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OF THE

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL UNION

OF

CANADA,

HELD IN BRANTFORD, CANADA WEST.

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OFFICE BEARERS

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA,

FOR 1858.

Chairman,

REVEREND F. H. MARLING.

Secretary=Treasurer,

REVEREND EDWARD EBBS.

Committee,

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"	T.	M.	REIKIE,	

MESSRS. J. McKEAND,

" E. CHILDS,

" DR. LILLIE,

" W. MELLISH,

" A. WICKSON,

" G. HAGUE, and

PATRICK FREELAND.

Next Annual Meeting at Toronto, C. W., on the Second Wednesday in June 1859, at 4 P. M.

CONSTITUTION AND STANDING RULES OF THE CONGREGA-TIONAL 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 and Theological Institutes, and of Churches, of the Congregational or Independent order, of approved character and sentiments, duly 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 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, who shall execute the instructions of the Union, and prepare a docket of business for the Annual Meeting.

STANDING RULES.

I. Students who have finished their course at the Canadian Congregational Theological Institute, who are ordained to the Ministry, and

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Jongrey, 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 at any Annual Meeting; in the case of other Ministers and all Churches, a statement of doctrinal and ecclesiastical sentiments shall be made, and testimonials, if any, be supplied and they shall be received only after having been proposed at the previous Meeting.

II. The Union shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in Junet 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.

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

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

V. 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, and Finance, and the Missionary Committee.

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

VII. On Thursday morning, after the Devotional Services, the retiring Chairman shall deliver an Address, and the new Chairman shall be chosen by ballot without nomination. The Minutes of the last Meeting shall then be read, and the report of the Union Committee presented. Unless otherwise ordered by the Union, the next orders of the day shall be the reception of members, the Summary of Statistics, and Reports or other documents ordered by the Union.

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. 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.

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. 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 shall be reported in order to erasure from the roll.

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LIST OF MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE UNION

Adams, L. P.
Allworth, William H.
Armour, J.
Baker, T.
Barker, E.
Bayne, T.
Blaek, R. K.
Boyd, James.
Bucher, G. B.
Burness, W.
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Burness, M.
Burne, J. T.
Clarke, W.
Cleveland, Prof.
Climie, J.
Cernish, Prof.
Denney, H.
Duff, A.

Duncarley, D.
Durrant, J.
Bobas, J.
Bobas, Elliot, J.
Forman, J.
Fander, J.
Fraser, J.
Hayl, R. V.
Hay, Wm.
Hayden, Wm.
Howell, James,
Kribs, L.
Lancashire, H.
Lillie, A., D. D.
Marling, F. H.
McCallum, D.
McGregor Dougald,
McKillican, J.
McKinnon, N.

Noble, E. A.
Parker, A. J.
Parker, A. J.
Parker, A. J.
Powis, H. D.
Raymond, A.
Reikie, T. M.
Ritchie, G.
Robertson, J.
Robinson, Roberts
Sim, A., M.A.
Shanks, Pillip,
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Shanks, Pillip,
Wickinso, A., M.A.
Wilkes, H., D.B.
Wickinso, A., M.A.
Wilkinso, A., M.A.
Williams, R. J.
Williams, R. J.
Williams, R. J.
Williams, W. J.
Wheeler, J.
Wheeler, J.
Wheeler, J.
Wood, J.

LIST OF CHURCHES CONNECTED WITH THE UNION.

Abbotsford, C. E.
Abbion, C. W.
Bronkville, C. W.
Brockville, C. W.
Browe, C. B.
Bowmanville, C. W.
Caledon, C. W.
Caledon, C. W.
Caledon, C. W.
Cold Springs, C. W.
Danville, C. E.
Durham, C. E.
Eaton, C. E.
Eaton, G. E.
Genmills,
Grambas, C. W.
Garafraxa,
Georgetown, C. W.
Granby, C. W.
Granby, C. W.

Hamilton, C. W.
Hawkesbury, C. W.
Indian Lands, O. W.
Indian Lands, O. W.
Inverness, C. E.
Innishl, C. W.
Kelvin, C. W.
Kingston, C. W.
Lanark, 1st Ch. C. W.
Lanark, 1st Ch. C. W.
Lattie Warwick, O. E.
London, C. W.
Markham, C. W.
Markham, C. W.
Montreal, 1st Ch., C. E.
Montreal, 1st Ch., C. E.
Montreal, 1st Ch., C. E.
Montreal, 2d Ch., O. E.
Newcastle, C. W.
Newmarket, C. W.

