

debt, be required to immediately settle the same with interest; and a further neglect shall require the Presiding Elder of such delinquent or delinquents to deal with them as Discipline directs.

In view of the loss sustained in the recent fall of gold, it is hereby recommended that those preachers who have not aided in the above matter, be now invited to do so.

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Chairman of Com.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg to present the following report: Education is the handmaid of religion. Unite them we stand, divide them we fall. If we appeal to England she points with proved satisfaction to her colleges and subordinate institutions of learning. Scotland echoes, educate, educate. Turn to the American Republic, behold the noble band of Pilgrims laying the foundation of future greatness in the intelligence of its people. As Canadians, we too have caught the inspiration. And taking up the watch-word repeat—educate. We have a common school system, second to none on the globe. In its freeness we have the keys of knowledge and power in the hands of the people. We are not ashamed of our institutions. For a young country, but just becoming a candidate for nationality, they speak well.

As a denomination our duty is plain, viz.: To assist in establishing and cherishing the interests of education.

In view of the imperative necessity of a higher institution of learning, in which the children and members of the M. E. Church may be educated (and especially young men for the ministry,) free from the bias naturally resulting from their being introduced into educational institutions under the patronage of other forms of church government, and in other lands, the church resolved to erect a suitable edifice, properly furnished and supplied with an official staff of instruction, which fact evinced by past results, will compare favorably with any of the higher schools of the same class in our Province.

This work was speedily effected. The building was erected; the school commenced with flattering prospects of success. But reverses ensued. Wave after wave of financial depression rolled over this and other lands. Many subscribers failed—contingencies must be met. Money was borrowed, in full expectancy that times would soon change for the better, and Providence open the way for future success.

The Board of Managers estimated the amount necessary to meet the liabilities. Dividends to respective Conferences and Circuits