

**Delegates from Nova-Scotia Conference.**

REV. DAVID ORAM,

REV. S. W. BENNISON.

REV. D. THORP, *Visitor.*

**Delegates from the United States.**

REV. CHARLES E. BLAKE, Delegate from the Kennebec Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists.

REV. O. R. BACHELOR, M. D., Delegate from the Freewill Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

These last arrived during the afternoon Session.

3. After singing and prayer, Rev. Samuel Hartt was unanimously chosen Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Corresponding Secretary being called on for his Annual Report, the following was then read by him :

**ANNUAL REPORT**

*Of the progress of the Gospel among the Free Christian Baptist Churches in New Brunswick during the year ending July 1st, 1856.*

The mode of presenting the state of our denomination at this time, is different from that of former years. Formerly the Delegates from the District Meetings reported such information as they collected from the Messengers of the Churches, which with the records of the District Meetings constituted the Annual Report. But as this information was quite too voluminous to publish, besides embracing a great deal of matter not necessary for publication, the present plan has been adopted ; that is, for the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference to procure all the information that he can, not only from District Reports, but also from other sources, and embody it in an address to the Conference, subject to corrections and additions, in such a form, and within such limits as will render it convenient and desirable for publication in the Minutes of Conference. In accordance with this plan your Secretary proceeds to present you with the present Report. Although he deeply regrets that from several District Meetings he has received no Report, and also from several of his brethren in the Ministry he has had no communication, and therefore any defects or omissions may not be attributable to neglect on his part, but to a want of information from proper sources, which have failed him.

This, beloved brethren, is our TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Twenty-four years since, and a few brethren,—very few of whom, we believe, are here to-day—assembled in the Parish of Wakefield, and were organized as a body of Christians under the name of the New Brunswick Christian Conference. Prior thereto, we who are now people, were not a people in any organized capacity, except in Church relation ; a few of which had existed a short time only. The element of which our body was composed had long existed however in the province ; it had been brought to our shores by the pious emigrants