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OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL UNION

OF

CANADA,

HELD AT HAMILTON, C. W.,

11TH-16TH JUNE, 1862.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA,

AS AMENDED JUNE, 1860.

I. That the name of this Association be, "THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA."

II. That it shall consist of Congregational, or Independent Churches; and of Ministers of the same Church Order, who are either in the Pastoral Office, or (being members of Congregational Churches,) are engaged in evangelistic or educational service, approved and received at a general 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 its government, and administration; and therefore, that the Union shall not assume legislative or administrative authority, or in any case, 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 similar bodies elsewhere. 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. 6. To hold consultation, on questions of interest, connected with the cause of Christ, in general.

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 from its members, who shall execute the instructions of the Union, and prepare a docket of business for the annual meeting.

VII. That alterations may be made in this constitution, by any annual meeting, provided that notice of such alteration has been given at the meeting next preceding.

STANDING RULES.

1. Application for admission to the Union, shall be made in writing, and shall include a statement of doctrinal and ecclesiastical views. All such applications shall be reported to the Union, and at once referred to a standing (membership) or special committee for full inquiry. Upon their report that the evidence of good standing is sufficient and satisfactory, the applicants shall be eligible for immediate admission by unanimous vote. In other cases, with the consent of the Union, they shall stand proposed (with the privileges of honorary membership,) until the next annual meeting, at which, after a further report from the same committee, they may be fully received.

2. The Union shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in June, at four o'clock, p.m., for organization; 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

3. After the above exercises, a Minute Secretary shall be appointed, the Roll of the Union called, and a Sessional Roll formed.

4. A temporary committee of five shall then be chosen, on nomination of the chair, for Business and Nominations, who shall be required to report at the close of public service on the same evening, Standing Committees on Business, Nominations, Membership, Public Services, Finance, and the Missionary Committee.

5. The Report of the Committee of the Union shall then be presented.

6. The Annual Sermon shall be preached on the Wednesday evening; the preacher being appointed at the previous annual meeting.

7. On Thursday morning, after the devotional services, the retiring Chairman shall deliver an address, and the new Chairman shall be elected by ballot, without nomination.

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

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded; no member shall speak 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. On the Monday evening during the sittings of the Union, a public meeting of the Union shall be held.

13. Application shall be made by the Secretary, one month at least before the annual meeting, for statistics of the several churches, and a brief narrative of the state of religion among them, that he may prepare a condensed narrative of the whole, for the annual meeting, and for publication if so ordered.

14. 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 this source, in addition to the other expenses of the Union, the travelling fares of the ministerial members of the Union, and of one delegate from each Church contributing for the year, shall be paid in full, if possible; the deficiency, if any, being divided by the number of members herein defined as entitled to participate, and the amount of such dividend being deducted from the sum otherwise to be paid to each such member;—on the understanding that such ministers and delegates shall remain during the sessional meetings, except with leave from the chair.

15. 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.

LIST OF MINISTERS ASSOCIATED, WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Adams, L. P., Fitch Bay, C. E.	Hooper, Joseph, Owen Sound, C. W.
Allworth, W. H. Markham, C. W.	King, S., Ryckman's Corners, C. W.
Armour, John, Kelvin, C. W.	Kribs, L., Colpo's Bay, C. W.
Baker, Thomas, Newmarket, C. W.	Lancashire, Henry, Franklin, C. E.
Barker, Enoch, Newmarket, C. W.	Lillie, Adam, D.D., Toronto, C. W.
Black, Robert K., Lanark, C. W.	Marling, F. H., Toronto, C. W.
Brown, J., Eramosa, C. W.	McCallum, D., Warwick, C. W.
Brown, R., Garafraxa, C. W.	McDonald, A., Stanstead South, C.E.
Bucher, G. B., Granby, C. E.	McGill, A., Ryckman's Corners, C.W.
Burgess, William, Edgeworth, C. W.	McGregor, Dougald, Manilla, C. W.
Burpee, Archibald, Cobourg, C. W.	McGregor, Robert, Listowell, C. W.
Byrne, J. T., Whitby, C. W.	McKillean, John, Martintown, C. W.
Campbell, John, Athol, C. W.	McKinnon, Neil, Kincardine, C. W.
Clarke, Wm., Dresden, C. W.	McLean, John, Erin, C. W.
Clarke, W. F., Guelph, C. W.	Parker, A. J., Danville, C. E.
Cleveland, E., A.M., Richmond, C.E.	Powis, Henry D., Quebec, C. E.
Climie, John, Belleville, C. W.	Pullar, Thomas, Hamilton, C. W.
Cornish, G., B.A., Montreal, C. E.	Raymond, Ari, Bell Ewart, C. W.
Day, B. W., Turnberry, C. W.	Relkie, T. M., Bowmanville, C. W.
Denny, Hiram, Sheridan, C. W.	Robinson, Robert, Thamesville, C.W.
Duff, Archibald, Sherbrooke, C. E.	Shanks, P., Lanark Village, C. W.
Dunkerley, D., Durham, C. E.	Sherrill, E. J., Eaton, C. E.
Durrant, John, Stratford, C. W.	Sim, Alex., A.M., St. Andrew's, C.E.
Ebbs, Edward, Paris, C. W.	Unsworth, J., Georgetown, C.W.
Elliot, Joseph, Ottawa City, C. W.	Watson, Charles P., London, C. W.
Fenwick, K. M., Kingston, C. W.	Wheeler, Joseph, Albion, C. W.
Fraser, James, Derby, Vermont.	Wickson, A., L.L.D., Toronto, C. W.
Hay, Robert, Woodbridge, C. W.	Wilkes, H., D.D., Montreal, C. E.
Hay, William, Scotland, C. W.	Wilson, H., St. Catharines, C. W.
Hayden, William, Cold Springs, C.W.	Wood, John, Brantford, C. W.

