and we fear that without recourse to legal proceedings, we may regard a large proportion as uncollectable.

The Directors ask the Convention to take action in the way of directing their successors as to the method to be adopted for collecting just debts due to the Company. They also request the Convention to consider whether, in view of certain loss made on stock and debts, a sufficient sum should not be taken out of apparent capital and charged against Contingent Account, so that future years may show the result of each year's business.

The Directors regret having to present such an unfavorable report concerning the past year's business, and the position of the Company in other respects. They also regret that, hitherto, such use has not been made of the large sum of money generously given as to secure one of the purposes intended, viz.: the payment of a yearly dividend to the several denominational societies, and your Directors do not hesitate to express the fear that it will be in the future as in the past in regard to payment of dividends, unless the business of the Company is carried on at less cost and in a more active and vigorous manner.

In view of the opinion expressed very generally in favor of lowering the price of the paper we recommend to the consideration of the Convention the propriety of reducing the *Baptist* to $1.50, to be paid strictly in advance, and that whenever a subscriber is in arrears for three months his paper be stopped.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

THOMAS LAILEY, *Chairman*.

TORONTO, Oct. 13th, 1890.