

the times imperatively demand while they regret that it labours at present under considerable embarrassment, and pledge themselves to give for themselves and families,—at least, one shilling each for each and every member thereof within the current year, to aid in relieving it of said debt.

II. Resolved that the traffic in slaves is an evil we deeply deplore;—that it is calculated to bring down the judgments of God upon those nations implicated therein,—and that it is the duty of every friend of humanity to testify against it..

III. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Hulbert; seconded by the Rev. Mr. Clarke, and resolved, That the Association hereby expresses its general approval of the publications of the American Baptist publication Society and recommends to its friends the support thereof, by purchasing such denominational works as they may require from (our esteemed and respected Brother Mr. Wm. Cook) the agent of that Society who travels in our midst.

IV. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Ford, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Currie, That we deeply regret the evils of intemperance as the source of much poverty, sorrow, desolation and death, and that we deem it to be the duty of every lover of humanity to testify against it by giving his own example of total abstinence from intoxicating drinks and pressing on our legislature the necessity of passing a prohibitory liquor law at its earliest meeting.

V. Moved by the Rev. Jas. Cooper, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Fyfe, and resolved, That this Association heartily approves of the portion of the clergy reserves act viz. 18th Vic. Cap. 2 which declares it to be "*desirable to remove all semblance of connection between church and state,*" and hopes that the time may soon come when the principle involved in the declaration will be acted on in all its integrity:—that, in the opinion of this association, the grants made by the legislature from year to year, to sectarian bodies, are in direct opposition to the principle that there should be no connection between church and state:—that while this association would willingly aid every endeavour *honestly made*, to infuse a wise economy into the administration of all public funds, whether appropriated to educational or other purposes—it cannot sympathize with the attack recently made by the Methodist Conference and a section of Presbyterians on the National University, because it is evident that the main object of the investigators was,—not simply the improvement of the institution in its scholastic and financial administration,—but, to obtain for the support of the Sectarial Colleges at Cobourg and Kingston, some share of the University endowment.

That this association rejoices in the failure of the attempt thus made to divert a portion of the University funds from their legitimate object and turn such funds into sectarian channels, but regrets, nevertheless to learn that the attacking parties have so far succeeded in the main object of their application to the legislature as to obtain out of the general appropriation for education, additions to the sums which they have hitherto received, thus not only continuing but increasing the evil caused by keeping a church or churches in any measure dependant on the state. That this association sees no prospect of this evil being confined to its present limits while such grants continue to be made in any shape whatever, to any sect for any purpose; for having found the legislature to yield to importunity on one occasion, the craving for state support will be increased and the demands enlarged;

That the only protection against such universal demands is to be found in the denial of any legislative assistance to any sectarian or denominational institution, thus carrying out in its integrity the expressed wish of the legislature when it determined to abolish in Canada all semblance of connection between church and state;

That in the opinion of the Association, bringing the strength of the legislature, not only for the support of the universal part of the university, but also for the abolition of all existing grants to sectarian purposes;

That therefore in the spirit of these resolutions

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