

The Union Advocate. Established 1867. NEWCASTLE, N.B. WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1880. THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

There is an old maxim that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," and we therefore suppose that the principle involved in this well worn saying has something to do with the recent action of the County Council, in appointing Health Officers for this town, the gentlemen being Doctors A. C. SMITH and JOHN McDONALD. As guardians of the public health we believe these gentlemen will be found prompt in the performance of their duties, which are, by no means unimportant, dealing as they do with a matter in which all are interested. We do not wish to interfere in any way with the prerogative of the new appointees but we would be recreant to our duty as journalists if we failed to direct their attention to that piece of swampy land lying in rear of the Masonic Hall and residences along Pleasant Street. It is a well established fact that drainage is a feeder to diphtheria and typhoid fever, and although we have some years been mercifully preserved from these scourges, there having only been a limited number of cases for some time past, and only a few attended with fatal results, yet the immunity we have enjoyed has not been the result of the adoption of precautionary measures to prevent their introduction and spread. As we stated some weeks ago, the cellars of the houses along Pleasant Street are seldom dry, are indeed frequently flooded with water from the land to which reference has been made, to the great discomfort and injury of the residents in the district, and we are very decided in the opinion that steps should at once be taken to have the land properly drained. Not being versed in the legal aspect of the matter, we cannot say whether the town will be compelled to bear the whole expense of the cost of draining, but it is not unreasonable to expect that the owner or owners of the field will at least bear a fair proportion of the expense incurred in adding to its value and making it more saleable. This is one of the matters which we hope will receive the early attention of the newly-appointed Board of Health.

Northumberland Municipal Council. The Council met on Tuesday last week at noon, there being present—The Warden, in the chair. LUDLOW—J. S. Pond, Kenneth Cameron, BELSHFIELD—S. Freese, Enoch Bamford, BLACKWELL—Wm. T. Underhill, E. Hays, NORTHESK—A. Adams, Jasper Maddox, SOUTHESK—W. S. Brown, Jared Tozer, DREBY—John Betts, Jas. Robinson, NELSON—John O'Brien, John P. Burchill, NEWCASTLE—Patrick Hays, Jas. Brown, CHATHAM—A. H. Johnson, Wm. Lawlor, GLENISKO—Jas. Fitzpatrick, Wm. McCreagh, ALNWHICK—Robert Loggie.

The minutes of the January session were read and approved. On motion, Messrs. Wm. Cottier and Angus Campbell were appointed the constants to attend Council at \$1.00 per day. The Sec.-Treasurer read the Report prepared by him in reference to the lot belonging to the County and now occupied by Mrs. Shaw.

July Sittings, 1880. To the Municipal Council of the County of Northumberland. In compliance with the instructions received from the County Council at last January sittings, directing me to communicate with the Dominion Government with the view of getting them to deed back to the County the land conveyed to them for the purpose of erecting a drill shed thereon, on the 21st of April I addressed the following letter to the Minister of Militia and Defence—

Newcastle, Miramichi, N. B., 21st April, 1880. Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the correspondence already had with the Department of Militia and Defence, in reference to a lot of land conveyed by the Government of Northumberland to the Dominion Government in 1869, for the purpose of erecting a drill shed, and would respectfully refer you to the letter of the Deputy Minister of Militia under date of 19th June, 1877, in which he states that the resolution of the Municipal Council of the said County in reference to the said lot would receive early attention.

No communication on the subject having been received by the Council, a committee of five were appointed to report at next January session on all County lands now illegally occupied. Councilors O'Brien, Robinson, Adams, Tozer and Loggie were appointed. On motion resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Warden for the able and impartial manner in which he had discharged the duties of Warden. Council adjourned sine die.

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Councillors Bamford, Pond and Underhill were appointed a Committee to visit the County Almshouse and report at the present sittings. EMPLOYMENT FOR PRISONERS. The following resolution dealing with this important matter, was passed— Council Room, July Session, 1880. Whereas the great expense incurred upon the County by the prisoners in jail, it is the opinion of this Council, that if all the prisoners were employed in the almshouse, it would be better for the prisoners and lessen the expense. And whereas such employment cannot be provided unless a suitable yard is prepared, large enough to hold a year's wood for the jail, with room to cut it therein, and allow of any other employment that may be procured. Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to determine the size of yard required, get plans and specifications for a fence, and make estimate of the public cost and report to this Council in January 1881.

