

were struck. The church rallied to the rescue. Subscriptions were obtained—supposed enough—to liquidate the debt. Some were paid, but much remained unpaid. The accumulating interest added much to the indebtedness; the hopes of some began to fail, yet others were strong and determined in rescuing the institution. They did what they could, yet the monetary stringency stood like an impenetrable wall against full success. And still we find about \$16,890 calling loudly for liquidation. What shall we do? Two ways are open. Rally to the rescue and secure the relief, or allow the institution to go out of our hands.

If we were alone in this difficulty we might despair. All beginnings of this kind have had their difficulties. Look at Asbury College, and Middletown University. The latter was twenty years hanging between life and death. All things taken into consideration, we have done better perhaps than many similar institutions in this Province, as well as elsewhere.

The church, by God's grace, is adequate for the task. Only assure her that the institution will live and succeed, and the funds will be supplied. Success is apparent. The exhibit of the Board of Managers shows only about \$4,000 liabilities unprovided for.

To meet the present pressing demand, your Committee recommend the following:—

That there be a convention of all the preachers on each district, on the first Wednesday in July next, at which ways and means shall be devised to raise the amount requisite on each district.

The meetings on each district to be held in the following places: Niagara, Taplestown; Oxford, Ingersoll; London, Lambeth; St. Clair, Dresden.

We respectfully request the District Convention on the Centenary of American Methodism to meet at the same time and place.

That in the interval each preacher shall see each subscriber on his circuit, and urge the payment of all subscriptions due, and bring the amount so collected to the convention. And the next Annual Conference shall examine each preacher on this point.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Observance, beg to submit the following thoughts: