

embraced in our work. It would be derogatory to the intelligence and christian enterprise of our people to suppose that this state of things cannot be improved. But to accomplish this our preachers must interest themselves—must make the matter the subject of conversation every where—talk about it, preach upon it, and in this way wake up an interest among the people.

3. With respect to the Seminary Boxes, your Committee believe that if the measure were once thoroughly introduced it would afford an annual revenue of from one thousand to three thousand dollars. It will doubtless require time and much patient effort to get the scheme into full operation among our people, but there can be little doubt it would prove highly remunerative when once established. We would therefore recommend that every means within our power be employed to get the boxes introduced into as many families as possible, and to encourage those who consent to receive them.

4. As the employment of special agents to collect subscriptions has been dispensed with, and as this work will henceforth devolve upon the preachers, we recommend that it be made their special duty to attend to it in their respective charges, sparing no pains to secure all there is at as early a period as possible. The pressure upon the Treasurer is so great, and the means at his command so extremely limited, it will require the active effort and co-operation of all to carry the Institution through this present emergency. But if all do their best we believe with the blessing of God success will crown our efforts.

Believing that this Conference has not changed its often professed views of the great importance of education, but that, if any thing, those views are more than ever confirmed, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1st. That the duty of providing the means of superior education to the youth of the land, particularly the children of the church—on whom her future prosperity so entirely depends—is a very grave question which may well engage our most serious attention, and that the present is not a time to shrink from our responsibility in this matter.

Resolved, 2nd. That the establishment of the Belleville Seminary was designed to supply this great want of the church, and is eminently adapted to the purpose ; and as it is the property of the church, under its control and devoted to its interests we pledge ourselves to its support by every means in our power.

Resolved, 3rd. That as the Seminary has been erected by the church, belongs to the church, and is closely identified with her interests, therefore we cannot abandon the enterprise in which we have embarked without forfeiting, as a people, our honor, our moral character, our solemn pledges, and the confidence and respect of our fellow men.

Resolved, 4th. That as the Seminary debts are the debts of the

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