A Committee was appointed, consisting of Councillors Adams, W. S. Brown, James Brown, Johnson and Betts. The Committee appointed to procure earth water closets for the goal reported that they could not procure them for the price to which they had been limited. Doctors John S. Benson and John McCurdy were appointed Health Officers for the town of Chatham.

Council adjourned. WEDNESDAY, JULY 7. Council met at 10, the Warden in the chair. A letter from Councillor Savoy, asking to be excused for absence on account of sickness, was read, and request granted. Councillors Johnson, W. S. Brown, Cameron, Adams, and James Brown were appointed Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion James Hays was appointed Inspector of Fish, and John Hays Pound Keeper for lower district, Newcastle, during the present year. On motion Doctors A. C. Smith and John McDonald were appointed Health Officers for the town of Newcastle. On motion it was resolved that until a new valuation for the County be made, the Sec.-Treasurer, in apportioning the school and contingent assessment for Northesk and Southesk do so in the same manner and on the same basis as the Almshouse assessment for the said Parishes.

Councillor W. S. Brown, made application, under oath, praying for an abatement of the amount assessed upon him in the Parish of Newcastle, he having no such income as \$900. On motion it was resolved that the Collector of Rates be ordered to abate the tax on income. On motion the Council proceeded to pass the County Accounts.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT. July Session, 1880. To the Northumberland County Council. Your committee appointed on the County Accounts beg leave to submit the following Report— 1. That we few exceptions your committee found the accounts satisfactory. 2. Your committee would recommend the various rules to guide them as to the duties of the Sheriff and Gaoler for which the County pays the Sheriff the sum of \$288 per year, and as there are no other duties of the Sheriff, the services performed by the gaoler, and which may be the Sheriff's duty to have performed. That a committee of three be appointed to define the duties of the gaoler and report at the next January session.

A. H. JOHNSON, W. S. BROWN, A. ADAMS, J. B. UNDERHILL, KENNETH CAMERON, JAMES BROWN. On motion Councillors Johnson, Jas. Brown and Lawlor were appointed a Committee to define duties of gaoler. The Petition of Arch. Wright, Newcastle, was read. The petitioner while working in one of the mills some years ago lost all the fingers of his right hand, which has rendered him unfit for any kind of labour by which he could support himself, and prayed to be relieved from payment of his school and parish rates, amounting to \$3.90.

On motion the prayer of the petition was granted. The Councillors' accounts for mileage were passed, amounting to \$93.40. THE ALMS HOUSE. The Committee appointed to examine the Almshouse reported as follows— July Session, 1880. Your committee to whom was referred the examination of the Almshouse of this County, beg to submit their report. We visited all the rooms of the institution, as well as the cellars, barn and store room, and found every part of the premises in a satisfactory condition, and reflecting a very great amount of credit on the management of those who have charge of the same. We also found the inmates clean and tidy, and well satisfied with the usage they received.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of July, 1880. ENOCH BAMFORD, WM. T. UNDERHILL, JOHN S. POND. On motion resolved, that the lot of land belonging to the County, and now in possession of Mr. A. Davidson, be held as the property of the County. Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to report at next January session on all County lands now illegally occupied. Councilors O'Brien, Robinson, Adams, Tozer and Loggie were appointed. On motion resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Warden for the able and impartial manner in which he had discharged the duties of Warden. Council adjourned sine die.

