

from the past, a proportionate increase in our ministry. In addition, the need of additional theological instruction is recognized by all. Can the grounds of any stronger appeal to our people be found than is thus afforded for Acadia? Will not the brethren, therefore, do their duty toward the Endowment which is now required, and which every effort must be made to raise? In York and Carleton the people have responded cheerfully where solicited; and it is hoped that all the collectors will press their work immediately.

Our Seminary has been sold, and we are without any Academy. It is the opinion of your Committee that Academic instruction should be provided as soon as practicable, either in one grand central Academy for the three Provinces, or otherwise.

Finally, your Committee cannot but voice the extreme gratification felt by our people generally, at the result of the struggle about our school system, and express the hope that the crushing defeat sustained by its opponents, and to which we, as Baptists, true to our denominational principle of religious freedom, have so largely contributed, will result in settling our school law upon such firm foundations as cannot be moved.

C. GOODSPEED.

W. P. EVERETT.

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Spoken to by Revs. C. Goodspeed, E. Nugent, E. B. Eddy, H. A. Charlton, J. W. Manning, E. Vickery, P. M. McLeod, and Bro. E. H. Duval, and passed unanimously.

*Resolved*, That the collection taken at the Missionary meeting held last meeting, be equally divided between the Home and Foreign Missions.

The Committee appointed last session to prepare a Report on Temperance, reported as follows:

Temperance in eating, in drinking, in amusements—in short, in everything, is enjoined in the New Testament. "Let your moderation be known unto all men," &c. It is also in harmony with the decision of the enlightened conscience, and is one of the most effectual ways to evince the excellency, the power, and the reality of christianity. Temperance in drinking, however, because of the more extensive and terrible evils which attend its violation, should be entered upon with the *greatest* earnestness. As intemperance in drink is the chief source of the poverty, the wretchedness, the crime, and the mental and moral degradation which prevail, your Committee recognize the effort for the suppression of this evil as peculiarly a part of the work of the Church, upon which the claims of every object fitted to benefit men in time or eternity, press first and chiefly. They would hence urge upon the members of our Churches their duty to take their stand at the head of the Temperance movement, in their Church capacity, so that no other organization be permitted to take precedence of the Churches of Christ in this or any other good work. Your Committee also believe that the practice questionably termed moderate drinking, alone prevents the trade in ardent spirits from being crushed beneath the weight of its own inherent evils and enormity; for this practice associates with the use of intoxicating liquors greater respectability, and makes its terrible consequences less apparent. For christians to indulge in ardent spirits, to any extent, is for them to do double work to bolster up the chief evil of civilization; for they not only thus injure the moral power of the Church, and cripple the efforts of their brethren, but also render support to drinking usages in proportion to their higher status as christian men.

Your Committee, therefore, urge upon the Churches the general duty of using every effort to advance Temperance everywhere, and their especial duty to point out to all Church members the obligations of total abstinence as the demand of the age in respect to intoxicating drinks.

Your Committee would advise that all members who are connected with the trade in ardent spirits, either as vendors or partners, be labored with according