Oro, C. W. Owen Sound, C. W. Paris, C. W. Philipsburgh, C. E. Port Sarnia, C. W. Quebec, C. E. Scotland, C. W. Souther, C. E. Scotland, C. W. Southwold, C. W. Southwold, C. W. Southwold, C. W. Stanatead South. Stratford, C. W. St. Andrew's, C. E. Toronto, 2d Ch., C. W. Vaughan, C. W. Warwick, C. W. Whitby, C. W. W. Whitby, C. W.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada, was convened in the Congregational Church, Brantford, C. W., on Wednesday, the 9th June 1858, at 4 P. M.

The Chairman, the Rev. Edward Ebbs, presided. The Session was opened with devotional exercises. The Secretary read the constitution and standing rules.

The Rev. D. McCallum was elected Minute Secretary. The Roll was then called.

Roll of Members and Delegates present during the Session.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

Allworth, W. H.
Armour, J.
Barker, E.
Bayne, T.
Boyd, J.
Bucher, G. B.
Burgess, Wm.
Burpee, A.
Byrne, J. T.
Clark, Wm.
Climie, J.
Cornish, Prof.
Denny, H.

Duff. A.
Durrant, J.
Ebbs, Ed.
Elliot, J.
Fenwick, K. M.
Hay, J.
Hay, Wm.
Howell, J.
King, S.
Lancashire, H.
Lillie, A., D.D.
Marling, F. H.
McCallum, D.
Wood, John

McGregor, Dougald.
McKillican, J.
Noble, E. A.
Parker, A. J.
Powis, H. D.
Reikie, T. M.
Ritchie, Geo.
Shanks, P.
Suider, S.
Unsworth, J.
Wilkes, H., D.D.
Wickison, A., M.A.

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

Brantford	G. Birch & F. P. Goold.
Bowmanvi	lle.R. O'Hara.
Burford	A. McWilliams & L. Daniels.
Caledon	W. McLellan.
Eden Mills	sW. Phin.
Guelph	S. Hodgskin.
Hamilton.	J. McKeand.
Kingston	R. Rattenbury.
Listowell	D. D. Hay.
Mantinton	M H MoDowald

Montreal 1st., W. Moodie & P. W. Wood
Montreal 2d A. McDonald.
Newmarket R. H. Smith.
QuebecJ. Musson.
Scotland C. Chapin E. J. Smith.
Simcoe Dr. J. Clarke and D. D.
Vannorman.
Toronto J. J. Woodhouse and E.
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DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick: Reverend R. Wilson United Presbyterian Synod in Canada: Reverends D. Caw and J. Drummond.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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Revd	I. J. McLean, Congregatl. Mi	nister.	Mr	. B. W. Day, Con	gregationa	Student.
**	R. McGregor, "	"	**	R. G. Baird.	"	"
**	J. Nall. "	66	"	J. Bryning,	**	"
**	J. T. Pattison, "	66	**	J. R. Kean.	**	44
	J. Alexander, Free Church	"	**	Mellish, Brant	ford.	
**	E. C. Vannorman, Method.		**	Hague, Toront		
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The Secretary read a report from the committee of the Union, which was received and referred to the business committee.

A temporary committee consisting of the Revds. K. M. Fenwick, H. D. Powis, J. Wood, T. M. Rickie and Mr. F. P. Goold was appointed to nominate standing committees.

The hours of meeting were fixed, to be from 9 A. M. to 12½ and from 2½ P. M. and 5½ o'clock.

Revds. J. Howell and A. Burpee were appointed to audit Secretary-Treasurer's account.

The minutes of last meeting having been printed, they were considered as read:

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

Several persons were now and at subsequent periods invited to sit as honorary members. See list on page.

Delegates to corresponding Foreign Bodies appointed at last meeting reported.

Revd. E. Ebbs had attended the United Presbyterian Synod of Canada.

Revd. J. Fraser had attended the General Assembly of Massachusetts.

Revd. A. J. Parker had attended the General Assembly of Connecticut.

Revd. J. Fraser had attended the General Convention of Vermont.

Revd. J. Howell had attended the General Assembly of Michigan.

Revd. D. Wilkes had attended the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Revd. K. M. Fenwick had written the General Assembly of New-York.

Revd. A. J. Parker found his appointment too late for the General Conference of Maine, but he would attend its next meeting.

Revd. H. D. Powis had not fulfilled his appointment to the General Assembly of New Hampshire.

ANNUAL SERMON.

On Wednesday evening, the annual Sermon was preached by the Revd. F. H. Marling from Acts 14. 1. "And it came to pass in Iconium that they went both together into the Synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed."

June 10th, 9 A. M.

After one hour spent in devotional exercises, the roll was called and the minutes of Wednesday were approved.

Retiring Chairman's Address was delivered by the Reverend Edward Ebbs. The thanks of the Union were presented to the Reverend E. Ebbs for his valuable address, it was also resolved that it be published in the Canadian Independent, and that 1000 extra copies be published for general circulation.