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SHIP LAUNCH—An accidently omitted to notice in my last, the launching on Dominion Day of a fine bark from the ship yard of Messrs. Wm. Kingdon. She is somewhat over 800 tons register, and classes A1 for 7 years in English Lloyd's.—T.H. 7th. Sunk by an Iceberg. Strange Story of the Loss of a Ship Bound for Miramichi and the Cowardly Abandonment of Her Owner by His Captain and Crew. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., July 8. The Titania, sailing ship, Captain Lloyd, master, owned by John Rees, of Swansea, left St. John's for Miramichi on the 27th of June morning last. Shortly before midnight, under cover of a dense obscuring fog, the Titania struck with a terrific crash on a huge ice island, and in a few hours sunk deep down in its wake. As soon as the vessel was known to be irretrievably wrecked Captain Lloyd ordered the boats to be lowered away. The crew were all got safely out of the ship and all available provisions and stores secured to meet possible contingencies. THE OWNER LEFT TO SINK. Mr. Rees, the owner, who was on board and had a considerable sum of money in his possession, got into the smaller boat, and placed, it is said, away in her this money and all his personal property in the time available to him. Having forgotten something of importance not named, he again boarded the sinking ship, and, strangely enough, was deserted in his hour of peril by the crews of the two boats sent to pick up the sinking ship. The deep damnation of his taking off is to-day the subject of judicial investigation. No coherent story of the cowardly and highly criminal desertion of the owner of the Titania has been offered as yet by the captain or crew. The ship, after the collision, remained afloat for nearly three hours. The sea was almost tranquil. A brisk breeze had but recently sprung up and the distance of the ship from the harbor of St. John's was barely forty miles in a southeasterly direction. THE CREW SAVED. Next morning at six o'clock, when about fifteen miles from the scene of disaster, the fishing schooner P. L. Whitton, returning from St. John's to the Grand Banks, fell in with the two boats' crews, all well, took them on board and brought them in safely to St. John's last night. No trace however, of the money of the unfortunate Rees has been found.

UNSATISFACTORY EXPLANATIONS. When Captain Lloyd was interrogated as to the reason of his not waiting for or attempting to rescue Rees, he replied that he was a very powerful man and he feared to board the ship lest he should fling him overboard. No two individuals from the ill-fated Titania reproduced the same or even a constant account of the unhappy occurrence. It is not surprising, therefore, that a dark cloud of suspicion has settled on the whole affair, and that a challenge not to be ignored has been addressed to the judicial authorities of Newfoundland to probe the matter to the bottom.

Mid-Summer Public Examination of Chatham Grammar and High Schools. The oral examination took place in this school on the 9th inst., lasting from half past nine till half-past one. Classes were examined in French literature, arithmetic, geography, composition, and English literature. After several recitations, dialogues, readings, etc., by the scholars, the prizes were distributed by Mr. Crimmon, as follows: In the senior grade, Ernest A. McKay was awarded the Governor General's medal, with a general average of 885 out of 1,000; Thomas Marquis took the second prize, a set of mathematical instruments, given by the trustees, with an average of 867. The subjects the senior grade were examined in for the medal, were Latin, Greek, French, English literature, geometry, algebra, arithmetic, geography, Roman history and grammar, and analysis.

In the junior grade, William Kerr carried off the Governor General's medals, a prize given by Mr. Snowball, his average being 911; Dicey Davidson won the second prize, with an average of 877. E. A. McKay, T. G. Marquis, and Bessie E.ighton, then received certificates of graduation, having passed highly satisfactory examinations in the full course of the school. McKay read a valedictory address, and after speeches from gentlemen present the school was closed for summer vacation.

