

By its recent course, it has endeared itself more than ever, not only to every true-hearted Baptist, but to every friend of civil and religious liberty, in advocating so ably and so fearlessly the cause of free non-sectarian schools. We feel grateful it took so important a part in a struggle against sectarian bigotry and darkness, now so happily and favourably terminated.

The Committee of last year suggested improvements in the paper as far as possible, and are happy to record that very great improvements have already been made, and we feel warranted to affirm further from the known character of the brethren that have charge of the paper during the absence of our respected brother—Rev. I. E. Bill—it must go on improving, and thus further gather around it the affections of our Churches and the rising generation, and be an agent of untold good. This, we are assured, is a consummation devoutly desired by us all.

Then, brethren, let us rally to its support—let us do all we can by contributing short articles and items of news, and also, financially, to keep the agent in a happy mood.

T. P. DAVIES.  
E. H. DUVAL.  
JAMES A. ESTEY.  
W. E. VICKERY.

Adjourned, after singing, and prayer by Rev. J. D. Pope.

*Morning Session, June 25th, 1874.*

Prayer by Bro. G. F. Currie.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk. Rev. T. Todd was appointed Moderator, *pro tem*.

Minutes read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented:

Ministers are represented in scripture as leaders and teachers. In order to fulfil the qualification required by Paul 1 Tim. Hi. 2, and be apt or fitted to teach, they must be, at least, abreast of their people in knowledge. If this be true, it must follow that the higher status of general education which results from our school system, and which must more largely result, in the future, will require continued advance in the education and general mental culture of our ministry. Hence the accumulating pressure of our obligation to furnish enlarged and more complete educational facilities.

The great need of our Churches to-day is a staff of ministers, fitted in numbers, and in mental, and moral, and spiritual power, to "edify the body of Christ." This need must be supplied chiefly by our College. Statistics show that scarcely any who receive their education in purely secular institutions, are either converted there or enter our ministry, while the whole history of our College has been remarkable for the revival influences which have attested God's approval of this part of christian work. The past year has crowned the shining record; for all, except three, of the members of our College and of our male-female Academy, have been brought to Christ, and what we wish particularly noticed, seven or more have been led to decide upon the ministry as their life-work. It cannot be disputed that Acadia is and is to be the nursery of our ministry and the blessed of God by his converting grace. This is sufficient to establish the need of denominational institutions for secular education as distinguished from any provincial institution. It is estimated that more than triple the present number of students would attend our College, were suitable and sufficient facilities provided; and there would thus be, judging

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