the eligibility of applicants shall be decided upon by the annual meeting of subscribers, a majority of two-thirds of the members present being required in any disputed case.

7. Every church making a contribution to the Fund shall have the right of voting by one delegate at meetings of the Society held during the year subsequent to the payment of each contribution.

8. An annual meeting of subscribers, that is to say, of ministers subscribing, of churches collecting, and of donors of over \$50, shall, until otherwise provided for by themselves, be held at the same time and place as the Congregational Union of Canada; at which the accounts shall be presented, the Board of Trustees elected, and the general business of the Fund transacted.

9. The Fund shall be held and managed by a Board of 14 Trustees, to be elected provisionally by the Union, and their successors at the regular annual meeting as provided for in previous articles, five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Ten of the said Trustees to be residents in Montreal, at which place the Fund shall be managed. The Trustees shall have power to fill vacancies.

10. The Trustees shall, from the resident members of the Board, elect a Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

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11. The Treasurer shall give such security to the Board, as under the circumstances they may require, and shall render to them a half-yearly financial statement, and also a full statement at the annual meeting.

12. The Fund shall be invested only in undoubted securities, and the Treasurer must have the written sanction of nine members of the Board previous to investing in any particular security, or transferring from one security to another.

13. Widows of subscribing ministers shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$80 per annum for life or until re-marriage.

14. Widows of ministers who subscribe \$20 per annum, shall be entitled to the sum of \$120 per annum, as above.

15. Widows with children shall receive an addition of \$20 per annum for each child until the age of 14 years.

16. Guardians of Orphans of subscribing ministers to receive \$40 per annum for the first, and \$30 per annum for each additional one until they attain the above age. The Trustees of the Fund having power to delay payment until they are satisfied that it will be properly applied.

* 17. Any minister leaving the country or the denomination, shall thereby cease to be connected with the Fund, unless permitted to retain his connexion by a two-thirds vote at the next annual meeting.

18. The above amounts to be readjusted after five years from the formation of the Fund, should such readjustment be deemed needful.

* Article 17 was left over for discussion till the next meeting of the Union.

Resolved—That the report of the committee of the whole be considered to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, P. M.

THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UNION.

The E. Ebbs, as Chairman, presided. The Secretary read his summary of Statistics. Narratives of the state of Religion in their Churches, were given by the Revds. E. J. Sherrill, J. Howell, A. Duff, J. Wheeler, J. Boyd, F. H. Marling and Dr Wilkes.

TUESDAY, June 16th, 9 P. M.

Devotional exercises one hour. Roll called.

Resolved.—That the cordial thanks of the Union be tendered to the friends who have so kindly entertained its Members during the present meeting.

EXTENDED MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

The Missionary Committee reported the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved.—That in view of the rapidly increasing population of Canada, and the extensive depletion of the Churches by Western emigration, this Union urgently recommend that the Pastors of our Churches, as far as possible, severally devote at least three Sabbaths in the year to itinerant labour, and that in order to secure from such services the largest results, the Local Missionary Committees be consulted as to the places having special need of such visits; that on the recommendation of the Local Committees, expenses incurred in such service be defrayed from Missionary funds; and further, that the Local Committees be

requested and authorized to employ any suitable parties, students or others, in the itinerant Missionary work.

The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and adopted.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The report of the Committee of the whole on Ministers' Widows and Orphans fund, was received for discussion.

Resolved.—That the Union do now appoint 14 Trustees, who shall take measures to form and distribute, if cases arise, a fund according to the principles of the Report of the Committee of the whole; but that in order to entire, full and final agreement on the entire system to be adopted, the scheme be subject to revision throughout, by the Union at its next meeting, by whom also Trustees shall be appointed for the following year, after which Trustees shall be chosen, in accordance with the provisions there adopted.

The Committee on Nomination reported fourteen Trustees. Their report as amended and adopted was: *Montreal*—C. Alexander, W. R. Hibbard, J. Baylis, P. Wood, W. Learmond, W. Moodie, G. Morrison, A. Savage, R. Holland, D. Lewis. *Brockville*—H. Freeland. *Kingston*—G. Chaffey. *Toronto*—Patrick Freeland. *Hamilton*—James McKeand.

