

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTIETH SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association

OF

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*Held with the Baptist Church at Freeport, Digby County,
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, June 19th, 21st, and 22nd,
with the Circular Letter, &c.*

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FREEPORT, DIGBY CO.

Saturday Morning, June 19th, 1880.

The Western Association convened with the Freeport Baptist Church this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its Thirtieth Anniversary.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by Rev. G. B. Titus. After singing hymn 344,

"What equal honors shall we bring,
To thee O Lord our God the Lamb,"

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Stubbert.

Social religious services were engaged in while the Clerks made out a list of delegates.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Freeport*,—Rev. L. M. Weeks, Deacons Isa. Thurber, Edw. Denton, Wm. Morrell and George N. Tibert.
- Cheggogin*,—Rev. H. N. Parry, Deacons Eben Rose, Wm. Corning, Brethren Herbert Cann, Alex. McKinnon and W. H. Porter.
- Nictaux*,—Rev. W. J. Bleakney, Brethren B. H. Parker and Albert Gates.
- Yarmouth, Hebron*,—Rev. A. Cohoon, Deacon W. R. Doty, and Brethren N. E. Patton and S. Patten.
- Yarmouth, 3rd*,—Deacon Richard Crosby.
- Milton, Yarmouth*,—Rev. J. B. McQuillin, and Bro. W. Crosby.
- Wilmot*,—Rev. J. F. Eaton, and Brother Edward Marshall.
- Ragged Islands, 1st*,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
- Barrington*,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
- Digby*,—Rev. J. H. Saunders.
- Pubnico*,—E. P. Coaldwell, (Licentiate.)
- Argyle*,—E. P. Coaldwell, (Lic.)
- Temple, Yarmouth*—Rev. John Clark, Deacon J. C. Anderson, Brethren Z. Goudey, Lewis Allen and William Hibbert.
- Acadian French Mission*,—Rev. M. Normandy.
- Digby Neck, 1st*,—Rev. J. C. Morse and Deacon W. Cornwell.
- Weymouth*,—Rev. J. A. Stubbert, Deacon John Kinney and Brother N. E. Butler.
- Pine Grove*,—Deacon Obadiah Dodge.
- Lake George*,—Rev. A. Cogswell, and Brother C. M. Durkee.
- Annapolis Royal*,—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Deacons I. W. Healey and T. H. Randall.
- Milford and Greywood*,—Rev. T. A. Higgins.
- St. Mary's Bay*,—Rev. W. L. Parker, Deacons W. H. Haines, G. Eaton, and Brother Alex. McDonald.

Hill Grove,—Rev. W. L. Parker, Deacon W. H. Marshall, and Bro. Ambrose Potter.

Hillsburg, 1st,—Rev. J. A. McLean, Deacon Richard Clark, Brethren N. Miller and Obed Miller.

Hillsburg, 2nd,—Rev. J. H. Saunders.

Tiverton,—Rev. L. M. Weeks, Deacons D. Scott, W. Gregor, and Brother Morgan Powell.

Lower Granville,—Rev. F. Beattie and Brother B. W. Shaffner.

Westport,—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Deacon James Gower, Brethren H. B. Titus, J. D. Payson and William Ford.

Milton, Queen's Co,—Rev. P. F. Murray, Deacon J. H. Nickerson, and Brother Benjamin Kempton.

Clements,—Rev. J. M. Parker, and Brother Gilbert Hicks.

Wilmot Mountain,—Rev. J. E. Bleakney, and Brother Walton Graves.

Hampton,—Rev. J. E. Bleakney, and Bro. Geo. W. Wilson.

Ohio, Yarmouth,—Rev. John Rowe.

Beaver River,—Rev. G. B. Titus, Dea. W. H. Goudy, Bros. David Crosby, Theo. Corning and Jas. Rose.

Brookfield,—Rev. G. A. Cleaveland.

Caledonia,—Rev. G. A. Cleaveland.

The Association was duly organized by the appointment of the following

OFFICERS.

Moderator,—Rev. Joseph H. Saunders.

Clerks,—Revs. G. B. Titus and J. T. Eaton.

Treasurer,—Brother J. C. Anderson.

Assistant Treasurer,—Brother B. H. Parker.

The following Committees were appointed :

TO EXAMINE LETTERS SENT TO THE ASSOCIATION BY THE CHURCHES.—
Revs. John Rowe, J. B. McQuillin, and John Parker.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revs. T. A. Higgins, F. Beattie, and George Cleaveland.

The following were added to the Committee of Arrangements.—
Revs. A. Cohoon, J. A. Stubbert, and A. E. Ingram.

A partial report of the Committee on Arrangements was submitted and adopted as follows :

1st. *Time of Meetings*.—Morning session commence at 10 o'clock and close at 12 noon. Afternoon session open at 2 o'clock, and close at 5 o'clock. Evening session open at 7.30 o'clock, and close at pleasure.

2nd. They recommend that prayer meeting be held at 6 o'clock on each morning, except Lord's Day morning, when the time is from 9.30 to 10.20 o'clock.

3rd. They recommend that the order of to-day's work be as follows :—Morning and afternoon session—Reading of Letters followed by Report from Board of Infirm Minister's Fund. Evening session. That a Temperance Meeting be held, and that the following be

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PROGRAMME.

- 1st. The Report of the Committee on Temperance.
- 2nd. Addresses—1. Rev. J. H. Sanders—subject, "The Church of Christ the grandest Temperance Agency." 2. Rev. F. Beattie—Subject, "Intemperance a social, moral and spiritual evil." 3. Rev. J. B. McQuillin—Subject, "The power of influence."

They also recommend the following for

SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

- Freeport*—10.30 A. M. Rev. John Clark.
" 6.30 P. M. Rev. J. M. Parker.
- Westport*—10.30 A. M. Rev. T. A. Higgins.
" 6.30 P. M. Rev. J. E. Hopper.
- Bethel*—10.30 A. M. Rev. G. A. Cleaveland.
" 6.30 P. M. Rev. H. N. Parry.
- Tiverton*—10.30 A. M. Rev. W. J. Bleakney.
" 6.30 P. M. Rev. J. E. Bleakney.
- Middleboro*—10.30 A. M. Rev. A. Cogswell.

Also that collections be taken at all the services for the Covention Fund.

The following brethren were invited to seats: Rev. J. E. Hopper, St. John, N. B.; Rev. T. M. Monroe, Newcastle, N. B.; Prof. Hall, South Boston; A. C. Whitman (Lic.), and Bro. J. P. Nowlan. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. A. McLean.

Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Richan.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Committee of Arrangements submitted a second partial report, which was adopted. They recommend that committees appointed last year be enlarged to stand as follows:

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. J. B. McQuillin, G. B. Titus and J. A. McLean, with Bros. Rich. Clark and Jas. Nickerson.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. W. H. Richan, J. Clark and W. L. Parker.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. J. M. Parker, J. C. Morse, T. A. Higgins and W. J. Bleakney with Bros. N. E. Patten and B. H. Parker.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. G. E. Day, J. Clark, H. N. Parry, and G. A. Cleveland, with Bro. E. P. Coldwell, (Lic), W. R. Doty, J. C. Anderson, Benj. Kempton, Theophilus Corning and Jas. Rose.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, P. F. Murray and J. A. Stubbert.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. H. N. Perry, A. Cogswell, and A. N. Roscoe, with Bros. N. E. Butler, R. N. Crosby, John Kinney, Walter Graves, B. Harvey, J. P. Nowlan and Sydney Durkee.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Revds. F. Beattie, and J. H. Saunders, with Bros. W. Wilson, Edwd. Marshall, Albert Gates, Stephen Patten, Wm. Ford, Alex. McDonald and A. Whitman.

QUESTION IN LETTERS.—Revds. J. A. Stubbert, W. A. J. Bleakney, J. Rowe, W. H. Richan, W. L. Parker and M. Normandy.

ON CHRISTIAN BENEFICENCE.—Revds. A. Cohoon, J. E. Bleakney, and John Clark, with Bros. Herbert Cann and Samuel Cain, (Lic.)

They further recommend the following arrangements for the sessions of Monday :

Monday morning—Associational Sermon by Rev. J. Rowe, followed by the Circular Letter by Rev. Frank Beatie.

After the adoption of this report the reading of letters was resumed, after several had been read, Hymn No. 338,

“All hail the power of Jesus name.”

was sung, when this part of Associational work was finished.

Request was made by brethren in accordance with article 6 of the Constitution, that the churches at Parker's Cove, Sable River, and Lower Sable River, be continued in the Association. Request granted.

The Board of Infirm Minister's Fund reported through their Secretary, Rev. A. Cohoon. Report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Resolved, That all monies sent to Association not appropriated be divided according to the scale of the Convention paper.

Resolved, That 1,500 copies of Minutes of the Association be printed and that 50 copies be reserved for use next year; the expense of printing to be taken from each of the benevolent funds, according to the amounts sent to the Association.

Resolved further, That the Clerks be a Committee to superintend printing the Minutes, and that they take such steps as will ensure the work being done at the smallest cost consistent with efficiency.

On motion, *Resolved*, That while we thank the Nictaux Church for their kind invitation to hold our next annual session with them, we feel it to be right, and do accept the invitation of the Paradise Church in preference, they having invited us last year.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. E. Ingram.

Saturday—Evening Session.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

After singing hymn 607, prayer was offered by Rev. A. Cogswell.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Committee of Arrangements further reported as follows :

Monday afternoon—1st. Report on Missions. 2nd. Addresses.
1. Rev. J. A. McLean—Subject, “The necessity of recognizing the Church of Christ as the best organization for the advancement of Christian work.” 2. Rev. J. E. Hopper—Subject, “The duty of the Church to carry the Gospel to the Heathen.” 3. Rev. A. Cohoon—Subject, “The importance of vigorously prosecuting our Home Mission work.” 4. Rev. M. Normandy—Subject, “The French Mission work.”

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Monday evening—1st. Report of Committee on Education. 2nd. Addresses. 1. Bro. B. Havey—Subject, "The moral element in Common School Education." 2. Prof. J. F. Tufts—Subject, Acadia College. 3. Rev. W. H. Richan—subject, "The moral element in higher education." 4. Rev. J. C. Morse.

These to be followed by others if time permits.

The report on Temperance not being ready, Revds. J. H. Sanders, F. Beattie, and J. B. McQuillin spoke on the subjects named in the programme, and were followed by Revds. A. Cohoon, M. Normandy, J. C. Morse, A. Cogswell and Bro. Capt. Freeman Crosby.

The interest of the meeting was largely increased by appropriate music furnished by the choir of the Freeport Church.

This very interesting meeting closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

Monday—Morning Session.

The Association assembled at 10 o'clock.

After preliminary exercises participated in by Revds. J. C. Morse, and W. L. Parker, the Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. John Rowe, from John viii. 12.

After the sermon prayer was offered by Rev. P. F. Murray. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of Saturday Evening session read, amended and approved. The following were invited to seats with the Association, Bros. Prof. J. F. Tufts, B. Havey, and S. Selden.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported, recommending the reading of the Letter.

It was then read by its author, Rev. F. Beattie—Subject, "Hindrances to progress."

Moved and seconded that the Letter be received and adopted, after which followed quite an animated discussion relative to certain passages therein.

The time having arrived for adjournment, session closed with prayer by Rev. J. C. Morse.

Monday—Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. A. N. Roscoe.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Resolved, That the Circular Letter be adopted and be published in the Minutes, and in the *Christian Messenger*.

A letter was read from Rev. J. W. Manning, Secretary of Board of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund, relative to the work of that Board, and asking the co-operation of this Association. It was laid on the table.

In the absence of the chairman, Rev. Dr. Day, the report of

Committee on Missions was read by Rev. John Clark, spoken to by Revs John Clark, J. A. McLean, M. Normandy, J. C. Morse, A. Cohoon, J. Rowe, A. Cogswell, H. N. Parry, and G. B. Titus, and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The letter referred to above was read again by the Clerk, and taken up for discussion.

TO THE MODERATOR OF THE N. S. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HALIFAX, June 18th. 1880.

Dear Brother,—

At a meeting of the Board of Management of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund held this 18th day of June, 1880, I was instructed to ask you to bring before the Association at an early session the following. That at the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces held in Truro, August 23-26 1879, the following brethren were appointed a Board for the management of a Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund, viz: Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. J. W. Manning, Stephen Selden, Dr. D. McN. Parker, J. Parsons, Rev. J. F. Avery, Rev. Edward Hickson, and Rev. J. A. Gordon. At a meeting called by the chairman Rev. E. M. Saunders, Oct. 7th, 1879, for the purpose of organization, the following brethren were elected for the year 79-80. Stephen Selden, Esq., Chairman, Rev. J. W. Manning, Sec'y, Rev. E. M. Saunders, Treas., and to request the hearty co-operation of your association, and also to hand to the Treasurer of our Board the Rev. E. M. Saunders, any moneys &c., you may have at your disposal, so that there may be harmony and unity in this most important branch of Denominational work, so long neglected.