The Ballot for New chairman was taken. The Reverend F. H. Marling was duly elected and took the chair.

MISSIONARY AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

The temporary Committee on business and nominations presented a docket of business, and proposed the names of members to constitute the Committee of the Missionary Society, and the five Standing Committees on Business, Nominations, Finance, Membership, and Public Services, which were severally confirmed by the Union.

The Missionary Committee was enlarged to twelve, and consisted of Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Secretary-Tressurer, Rev. Messrs. Wood, Parker, Ebbs, Marling, and Fenwick, and Messrs. Goold, Smith, Musson, Moodie, J. McKeand, and Hodgskin, to whom Rev. R. Wilson was afterwards added, on the adoption of the "Nova Scotia and New Brunswick District."

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The Conveners of the other Committees were-Business, Rev. W. Clarke; Nominations, Rev. J. Durrant; Membership, Rev. J. Howell; Finance, Rev. A. Burpee; and Public Services, Rev. J. Wood.

DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Union be presented to the Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway for their politeness and liberality in granting return tickets to ministers travelling on their line of communications; and tickets at half fare to ministers and others attending the present annual meetings; and that the Secretary be directed to forward to the Directors a copy of this resolution.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

Upon successive reports of the membership Committee, presented at different periods of the session, there were received into the Union, Rev. Messrs. A. Duff, of Cowansville, J. Elliott of Hawkesbury, and Professor E. Cleveland of St. Francis College, proposed last year; Rev. E. Barker, Alumnus of the Institute, and Rev. G. Cornish, Professor in McGill College, Montreal, from the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; and the churches at Paris, Guelph, Listowel, Little Warwick, C. E., and Burford, proposed last year. The following were proposed for membership, Rev. J. McLean, and the churches at South Caledon, Hillsburg, Bothwell, and Barton and Glandford. The names of Rev. W. H. Heu de Bourck and Rev. J. B. Robinson, absent for over one year, and those of Rev. S. R. Ward and T. Searight, were removed from the roll.

For the first time since the Union was organised, no Delegates from the United States were present, a circumstance much regretted by the body, in whose proceedings their reception has always formed a most interesting feature. But letters were read from Rev. J. Anderson, appointed from Michigan, Rev. - Sewall, from Maine, and C. C. Parker from Vermont.

LETTERS FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

The reception of Rev. Messrs. Caw and Drummond, Delegates from the United Presbyterian Synod, took place by appointment on Thursday afternoon. After being introduced to the Chairman by Mr. Ebbs, and invited to take seats on the platform, they both addressed the Union, referring to the good feeling that had always prevailed between the two denominations, and their common struggles for the Voluntary Principle, and assuring those assembled that in relation to the proposed union of their Synod with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, they were determined to retain the fullest liberty to hold and maintain that principle still, while willing to exercise forbearance towards those of other views, and not making either a term of communion. So far, moreover, as the receiving of endowments was concerned, they would form no alliance in which that was not in practice repudiated. After a few words of reply from the Chairman, the following resolution was passed: Resolued,—That this Union records its pleasure at receiving the Reverends D. Caw and J. Drummond as Delegates from the United Presbyterian Synod of Canada; and expresses its hearty response to their fraternal salutations. That a Delegation be appointed to reciprocate their esteemed visit, hoping that in all future services of these two divisions of the militant forces of Zion, the utmost cordiality and cooperation may be cherished.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Reverend Robert Wilson was introduced to the Union as delegate from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and having presented the fraternal salutations of that body, he presented an overture from it, to this Union, to the following effect.

"That this Union, being convinced of the importance of bringing the churches into missionary connection with those of Ganada, propose that the missionary operations of these provinces be united with those of the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society, delegates being appointed hence to the Congregational Union of that Province, and local Committees appointed here as there."

Statements and suggestions having been asked from those acquainted with the field, Dr. Wilkes, Professor Cornish and Revd. R. Wilson addressed the Union. The overture was referred to the Missionary Committee. At a subsequent session the following report was brought up from said Committee.

"The Missionary Committee beg to report to the Congregational Union a resolution passed by them unanimously:—'Resolved, "That this Committee recommend the Union to place the work in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick under the supervision of this Society, in the manner proposed by the Congregational Union of those Provinces, provided that the whole expense thereof is borne by the local funds and the grants of the Colonial Missionary Society.' The Missionary Committee recommend accordingly."

Resolved,—That this Union receive and adopt the recommendation of the Missionary Committee.

CIVIL REGISTRATION.

The Committee appointed to petition the Legislature in favour of a registration by civil officers of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, reported that that duty had not yet been performed, and were re-appointed.

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STATISTICS.

