

by weekly as God prospers them. It would be still better to do this daily. Where, for example, is the member that could not by wise and economical arrangement lay by every day a cent for Christ and his cause? This one cent would amount to \$3.65 per annum, and this for all Baptist church members in the Maritime Provinces alone, would give us for benevolent purposes an annual fund of \$100,000. Such an arrangement would give the Seminary at Fredericton and Acadia College a sufficient endowment, and would afford ample funds for Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, for Sabbath Schools, and for the support of Infirm Ministers, or their Widows and Orphan Children. Your Committee would suggest, therefore, that every pastor should inaugurate this system as soon as possible in his own family, and then extend it to his Church and congregation. Let a simultaneous movement of the entire brotherhood in this direction be made at once, and glorious results would follow. In this way the daily offering would provide for the weekly offering, and the two combined would issue in a generous annual support for all the interests involved. Of course there are those among us who might fail to contribute a cent a day, or even a cent a week; but let this deficiency be made up by a more generous contribution on the part of the more wealthy of our members.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries presented their Report.

Your Committee on Obituaries have to report the death of the Rev. J. R. Strang, the late beloved pastor of the Baptist Church of Macknaquack and Upper Kingsclear. He departed this life on Sabbath the 13th of May last, in the full assurance of a glorious resurrection to eternal life at God's right hand. His funeral sermon was preached on the Tuesday following by the Rev. I. E. Bill, sen., in the Macknaquack Church, to a crowded and deeply affected congregation.

In an obituary notice which appeared in the *CHRISTIAN VISITOR* of the 25th of May last, it is said, "Our lamented brother was a native of Prince Edward Island. There he was converted. From the Island he went to the United States where he spent some time. Subsequently he came to this Province, and was ordained to the work of the ministry at Studholm, King's County. After that he fulfilled the duties of the pastorate at Johnson, Wickham, Scotch Town, Upper Gagetown, Upper Kingsclear, and Macknaquack. In all these places he was highly esteemed as a devoted Christian, an affectionate pastor, and a successful minister of the Lord Jesus. In his last field, especially, his ministry was signally blessed. Our departed brother was among our most judicious and useful pastors. He constantly labored for souls as one that must give an account, and by his ardent zeal for the present and eternal welfare of his people, by his unwavering fidelity to his Master, and by his uncompromising adherence to the weighty obligations of his office, he gave full proof of his ministry. His early death has left a vacancy in the denomination that cannot be easily filled."