I was further instructed to inform you that Bro. Stephen Selden was appointed to represent the Board at your Association:

I am yours,

Most respectfully,

J. W. MANNING.

Sec'y B. of M. R. and A. Fund.

The time for adjournment having arrived, session closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. McQuillin, and benediction by the Moderator.

Monday—Evening Session.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Parker.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Leave of absence was granted to Revs. J. A. Stubbert, M. Normandy, W. J. Bleakney, J. E. Bleakney, G. A. Cleaveland, T. A. Higgins, Bros. John Kinney, and N. E. Butler.

Committee of Arrangements further reported in part as follows: That the name of Prof. Tufts be added to the list of speakers for this evening.

That Tuesday Morning session be given to receiving of reports.

1. Report on Temperance.
2. Report on Denominational Literature.
3. Report on Christian Beneficence, followed by addresses

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by Rev. A. Cohoon and others. 4. Report on Sabbath Schools. Address by Rev. H. N. Parry—Subject, "The relation of the Parent to the Sabbath School.

Tuesday afternoon sitting, final report of Committee of Arrangements; sermon by Rev. J. H. Saunders.

Evening session—Sermon by Rev. H. N. Parry, followed by a social service.

Bro. S. Selden of Halifax, the delegate from Board of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund, having explained the object and work of said Board, the following was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association express its willingness to transfer its funds in possession of the Infirm Ministers Board to the Board of Management of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund, as soon as that Board shall be legally qualified to receive it.

The Report on Education was read by Rev. T. A. Higgins; spoken to by Prof. J. F. Tufts, Bro. B. Havey, Revds. J. C. Morse, and W. H. Richan, and Bro. S. Selden, and adopted. (See App. C:)

Report of Committee on Obituaries read and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. Rowe.

Tuesday—Morning Session.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. E. P. Coaldwell, (Lic.)

Minutes of last evening session read and approved.

On motion Revs. T. A. Higgins, A. Cohoon, and L. M. Weeks, were appointed our delegates to the Central Association.

On motion Revs. F. Beattie, G. A. Cleaveland, L. M. Weeks with Bros. W. R. Doty, and J. C. Anderson were appointed delegates to the Convention.

Also resolved, That any brethren attending the Central, Eastern or P. E. Island Associations be our delegates upon procuring a certificate from the Clerk.

Bro. B. Havey was appointed Auditor.

The report on Denominational Literature was read by Rev. J. B. McQuillin. Spoken to by Revds. J. Rowe, T. A. Higgins, J. A. Clark, J. C. Morse, J. B. McQuillin, G. B. Titus, A. Cohoon, and Bro. S. Selden. Amended and adopted. (See App. E.)

Report on Christian Beneficence read by Rev. A. Cohoon.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. Beattie.

Tuesday—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. A. Cohoon.

Minutes of morning session read and confirmed.

Report on Christian Beneficence adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Final Report of Committee of Arrangements.

Committees for 1881.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. W. H. Richan, W. H. Warren, and T. A. Higgins.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. J. C. Morse, A. E. Ingram, and J. A. Stubbert.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. Wm. E. Hall, Dr. Day, and G. A. Cleaveland.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. J. Clark, H. N. Parry, A. Cohoon, and G. B. Titus.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. J. H. Sanders, and W. L. Parker.

ON CHRISTIAN BENEFICENCE.—Revds. J. M. Parker, E. P. Coaldwell, and W. J. Bleakney.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. F. Beattie, J. A. Durkee, and P. F. Murray.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. J. A. McLean, A. Cogswell, and J. Rowe.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Baptist Ministers, Pastors of the following churches:—Wilmot, Annapolis and Upper Granville, Lawrencetown, Pine Grove, Upper Wilmot and Nictaux.

They further recommend that Rev. A. Cohoon preach the Annual Sermon, and that Rev. J. H. Sanders be his alternate, and that Rev. J. A. McLean write the Circular Letter.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read by Rev. H. N. Parry, spoken to by the Chairman, Revds. J. Rowe, and J. Clark, and Bro. S. Selden, and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

It was resolved that the Sabbath Schools of the churches included in this Association be requested to observe by appropriate services on the 1st Sabbath in August, the Centenary of the Organization of Sabbath Schools, and that a collection be taken for Home Missions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Rev. John Rowe, for the very valuable service performed by him in preaching the Annual Sermon, the appointed preacher and his alternate being absent, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication in the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

On motion the thanks of this Association were tendered the friends of Freeport for the kindness and hospitality shown the delegates and friends of the Association during its session.

Also that we express our appreciation for the untiring efforts of the pastor, Rev. L. M. Weeks, and all who have visited Freeport in connection with this meeting.

According to arrangement a sermon was then delivered by Rev. J. H. Saunders—subject, "Baptism and Communion, their mutual relation." Acts ii. 41 and 42.

At the close, prayer was offered by Rev. G. B. Titus.

Minutes of this meeting read and adopted. After singing hymn 840, meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. P. F. Murray.

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After preliminary exercises participated in by Revds. A. N. Roscoe, and E. P. Coaldwell, a sermon was preached by Rev. H. N. Parry.

Earnest exhortations were delivered by Revds. L. M. Weeks, W. L. Parker, A. Cogswell and others.

On motion, resolved that we adjourn to meet with the Baptist Church at Paradise on the third Saturday in June, 1880.

Thus closed, after prayer and benediction, a very harmonious and encouraging meeting of the Western N. S. Association.

The difficulties encountered by some in getting to Freeport were forgotten in the enjoyment of fraternal greetings, pleasant and profitable sessions, and unbounded kindness and hospitality of the Freeport friends.

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Moderator.*

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Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Western Association, held in Freeport, June, 1880.

