

MINUTES

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL UNION

OF

CANADA,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN KINGSTON,

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FOR 1855.

Chairman.

REV. W. F. CLARKE.

Secretary Treasurer.

REV. KENNETH M. FENWICK.

Committee.

REVDS. DR. WILKES, K. M. FENWICK, H. D. POWIS,
JOHN FRASER; MESSRS. H. FREELAND, W. JONES,
W. MASSIE, AND A. SAVAGE.

Next Annual Meeting, at Hamilton, C. W., on the Second
Wednesday in June, 1856, at 4 P.M.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada was convened in the Congregational Church, Kingston, C. W., on Wednesday, at 4 P. M., 18th June, 1855.

Roll of Members present during the Session.

Ministers.

W. H. Allworth, T. Bayne, R. K. Black, J. T. Byrne, William Burgess, W. F. Clarke, J. Climie, J. Durrant, E. Ebbs, K. M. Fenwick, J. Fraser,	Wm. Hay, James Hay, Wm. Hayden, L. Kribs, H. Lancashire, A. Lillie, D. D. F. H. Marling, D. McCallum, J. McKillican, N. McKinnon, E. A. Noble,	A. J. Parker, H. D. Powis, T. Rattray, J. B. Robinson, T. Snell, S. Snider, A. Sim, H. Wilkes, D. D., J. Wheeler, J. Wood.
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Delegates from Churches.

H. Freeland, Brockville, H. Cochrane, Hamilton, Wm. Massie, Kingston, H. Christie, Martintown, J. P. Clarke, Montreal,	J. Rogerson, Bowmanville, F. Randall, Southwold, W. Tracey, Stouffville, J. Finlayson, Athol, W. Robinson, Lanark.
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Delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

Rev. A. E. P. Parker, " O. Lombard, " H. F. Leavitt, " A. Hyde, " P. C. Pettibone, " W. P. Wastell,	} Gen. Association of Massachusetts, } } Gen. Convention of Vermont. } } N. Y. State Association. } Gen. Association of Michigan.
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Honorary Members.

Rev. Mr. Sheppard, N. Y., " Thomas Roikie, " James Nall,	Messrs. J. Campbell, " Kean, " R. G. Baird.
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In the absence of the Chairman of the Union, the Rev. W. Clarke, the pastor of the Church in Kingston, Rev. K. M. Fenwick conducted the devotional exercises, prayer being offered by the Rev. A. J. Parker.

The Rev. W. F. Clarke was appointed Chairman until the Annual Election should take place.

The Rev. J. Wood was chosen Minute Secretary.

The Delegates from Corresponding Bodies were introduced to the Union on producing their credentials.

Honorary Members were then received.

The following Committees were appointed, viz :

Committee on Business and Nominations : Revs. J. T. Byrne, E. Ebbs, F. H. Marling, and Messrs. H. Freeland and J. P. Clarke. Rev. J. T. Byrne, Convener.

Committee on Public Services : Revs. Fraser, Fenwick, Black, Durrant. Rev. K. M. Fenwick, Convener.

Committee on New Members : Revs. Allworth, Dr. Wilkes and L. Kribs. Rev. L. Kribs, Convener.

Resolved that the hours of meeting during the session be from 8 to 12 A. M., and from 2 to 5 P. M.

Adjourned till 7½ o'clock for public worship.

7½ P. M.

Rev. E. Ebbs preached the Annual Sermon from Eph. iv. 12. Revs. Clarke, Byrne, and Pettibone assisting in the service.

Thursday, 14th June, 8 A. M.

On this, as on each subsequent morning, devotional exercises were engaged in for about an hour.

The minutes read and confirmed.

Roll called.

The following letter from the retiring Chairman, the Rev. W. Clarke, was read :

DRESDEN, C. W., 4th June, 1855.

