

met together, with other persons probably, as the "Board of Directors of the N. B. Baptist Education Society." It seems to have been perceived that the organization of *the Education Society, so called*, was loose and irregular. Proposals were made and accepted for certain changes in the Constitution, with a view to galvanizing the defunct body into life. [Whether a half formed bodily frame with no organic connection between its nominal members can be rightly styled a *body*, is at least doubtful.] The action of the "Directors" was to be reported to a meeting of the "Society" to be held at Upper Gagetown, in connection with the Western Association, in June, 1881. At the same time, notice was given of a preamble and resolution to be moved at that meeting, making certain questionable statements respecting the Public School System of this Province, and using these as, in part, the ground for urging upon the "Education Society" to consider the propriety of taking measures for *the early establishment of an Academy to be located in New Brunswick, and to be affiliated with Acadia College.*

The Western Association met June 28, and on the second day, after some of the brethren from the Southern Association had arrived, a motion was made that the Moderator leave the Chair in order to give place to a meeting of the Education Society. One or two brethren thereupon raised the question as to the existence or legal status of the society;—but being told that it was the intention to re-organize the society, so as to render the funds secure in the Treasurer's hands, they consented to waive their objections, on the distinct understanding that the meeting of the Society was now to be held on the basis that had been recognized for many years,—that all present who sat and voted in the Association should have the same rights in the "Society." This being agreed, the meeting was organized by the appointment of a Chairman and Secretary. The accounts of the Treasurer and the recent proceedings of the Directors' meeting were read and passed upon. A revised constitution was submitted, one feature of which was the requirement of a fee of one dollar as a qualification for membership. Upon a motion to adopt the report of the Directors, an amendment was moved and seconded, to the effect that the report be adopted with the exception of the part relating to the amendment of the constitution. This amendment was lost, only three (delegates from the Fredericton Church) voting in its favor. The proposed changes were then adopted; a committee was appointed to report upon further changes; and the office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected. Some of these particulars are mentioned here only because it may be necessary to refer to them again.

After this, the Association resumed business, and the Committee on Education presented their report, which was adopted. It contained the