LIST OF ASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

Abbotsford, C. E.	Georgetown, C. W.	Newcastle, C. W.
Albion, C. W.	Granby, C. E.	Newmarket, C. W.
Barton & Glanford, C.W.	Guelph, C. W.	Oro, C. W.
Bothwell, C. W.	Hamilton, C. W.	Owen Sound, C. W.
Brantford, C. W.	Hawkesbury, C. W.	Paris, C. W.
Brock, C. W.	Hillsburg, C. W.	Phillipsburg, C. E.
Brookville, C. W.	Indian Lands, C. W.	Port Sarnia, C. W.
Broome, C. E.	Inverness, C. E.	Quebec, C. E.
Bowmanville, C. W.	Innisfil, C. W.	Russettown, C. E.
Burford, C. W.	Kelvin, C. W.	Scotland, C. W.
Caledon, C. W.	Kingston, C. W.	Sherbrooke, C. E.
Caledon South, C. W.	Lanark, 1st Ch., C. W.	Springford, C. W.
Cobourg, C. W.	Lanark Village, C. W.	Southwold, C. W.
Cold Springs, C. W.	Listowell, C. W.	Stanstead South, C. E.
Danville, C. E.	Little Warwick, C. E.	Stratford, C. W.
Durham, C. E.	London, C. W.	Stouffville, C. W.
Eaton, C. E.	Markham, C. W.	St. Andrew's, C. E.
Eden Mills, C. W.	Massawippi, C. E.	Toronto, 2nd Ch., C.W.
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THE NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA,
JUNE, 1862.

The Congregational Union of Canada met in the Congregational Church, Hamilton, C.W., June 11th, at 4 p.m. The Rev. Joseph Elliot, Chairman, called the meeting to order; and, after devotional exercises, the Union proceeded to business by appointing the Rev. Charles P. Watson Minute Secretary, and the Rev. John Wood, Assistant Minute Secretary.

The Secretary of the Union then called the Roll, whereupon the Sessional Roll was formed, consisting, during the meeting, of

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

Rev. W. H. Allworth,	Rev. J. Elliot,	Rev. F. H. Marling,
" E. Barker,	" K. M. Fenwick,	" A. J. Parker,
" R. K. Black,	" R. Hay,	" C. Pearl,
" J. Brown,	" W. Hay,	" T. Pullar,
" R. Brown,	" J. Hooper,	" T. M. Reikie,
" A. Burpee,	" S. King,	" P. Shanks,
" J. T. Byrne,	" A. Lillie, <i>D.D.</i>	" E. J. Sherrill,
" W. Clarke,	" D. McCallum,	" S. Snider,
" W. F. Clarke,	" A. McDonald,	" J. Unsworth,
" J. Climie,	" A. McGill,	" C. P. Watson,
" B. W. Day,	" D. McGregor,	" J. Wood,
" H. Denny,	" R. McGregor,	" H. Wilson,
" J. Durrant,	" J. McKillican,	
" E. Ebbs,	" J. McLean,	

LAY DELEGATES.

