

PROBATIONERS AT COLLEGE.

It was moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., seconded by Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B.A., and

Resolved,—That the Secretary of each District furnish to the Chairman of the Educational Committee full particulars in each case respecting the action of the District meetings in recommending probationers to college.

REV. WILLIAM BRIGGS, D.D.

It was moved by H. P. Moore, Esq., seconded by Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A., D.D., and

Resolved,—That we have heard with genuine satisfaction the very encouraging annual report of our Book and Publishing House as presented by Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., the efficient and practical Book Steward. It is most gratifying to this Conference to be informed of the financial success of the past year's business, with its trade depression and trying experiences, even among the Napoleons of business life; and that not only has the Book Committee been able to vote as large a sum as usual to the Superannuation Fund, but also to see its way clear to authorize the Book Steward to make important improvements to Wesley Buildings, which are calculated to advance the interests of present and future years. We again assure Rev. Dr. Briggs of our unqualified confidence in his management of this important connexional interest of our Church, and we take this opportunity to emphasize the desirability of especially, as far as possible, all our churches, Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues making their purchases of literature from our own Book Room, being assured that thereby they will secure advantageous dealing, and obtain libraries and supplies pure in tone, loyal to our Church and country, and generally superior.

REV. A. C. COURTICE, B.A., B.D.

It was moved by Rev. W. Kettlewell, seconded by Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., and

Resolved,—That this Conference has listened with great pleasure to the magnificent address of the editor of the *Christian Guardian* explaining the sphere and functions of a denominational newspaper, and the obligations of editor and constituency in relation thereto. We sympathize with Bro. Courtice in his recent severe illness and rejoice in his restored health; we assure the editor of our deep interest in our connexional organ, and of our appreciation of the efforts to popularize the paper with our young people; we hereby endorse the attention which has been given to the social questions of the day, and approve of the improvement which has been made in the obituary department. While we welcome the reduction in the subscription price of the *Guardian*, we learn with regret that the circulation has not correspondingly increased, and pledge ourselves to increase its subscription list. The proposal of the editor to promote the usefulness of the Book Notice department by the formation of reading clubs commends itself to our judgment, and we recommend members of this Conference to give the plan a trial. We trust that with enlarged experience the editor may have increased comfort and encouragement in his work, and urge our ministers and people to unite in an effort to place the *Guardian* in every Methodist home.

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