Resolved,—That the Secretary Treasurer of the Union be requested to read his Summary of Statistics; and that details be given from the Table when the respective pastors report the state of religion in their churches. The summary was then read.

Resolved,—that the thanks of the Union be presented to the Rev. Kenneth McFenwick for his valuable services in preparing the statistics.

SECRETARY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Secretary Treasurer presented his annual account, being duly audited, it was accepted. See close of printed Report.

FRIDAY, June 11th, 9 A. M.

After the usual hour occupied in devotional exercises, the Union gave way to the subcribers to the

CONGREGATIONAL THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

That the annual meeting of said Institution might be held at the close of the meeting of the Institute, the Union resumed its business. The roll was called and the minutes of Thursday read.

NEW HYMN AND TUNE BOOK.

A Committee, consisting of Revds. J. Durrant, J. Wood, F. H. Marling, E. Barker, and E. Ebbs, was appointed to consider the subject of a New Hymn and Tune Book. The Committee subsequently, reported recommending.

1. That no action be taken with regard to a Hymn Book, in the hope that the new book about to be issued by the English Union may meet our wants. And, 2. That some members of this body being ascertained to have already in hand materials that would serve as a basis for a Tune Book, a Committee be now appointed to prepare such a work, after consultation with pastors and others, and present it to the next meeting. The first recommendation was adopted; the second laid on the table.

ANNUAL SERMON.

Resolved,—that the cordial thanks of the Union be presented to the Rev. F. H. Marling for his very able and appropriate discourse, delivered as the Annual Sermon, on the occasion of the opening of the present meetings.

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A letter from this church, addressed to the Union, was brought up from the Business Committee, and ordered by the Union to be read, which was accordingly done.

WIDOW AND ORPHANS FUND.

The Report on this Fund was read by Mr. P. W. Wood, Secretary-Treasurer. The thanks of the Union were presented to the Secretary-Treasurer and the Trustees for their painstaking in this matter. The Report was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. P. W. Wood, George Hagar, J. J. Woodhouse, Revds. S. Snider, A. Duff, and A. Burpee.

"The Committee on the widows' and Orphans' Fund having examined the table prepared by the Trustees of the Fund, beg leave to report as follows:—

"1st. That there does not appear to be any well grounded reason to doubt the entire safety of the scheme as proposed to be carried on, independently of any Life Assurance Company.

"2nd. That the connection with a Life Assurance Company could only be obtained by payment to said Company of a rate of premiums sufficient not only to cover the actual risk, but also to afford a profit after large deductions to cover their heavy expenses. All of which profit would be saved to this fund by acting independently.

"3rd. That the undoubted ability of the Trustees to invest safely the funds committed to them, at a rate of interest materially over the rate at which the tables of Life Assurance Companies are usually calculated, affords a guarantee that a profit will gradually accumulate to the fund, thus securing its safety and permanence, and affording another reason why it should not be connected with any Company. They therefore recommend that the management and investment of the Fund be retained within the denomination."

This report was adopted by the Union, which then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the amendments to the constitution. The clauses were then gone over seriatum, the committee rose and reported the following amended constitution:

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND SOCIETY, AS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNION, IN JUNE, 1858.

I.—It shall be called "The Congregational Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society."

II.—The following shall be the sources of Revenue:—Annual Collections in all the Churches; Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies; Interest on Investments; and Subscriptions of Beneficiary Members.

I -Any Congregational Minister who is now, or may hereafter be

in good standing in the denomination, being within the Province, the Pastor of a Congregational Church, or a Missionary, or a Professor in the Theological Institute, shall be eligible for Beneficiary Membership on the following terms:—

1st. All Ministers whose subscription shall have commenced on or before the 1st of January, 1859, or the Alumni of the Theological Institute who subscribe within twelve months from the date of their ordination,

shall pay a subscription of ten dollars per annum.

2nd. Ministers not included in the foregoing shall pay, if under thirty years of age, ten dollars; if over thirty and under forty years of age, tenteen dollars; if forty and under fifty years of age, fourteen dollars; if fifty, and under sixty years of age, sixteen dollars; if over sixty, to be received only by a unanimous vote at the annual meeting following the application, and upon such terms as may be specially agreed upon.

IV.—All subscriptions to be payable semi-annually on the 1st of January and July; and if not paid within three months, 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

V.—In all cases where churches pay the amount of their Pastor's subscription, they must have collected and paid to the Treasurer at least

ten dollars on account of collections for that year.

VI.—Any person not being a beneficiary member may be constituted

a Life Member by the payment of fifty dollars at one time.

