

Resolved—That the thanks of this Association be given to the Chairman of the European and North American Railroad, and also to the Captain of the Princess Royal, in behalf of the proprietors, for their generosity in transmitting the Ministers and Delegates of the Western Association to Newcastle, Miramichi, and back for one fare.

Adjourned, to meet at 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Prof. J. E. Hopper, A. M.

SATURDAY EVENING MEETING.

A Religious Conference of deep interest was held, in which many took part; at the close of which the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That the very sincere thanks of this Association is hereby given to the kind friends of Newcastle, Miramichi, for their unbounded hospitality and Christian courtesy in entertaining the Ministers and delegates of the Association.

Adjourned, to meet at Mangerville, September 19, 1867.

E. C. CADY, Clerk.

B. F. RATHAY, Asst. Clerk.

W. M. EDWARDS, Moderator.

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I do not mean to trace a class of Christians back to the time of the Apostles, but that during all this period, even through the darkest time in the Middle Ages, classes of Christians have been holding fast to the doctrines and practices of the Church as we now hold them, and that we are legiti-
mately and truly their spiritual descendants; thus enabling us to trace
our existence as a denomination directly back to the Apostles, without
going through the Church of Rome. Have we not reason, therefore, to
regard our denominational existence as highly important, and our
mission one which we cannot neglect or abandon without proving unfaith-
ful to the Lord who has bought us; a mission which when we take into
consideration its magnitude and immense power for good, should hold
us before God and make us bold before men, that we may be true to
our calling, as those who have been commissioned from the court of
heaven to engage in one of the noblest works ever committed to man?
I. It is our peculiar mission to maintain the sanctity of the Holy
Scriptures as a perfect guide in all matters of religious belief and prac-
tice. Whatever we find there we are commanded to do. We do not
for a moment, or Church practices, by tradition, the writings of the
Fathers, or the decrees of councils. The Scriptures and consistently to these views
only are our guides. If holding firmly and consistently to these views
we honor the word of God, expel error and infuse truth into every