CANADIAN INDEPENDANT.

Resolved.—That the position and prospects of the *Canadian Independent* having been brought before this Union, this Meeting feels that the paper is entitled to increasing confidence and support; that we would thankfully notice the generous provision made for its issue for the ensuing year, and urge upon the Churches the duty of sustaining it, as a matter of permanent importance.

Resolved.—That we express our satisfaction in the Editorial management of the "C. I." tendering our most cordial thanks to the Revd. F. H. Marling, and those who have rendered him assistance for their arduous and self-denying toil.

Resolved.—That this Union acknowledge the courtesy of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company and that of the British and American Steamboat Companies who kindly consented to carry its members to and from this city at reduced fares.

Resolved.—That the Report of the Missionary Committee, an abstract of which has been read, be adopted and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

Resolved.—That a Committee be appointed to draft and have presented to the Legislature a petition craving a civil registration of Births, Marriages & Deaths in Upper Canada.

The Revds. F. H. Marling, Dr. Lillie and K. M. Fenwick were appointed said committee.

Resolved—That brethren attending the next sessions of the Union, be expected to remain until the Tuesday evening following the commencement.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION.

Committee on Nominations reported Officers of the Union for 1857-8.

Revd. E. Ebbs, Chairman ; Revd. Kenneth M. Fenwick, Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee.—Revds. Dr. Wilkes, F. H. Marling, J. Wood, W. Hay, Messrs. E. F. Whittemore, J. McKeand, James Wilkes and Wm. Mellish. Report adopted.

Resolved—That the Union expresses its grateful sense of obligation to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Society and to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union, for their kind and efficient services during the past year.

Moved and seconded, that the 2nd article of the Constitution of the Union be amended by the omission of all after the first sentence, and that the words so omitted be adopted as a standing rule.

Moved in amendment, that the above resolution lie over for discussion till next meeting. Amendment carried.

Resolved—That Dr. Wilkes be requested to write an essay on the internal administration of the Churches, to be read at next meeting.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

Resolved—That this Union adjourn to meet at Brantford, C. W., on the 2d Wednesday in June, 1858.

Prayer by the Revd. W. Clark, Benediction by the Revd. Dr. Wilkes.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA IN ACCOUNT WITH ITS SECRETARY-TREASURER
FROM JUNE 5th, 1856, TO JUNE 8th, 1857.

1856.						1857.							
June	12	Collections and Donations as per published list,.....	92	7	0½	June	13	Paid Balance due Treasurer,.....	1	2	5½		
"	"	" Profit on Essay No. 2,.....	0	16	8	"	"	" Dr. Wilkes, printing Report, &c.....	6	6	8		
1857.						"	"	" E. Ebbs, Printing, &c.,.....	1	0	0		
Feb'y.	11	Additional Collection from Zion Church, Montreal,....	0	15	0	"	"	" Macleer & Thomas' account.....	2	5	0		
"	"	" Revd. T. Baker for Essay No. 2, per Dr. Wilkes,....	0	5	0	"	"	" Ministers and Delegates,.....	66	17	7½		
						"	17	" Stationary and Postage during the Union,....	0	7	9		
						"	"	" E. Ebbs, addition for Printing,.....	0	10	0		
						July	"	" E. Ebbs, expenses as Delegate,.....	6	10	0		
						"	"	" Post Office order and postage on do.,.....	0	1	8		
						1857.							
						May	25	" Letter press, Book, &c.,.....	3	10	0		
						June	9	" Stationary,.....	0	5	6		
						"	"	" Express, charges on Reports,.....	0	5	0		
						"	"	" Postage during the year,.....	0	14	8		
						"	"	" Balance on hand,.....	4	7	9½		

Examined and found correct.

KENNETH M. FENWICK,
 Secretary-Treasurer.
 Montreal, June 11th, 1857.