VII.—An Annual Meeting of Subscribers—that is to say, of ministers subscribing, of Churches who shall have contributed during the year to the amount of \$10 or over by one Delegate, and of Life Members—shall, until otherwise provided for by themseleves, be held at the same time and place as that of the Congregational Union of Canada; at which the accounts shall be presented, the Board of Trustees elected, new members admitted, and the general business of the Fund transacted,—two-thirds of those present being necessary to constitute a vote if demanded by three members.—Special Meetings of the subscribers may be held at the pleasure of the annual meetings, or upon the call of the Trustees.

VIII.—The Fund shall be held and managed by a Board of fifteen Trustees, ten of whom shall reside in Montreal, to be elected provisionally (until the society is duly organized,) by the Congregational Union, and thereafter by the subscribers at the regular annual meeting to be held as provided for in Clause VII., and holding office till their successors are appointed. Said Trustees to have power to fill vacancies in their

own number and five of them form a quorum.

IX.—The Trustees shall, from their own number, elect a Chairman, Deputy-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary; and may make such Bylaws for their own guidance, (not being inconsistent with the Constitution) as they deem needful. Said By-laws to be subject to the approval of the Society, at the following annual meeting.

X.—The Treasurer shall give such security to the Board as, under the circumstances, they may require, and shall render to them, half-yearly, a financial statement, and oftener if required, and also a full statement

to the subscribers at the annual meeting.

XI.—The Fund shall be invested only in undoubted securities, to be held by the Treasurer in the name of the Chairman or Deputy-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, and only invested in or transferred from one

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XII.—As soon as the Society is duly organized all new beneficiary members shall be admitted by ballot at an annual meeting of subscribers; a four-fifths vote of those present being necessary to admission.

XII.—Widows of subscribing Ministers shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$80 per annum for life, or until re-marriage.

XIV.—Widows with children shall receive an addition of \$20 per annum for each child under the age of 14 years in the case of boys, and 16 years in that of girls.

XY.—Guardians of orphans of subscribing Ministers shall receive \$40 per annum for the first, and \$30 for each additional one per annum, until they attain the above ages. The Trustees of the Fund having power to delay payment until they are satisfied that it will be properly applied.

XVI.—Any Beneficiary Member leaving the Denomination or the Ministry (except in the case of infirmity or old age,) or ceasing to be in good standing shall thereby forfeit all claim on the Fund, but shall be entitled to receive back the amount of his annual subscriptions paid in by him, without interest.

XVIÍ.—Any Beneficiary Member ceasing to reside in the Province, or in any part of British North America, shall thereby lose beneficiary claim on the Fund; but the amount of his annual subscriptions to it shall be placed to the credit of his widow and orphans, as described in Articles XIII., XIV., and XV., then to accumulate with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum until his death, and to be paid to them in such a manner as he may direct or as may be agreed upon.

XVIII.—Any such Minister returning to the Province (if permitted to resume his connection with the Fund) shall annually pay, in addition to the rate of his former annual subscription, an extra sum of 20 cents per annum for each year of his absence, and the amount accumulated

to the credit of his family shall relapse to the Fund.

XIX.—In the case of any dispute arising between Beneficary Members
or Annuitants and the Trustees, or the Society, each party shall choose
an arbitrator, and these, if disagreeing, an umpire; whose decision in the
matter shall be final.

XX.—The amount of the subscriptions and benefits shall be re-considered at the annual meeting to be held in 1863, and afterwards at every fifth annual meeting; and, should any re-adjustment be needed, the said re-adjustment shall not be held to be a violation of good faith by any parties whatsoever.

XXI.—This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except at an annual meeting,—and notice of the proposed amendment shall be given at the previous annual meeting. But this shall not apply to the case provided for in the preceding Article.

The Constitution thus amended was adopted unanimously by the Union.

It was resolved that the organization of the "Society" take place in June 1859, the Union meanwhile choosing the Trustees—

The following gentlemen were thus elected as Trustees:—

Messrs. C. Alexander, W. R. Hibbard. J. Baylis, P. W. Wood, W. Learmont, J. P. Clark, W. Moodie, A. Savage, R. Holland, and D. Lewis,

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The following resolution, as to the mode of raising the Capital of the Fund, was also adopted:—

Resolved,—That we earnestly recommend the Secretaries of the several District Mission Committees to arrange for the visiting, by deputation, every congregation within their respective spheres, and the addressing of public meetings for the purpose of raising collections, and also to secure the appointing of proper persons to visit all parties likely to give for the support of the Congregational Ministers' Widows' Fund, and report to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees the result of their efforts, on or before the second Sabbath of April, 1859. Said subscriptions to be paid on or before the first day of June said year; and we further recommend, that the Secretary of said Board instruct the Secretaries of said Mission Districts of the recommendation of this Union in this matter, accompanied with their own statement regarding said Fund.

