

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETEENTH SESSION
OF THE
WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD AT NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI,
ON
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RULES OF ORDER

1. That each meeting be opened by prayer.
2. That motions be made by the name of the Association.
3. That no business be taken up until the name of the Association be called.
4. That every member be allowed to speak in his own defence.
5. That motions which are in order be put to the vote.
6. That invited members enjoy all the rights of delegates.
7. That these regulations be read at each session.

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WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association, composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall be members of the Churches which they represent, shall be styled "The W. N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the third Thursday of September, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which, the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 3.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate, or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 4.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator, by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance, lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, to nominate Committees, and maintain due order among the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the press.

ARTICLE 5.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 6.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 7.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 8.—Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 9.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. That each meeting be opened by prayer.
2. That motions be made and seconded, according to parliamentary usage.
3. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
4. That every resolution be written out and handed to the Clerk.
5. That motions which are lost, be not recorded.
6. That invited members enjoy all the privileges of delegates.
7. That these regulations be read at each session.

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Committee on Arrangements reported
in the absence of the late Report, as given by the Committee the last
Your Committee recommend that there be greater meetings every
morning at 9 o'clock; that the Association be held on Thursday even-
ing; that the introductory sessions close at 12 o'clock, and the As-
sociation suspend business on Friday afternoon, to give place to the
Annual Meeting on Friday evening, and that the time not especially

MINUTES

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMONCHI, Sept. 20th, 1866.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, at 2 o'clock, P. M. After a deeply interesting religious Conference, the Association was called to order by Rev. E. Hickson, Moderator of last year, and organized by the appointment of the following Officers, viz.:

- Rev. W. M. EDWARDS, Moderator;
- " E. C. CADY, Clerk;
- B. F. RATTRAY, Asst. Clerk;
- JOHN H. HARDING, Treasurer;
- DEACON M. FRANCIS, Asst. Treasurer.

Prayer was offered by Rev. G. M. W. Carey.

The following visiting Brethren were invited to take seats with the Association, viz.:

- Rev. G. F. Miles, of Nova Scotia; Rev. W. A. Coleman; Rev. E. N. Archibald, of P. E. Island.

Committees as follows were appointed:

- On Arrangements*—Rev. E. Hickson, John H. Harding, Jesse Harding, Wm. Grimley, Deacon A. Vaughan.
- To examine and read Letters*—J. E. Hopper, Rev. G. F. Miles, and Rev. G. M. W. Carey.
- On Circular Letter*—Dr. Spurden, Brethren Robert Wasson and Burke Archibald.
- To Superintend Printing Minutes*—Revs. E. C. Cady, and B. F. Rattray.
- On Home Missions*—Revs. E. C. Cady, George Burns, E. Hickson, J. E. Hopper, and Bro. John H. Harding.
- On Special Business*—Revs. W. A. Coleman, J. Tozer, and Bro. Joseph Sloat.
- On Foreign Missions*—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, C. Spurden, D. D., and B. F. Rattray.
- On Sabbath Schools*—Rev. B. F. Rattray, Rev. E. C. Cady, B. Whitney, Joseph Dumphey, George Vye.
- On Christian Visitor*—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, Dr. Spurden, and G. F. Miles.
- On Education*—Bro. J. H. Harding, and Revs. J. E. Hopper, Dr. Spurden, E. N. Archibald, G. F. Miles, B. F. Rattray, and E. Hickson.
- On New Churches*—Rev. E. Hickson, Deacon M. Francis, Brethren Joseph Sloat, and G. C. Berryman.
- On Temperance*—Revs. G. F. Miles, George Burns, W. H. Beckwith, B. F. Rattray, and Brother John Urquhart.
- On Union Societies*—Revs. C. Spurden, D. D., George Burns, E. N. Archibald, J. Tozer, Brethren Grimley, Sloat, Sumner and Travis.
- On Departed Brethren*—Revs. C. Spurden, W. A. Coleman, B. F. Rattray and E. Hickson.
- To Prepare Digest of Letters*—J. E. Hopper.

Committee on Arrangements reported.

(In the absence of the true Report, as given by the Committee, the Clerk has prepared the following from memory.)

Your Committee recommend that there be prayer-meetings every morning at 6 o'clock; that Rev. J. E. Hopper preach on Thursday evening; that the Introductory Sermon be preached on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock; that the morning sessions close at 12 1/2 o'clock, and the afternoon sessions open at 3 o'clock, and close at 5 o'clock; that the Association suspend business on Friday afternoon, to give place to the Annual Meeting of the N. B. Baptist Education Society; that the Home Mission Meeting be held on Friday evening; that the time not especially provided for in this Report be taken up in hearing Reports of Committees, and attending to miscellaneous business.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SABBATH.—To preach in Newcastle, in the Baptist Church, at 11 A. M., Rev. G. F. Miles; at 6 1/2 P. M., Rev. G. M. W. Carey. In the Methodist Church, at 11 A. M., Rev. E. C. Cady; at 3 P. M., Rev. B. F. Rattray.

At Douglastown—At 3 P. M., Rev. E. C. Cady; at 7 1/2 P. M., Rev. W. A. Coleman.

At Chatham—In the Methodist Church, at 11 A. M., Rev. J. E. Hopper; at 6 1/2 P. M., Rev. Dr. Spurden. In the Presbyterian Church, at 11 A. M., Rev. Dr. Spurden; at 6 1/2 P. M., Rev. J. E. Hopper.

There was preaching in other localities by Rev. W. A. Coleman, Rev. W. H. Beckwith, Rev. H. Charlton, Rev. George Burns, Rev. E. N. Archibald, Rev. W. M. Edwards, and brother J. S. May—the most of the brethren preaching twice.

As the delegates to the Association could not leave Newcastle until Wednesday morning, the 6 o'clock prayer-meetings were kept up on Monday and Tuesday mornings, with increased interest. Rev. G. F. Miles preached on Monday, at 11 A. M.; and Rev. W. A. Coleman on Tuesday, at 11 A. M.

On Monday evening, a deeply interesting Temperance meeting was held in the Sons of Temperance Hall, and a crowded assembly expressed themselves pleased and profited.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hopper. Text: "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."
Reading of the letters commenced.
Adjourned by prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, 10 o'clock, Sept. 21.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. Spurden, D. D. Text, Jude, 3d verse: "Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

Moderator took the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. J. Tozer.

Minutes read and approved.

Resolved—That Dr. Spurden be requested to give the

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substance of his introductory sermon for publication in the *Christian Visitor*, and in pamphlet form; and that Revs. I. E. Bill and E. C. Cady be a Committee to superintend and procure funds for printing.

Reading of letters concluded

Committee on Temperance reported:—

That in their opinion the call for aid to the Temperance cause was never more urgent than at the present. The disposition of enemies to oppose Prohibition; the lukewarmness and indifference of some of its professed friends; the multitudes addicted to this vice, together with the legalizing of the traffic, are considerations sufficient to arouse every lover of the cause to more determined effort to suppress the evil, and, if possible, wipe so foul a blot from the statute book of our land. Your Committee have much pleasure in being able to state that the success that has attended the formation of Lodges by the Good Templars and the organization of Divisions by the Sons of Temperance, tend to increase our confidence in the means thus employed to raise the standard and unfurl the banner of Temperance, until it shall wave triumphantly over the entire Province. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that we, as a denomination, pledge ourselves anew to principles and sentiments so sound, doctrines so scriptural as are taught in the expression recorded by Paul to Titus, chapter first, and verses 7 and 8: "Not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate."

