

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Harris.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported :—

That on examining the forty-one letters received from the Churches at this Association, fifteen of those Churches have written nothing regarding Sabbath Schools. We feel very anxious that some well-adjusted Sabbath School system should be organized. A Sabbath School Convention would be desirable. We are glad that movements are being made in this direction in St. John, N. B.

We, therefore, recommend that a Sabbath School Convention be formed at our next annual gathering, to be held at St. John; and that the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools there be a Committee of Arrangements for that purpose. We request our Churches to send to our next Association a very full statistical account of their Schools, and as many Superintendents as can be present upon that occasion.

THOS. TODD, CHAIRMAN.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported :—

That having examined it, they recommend its adoption; and that it be printed in the Minutes.

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The Committee on Foreign Missions reported :—

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg to submit the following report:—

Five native Preachers have been sustained in Burmah by the Baptist Conventions of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, during the past year. These Missionaries of the Cross have kept under the direction of our esteemed Brother, Rev. A. W. Crawley, Missionary of the American Baptist Union, who reports favorably in regard to the success of their labors. One of these native preachers, it is pleasing to know, was converted to God through the instrumentality of the lamented Burpe, a native of our own beloved Province. He sacrificed his life upon the altar of Christian Missions, and this one star at least will decorate his crown in the regions of light and love.

The expense of these native Preachers to the Convention is about \$80 each per annum; a small sum indeed to be raised for the Foreign field, especially when we consider, the number and wealth of our Churches—not more than one penny farthing for each member per annum.

We are happy to learn that the Juvenile Missionary Society of Brussels Street, Saint John, has resolved to sustain one native Preacher in the Foreign field. We trust their example will stimulate others to embark in the like precious work.

We commend this cause anew to the confidence, sympathy, and contributions of the Churches.

Addresses by Rev. E. B. Demill, and others.

The Committee on the Desecration of the Sabbath reported :—

That they regard the command, "Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy," just as obligatory upon the consciences of men now as it was when enunciated by God amidst the fearful solemnities of the burning mount. This holy law is not only distinctly taught in the inspired book, but it is written by the finger of the Creator upon the constitution of man; his physical, moral, and religious nature demands that the seventh portion of his time should be to him a day of rest.

The change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week, though not distinctly enjoined by any one precept of the New Testament, is nevertheless obviously sanctioned by Apostolical example, and is, therefore, justly believed to be in accordance with the Divine will. This change in no way affects the design or the spirit of the original institute. One-seventh portion of our time is still preserved sacred to the Almighty. By the Apostles and early Christians it was spent in religious observances, and has been so employed by the Christian Church from that age until now.

The attempt made by some religious teachers of the past and of the present time to weaken the faith of the people in the requirements of this Holy Day, your Committee regard as subversive of the principles of Christianity, and as highly injurious to man's present and eternal welfare. They would admonish the Churches here represented to give no heed to these false teachers.