THE SIMCOE CHURCH CASE.

At the request of the membership Committee, a special Committee was appointed to report on the following documents,-1. A letter of resignation of his membership, with a request for a letter of dismissal, from Rev. S. Harris. 2. A letter of resignation signed by him, on behalf of the Congregational church at Simcoe. 3. A certificate of delegation to this meeting, in favour of Dr. J. Clarke, and Mr. D. D. Vennorman, signed by J. E. Martin, Deacon of the Congregational church at Simcoe .-This Committee reported on Friday, requesting the Union to authorise their Secretary to write Mr. Harris, wishing him to meet them on Monday afternoon, with respect to certain difficulties in the way of granting him a letter of dismissal; also, that, in their judgment, the claim of Dr. Clarke (who was present) to represent the Church in Simcoe, was valid, and should be allowed until cause to the contrary was shown. Both of these recommendations were adopted by the Union .- On Tuesday, the same Committee reported that Mr. Harris had not met with them, nor sent any communication, that thus charges affecting his standing in the denomination were unanswered,-that there was evidence of his having repeatedly, peremptorily and discourteously refused the mediation of neighbouring ministers and churches in the recent difficulties,-and recommended that therefore his name be erased from the roll and no letter of dismissal be now granted.—This Report was adopted upon a division.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING.

On Friday evening a social meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the Summary of Statistics prepared by the Secretary of the Union, an abstract of the Missionary Report, and also a more detailed narrative from several pastors of the state of religion in their several localities, after the above Reports had been presented, the Revs. J. Elliott, of Vankleek Hill, Ottawa; H. D. Powis, of Quebec; E. Ebbs, of Hamilton; W. Hay, of Scotland, C. W.; P. Shanks, of Sarnia, and R. Wilson, of Sheffield, New Brunswick, made statements of the progress of the

work of God. Opportunity was also afforded, as is customary, for mutual greetings and introductions.—Rev. G. Cornish presided on this occasion.

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The usual hour was occupied in Devotional Exercises, Roll called, Minutes of Friday read and confirmed.

ESSAY ON THE INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION OF CHURCHES.

Dr. Wilkes read his Essay on this subject. On Tuesday the Essay was dismissed. It was then resolved that the cordial thanks of the Union be presented to the Rev. Dr. Wilkes for his excellent essay on the internal administration of churches, and that he be requested, at his éarliest convenience, to enlarge and publish it in a mannual volume. The Union believing that it will thereby render valuable service to Congregationalism.

Pledges were then given to cover the risk of publication amounting to about \$123.

CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

The Union resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for brotherly conference in relation to the "Canadian Independent,"

CHAPEL DEEDS.

Resolved,—That the whole of Maclear & Co's account, for Chapel Deeds, be paid out of the funds of the Union.

SABBATH SERVICES.

In the morning a prayer meeting was held in the basement of the Church.

The Morning Sermon was preached by the Reverend Thomas Bayne from John 17-1. "Father the hour is come, glorify thy son, that thy son also may glorify thee."

Revs. J. T. Bayne and T. M. Reikie took part in the service.

In the afternoon the union meet, on invitation of the Brantford Church, to unite in observing the Lord's Supper. The Pastor presided and was assisted by the Revs. K. M. Fenwick, W. Clarke and A. Duff.

The Rev. Robert Wilson of Sheffield, N. B., preached in the evening from Titus 3-8. "I will, that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works." The Revds. J. Unsworth and P. Shanks took part in the service.

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After Devotional Exercises, the roll was called and the minutes of Saturday read and confirmed.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

That we have much pleasure in expressing our continued confidence in the French Canadian Missionary Society, and most cordially commend it to the prayers, the sympathies and support of all our churches.

TRAVELLING FARES OF MINISTERS AND DELEGATES.

Resolved,—That payment in full be made of the travelling expenses of all ministers and one delegate from each church, share and share alike in cash, so far as the balance remaining will admit and the remainder, by a due note, to be charged and paid for, if possible, out of next year's collections, the attention of the churches to be called to the necessity of those collections being specially liberal.

INDIAN MISSION, COLPOY'S BAY.

The Missionary Committee presented the following report on the Indian Mission. The Missionary Committee report to the Union concerning this mission, that its present pecuniary state is very unsatisfactory, and that the provision for its supply is extremely incomplete. The Committee has made a special grant, (hoping it will be repaid by special contributions,) to pay off the debt due to the laborers on the field; and they beg to refer the future to the consideration of the Union. Suggesting the adoption of one of these plans: either

- 1. To put it on the regular list of appropriations, or,
- 2. To ask the Canada Foreign Missionary Society to adopt it, or,
- 3. To relinquish it altogether.

At a subsequent sitting of the Union, the Revds. J. T. Byrne, S.