JOSEPH SAVAGE, }
 JOHN F. MARLING, } AUDITORS.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN CANADA,

From 7th May, 1856, to 7th May, 1857.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Church formed.	NAME OF MINISTER.	Minister Settled.	No. of Stations.	Average Hearers.	Church Membership.					Sabbath Schools.		CHAPELS.		MONEY RAISED FOR								Total
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Albion.....	1845	J. Wheeler.....	1845	3	200	1	2	5	0	1	39	12	90	1	200	\$800	\$195	\$23	\$117	\$6	\$—	\$93	\$—
Belleville.....	1853	Vacant.....		2	120			2	0	0	23	5	40										
Bowmanville.....	1839	T. M. Reikie....	1855	1	100	1	4	4	3	0	51	8	50	1	200	1,200	400	72	81	—	112	38	70
Brantford.....	1834	John Wood.....	1852	1	250	11	8	15	4	2	138	36	260	1	500	8,000	1000	320	280	60	900	180	274
Brock.....	1854	D. McGregor....	1857	3	130	3		0	0	43	0	0	0	0			240		93	12		34	
Brockville.....	1845	R. Robinson....	1856	1	60		2	0	8	44	10	50	1	400	4,800	200	48	30	—	320	33	53	
Brome and Cowansville.....	1844 1855	A. Duff.....	1856	5	290			0	0	24	12	80	2	500	2,800	340	30	17	—			35	
Caledon.....	1839	Vacant.....		3	300	7	1	2	0	54	5	50	1	200	600	400		21	—			43	
Cobourg.....	1835	Vacant.....		1	50		2	2	0	0	21	1	20	1	400	1,200	100	68	52	—		230	
Cold Springs.....	1843	W. Hayden.....	1836	2	120	4		0	0	53	3	45	1	150	1,400	161	24	56	—			24	
Colpoys Bay, (Indian).....	1850	J. Sky.....	1854	1	30			1	0	14	5	20	0	0									
Danville and Little Warwick,	1832 1837	A. J. Parker....	1829	6	385	19		3	4	1	109	18	190	1	400	2,000	224	24	36	—	120	48	45
Durham.....	1838	D. Dunkerley....	1839	4	250	1	1	2	0	80	4	50	1	300	1,600		16	—			90	36	
Eaton.....	1835	E. J. Sherrill....	1837	5	190	2		4	0	1	63	9	70	1	300	2,400	300	24	74	6		424	
Eden Mills and Eramosa.....	1845	E. Barker.....	1855	2	200	1		1	0	1	71	8	60	2	400	2,000	300	20	55	—	80	111	556
Garafaxa.....	1856	H. Denney.....	1857	2	100	3	1	1	0	28	0	0	0	0			100		20	1		18	
Georgetown, Stewarttown, Churchhill and Trafalgar.....	1844 1838 1841	J. Unsworth..	1853	4	450	6		4	0	1	96	0	0	4	880	2,920	440	20	129	—		569	
Glanford and Barton.....	1856	W. Allworth....	1855	3	150	4		0	0	27	10	100	1	200	800	280	45	84	—		72	481	
Granby and Abbotsford.....	1855	J. B. Bucher....	1855	3	250	4		1	0	95	6	30	2	550	2,400	336		13	—	252	10	611	
Guelph.....	1857	J. Howell.....	1857	1	150	4	6	0	0	37	8	60	1	300	3,200	400	60	5	—		72	537	
Hamilton.....	1847	E. Ebbs.....	1853	1	200	12	9	2	1	108	14	58	1	250	4,000	900		148	66			1114	
Hawksbury.....	1839	E. A. Noble.....	1854	2	160	3		5	1	0	38	5	25	1	200	1,600	200	12	18	—		230	
Indian Lands.....	1855	J. Campbell....	1855	3	220			0	0	34		1	250	224	188	30	36	—				254	
Inverness.....	1854	H. Stalker.....	1855	1	100	5		1	0	0	54	0	0	1	250	600		24		9	38	79	
Kincardine.....	1856	N. McKinnon....	1855	2	100	5	5	0	0	22	0	0	0	0									
Kingston.....	1849	K. M. Fenwick..	1847	1	200	4	2	1	5	59	15	120	1	400	3,600	400	232	42	42	—	120	386	

