

The religious element in education we deem to be of vital importance and we hold strongly that a non-christian and purely secular system is unsafe for the state, and cannot produce or foster good citizenship.

The truths and moral duties of Christianity held in common by all, are amply sufficient to supply what we desiderate in a public system of education, and the teaching of the distinctive tenets of any one branch of the christian church should not be undertaken by the state.

On these grounds we are opposed to the granting of public monies for the support of denominational schools.

The system of education established in Manitoba being, according to our understanding of it, christian but not sectarian or denominational, and admirably adapted to her mixed and sparse population, has the approval of the Synod.

Therefore we deprecate any outside interference with a view of forcing on Manitoba a system of separate schools. After considerable discussion, on motion of Dr. Hamilton seconded by Mr. J. L. Turnbull, the report was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Dr. Fraser presented the report of the committees to nominate Standing Committees for the year, which was adopted, as follows:

STATE OF RELIGION.

Dr. McIntyre, (con.), M. P. Talling, John Davidson, E. W. Pantou, W. G. Jordon, ministers, and R. Harrison (St. Helens), T. F. Towers, Dr. Hodge and Duncan Stewart, elders.

TEMPERANCE.

J. S. Henderson (con), Jas. Fitzpatrick, W. J. Clark, J. S. Conning, John Campbell, ministers, and Dr. Duncan (Chatham), J. C. Ross, Major Eckford and James Shiels, elders.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

John Ross (con.), W. M. McKibbin, Dr. Abraham, J. A. McDonald, M. McGregor, F. O. Nichol, ministers, and D. H. Hunter (Woodstock), W. N. Hossie, T. W. Nisbet and Jas. A. Younge, elders.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

J. G. Shearer (con.), R. M. Hamilton, N. M. McPherson, Don. Guthrie, J. C. Tolmie, T. Crawford, ministers, and John Charlton, D. K. McKenzie, John Cameron and R. Lawrie, elders.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

E. H. Sawyer (con.), J. Johnston, Jas. Murray, W. S. McTavish, R. Aylward, W. M. Martin, ministers, and D. D. Wilson, James Lambie, S. M. Thompson and Alex. Campbell, elders.