Submitted.

GEO. F. MILES, Chairman.

Adopted. The discussion on the report was deferred to a public meeting of the members of the Association with the Sons of Temperance, to be held on Monday evening, Sept. 24.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock, P.M.

Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. H. Charlton.

Committee on New Churches reported:—

While we are ever happy to extend the hand of fellowship to sister churches, however small their number; yet we fear there is a tendency in this Province, to form new churches where it would be much more to the advantage of all concerned to remain united with these already organized, or, if not united to join them where it can be done. There are, however, places such as Mission fields and growing cities, where it would be of great advantage to the cause of Christ to organize churches which may act upon the masses who are not within the reach of churches already attending to their work.

We further recommend the reception of the Hanesville Church into this Association, in compliance with their request as set forth in their letter submitted to us, which we recommend now to be read, hoping that their future history may show the necessity of their organization.

On behalf of the Committee.

EDW. HICKSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

was presented by Rev. E. C. Cady, followed by addresses from Brethren Tozer, Charlton, Archibald, Carey and May. Adjourned. Prayer by E. C. Cady.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Prayer meeting at 6 o'clock. Ten o'clock session opened with prayer by Rev. B. F. Rattray.

Moderator in the Chair. Committee on Education submitted the following Report, which was unanimously adopted:—

That they are happy to see a growing determination on the part of our Churches to raise the standard of Education in this Province. Advanced Education, especially for our rising Ministry has become indispensable.

It is highly gratifying to know that our Institution at Fredericton is growing in the affections of our people, and prospering under the able management and fostering care of Dr. Spurden and his associate (the Principal), Rev. J. E. Hopper.

Your Committee would recommend that special attention be given to the Female department, so that our daughters may enjoy equal advantages with the young men; and that we may rise as a denomination on equal pinnacles to the heights of literary culture so desirable to gain. Were we to refer to our Seminary at Fredericton alone, our work would not be done. Acadia College demands a passing thought—demands a mighty effort on our part. Shall our own College wane in our affection and be obliterated from our thoughts. Who knows her history and her sons, and does not thank God for such means, for such a power, to propagate His eternal truth?

J. H. HARDING, Chairman.

Whereupon the following resolutions, after a very harmonious and profitable discussion, were adopted:

1. Resolved—That this Association heartily concur in the recent arrangements made for increasing the efficiency of our Seminary at Fredericton.
2. The institution in charge of Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., and Prof. J. E. Hopper, A. M., we are pleased to learn, is receiving yet more and more the confidence and patronage of our own denomination and the public generally. We view the accession of Mr. C. Goodspeed, B. A., Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Bill to the staff of instructors, as an important and valuable addition.
3. Resolved—That in the opinion of this Association, the time has arrived when we should have a separate Female Institution in Fredericton, in connection with our Seminary.
4. Resolved.—That Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., Prof. J. E.

Hopper, A. F. Randolph, John Pickard, Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Rev. E. C. Cady, J. H. Harding, Dea. John Smith, C. G. Berryman, and John Chaloner, be a Committee to see what arrangements can be made, for the establishment of such a school, and report to a meeting of the Education Society, to be held in Saint John, Dec. 29th, 1866.

5. *Resolved*—That the sum of \$20,000 be raised to endow our Seminary at Fredericton, and that the pastors of the Churches be earnestly requested to bring this matter prominently before their people, and report to our next Association.

6. *Resolved*—That we recommend Acadia College anew to the prayers and support of our churches, and pledge ourselves to assist in raising the remainder of the £20,000 endowment, as proposed by the late Convention. We hope our people will relax no effort till that sum is made up, and we have our College upon a firm basis.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Beckwith.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association opened in due form.

Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. H. Charlton.

Committee on Foreign Missions submitted their Report, which was unanimously adopted:—

That in view of the Providential openings in Southern Europe, Burmah, China, and many parts of our continent, we affectionately urge upon the Churches composing this Association to increase in zeal and liberality, for the fields are white already to harvest: to attempt great things for God, and to expect great things from God.

G. M. W. CAREY, Chairman.

Addresses by Rev. G. M. W. Carey and W. A. Coleman.

Committee on Home Missions reported:—

While they thank God for the success which has attended our Missions in the past, they feel sad to think so little has been contributed, and that so few laborers have been found to enter upon the work. They commend the cause anew to the prayers and sympathies of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

We ought to raise and distribute at least \$4,000 for this object each year. That more may be accomplished in future, we recommend the Board that they employ Rev. J. E. Harvey, to act as general missionary to labor within the bounds of this Association.

E. C. CADY, Chairman.

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Addresses by Rev. E. C. Cady, J. E. Hopper, Rev. W. H. Beckwith, and W. A. Coleman.
Report adopted.

Committee on Union Society submitted their Report;—

That this Society if thoroughly worked is one of the most effective ways in which all the objects of denominational interest requiring pecuniary aid may receive a measure of support; and it is to be feared that if this means of raising supplies be set aside or suffered to decline, there are benevolent enterprises which will be entirely overlooked. In order, however, to render this method of raising supplies at all commensurate with the claims of each object, a much larger sum ought to be contributed than has ever yet been realized. Only seventeen hundred dollars were raised last year, whereas more than twice that amount was called for at the last Association. If a suitable agent could be found to spread information, remove objections and misconceptions, and act as a general overseer and adviser in the Mission field, your Committee think it would be the wisest course that could be adopted to make such an appointment for the resuscitation of the Society.

All which is respectfully submitted,
C. SPURDEN, Chairman.

Address by Rev. C. Spurden, D. D.
Report adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported:—

Your Committee are fully of the opinion that the Sunday School is one of the most highly distinguished and honored instrumentalities by which the youth of our country are becoming acquainted with the plan of salvation and prepared for greater usefulness in the Christian Church; and as a system of efficient religious instruction it should receive a more prominent notice in our Annual Associations than it has in the past. Its holy and benign influence and wonderful reformatory power has been forcibly illustrated in the reply of an extensive manufacturer who employed a large number of the children of the neighborhood. A Sunday School Missionary asked him whether he perceived any alteration in the poor children he employed since the establishment of the Sunday School in the village. He said he, the change could not have been more extraordinary in my opinion had they been transformed from the shape of wolves and tigers to that of men.

Your Committee exceedingly regret that no action has yet been taken by our denomination for the organization of a Sunday School Convention, and would again urge this important matter upon your consideration, and the appointment of a Committee of at least five men, well acquainted with the working of Sabbath Schools, pledged to perform the duties assigned them by this Association relative to a Convention, and report at our next annual gathering.

B. FRANKLIN RATTRAY, Chairman.

Addresses by Rev. W. A. Coleman and B. F. Rattray.
Report adopted.

Resolved—That Revs. B. F. Rattray, W. H. Beckwith, Prof. J. E. Hopper, and J. M. Jonah, M. D., be a Committee to carry into effect the above recommendation.

Resolved—That whereas the American Baptist Publication Society have engaged the Rev. B. Franklin Rattray as their Missionary Agent, we recommend our people and the Sabbath Schools in connection with this Association to give him their whole-hearted sympathy and support, believing, as we do, that the wide circulation of the works of the Publication Society would tend to advance the interest of the Baptists of this Province.

Resolved—That the ministry of both Associations be requested to present the claim of the Committee of Repairs of Fredericton Seminary as soon as they return home, and remit the proceeds of the effort to the Treasurer of the Education Society.

