

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening prayer by Bro. Francis.

The Committee on Seamen presented their Report, which was received.

The Committee on Seamen beg leave to report that they look with feelings of deep interest on the instrumentalities being put into operation for the benefit of this interesting but much neglected class of men, and sympathize with the Rev. E. N. Harris, who has been laboring for their benefit in the City of St. John, and would recommend that similar means be employed in the different Ports of our Province for the amelioration of their moral and social condition, and for their liberation from the blighting and withering curae of intemperance and its attendant evils, to which they as a class are so dangerously exposed.

STEPHEN MARCH, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Departed Brethren presented the following Memorial, which was unanimously received:

God in his righteous Providence has removed by death Elder Thomas Magee since our last session. He was a native of Cork, Ireland;—emigrated to this country in 1825;—was ordained to the Christian Ministry in Miramichi in 1834. His ministry was continued up to a short time before his death, which took place January 11th, 1856. He itinerated extensively in this Province, as also in the State of Maine, preaching wherever his footsteps were directed the Gospel of Christ with marked fidelity to his Master, and to the souls of men.

His sermons were always evangelical, lucid, and instructive, and at times attended with a special unction from the Holy One. By his brethren in the ministry he was tenderly and affectionately beloved, and wherever he went preaching the Gospel of Christ, he was highly esteemed for his work's sake.

Death terminated his labors suddenly and unexpectedly to his friends, but it found him with his lamp trimmed and in night burning, ready for the unfolding of eternal scenes. When we remember the purity of his life, the fervor of his prayers and the power of his public administration, we cannot but feel that the description given the pen of inspiration in relation to one of the early christians, may with propriety be inscribed upon his epitaph:—"He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." We are admonished by his removal to work while the day lasts. Like him may we all be faithful unto death, and then shall we receive the unfading crown.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Temperance submitted their Report which was received and elicited spirited addresses from Brethren J. Davis, I. E. Bill, G. F. Miles, D. Outhouse, G. Churchill, D. Nutter, J. Francis, D. Hartt, Joseph Rideout.