

Dr. MacVicar protested against an expurgated edition of the Bible in the schools, and declared that, as for the compendium, the Baptists have already in the Bible all the compendium of truth we need.

Others followed in the same strain, and after a lengthy talk, Mr. Bengough moved, seconded by Mr. Cross:

That we respectfully acknowledge the communication.

The motion gave way to an amendment relegating the report to a committee, to report at some future period.

The S. S. Committee, appointed by the joint action of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, distributed copies of *Sunshine* and *Our Own Paper*, and recommended the literature published by them. The fact was emphasized that these papers were national in sentiment, and full of information as to the work of our denomination, both at home and abroad, and are thus most appropriate for Canadian Baptist Sabbath schools.

MONDAY, Oct. 22nd.

The Convention assembled at 9.30 this a.m., to continue the consideration of the question of Religious Instruction in the Public Schools. Prof. N. Wolverton was called to the chair. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. P. C. Parker. The following resolution was then presented:

Moved by W. H. Huston, M.A., Toronto, seconded by Rev. E. D. Sherman:

*Resolved*,—That we instruct the Secretary of this Convention respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of this communication respecting religious instruction in the public schools, and to state in reply, that this Convention, whilst deeply sensible of the importance of having the young people of our country thoroughly instructed in the Word of God, desires to declare, as its profound conviction, that it is no part of the duty of the State to make the use of the Bible, or instruction in any religious system, compulsory in our public schools; and that, therefore, this Convention cannot consistently appoint any persons to act with the representatives of other religious bodies in the preparation of the proposed compendium of Christian faith."

After a good deal of discussion, Dr. MacVicar moved, and Dr. Murdoch seconded:

*Resolve*,—That we instruct the Secretary of this Convention to acknowledge the receipt of the communication of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, respecting the matter of religious instruction in the public schools, and to state in reply: (1) That whilst deeply sensible of the importance of having the young people of our country thoroughly instructed in the Word of God, this Convention desires to declare, as its profound conviction, that the use of the Bible, and all religious instruction in our public schools, should be entirely voluntary, and that, therefore, it is no part of the duty of the State to enact any regulations or statutes by which such use or instruction is made in any sense compulsory. (2) That the Convention desires to declare, as its profound conviction, that the entire Bible is the only compendium of Christian teaching which should be used in the schools, and that it therefore cannot appoint any persons to act with the representatives of other religious bodies in the preparation of the proposed compendium of Christian faith."

After some warm discussion this amendment carried.