Committee on Circular Letter report:—

That the letter be read before the Body by its author, Rev. E. C. Cady, and published in the columns of the *Christian Visitor* and the Minutes of this Association.

Resolved—That we recommend our Churches to respond more fully to the annual appeal from Acadia College for funds, with which to meet its current expenses.

Report on Departed Brethren submitted and adopted:—

That this Association has heard with profound grief of the recent death of their valued Brother, Samuel Robinson, late Pastor of the Brussels Street Church, in St. John. They feel that not only has his bereaved family and Church sustained a great loss, but that the entire Denomination shares in the bereavement, and while they bow in submission to the will of the Great Head of the Church who has permitted disease to make this breach in their ranks, they cannot suppress their sorrow at the thought that they will no more on earth be permitted to enjoy the society and profit by the experience of their beloved brother. To the sorrowing family and bereaved Church they tender the expression of their warmest Christian sympathy, and their prayer is that the God of all consolation may comfort them abundantly in their affliction, and that he will raise up in his Church men both mentally and spiritually qualified to take the place of those who are gone to their reward. Since the report of last year others of our number have been called away. Isaac Laurence, a brother dearly beloved and highly esteemed by the community where he laboured for a short time, was early removed from the scene of his useful though unostentatious labour. His affectionate disposition endeared him to all who knew him, and though the promise of future usefulness was cut short by death, yet we rejoice in the thought that while he lived, he lived not in vain.

Bro. E. McInnis also has been removed from the Church on earth to the Church in Heaven. He was latterly engaged as a Missionary in the vicinity of St. John, but for some time previously to his death he suffered much bodily indisposition, and was laid aside from active duties. He was a good man and much esteemed in the sphere of his labours. May we all follow the faith of those who are gone; and at last enjoy with them the promised rest.

O. SPURDEN.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Association be given to the Chairman of the European and North American Railroad, and also to the Captain of the Princess Royal, in behalf of the proprietors, for their generosity in transmitting the Ministers and Delegates of the Western Association to Newcastle, Miramichi, and back for one fare.

Adjourned, to meet at 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Prof. J. E. Hopper, A. M.

SATURDAY EVENING MEETING.

A Religious Conference of deep interest was held, in which many took part, at the close of which the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That the very sincere thanks of this Association is hereby given to the kind friends of Newcastle, Miramichi, for their unbounded hospitality and Christian courtesy in entertaining the Ministers and delegates of the Association.

Adjourned, to meet at Mungerville, September 19, 1867.

E. C. CADY, Clerk.

B. F. RATTRAY, Asst. Clerk.

W. M. EDWARDS, Moderator.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

OUR MISSION AS BAPTISTS.

I do not propose to speak of that mission which we hold in common with that of other denominations; but of our distinctive mission which demands our separate existence, and makes it our duty to maintain a distinct denominational organization and character. If we have a work to do, different from that which others are likely to do from the nature of their organizations and principles, let us know it, and know what it is; but if we have no such noble and important work, which others are not likely to do just as well or better than ourselves, we should know that also, that we may abandon our separate organization, and unite with others, that there may be no unnecessary divisions in the ranks of Christ's followers.

But we believe that there is a definite and important mission committed to us, and that we should prove untrue to him who has blessed and honored our denomination in the past, if we were now to abandon our ecclesiastical connections and distinguishing tenets, and unite with any of the other religious societies in existence.

Our history is very different from that of any other of the so-called Protestant denominations. We are Protestants only in that we protest against the corruptions of the Church of Rome. They are Protestants because they came out of the Church of Rome protesting. But we never came out of Rome, because we were never of Rome; we existed before the Protestants as a distinct class of religionists existed. The Baptists testified against the corruptions and innovations of Rome before Luther and Huss and Wickliffe were born; yea, they held and preached the doctrines we now hold before Roman Catholicism had an existence.

I do not mean to claim that from the time of the Apostles to the present, we are able to trace a class of Christians bearing the name "Baptist;" but that during all this period, even through the darkest time in the Middle Ages, classes of Christians have been found outside of the Church of Rome who have held, fundamentally, the doctrines and practices of the Church as we now hold them, and that we are legitimately and truly their spiritual descendants; thus enabling us to trace our existence as a denomination directly back to the Apostles, without going through the Church of Rome. Have we not reason, therefore, to regard our denominational existence as highly important, and our mission one which we cannot neglect or abandon without proving untrue to the Lord who has bought us; a mission which, when we take into consideration its magnitude and immense power for good, should humble us before God, and make us bold before men, that we may be true to our calling, as those who have been commissioned from the court of heaven to engage in one of the noblest works ever committed to man.

1. It is our peculiar mission to maintain the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as a perfect guide in all matters of religious belief and practice. Whatever we find there, we esteem binding on the conscience; whatever is not there commanded, is not binding. We do not admit for a moment that we are to be governed in our views of the Holy Scriptures, or Church practices, by tradition, the writings of the Fathers, or the decrees of councils. The Scriptures, and the Scriptures only, are our guide. By holding firmly and infuse truth into every

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It may here be asked, "Why is this our peculiar mission? Do not others claim to hold the same views?" Yes; many brethren in other denominations do conscientiously hold this doctrine. Almost all sects of Protestants have been approaching nearer and nearer to this position during the last century, and in the growth of this principle we see the beneficial effects of the firm position taken by our fathers in the perilous times gone by. There has been steady progress in this Baptist Bible principle. We honor our brethren of other denominations who have adopted it in whole or in part. It is not, therefore, our peculiar mission to maintain this principle because we alone hold it; but because it was ours in the beginning, and has become the principle of others only so far as they have come towards us in their faith and practice. It is still peculiarly our mission to propagate this principle, because many in other denominations who honestly hold it do not hold it consistently, and allow it to have its legitimate effects in removing their errors; for they still hold to one or more of the dogmas which cannot be maintained by the Holy Scriptures, and which owe their origin and continuance to the decrees of councils and to the traditions and false teachings handed down to us in the writings of the Fathers.

This, then, is still our mission, and an important one it is. Let us not, therefore, abandon the denomination which has held and fought for this principle in the time of its trial and unpopularity, now that the day of dawneth and victory percheth upon our banners. Let us welcome all who will join us in this contest; but let us never make such compromises with any of the professed friends of this principle as will lead us back into the corruptions of Rome from whence they came out, and which we all desire to escape.

This one principle, the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as a rule of faith and practice really involves all other principles which mark the peculiarity of our mission; but, as it may not be so regarded, it will be necessary for me to specify still further.

2. It is our peculiar mission to maintain the doctrine of *believers' baptism*, and through this—

3. The more important doctrine of a *converted church membership*. It will not be disputed by any that the doctrine of believers' baptism is peculiarly ours, although some of the minor and more recent sects hold it also. More will be inclined to dispute with us the truthfulness and importance of the doctrine. And in this they show how they do not hold consistently the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as a rule of faith and practice. For very few truly honest and learned students of the Bible will pretend to deny but that the doctrine is strictly biblical. But there are those who will not be willing to admit that the doctrine of a converted church membership is peculiarly our principle. They will claim to hold it also. To show that they do not consistently hold it, we need only to refer them to their practice of infant baptism.

We are glad if any of our Pedobaptist friends do hold the doctrine even though it be inconsistent with their practice, for it shows the growth of Baptist principles.

But the advocates of infant baptism cannot hold consistently the doctrine of a converted church membership, because infant baptism legitimately leads to infant church membership.

