

The progress of education in these Provinces renders it imperative on the churches to secure a well-instructed ministry, and thus retain our hold on the young, as well as make provision for the exigencies of religious controversy.

Reviewing the whole, the Committee suggest that the churches be again recommended to observe the first Thursday in December as a Day of Humiliation and Prayer, with thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on Departed Brethren.

Your Committee have the painful duty of reporting that an unusually large number of brethren have been removed by death during the past year.

REV. HENRY VAUGHAN.—The last Session of this Convention in St. John, N. B., was marked by the sudden and alarming illness of the Pastor of Germain Street Church. Medical men were called in immediately, but they pronounced his case a most serious one. About two weeks after this, he, who had participated in the opening exercises and business of the Convention, was translated to a higher sphere of spiritual activity. Brother Vaughan was the youngest son of Deacon Simon Vaughan, of St. Martin's, N. B. He had been through the course at the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton, and was pursuing his studies at Acadia College, when he experienced the change "from darkness to light" and was baptized by Rev. Dr. Cramp. He soon came to the determination to give himself to the work of the christian ministry, and took the usual theological course at Acadia College, and subsequently at Newton. From his mental cultivation, moral improvement, and intellectual acquirements, it was reasonable to regard him as well prepared for many years of usefulness to the church and the world; but the Lord's ways are not as man's. Being called to the pastorate of the Church at St. George, he was ordained on the 8th of January, 1862. He was married to Sarah, daughter of Bennet Smith, Esq.,