

pledge themselves to render all the aid in their power to ensure its success ; and that the Board of Governors be instructed to adopt immediate measures, by deputations or otherwise, to bring the subject before the Churches of the Denomination, in the three Provinces, in order to obtain subscriptions.

5. That the Subscription for the Endowment Fund be closed on the First of January next, on and after which day the first installment of the sums subscribed, should they amount to £10,000, shall be payable.

6. That the Governors be further instructed to take steps as early as possible after the completion of the Subscription, to prepare an enlarged and comprehensive plan of Collegiate instruction, to frame Statutes for the government of the College, and to procure additional Professors.

7. That the Churches composing this Convention be earnestly solicited to observe the annual day of Prayer for Colleges, in the month of February, and constantly to bear in mind, before the Throne of Grace, the interests of all Educational Institutions.

REPORT ON DEPARTED BRETHREN.

The Committee appointed to report the names of Brethren who died since the last meeting of the Convention, present the following statement :

1. The Rev. SAMUEL ELDER, late Pastor of the Church at Fredericton, died at Philadelphia, on the 23d of May, aged 35 years. He was a native of Halifax. His conversion took place under the ministry of the Rev. W. Chipman, of Cornwallis.—Encouraged by the Church to devote himself to the ministry, he repaired to Acadia College for Education, and graduated in 1844. He was then invited to the pastorate of the Church at Fredericton, and labored with much acceptance till his death. An interesting memoir, written by the Rev. Charles Spurden, appeared in the *Christian Visitor*.

2. The Rev. EDWARD D. VERY, was drowned in the Bay of Miramichi on the 7th of June, when returning from a geological excursion to Cape Blowmiden, in company with Professor Chipman and four students of Acadia College, all of whom perished at the same time. Very was a native of Salem, Mass. He studied first at Waterville and afterward at Dartmouth, where he graduated in 1837. He spent a year at the Bangor Theological Seminary, he was ordained Sept. 10, 1838, and settled in Calais, Maine, in December following. Subsequently he labored at Watertown and Belfast.—He commenced preaching at Portland, N. B., in December, 1846, as Pastor of the Church in that place when he died. As published in the *Christian Visitor*, which periodical was established in 1848, he exerted an important and very salutary influence on