To the Ministers and Delegates of the Congregational Union in Annual Meeting assembled,

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—For the first time since the organization of a Congregational Union in Canada, I am prevented in the good Providence of God from participating in the interesting and sacred

exercises connected with its annual session. With the cause of that prevention you are already in some measure informed, through the medium of your own periodical, which announced the affliction which compelled me to relinquish the pastorate at Simcoe, and in fact, to give up the work of the ministry. I regret this the more as I had hoped that some mitigation of the disease would have enabled me to be with you, and to have addressed to you some fraternal counsels on leaving the chair, in which your kindness and confidence placed me at your last anniversary. But in this I am disappointed, as the aneurism in my neck is decidedly more aggravating in its symptoms, and of course more paralyzing in its effects. Indeed, either physical exercise or vocal power is becoming more and more hopeless to me. But though absent in body, I shall be present with you in spirit, and my prayers to the God of all grace will be offered in your behalf, that He may fill you with all wisdom and understanding in the knowledge of his Son Jesus Christ; that He may sanctify and direct all your deliberations to the extension of His blessed kingdom, and grace all your meeting with His felt presence and rich blessing:

There are many things in relation to our position and prospects which crowd upon my mind, and seem to demand attention. But in my present state of health I fear to touch them, and to excuse me from doing so I will throw myself upon your kindness and candour; for this, my beloved brethren, is a day of darkness and trial with me. At a time when otherwise possessing health, some mental power and strength of character; at a time when a life of public activity and labour had become a confirmed habit with me; at a time when the preaching of the Gospel was as fresh and fragrant to me as ever, and when I was forming plans for the furtherance of the cause of my blessed Saviour, I am suddenly laid aside from a work which has been the sweetest pleasure and the greatest gratification of my life, and led away into obscurity as an useless instrument. I trust I do not murmur, and am not without submission to the Divine will, for all that will is love; but the lesson, "Be still and know that I am God," is one not easily acquired.

Excuse me, dear brethren, for so much personal allusion. I do not seek to elicit sympathy, for many testimonials prove that I have that already, but if possible to quicken your zeal and activity in the Master's service. "Brethren the time is short, the day is far spent, the night is at hand." Oh work while it is day, the night cometh in which no man can work!

Receive my thanks for the many tokens of confidence and affection shown me; and allow me to present to you, individually and

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collectively, my warm fraternal love ; and with many prayers for your personal, ministerial, and relative happiness and usefulness,

Believe me to be yours,

In Gospel bonds,

WM. CLARKE.

This letter was referred to a Committee consisting of the Revds. Dr. Wilkes and W. P. Wastell.

On motion, part of the second Article of Constitution was for the present suspended, and the following applicants for membership were admitted : the Church at Athol, the Church at Owen Sound, and the Revds. E. A. Noble, Burgess, J. B. Robinson, Robert Robinson, and A. Sim.

The following Churches proposed last year were also received : the Churches at Oro, Lanark, Lanark Village, Hopetown, Big Creek in Burford, Port Sarnia and Belleville.

The Committee on Chairman's letter reported the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Whereas the retiring Chairman of our Union, the Rev. W. Clarke, late of Simcoe, has addressed to the members of this body a letter, as a substitute for his personal presence ; and whereas that letter makes to us the painful announcement of his severe indisposition, by which he is not only prevented from being present now, but intimates that the Union may anticipate the yet more painful trial of losing his public co-operation altogether.

It is unanimously resolved :

That we sincerely sympathize with our dear brother in his afflictive privacy, in his unavoidable retirement, in his painful apprehensions ; that we hope his fears and ours may prove unfounded ; that God will graciously sustain our brother while the trial lasts, and, in answer to prayer, restore him to comparative health and active labour.

And further, that the Union extend to his afflicted partner and family their tenderest condolence, and pray God to overrule this dispensation of his providence to their individual and collective good. Also, that this resolution and the letter, to which it makes reference, be recorded on the minutes, and that the Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the resolution to our Brother Clarke, without delay.

The Union then proceeded to the election of a Chairman. The Rev. W. F. Clarke was announced as duly elected.

The Committee on Finance, consisting of the Rev. H. D. Powis, Messrs. H. Cochrane, J. P. Clarke, W. Tracey, and J. Rogerson; Mr. J. P. Clarke, Convener, was appointed.

Resolved,—That the reading of the minutes of last year be dispensed with, inasmuch as they have been printed.

The Secretary read Statistical Table for the year ending 7th May, 1855, when it was resolved:

That the thanks of this Union be presented to the Secretary for his labour and care in preparing the table of statistics; that the Chairman, Secretary, and Minute Secretary be a Committee to prepare a summary thereof for publication; and that the several pastors and officers of our Churches be earnestly requested to forward annually complete and timely answers to the statistical questions.