Infant baptism had its origin about 200 years after Christ in the false doctrine of baptismal regeneration, and with it came also infant church membership, and the right of conformation at a suitable age.

The latter part of this statement will be acknowledged when spoken of the Church of Rome, but will it be admitted when spoken of modern Pedobaptists. Let us see what their authorities say.

In the larger Catechism adopted by the Westminster Divines, which is received as authority by most of the Presbyterian Churches, in the answer to the question, "What is baptism?" it is said: "It is a sacrament of the New Testament, whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible Church."

This view of baptism we regard as strictly correct, for the believer, the only proper subject of baptism, is thereby admitted into the visible Church, according to the Scriptures. But this definition was given by those who baptize infants; hence they regarded such infants as members of the Church.

The second question in the Catechism of the Church of England is—
"Who gave you this name?" Answer "My godfathers and my godmothers in my baptism, wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven."

In the public baptism of children, when the Priest has dipped the child "discreetly and warily in water," or when his friends certify that the child is weakly and cannot well endure it, has sprinkled water upon him, the Priest says: "We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock;" again he says: "Seeing now this child is regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church—I cannot escape the conviction that both baptismal regeneration and infant church membership are found in these quotations.

It is not necessary that I should quote further, as the doctrine of infant baptism, as held by all those who practice it, when carried to its legitimate results, will carry the baptized child into the Church, which surely is contrary to the doctrine of a converted church membership.

But I have spoken of this doctrine as of more importance than that of believers' baptism. In its intrinsic value it is so; but, when we remember that it cannot be held consistently and truly practised without believers' baptism, we must place that first in time and importance, as it, when practised, will surely lead to the other.

4. It is our mission ever to protest against sprinkling for baptism, and infant baptism whether by sprinkling or immersion. They are both alike unscriptural, and both, especially the latter, if allowed to work out their legitimate results would lead their votaries back into the corruptions of the Church of Rome, that Church which they originally founded; for infant baptism has ever been the "pillar and ground of Popery."

But we rejoice to know that through the divine blessing, our protestations against these errors, has largely nullified their effects, and led to their neglect or total abandonment. But our mission is not yet ended, the victory is not yet wholly gained. The Lord has been crowning our efforts with success, but still there is a great work to be done.

It is our mission to maintain Scriptural Church Government and discipline, together with the doctrines of religious liberty. All these principles we have held for many centuries; for we have received them from the Word of God.

All these principles to which I have referred especially belong to us. Many there are which we hold in common with others, which demand also our earnest and prayerful attention; but these have a special demand upon us, for if we were to abandon them or prove un-

ABSTRACT STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES AND CLERKS	PASTORS, WITH DATE OF SETTLEMENT, AND DELEGATES.	Date of Organization	INCREASE			DECREASE			E. S. STATISTICS						
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BLACKVILLE	W. M. EDWARDS, 1860, †	1862							44	1 00					
BLISSFIELD	W. M. EDWARDS, 1860, †	1862							65	1 50	1	7	50	200	
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CANNING	H. CHARLTON, †	1800				2			74	3 00	2	8	50	180	
CARDIGAN	JAMES TOZER, †	1820							87	1 75					
*CENTERVILLE	By Letter.	1845							24	0 50					
CANTERBURY	Letter since Association.	1845							60	1 00					
DOUGLAS (African)	GEORGE RIGBY, †	1822				3			14	1 24					
DUMFRIES and QUEENSBURY	JAMES H. TUTTLE, †	1844							30	25	1	6	35	50	
FREDERICTON	By Letter.	1844							170	1 70	1	2	20	300	
GRAND FALLS	G. R. CAMPBELL, 1861, †	1866							20	88	1	30	180		
HAINESVILLE	Rev. O. Spurden, D. D., †	1814				2			35	48	1	4	40		
HODGSON & RICHMOND	By Letter since Association.	1864							2	00		1	8	75	
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JACKSONVILLE	JAMES TOZER, †	1866							30	1 00					
KINGSCLEAR 1st.	JOHN ROWE, 1866, †	1846							1	124					
KINGSCLEAR 2d.	JOHN ROWE, 1866, †	1860							44	1 00	1	30	100		
*KESWICK 1st.	W. M. HARRIS, 1864, †	1829							1	30	1	30	100		
*KESWICK 2d.	G. R. CAMPBELL, 1866, †	1869							54	54		96			
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AN ACCOUNT OF THE BENEVOLENCE OF THE CHURCHES AT HOME AND ABROAD.

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Blackville,	\$103 00	\$0 27	\$35 50
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BLACKVILLE—Rev. W. M. EDWARDS, Pastor.—During the year we have made but little progress. Our conferences are kept up regularly, communion monthly, and in connection with the Home Missionary Board we hold three stations, where the gospel is preached by our pastor, and listened to with marked attention.

BLISSFIELD—Rev. W. M. EDWARDS, Pastor.—We have been reared under the fostering care of the denomination. In the year past we have had no additions. Our conference meetings and communion services have been regularly attended to. We have a good Sabbath school.

BECAQUIMIC—No Pastor.—We have reason to thank God for the encouragement we have had of late. We have two interesting Sabbath schools. May the Lord send us an under-shepherd is the prayer of the Church.

CARDIGAN—Rev. JAMES TOZER, Pastor.—We are in a low and scattered condition. We keep up Sabbath meetings. We hope and pray the Lord will bless the means of grace enjoyed by us.

CANTERBURY—Rev. J. H. TUPPES, Pastor.—Under the ministry of our beloved brother, J. G. Harvey, twenty four last winter professed Christ, and twenty-one were added to the church by baptism. We have no reason to be discouraged. We have often been refreshed by the presence of the Lord in our midst.

CHIPMAN—Rev. H. CHARLTON, Pastor.—During part of the year we have been without a pastor, but have endeavoured to keep up our prayer-meetings on the Sabbath.

DOUGLAS—No Pastor.—We desire to be thankful to Almighty God for the many mercies he has bestowed upon us during the past year. We have had no special revival, yet the Lord has been pleased to show his smiling face, and bless his people.

DUMFRIES AND QUEENSBURY—G. R. CAMPBELL, Pastor.—Statistical report only.

FREDERICTON—No Pastor.—We rejoice that it is our high privilege to inform you that, in answer to prayer, and the divine blessing upon the united efforts of ministers and members, nineteen precious souls were added to the Church by baptism, and one by letter. Our ministers for last year, Rev. Dr. Spurden and J. E. Hopper, have both tendered their resignations.

HAINSVILLE—Rev. JAMES TOZER, Pastor.—We address you for the first time. Since our organization, we have been endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and we are much encouraged to persevere.

HODGDON AND RICHMOND—Rev. JAMES BLEAKNEY, Pastor.—We are not able to cheer you with revival intelligence. Our condition remains about the same as when we last addressed you.

JACKSONTOWN—Rev. JOHN ROWE, Pastor.—God has poured out of his Spirit upon us, and many hearts have been made glad. Backsliders have returned to their Father's house. Nine persons were baptized last Sabbath, and many more are seeking Christ.

JACKSONVILLE—Rev. JOHN ROWE, Pastor.—We have mourned over the low state of religion among us. Of late an improved state of things appears. Our congregations are good, solemn, and attentive. Three have been received by baptism, and more seem disposed to follow their Lord in that ordinance.

KINGSCLEAR, 2d—Rev. G. R. CAMPBELL, Pastor.—We have been much of the past year without preaching. Our members are few and scattered. We have lately established a prayer meeting, and there are indications of good amongst us.