NAME OF CHURCH.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	PASTOR'S NAME.	YEAR OF SETTLEMENT.	Clerk, and P. O. Address.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Resident Members.	Non-resident M'brs.	Total Membership.	
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Statement.	Restoration.	Dismission.	Exclusion.				By Death.
1 Acadia French Mission.....	1870	M. Normandy	1879	Carleton Place, Digby Co.	17	0	1	1	1	1	25	5	30	
2 Annapolis Royal.....	1874	T. A. Higgins	1874	John L. Brittain, Annapolis Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	94	8	102	
3 Annapolis and Upper Granville	1871	W. H. Warren	1878	W. W. Sanders, Esq., Bridgetown, Annap. Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	273	52	325	
4 Argyll.....	1830	E. P. Coldwell, (Lic)	1878	Heman Nickerson, Yarmouth Co.	27	1	1	1	1	1	5	148	164	
5 Arcadia.....	1871	A. H. Lavers	1877	B. C. Robbins, Arcadia, Yarmouth Co.	2	1	1	1	1	1	100	22	122	
6 Barrington.....	1854	W. H. Ritchan	1863	Joiah Smith, Barrington, Shelburne Co.	3	1	1	1	1	1	34	8	42	
7 Beaver River.....	1846	G. E. Titus	1877	R. C. Raymond, Beaver River Corner, Yarm. Co.	14	4	2	3	3	2	220	19	239	
8 Brookfield.....	1828	G. A. Cleaveland	1879	A. J. Leadbetter, North Brookfield, Queens Co.	2	5	2	2	1	1	153	30	183	
9 Caledonia.....	1864	G. A. Cleaveland	1879	E. L. Teller, Caledonia, Queens Co.	2	1	2	2	1	1	31	90	121	
10 Clementia.....	1810	J. M. Parker	1874	Jas. Potter, Upper Clements, Annapolis Co.	1	2	1	1	1	5	317	28	342	
11 Dalhousie West***													25	
12 Digby.....	1840	J. H. Sanders	1874	George S. Parker, Digby Co.	2	1	1	9	2	2	108	21	129	
13 Digby Neck, 1st.....	18	J. C. Morse	1842	W. C. Denton, Waterford, Digby Co.	10	2	1	1	1	1	100	15	115	
14 Digby Neck, 2nd.....	1809	J. C. Morse	1842	J. W. Denton, Little River, Digby Co.	10	1	1	1	1	1	168	15	183	
15 Freeport.....	1834	L. M. Weeks	1879	N. J. Thurber, Digby Co.	74	10	1	5	7	4	2	286	9	295
16 Forest Glen**	1874												21	
17 Greenfield.....	1885												110	
18 Greywood and Milford.....	1861	T. A. Higgins	1874	Robt. Harlow, Greenfield, Queens Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	44	154	
19 Hampton.....	1824	J. E. Bleakney	1874	Jacob Chute, Hampton, Annapolis Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	137	30	167	
20 Hebron.....	1837	A. Cohoon	1876	Jas. Crosby, Wellington, Yarmouth Co.	64	5	2	4	20	3	6	310	870	
21 Hillsburg, 1st.....	1822	J. A. McLean	1870	T. H. Miller, Hillsburg, Annapolis Co.	5	4	1	1	1	1	271	43	314	
22 Hillsburg 2nd.....	1842	J. H. Sanders	1878	J. H. Thomas, Smith's Cove, Digby Co.	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	181	189	
23 Hill Grove.....	1843	W. L. Parker	1878	Jas. H. Aymann, Grand Saggit, Digby Co.	6	3	1	1	1	1	90	20	110	
24 Jordan River**	1858	G. H. Goudy	1878	John Hall, Sand Point, Shelburne Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	
25 Jordan River**	1858	G. H. Goudy	1878	Chas. H. Ten, Jordan River, Shelburne Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	
26 Kempf.....	1866			Wm. C. Baker, Queens Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	
27 Liverpool.....	1821			G. S. Parker, Queens Co.	5	1	1	3	3	3	2	123	52	155
28 Lockport.....	1873	J. A. Durkee	1879	Clifford Locke, Queens Co.	15	12	1	3	1	1	1	108	6	114
29 Lake George.....	1849	A. Cugwall	1875	Chas. Crosby, Lake George, Yarmouth Co.	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	160	20	180
30 Lower Chatham.....	1878			Robert Fitz Randolph, Annapolis Co.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
31 Lower Sable River**	1800	F. Beattie	1878	Ebenezer Sprunt, Granville Ferry, Annap. Co.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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29 Lake George.....	1849 A. C. Wall.....	5	2	1	1	1	100	90	
30 Lawrenceville.....	1878.....	5	7	2	1	1	152	20	
31 Lower Granville.....	1800 F. Beattie.....	2	2	1	1	1	222	51	
32 Lower Sable River**	.....	27	4	1	1	1	117	117
33 Little Head.....	1841 J. F. McKenne.....	4	4	1	1	1	35	15	
34 Littlefield.....	1862.....	4	4	1	1	1	94	50	
35 Mill Village.....	1868 A. N. Roscoe.....	2	2	1	1	1	62	33	
36 Milton, Queens.....	1829 James I. DeWolf.....	2	2	1	1	1	53	95	
37 Milton, Yarmouth.....	1871 J. B. McQuillin.....	4	4	1	1	1	92	90	
38 Middlefield.....	1856.....	18	10	1	1	1	138	314	
39 Nickaux.....	1800 W. A. J. Bleakney.....	2	2	1	1	1	6	27	
40 New Albany.....	1829.....	2	2	1	1	1	75	11	
41 New Tusket**	1843.....	2	2	1	1	1	228	19	
42 Ohio.....	1852 John Rowe.....	9	4	1	1	1	2	247	
43 Farkers Cove ***	1861 J. H. Robbins.....	9	4	1	1	1	2	247	
44 Pine Grove.....	1823 J. N. Robbins.....	9	13	1	1	1	221	90	
45 Port Medway.....	1856 E. N. Roscoe.....	9	13	1	1	1	80	23	
46 Pubnico.....	1856 E. I. Coldwell, (Lic.).....	6	6	1	1	1	47	5	
47 Ragged Islands, 1st.....	1856 W. H. Ritchie.....	6	6	1	1	1	90	9	
48 Ragged Islands, 2nd.....	1865 J. F. McKenne.....	11	11	1	1	1	24	24	
49 Sable River****	.....	11	11	1	1	1	2	2
50 Shelburne.....	1846 G. H. Gundy.....	11	11	1	1	1	2	2	
51 Sherbrooke West.....	1846.....	11	11	1	1	1	2	2	
52 Springfield.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	21	5
53 St. Mary's Bay.....	1843 W. L. Parker.....	1	1	1	1	1	5	26	
54 Tusket.....	1884.....	1	1	1	1	1	160	5	
55 Temple, Yarmouth.....	1871 John Clark.....	1	1	1	1	1	200	41	
56 Tiverton.....	1873 L. M. Weeks.....	36	8	1	1	1	178	40	
57 Upper Wilnot.....	1872 W. E. Hall.....	30	3	1	1	1	107	2	
58 Weymouth.....	1799 J. A. Stubbert.....	15	1	1	1	1	203	103	
59 Westport.....	1800 A. E. Ingram.....	15	1	1	1	1	471	471	
60 Woods Harbor.....	1868.....	83	8	1	1	1	203	17	
61 Wilnot.....	1810 J. T. Eaton.....	8	10	1	1	1	17	220	
62 Wilnot Mountain.....	1885 J. E. Bleakney.....	7	7	1	1	1	229	229	
63 Yarmouth, 1st.....	1797 G. E. Day, M. D.....	4	2	1	1	1	230	122	
64 Yarmouth, 2nd.....	1843.....	12	4	1	1	1	99	330	
65 Yarmouth, South*.....	1853.....	17	1	1	1	1	204	48	
66 Yarmouth, West.....	1863 H. N. Parry.....	19	5	1	1	1	161	40	
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*No Letter.

