

Committee felt it their duty to communicate with Attorney General Draper on the subject. Their efforts, they are to say, have not been without success.

During the passing of the Penitentiary Bill, your Committee also pointed out to the above-mentioned gentleman, the merits of both bills, the impropriety and injustice of confining religious instruction of the convicts to clergymen of the Anglican and Roman Catholic persuasions. Your Committee are happy to have it in their power to say, that the Bill in question was altered in accordance with their request, though the obnoxious clause was overlooked and unnoticed by the Members of the House, the mover himself made the alteration required.

As it has seemed to your Committee extremely desirable that some communication should be opened with the brethren in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and as our brother Chapman purposed travelling in that direction during the summer, it was resolved that our brother should represent the Union at the next Annual Meetings of the Associations of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Letters expressing the desirableness of such an interchange of kindly feelings and offices as may be deemed fitting have been prepared and sent to Mr. Chapman. It gives us great pleasure to say that from the intelligence recently received from Halifax, our brethren in the sister provinces are ready and eager to enter into communication with us. The following language is used by the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, the organ of the Baptists in the East:—"We shall rejoice in the opportunity which will be afforded of furthering a union, greatly to be desired, between our Canadian brethren and ourselves." Such an union your Committee feel to be peculiarly desirable, and if they have been in any manner instrumental in bringing about its speedy accomplishment, "they rejoice, and will rejoice."

In bringing this report of their labours to a close, your Committee would beg leave to make a few observations.

It is absolutely necessary, in their opinion, to the efficiency of the Union, that each member of it should strive to aid its operations, that each church take up a collection in support of its funds, and that every Corresponding Committee should with assiduity and promptness perform the duties attached to it as such. It is but little that is asked, but that little will effect much. Let the brethren, let the churches, let the Committees, feeling their responsibilities, arise to the discharge of their duties, stimulate each other in their efforts, and enter the favour of the Most High on our labours, and God, our God, will bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us. They would further urge upon all the friends of the Union the duty of explaining its objects, and increasing its influence as far as they may be able. The spirit of the age demands advance upon former efforts. The wants of our churches

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