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LOWER WOODSTOCK—No Pastor.—The church is in a low state, though our prayer and conference meetings are held regularly.

LITTLE SOUTH WEST—Rev. E. HICKSON, Pastor.—Our history from year to year nearly repeats itself. We are lacking in the Christian graces. We have not communed together, as a church, in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper for years. Two have been added to our number by baptism.

MACNAQUACK—Rev. GEORGE BURNS, Pastor.—Our congregations are large and interesting, and church ordinances are regularly attended to. Two have been added by baptism.

MAUGERVILLE—Rev. GEORGE BURNS, Pastor.—As a church, we are in a cold and backslidden state. The Sabbath services are well attended.

NEWCASTLE (Grand Lake)—No Pastor.—God has removed our pastor, Rev. I. Lawrence, during the past year to the Church above. We hope and pray that God will send us one who will be alike faithful, earnest and untiring to lead souls to Christ.

NEWCASTLE (Mir.)—Rev. E. HICKSON, Pastor.—During the past year we have enjoyed much of the goodness of God. As a season succeeding a remarkable awakening and revival, it may be regarded as a time of trial. But experience has proved the work to be genuine and of the Lord, for with but few exceptions the members are true to their profession. Church ordinances have been regularly attended to. The church is laboring for the conversion of souls; and with an "open door," which no man can shut, we press toward the mark of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

NEW JERUSALEM—Rev. E. B. COREY, Pastor.—Our congregations are large. Meetings for prayer, exhortation, and praise, are often held and well attended. We hope God's blessing may attend the means of grace.

NORTH ESK—Rev. E. HICKSON, Pastor.—We have been blessed with an outpouring of God's Spirit during the past year, and some have been brought into the light and liberty of the gospel.

PENNFIELD—Rev. W. L. HOPKINS, Pastor.—No report beyond statistics.

PRINCE WILLIAM—Rev. JOHN WILLIAMS, Pastor.—We have been somewhat revived. Two have been added by baptism. Our congregations have become large and attentive, and we hope for good results.

ST. JOHN (Brussels Street)—No Pastor.—We address you this year in deep affliction. Our pastor, who has so long broke unto us the bread of life, has been removed from us to join the heavenly host. During his illness he enjoyed, in a great degree, the consolations of that gospel which he loved so well to preach unto us. We cannot record any great increase to our numbers, yet we are thankful that God's holy spirit has not departed from us. Christian unity and fraternal feeling exist amongst us.

ST. JOHN (Carleton)—No Pastor.—We have no cheering intelligence to communicate. Our pastor left us last April; since then we have been supplied once a Sabbath by Rev. E. F. Foshay, whose feeble health would not admit of his preaching oftener. He will supply the pulpit for us till next May.

ST. JOHN (Germain Street)—Rev. G. M. W. CANNY, Pastor.—Our hearts are made glad now that we have a settled pastor. His ministry is proving not only acceptable to the church, but to the congregation. Our place of worship is thronged with attentive listeners; all apparently deeply interested in the preaching of the word.

ST. JOHN (Leinster Street)—Rev. W. V. GARNER, Pastor.—We regret that we cannot record an increase to our numbers since we last wrote you, many of our members having removed; yet others have come in amongst us by baptism and letter, whom we trust will be faithful laborers. Brotherly love still continues. Our public services are well attended, and our meetings throughout the week are often deeply interesting.

MISSIONARY AND UNION REPORT.

The Board having charge of the Union funds of the Churches for the past year, respectfully submit the following condensed Report:—

HOME MISSIONS.

Seventeen missionaries, all told, have been in the employ of the Board, either all or a portion of their time. Their fields of labour are as below:

SALT SPRINGS.

Rev. James Trimble devoted one-fourth of his time for six months in this place. We have reason to hope that good was done.

HAMPTON FERRY.

Rev. John Curry laboured in this field, under the direction of the Board, a small portion of his time in connection with his pastoral labours in the Norton district. He was encouraged to believe that his labours were not in vain.

RESTIGOUCHE.

Rev. W. A. Crandal occupied several stations in this County for nine months of the past year—for seven of which he was paid by the Baptist Church at Hillsboro', at the rate of \$100 per annum. His quarterly reports were encouraging, but in consequence of the removal of a number of families from the County, favorable to Baptist sentiments, he has left the field, and has accepted the pastorate of the Norton church.

LONG BEACH.

Rev. A. Washburn has rendered good service at this place. Before he went there, the settlement was entirely destitute of the preaching of the Word; but our brother went to them with the Gospel message, and some, like the Corinthians, heard, believed, and were baptized!

REV. S. BANCROFT

has spent a portion of his time in a district between New Canaan and the head of the Washademoac. The seed of the Gospel sown by this devoted servant of God, and watered by his tears, will not fail to produce its fruit.

BLISSFIELD, DOAKTOWN,

and the outlying districts, continue to be successfully occupied by Rev. W. M. Edwards. His ministry is well received by the people, and the cause in all respects is on the advance.

NEWCASTLE,

North Esk, and Little South West are still enjoying the faithful and efficient ministry of Rev. E. Hickson. We cannot do better than to give his last report, as a specimen of his devotion to his work, and of the success which crowns his self-sacrificing labours:—

"I have been engaged in my usual way during the past quarter, except that I have not travelled so much as on former occasions, but labored all the more. For about six weeks we held protracted meetings, and every day in the week I had something to say and something to do. God was evidently blessing the people, displaying his power, and imparting his love and salvation. But if ever Satan interfered on

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such occasions, he did on this. We are not ignorant of his devices. I shall never forget them. Notwithstanding all the opposition, a goodly number were converted. Some of these conversions were wonderful displays of Divine grace. In more instances than one the conviction of sin was so deep that strong men, advanced in life and heads of families, went bowed down for weeks, seeking, groaning, weeping, and exclaiming, "O that I knew where I might find him!" To these the Saviour did graciously manifest himself. Of those converted, I have baptized twelve since the 25th of March last. Others are yet expected to join the church. The cause of our Master is surely prospering here, but it is amid *most trying circumstances*.

"I had the privilege of preaching in the town of Chatham two weeks ago. The Methodist chapel was occupied on that occasion. About the first of May, we enjoyed the valuable assistance of Bro. Edwards for one week. On the 10th of June, Bro. W. S. McKenzie, of Providence, R. I., visited us. Though short, the visit was most refreshing. I am looking forward with great pleasure to the meeting of the Western Association in Newcastle."

SHEDIAC AND SUSSEX.

These stations were occupied most efficiently for some time by Bro. J. E. Hopper; but having been invited by the Committee of the N. B. Baptist Education Society to become associated with Rev. Dr. Spurden in the institution at Fredericton, he felt it his duty to accept the proposition; and the prosperity which has attended this connection, justifies the propriety of the arrangement. Both stations were for some months dependent wholly upon occasional supplies; but Sussex has succeeded in obtaining the valuable services of Rev. W. A. Corey one-fourth of his time, and Brother Manzer has accepted a call to Shediac, as a temporary arrangement. The expenses of these stations to the Board are borne by the generous donation of the Hon. W. H. Steeves to the extent of \$100, through the Hillsboro' Church.

BATHURST.

After the destruction of the new chapel at this place by fire, Rev. B. F. Rattray was sent by the Board to visit the several stations in that district, to ascertain the prospect for the establishment of a permanent mission. He spent one month, accompanied a part of the time by Rev. E. Hickson, preached the Gospel publicly and from house to house, and reported favorably; but your Board have not succeeded as yet in obtaining a suitable missionary for the field. Very little has been done towards the re-erection of the chapel; but probably so soon as a suitable man can be obtained for that district, the work of rebuilding will be entered upon in earnest.

