

An application for restoration to membership came before the Board about a year ago, with which Brethren doubted their competency to decide as they would prefer, without a reference to the Convention. It is from the Rev. Alexander McDonald, of Edmonton, a Brother well known to many of us, our first Missionary to the Northwest, and who for years did efficient work in Winnipeg and elsewhere in that new portion of this great Dominion. When he left Winnipeg he labored in Dakota for a number of years, which forfeited his membership. As all know, he has returned, and for nearly two years has been preaching the gospel in Edmonton and surrounding settlements. He is willing to pay the fees for the years of his absence. Perhaps the Convention will kindly instruct the Board what to do in the case.

It may be said here, that the Capital Fund is slowly increasing, chiefly through legacies, but does not grow nearly as fast as it should. Three members of the Board retire this year, whose place has to be filled at this meeting, either by their re-election or choosing others in their room. One in another class has resigned, and another is incapacitated so that he cannot attend meetings of the Board; and two have to be elected in their place.

It might be well if the Convention, at its present meeting, would appoint a committee to bring the Constitution into harmony with our present mode of working as a Board of the Convention. It is still as it was before the change of three or four years ago was effected, which, instead of a separate society, made it a Board of the Convention. Though, according to the Charter, the Board has nearly all the powers of the separate society, it is no longer the executive of a society, but a Board of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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