

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE BAPTISTS OF NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD AT
Canning, King's Co., Sept. 12th to 16th, 1878,
AND THE
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

MINUTES OF THE FOREIGN MISSION AND WOMEN'S MISSION
SOCIETIES, AND THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE YARMOUTH AND SHELBURNE QUARTERLY
MEETING, HOME MISSION SOCIETY AND THE
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

MINUTES AND CONSTITUTION OF ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

MINUTES OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION; AND HALIFAX
MISSION TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

OFFICERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE:

Rev. W. C. Weston, Moderator. | Rev. J. I. Porter, Standing Clerk.
" G. E. Sturgis, Ass'tant " | " J. M. Lowden, Ass'tant "

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THE Thirteenth Annual Session of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, was held at Canning, King's County, commencing on Thursday, September 12th, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M. Meeting called to order by the Standing Clerk, Rev. J. I. Porter.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. F. Babcock, conducted the opening exercises.

Prayer by Rev. W. Downey. Roll called. Members of Conference present:—

ELDERS.—W. C. Weston, F. Babcock, D. Oram, G. E. Sturgis, W. Downey, J. F. Smith, S. N. Royal, T. O. DeWitt, J. Cox, J. M. Lowden and J. I. Porter.

LICENTIATE.—J. L. Smith.

DEACONS.—B. B. Woodworth, Jacob Lockhart, James Cushing, Zachariah West.

Q. MEETING DELEGATES.—Nehemiah Porter, William Millar, C. Raymond, Henry Coffin, C. Crowell, H. Gould.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATE FROM THE M. C. Y. MEETING.—Rev. Jasen Mariner.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATE FROM THE N. B. F. B. G. C.—Rev. C. T. Phillips.

VISITING BRETHREN.—Prof. Foster of University of N. B.; Rev. T. Vanwart of N. B. F. C. B. Conference; Brother N. S. Palmeter of Borden Q. M., M. C. Y. M.; Brother Zephaniah Porter of Beaver River, York Co.; Rev. Mr. March, resident Pastor of Baptist Church.

Resolved, That the Moderator be chosen by ballot.

Ballot taken. Rev. W. C. Weston chosen.

Resolved, That the choice be made unanimous.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. F. Babcock, on leaving the chair, made appropriate remarks, as did Rev. W. C. Weston on taking it.

Resolved, That the Rev. G. E. Sturgis, M. D., be Assistant Moderator.

Resolved, That Rev. J. M. Lowden be Assistant Clerk.

Resolved, That the Visiting Brethren be invited to a seat with us, subject to the Rules of Order.

Brother Mariner presented his credentials, and a communication from the M. C. Y. M., which was read.

Constitution and Bye-Laws read by the Assistant Clerk.
Resolved, That a Committee of three be chosen to nominate committees.

Resolved, That Wm. Downey, J. Cox and J. Lockhart be the committee.

Resolved, That the Report of the committee chosen to visit the late Rev. C. Knowles' family, to ascertain if he had left a Journal, &c., be received and the committee discharged.

The Committee reported that no Journal, &c., is left.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference, a Minister leaving one church and commencing labor with another church, should take a letter from the former church, and by letter from the former church join the church or a church with which he labors.

The Report of the Committee to nominate Committees was received, as follows:

<i>Presidential Committee</i>	—J. Cox, J. M. Lowden, J. Lockhart.
<i>Temperance</i>	—S. N. Royal, G. E. Sturgis, J. L. Smith.
<i>Sabbath</i>	—T. O. DeWitt, D. Oram, N. Porter.
<i>Sabbath Schools</i>	—F. Babcock, T. Vanwart, J. Cushing.
<i>Education</i>	—J. F. Smith, J. Mariner, W. Millar.
<i>Missions</i>	—J. M. Lowden, W. Downey, N. S. Palmeter.

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. F. Babcock.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Reporting Meeting.

Rev. G. E. Sturgis, Assistant Moderator, in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

Roll called by Assistant Clerk.

Resolved, That we now receive the Report of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting, which was read by the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, Rev. S. N. Royal, as follows:

The Harmony Quarterly Meeting to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, convened at Canning, Kings County, reports as follows:—

CANNING CHURCH.—Rev. J. H. Cox preaches to them every Lord's day. Have a good Sabbath School. Dismissed by letter, three; died, one; whole number, 101.

HALL'S HARBOR CHURCH.—Rev. T. S. Vanwart has been preaching to this Church the past six months a part of the time. I learn that he has concluded his labors, and they are now without preaching. Whole number of members, 101; 47 brothers, 44 sisters.

BLACK ROCK CHURCH.—No report. I learn they also have had the labors of Brother Vanwart. Membership at last report, 90.

PORT MOUTON CHURCH has had no regular preaching since Bro. De Witt removed to Cape Island; are holding on to the truth, praying for help. Died, two; whole number of members 97; 44 Brothers, 53 Sisters.

PORT MEDWAY CHURCH has the preaching of Rev. S. N. Royal the 1st and 3rd Lord's days in each month; a good Sabbath-school; are low, yet there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal Dismissed by letter, two; whole number of members, 122.