The Committee of the Union appointed, (See 2nd page,) also, the Missionary Committee for the ensuing year, the Revds. W. F. Clarke, J. Wood, A. J. Parker, F. H. Marling, Messrs. H. Freeland, J. P. Clarke, W. Tracey, H. Cochrane, and W. Massie. Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Secretary Treasurer.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Wilkes the meeting adjourned.

Thursday, 2 P. M.

The following delegates to Corresponding Bodies appointed last Annual Meeting reported:

Rev. Dr. Wilkes who had attended the General Association of Massachusetts and the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. K. M. Fenwick who had attended the General Association of New York.

Rev. A. J. Parker who had corresponded with the General Association of Maine.

Rev. W. F. Clarke who had attended the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. W. Hay alternate to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church reported that neither he nor the primary Rev. J. Vincent had been able to attend.

The delegates from Corresponding Bodies addressed the Union. It was then resolved:

That the presence of an unusual number of delegates from our Corresponding Bodies in the United States; the interesting statements they have made of their own condition, and the fraternal sympathy they have displayed with us, require from us a

special acknowledgment ; that we beg them to accept our thanks for their attendance and services, and to express to the bodies they represent, our high gratification at the growing intercourse between Congregationalists in Canada and the United States.

The Rev. Jas. Nall, Agent, having addressed the Union relative to the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society, it was resolved :

That the work of the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society, represented by our brother Nall, especially that carried on by colportage, is one which claims the hearty co-operation of our Churches ; and that their Agent be requested to convey to the Society the deep and earnest conviction of this Union, that amongst other evils and sins now prevailing, the manifold and intolerable abominations of slavery should be set forth, and condemned with unsparing fidelity by such an organization ; and therefore that we do warmly approve of the strong testimony borne by the British Tract Society on this subject, and as decidedly protest against the sinful silence of the American Tract Society.

A communication was read from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance.

After prayer by Rev. J. Wheeler, the Union adjourned.

Friday, 15th June, 8 P. M.

After devotional exercises ; the Roll called. Minutes read and confirmed.

The Rev. Dr. Wilkes read a letter from the Colonial Missionary Society, to the Congregational Union of Canada, whereupon it was resolved :

That we receive with respect, affection and gratitude, the letter which has just been read ; that it be handed to the Editor of the *Canadian Independent* for publication in that paper ; that this Union requests that it be read by every pastor in our body to his people from the pulpit, and that it be referred to the Committee on business to reply to it.

It was further resolved that 1000 extra copies of the paper containing said letter should be printed, in order to its extensive circulation among our Churches.

It was resolved that Rev. E. Ebbs be requested to throw his sermon into essay form adapted for circulation in our Churches, that it be published as Tract No. 2 ; and the following Committee was appointed for its publication and distribution : Messrs. Cochrane,

C. Freeland, J. P. Clarke and A. Savage. To be published in Montreal. 4000 copies were subscribed for.

At 10 A. M. adjourned to allow of the meeting of the subscribers to the Canadian Congregational Theological Institute.

Friday, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. Hay.

Dr. Wilkes read the Missionary Report.

Rev. J. Wood reported in behalf of the Periodical Publication Committee.

The Union having resolved itself into a Committee of the whole the following series of resolutions were passed:

1. That in the opinion of this Committee, the allowance made to the Editor for the past year should be £50 currency.

2. That to meet the present liabilities of the *Independent*, the outstanding subscriptions to the paper, and to the guarantee fund, be at once called in, and applied to this purpose; and that the deficiency, if any, be met, as far as possible, out of the funds of the Union.

3. That the manner in which the Rev. W. F. Clarke has conducted the *Canadian Independent* has more than fulfilled the high expectations formed of his known ability and spirit.

4. That in the opinion of this Committee, the guarantee against loss given by this Union to the *Canadian Independent*, shall cease with the year of publication now expiring.

5. That the Union would deeply regret the extinction of our denominational organ; and although the resources of this body forbid its being a reliable security against pecuniary risk, its members would individually give their warmest support to a paper of such a character as the *Canadian Independent* has been.

On motion the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. The report was adopted, and leave was given to sit to-morrow at 10 A. M.

The following Brethren were appointed as delegates to Corresponding Bodies:

General Association of Massachusetts: F. H. Marling, Primary; T. Bayne, Alternate.

General Convention of Vermont: E. A. Noble, Primary; J. J. Parker, Alternate.

