

Report, were delivered by the Hon. J. W. Johnston, the Rev. Dr. Crawley, the Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. W. Burton, brother H. Winterbotham, Rev. J. Francis, Rev. A. S. Hunt, and Rev. I. E. Bill.

### REPORT.

The Committee on Education appointed by the Convention respectfully report:

That in their opinion the cause of Education and the interests of the Society would be promoted were the energies and resources of the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince-Edward Island united in the support and government of the Collegiate Institution for extending to the Youth of the three Provinces the means of Education in its higher branches and the advantages of a Collegiate course of instruction:—leaving to each Province the support and duty of maintaining and managing such Schools and Academies as it now supports or may deem proper hereafter to establish.

With this view the Committee recommend that the support and government of Acadia College should be separated from the Academy at Horton and that Acadia College should be adopted, supported and governed as the Collegiate institution of the Baptist denomination in the three Provinces and be placed under the direction, supervision and control of the Convention as an object in which all the Provinces have a common and equal interest; and that the Theological Chair be in like manner placed under the control of the Convention.

That in carrying this object into effect the Committee further report that Acadia College be separated from its immediate connexion with the Academy at Horton and its constitution be modified and altered in such a manner as may be necessary for placing it in the proposed relation to the Denomination of the lower Provinces and bringing under the control of the Convention:

And in connexion with this object, that the debt properly chargeable against the College, contradistinguished from the Academy, be immediately ascertained and stated.

The Committee recommend that agencies be appointed for collecting funds under the instructions of the Convention—the field of these agencies to be the lower Provinces, irrespective of provincial distinctions as well as foreign parts.

And lastly that a Committee be appointed for adjusting the changes necessary to be made in the Constitution and government of Acadia College and the Theological department and for taking the means necessary for effecting these changes; and for ascertaining and reporting the debts of the College.

J. W. JOHNSTON.

Chairman.

*Resolved*,—That this Convention fulfils a duty it owes to the denomination and the country to record its opinion that Education under wholesome religious and moral influences is a blessing of the highest magnitude, which the ministers and members of the Baptist denomination, as a religious body, are required by the most solemn obligations to extend, by every legitimate means within their power, to the youth of the denomination, and of the country at large.

*Resolved*,—That while the claims of Common and Grammar School Education are cheerfully acknowledged as being of the very highest order, and imposing upon the Baptists the duty of the efficient support of Education in its lowest and most elementary form, that this Convention yet regards Education