All the prizes were competed for by written examination, and the average daily standing for the term was taken into account.—Telegraph. Reciprocity with Canada. The special correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce writes under date of April 2nd—There was an interesting and important session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day, during which the former treaty was abrogated by the subject of a new Canadian reciprocity treaty. Among those present besides the members of the committee were Representatives Bowman of Massachusetts, Messrs. Bates and Powers of the Boston Board of Trade, and Mr. Hersey of Portland, member of the National Board of Trade. In introducing the gentlemen from Boston and Portland, Congressman Bowman made a brief recapitulation of the facts pertaining to our commercial relations with Canada. He referred to the treaty of the former reciprocity treaty, and commented on the unfortunate political complications during the rebellion, which induced politicians in a spirit of revenge, to abolish the treaty without rhyme or reason. He said that for fifteen years there had been quietly urged by many the argument that if the United States would refuse to make another commercial treaty Canada would be made to suffer and the cause of annexation would be thereby advanced. He regarded this as a wholly political delusion. As the former treaty was abrogated by the action of the House of Representatives we are expected to take the initiative for the negotiation of a new treaty. He regarded the present as a peculiarly good time for taking the first step in this direction. Delay would be dangerous, and would put our commercial interests in jeopardy, inasmuch as the results of the new Canadian tariff will be to build up Canadian manufactures, and to alter large amounts of capital have been thus invested, opposition to a commercial treaty on the part of the Canadian will be greatly increased. The cry of invested capital will be raised against it. Already large sugar refineries were being established in the Dominion, and our sugar trade of four millions per annum had been nearly wiped out. Our petroleum and coal trade was in like manner doomed by reason of the retaliatory features of the new tariff. Mr. Hersey, of the National Board of Trade, concurred in Bowman's statements. He thought that the longer a new treaty was postponed, the more unfortunate would become the conditions. Mr. Bates said he and his colleagues appeared before the committee as protectionists, or revenue reformers, or politicians, but as merchants, for the purpose of asking Congress simply to appoint a commission to ascertain on what basis a commercial treaty can be negotiated for the mutual benefit of the United States and Canada. His own trade with Canada had been in amount next to our trade with England. It was now threatened with great decrease, owing to the new retaliatory tariff of the Canadian. He had been prepared by Dr. Edward Young, formerly Chief of our Bureau of Statistics, Mr. Bates presented many interesting facts to show the injury which must result to our trade unless we succeed in effecting some understanding with Canada whereby the suicidal policy of both countries may be done away with. He occurred in Mr. Bowman's statement that he should take the initiative before the new Canadian tariff should be put into effect. He proposed that the Buffalo Board of Trade endorse the plan of appointing a commission. He also read a recent letter of like purport from the Buffalo Board of Trade, President National Board of Trade. Representatives of the New York Chamber of Commerce and the Produce Exchange will be heard to-morrow.

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Young Men's Christian Association. According to announcement, a meeting was held in St. James' S. School House on Friday evening last, for the purpose of hearing the addresses of the Delegates from New York, in connection with the Y. M. C. A. work—the gentlemen referred to being Mr. Geo. A. Hall, State Secretary Y. M. C. A., New York, and Thos. R. Crane, Treasurer for the Y. M. C. A. of the International Committee. There was a good crowd present on the occasion, the singing being that could be desired—the various selections from George Hymns being rendered with sweetness and spirit. After singing two selections, prayer was offered up by Mr. Grison, Evangelist. Mr. Cree gave a brief Bible reading, followed by earnest, practical remarks which must have made a deep impression on all present. He gave a brief history of these valuable organizations. He said the first Young Men's Christian Association was organized about thirty years ago; now they circled the globe. Christian Associations were found in such cities of sacred memory as Nazareth, Jerusalem and Damascus, commercial cities such as Hong Kong, Yokohama, Calcutta, and Cape Town, and in nearly all the cities of any commercial importance in the world. In the United States and the Dominion of Canada there are nearly one thousand Associations, having a membership of nearly one hundred thousand, owning property to the value of nearly three millions of dollars and employing one hundred and thirty general secretaries who give all their time to definite work for young men. The object of the Young Men's Christian Association is not to evangelize the churches—but it is a mission of the church to young men. Its motto is work by young men for young men. Mr. Cree spoke of the various religious agencies which the Association used, such as young men's prayer meetings, cottage meetings, praise and promise meetings, song services, meetings in the jail and neglected districts, a systematic visitation of vessels at the wharf, and the inviting of young men to church, sabbath school and the association meetings, and closed with an appeal to young men to do personal Christian work for young men. Mr. Hall followed with a most earnest address, commencing with a few remarks upon the Bible reading selected by the preceding speaker. In referring to the work of the Association he said it was two-fold, first, as Mr. Cree had fully explained, religious work for young men and by young men, and second, social, secular, intellectual and moral work for the young of any town. He stated how in the States very largely the young people were given over to frivolous amusements; this led the Association to seek to organize the young people with Committees for intellectual and moral improvements. They had literary and social gatherings, with music and readings, recitations, debates, etc., etc. Also familiar talks on travel and history, science,

