

MINUTES OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST
EDUCATION SOCIETY, HELD AT THE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH,
BEAVER RIVER, SEPT. 11, 1869.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

After Singing and Prayer, the President stated the object of meeting, made a few interesting remarks, and called upon the Secretary to read the Constitution, Minutes of last meeting, and his Annual Report.

REPORT:

Believing both a Scientific and a Theological education to be very valuable helps to an efficient ministry, and in view of the wants of our denomination, our conference took measures at its annual session held at Kemptville in 1867 to organize an Education Society, the object of which should be to encourage and raise funds to assist young men in securing an education preparatory to entering the ministry. Nothing more was done until the time of the following and last annual session of Conference, when a public meeting of that society was held. In that meeting the cause of education for the ministry was advocated and the claims of the society were urged upon the attention of the people in a very able manner by several of the ministers present.

Collections were also taken and pledges made in aid of the funds of the society, amounting in all to about Thirty Dollars.

Since that time we can report but little progress. There has been no special demand upon our society from any direction though several of our young men have been at school in the United States part of the time since its organization. It so happened that when we were about considering the wants of some of them we heard they, for some reason, had left school, consequently what little funds we have collected are still on hand.

The Executive Committee without the knowledge of Bro. Crowell had decided to forward the money on hand to Bro. Jos. Cox, to assist him in paying arrears while at school.

But this is no reason why we should be discouraged or slack our hand. The cause is a good one. We have started in the right direction and though we do not seem to make much progress at present our society is getting shaped and no doubt ere long will accomplish great good.

There are suitable schools comparatively easy of access, and there are young men in our churches who have thoughts of the ministry who ought to be encouraged and assisted to attend those schools, but we want more funds to warrant the utility of seeking out those young men and encouraging them to go forward. Then it becomes us to be more active in the future in trying to bring about the object for which our society was organized. Let us urge the importance of the subject upon the attention of our denomination, let us appeal to christians for the necessary help to carry on the enterprise, let us pray God to bless every effort put forth and may the future show that much good has been accomplished.

T. H. CROWELL, Secretary.

After the reading of the report, Rev. S. K. West moved,