Ministers of the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles	Parkers Cove	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" W. A. J. Bleakeney	Nictaux, Annapolis Co.	1860	Cambridge, N. B.
" F. Beattie	Lower Granville, Annp. Co.	Dec. —, 1870	Shediac, N. B.
" A. Cohoon	Hebron, Yarmouth Co.	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" John Clark	Yarmouth Co.	1866	Godmanchester, G. B.
" G. A. Cleveland	Nth. Brookfield, Queens Co.	Jan. —, 1880	North Brookfield.
" A. Cogswell	Lake George, Yarmouth Co.	Jan. —, 1848	St. Mary's Bay.
" G. E. Day	Yarmouth	Jan. 26, 1868	Yarmouth.
" J. T. Eaton	Paradise, Annapolis Co.	Aug. 11, 1876	St. Stephen, N. B.
" G. H. Goudy	Shelburne Co.	June 7, 1877	St. Mary's Bay.
" T. A. Higgins	Annapolis Co.	—, 1857	Liverpool.
" W. E. Hall	Melvorn Square, Annp. Co.	Sept. —, 1804	New Germany.
" A. E. Ingram	Westport, Digby Co.	May 28, 1874	N. West, Lunenburg.
" A. H. Lavers	Arcadia, Yarmouth Co.	Sept. 21, 1876	Port Medway.
" J. C. Morse	Digby Neck	Nov. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" P. F. Murray	Milton, Queens Co.	March 14, 1848	Westport.
" P. McGregor	Tusket, Yarmouth Co.	—, 1877	Newport.
" J. F. McKenne	Ragged Island, Shelb. Co.	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" J. B. McQuillin	Milton, Yarmouth Co.	—, 1868	Port Hawksbury.
" M. Normandy	Saulnierville, Digby Co.	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker	Melvorn, Annapolis Co.	Feb. 21, 1841	Wilmot.
" J. M. Parker	Clements, Annapolis Co.	Oct. 6, 1865	Springfield.
" W. L. Parker	St. Mary's Bay, Digby Co.	Sept. 30, 1868	Upper Aylesford.
" H. N. Parry	Cheggogin, Yarmouth Co.	April 25, 1877	Gaspereaux.
" W. H. Richan	Barrington, Shelburne Co.	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe	Ohio, Yarmouth Co. ....	.....	Maccan.
" J. H. Robbins	Middleton, Annapolis Co.	Aug. 29, 1873	Rawdon.
" A. N. Ruscoe	Port Medway	March 31, 1880	Port Medway.
" J. H. Sanders	Digby Co.	Aug. 11, 1868	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stubbart	Deerfield, Yarmouth Co.	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" Chas. Tupper, D. D.	Aylesford, Kings Co.	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" G. B. Titus	Beaver River, Yarm. Co.	March 26, 1874	Osborne.
" W. H. Warren	Bridgetown, Annapolis Co.	Feb. 8, 1872	Cavendish, P. E. I.
" J. I. DeWolf	Milton, Queens Co.	Dec. 4, 1874	Uigg, P. E. I.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

HINDRANCES TO PROGRESS.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

Convinced as we are of our Scriptural views of doctrine and duty, grateful as we are for our progress in the past,—progress that has surprised those who differ from us, and led many among ourselves to say, What hath God wrought? It is still a subject of legitimate inquiry, Might not our progress have been more rapid and our triumphs more complete?

When we examine the advances that have been made—the admission almost universally, of principles for which we once almost singly contended—the candid avowals of those in other denominations who have permitted their scholarship to push aside their denominationalism; we are surprised that we do not stand in a more advanced position, and exert a mightier influence.

Our fathers went forth contending for the principle of a converted church membership which occupied next to the Cross the substance of their preaching; placing possession and profession in their appropriate position. As a consequence, the church was largely composed of individuals whose life was hid with Christ in God; and yet was a life that in action, was seen and read of all men. They entered the vineyard, not as idlers but as labourers, animated with holy enthusiasm for the extension of the truth as it is in Jesus. They realised a personal responsibility—a call that could never be answered by proxy—duties pressing that could never be officially performed for them; such being the case, can we wonder at the rapid advances made, in the early history of our denomination?

As we glance over the past years, we fear that in some instances there has been a substitution of feeling for principle, and emotion for conviction; engendered and encouraged by our methods of work, that lead us to look for conversions, and ingatherings; not by the ordinary, but by the use of extraordinary means. Periodic, we had almost said, spasmodic effort, that has led to a corresponding type of piety, flashing like the meteor instead of shining like the star.

The want of our age, is a piety founded on principle more than on feeling—a piety that displays itself, not only during the weeks of special service; but manifests its power in the weekly prayer

meeting—that is not found exhausting itself in spasmodic effort ; but constantly labouring to sustain the ordinary work of the church. There are too many in our churches, to whom might be addressed the inquiry—Brother do you think if you should die, when the church is not in a revival, you would be quite ready ?

We know, and admit freely that religion stirs the strongest feelings of the heart, opens the deepest fountains of emotion ; but we know as well, that it implants a principle, that is, first the blade, then the ear, and then the fall corn in the ear. We can account for the comparative spiritual idleness of so large a number in our churches, only by the painful conclusion—they never knew the grace of God, nor felt its quickening power—that swept along by the tide of external influence, they entered the church, unprepared for its duties, and with no pleasure in its services. Instead of coming first to Christ ; and then to the church—they have made the church a half-way house to the Cross, and feel not the constant, elevating, constraining power of Christ *in* them. If this were not the case, every revival of religion would bring another revival nearer, until the church reached its normal New Testament character—The Lord added daily to the church such as should be saved. Every converted soul must desire the conversion of others. To be willing to go to heaven alone, is sad evidence that we are not in the way. There must of necessity be the earnest invitation, Come thou with us—a reaching out of the helping hand to those who are perishing—active effort to bring them to Jesus.