physiology, etc., etc. Some of the best physicians of a town were secured to give talks upon the use and abuse of the eyes, the teeth, the skin, etc., etc., thus developing among the young people a taste for healthful and proper methods of using the winter evenings. It has been found that in every town there were many who even were not Christians yet were dissatisfied with the useless and nonsensical ways in which their winter evenings were spent by the young people. These were always glad to hail such efforts of the Association Meeting on Sabbath to be led by Mr. Weeks. The meeting was very much enjoyed by all present, many of the audience for the first time getting an insight as to the real work and object of the Associations. As an Association for Newcastle is now almost a certainty, we hope that the work, when entered upon will receive the countenance and hearty support, not only of persons in full connection with the churches, but also of all who take an interest in the spiritual, moral and intellectual condition of the young and rising generation.

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UNSATISFACTORY EXPLANATIONS. When Captain Lloyd was interrogated as to the reason of his not waiting for or attempting to rescue Rees, he replied that he was a very powerful man and he feared to board the ship lest he should fling him overboard. No two individuals from the ill-fated Titania reproduced the same or even a constant account of the unhappy occurrence. It is not surprising, therefore, that a dark cloud of suspicion has settled on the whole affair, and that a challenge not to be ignored has been addressed to the judicial authorities of Newfoundland to probe the matter to the bottom.

Mid-Summer Public Examination of Chatham Grammar and High Schools. The oral examination took place in this school on the 9th inst., lasting from half past nine till half-past one. Classes were examined in French literature, arithmetic, geography, composition, and English literature. After several recitations, dialogues, readings, etc., by the scholars, the prizes were distributed by Mr. Crimmon, as follows: In the senior grade, Ernest A. McKay was awarded the Governor General's medal, with a general average of 885 out of 1,000; Thomas Marquis took the second prize, a set of mathematical instruments, given by the trustees, with an average of 867. The subjects the senior grade were examined in for the medal, were Latin, Greek, French, English literature, geometry, algebra, arithmetic, geography, Roman history and grammar, and analysis.

In the junior grade, William Kerr carried off the Governor General's medals, a prize given by Mr. Snowball, his average being 911; Dicey Davidson won the second prize, with an average of 877. E. A. McKay, T. G. Marquis, and Bessie E.ighton, then received certificates of graduation, having passed highly satisfactory examinations in the full course of the school. McKay read a valedictory address, and after speeches from gentlemen present the school was closed for summer vacation.

All the prizes were competed for by written examination, and the average daily standing for the term was taken into account.—Telegraph. Reciprocity with Canada. The special correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce writes under date of April 2nd—There was an interesting and important session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day, during which the former treaty was abrogated by the subject of a new Canadian reciprocity treaty. Among those present besides the members of the committee were Representatives Bowman of Massachusetts, Messrs. Bates and Powers of the Boston Board of Trade, and Mr. Hersey of Portland, member of the National Board of Trade. In introducing the gentlemen from Boston and Portland, Congressman Bowman made a brief recapitulation of the facts pertaining to our commercial relations with Canada. He referred to the treaty of the former reciprocity treaty, and commented on the unfortunate political complications during the rebellion, which induced politicians in a spirit of revenge, to abolish the treaty without rhyme or reason. He said that for fifteen years there had been quietly urged by many the argument that if the United States would refuse to make another commercial treaty Canada would be made to suffer and the cause of annexation would be thereby advanced. He regarded this as a wholly political delusion. As the former treaty was abrogated by the action of the House of Representatives we are expected to take the initiative for the negotiation of a new treaty. He regarded the present as a peculiarly good time for taking the first step in this direction. Delay would be dangerous, and would put our commercial interests in jeopardy, inasmuch as the results of the new Canadian tariff will be to build up Canadian manufactures, and to alter large amounts of capital have been thus invested, opposition to a commercial treaty on the part of the Canadian will be greatly increased. The cry of invested capital will be raised against it. Already large sugar refineries were being established in the Dominion, and our sugar trade of four millions per annum had been nearly wiped out. Our petroleum and coal trade was in like manner doomed by reason of the retaliatory features of the new tariff. Mr. Hersey, of the National Board of Trade, concurred in Bowman's statements. He thought that the longer a new treaty was postponed, the more unfortunate would become the conditions. Mr. Bates said he and his colleagues appeared before the committee as protectionists, or revenue reformers, or politicians, but as merchants, for the purpose of asking Congress simply to appoint a commission to ascertain on what basis a commercial treaty can be negotiated for the mutual benefit of the United States and Canada. His own trade with Canada had been in amount next to our trade with England. It was now threatened with great decrease, owing to the new retaliatory tariff of the Canadian. He had been prepared by Dr. Edward Young, formerly Chief of our Bureau of Statistics, Mr. Bates presented many interesting facts to show the injury which must result to our trade unless we succeed in effecting some understanding with Canada whereby the suicidal policy of both countries may be done away with. He occurred in Mr. Bowman's statement that he should take the initiative before the new Canadian tariff should be put into effect. He proposed that the Buffalo Board of Trade endorse the plan of appointing a commission. He also read a recent letter of like purport from the Buffalo Board of Trade, President National Board of Trade. Representatives of the New York Chamber of Commerce and the Produce Exchange will be heard to-morrow.

