

whereby the rudiments of learning, as also a more advanced culture, are put within the reach of our youth indiscriminately, is year by year increasing in favor, and being gradually perfected.

The Institutions of Higher Education, established and sustained by our Denomination in these Lower Provinces, we are happy to report are also being improved in condition and advanced in efficiency. The attendance of students is larger than ever before, and increasing; enlarged and more convenient accommodation has been provided for these; the corps of instruction is being reinforced, and in culture elevated; their financial resources are being added to in a very gratifying manner; the interest of our people in our Institutions is increasing, and devotion to them is being developed. In fine, they were never so prosperous, and never gave such promise for beneficent and uplifting results to our Denomination, and the cause of truth and of God as at the present.

We also report that we find these Institutions to belong to this body, and to ourselves as individuals, as really as to any persons whomsoever; and that, in relation to our prosperity, as a people, and the promotion of the truth of the Gospel as we hold it, they are absolutely essential.

Your Committee, therefore, most heartily recommend that, with reference to general education, our ministers and our people put no obstructions in its way, but with all our influence contribute to promote it; and that, with regard to our Denominational Institutions at Horton, we multiply their students by sending our sons and our daughters to them in preference to any other school; that we give till we feel it, if necessary, in order to supply them with the financial support which they need to keep them forever in advance of all rival institutions; and, that we, as an association, as churches, and as individuals, cultivate for them increasing loyalty, and self-sacrificing and loving devotion, by every possible means.

R. D. PORTER.

Earnest and able speeches on the question of raising the new College Endowment Fund were then delivered by Revs. R. D. Porter, A. W. Sawyer, D. D., J. D. Pope, I. E. Bill, W. P. Everett and Bro. Dimock Archibald.

The Committee on Home Missions submitted the following Report, which, after discussion by Rev. J. M. Curry and others, was adopted.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit their Report as follows:

There is a special obligation resting on the Lord's people to seek, by direct efforts, the salvation of those within their immediate reach. Christ, himself, was the highest and best example of a Home Missionary. He came first to His own, His personal ministry was confined almost wholly to His own people, the Jews; in commanding the disciples to go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature, he directed them to enter on this great enterprise by beginning at Jerusalem, the chief centre of all their home operations. And to this wise plan of our Lord they faithfully adhered, seeking out, and endeavoring to save, first of all, their own countrymen and people. In fact, it seems generally true that the most effective diffusion of