Numbers alone are not strength. *Our* power is in our spirituality. There is nothing in our doctrines, or ordinances to win popularity, and a converted church membership unfolding truth by the tongue, and exemplifying it in the life, can alone give us success. Greater care should be exercised in the reception of members, who should receive more careful supervision. Work should be assigned to each. Personal responsibility constantly urged, as well as the duty of weaving the golden thread of religion into the web of daily life.

When the two great rivals Wellington and Napoleon were contending with each other, a word used by each unfolds fully their respective characters—Duty, Glory. So brethren, the use of the two words Duty and Feeling mark the distinctive types of piety that prevail to-day ; and not until we substitute, Duty for Feeling, will our efforts be constant, and our success complete.

Another hindrance is the want of denominational teaching, noticed first in too many of our Sabbath Schools. We examine the books placed in the hands of the scholars, and find many that teach principles and practices diametrically opposed to our principles, and subversive of what we believe to be the teaching of the word of God ; and this in view of the fact that libraries can be purchased as cheaply free from these errors, in perfect harmony with our denominational views. In following as closely as we

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have, the International Series of lessons, there has been a withholding of some portions of truth that in many of our Sabbath Schools is not made up by the use of a catechism that brings out with clearness, what we believe, and why we believe. We are convinced, that our youth are not as fully indoctrinated into our principles as they should be.

We fear that in this respect, our pulpit is also guilty of sins of omission. Our commission is, Teaching them to observe *all* things whatsoever I have commanded you. We feel that distinctive Baptist principles should occupy a prominent place.

The manifest tendency of our age is to latitudinarianism, and it is the solemn duty of the "austere sect of Baptists" to interpose a barrier. "*First pure, then peaceable.*" If there are sufficient grounds for our existence, there is a call to unfold the truth for which we exist.

Loyalty to King Jesus, and to the whole Bible as our Directory is a principle of paramount importance, to be upheld and defended in the spirit of love, and yet in the spirit of Christian firmness. Union is always purchased too dearly, if purchased by the sacrifice of principle, or the concealing of truth, and this is the only ground on which others with perhaps a few exceptions expect to unite with us. Baptists are expected to listen with patience, and meekness to distorted views of our faith and practice, and with the humility of the martyr, when smitten on the one cheek, to turn the other also.

To contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, is the solemn duty of all Christians; *especially* of those who are set on Zion's walls. If the whole truth kindly uttered offends, we must remember the quarrel is not with the preacher, but with the preacher's Master. We love Christian brotherhood, and desire to draw closely together, but never by the concealing of conscientious convictions of what the word of God teaches.

Prejudice is an evil—clearly defined views of denominational truth, a blessing. We do not believe, that any Christian should be short of the conviction, that the church to which he belongs is the most scriptural. A search for a church, should only be secondary to a search for Christ, and although it is the grand aim of the ministry to win souls, it should be a prominent one to direct into all truth.

But a greater hindrance still remains. Not the want of devising great things, but of carrying them out. "The tithes have not been brought into the storehouse." God has given us as a denomination a glorious heritage, and expects that we should give, in proportion to his gifts to us. Much has been given How little when compared with the claims upon us?

A scheme that strikes the popular tide—that has *feeling* as its motive power, will enlist for the time being, large support; but as the warmth subsides, the streams of benevolence shrivel like the

summer brook, and the great things that are devised, fail in execution for want of funds. Perhaps this is most evident in Home Mission work. Here there is "not distance to lend enchantment to the view," and it is difficult to awaken popular enthusiasm. Large fields have long been, and still are uttering the Macedonian cry—the fields whose natural gravitation was toward us, have been brought into other folds—ground that we might have occupied, lost to us simply for want of funds. A church that ceases to be aggressive will soon cease to live. A church that ceases to extend her bounds, will soon be moving in a more circumscribed sphere, and there are hearts that tremble as they look out to the future, and feel that we must be more liberal, if we would even secure the fields we now possess.

Nor should it be concealed, that the salary *promised* to our pastors, in many cases, is not adequate, and often irregularly paid. So that frequently with an empty exchequer, the pastor feels, "no one cares for me."

The question of the benefit of long or short pastorates, may be an open one, but we believe that want of support leads to changes that are a positive injury. Our system has no special means for filling vacancies, and a field thus made vacant is frequently left so long uncultivated, that much valuable seed is lost.

The amount subscribed for the pastor should be honourably and promptly paid. The obligation the church assumes should be discharged in the fear of God.

Debt on the part of our ministry should be sacredly avoided, but ofttimes failure on the part of the church compels the pastor to contract debts, that are difficult to discharge. Other causes may have led many of our ministers to other lands, but we believe that the question of support has had not a little influence in the matter. We fear that to-day, there are few of our churches that are not indebted to their pastors, and the amount—small to the individual membership,—is a burden under which many of them are groaning. God forbid that our ministry should ever become mercenary, God grant that they who pray for labourers to enter the field, may remember that "the labourer is worthy of his hire."

Brethren, the times demand action. We cannot afford to sit still. We must gird ourselves for the conflict, and in the strength of God do valiantly. Let us cast out from us everything that retards our progress, or lessens our influences, and under the banner of the Captain of salvation, follow wherever it leads. Ready must the churches reply to our Master's command, Onward. If the embalmed heart of Bruce thrown into the ranks of the enemy, led to a charge that could not be resisted, shall not the Cross erected amid hostile bands, lead us to efforts that by the blessing of the Divine Spirit must be successful. There is much land to be possessed, and we are well able to possess it.

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APPENDIX.

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Report of the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Your Board has nothing further to report than to show what have been the receipts and expenditures :—

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from old account.....	\$2 69
Received from Treasurer of the Association.....	93 55
" " Mortgage.....	107 00
	\$203 24
EXPENDITURE.	
Paid Rev. Henry Saunders.....	\$50 00
" " Robert Morton.....	20 00
" " Mrs. Richardson.....	15 00
" Expenses.....	1 02
	\$86 02
Balance on hand.....	\$117 22
Invested funds bearing interest at 7 per cent.....	\$790 49
Interest over due.....	65 00

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,
A. COHOON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

(B)

Report of Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions are enabled to report favourably concerning our whole field. Our missionaries among the Telugu people have labored diligently during the year, and they have been cheered with considerable apparent success. At Bimlipatam Rev. R. Sanford, Mrs. Sanford, and Miss C. A. Hammond, with their native assistants, Mark Leslie, Titus Edwin, and Mark Anthony, have pursued their work under some difficulties. Very much time and labor were necessarily expended in fitting out their mission compound with suitable buildings. This prevented the missionaries from engaging to any large extent in itinerant teaching, which they consider of great importance, and in which they wish to be engaged. Some Colporteur work has been done with encouraging results. Many persons were found by the

Colporteur to be in a hopeful state of mind. There are two Sabbath Schools on this field, each consisting of about thirty members. There is also a woman's weekly prayer-meeting.