Snider, and Dr. Wilkes, were appointed a committee to prepare a resolution on the subject. They reported the following:—

Whereas, the Congregational Union of Canada continues to cherish the liveliest interest in the welfare of the Christian and heathen Indians at Colpoy's Bay and Saugeen, and is desirous of having the churches among them linked in sympathy and affection with those of their white brethren:—

And whereas, experience has demonstrated that for the management of missionary operations among them and the raising of funds for their support, our missionary organization is inefficient, being specially adapted for Home Missions—

Therefore, Resolved, That the Canada Foreign Missionary Society be respectfully requested to adopt the Missionary work thus alluded to as their own; and that, should they agree to this, the Rev. Solomon Snider be deputed by our Missionary Committee to visit the Indians, and affectionately explain to them the arrangements: But should the above Society decline to undertake such Mission, the work be left for another year in the hands of our Missionary Committee.

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UNION.

The Public Meeting of the Union was held on Monday evening at 7½ o'clock. The Chairman of the Union occupied the chair. The Chairman gave a report of the doings of the Union during its present sessions, and the meeting was addressed by the Rev. T. M. Reikie, on the Press, the Rev. A. Burpce, on our Theological Institute. The Rev. A. Duff, on Revivals, and the Rev. Kenneth M. F. nwick. on our Mission Work.

TUESDAY, 15th June, 9 A. M.

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After devotional exercises the Roll was called and the Minutes of Monday read and confirmed.

APPOINTMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Invitations were presented to the Union to meet next year with the church at Kingston, and the second church, Toronto. The latter place was chosen

Rev. T. M. Reikie was appointed preacher of the Annual Sermon; Rev. J. Elliot, substitute.

The Sabbath Morning Sermon was assigned to Rev. R. Robinson,— Substitute, Rev. R. K. Black. Sabbath Evening, Rev. K. M. Fenwick, —Substitute, Rev. J. Wood.

Dr. Lillie was requested to prepare an Essay for next meeting on "The Permanence of the Pastoral Relation."

The following Committee of the Union was selected:—Rev. F. H. Marling, Chairman, Rev. E. Ebbs, Secretary-Treasurer, ex officis

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LOCAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

On recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the following

appointments of Local Committees were made by the Union:—
Western District.—Revs. W. Clarke, E. Ebbs, W. Hay, J. Boyd, and
J. Howeli; Messrs. F. P. Goold, C. Whitlaw, J. McKeand, S. Hodgskin,
and A. Malcolm.—Secretary, Rev. J. Wood, Brantford.

Middle District.—Revs. Dr. Lillie, A. Wickison, F. H. Marling, J. Durrant, and T. M. Reikie; Messrs. E. Childs, Patrick Freeland, G. Hague, J. A. Smith, J. Farquhar and J. F. Marling.—Secretary, Rev. J.

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T. Byrne, Whitby. Eastern District.—Revs. K. M. Fenwick, R. K. Black, J. Climie, and W. Hayden; Messrs. J. C. Field, T. Croley, R. Robertson, and C. Massie.

—Secretary, Rev. A. Burpee, Cobourg. Lover Canada District.—Revs. A. J. Parker, Dr. Wilkes, E. J. Sherrill, and G. Cornish; Messrs. A. Savage, C. Alexander, R. Holland and W.

Moodie.—Secretary, Mr. James Baylis, Montreal.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick District.—Rev. J. Stirling, of Keswick Ridge, N. B.; Messrs. T. Barker and I. Burpee, of St. John, H. P. Bridges and T. B. C. Burpee of Sheffield, in New Brunswick; and Messrs. J. Burton of Halifax, W. H. Freeman of Milton, N. K. Clements of Yarmouth in Nova Scotia. With power to add to their number.—Secretary, Rev. R. Wilson, Sheffield, N. B.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The Union confirmed the following nominations of Delegates:

To the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada—Rev. F. H. Marling, primary; Rev. J. T. Byrne, secondary.

To the General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. E. J. Sherrill,

primary; Rev. J. McKillican, secondary.

To the General Conference of Maine—Rev. A. J. Parker, primary; Rev. G. Cornish, secondary.

To the General Convention of Vermont—Rev. A. J. Parker, primary; Rev. R. K. Black, secondary.

To the General Association of Michigan—Rev. W. Clarke, primary; Rev. J. Boyd, secondary. To the General Association of New York—Rev. J. T. Byrne, primary;

Rev. A. Burpee, secondary.

To the General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. H. D. Powis, primary; Rev. T. Bayne, secondary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION.

