

Therefore, resolved—That it gives the members of this Union sincere pleasure to receive this mark of genuine sympathy extended to them, on behalf of those who are spending and being spent in the service of Christ among them, in desiring to extend, if possible, the benefit accruing from membership with that Society, to the families of our ministers; and while gratefully acknowledging these marks of Christian affection and regard, they would avail themselves of the suggestion made for the appointment of a Committee, for the purpose of replying to the queries contained in the above letter, and to assist in making a plan (should it be found practicable) whereby the ministers of our body labouring here, may have the opportunity of securing the benefits designed by that Society; and that the following persons do constitute said Committee, viz.: the Rev. John Gray and Mr. Wm. Freeman Dennis, of Yarmouth.

On motion of the Rev. G. A. Rawson the resolution was adopted. The following delegates to corresponding bodies were appointed: Rev. J. R. Kean, to the *Maine Conference*; failing whom, Mr. W. K. Reynolds, of St. John. To the *Canadian Union*, Mr. F. Dennis; failing whom, Mr. N. K. Clements.

The Gorham Funds were taken up and considered.

Mr. Hiram Freeman, Treasurer of the College Fund, reported.

On motion of the Rev. R. Wilson it was resolved—That the sum of three hundred and twenty-five pounds, in the hands of Mr. Hiram Freeman, Treasurer of the Gorham College Fund, be placed in the Bank of British North America, Halifax, in the name of the Union, by its Treasurer.

The Treasurer of the Union read his report, and the Secretary read a report from Mr. J. P. Calkin, relative to the Gorham Estate Fund. With the exception of one item, the whole was found to be in a most satisfactory state.

On motion of Rev. J. Howell, Mr. Hiram Freeman was re-appointed Treasurer of the Gorham College Fund.

Resolved—On motion of Mr. W. E. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Alexander Kerr—That the notes of hand held by Mr. Calkin for back rents, be put in the hands of some person for collection.

Resolved—That the Rev. R. Wilson be appointed to deliver the Annual Sermon next year; failing whom, the Rev. J. R. Kean.

Resolved—That the Rev. J. Gray be appointed to preach the Sermon to Sabbath Schools next year.

Mr. Woodrow, delegate from Union Street Church, St. John, extended an invitation from that Church, for the Union to meet in St. John next year. The invitation was cordially accepted.

Resolved—That the Rev. R. Wilson be appointed to draw up a summary of Congregational Principles, to be laid before the Union next year with a view to publication.

Resolved, on motion of Rev. R. Wilson—That the Secretary of the Union write to each of the churches, requesting them to take up a collection for the College, in October of each year.

The Secretary brought before the notice of the Union, the "*Canadian Independent*," and recommended the Churches to sustain it. He also directed the attention of the Union, to the question of Mission Houses for ministers. The meeting was closed with prayer.

In the evening, addresses were delivered to a large audience, by the Rev. Messrs. Rawson, Gray, Wilson and Stirling. The Rev. J. G. Sanderson and Mr. S. Sykes, conducted the devotional parts of the service.

On Sabbath morning, in accordance with previous arrangements, the Rev. J. Howell and Mr. S. Sykes, addressed the children attending the Sabbath School. In the forenoon, the Rev. John Gray preached from Rom. 1, 16. after which baptism was administered to three adult females. The Rev. R.