Laarak, 1st Church.....	1852	R. K. Black.....	1852	3	300	2	25	8	1	144	5	40	2	500	1,200	880	20	85	24	120	28	657	
Laarak Village and Hopetown.....	1857	H. Lancashire.....	1854	2	250	25	17	8	5	142	7	66	1	350	3,600	400	90	85	—	1550	88	2212	
London.....	1844	J. Porter.....	1857	1	200	7	4	6	0	58	11	120	1	300	3,400	800	130	52	22	—	61	1065	
Markham.....	1829	Vacant.....	—	2	135	—	—	1	1	50	10	72	2	400	2,000	380	48	80	—	—	—	508	
Martintown.....	1839	J. McKillican.....	1851	2	190	—	—	1	0	47	4	20	1	300	400	168	20	52	17	572	19	846	
Melbourne.....	1889	Vacant.....	—	1	150	3	1	3	0	45	6	50	1	200	1,200	200	25	25	—	—	—	250	
Montreal, 1st Church.....	1832	H. Wilkes, D.D.....	1836	1	600	22	9	16	4	219	30	240	1	1050	25,000	1,600	721	1344	256	800	1400	6121	
Montreal, 2nd Church.....	1848	A. Burpee.....	1856	1	100	12	1	5	4	16	50	7	70	0	0	600	—	—	30	—	—	680	
New Durham.....	—	Vacant.....	—	1	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
New Market.....	1832	T. Baker.....	1852	1	75	—	—	—	—	—	37	7	40	1	300	2,400	260	76	91	24	—	619	
Oro, 1st and 2nd and Inisfil. {	1841	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	1838	A. Raymond.....	1839	5	215	—	—	6	—	—	40	0	0	2	400	1,300	114	12	56	—	280	5	467
Owen Sound.....	1855	L. Kribs.....	1854	1	40	7	2	0	0	29	0	0	1	200	600	180	39	72	—	600	—	891	
Paris.....	1848	J. Boyd.....	1856	1	200	28	4	1	0	52	8	55	1	230	3,000	480	186	53	30	140	95	984	
Phillipsburgh.....	1826	Vacant.....	—	4	120	—	—	4	0	41	4	20	1	250	1,600	160	—	—	—	—	—	160	
Port Sarnia.....	—	P. Shanks.....	1856	1	90	6	8	0	0	20	0	0	1	250	2,400	250	68	58	28	114	85	553	
Potter.....	—	L. Adams.....	—	3	85	—	—	3	0	20	0	0	0	0	—	120	—	—	—	—	—	120	
Quebec.....	1840	H. D. Powis.....	1857	1	125	2	—	1	0	50	5	40	1	670	14,000	720	600	—	—	1700	—	3020	
Russeltown.....	1844	Thos. Bayne.....	1857	2	150	—	—	0	0	52	0	0	1	250	2,000	300	20	—	—	—	—	320	
Saugeen, (Indian).....	1853	J. Johnston.....	—	1	80	2	—	1	5	16	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	1844	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Scotland, Burford, Kelvin.....	1848	William Hay.....	1848	3	850	6	5	2	4	130	28	250	3	600	3,600	520	80	72	28	270	152	1122	
—	1848	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	1854	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sherbrooke and Lennoxville.....	1836	J. Robertson.....	1836	2	255	—	—	0	0	64	6	60	1	500	7,000	400	80	60	50	800	100	1490	
Simcoe.....	1848	S. Harris.....	1855	2	120	1	6	0	0	35	19	45	1	300	2,000	240	40	52	—	—	—	332	
Southwold.....	1842	W. Burgess.....	1855	4	110	—	—	1	0	18	6	65	1	275	600	200	5	80	—	—	—	285	
Springford.....	—	Vacant.....	—	2	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
St. Andrews.....	1838	A. Sim, M.A.....	1854	4	200	1	1	3	0	81	10	30	1	300	1,700	200	16	30	—	6	7	259	
Stanstead, South.....	1856	James Hay.....	1856	3	800	6	—	2	0	23	0	0	1	250	1,500	330	34	72	—	248	—	684	
Stanstead, North.....	1853	R. V. Hall.....	1853	2	140	—	—	2	0	18	0	0	0	0	—	100	—	10	—	—	—	110	
Stratford.....	1852	S. Snider.....	1846	1	150	8	1	1	0	33	7	40	1	300	2,000	220	36	33	—	1000	—	1289	
Stouffville.....	1842	J. Durrant.....	1852	2	150	3	1	1	8	50	7	60	1	250	860	240	12	107	—	102	30	491	
Toronto, 2nd Church.....	1849	F. H. Marling.....	1854	1	250	2	11	10	0	92	16	115	1	400	5,000	950	230	140	91	1149	78	2638	
Vaughan.....	1840	Vacant.....	—	1	80	—	—	0	0	24	4	60	2	400	2,000	355	40	20	—	—	—	419	
Warwick & War'ck & Plympton {	1839	D. McCallum.....	1852	3	230	2	—	0	0	48	0	0	2	300	1,000	240	20	80	18	108	9	435	
—	1853	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Whitby.....	1843	J. T. Byrne.....	1851	1	100	8	2	1	1	45	6	55	1	240	2,400	400	—	180	—	—	—	580	
Wallace or Listowel.....	1856	Vacant.....	—	2	50	—	—	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