At Chicacole, Rev. W. F. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong with their three native preachers and one Colporteur have had a good degree of encouragement. Besides the regular preaching services, a Sabbath School and a weekly female Prayer-meeting have been conducted. A meeting for enquirers has also been held. Many persons have been interested, and several have requested baptism. Paulus, the Colporteur, sold upwards of 5,000 books and tracts during the year, and gave away a large number of handbills.

Rev. George Churchill and Mrs. Churchill have been labouring at Bobbilli. The dangerous illness of Mrs. Churchill, and the attack of intermittent fever from which Mr. Churchill suffered, greatly interfered with their work. But something was attempted in direct Missionary efforts. Two classes were formed for the study of the Bible. A girl's school was taught a portion of the time by Mrs. Churchill. The indications on this field are favourable.

Your committee are thankful to report that our Home Missions are in a prosperous condition. About 50 fields, including 75 churches have been occupied since the first of August last. More than 50 missionaries have been employed for the whole or a part of their time. The reports that have already come in, show that upwards of 150 have been baptized. The outlook is encouraging. The chief drawback is the lack of funds to carry on the work as the Board would otherwise do.

The French Mission has been conducted in much the same way as in former years. An additional missionary to the French was engaged for three months, and placed on the southern section of the field. His faithful and indefatigable labours not being attended with any encouraging results, the engagement was not renewed. Rev. M. Normondy, the former missionary, continues to labour on. The field is unpromising, but there are no hard cases with God. His promise cannot fail, and we expect to see ere long many of the Atadian French "sitting at the feet of Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. DAY, *Chairman.*

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Report of Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education report as follows: The past year has been one of general prosperity to our institutions at Wolfville. Seventy students have been in attendance at the College during the year, thirteen of whom having completed the course of study, received their first degree on the 3rd of the present month. There is a prospect of a large matriculating class. The President of the College says "a large proportion of our students are religious young men, and the general spirit of industry and zeal in study, are such as to encourage us all in laboring to strengthen the college."

About 70 different pupils have been in attendance at the Male Academy, and 60 at the Ladies Seminary. Industry and perseverance upon the part of teachers and pupils were attested by the examination held at the close of the school year.

Some religious interest has been manifested among the pupils during the year. Some 10 or 12 among the number have been baptized and united with the christian church.

In the Theological department, classes have been instructed in Hebrew, N. T. Greek, Systematic Theology and in other branches. These classes were composed in part of college students and in part of those whose studies were confined to the Theological department. The theological professors are somewhat encouraged, but they feel that more effort should be made to call the attention of the young men to this department.

The ability of the Governors to meet their liabilities will depend upon the amounts received from the churches. May our faith, zeal and effort continue till a grand educational triumph shall be achieved, and every department of knowledge opened up to our young people.

J. M. PARKER.

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Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Through the abundant mercy of God there have been no breaks in the ranks of our ministry during the year. Many highly valued members have gone to their reward, but others have been gathered in to fill their places, and we have reason to be thankful that the vineyard of our Lord is still supplied with earnest workers both in the pews and in the pulpits. May the Divine blessing rest upon us during the year upon which we are now entering.

Signed,

T. A. HIGGINS.

Chairman.

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Report of Committee on Denominational Literature.

Inasmuch as earliest impressions are the most lasting, great care should be exercised by the superintendents and officers of the various Sabbath Schools of this Association, as well by parents and teachers of the young to provide their scholars and all under their care with Baptist literature. In many of our Sabbath School libraries, it is to be feared there are volumes containing expressions and sentiments wholly at variance with Baptist views of the ordinances of Christ and of the constitution of His church, and these volumes circulated among the young have a direct tendency to prejudice their minds against the very truths and doctrines in which we as Baptists are desirous of seeing them established.

As a remedy for this your Committee would suggest the propriety of purchasing libraries for Baptist Depositories. Books can be obtained oftentimes from so-called undenominational societies at a much lower rate than from our own societies, but such books are in the main pedobaptist books, and pedobaptist books for Baptist Sabbath Schools are dear at any price. Baptist literature for Baptist Sabbath Schools and Baptist families is, in the opinion of your committee, of vital importance to the future growth and prosperity of our denomination.

Your Committee are also of the opinion that it would tend to further the interests of our denomination could colporteurs be employed to disseminate as widely as possible such periodicals and books as are of a denominational character.

In regard to denominational papers your Committee believe that it would tend to the advancement of our cause, if instead of having two denominational papers with a limited circulation, and consequently expensive, these lower provinces, now united in mission work, should combine in the establishment and support of one periodical, such as will meet the wants of the denomination, be recognized by Baptists as their organ, and be furnished to subscribers at the least possible cost consistent with efficiency.

In behalf of the Committee,

J. B. McQUILLIN, *Chairman.*

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Report of Committee on Christian Beneficence.

Your Committee consider "giving" to be a part of christian life and character.

That christian has not grown up into Christ in all things, who has not learned to give for the extension of his Redeemer's Kingdom, and fails to give to the church and to the world the fullest proof of his love.

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They furthermore consider that the Christian pastor fails in his duty to God who does not teach his people both by precept and example to abound in this grace also. If he has neglected to teach this, he cannot say with Paul "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you."

They further regard it to be as much the pastor's duty to see that some systematic plan of collecting funds for denominational work is kept before the people throughout the year, as to see that the prayer meetings are sustained or church discipline maintained.

Respectfully submitted,
A. COHOON, *Chairman.*

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Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that in their opinion this department of Christian work is among the most important we have to consider. Not only because it is a mighty agency through the Holy Spirit reaching the hearts of our children; but because the teachings there received, make those coming there from more intelligent christians than they otherwise would be.

And while we are glad, from facts furnished to state that nearly 4500 of our children are weekly receiving instruction from the Word of Life, we regret that full statistics have not been received. We believe that every pastor should interest himself to see that complete information is furnished to this body, respecting the schools on his field. That neglecting this he fails in his duty.