Barton.....	David Hess	London.....	J. Hargreaves
Bowmanville.....	H. O'Hara	Markham.....	D. Cash
Danville.....	J. L. Goodhue	Montreal, W.R. Hibbard, E. Wright	
Eramosa, 2nd Ch.	J. Hindley	Oro.....	R. Thomas
Garafaxa.....	A. Lightbody	Owen Sound.....	W. W. Smith
Georgetown.....	W. Barber	Paris.. D. Finlayson, N. Hamilton	
Guelph.....	J. Ellis & S. Hodgskin	Southwold.....	R. Lewis
Hamilton.. J. Laing, <i>M.D.</i> , W. Edgar		Toronto, 2nd.. J. Fraser, J. Hodgson	
Kingston. W. Massie, G. Robertson		Vaughan.....	R. Bowman
Listowel.....	D. D. Campbell		

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.*

Rev. J. Butler..... General Association of New York
 Rev. C. B. Drake, *D.D.*..... General Convention of Vermont
 Rev. R. Burns, *D.D.*, and Mr. Hugh Young..... Canada Pres. Church

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. C. Pedley.....St. John, Newfoundland
 " — Frink Melbourne, C. E.
 " J. Farrar Cowansville, C. E.
 " J. Loring.....Magog, C. E.
 " — Norton (Presbyterian)..... St. Catharines
 " J. Cheetham (Primitive Methodist)..... Hamilton
 " J. Brennan (New Connection Methodist)..... Hamilton
 " R. Burnet (Church of Scotland)..... Hamilton
 " — Brown (Baptist)..... Hamilton
 " R. Irvine, *D.D.* (Canada Presbyterian Church)..... Hamilton
 Mr. D. Loomer.....Cornwallis, Nova Scotia.
 " D. McLellan..... Paris, C. W.
 " J. Nasmith..... Toronto
 " A. Christie..... Toronto

STUDENTS OF CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF B. N. A.

Messrs. Strasenburg, J. M. Smith, J. G. Sanderson.

Upon nomination of the Chairman, the following temporary Committee for Nominations was appointed, viz., Revds. A. J. Parker, E. Ebbs, E. J. Sherrill, F. H. Marling and R. K. Black.

A docket of business was submitted by the Secretary of the Union and adopted.

An interim financial statement was then presented by the Secretary-Treasurer, for the consideration of which, upon his motion, the Union resolved itself into Committee of the whole.

The Union resumed session.

The hours of session were fixed—viz., from 9 A.M. to 12½ P.M.; and from 2½ to 5½ P.M.

7.30 P.M.—The Union met for public worship.

Rev. J. T. Byrne preached from Jude, 3rd verse, and Ephesians iv, 15, 16. The Rev. C. Pedley, of Newfoundland, conducted the devotional exercises.

After which, upon the nomination of the temporary Committee, the following Committees were appointed, viz. :—

Business Committee :—Revda. J. Elliot and E. Barker; Messrs. A. Lightbody, J. L. Goodhue, J. Hodgson, and Secretary of Union.

Nominations Committee :—Revds. E. J. Sherrill, J. Climie and P. Shanks; Dr. Laing and Mr. W. Barber.

Membership Committee:—Revds. W. Clarke, W. H. Allworth and K. F. Fenwick; Messrs. O'Hara and Cash.

Public Services Committee:—Revds. T. Pullar, C. P. Watson, T. M. Reikie and J. T. Byrne, and Mr. J. Ellis.

Finance Committee:—Messrs. Edgar, Campbell and Smith.

They also reported the following nomination for the Missionary Committee for subsequent ballot—viz., Rev. A. Lillie, D.D., A. J. Parker, W. Hay, J. Unsworth, W. F. Clarke and J. Wood; Delegate from Congregation Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; and Messrs. W. R. Hibbard, E. Wright, W. Massie, J. Fraser and D. Finlayson. Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., *Secretary-Treasurer*. Rev. K. M. Fenwick, *Home Secretary*.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. W. F. Clarke and Durrant, the cordial thanks of the Union were presented to the Rev. J. T. Byrne for his timely and valuable discourse.

THURSDAY, June 12th, 9 A.M.

An hour was spent in devotional service—Rev. Dr. Lillie presiding.

The Rev. Joseph Elliot, previous to vacating the chair, delivered the annual address.

The Union then proceeded to the appointment of Chairman by ballot, without nomination.

The Rev. A. J. Parker was elected.

The ballot for the Missionary Committee resulted in the confirmation of the nomination of the previous evening, with the exception of the name of Rev. W. F. Clarke, withdrawn at his own request.

The thanks of the Union were presented to the retiring Chairman for his valuable address, which was requested for publication in the *Canadian Independent* magazine.

The Secretary of Union presented a letter from the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, then in England.

The delegates to corresponding bodies reported—viz., Rev. W. Clarke, who attended the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

2½ P.M.—The chair was temporarily occupied by Rev. H. Denny, who led in prayer.