General Association of New Hampshire: K. M. Fenwick, Primary; E. J. Sherrill, Alternate.

General Association of New York : H. Wilkes, D.D., Primary ;
Wickson, A. M., Alternate.

General Conference of Maine : J. Fraser, Primary ; J. McKilligan, Alternate.

United Presbyterian Synod of Canada : W. Hay, Primary ; J. Wood, Alternate.

General Association of Michigan : W. F. Clarke, Primary ; J. Vincent, Alternate.

Resolved,—That the Business Committee have power to make any alterations in the delegations that may be thought advisable ; but that it be understood that the Union cannot pledge itself to meet the travelling expenses of the delegates.

Friday Evening, 7 o'clock.

The public Missionary Meeting was held in the Congregational Church at 7 o'clock.

The Rev. T. Bayne in the Chair. The Speakers were Revds. H. Wilkes, D. D., J. T. Byrne, A. Lillie, D. D., W. P. Wastell and J. Wheeler.

Saturday, 8 A. M.

The Roll called. Minutes read and confirmed. The Rev. Dr. Wilkes finished reading the Missionary Report.

Resolved,—That the Missionary Committee print as much of the Report, and as many copies as they think advisable.

Resolved,—That Dr. Wilkes and Mr. J. P. Clarke be a Committee with power to add to their number, to publish the Missionary Report, the Report of the Institution, the Minutes of the Union, the Statistical Table, &c.

The Union then again went into a Committee of the whole.

Rev. W. F. Clarke having made some statements in relation to the continuance of "the Canadian Independent," it was resolved that this Committee recommend to the Union the following resolution :

"The Union having heard with grateful pleasure the intimation of the Rev. W. F. Clarke, that provided 1200 subscribers be pledged by his brethren he would assume the responsibility of continuing the Independent.

Resolved,—That a subscription list be immediately opened.

The Committee rose and reported. Their report was adopted by the Union.

Resolved,—That the subscription list now opened be referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. W. F. Clarke, E. Ebbs, Dr. Lillie and J. McKillican, to extend it so far as possible, and report to the Union before its close.

The Committee on Finance reported the amount of money received and disbursed, and further reported that they have received complaints from Churches and other sources, that the expenses as at present dispensed bear very unequally on many of the ministers and they have reason to believe that this has been a barrier in the way of the attendance of several members of the Union. They therefore recommend that the contributions of the Churches be in future required to meet the printing and other expenses of the Union, and the expenses of all ministers and delegates in full from and to their respective homes.

Report adopted.

Resolved,—That the travelling fares 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 percentage. The following was added in amendment, on the understanding that such ministers and delegates remain during the sessional meetings.

On invitation from the Church in Hamilton extended through their pastor, it was resolved, that the next Annual Meeting of the Union be held in Hamilton.

Resolved,—That whatever balance may remain in the Treasurer's hands at the close of the session, be handed over to the Editor of the *Canadian Independent*.

Sabbath, 17th June,

In the morning, Rev. H. D. Powis preached from Matt. xiii. 33. In the afternoon, Rev. Dr. Wilkes preached from Ps. cxliv. 15. In the evening Rev. W. F. Clarke preached from Rom. x. 2. The Union after the evening sermon embraced the invitation of the Church with which it was assembled to commemorate the death of Christ in the ordinance of the Supper at which the Pastor presided, and Revs. A. E. P. Perkins, A. J. Parker, W. Hay, and L. Kribs assisted.

Monday, 18th June, 8 A. M.

After usual devotional exercises, Roll called. Minutes read and confirmed.

Resolved,—That the Churches in Cold Springs and Cobourg be disconnected from the Eastern District, and placed under the superintendance of the middle District Missionary Committee.

Resolved,—That the destruction by fire of two Congregational Chapels in this Province, during the past year, has excited the lively sympathy of the Union, with the Churches and pastors thus deprived of a place of meeting, and especially as in the case at Toronto the minister is at the same time suffering from severe personal affliction, and in that of Belleville the Church had but recently taken possession of their beautiful edifice ; and that the Union would also impress upon the Churches the practical lesson from these events, viz : the importance of keeping all Church property fully insured."

The Rev. A. Geikie having applied for a letter of dismission from this Union, on motion it was granted.

Narratives of the state of religion in our Churches were given by several of the brethren.

