

saying, Be not weary in well doing for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not.

There are other things to which your attention might be called, but these must be left to a future occasion. Let us, realizing that time is flying, seize the golden moments that remain. We are trusting that the coming associational year may be one of great blessing.

On motion, the letter was adopted by the Association.

The report of the Committee on Education was next taken up. Bro. T. H. Hall read the report as follows:

Your Committee on Education beg leave to make the following report:

So far as New Brunswick is concerned they have nothing very cheering to say.

The door of the Union Baptist Seminary, at St. Martins, which were closed in 1895, have not been reopened. This is to be deeply regretted. As the loss we sustain, as a denomination, by not having an institution of our own, in this province, is very great. Educational institutions do more to shape the mental, moral and religious character of a province or state than any other influence. Other denominations have within the past few years established schools which are in a more or less flourishing condition. These, in many instances, are taking students that would otherwise be in our own seminary, were it open.

Whatever mistakes we have made in educational matters in the past, we should not now, in this age of advancement, lay aside our armor and allow other institutions to take the work that our fathers years ago began so well, and labored so hard to establish. We want an Academy right here in St John or in some equally accessible centre. While we rejoice at the efficiency of our academic institutions, at Wolfville, and would urge for them a consistent and loyal patronage of all our people, nevertheless, we have the strong conviction, another academical institution for this province is a prime necessity for the achievement of the best results in our educational department.

One of the strongest factors for our advancement as a denomination is the educational training of our young men and women. To lose sight of this fact,

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