

from the adoption of these lesson papers; yet, even if unable to obtain such aids, no Christian who earnestly desires to lead souls to Jesus, need fail in that, which should be the main object of every Sabbath School worker.

Your Committee rejoice to notice a large increase in the adult classes of some schools, and we trust the time is not far distant when the whole church and congregation will meet together on the Lord's Day to search the Scriptures, and to make thorough study of the revelations of the Most High.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to suggest the propriety of setting apart a portion of the time of the Association to the discussion of Sabbath School work and methods; we also express the hope, that the Churches will apply themselves with redoubled energy to this important department of Christian labor, and that next year we shall receive full and encouraging Sabbath School reports from every Church connected with this Association.

(Signed)

J. F. BURDITT, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Committee on Departed Brethren reported:

Your Committee on Departed Brethren have to report the unexpected departure to the spirit land of

REV. W. A. COLEMAN,

late pastor of the 2nd Baptist Church of Sackville. He was accustomed to come up with us from year to year, to our annual Convocations, and we always loved to see his stalwart, manly form in our midst; and as an expression of confidence in his good judgment and sterling integrity he was frequently chosen to preside over our deliberations; but we shall see his smiling face no more until we meet him in the resurrection of the just. He was born in the year of Grace, 1816. He was savingly converted to God, was baptized and received into the Baptist Church of Portland, Saint John, in 1840, and was ordained to the Christian Ministry in the Baptist Church, Northeast, Miramichi, in 1848. His ministerial life, therefore, extended over 27 years. He was associated as pastor, at different periods, with several of our most influential churches, and by them all was "highly esteemed in love for his works' sake." He was indeed a shining light, and was made such by his unwavering devotion to the claims of the Christian life, and to the sublime work of saving souls from death. His ministry was largely attended by an unction from the Holy One, and many precious souls, through his instrumentality, were won to the Saviour. He baptized upwards of a thousand candidates upon the profession of their new born faith, and received them into the Churches over which he presided. There was a beautiful harmony between his public ministry and his private life. Both were moulded and stamped by the teachings of the Bible and the example of the Master. On March the 7th, 1877, at his own residence in Sackville, after a brief, but violent illness, produced by a severe cold, the good man peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, and his ransomed spirit, we doubt not, entered into rest. His funeral obsequies conducted by Rev. D. McKeen, were deeply impressive and touching.

For his stricken widow and bereaved children, this Association would express its deepest sympathy, and pray the great Father to throw over them the shield of His paternal care and love.