73 Churches.
5 not included above.

78 Total.

50 Ministers.

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52 Total.

180	10,470	289	91	169	47	66	3,159	407	3,081	61	16,995	147,904	18,609	3,690	4,246	920	11,885	3,108	41,859
5	850	—	—	—	—	—	270	25	270	4	1,490	23,640	1,400	610	400	100	800	200	3,310
185	11,320	289	91	169	47	66	3,429	432	3,351	65	18,485	171,544	20,009	4,300	4,646	920	11,985	3,308	45,169

ABSTRACT OF SUMMARY OF STATISTICS
OF
CANADIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES,

*Condensed from report presented at the Annual Meeting of the Union,
Montreal, 1857.*

Returns have been received from 71 churches; 73 appear on the Statistical Table, and there are other five which do not appear.

I.—NUMBER OF CHURCHES.

Two new churches have been formed during the year; and the church at Guelph has been reorganized. There are now, therefore, 78 Congregational Churches in Canada.

II.—MINISTERS.

None of our brethren have been removed by death. Five have left Canada, some of them we trust only for a time. Seven have entered the field; five from other countries and two from the Institute.

On the 7th May, 1857, there were 49 settled over Churches; 2 Professors in the Institute; 3 Native Indian Missionaries; 4 Missionaries; 8 without pastoral charge,—in all 66 Congregational Ministers in the Province.

III.—VACANT CHARGES.

There are 10 vacant charges, 2 of which may not again be occupied.

IV.—AVERAGE ATTENDANCE ON THE SABBATH.

The 73 Churches on the Statistical Table present an average Sabbath attendance of 10,470—for the other five Churches we have, given 850, which will make the total 11,320.

V.—MEMBERSHIP.

The 71 reported churches on the Table, return a membership of 3,159. Addition during the year by Profession 239; by Letter, 91. Total 330. Removals by Letter, 169; by Death, 47; by Discipline, 66. Total 282.

For the other 7 churches we cannot give an estimate of additions and removals; but we add 270 as members; which would make our total membership on 7th May, 1857, 3,429. Net increase on last year, 164.

VI.—CHURCH PROPERTY.

Sixty-two places of worship have been reported; in value \$147,904, with accommodation for 16,995. There are other 4 places of worship unreported, at least in value \$23,640, with accommodation for 1,490. There are, therefore, 66 places of worship, with accommodation for 18,485; in value \$171,544.

To this we have to add 8 minister's houses belonging to churches, in value \$4,000; making total value of church property \$175,544.