BOUESTOWN AND LUDLOW.

Rev. A. Estabrooks has been stationed in these places for the past year, and has labored faithfully to win souls to Jesus; but his encouragement was not such as to satisfy him that it was his duty to remain, and he has consequently retired from the field.

NORTH RIVER.

Rev. James Hazzitt is partially sustained in this field from the funds of the Board. A gracious revival was enjoyed, by the blessing of God

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on his ministry, last spring. Deacon Lounsbury supplies the following information from this field:

"Elder Herritt spent some six weeks in succession in this field, laboring earnestly and incessantly for the salvation of souls. About 16 were added by baptism, as the result. When Bro. Herritt first took charge of us, we numbered only 7; and we have increased to about 40. He has also been the means of commencing a new house for God."

WOODSTOCK AND RICHMOND.

Rev. J. C. Bleakney is partially sustained by the funds of the Board in this important section, and has experienced during the past year tokens of Divine favor in the prosecution of his work.

GRAND FALLS AND ST. FRANCIS

enjoys the ministry of Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney. He reports good attendance in both places, and indications of progress. His last report mentions the recent baptism at the Falls of a "son of the forest," upon a profession of his faith in the Redeemer. He gave the church an intelligent account of the work of grace in his heart, and of his desire to follow Christ in all his "appointed ways." We presume he is of the Melicete tribe. We should like Brother Kand, the Micmac missionary, to see this Indian brother.

NASHWAAK.

Rev. John Williams has divided his time between studying at our Fredericton Seminary, and preaching to the people on the Nashwaak. Congregations at the Village and the Mills good, and indications hopeful.

ST. ANDREWS AND ST. STEPHEN.

Both these places are now favored with the administrations of Rev. T. W. Crawley. The work at St. Andrews has progressed satisfactorily during our brother's ministry there; and it would have been more satisfactory in some respects to himself and to his people to have confined his labors to that district; but it seemed to the Board highly important to commence missionary work in the growing town of St. Stephen, but this could only be done by inducing Bro. Crawley to extend his labours there. A proposition was therefore made to him to devote a portion of his time at St. Stephen. After consulting the friends of the cause, he accepted the proposition and entered upon the work. As to the result, arrangements are in progress for the erection of a house for God, in a central position, and the prospects of ultimate success are quite equal to the expectations cherished.

In a recent report to the Board, our beloved Missionary says: "I preach in three stations—St. Andrews, Bay Side, and St. Stephen, every other Sabbath. I cannot tell how many miles I have travelled, neither how many sermons preached. Every Sabbath is a whole day's work, morning, noon, and night. We have sustained two prayer meetings, every week, during the past year, and two Conference meetings, every month—one in St. Andrews and one at Bay Side. We have two interesting Sabbath schools—one in St. Andrews and one at Bay Side. We have recorded no conversions. Congregations on the Sabbath in St. Andrews are generally good and attentive. The prospects in St. Stephen are much more encouraging than they were at the commencement of our labors in St. Andrews. The average attendance is about fifty to sixty in the morning; and from seventy to eighty in the evening."

EXPENDITURES FOR THE PAST YEAR.

Paid from Home Mission Fund.		Sabbath Schools.	
J. E. Hopper,	\$41 66	B. N. Hughes, Piskahegan,	\$5 00
J. Herritt,	15 00	G. A. Fillmore,	8 00
M. Starratt,	15 00	T. Todd, Wood Point,	8 00
T. Blakeney,	20 00	I. E. Bill, Wheton Settlement,	5 00
James Walker,	20 00	Woodstock,	10 00
A. H. Washburn,	30 00	John Carson, Salt Springs,	5 00
J. C. Blakeney,	60 00	Geo. Tabor,	8 00
W. A. J. Blakeney,	62 50	E. Hickson, Newcastle,	15 00
J. Williams,	50 00	A. Estabrooks,	7 00
T. W. Crawley,	150 00	G. Seely, Springfield,	6 00
E. Hickson,	75 00	I. E. Bill, Dorchester,	10 00
A. Estabrooks,	60 00	I. E. Bill, Nashwaak,	5 00
W. M. Edwards,	50 00	I. E. Bill,	2 00
W. A. Crandall,	83 33	T. W. Crawley, St. Andrews,	10 00
Jas. Trimble,	10 00	J. A. Steadman, Cold Stream,	5 00
J. M. Currie,	17 00	Dr. Jonah, Petitcodiac,	11 20
S. Bancroft,	20 00	E. Dawson, Dawson Settlement,	3 00
B. F. Rattray,	8 33	— Hargrave, Dipper Harbor,	3 00
	\$787 82	E. B. Corey, New Jerusalem,	5 00
		D. Crandall, South Branch	
		Sussex,	3 00
Foreign Mission Fund.			
Rev. C. Tupper,	\$156 00		
General Education.			\$184 20
R. G. Lunt, Treasurer.		Superannuated Ministers.	
Education Society,	\$142 00	L. H. Marshall,	\$50 00
		E. M. Starritt,	10 00
Ministerial Education.		E. McInnis,	40 00
J. Williams,	\$50 00	Jas. Walker,	10 00
D. Manzer,	50 00	E. F. Fosbay,*	25 00
E. Corey,	40 00	W. Pulcifer,	30 00
J. A. Steadman,	59 75	James Trimble,	10 00
J. Titus,	48 75		
	\$248 50		\$175 00

* This has since been returned.

DEMANDS IN REFERENCE TO THE FUTURE.

The mission field is widening in every direction. Three additional missionaries are required for the Northern Counties, making five for the North, and one at least for each of the other Counties, viz.: Westmorland, Albert, King's, St. John, Queen's, Sunbury, York, Carleton, Victoria, and Charlotte. In fact, we should have from fifteen to twenty missionaries constantly in this Home field. Then the great Foreign field cannot be neglected by us without subjugating ourselves to the charge, by the great Head of the Church, of fearful delinquency.

The demands for ministerial culture are increasingly pressing every day. The denomination should have at least ten young men at our Educational Institutions, studying with special reference to the Christian ministry. Men of good common sense, acceptable speaking talents, of undoubted piety, and giving satisfactory evidence that they are called by the Head of the Church to consecrate themselves to this great work, are the kind of men wanted.