A Report of the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society was presented by the Home Secretary, which, on motion, was considered, read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. R. Hibbard, Treasurer of the Congregational Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, presented a statement of its affairs, for which the thanks of the Union were tendered to Mr. Hibbard.

Upon the report of the Membership Committee, Rev. Anthony McGill, of Barton, C.W., was received into the Union; and subsequently, Rev. Benjamin W. Day, of Turnberry; Rev. John Brown, of Eramosa; Rev. Robert Brown, of Garafraxa; also the Church at Massawippi, C.E. On recommendation of the same Committee, a letter of dismission was granted to Rev. R. G. Baird.

The Secretary of the Union presented a Statistical Report of the Churches; also a Comparative Table of the last four years; and a Chronological Record of Pastors from the earliest organization of Congregational Churches in Canada.

On motion, these labors were gratefully acknowledged.

Rev. F. H. Marling reported the result of his interviews with the Committee of the Colonial Missionary Society, to which he was delegated at last annual meeting, for which, on motion of Rev. W. F. Clarke, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lillie, the thanks of the Union were tendered to him; as also to the Church under his pastoral care for its ready concurrence in the call of this body.

7½ P.M.—A public meeting was held in commemoration of the ejection of the 2000 nonconforming ministers of 1662—the Chairman of the Union presiding. Rev. J. Durrant read the Scriptures, and Rev. A. Macdonald offered prayer. After which Rev. W. F. Clarke read a paper on "Nonconformity in 1662;" and addresses were delivered by Rev. W. Hay on "The importance of Principle, or the Ethics of Nonconformity;" and by Rev. T. M. Reikie on "Self-sacrifice for Principle, or consecration to Christ nobly exemplified in the Nonconformists of 1662." After prayer by Rev. T. Pullar, adjourned.

FRIDAY, June 13th, 9 A.M.

The Rev. W. Clarke presided at the devotional service; at the close of which Rev. H. Denny delivered an address, on "The glory due to God for the Martyrs of 1662."

The Union adjourned shortly after 10 o'clock, to allow the subscribers to the Congregational College of British North America to hold their Annual Meeting.

2½ P. M.—After prayer, Rev. F. H. Marling read a paper on "Reasons for Nonconformity in Canada in 1862."

Resolved, That the thanks of the Union be given to Messrs. W. F. Clarke and Marling for the very able papers they have presented, and that after giving them as many public readings as they may find convenient, they would publish them.

Subsequently, guarantees were furnished to an amount sufficient to cover the pecuniary risk.

A free conference was held in reference to the Bicentenary Commemoration of Nonconformity, in which Revs. C. Pearl, J. Butler (of New York), Dr. Burns, T. Pullar, W. F. Clarke and J. Climie took part, resulting in the appointment of a Committee to consider the best method of commemorating this event in Canada. Said Committee subsequently reported that in their judgment the many pressing claims at present occupying the attention of nearly all the stronger Churches, together with the urgent necessities of our ordinary operations, indicate the improbability of success in the formation of a Bicentenary Fund at all equal to the demands of a movement of that character; but that, should the members of the Union feel that such a fund can be raised, they consider the erection of a Bicentenary Theological Hall would prove an appropriate memorial of the nonconforming heroes of 1662. Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. W. B. Hibbard and Rev. J. T. Byrne, it was

Resolved, That the Churches and their Pastors be requested to observe the 24th August, in commemoration of the Nonconformists of 1662, in such manner as they may think expedient. Also, that a Bicentenary Theological Hall be resolved upon as a Canadian monument in honor of the 2000; and that a simultaneous effort for this purpose be recommended in connection with the observing of the day. And further, that the Committee of the Union be instructed to make such arrangements as may be necessary to secure a suitable response on the part of the Churches.

Mr. T. M. Taylor, Convener *ad hoc*.

Subsequently, it being understood that the Secretary of the Union was about to visit Britain, he was requested to enter into negotiation with the Bicentenary Committee in England, for the purpose of obtaining aid in the erection of such a Hall, and if possible of Memorial Churches in Canada.

7 P. M.—A Social Meeting was held, the Pastor presiding; a which addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Burns and Mr. Hugh Young (delegates from the Canada Presbyterian Church), Rev. K. M. Fenwick, Rev. J. Butler (delegate from the General Association of New York), Rev. Dr. Irvine, Rev. C. Pedley (of St. Johns, Newfoundland), Rev. Dr. Drake (delegate from General Convention of Vermont), and Rev. W. F. Clarke.

The Business Committee reported a Resolution expressive of sympathy with the people of the United States, in their present experi-

ence of the horrors of civil war, and of hope that the struggle may speedily terminate in the overthrow of Slavery and the reestablishment of rightful authority. Carried. Also :

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Union be presented to the Church at Hamilton, and also to the Christian friends of other denominations for the great kindness with which they have entertained the members and guests of the Union.

