

agents have labored in these Provinces during the past year in collecting funds for Bible distribution, This Convention respectfully suggest to the Churches and Associations the importance of adopting some system whereby the collections for this object shall become a part of our general financial arrangement, the amount ascertained and if possible made to bear a measure proportioned to other pecuniary claims.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. CRAWLEY, *Chairman.*

The Report on the use of Tobacco is as follows:

Your Committee can with pleasure report to this Convention that the public mind is beginning to wake up to a sense of the innumerable evils connected with the use of Tobacco, and your Committee would most earnestly solicit the co-operation of every person whose business it is to teach men to shun the very appearance of evil, and by their example and precept save the rising generation from a pernicious habit.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ABEL PARKER, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

The following Resolution introduced by Elder C. Tupper, passed unanimously.

Resolved,—That the hearty thanks of this Convention be respectfully tendered to the Rev. Dr. J. M. Cramp for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the onerous duties of Presidency of Acadia College during the time he has presided over that Institution; as also for the kind and generous manner in which he has readily agreed to an arrangement adapted to promote the general good.

Moved by the Honble. J. W. Johnston, *Resolved*,—That now henceforth it be a bye-law of this Convention, that the Principal of the Theological Institute be ex officio Governor of Acadia College.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Elder N. Vidito, that the six Governors who are to retire be determined by ballot, and that they be not subject to re-election under the space of three years. The further consideration of this proposal is deferred till the next Convention.

The report on departed brethren was adopted. [See App. I.]

Voted—That 1000 copies of the Minutes be printed at the Christian Messenger Office, and that £12 be allowed for the same, that bro. Selden be requested to superintend the printing.

Adjourned till 7½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Chipman.

Met according to adjournment. A missionary hymn was sung, and Dr. Maclay prayed, after which the report of the Foreign Missionary Board was read by the Secretary, Elder A. S. [Name], and ordered to be printed. [See App. IV.]

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