A letter signed William Annand has also appeared in the *Chronicle* of the same tenor as the above Minute, also advising another appeal to the Imperial Parliament.

The English Baptist Union

has of late years become quite a power in the religious world, especially so in the Baptist denomination.

The Autumnal Session was held at Bristol, one of the great centres of the Nonconformists of England. Here the silver-tongued Robert Hall and the astute John Foster lived and labored, and here they have left their marks. The number gathered was the largest that has ever assembled in connection with the Baptist Union.

Preliminary meetings were held on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday evening the service was at Tyndale Chapel, a beautiful building, in the Gothic style, on which no expense has been spared, and in the erection and furniture of which there has been no extravagance. Hugh Stowell Brown preached on "The power of true religion to make a man courageous."

On Tuesday Foreign Misions were under consideration. Nearly two hundred brethren met in open committee. Colston Hall was filled to overflowing at the evening Missionary meeting. On Wednesday the session proper of the Union commenced. The Freeman says of the first sitting :—

It was a fine sight. There were the men who are bearing the burden and the heat of the day, and young men, students in colleges, or only just settled in their pastorates, and the grey-headed sires all mingling prayers and praises together at the throne of God, and gladly responding to the invitation of Dr. Steane to accompany him in the devotions of the day. Popular preachers were seated by the side of unknown, but not less devoted, brethren, and the concord seemed to be complete. Dr. Gotch's rising to deliver the inaugural address was the signal for a cordial greeting. The president of Bristol College surpassed himself. Many chairmen have done ably, but he has excelled them all. In common with the others we had anticipated a paper characterised by sound sense, profound learning, and devout piety; but we were not prepared for the elaborate and eloquent discourse with which the doctor favoured his auditors. Rare scholarly attainments, still rarer skill in dialectics, and a masterly grasp of his subject, combined with a deep acquaintance with theology, holy confidence in the truth, and loving loyalty to Christ, gave an inexpressible charm to the paper he read. His subject was, CHRIST THE CENTRE. He made good his position against licentious freethinking and ecclesiastical bondage; and, in speaking of the attempt to add security to the truth by the action of the State, he referred to Dean Alford's recent paper on "the Church of the Future," grave men cheering to the echo the name of the Dean of Canterbury, and contended that it was impossible for the State, by any union with the Church, to secure a people against error. Large-hearted liberality, a "sweetness" which even Matthew Arnold would have appreciated, and a fear lessfidelity to Christ, united to make the address as acceptable as it is valuable.

The length of this masterly address forbids us attempting even a synopsis.

Dr. Brock was appointed Chairman of the Union for the ensuing year. The next paper was then taken up on "MINISTERIAL FAILURES." The *Freeman* says:

"Dr. Landels, who had undertaken to read it, is specially fitted for such a task. Himself a most successful preacher, he cherishes intense an almost chivalrous sympathy with non successful men. One thing was certain beforehand that there would be nothing ungenerous or unbrotherly in the paper. A vigorous defence of the preachers of the John Foster class, whose ministry had been described as remarkable for the manner in which it emptied every place of worship in which he preached, and a graphic sketch of the congregation which desires to get rid of a pastor really because of his fidelity to God and his hearers, was followed by a searching inquiry, first into the alleged and then into the real causes of ministerial failure. Dr. Landels hit the mark when he insisted on the evils of indolence, and emphatically declared that only by sweat of brain and heart could sermons be produced able to move men towards God and heaven. The discussion, or rather comment, on the paper was opened by Mr. Birrell. His speech drove home the truths and lessons which Dr. Landels had taught. With a spiritual sagacity and moral power which add point and force to all Mr. Birrell's public utterances, the speaker asked whether the lack of high and deep religious life was not the chief cause of failure; whether precious time was not too often frittered away in profitless engagements. The session listened in solemn earnestness, and we doubt not but that many a minister there and then vowed to live nearer to God and to work harder in the study and the pulpit.

The evening soiriee was held at Colston Hall, and was well attended, the spacious rooms being filled in every part. Dr. Brock occupied the chair, and in the course of his speech he read copious extracts from the "Breadmead Records" illustrating the faithfulness of the old Baptists in adversity; he hoped his hearers would be as faithful in prosperity. The Rev. C. Vince followed with a most eloquent speech on the Irish Church. Professor Green spoke on denominational subjects, Rev. H. Dawson spoke on Lay Preaching, and the Rev. J. P. Chown on Sunday-schools.

Some other subjects of the deepest importance were brought before the Union, notice of which we must reserve for another occasion.

EPISCOPAL.—The Diocesan Church Society, in an appeal to the Members of the Church of England in Nova Scotia, state, that they receive from England, from the Society for Propagating the Gospel $14 250. This goes towards the support of the clergymen—missionaries—of this province. The contributions in Nova Scotia to the fund have, however, been insufficient, and there will be a deficiency of $1400, unless the receipts are largely increased. This is the ground of the appeal. Here is a fine opportunity for some of their millionare members to exercise their benevolence.

Notices, &c.

Acadia College.

A meeting of the Nova Scotia Governors of Acadia College will be held in the College Library, on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M.—special business.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, *Sec'y.*

Wolfville, Nov. 11th, 1868.

The Annapolis Co. Ministerial Conference.

The next week of meetings in connection with the Baptist Ministerial Conference of Annapolis Co., will be held at Heshian Line, commencing with a Missionary meeting on Monday evening, the 23rd inst.

W. H. PORTER,
Sec'y. of Conference.

Cape Breton Quarterly Meeting.

The next Cape Breton Quarterly Meeting will be held (D. V) with the Sydney Church, commencing on Friday Evening, Nov. 27, at 7 o'clock. Brethren are *earnestly* invited to attend.

By order,
W. B. BOGGS.

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SANDFORD FLEMING,
Chief Engineer.

Ottawa, Nov. 9th, 1868.
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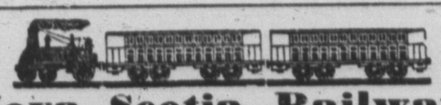

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