After devotional exercises, the meeting adjourned.

SATURDAY, June 14th, 9 A.M.

Devotional service, at which Rev. H. Wilson presided. At the close Rev. W. Clarke delivered an address on "Our distinctive Principles, and the best means of propagating them."

On motion of Dr. Lillie, thanks were presented to Mr. Clarke for his valuable address, and the request that he would place it at the disposal of the Union for publication in the *Canadian Independent*.

Rev. W. Clarke and Mr. J. L. Goodhue asked and obtained leave of absence from the remainder of the session.

MISSIONARY DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

The following Missionary District Committees, on report of the Nominations Committee, were appointed, viz. :

Western District.—Revs. W. F. Clarke, E. Ebbs, W. Hay, T. Pullar, D. McCallum, Messrs. W. Edgar, C. Whitlaw, F. F. Blackader, S. Hodgskin, E. Yeigh and Rev. J. Wood, *Secretary*.

Middle District.—Revs. Dr. Lillie, Dr. Wickson, F. H. Marling, T. M. Reikie, J. Unsworth, W. H. Allworth, Messrs. J. Fraser, J. F. Marling, D. Cash, Joseph Barber, and Rev. J. T. Byrne, *Secretary*.

Eastern District.—Revs. K. M. Fenwick, R. K. Black, J. Climie, J. Elliot, P. Shanks, Messrs. J. C. Field, B. B. Ross, J. Robertson, W. Massie, G. Hague, and Rev. A. Burpee, *Secretary*.

Lower Canada District.—Revs. H. Wilkes, D.D., G. Cornish, A.M., Messrs. C. Alexander, A. Savage, J. C. Barton, W. R. Hibbard, and J. Baylis, *Secretary*.

Eastern Townships section of Do.—Revs. A. Macdonald, A. Duff, A. J. Parker, Messrs. T. A. Hurd, J. G. Robertson, and Rev. E. J. Sherrill, *Secretary*.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick :

Nova Scotia Section.—Revs. G. Ritchie, Yarmouth; G. A. Rawson, Milton; J. Howell, Liverpool; Messrs. F. Hilton, Che-

bogue; J. Burton, Halifax; W. H. Freeman, Milton; Rev. J. Howell, *Secretary*.

New Brunswick Section.—Revs. R. Wilson, Sheffield; T. B. Smith, St. John; G. Stirling, Keswick Ridge; Messrs. T. B. C. Burpee, Sheffield; T. B. Barker, St. John; Rev. R. Wilson. *Sec.*

APPOINTMENTS FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Upon further report of the Nominations Committee, the following appointments were made, viz.:

Committee of the Congregational Union of Canada.—Revs. H. Wilkes, D.D., J. Elliot, A. Duff, Messrs. C. Alexander, T. M. Taylor and W. R. Hibbard.

Secretary-Treasurer.—Rev. E. Ebbs, Paris.

Preacher of next Annual Sermon.—Rev. D. McCallum, primary; Rev. A. Duff, alternate.

Sabbath Morning Preacher.—Rev. T. Pullar, primary; Rev. W. H. Allworth, alternate.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Maine General Conference—Rev. A. Duff.

New Hampshire General Association—Rev. J. Elliot.

Wisconsin Presbyterian and Congregational Convention—Rev. W. F. Clarke.

Vermont General Convention—Rev. A. McDonald.

New York General Association—Rev. J. Wood and Rev. J. T. Byrne.

Massachusetts General Association—Rev. A. J. Parker and Rev. E. J. Sherrill.

Massachusetts General Conference of Churches—Rev. C. Pearl and Rev. K. M. Fenwick.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Congregational Union—Rev. A. Burpee.

Canada Presbyterian Church—Rev. T. M. Reikie and Rev. F. H. Marling.

The Secretary of the Union announced that a box of Bicentenary Tracts, &c., from England, ordered by the Union Committee, having come to hand during the meeting, are at the disposal of the Union. The Business Committee recommended that said publications be offered for sale to the members of the Union in assorted sets, at cost price. Agreed.

Mr. Duncan McLellan was appointed to this business ; and subsequently, upon his report, a vote of thanks was passed in acknowledgment of his efficient services.

Upon report of the Public Services Committee, the following appointments were made for Sabbath, viz. :

To conduct Sabbath morning Prayer Meeting—Rev. J. T. Byrne.

To conduct Sabbath morning Devotional Services—Rev. J. Elliot.

Lord's Supper—Pastor presiding, Revs. W. Clarke and F. H. Marling.