EAST PORT MEDWAY has preaching by Rev. S. N. Royal the 1st and 3rd Sabbath afternoons of each month. Last winter they enjoyed a gracious revival, by which the Church was quickened, and six were added by baptism. They have a good Sabbath School. This church is compelled to say, in the language of Isaiah xvi. 11, "Our holy house where our fathers praised Thee is burned with fire." Their place of worship was consumed by fire last February, and they have erected a frame and covered it with boards, but are too feeble to finish it now. They are worthy of any material aid towards finishing it any may feel disposed to give. Added by baptism, six; died, one; whole number, 50.

HARMONY CHURCH has the services of Elder S. N. Royal one half the time; maintains weekly prayer meetings and monthly conferences; are praying for better days; have 25 scholars and five teachers in a Sabbath School in the community. Added by letter, two; died, one; whole number of members, 68.

HALIFAX CHURCH has the labors of Rev. J. M. Lowden, an interesting Sabbath School, an encouraging congregation. This church is in debt for its place of worship, and could that burden be removed, with Divine aid would flourish. Added by letter, three; by baptism, 15; whole number of members, 88; 52 sisters, 36 brothers.

BROOKVILLE CHURCH (Hants Co.).—This Church was organized in June, 1877, as the result of the labors of Rev. G. E. Sturgis. He preaches to them. Whole number of members, 12; 7 brothers, 5 sisters.

In looking over the field we are led to enquire, are the old fields worn out? Are they barren? Why, during the past year, has there been no more conversions among us as a Quarterly Meeting? Will they die? They may be weakly, they are not bearing fruit as they might, but they are not beyond recovery; there are the fives and tens and more left who are true.

The reasons are, apparently, First: Want or lack of Denominational preference. Said a member of one of our churches who could not find time to attend the monthly conference of his church for months, at a Camp Meeting one Saturday afternoon—the afternoon of Conference, "I have a Wesley's Hymns in one pocket, and a Psalmody in the other." Too many are like him.

Secondly: Lack of Ministerial labor. For the past sixteen years some of the churches have had preaching part of the time for four of the sixteen.

Thirdly: A lack of consecration. Were each and every member of the Quarterly Meeting to read and practice Romans twelfth chapter, no such report would be made next year.

I beg to call your attention to the following Resolutions, passed during the Sessions of the past year, viz :

1. *Whereas*, The General Conference has arranged for placing an Agent in the field to secure the more efficient working of our Home Mission Society, and to raise funds for the same;

Therefore Resolved, That we co-operate in said arrangement, and agree to accept the services of said Agent in connection with our Home Mission work, and that we will pay said Agent's salary for the time spent in raising Funds within this Quarterly Meeting.

2. *Resolved*, That Brother Scott be appointed to fill the vacancy caused in a committee appointed by the General Conference, by the removal of Brother Babcock.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Conference be requested to republish our Treatise of Faith in some convenient form.

4. *Whereas*, This Quarterly Meeting Conference firmly believes that in many of our Churches there are Brethren whose gifts and graces qualify them for efficient work in the Master's cause, but whose circumstances and education do not warrant them in entering into the regular ministry,

Therefore Resolved, That this Quarterly Meeting Conference recommend the Yearly Meeting Conference, at next Session, to devise some plan for the recognition and encouragement of Local Preachers among us.

5. *Resolved*, That this Quarterly Meeting Conference request the Yearly Meeting Conference to define the proper action of churches in dismissing members in good standing.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt has been added to this Conference, and is labouring in the Cape Island Church. All the Licentiates are using their opportunities for work for the Master, and we think most of the Ministerial members of Conference are extending their labors over the widest possible ground.

Rev. W. M. Knollin has been laid aside by ill health during the greater part of the year, but we are happy to inform this Annual Conference that his health is much improved, and we are hoping and praying that at no very distant day he may be fully restored to health and again take his position as an active worker in the Master's vineyard.

Trusting that your meetings may rebound to the honor and glory of God,

I am, yours fraternally,

EDWIN CROWELL, Clerk Y. and S. Quarterly Meeting.

Barrington, N. S., Sept. 6, 1878.

Resolved, That the Report be received, adopted and engrossed in the Minutes.

Rev. J. Mariner, Corresponding Delegate from the M. C. Y. M., in giving his excellent report, touched upon the following topics and sentiments:

His great pleasure in meeting us, the membership of his yearly meeting, and their General Conference. Their ministry,—some educated, others uneducated,—all doing good work, much united. None treat the aged fathers better than our best educated young men. How the ministers should treat one another; how their churches divide the different funds, and have a system. Temperance,—all right on the cause, teetollers every one. Education,—Bates' College within his Y. M. He was one of the little band that selected the site where the College stands. Has at present 120 students; 60 in the Latin School; a more devoted class of young men he had never known. Quite a large number of young men preparing for the ministry. Have built some new churches, one in Auburn City, costing \$14,000. Some churches had large additions to their membership during the year. Extended cordial sympathy; hoped there might be closer union at some time. Requested a continuance of the Delegation.

