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is devoted to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ; and pleads for the union of all believers in the Lord Jesus in harmony with his own prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, and on the basis set forth by the Apostle Paul in the following terms: "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."—Eph. iv. 1-6.

### The Annual Meeting.

(Continued from last number.)

The following resolution was presented and carried: "That a series of questions be prepared by the Board of Managers to be answered in writing by those churches requiring aid from this Co-operation—the Board on application supplying a printed or written list of such questions to be answered and sent by such churches to the Corresponding Secretary of the Co-operation, with a full statement of the money aid required, not later than thirty (30) days previous to the Annual Meeting of the Co-operation from year to year, and that the Corresponding Secretary communicate the same to the chairman of the Committee on Missions."

#### STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1892-93.

*On Obituaries.*—W. M. Crowson, G. Sinclair, Geo. Fowler.  
*On Mission Fields.*—James Tolton, A. Yule, S. Woolner, D. Brown, J. H. H. Jury.  
*On Statistics.*—P. Baker, D. H. Stewart, E. Thompson.  
*On Sunday Schools.*—J. A. Aikins, E. B. Barnes, J. D. Stephens.  
*On Young People's Societies.*—A. McMillan, A. Tovell, D. Munro.

#### ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions would report as follows:—

1. The sincere thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the school board of the town for their polite invitation to visit the public schools; to the Mechanics' Institute for the use of their rooms and library; and to the Dominion Organ and Piano Co., for their kind invitation to visit their works.

2. We desire also to express the gratitude of this Convention to the members of the church in Bowmanville for their royal entertainment in their beautiful Christian homes. They have the faculty of making us feel at home, and, therefore, welcome.

3. We desire also in these resolutions to make mention of the magnificent bequest as the nucleus of an endowment fund for the education of our consecrated young men for the Christian ministry.

4. We regret the absence and counsel of Bro. J. Kilgour, of Guelph, who has

been so long identified with the work of the Lord in this country, and also of Bro. T. B. Knowles, of St. Thomas, who has been very useful to the church of Christ since his residence in this Province.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
JOHN MUNRO,  
JAS. LEDIARD,  
J. A. BRENNSTUHL, } Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

We, your Committee on Young People's Societies, beg leave to make the following report:—

We recommend: That the Constitution be amended, placing Young People's Societies upon the same basis as the Sunday Schools.

T. L. FOWLER,  
Chairman of Com.

#### RECOMMENDATION BY BOARD OF MANAGERS

##### RE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The Board of Managers respectfully recommend to the Annual Meeting the following amendments to the Constitution of the Co-operation:—

1st. That Article III., Sections 1 and 2, be amended so as to read as follows:—

"Sec. 1.—Every church contributing to its treasury in any Co-operation year shall be entitled to two delegates for the whole of that year; every Sunday school so contributing to one such delegate for such period; and every Young People's Society so contributing to one such delegate for such period.  
Sec. 2.—Any Disciple of Christ may be an Annual Member for any such year by paying into its treasury the sum of at least \$1 in that year; or a Life Member by paying \$20 in advance, or \$25 in five consecutive annual instalments of \$5 each."

2nd. That the following addition be made to Article V.:—

"6.—On Young People's Societies." Respectfully submitted. On behalf of the Board,

Geo. Munro, Hugh Black,  
Cor. Sec. President.  
Bowmanville, June 6, 1892.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES.

To the President, Members and Delegates of Ontario Co-operation in Annual Meeting assembled:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred for consideration the report of the Board of Trustees appointed at the last Annual Meeting, beg to report as follows:—

1. We find that the Trustee Board was appointed with the intention of applying for the incorporation thereof, in case it should be thought by Bro. D. L. Sinclair, acting as solicitor under instructions of the Board of Managers, that it was better to incorporate a separate Trust Body to manage property devised by will than to incorporate this Co-operation itself.

2. Bro. Sinclair, after consideration, deemed it better to incorporate yourselves with your present constitution, including its powers of amendment, than to incorporate a separate body: and this has now been done, so that there is no occasion to continue the Board of Trustees.

3. We recommend that the motions appointing the Board of Trustees and filling vacancies therein passed at the last Annual Meeting and at this

Annual Meeting respectively be rescinded, and that the questions as to the details of management of the Educational Trust Funds set out in the fifth clause of the report of the Board of Trustees be left for determination in the hands of the Board of Managers of this Co-operation until otherwise provided, the Committee on Education being instructed to act as an auxiliary to the Board of Managers until next Annual Meeting for the purpose of making recommendations on these and similar questions relating to the educational work of this Co-operation, and of doing and transacting such executive business relating thereto as the Board of Managers may delegate to them the authority to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
L. K. MURRON,  
Chairman.

Bowmanville, June 6, 1892.

#### Amen

I cannot say,  
Beneath the pressure of life's cares to-day,

I joy in these;  
But I can say  
That I had rather walk this rugged way  
If him it please.

That all is well, without darkening clouds  
The shining sun;  
But then I know  
God lives and loves; and say, since it is so,

Thy will be done.  
I cannot speak  
In happy tones, the tear drops on my cheek  
Show I am sad;  
But I can speak  
Of grace to suffer with submission meek,  
Until made glad.