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		<i>Brought forward</i>				
1865.	Aug. 16.	James Prince, U. F.,	\$1 00	68	\$1,793 78	
	Sept. 4.	Collections at Brussels St Ch., U. F.,	23 80	1 00		
		Collected by Miss Price, and paid by J. A. Curry, U. F.,	21 73	23 80		
	16.	Dorchester Church, col. by Miss Jessie Cole, paid by Rev. I. E. Bill, U. F.,	8 00	21 73		
	16.	E. P. Turner, Harryey, per Rev. I. E. Bill, U. F.,	2 00	8 00		
	18.	Brussels Street, collected by Miss F. Wright, U. F.,	21 58	2 00		
	18.	Carleton, St. John Church, by Rev. George Seely, U. F.,	10 00	21 58		
	19.	Brussels St., col. by S. D. Miller, U. F.,	23 30	10 00		
	Oct. 7.	Restigouche, col. by Rev. W. A. Crandall, paid by Rev. I. E. Bill, U. F.,	4 80	23 30		
	7.	Amounts paid by Rev. E. C. Cady: Penfield Church, U. F.,	9 00	4 80	5 30	
		Canning " F. M., \$2;	18 30	9 00	9 00	
		Maugerville " "	18 35	18 30	20 30	
		Fredericton " F. M., \$4.08;	21 57	18 35	18 35	
		New Jerusalem Church, " "	5 00	21 57	25 65	
		Woodstock " "	7 00	5 00	5 00	
		Richmond Station, U. F.,	2 00	7 00	7 00	
		Blissfield Church, H. M., \$1.70, Collections at Western Association, H. M., \$10.98; U. F.,	17 47	2 00	2 00	
	13.	Amounts paid by L. McMann, Esq.: James Herrington, M. E. F., \$5;	5 00	17 47	28 45	
		H. Beckwith, \$5;	5 00	5 00	5 00	
		Germain Street Church, U. F.,	50 00	5 00	5 00	
	26.	St. Andrews Church, Bay Side, Minute Money, \$1; U. F.,	5 00	50 00	50 00	
	Nov. 3.	Paid by Rev. E. C. Cady: Rev. D. Crandall, for Upper Sussex Church, U. F.,	50	5 00	6 00	
		Portland Church, M. E., \$11;	107 56	50	50	
	9.	Rev. E. C. Cady, U. F.,	2 00	107 56	122 06	
	Dec. 29.	Paid by Rev. I. E. Bill: W. A. Wheaton, U. F.,	1 00	2 00	2 00	
		Collected by Mrs. W. H. Wortman: Jacob Wortman, U. F.,	1 00	1 00	1 00	
		Martin Wortman, " "	1 00	1 00	1 00	
		Joseph Rideout, Esq., " "	2 00	1 00	1 00	
		Annie E. Currie, " "	1 00	2 00	2 00	
		North River Church, by Rev. Jas. Herritt, U. F.,	3 00	1 00	1 00	
		Col. by Annie B. Reed, Harryey, U. F.,	9 25	3 00	3 00	
		Dea. C. Connelly, Sec'y. Treasurer of U. S., Jacksontown, U. F.,	25 61	9 25	9 25	
	1866.	Jan. 6.	Collected by Rev. A. Estabrooks, Boiestown, U. F.,	4 00	25 61	425 61
		11.	A friend, Indian Island, by Rev. I. E. Bill, U. F.,	1 00	4 00	4 00
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Feb. 12.	J. H. Harding, special subscription to H. M., for Rev. T. W. Crawley,		4 00	
	12. Z. G. Gabel, special subscription to H. M., for Rev. T. W. Crawley,		4 00	
	21. Leinster Street Church, U. F.,	\$61 71	61 71	
May 8.	Mrs. Gerow's Estate, per L. McMann, H. M., \$65,		65 00	
		U. F.,	50 00	50 00
June 20.	Z. G. Gabel, subscription,		4 48	4 48
	20. Collections at Brussels St. Ch.,			
	20. Hillsborough Church, paid Rev. W. A. Crandall, H. M., \$25,		25 00	
	20. Hillsborough Church, paid Rev. W. A. Crandall, H. M., \$8.33,		8 33	
	20. Hillsborough Church, paid Rev. W. Pulcifer, U. F.,	\$80 00	80 00	
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July 6.	By balance of cash on hand,		\$50 02	

C. D. EVERETT, TREASURER.
St. John, N. B., July 6, 1866.

I have examined this account, and all the vouchers, and find the same correct and satisfactory.
A. MCL SEELY, Auditor.

The several Special Funds, Baptist Missionary and Union Society, in account with C. D. Everett, Treasurer.

UNION SOCIETY.

1865.		Dr.		
Sept.	To paid Agency expenses,		\$41 26	
	" Barnes & Co., printing,		15 98	
1866.				
July 6.	Carried to credit of Sabbath School Fund,		126 92	
	" " Superannuated Ministers' Fund,		126 92	
	" " Ministerial Education		190 38	
	" " General		158 66	
	" " Foreign Mission		158 66	
	" " Home		507 74	
			<u>\$1,326 52</u>	
1866.		Cr.		
July 6.	By cash receipts during the year, for this Fund,	\$1,181 94		
	" transfer from Home Mission Fund, being collected in May, 1865, then credited to Home Mission Fund,	144 58		
			<u>\$1,326 52</u>	

SABBATH SCHOOL FUND.

1865.		Dr.		
July 6.	To paid orders on this Fund,		\$134 20	
	" balance on hand,		51 33	
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1865.		Cr.		
July 12.	By balance on hand,	\$56 60	
1866.				
July 6.	" subscriptions during the year,	2 00	
	" brought from Union Fund,	....	126 90	
				<u>\$185 52</u>

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

1866.		Dr.		
July 6.	To paid orders on this Fund,	....		\$175 00
1865.				
July 12.	By balance on hand,	....	\$39 76	
1866.				
July 6.	" subscriptions during the year,	....	1 50	
	" brought from Union Fund,	....	126 92	
	" balance due Treasurer,	....	6 82	
				<u>\$175 00</u>

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

1866.		Dr.		
July 6.	To paid orders on this Fund,	....		\$248 50
1865.				
July 12.	By balance on hand,	....	33 74	
1866.				
July 6.	" subscriptions during the year,	21 00	
	" brought from Union Fund,	190 38	
	" balance due Treasurer,	3 38	
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GENERAL EDUCATION FUND.

1866.		Dr.		
July 6.	To paid orders on this Fund,		\$142 00
	" balance on hand,	19 38	
				<u>\$161 38</u>
1865.				
July 12.	By balance on hand,	....	\$2 72	
1866.				
July 6.	" brought from Union Fund,	....	158 66	
				<u>\$161 38</u>

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1866.		Dr.		
July 6.	To paid orders on this Fund,	....		\$156 00
	" balance on hand,	....	23 56	
				<u>\$179 56</u>
1865.				
July 12.	By balance on hand,	....	\$10 92	
1866.				
July 6.	" subscriptions during the year,	....	9 98	
	" brought from Union Fund,	....	158 66	
				<u>\$179 56</u>

HOME MISSION FUND.

1866. DR.
 July 6. To paid orders on this Fund, \$787 82
 " transfer to Union Fund, 144 58
 \$932 40

1865. CR.
 July 12. By balance on hand, \$176 91
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 July 6. " subscriptions during the year, 210 03
 " brought from Union Fund, 507 74
 " balance due Treasurer, 137 72
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MINUTE FUND.

1866. DR.
 July 6. To paid orders on this Fund, \$43 00
 " balance on hand, 3 68
 \$46 68

1865. CR.
 July 12. By balance on hand, \$4 13
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 July 6. " collections for this Fund, 42 55
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 General Education Fund, 19 38
 Foreign Mission " 23 56
 Minute Fund, 3 68
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 Home Mission " 37 72
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C. D. EVERETT, TREASURER.

St. John, N. B., July 6, 1866.

I have examined the above account, and find it correct. The amounts placed to the credit of the several Funds of the Society agree with the balance on hand last year, and the amount received for the Society this year.

A. McL. SEELY, Auditor.

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NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

FOUNDED A. D. 1836.

OFFICERS FOR 1866-7.

President—Rev. I. E. Bill.

Vice Presidents—Hon. W. B. Kinnear,

and A. D. Thompson.

Secretary—Z. G. Gabel.

Treasurer—Reuben G. Lunt.

Auditor—A. W. Masters.

