

the table. Remarks by Bro. Z. G. Gabel, Rev. W. S. McKenzie, I. E. Bill, sr., Thos. Bleakney, Dr. Cramp, and the Secretary.

In lieu of this motion it was

*Resolved*—That a delegation be appointed to visit the Western Nova Scotia Association, which meets at Nictaux next week, to present the claims of Newfoundland as a mission field; that Revs. I. E. Bill, sr., W. S. McKenzie and T. Harley be the delegation; and that these brethren be a Standing Committee to attend to correspondence on the subject.

*Resolved*—That the Association now give place to the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society.

Association resumed at 12.15 o'clock.

Committee on Sabbath Schools presented an amended report, which was adopted.

Your Committee beg to report:

That comparing the statistics of the schools of this year with those of 1870, we do not find that apparent increase which is so desirable, and so readily attainable in a denomination that possesses so many facilities for rapid enlargement. By an examination of the letters from the Churches we find reported 40 schools, 324 teachers, 2746 scholars, 8598 volumes in libraries, and a cash expenditure for the schools of \$1021.48, a decrease, as compared with last year, of 7 teachers, 199 books, and \$125.27 less expended, while there is only a gain of 1 school, and 70 scholars. It may be affirmed that our Sabbath Schools are as largely attended and as efficiently conducted as in former years, that full returns have not been furnished, and consequently the above statistics do not show their full strength. Accepting this explanation, your Committee would urge it upon the churches that they furnish henceforward full returns to the Association of their work, and thus let all know what each Church is doing for the children. Your Committee would further urge upon the Churches the duty of giving more prominence to the Sabbath School. Brethren and sisters gather in the children, and don't leave out the adults. Let earnest, devoted Christian men and women address themselves to the work of teaching. Be kind, be courteous, prepare yourselves by diligent study of the Word of God for the work of instruction, and pray, pray for your classes; pray for yourselves, that wisdom and skill and every needed grace may be imparted. Addressing yourselves in this way to the work of instruction, great and lasting blessings may be expected to result from the labors put forth.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. MASTERS, *Chairman.*