Monday, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. Hay.

The following appointments were made for next year :

Annual Sermon, Rev. F. H. Marling, Primary : Rev. J. Fraser, Alternate.

Sabbath morning, Rev. E.J. Sherrill, Primary : Rev. A. J. Parker, Alternate.

Sabbath evening, Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Primary : Rev. T. Bayne, Alternate.

A condensed narrative of the state of religion in the Churches to be prepared from the written reports of the pastors by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick.

For a standing rule of the Union it was resolved, 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.

Resolved.—That this Union desires at the present early period in the history of Canadian Railways, to express its deep sense of the importance of an entire cessation of all labour, travel, and traffic on the Lord's day; such cessation being manifestly required by the Divine Law, and only an act of justice to the employees and to a Sabbath-keeping and Sabbath-loving community.

The following were appointed as the Local Missionary Committees:

Western District.—Revs. W. F. Clarke, J. Vincent, J. Wood, W. Hay; Messrs. H. Mathewson, F. P. Gould, H. Cochrane, and J. Oswald. Rev. J. Wood, Secretary.

Middle District.—Revs. Dr. Lillie, F. H. Marling, T. Baker, J. T. Byrne, J. Wheeler; Messrs. P. Freeland, J. A. Smith, and E. F. Whittmore. Rev. J. T. Byrne, Secretary.

Eastern District.—Revs. K. M. Fenwick, R. K. Black, J. Fraser, H. Lancashire; Messrs. H. Freeland, G. C. Chaffey, W. Massie, and W. Robertson. Rev. R. K. Black, Secretary.

Canada East.—Revs. Dr. Wilkes, A. J. Parker, E. J. Sherrill, T. Bayne; Messrs. A. Savage, C. Alexander, R. Birks and J. P. Clarke. Mr. J. P. Clarke, Secretary.

The following questions were proposed to the consideration of the Union by the Business Committee:

1. When stations which the Missionary Society has established and cultivated, but which have been subsequently so occupied by other denominations as to render the prospect of self-support indefinitely distant, should be given up? What ought to be done with the property? How should the giving up be done?

2. Is there any plan by which the Missionary contributions of the Churches could be increased, as cards, &c.?

3. Whether some special concert of prayer, for the descent of the Holy Spirit's influences upon ourselves, our churches, our ministry, and our work is desirable, and could be agreed upon?

The first question was referred to the Committee of the Union; the second to the Secretary Treasurer of the Missionary Society, with instructions to print missionary cards for those who need them; the third to the Rev. W. F. Clarke, to embody the subject in his pastoral letter.

Resolved.—That this Union contemplates with profound and reverential submission to the Divine will, the decease during the past year of the Rev. Richard Miles, one of the fathers of our body in

Canada, and for many years the Secretary of the Union of Canada East, whose memory is fragrant among all the Churches to whom he is known;—that it tenders to the widow and family of their late brother, their heartfelt sympathy with them in their trying bereavement, and prays the Great Head of the Church, that he will comfort, sustain, and graciously bless them in their sorrow.”

The Rev. K. M. Fenwick presented the Report of the Trust Deed Committee.

Resolved,—That the Report be referred back to the same Committee, with power to act, and that said Committee be especially directed not to omit the clause relating to the burying grounds.

Resolved,—That this Union having understood that a Convention of the Friends of Temperance has been called at Toronto, on the 25th of October next, to secure the speedy passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law for this Province, appoints the Revs. W. F. Clarke, K. M. Fenwick, E. Ebbs, and J. T. Byrne, to attend as its representatives.

Rev. W. F. Clarke's Essay was called for, but having been so much occupied with the *Canadian Independent*, he had not been able to prepare it.

Resolved,—That the Essays of the Revs. E. Ebbs, and A. J. Parker, be made the first order of the day for Thursday of next year.

The claims of the French Canadian and Canadian Foreign Missionary Societies were presented by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, when it was

Resolved,—That in the opinion of this Union the French Canadian Mission has a claim to the sympathy of our Churches, second only to that of our own Home Missions, and that all the Churches be earnestly recommended to give an annual collection on its behalf.

A Committee, consisting of the Revs. Dr. Wilkes, E. Ebbs, and J. Vincent, was appointed to investigate certain rumours respecting the Rev. J. Silcox.

Prayer by Dr. Little.