We also consider the attendance of the whole church at the Sabbath School as highly important, and regret that so many Christians are either insensible of their obligations, or wilfully negligent of them.

Your committee are further of the opinion that as this is, or is claimed to be, the centenary year of Sabbath School work, a short time should be set apart for special thanksgiving for the great blessings which have attended effort in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,
H. N. PARRY, *Chairman.*

Treasurer's Account

OF MONIES FOR BENEVOLENT OBJECTS RECEIVED AT THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT FREEPORT, DIGBY CO.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	French Mission.	Acadia College.	Ministerial Education.	Infirmary Ministers.	Total.
Arcadia.....	\$5 00	\$2 00	\$0 25				\$7 25
Barrington.....	1 00	1 00		\$1 00	\$ 0 20	\$ 0 20	4 00
Beaver River.....	2 65	3 40	1 25	1 25	2 45	1 45	12 45
Brookfield.....	3 53	10 26	7 46			2 20	23 55
Caledonia.....	2 75	3 25	1 60	0 25	1 05	0 25	9 15
Clements.....	10 00	10 00	10 00				30 00
Freeport.....	17 17	17 17	3 92	3 92	2 96	3 92	49 06
Greenfield.....	5 00	1 75	0 50	0 45			7 70
Greywood and Milford.....	1 75						1 75
Hampton.....	4 25	8 35	3 75			1 45	17 80
Hillsburg, 2nd.....	9 05	7 50					16 55
Hill Grove.....	6 50	6 50				4 00	17 00
Lake George.....	2 84	9 50	2 00				14 34
Lawrencetown and Valley West.....	7 90	7 85	2 70			0 80	19 25
Litchfield.....	0 90						0 90
Liverpool.....	12 53	7 33		7 33	1 57	1 57	31 33
Lower Granville.....	11 73	7 33		7 33	1 46	1 46	29 31
Milton, Queens County.....	15 00	15 00	5 00	7 00		2 50	44 50
West Albany.....	6 25	4 75	1 00				12 00
Nictaux.....	17 00	15 00	16 00	4 00		4 33	56 33
Ohio.....	10 00	9 25					19 25
Pine Grove.....	24 40	15 25		15 25	3 05	3 05	61 00
Port Medway.....	7 57		1 25				8 82
Ragged Islands, 1st.....	4 75	2 98		2 98	0 60	0 60	11 94
Ragged Islands, 2nd.....	1 72	1 07		1 07	0 22	0 22	4 30
Weymouth.....	4 12	4 15	2 28				10 55
Springfield.....	6 85	2 65					9 50
St. Mary's Bay.....	10 00	10 00				7 00	27 00
Tiverton.....	2 20	2 00	0 50	0 50	0 50	0 40	6 39
Upper Wilmot.....	17 40	30 90	4 25			2 00	54 55
Wilmot.....	44 40	27 75		27 75	5 55	5 55	111 90
Wilmot Mountain.....	3 00	7 00	2 00			1 36	13 36
Wood's Harbor.....	1 40	0 87		0 87	0 18	0 18	3 50
Annapolis Royal.....	14 80	9 25		9 25	1 85	1 85	37 00
Ethel Davis, Westport.....	1 00	1 00					2 00
A Friend to Bap. Church, Ohio.....	7 50	7 50					15 00
Sabbath Collections.....	14 34	8 97		8 97	1 76	1 76	35 86
	\$323 88	\$279 53	\$85 71	\$90 67	\$23 43	\$48 13	\$840 15
Paid for Print. Minutes, Postage, &c	22 91	18 14	4 23	6 44	1 50	3 12	56 34
	\$300 97	\$261 19	\$81 48	\$83 23	\$21 93	\$45 01	\$783 81

Freeport, June 22nd, 1880.

J. C. ANDERSON, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
B. HAVRY, Auditor.

Moneys

- 1 Annapolis
- 2 Argyle.....
- 3 Brookfield.....
- 4 Caledonia.....
- 5 Digby Neck.....
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- 7 Digby.....
- 8 Freeport.....
- 9 French Mis.....
- 10 Greenfield.....
- 11 Hebron.....
- 12 Hillsburg, 1.....
- 13 Kempt, Que.....
- 14 Lake George.....
- 15 Lockport.....
- 16 Louis Head.....
- 17 Pubnico.....
- 18 Ragged Islan.....
- 19 Ragged Islan.....
- 20 Weymouth.....

ASSOCIATION

Total.

Moneys reported by Churches, appropriated during the Year.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Mission.	Acadia College.	Indian Ministers.	Total.
1 Annapolis Royal.....		\$16 00				\$16 00
2 Argyle.....	\$3 50	2 00				5 50
3 Brookfield.....	8 83	10 84	7 46			26 53
4 Caledonia.....	2 75	3 25	1 00	\$0 25	\$2 20	7 50
5 Digby Neck, 1st.....		14 75			0 25	15 00
6 Digby Neck, 2nd.....		7 00				7 00
7 Digby.....		10 25		8 00		18 25
8 Freeport.....		8 00		50 00		58 00
9 French Mission Church.....		20 00				20 00
10 Greenfield.....	0 50	8 00				8 50
11 Hebron.....	75 00	60 00		82 00	5 77	226 77
12 Hillsburg, 1st.....		22 00				22 00
13 Kempt, Queens Co.....	40 00					40 00
14 Lake George.....			5 00			5 00
15 Lockport.....				77 33		77 33
16 Louis Head.....		2 27				2 27
17 Pubnico.....	1 50	1 00				2 50
18 Ragged Island, 1st.....		2 50				2 50
19 Ragged Island, 2nd.....		1 50				1 50
20 Weymouth.....	4 12	4 15	2 28			10 55

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Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association.

ART. 1.—This body shall be called the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

ART. 2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches o. which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Assofciations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

ART. 3.—The objects of the Association shall be, the collection of statisti- cal and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; the promotion of individual godliness and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ART. 4.—The Association shall meet annually on the 3rd Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastors.

ART. 5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for; take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition.

The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the vote of the Association.

ART. 6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed, by dismissal, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

ART. 8.—The Association shall not in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

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RULES OF ORDER.

ART. 10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

RULE 2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of a Moderator shall be made by ballot.

RULE 3rd.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

RULE 4th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

RULE 5th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

RULE 6th.—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

RULE 7th.—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

RULE 8th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

RULE 9th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 10th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

RULE 11th.—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

RULE 12th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.