Evening Service.—Devotional exercises, Rev. W. H. Allworth ; preacher, Rev. C. B. Drake, D.D.

Supplies for St. Andrew's Church.—Morning, Rev. K. M. Fenwick ; evening, Rev. Dr. Lillie.

Supplies for Baptist Church.—Morning, Rev. J. Unsworth ; evening, Rev. J. Climie.

Supplies for Methodist N. C. Church.—Morning, Mr. J. G. Sanderson ; evening, Rev. J. Wood.

Supplies for Primitive Methodist Church.—Morning, Mr. G. Strasenburgh ; evening, Rev. J. McKillican.

Supplies for Knox's Church (Canada Presbyterian).—Morning, Rev. T. M. Reikie ; evening, Rev. J. T. Byrne.

Supplies for McNab-st. Wesleyan Methodist Church.—Morning, Rev. J. Elliot.

Supplies for John-street Wesleyan Methodist Church.—Morning, Rev. D. McCallum ; evening, Rev. J. Hooper.

Supplies for St. Catharines American Presbyterian Church—Rev. E. J. Sherrill.

Supplies for Canada Presbyterian Church—Rev. R. Hay.

The Church in Montreal having by its Delegate invited the Union to hold its next meeting with them, on motion the invitation was accepted, and the next meeting was appointed to be held in Zion Church, Montreal.

The Business Committee recommended that an Essay be prepared for next annual meeting, on "The relationship in which the Children of believers stand to the Church." Recommendation adopted ; and subsequently Rev. J. Wood was appointed to prepare it. Also, at the instance of the above Committee,

Resolved, That we view with pain the continued, if not increasing desecration of the Sabbath by the Railways of the Province, and by the Government in its Post Office Department, and on the St. Lawrence and other Canals ; that we believe no pressure of business can justify the systematic breach of the Divine law of the Sabbath ; that we should therefore seek to impress the

public with the necessity of resisting all encroachments on this richest boon granted by God to human society; that we authorize our Chairman and Secretary to present, on behalf of this Union, a petition to the several branches of our Legislature, at their next assembling, praying that they may exercise their power to protect in the enjoyment of this right all parties employed in the service of the Government, and to prevent all public violations of the Sabbath, interfering as these do with the most sacred privileges of society.

Also, That we repeat our testimony in favor of Total Abstinence from all intoxicating liquors; and our earnest protest against the traffic in them; and further, that, as in former years, the Ministers of this Union be requested to preach on the subject of Temperance on the third Sabbath of December.

The Agent of the *Canadian Independent* magazine then addressed the Union; after which the thanks of the Union were presented to the Rev. T. M. Reikie, for his valuable services as Editor; also to Mr. Alexander Christie, for his laborious services as Agent for the magazine.

3 P.M.—The Union resumed session, led in prayer by Rev. C. Pedley.

Letters were read by the Secretary of the Union, from the following Delegates from Corresponding Bodies, viz.:

Rev. A. Sanderson, from General Association of Michigan; Rev. Dr. Morgan, from General Conference of Ohio; Rev. J. H. Payne, from General Convention of Presbyterian and Congregational Missions of Wisconsin; and Rev. S. Tenney, from General Conference of Maine.

After receiving sundry reports of Committees, adjourned, with devotional exercises.

LORD'S DAY, 10 A.M.

An hour was spent in prayer before the public service, Rev. J. T. Byrne presiding.

At 11 A.M., public service. Rev. J. McKillican led the devotions of the assembly. Rev. A. Burpee preached, by appointment of last annual meeting. Text, Isaiah, liii. 11: "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied."

The Lord's Supper was then celebrated; at which the Pastor, Rev. T. Pullar, presided. Revs. K. M. Fenwick and F. H. Marling assisted.

At 3.30 P.M., the Rev. J. Butler, delegate from the General Association of New York, preached from Matt. xvi. 26: "What

shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Rev. C. Pearl conducted the devotional exercises.

At 6 30 P.M., the Rev. Cyrus B. Drake, delegate from the General Convention of Vermont, preached from 2 Cor. v. 7: "We walk by faith, not by sight;" assisted in the devotional exercises by Rev. W. Hay.

MONDAY, 9 A.M.

An hour was spent in a devotional service, conducted by Rev. A. McGill.

Rev. Joseph Hooper then presented an address on "Missionary Zeal;" for which the thanks of the Union were tendered, with the request that the MS. be placed at the disposal of the Editor of the *Canadian Independent*.

Rev. F. H. Marling presented the claims of the French-Canadian Missionary Society; whereupon,

Resolved, That this Union having listened with interest to the statements of the Rev. F. H. Marling, on behalf of the French-Canadian Missionary Society, would cordially recommend it to the continued sympathy and liberality of the Churches.

