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faculty most familiar with the conditions

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having ~~heard~~ learned the desires and needs
of the denomination as expressed more
or less in the last meeting of this Com
mittee, are now ~~endeavoring~~ purposing
to meet these ~~ways~~ in wise ways and in

unanimity spirit,

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