

The following document in relation to the late sad bereavement with which we as a denomination, and especially the families more intimately concerned, have been visited, was presented by the Rev Dr Cramp.

Intelligence being communicated to the Association that on Monday the 7th inst., the Rev. E. D. Very and Professor Chipman, together with four of the Students of Acadia College, viz: Messrs. R. Rand, Anthony E. Phalen, W. Henry King, and William E. Grant, were drowned by the upsetting of a boat in which they were returning from an excursion to Cape Blomidon:

*Resolved*.—1. That the members of this Association have heard with profound grief of the sudden removal of their beloved brethren from time to eternity. They regard this event as an inscrutable dispensation of Divine Providence, calling for deep humiliation before God, and they earnestly pray that by the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit it may be overruled for good to the Churches, by exciting that solemn feeling and leading to that course of devout action which shall indicate a revived state of religion.

2. That on this sad occasion it behoves us to bear testimony to the manifold excellencies of the departed, moral and religious, and their admirable adaptation to the important posts which they filled. Eminently gifted for their duties, they laboured with unremitting zeal for the promotion of our denominational interests, and gained high and deserved reputation among us. Their memory will be long held in honour throughout the Denomination.

3. That deploring the untimely death of the students above referred to, young men of great worth and promise, this meeting deem it especially incumbent on them to remind the churches of the important duty of praying for the out pouring of the Spirit, so that there may be a continued succession, in increasing numbers, of faithful men, able to teach others.

4. That the Clerk of the Association be directed to transmit to Mrs. Very and to the Rev. W. Chipman a copy of the preceding Resolutions, and to assure them of our sympathy and condolence under the heavy loss which they have respectively sustained.

Prayer was now offered by the Moderator, that our Heavenly Father would sanctify, sustain and comfort by his abundant grace, the families and friends so deeply and suddenly afflicted, and that to us as a denomination this mysterious Providence may result in leading us to strict self-examination, deep humility, ca-

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