Mr. William W. Smith, of Owen Sound, addressed the Union on behalf of the Canada Indian Missionary Society, which, on motion, was commended to the support and confidence of the Churches.

Upon report of a special committee, previously appointed, consisting of Rev. F. H. Marling, J. Elliot and E. Ebbs, the following address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen was unanimously adopted by the assembly rising.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

The Congregational Union of Canada, consisting of Ministers and Delegates from Churches of the Congregational Order throughout that Province, beg leave to approach your Majesty, in order to express, not only the loyal attachment they ever cherish towards the person and throne of their Sovereign, but especially their deep and tender sympathy with your Majesty in the great affliction with which it hath pleased the King of kings to visit the Royal Family.

We fully share the nation's thankfulness for the gift of the wise and good Prince who became your Majesty's beloved Consort, for the nobleness and purity of his life and example, and the beneficence of his public labours, and for his invaluable parental care over the sons and daughters of the Royal House. And now our earnest and continual prayers ascend to God, that your

Majesty may be sustained under the unutterable grief of sudden bereavement, may receive all needful grace for the cares and duties of a mother and a Queen, and may at length enjoy a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

On behalf of the Congregational Union of Canada, meeting in Hamilton this 16th day of June, 1862, we subscribe ourselves your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects.

(Signed by the Officers.)

2.30 P.M.—Resumed session, Rev. E. J. Sherrill leading in prayer.

The Finance Committee reported that they were prepared to pay \$70 of travelling expenses of Ministers and Delegates entitled thereto.

On motion, the first Sabbath of August was chosen as the day recommended to the Churches for simultaneous collections on behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Also,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Union are due, and are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and to the Ottawa and Prescott Railway Company, for the continuance to clergymen of the privilege of travelling on their roads at half fare; and to the Royal Mail Steamboat Company for reduction of fares to delegates and visitors to this meeting.

On report of the Business Committee, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That this Union, while mourning its loss in the removal of a beloved and honored member, Rev. James Robertson, late of Sherbrooke, C.E., records its devout thankfulness to God, who spared him so long to our body in Canada, and who was pleased so signally to bless his labours in this his adopted, as well as in his native land.

That this Union also instructs its Secretary to communicate to Mrs. Robertson and family its sympathy with them in their trying bereavement, accompanied with the prayer that the "God of wisdom and of all comfort" may sanctify the affliction, and grant the support He has promised His people in the hour of trial."

Rev. C. Pearl was appointed to respond to the letter received last year from the Delegate of the Free-will Baptist Quarterly Conference, assuring that body of our Christian sympathy with them in their work of preaching Christ.

Rev. John Climie was appointed to prepare an Essay for next annual meeting, on "The Voluntary Principle, and its application to Canadian Questions."

On motion of Rev. F. H. Marling, seconded by Rev. A. McDonald, it was unanimously

Resolved, That pending the communication of the results of the conference between Rev. Dr. Wilkes and the Committee of the Colonial Missionary Society, we defer till next meeting the further consideration of the relations of our Missionary Society to that Society; and further, that we also defer until the same time the consideration of proposed changes in its constitution.

7.30 P.M.—The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society was held, Rev. T. Pullar in the chair.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. K. M. Fenwick, E. Barker, J. Wood and E. Ebbs.

At 10 A.M. the Chairman of the Union resumed the chair.

The Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts reported the same correct. Report adopted.

The Secretary of the Union and Minute Secretaries were appointed a Committee to prepare and publish the Minutes.

The Revs. Prof. Lillie, D.D., and F. H. Marling, were appointed a Committee, with power to add to their number, to prepare an address to His Excellency the Governor-General on behalf of the Union, when he shall visit Toronto.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. E. Ebbs, being about to leave for Britain on a pleasure tour, the Minute Secretary was instructed to furnish him a letter of recommendation to the "Household of Faith," to be signed by the Chairman and Minute Secretary.

Rev. John Wood was requested, on motion of the Secretary-Treasurer, to act as his substitute during his absence.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

After singing the Doxology, the Union adjourned, to meet in Montreal on the second Wednesday (i. e., the 10th day) of June, 1863, at 4 P.M.

The Chairman pronounced the benediction.

A. J. PARKER, *Chairman.*

The above is a condensed copy of the Minutes.

EDWARD EBBS, *Secretary.*

JOHN WOOD, *Minute Secretary.*

COLLECTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES TOWARDS THE
GENERAL FUND, 1862.

