

Home Mission Society adjourned.

Moderator of Association took the Chair.

Adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. T. Todd.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, 10 o'clock.

Home Mission Board met at 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. James Irving.

Resolved, That the Association now give place to the Home Mission Society.

Home Mission Society in session.

Association again resumed business.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Report on Education be now taken from the table.

Your Committee cannot fail to perceive the magnitude of the interests involved in the great question of Education, as it concerns the Baptists in these Maritime Provinces, and especially as it relates to New Brunswick. The Seminary at Fredericton—the offspring of the prayers and self-sacrificing exertions of a past generation, who, while they lived, toiled indefatigably for its support and prosperity—is now presented before us in a new and critical position. Recent Legislative action forces upon us the necessity of a change of policy with regard to the future operations of the institution. Every Baptist in the Province must desire the maintenance and increased usefulness of a Seminary sharing so largely in their affections.

Were it not for the perilous condition of Acadia College, which is calling loudly for immediate aid from New Brunswick, as well as from the other Provinces composing the Convention, but one course would be presented for immediate action, namely, the endowment of the Seminary at once, or otherwise raising the means of support till the endowment could be effected.

Your Committee consider the least relaxation of effort on the part of the Baptists of New Brunswick sustaining our denominational institutions is not to be thought of. What is to be done is a question to be most carefully, calmly, prayerfully pondered by this Association. We are to consider whether to continue the Seminary on its present footing, by concentrating our efforts solely towards its support, and thereby incur the very probable risk of the shutting up of Acadia College, or to consolidate all our exertions in the sustaining of the Academy and College at Wolfville.

Your Committee, in conclusion, in view of the difficulties of recommending any definite course for this Association to pursue, would refer the whole subject to the Executive for discussion, after having obtained the views of the Baptist churches in the Province on this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. HART, Chairman.

Report adopted.