Monday, 7 P. M.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Union was held in the Congregational Chapel, Rev. W. F. Clarke in the Chair.

The Minute Secretary gave a digest of the proceedings of the Union during its present sittings.

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The meeting was addressed by Rev. F. H. Marling on the Theological Institute; Rev. J. Fraser on the Press; Dr. Wilkes on the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Monday, 9½ P. M.

Rev. E. Ebbs presented a statement from Rev. W. F. Clarke, concerning the "Independent." Guarantees were then obtained to the amount of £31 5s. for the next two issues.

Resolved.—That this Union records its final protest against the appropriation of any part of the public domain to the support of the ministers of religion, and views with indignation the course which has been taken in the commutation of the claims of individuals, by which it is to be feared there will be gained indirectly a very large endowment of certain Churches, in spite of the often expressed decision of the Province upon that point.

Resolved.—That the Union at the close of its sessions on the present occasion, feels called upon to express its warm acknowledgements to the Pastor, the Church, and other friends in Kingston, who have extended to its members such kind and fraternal hospitality, and prays that the blessing of God may rest abundantly upon them.

The Treasurer presented his Report, which was adopted.

The Rev. K. M. Fenwick presented a condensed Statistical Report of the body in Canada, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the *Canadian Independent*.

Resolved.—That this Union, recognizing with gratitude to the Giver of all good, the multiplied blessings that have resulted to our beloved country from its improved and efficient system of Common School Education, views with alarm and disapprobation the efforts which are being made in certain quarters in favor of sectarian education, and enters its protest against the appropriation of public monies toward denominational objects of any kind, or in any shape whatever.

In consequence of the lateness of the hour, it was resolved that the minutes of the day's session be held as read.

After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, the Union adjourned to meet in Hamilton, on the second Wednesday of June next, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

K. M. FENWICK,
Secretary.

LIST OF MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE UNION.

- Allworth, Wm. H.	- Hay, Wm.	Ritchie, G.
Armour, J.	- Hay, James.	Robertson, J.
Baker, T.	- Hayden, Wm. <i>Kennel</i>	Robinson, J. B.
Bayne, T.	- Hugh de Burgh, W. H.	Robinson, Robert.
Black, R. K.	- King, S.	- Searight, T.
Bucher, G. B.	- Kribs, L.	Sloan, J.
Buckham, J.	- Lancashire, H.	Sim, A., M. A.
- Burgess, Wm. <i>Wm. H.</i>	- Lillie, A., D. D.	Sherrill, E. J.
- Byrne, J. T.	- Marling, F. H.	- Smell, T.
<i>Complete</i>	- McCallum, D.	- Snider, S.
Clarke, Wm.	- McKillican, J.	Vincent, J.
- Clarke, W. F.	- McKinnon, N.	Ward, S.
- Climie, J.	- McLeod, N.	- Wilkes, H., D. D.
Denney, H.	- Noble, E. A.	- Wickson, A., M. A.
- Dunkerley, D.	- Parker, A. J.	Williams, R. J.
- Durrant, J.	- Powis, H. D.	- Wilson, Hiram,
- Ebbs, E.	Rattray, P.	Wheeler, J.
- Fenwick, K. M.	Raymond, A.	Wood, J.
- Fraser, J.	<i>Rennie J. M.</i>	
Hall, R. V.		

LIST OF CHURCHES CONNECTED WITH THE UNION.

Abbotsford, C. E.	Hopetown, C. W.	Philipsburgh, C. W.
Albion, C. W.	- Indian Lands, C. W.	Port Sarnia, C. W.
Belleville, C. W.	- Inverness, C. E.	Quebec, C. E.
- Brantford, C. W.	Innisfil, C. W.	Russeltown, C. E.
Brockville, C. W.	- Kingston, C. W.	Scotland, C. W.
Big Creek, C. W.	Lanark, 1st Ch., C. W.	Simcoe, C. W.
Brome, C. E.	Lanark Village, C. W.	Sherbrooke, C. E.
<i>Caledon</i>	- Markham, C. W.	Springford, C. W.
Bowmanville, C. W.	Melbourne, C. E.	- Southwold, C. W.
Cobourg, C. W.	- Martintown, C. W.	- Stratford, C. W.
Cold Springs, C. W.	- Montreal, 1st Ch., C. E.	Stouffville, C. W.
Danville, C. E.	- Montreal, 2d Ch., C. E.	- St. Andrew's, C. E.
Durham, C. E.	Newcastle, C. W.	- Toronto, 2d Ch., C. W.
Eaton, C. E.	- Newmarket, C. W.	Vaughn, C. W.
- Eramosa, C. W.	Oro, C. W.	Warwick, C. W.
Georgetown, C. W.	Owens Sound, C. W.	Whitby, C. W.
Granby, C. E.		
- Hamilton, C. W.		
<i>- Kinstonburg C. E.</i>		

