

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by Brother Irving.

Committee on Constitution reported:—

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution, beg leave to recommend that the 2d Article be amended by inserting after the word "appointed," in the fourth line, "at least one meeting of each session shall be strictly private, to which all special business shall be referred."

Also that the 4th Article be amended by inserting after the word "Moderator," in the fifth line, "by ballot without nomination."

That Visiting Brethren invited to a seat with us, be entitled to all the privileges of membership of this Association.

A. B. McDONALD, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on Departed Brethren reported:—

In October last our number was diminished by the death of our brother W. H. Burnham, who was suddenly removed by a violent fever, in the 26th year of his age, from his work on earth to the rest of the saints in heaven.

Our young brother was converted to God in early life; he was baptized by Elder James Herriott, about six years ago, and soon gave indications of possessing an aptitude to teach. Being encouraged to exercise his gifts in preaching the Gospel, he was ordained to the work of the ministry at Cole's Island, in January 1862. He laboured at Cumberland Bay, the Range, and Studholm, where he died. Our beloved brother was an object of universal esteem and affection, and no one could look upon his open countenance and observe his modest demeanour at the various meetings of the Body without anticipating for him a long career of usefulness; but the Lord saw fit to remove him while he was still young, both in years and in the ministry of the Gospel. His last illness was soothed by the attentions of christian friends, and sometimes in the midst of weakness he exhorted and preached to those who stood around, using his expiring breath in praising the Lord and showing forth his glory. "Be ye therefore followers of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

C. SPURDEN, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on Union Societies reported:—

That, after a trial of four years, they feel more and more convinced of the propriety of this method of raising funds for our benevolent operations; and believing that the objects contemplated by the Union, viz., Home and Foreign Missions, General and Ministerial Education, Superannuated Ministers, and Sabbath Schools, are all worthy of our hearty support, we do therefore pledge ourselves as ministers and delegates, not only to recommend them to our churches, but to support them with our contributions, and to make persistent and even self-denying efforts to persuade others to do likewise. We approve of the voluntary agency plan adopted last year, which has already brought into the treasury about \$565, and which if faithfully carried out, must have raised that sum to at least \$1000.

We have nearly 5000 members in this Association. From them we ought to receive, without exaggeration, at least \$1500, making, with our Western Association, \$3000, as the contributions of each year.