Committee—Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., Messrs. W. Sewell, W. S. Estey, R. Phillips, A. D. Yerxa, Hon. W. H. Steeves, Hon. A. McL. Seely, Hon. A. H. Gilmour, Rev. P. O. Rees, Dea. John Smith, Dea. J. Fisher, Dea. M. Francis, C. D. Everett, Rev. W. V. Garner, Rev. E. C. Cady, Dea. J. S. May, Rev. George Seely.

REPORT.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Committee are happy to say that the past year has been one of prosperity and progress. Acting upon the Resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the Eastern Association, the Committee matured their plans for engaging the services of the Rev. J. E. Hopper. These plans were submitted to the Society at the meeting of the Western Association, and were then approved and sanctioned. In pursuance of these arrangements, Mr. Hopper entered upon his duties in October last, and the Committee are gratified to state that this measure has been attended with results highly beneficial to the interests of the Institution. The number of pupils on the record has been 95, and the average attendance 57 each week. Examinations were held at the close of the winter and summer half year, and the progress and attainments of the students were pronounced highly satisfactory. Six young men with the ministry in view have attended the Seminary during the past year, for a longer or shorter time, and have received instruction in divinity, and other subjects connected with their future calling.

For several years past, young ladies have been admitted into the school, and shared with young men the advantages of the Institution. A class of young ladies has also been formed this year, and their progress has been very gratifying.

Several changes have been thought advisable for the ensuing year. The prospect for the future has induced the Committee to arrange for using the whole of the Seminary building for school purposes. This will require the removal of Dr. Spurden; but Mr. Hopper will still reside in the house, and watch over the behaviour of the students.

They have also appointed a trustworthy and competent steward to attend to the boarding department. Mr. W. S. Estey has undertaken this important office. Mr. Jones resigned the post of English Master at the close of the year, and Mr. Wilbur has been appointed to succeed him.

The staff of teachers has been increased by the engagement of Mr. Calvin Goodspeed, B. A., a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, who will undertake the department of Natural Science, and give instruction in the French Language.

One of the objects of the Society, from its formation, has been to impart suitable instruction to young men who desire to preach the Gospel, and may not be able to avail themselves of a full collegiate course; the Committee have

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therefore made arrangements by which more attention may be devoted to this object than has hitherto been practicable. It is intended that Dr. Spurden should give instruction in Hebrew, Theology, and kindred studies, for the express benefit of ministerial students. This will require the co-operation of the Churches to provide the funds necessary for sustaining this department, and the Committee feel confident that these will be cheerfully supplied for a purpose so important, and one that must commend itself to the judgment of all.

In conclusion, the Committee earnestly solicit the whole-hearted support of the entire denomination; for it is only by united and persevering effort that the great enterprise in which they are engaged can be successfully carried on.

N. B. Baptist Education Society in Account with the Committee.

1865.	Balance due the Committee,	\$53 60
July	Furniture, R. Wiley, 1864,	5 80
	to Do. for bedrooms,	9 64
1866.	Room paper and papering,	7 10
June.	Repairs,	4 00
	Russell's account stoves, pipes, &c., 1862 to 1866,	48 98
	12 loads softwood,	12 00
	4½ cords hardwood,	11 25
	Sawing wood,	9 00
	Hall for Exhibition, two years, 1863-4,	10 06
	Expenses of Exhibition, December, 1865,	4 00
	Attendin school rooms,	32 00
	Sundries,	10 65
	Salary English Teacher,	400 00
	Do. Classical, &c., three terms,	285 75
	Do. Principal,	800 00
	Interest on \$1,000,	60 00
	Balance handed to Committee for repairs,	2 41
		\$1,865 63

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1865.	Tuition, Mr. Wiley,	\$8 50
July	Do. Mr. Russell,	23 90
	to Do. previously due,	102 18
1866.	Do. for educational year, 1865-6,	426 75
	Proceeds of Exhibition,	4 80
	Old stove,	2 50
	Donation, C. S.,	150 00
	Do. J. E. H.,	75 00
	Treasurer of Education Society,	75 00
	Legislative grant,	1,000 00
		\$1,865 63

Debts due by the Baptist Education Society, July, 1866.

Mortgage,	\$1,00 00
Note,	800 00
Interest on Note,	392 00
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Anna E. Currie,	\$1 00	Richard H. Phillips,	\$1 00
Rev. Dr. Sparden,	5 00	A. F. Randolph,	10 00
George W. Currie,	2 00	D. W. Estabrooks,	50
A. D. Yerxa,	2 00	Wm. E. Estey,	25
J. Brailey,	24	Miss E. Estey,	25
Mrs. F. Estey,	25	A. Friend,	20
Miss J. Estey,	26	Mrs. Mills,	15
Mrs. Burden,	25	George C. Hunt, ser.,	1 00
Z. R. Everett,	60	A. Friend,	20
Mrs. John Guion,	12		
Rev. J. E. Hopper,	2 50		
Amount received at Monthly		Missionary Meetings, for F. M.,	
			\$27 76
			\$7 15
			\$34 91

UNION SOCIETY.

JACKSONVILLE CHURCH.

Samuel Burtt,	\$0 50	A. Friend,	\$0 60
Albert H. Burtt,	50	B. Burtt,	60
Elizabeth C. Smith,	1 00	B. Churchill,	1 00
Mrs. Thomas Simonson,	48	John Estey,	60
George Burtt,	50	Richard Clark,	48
James Harvey,	50	Caleb J. McCreedy,	50
Walter Nevers,	50	A. Friend,	50
John B. Burtt,	25	Charles Good,	50
H. Good,	50	Elizabeth Good,	1 00
Annie Hannah,	25	Thomas Anderson,	25
Catherine Durr,	25	William B. Estey,	1 00
Charlotte Everett,	25	Mrs. Thomas Camber,	1 00
George Everett,	1 00	Elizabeth Estey,	25
Robert Hannah,	50	Richard Alexander,	25
Thomas Estey,	1 00	Judson Burpee,	50
Francis Good,	2 00	W. C. Holyoke,	50
Mrs. Edward Good,	1 00	Mrs. Bell Watson,	50
Miss M. Good,	50	Albina Estey,	25
William A. Hannah,	50	Annie Estey,	48
Charles True,	50	Somebody,	48
Leonard Watson,	60	Wm. Churchill,	1 00
Samuel B. Webb,	1 00	Thomas Camber,	1 00
Margaret Kearney,	25	Solomon Good,	60
George E. Good,	50	George Watson,	50
Wellington Hoyt,	1 00	James McCreedy,	50
Mrs. D. Burtt,	35	Elizabeth McCreedy,	30
Mrs. Hiram Smith,	60	Robert Burris,	10
	\$16 78	Mrs. George Good,	60
		Mary Estey,	25
		Henrietta Estey,	35

FLORENCVILLE & CENTREVILLE CHURCHES.

J. W. Wheeler,	\$1 00	Thos. Everett,	50
T. H. Estey,	1 00	James Everett,	50
Lydia Jewett,	12	George Watson,	10
	\$2 12	Henry Kinney,	60
		Mrs. Durkie,	25
		Wm. Drysdale,	50

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Cornelius Connolly,	\$2 00		
George L. Holyoke,	50		\$26 06
David Alexander,	1 00		
Henry Kitchen,	1 00	Up. Gagetown Union Society,	\$12 00
E. J. Camber,	25	Col. at Association for H. M.,	24 59
George Howard,	1 00	Special subscriptions for the	
Joseph Sherwood,	1 25	Miramichi Missions,	34 00