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" Paid Travelling Expenses of Delegates, 7 0 1	7	0	1
" Printing Minutes, &c.,	7	0	0
" Postage,	0	15	0
" Blank Book for Statistics,	2	10	0
" Stationary,	0	5	0
	£76	9	4

	£	s.	d.
June 21. Money received for Expenses of Union,	63	16	8
" " Balance profit of Essay No. 1., 2 12 6	2	12	6
1855.			
June. Cash from Rev. R. J. Williams, 0 10 0	0	10	0
" " Cash received from Finance Committee,	9	10	2
	£76	9	4

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ABSTRACT TABLE OF STATISTICS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN CANADA,
From 7th May, 1854, to 7th May, 1855.

This Table embraces the period from 7th May, 1854, to 7th May, 1855; the only exception is, that the names of Ministers where recent settlements have taken place are given to a later period.
The numbers given under "No. of hearers," denote the whole congregation absent or present at any time; also, old and young.
Those marked * are churches who did not report, and whose statistics as given, were taken from last year's reports, or from other sources.

Name of Church.	Ch. formed.	Name of Minister.	Minister settled.	No. of Stations.	Hearers at Regular Sta.	Hearers at Occasional Sta.	Church Membership.			Total No. of Members.	Scholars.	Chapels.		Money raised for			Total.								
							Admissions.	Removals.	Deaths.			Value.	Accommodation.	Minister.	Missions.	Total.									
							Prof.	Letter.	Letter.		Teachers.	o.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.								
Abbotsford and Albany,	1845	G. R. Bucher,	1855	6	325	300	1			77	2	12	2	550	600	90	0	7 10	0	115	0	0			
Bellefleur,	1845	J. Wheeler,	1845	3	170	80	3		2	15	10	92	1	825	35	5	6	15	0	83	7	5			
Brantford,	1825	H. D. Powis,	1825	3	250	80	3		2	32	6	40	1	500	1000	100	0	0	0	125	0	0			
Brantford,	1824	J. Wood,	1825	1	250		5		2	64	22	130	1	300	750	150	0	0	0	31	15	0	450	0	
Brookville,	1844	J. Fraser,	1852	3	110		3		5	54	4	36	1	400	1200	40	0	0	0	12	17	11	288	0	
Cowanville,	1844	J. Fraser,	1852	3	110		3		5	54	4	36	1	400	1200	40	0	0	0	12	17	11	288	0	
Caledon,	1855	T. Ratney,	1855	4	200		4		4	23	15	100	2	500	750	80	0	0	0	7	15	0	92	15	0
Caledon,	1855	R. J. Williams,	1855	3	310		5		2	1	49	9	60	1	200	150	80	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	0
Chatham,	1854	T. Swan,	1854	1	100		4		3	38	4	35	1	400	200	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	6	
Coal Springs,	1846	T. Small,	1846	1	100	40	4		2	37	5	60	1	150	200	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	6	
Coal Springs,	1856	W. Hayden,	1856	2	130	40	4		1	4	3	5													
Copson's Bay,	1854	W. Thomas-Sky,	1854	1	40		20		1	3	69	5	50	1	300	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Copson's Bay,	1852	Thomas-Sky,	1853	1	100	250	1		3	15	5	20	1	500	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Delmarston,	1857	Vacant,	1857	5	200	80	2		2	34	5	60	1	300	400	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	
Delmarston,	1852	Vacant,	1852	3	100		6		1	61	8	62	1	300	300	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	10	
Edon,	1857	J. Sherrill,	1857	2	100		6		4	1	10	75	2	200	200	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	10	
Edon,	1852	Vacant,	1852	2	100		6		4	1	10	75	2	200	200	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	10	
Georgetown,	1846	Vacant,	1855	5	500	150	3		3	9	95	U.	4	880	750	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	10	
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