

HYMN BOOK.

Your Committee would also express their hope that the Committee appointed by the Convention to prepare a new Hymn Book for the churches, will hasten their work, and be able soon to place a suitable book in cheap form in the hands of our congregations.

As nearly as we can estimate, only one family in every seven of our denomination within the limits of the Convention take either the *Christian Messenger* or *Visitor*. Valuable as these papers are to the interests of our denomination, we cannot ignore the fact that a large proportion of our people desire the success of the one paper movement, by which they would have one medium of communication with all our churches, and for the same money paid have a paper that shall more completely meet the demands of the times, and gain a wider circulation. Until this can be realized, your Committee would urge the claims of the *Messenger* on all our churches, and bespeak for it their cordial sympathy and support.

Respectfully submitted.

DIMOCK ARCHIBALD,
Chairman of Committee.

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Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee beg to report:—The Institutions of learning connected with our body in these Provinces are in a prosperous condition. During the past year, Horton Academy has had 53 students, of whom 19 have matriculated into the College, and the Ladies Seminary 76, of whom 4 graduated in June.

Academic work has been successfully carried on at the Union Seminary, St. John.

In the College 63 students have been in attendance, of whom 13 are preparing to preach the Gospel. The staff has been greatly strengthened by the appointment of Dr. Rand to the Chair of Education and History. The work already done in this department gives much promise for the future. The appointment of Prof. Coldwell to the Chair of Natural Science must afford general satisfaction. The prospect for the College is good.

At the last meeting of Convention it was resolved to transfer the theological department to the Toronto Baptist College, and to make that College the Theological Institution for the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. Our students have there the advantages of the best equipped Theological School in Canada. Seven of the 40 in attendance during the year have been from the Lower Provinces.