The Business Committee reported an amendment of the Constitution of the Union—Resolved that it be received and that the Union do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the report—The committee having considered the constitution and Bye-laws seriatum, rose and reported—

The Union received and adopted the report. (For amended constitution and Bye-laws see commencement of this printed report.)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Committee reported, recommending "that the services of the Revd. Kenneth M. Fenwick be sought as assistant Secretary to relieve the Secretary-Treasurer of such parts of his duties as he may be able to transfer, and that in consideration of such assistance an appropriation be made to him by the Missionary Committee."

Resolved, -That this report be received and adopted.

NEW DIVISION OF MISSIONARY DISTRICTS.

On the recommendation of the Missionary Committee, Rev. J. Wood and Rev. F. H. Marling were appointed a Committee to report on the re-arrangement of the Middle and Western Districts, at the next annual meeting.

FAMILY OF THE LATE REV. T. SNELL.

Communications were read to the Union from Rev. W. Hayden and Mr. W. Field, representing that the widow and children of the late Rev. T. Snell, were now in Coburg, and almost unprovided for; the Union adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That this Union, deeply sympathizing with the widow and fatherless children of the late Rev. Thomas Snell in their sad bereavement, and in those pecuniary straits in which that event has placed them, earnestly recommends the churches to appropriate an early sacramental collection to their relief; notice being previously given, and the facts stated, that he died in connexion with our denomination in the State of Illinois, and that nearly the whole of his life in the Christian ministry was spent in labours amid poverty and suffering in Canada.

Mr. John Field, of Cobourg, will receive these contributions.

American Tract Society.

That this Union deeply sympathises with the minority at the annual meeting of the American Tract Society, New York. Believing that the bold stand they have taken is in accordance with the word of God and is sanctioned by an overwhelming majority of the friends of the Redeemer they earnestly hope and pray that the society, being delivered from a temporising spirit, may be led to retract their error, and, on the highest principles, to protest against every form of oppression and sin.

Canada Foreign Missionary Society.

That this Union expresses its confidence in the Canada Foreign Missionary Society, and cordially commends this movement to the sympathies and co-operation of the churches, strongly recommending that an annual collection be taken up on its behalf.

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A uniform Day of Thanksgiving.

It being on many accounts eminently desirable that there should be observed, as universally as may be practicable, a day of public thanks-giving to God for national mercies, about the end of November everyyear, therefore this Union recommends the churches to co-operate with churches of other denominations in the appointment and observance of such a day.

Special Prayer for the Holy Spirit.

That this Union, in view of the necessity of Divine influence to accompany the word and render effectual the efforts of God's people to maintain and spread the truth, affectionately recommends the churches to set apart the third Sabbath of October as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit of God on all our churches.

Prayer for Colleges.

Whereas the great interest of our Lord's kingdom are involved in the spiritual character of our educational institutions, and of those who receive training in them, therefore, resolved, that it be recommended to our churches to co-operate, as far as practicable, with churches of other denominations, in observing the last Thursday in February as a day of special prayer for colleges and other institutions of learning, that the Lord would graciously and copiously pour upon them the Holy Spirit.

The Church and Friends at Brantford.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the church and congregation who, with friends of other denominations, have so heartily and hospitably entertained the members of this Union during the sessions of the present meeting.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

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.

REMAINING ARTICLES OF THE DOCKET.

Two articles still remained on the docket. 1. Reconsideration of Missionary position and prospects. 2. Consideration of the best means to be employed to augment the spiritual power and progress of the churches.

Resolved,—That these remaining Articles be laid on the table.

THE LATE SECRETARY TREASURER.

Resolved,-That the cordial thanks of the Union be tendered

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to the Rev. Kenneth M. Fenwick for his laborious and valuable services during the five years in which he has acted as Secretary-Treasurer of the Union.

MINUTES OF UNION.

Resolved,—That the Minutes be confirmed and an abstract printed under the direction of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union.

ADJOURNMENT OF UNION.

Resolved,—That after devotional exercises the Union do adjourn to meet on the second Wedensday in June 1859, in the Second Church, Toronto, C. W.

After devotional exercises of a deeply interesting character the Union adjourned.

KENNETH M. FENWICK
per EDWARD EBBS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Commensational Anion of Lanada in account with its Secretary-Treasurer, from June 8th, 1857, to June 5th, 1858.

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KENNETH M. FENWICK, Secretary-Treasurer.

Kingston, 5th June, 1858.

Examined and found correct.

JAMES HOWELL, ARCHD. BURPEE.

Brantford, 10th June, 1858.

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CONGREGATIONAL UNION FUND.

JUNE, 1858.

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N. B. The Churches at Indian Lands, Melbourne, and Owen Sound, have sent in their Returns and have had their Statistics taken from last year's Table. The Churches at Indian Lands, Melbourne, and Owen Sound, have sent in their Reports, but too late for insertion