There is a *reported* debt of \$22,900, and a *reported* Insurance of \$43,080.

VII.—SABBATH SCHOOLS AND BIBLE CLASSES.

71 churches report 407 teachers and 3,081 scholars in their Sabbath Schools; the other 7 churches will not have less than 25 teachers and 270 scholars; making in all 432 teachers and 3,351 scholars. Many of the churches take part in Union Schools, such are not included in the above.

There are 36 Bible Classes reported, with an attendance of 562.

VIII.—FINANCE.

The *first* column gives the sum raised by the 71 reported churches, which appear on the Table—the *second* an estimate of the sum raised by the other seven—the *third* the Total.

For Ministers stipend,....	\$18,609.	1,400.	20,009.
Ordinary Incidentals,....	3,690.	610.	4,300.
Missions,.....	4,246.	400.	4,646.
Institute,.....	820.	100.	920.
Debt, Building, Repairs, .	11,385.	600.	11,985.
General Purposes,.....	3,108.	200.	3,308.
Total,.....	\$41,858.	\$3,810.	\$45,168.

In comparing this, with last year's Statistics, we have the following results:—

Four additional *churches* are on the list; and the number of churches without supply, about the same.

In the *attendance* reported, there is a slight decrease; arising not from an actual decrease however; but from greater care in reporting the average rather than the full attendance.

As to *membership* the same amount of progress does not exist as on some former years, and yet there is no ground for discouragement. The Additions last year were 483; this, 380; the Removals last year were 205; this, 282. The increase by letter has been unusually small, while the decrease has been unusually large. Shewing clearly, that many members are removing to parts of the country where there are no sister churches. The net increase this year, as shewn by the Statistical Book, is 164.

There is an increase in the *Sabbath Schools* and *Bible Classes*.

The *Financial* condition of the Churches is most gratifying. Last year there was a reported increase of £1,346 3s. 2d. over the previous year, and there is an increase this, over last year of £1,975 or \$7,890, in churches reported; but if we add the 7 not reported, we have an increase over last year of \$11,200.

The increase in the reported churches appears thus; on Money raised for *Ministers' Stipend*, \$5,343; *Ordinary Incidentals*, \$284; *Missions*, \$841; *Debt, Building or Repairs*, \$3,653; Decrease on Money raised for *Institute*, \$167; for *General Purposes*, \$63.

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Albion,.....£1 15 0	Granby,.....0 10 0	Oro,.....1 5 0
Belleville,.....2 15 0	Guelph,.....1 0 0	Owen Sound,.....2 5 0
Bowmanville,.....2 1 9	Hawkesbury,.....1 10 0	Paris,.....3 0 0
Brantford,.....7 10 0	Hamilton,.....5 0 0	Port Sarnia,.....2 0 0
Brockville,.....1 1 7½	Indian Lands,.....0 17 3	Quebec,.....4 0 0
Caledon,.....0 6 0	Inverness,.....0 10 0	Scotland,.....2 10 0
Cobourg,.....1 0 0	Kingston,.....2 0 0	Sherbrooke,.....2 10 0
Coldsprings,.....1 11 8	Lanark 1st Ch.,.....1 5 0	Stratford,.....1 15 0
Cowansville,.....1 6 0	Lanark Village,.....1 5 0	Stouffville,.....1 15 0
Danville,.....2 4 0	Listowel,.....1 5 0	Southwold,.....1 0 0
Durham,.....1 0 0	Martintown,.....1 5 0	Simcoe,.....0 15 0
Eaton,.....1 0 0	Melbourne,.....0 12 6	St. Andrews,.....0 18 9
Erarnosa,.....1 10 0	Montreal 1st... Church,.....11 2 6	Stanstead,.....1 10 0
Glanford and... Barton,.....1 8 0	New Durham,.....0 7 6	Toronto 2d Ch,.....5 10 0
Garafraxa,.....1 10 0	Newmarket,.....1 0 0	Warwick,.....1 5 0
		Whitby,.....1 17 6