

educated moral sense. Intellectual education may be acquired without the formation of moral principles. The Bible is the foundation of all correct education, and every government and people should endeavour to secure this richest boon on earth to the rising generation. Above all, should religious denominations promote religious education. Your Committee rejoice that this Conference feel the importance of this work, and that a providential door seems opening to them, by which we shall be enabled to secure to our children, in a way satisfactory to ourselves, this invaluable boon. Your Committee therefore recommend that this Conference appoint three brethren, who shall be denominated an "Educational Committee," and whose duty it shall be to ascertain during the ensuing year, as far as possible, the educational wants of our denomination—to correspond with the Provincial Government and others, on the subject—to enquire into the best mode of giving our children and the children of others a sound religious education, in such a way as will promote our influence and usefulness in the world, and will qualify them to become valuable members of society, and to fill, if required, honourable offices in the world; together with any and all other matters connected with the subject of education generally; and to make a full report of their labour at the next Annual Conference.

*Voted*—That E. McLeod, J. Noble, and Benj. Boal constitute an EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE, agreeable to the foregoing Report, and that their duty be that prescribed in said Report.

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## CHURCHES.

The Committee appointed to Report on Churches submit the following:—

1st.—They believe that no Minister should organise a Church in any village or place, without first calling a council of several judicious brethren, or having the concurrence of one or more ministers, except in cases where it would be quite impossible to obtain the presence of such brethren, or ministers. The following questions should be duly considered, in all cases, before organization:—

1. Is a Free Baptist Church in this place necessary? 2. Are there proper individuals who will compose such a church here? 3. Are there proper persons for deacons and helps, who will look after and sustain the true worship of God? Will it be for the best interests of religion to organise a Free Baptist Church here?

If these questions can be answered in the affirmative, this committee recommend that the following Covenant and Directory be adopted in all cases at organization, with such additions as may be deemed necessary. (For Covenant and Directory, see Appendix in Minutes No. 3.)

2nd.—Your Committee recommend that all our Ministers and Missionaries who may visit churches, which have not as yet adopted any written covenant, urge upon them the propriety of their adopting the foregoing; and further, that the utmost care and vigilance be exercised in setting all our churches in order, upon gospel principles—embracing the ordination of deacons, the keeping of a proper church record, and the maintenance of the proper relation of each church to the District Meeting and General Conference.