

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To the Niagara Annual Conference in Conference assembled :

Your Committee on Education would beg leave to submit the following report :—

1. From the statement made by the Treasurer of Albert College, it appears that the past year, both in the General fund and the School fund, has been unsuccessful, there being an excess of outlay over income in each case, showing on the one hand the pressing necessity of greater activity in the collection of subscriptions, and on the other of securing some permanent resources for the support of the school over and above the tuition fees and College rent, that are so likely to fluctuate with the operation of cause, Providential or otherwise, that act upon the number of students in attendance.

2. In the same statement, however, there is good ground of hope for the future. First, in the suggestion for paying off the loan from the Building Society by the College collections ordered by the General Conference, which we believe to be perfectly and easily practicable ; and second, in the proposed appointment of the Rev. J. Wild as College Agent, and a plan that will diminish expenses to the College fund.

3. In view of these facts, we propose to ourselves, as a Conference, and as members thereof, to do our utmost to collect all moneys subscribed, both of the old Seminary fund and of the College Centenary fund, as they may be due, and as fast as they may become due.

4. We also resolve to raise our fair share of College collections for the extinction of the debt incurred by the above stated loan, and to this end pledge our earnest effort to raise, on an average, at least \$5 50 for every circuit and mission within our bounds.

5. We also believe it to be good to hold an Educational Anniversary. We therefore suggest that the evening of Monday, the 27th inst., be set apart for this purpose, and request the Committee on Divine Service to make all necessary arrangements and announcements for it.

6. We would also express our devout thankfulness to Almighty God, the giver of all good, that His care over the school hath been so tenderly manifested ; that in the late affliction of the people of Belleville with disease none of the students or teachers suffered ; and we would pray that the same strong arm may continue to shield our Institution from disease and harm, and that the Holy Spirit may be poured upon all in the College, that it may with wisdom and strength promote the common cause of sound education and vital religion in our land.

7. Inasmuch as it is at once the duty and privilege of the preacher of the Gospel to take a lively interest in whatever directly affects the spiritual, moral and intellectual welfare of the people among whom he is called to labor, in all their social and national relations ;

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