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Young Men's Christian Association. According to announcement, a meeting was held in St. James' S. School House on Friday evening last, for the purpose of hearing the addresses of the Delegates from New York, in connection with the Y. M. C. A. work—the gentlemen referred to being Mr. Geo. A. Hall, State Secretary Y. M. C. A., New York, and Thos. R. Crane, Treasurer for the Y. M. C. A. of the International Committee. There was a good crowd present on the occasion, the singing being that could be desired—the various selections from George Hymns being rendered with sweetness and spirit. After singing two selections, prayer was offered up by Mr. Grison, Evangelist. Mr. Cree gave a brief Bible reading, followed by earnest, practical remarks which must have made a deep impression on all present. He gave a brief history of these valuable organizations. He said the first Young Men's Christian Association was organized about thirty years ago; now they circled the globe. Christian Associations were found in such cities of sacred memory as Nazareth, Jerusalem and Damascus, commercial cities such as Hong Kong, Yokohama, Calcutta, and Cape Town, and in nearly all the cities of any commercial importance in the world. In the United States and the Dominion of Canada there are nearly one thousand Associations, having a membership of nearly one hundred thousand, owning property to the value of nearly three millions of dollars and employing one hundred and thirty general secretaries who give all their time to definite work for young men. The object of the Young Men's Christian Association is not to evangelize the churches—but it is a mission of the church to young men. Its motto is work by young men for young men. Mr. Cree spoke of the various religious agencies which the Association used, such as young men's prayer meetings, cottage meetings, praise and promise meetings, song services, meetings in the jail and neglected districts, a systematic visitation of vessels at the wharf, and the inviting of young men to church, sabbath school and the association meetings, and closed with an appeal to young men to do personal Christian work for young men. Mr. Hall followed with a most earnest address, commencing with a few remarks upon the Bible reading selected by the preceding speaker. In referring to the work of the Association he said it was two-fold, first, as Mr. Cree had fully explained, religious work for young men and by young men, and second, social, secular, intellectual and moral work for the young of any town. He stated how in the States very largely the young people were given over to frivolous amusements; this led the Association to seek to organize the young people with Committees for intellectual and moral improvements. They had literary and social gatherings, with music and readings, recitations, debates, etc., etc. Also familiar talks on travel and history, science,

physiology, etc., etc. Some of the best physicians of a town were secured to give talks upon the use and abuse of the eyes, the teeth, the skin, etc., etc., thus developing among the young people a taste for healthful and proper methods of using the winter evenings. It has been found that in every town there were many who even were not Christians yet were dissatisfied with the useless and nonsensical ways in which their winter evenings were spent by the young people. These were always glad to hail such efforts of the Association Meeting on Sabbath to be led by Mr. Weeks. The meeting was very much enjoyed by all present, many of the audience for the first time getting an insight as to the real work and object of the Associations. As an Association for Newcastle is now almost a certainty, we hope that the work, when entered upon will receive the countenance and hearty support, not only of persons in full connection with the churches, but also of all who take an interest in the spiritual, moral and intellectual condition of the young and rising generation.

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