

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA
FREE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

This Meeting was held at the Free Baptist Meeting House
Beaver River, on Friday evening, Sept. 10th, 1869.

The President, Rev. J. I. Porter, was in the chair. The
meeting was opened by singing and prayer.

The President made a few appropriate remarks; stated the
object of the meeting, and called upon Rev. T. H. Crowell,
the Corresponding Secretary to read his report.

REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

Our Society was organized in September 1867, consequently
this is only our second annual report, and therefore it cannot be
expected that we will have great results to speak of.

We are glad to say, however, that while powerful moral
agencies have been operating upon the world during the two
years of its existence, penetrating every opening, beating down
formidable barriers, and disseminating the principles of an un-
adulterated Gospel among fallen humanity, our little society has
been maturing, taking form, and gaining strength, and promises
to give them a helping hand some day in gathering the great
Spiritual harvest.

As our society is an auxiliary to the Free Will Baptist Foreign
Mission Society of the United States, perhaps it will not be amiss
to refer to it.

That society was organized A. D. 1833. Its field of labor at
present is in Orissa, a province in India. During the 36 years
since the society was organized it has raised and expended the
sum of about \$189,500. As a result there are at present in the
foreign field 11 Missionaries, 4 males and 7 females, (one—Rev.
A. Miller, died last year), 5 native preachers, and about as many
native assistants or lay preachers. There are four churches
with a membership of about 150. There are Sabbath schools
and about 40 week day schools in operation, the former having
about 650 and the latter about 850 scholars in attendance. These
schools prove to be, in reality, the "hand-maids of the church."
There is also a Biblical school established at one of the stations
where candidates for the Ministry are being trained for that im-
portant office. There are other departments of labor which we
might speak of did space permit which are proving of great ser-
vice to the Mission. We must, however, refer to the Dispensary
and the Printing Press because from the former is distributed a
vast amount of medicine for the relief of the physical sufferers,
and because the latter (in the words of the Corresponding Se-
cretary of that society) "is a valuable working power, sending
the healing leaves of salvation throughout the land."

In the district included in the operation of that society there
are, it is said, a million of precious souls sunk in idolatry and
misery, looking to it for help. The society at home has been
contriving and laboring and using every possible means, and
the little band of Missionaries abroad have been toiling amid
discouragements and sorrow and in the face of death, to meet
the wants of those degraded and suffering ones.