Alton.....	\$2 00
Barton and Glanford	2 00
Belleville	4 00
Brantford	12 00
Brock	8 00
Bowmanville	6 50
Burford	2 50
Cobourg	3 00
Cowansville	4 00
Danville	6 00
Dresden	2 25
Eaton	4 25
Eramosa	5 00
Franklin	2 00
Garafraxa	4 00
Guelph	8 00
Hamilton	13 00
Kelvin	1 20
Kingston	12 00
Lanark, 1st Church	3 00
Lanark Village	5 05
Listowell	5 00
London	5 00
Markham	3 50
Melbourne	2 00
Montreal	85 00
Newmarket	4 00
Osprings	0 50
Ottawa	4 00
Owen Sound	3 00
Paris	11 53
Pine Grove	3 87
Quebec	14 00
Roxborough	4 00
Russeltown	4 00
Scotland	5 65
Sherbrooke	5 00
Southwold	4 00
Stanstead South	8 00
Stratford	3 50
Stouffville	4 60
Toronto, 2nd Church	12 10
Turnberry	6 25
Warwick	6 75
Whitby	2 20
Waterville	1 50

\$319 70

Dr. EDWARD EBBS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH

		\$	c.	\$	c.
1861.					
June 17	To Balance in Treasury			31	92
17	" Collection at Public Meeting, after closing last account			6	82
July 5	" Collection at Sherbrooke, for general funds ..			10	00
	" Sundry donations towards Deputation Fund, viz.:				
July 24	Bowmanville, per Rev. T. M. R., \$7; 26th, Stouffville, per Rev. W. H. A., \$5	12	00		
27	Paris, per Rev. E. E., \$9 25; Lanark Village, per Rev. P. S., \$4	13	25		
Aug. 1	Brantford, per Rev. J. W., \$7; Listowel, per Mr. D. D. C., \$3	10	00		
2	Manilla, per Rev. D. McG., \$6; 7th, Pine Grove, per Rev. R. H., \$3 32	9	32		
8	Garafraxa, per Mr. A. L., \$2; Ottawa, per Rev. J. E., \$4	6	00		
13	Hamilton, per Mr. W. E., \$8; 15th, Cold Springs, \$3 25	11	25		
15	Cobourg, per Mr. G. H., \$3; 16th, Bluevale, per Mr. H. W., \$1	4	00		
23	Alton, per Mr. R. L., \$2 05; S. Caledon, per Mr. R. L., \$1 95	4	00		
28	Warwick, per Rev. D. McG., \$5; Sept. 18th, Toronto 2nd Church, per Mr. J. F. M., \$10	15	00		
Nov. 8	Kingston, per Rev. K. M. F., \$4 50	4	50		
	" Sundry donations, in response to second appeal, viz.:			89	32
1862.					
Jan. 6	Indian Lands, Glengary, per Mr. A. McG., \$2; March 19th, Eramosa, per Rev. J. B., \$3 60	5	60		
Mar. 26	Kelvin, per Rev. J. A., \$2; 29th, Markham, per Rev. W. H. A., \$4 25	6	25		
April 22	Owen Sound, per Rev. J. H., \$3; 29th, Barton, per Rev. A. McG., \$3	6	00		
May 5	Sarnia, per Rev. R. G. B., \$2; 12th, Eaton, per Rev. E. J. S., \$4	6	00		
12	Whitby, per Rev. J. T. B., 50c; June 11th, Guelph, \$14	14	50		
1861.				38	35
Oct. 9	" Rev. D. McCallum, chapel deed			3	00
1862.					
June 16	" Collections from Churches, for the Union, as per detailed list			319	70
1862.				\$499	11
June 16	To Balance in hands of Treasurer			\$57	24

Audited and found correct.

 JOSEPH HOOPER, }
 D. D. CAMPBELL, } Auditors.

EDWARD EBBS,
Treasurer.

Y.	260	35	0	0	295
0	100	40	0	0	140
0	50	0	0	0	50
Y.	0	0	0	0	0

Y.	260	35	0	0	265
0	100	40	0	0	140
0	50	0	0	0	50
Y.	0	0	0	0	0
0	426	9	1	0	436
Y.	320	20	0	0	350
Y.	1312	166	54	27	1559
Y.	297	49	0	0	346
Y.	49	25	0	0	74
Y.	1100	70	0	0	1170
Y.	370	65	0	8	445
0	510	40	0	50	600
0	180	0	0	0	180
Y.	203	90	0	0	383
Y.	0	0	0	0	30
Y.	178	16	0	0	194
Y.	2016	106	30	0	2152
Y.	230	36	0	30	296
0	188	70	2	10	270
Y.	326	51	0	0	377
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Secretary C. U. of C.

