

their benign characteristics, aims and tendencies, lying at the foundation of national success in power and wealth, being in itself the great motive power that impels mankind onward to universal culture, second only to religion and the regeneration of the soul; in fact, going hand in hand with it, as the latter cannot be successfully promulgated without the former.

Mind, that wonderful, invisible, intangible, yet existing, thinking, reasoning, and reflecting essence, forming so striking a part of man's compound being, is susceptible of cultivation and development in the highest degree; and the impetus given thereto in its early stages, is, with few exceptions, the direction which it takes throughout its humanity. Taking such views of the subject, we are aware that no religious denomination or people united for good, can expect success eventually without the cultivation of mind, and preparation for the various departments of labor comprising a grand object; hence we believe in an educated ministry, and every encouragement being offered to young men in preparation therefor in respect of financial means and other inducements.

We believe also that it is the duty of our clergy and leading lay members to clearly present the cause of knowledge to the masses under their charge in such a way as to insure their sympathies, and improve their desires for the education of their children, believing it to be indispensable in the cause of Christ and all things good.

H. J. DURKEE,
GEORGE FROST, } Committee.
F. BABCOCK,

Resolved, That the Report be received, and adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes, and referred to the Educational meeting.

The Rev. W. C. Weston read the following Report on Missions:

Your Committee believe the work of Missions, at home and abroad, is of vast importance, and has a vitalising power upon the denomination; and feel that as a denomination we should push forward the work with more zeal, in connection with the Societies already organized, and in operation in connection with this Conference.

Your Committee believe it to be the duty of all who enjoy the privileges of the gospel, to contribute of their means to carry it to others.

We find, during the past year, something has been done in the Home Mission work. The Society in connection with the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, has granted two hundred dollars in aid of the Halifax mission, and the Harmony Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Society, one hundred.

The Report on Foreign Missions, to be read this evening, at the regular meeting of that Society, will show the work of that interest.

C. KNOWLES, *Chairman Committee.*

Resolved, That the Report be received, and adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes, and referred to the Foreign Missionary meeting.

Upon a call for new business, the Chairman (Rev. T. B. Crowell) read the following communication:

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