I do not see  
Why God should e'en permit some things to be,  
When he is love;  
But I can see,  
Tho' often dimly, through the mystery,  
His hand above.

I do not look  
Upon the present, nor in nature's book,  
To read my fate;  
But I do look  
For promised blessings in God's holy book;  
And I can wait.

—S. G. Browning.

The presence of a great man, with a great heart and a strong character, is always consciously realized, often when but simply approached in the crowds of those whom we meet on the streets.

Whether great in sacred or sinful things, the presence of greatness is consciously realized by most, if not all, people.

To use the Bible is better than to defoul it. The truth of God will accomplish its purpose, while your argument may not. This is as true of the Psalms as of any other part of the inspired word. There is a better way of getting them into favor than by argument. Use them properly, and they will prove themselves the sword of the Spirit.—United Presbyterian.

#### "No Time To Make a Will!"

The newspapers tell us that a farmer who resides near Utica, New York, while being run away with a pair of frightened horses, cried out, "I leave my wife ten thousand dollars! No time to make a will!" He still survives, though badly bruised. It is to be hoped he will recover; and that, whether he does or not, his "last will and testament" is before this duly drawn, signed, sealed and witnessed.

If circumstances make it necessary or advisable that a will should be written, he or she who so thinks should not sleep until it is done. A will is not always necessary, or even advisable; but there is one thing which is necessary, and that is, that every man should keep a clear record of all his debts due and receivable, and have no debts which can be adjusted by none but himself. A vast deal of trouble and loss and waste is saved by clear and intelligible accounts, whether a man's life be long or short.

The heirs of a large estate in New England are stated to be in an unpleasant condition of mind and purpose on account of the following circumstances: The late owner of the property caused a will to be carefully drawn, with all legal precautions, but delayed completing it by his signature, and died suddenly.

Of course, those of the heirs who are least pleased with the proposed disposition of the estate contend against it. The presence of death defends the departed against spoken remarks of an unkindly character when his last will is duly executed, and there is nothing to be gained by adverse comment. But an uncompleted purpose subjects the memory of the deceased to severe reflections, and foments enmity among the living. Stopping just short of finishing a thing is often worse than if it had never been undertaken.

The same remark holds true of other business arrangements besides the writing of wills. Quarrels and litigious grow out of incomplete and obscure arrangements. To put down part in black and white, and leave other details, perhaps the most important, to oral testimony; or, what is still worse, by spoken words to express a part and leave the rest to be inferred without either written or spoken directions, is the sure cause of disappointment and misapprehension, if not of omity and litigation.

Even among friends—it might be said, especially among friends, if they would continue friendly—business exactness is a cardinal virtue. Business is one thing, friendship another. Of course, friendly and fair sentiments should regulate business intercourse; but no friendship, or even blood relationship, should permit inexactness. Between husband and wife, parents and children, the same rule should hold good. A man's mere acquaintance exacts correctness of him; and he is a careless husband, brother, or father who presumes on affection to leave the door open for loss, or disappointment, or misunderstanding. While death may happen at any time to add perplexity to confusion, there

are many contingencies which may occur to make life unpleasant, and impair friendship or affection. There is no surer preservative of comfort, no better warrant of prosperity, than business exactness and careful system. He who would rest well should be able to lie down at night with his record so made up that nobody could misunderstand it. System is easier than carelessness, if it is once made a habit.—*Christian Woman.*

#### The Lord, Rather Than Feeling.

Too many look to their feelings rather than their Lord. And this is the great reason why they make distressingly hard work of living the Christian life. They get into doubts and are chilled with fears and are glum with despondency. There was a man who was once asked whether he did not sometimes have doubts of his salvation. His pithy reply was: "Yes, sometimes, when the wind is in the east." The east wind struck him unfavorably and affected his spirituality, or at least his spirits, and of course he felt somewhat depressed. But this did not necessarily cause him to lose faith in his Lord. It is said that a certain woman was subject to frequent periods of mental depression and spiritual conflict. Someone asked her when such periods occurred. At first she could not remember.

It is to be feared that hundreds of Christians are governed more by their feeling than they are by their principle—the principle of faith in God and his word, no matter what their feelings may be. Now, we should place the Lord before our feelings, in all estimates of our standing and success in divine things. The great question should be, not "How do I feel?" but "Do I really love God, his word and his people? Is my faith in him, and my face toward heaven and holiness?" To be governed by our feelings is to make our personal Christianity a very uneven and uncertain thing, and oftentimes a very unpleasant thing, instead of something substantial, steady and perpetually pleasant. Let it be more Lord and less feeling.—*Methodist Recorder.*

Along with all the good things served from the pulpit, and neither last nor least, should be the Crucified One. *Lift up the Cross!* Never more than now is the preaching of Christ important. Never more than now, the need of blind eyes to be opened, of hearts to be melted, of troubled spirits to be comforted, of dying pillows to be softened. You may be as sincere and straightforward in conduct as a human being can be, and also you may have a more dangerous influence than some who possess much less loyalty to duty than your own, simply because you are coldly correct, hard, and stern in demeanor, winning no one to yourself or to the views of life which you cherish and illustrate.