As the Corresponding Delegate of our Conference failed to attend the M. C. Y. M. on account of his ill-health, the following Resolution was passed:

Resolved, That this Conference are thankful, and do hereby tender its thanks for the Delegation in its proper time.

The Corresponding Delegate from the F. C. B. Conference of N. B., Rev. C. T. Phillips, said:

I am glad for several reasons to be here. Made some very pleasant remarks in way of comparison between New Brunswick and Maine. We need more ministers; are looking to the Lord of the harvest. Have lost one very promising young man, Brother Price. Our fathers made mistakes by not planting our cause in important centres. This is remedied. Have churches in all the larger towns and cities in our Province. Have some men of large influence, loyal,—loyalty in the pew. God has a place for us to occupy. Have been pleased to receive your delegate. Requested a continuance of the delegation.

Professor Foster said:

There was not much left for him to say; but Brother Phillips had not said much about temperance; all their members were a unit on the question. Their outlook on the subject of education was not hopeful. Could not say as Brother Mariner had concerning his Y. M. Hoped the time will come when we will have a school of our own, either for the Maritime Provinces or for the Dominion.

Rev. J. F. Smith, Corresponding Delegate to the last General Conference of Free Baptists of New Brunswick, said:

Was deeply impressed with the manifestation of superior talent at Conference. The education interest impressed him deeply. The opinion in the minds of some that educated men as preachers are apt to lean upon their education rather than the spirit of the Master. He spoke of progress, especially on part of young men as noticeable and interesting. Was received most cordially.

Rev. W. Downey, Corresponding Delegate to the G. C. of F. B.'s of the U. S., said:

Was much pleased with his visit. The season was very enjoyable. Met about 200 ministers. Was appointed to preach. Will be most happy to have the delegation continued.

Voted, That the reports be received.

Resolved, That the Report of the Y. and S. Q. M. be taken up, and the recommendation therein considered. The recommendation referring to printing Treatise on Faith, &c., read, when it was

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Conference get 2,000 copies printed of convenient size.

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Resolved, That a committee of three be chosen to take the second recommendation in hand and report at the earliest moment.

Resolved, That Revs. Downey, Royal and Babcock be the committee.

Resolved, That the recommendation touching the Dismission of Churches be referred to the same above committee.

Resolved, That Article 11 of the Constitution of this Conference be so amended as to give the Quarterly Meeting power to ordain in certain cases, thus: "Except in special cases, when the Quarterly Meeting shall have power to examine and ordain at discretion."

Resolved, That we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Lowden.

FRIDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Moderator in the Chair. Prayer by Brother J. L. Smith.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance are pleased to know that the past year has been one of great progress in the temperance reform. There is no neutral ground for the "children of light" in this work. The cause demands the active, earnest support of every christian. Your Committee would call attention to that clause of the Covenant, which reads: "We will not use intoxicating drinks ourselves, nor allow them to be used in our families, nor furnish them for persons in our employment, except for medical, chemical or mechanical purposes. We will not buy nor sell these articles, nor give our influence for the traffic in them, only for the purposes above named," and request each Church to enforce the clause. While giving our unqualified assent to this clause in our Church Covenant, we fear that many may be content with so doing. Is this enough? We think not. We should gird on the whole armour and wage a war of extermination against the terrible evil of intemperance.

Yours, for the truth,

S. NASON ROYAL,
GEO. E. STURGIS,
JOHN L. SMITH, } Committee.

Rev. T. A. DeWitt thought there should be no exception to the use of spirituous liquors.

Rev. G. E. Sturgis thought there should be decided action; didn't like the clause in the Covenant referred to.

Brother J. L. Smith spoke of his experience the first time he ever came to the communion table and met the wine cup.

Prof. Foster thought we should not be so radical as to refuse to use alcohol on any occasion. Good for preserving animal substances, &c.

Dr. Newman, of New York, addressed a meeting in Mass., told of a man that was ruined by tasting wine at the Lord's Table. The Church should be at the back of temperance organizations. The Sabbath School work should be connected with temperance work. Are the ministers of this Conference requested thereby to preach temperance sermons? This gives force to said sermons. It is better policy to take the young in hand rather than let them grow in evil habits. The law of this Dominion gives us the privilege that most counties can become prohibitory.

Rev. S. N. Royal said most substitutes, such as essences, &c., contain alcohol.

Rev. J. L. Smith approved of having the approval of Conference to preach sermons.

Rev. C. T. Phillips thought Ministers ought to preach temperance sermons at all times.

Rev. D. Oram referred to the discussion last year, as recorded in the Minutes.

The Report was adopted.

Committee on Education reported as follows:

Whereas, The increasing demand for an able Ministry, such as shall not only be called of God to the work and possess deep piety, but also whose sanctified intelligence shall aid them in meeting the demand of the age and of God.

Therefore Resolved, That it is the duty of our churches to seek out and encourage in all proper ways, young men who are impressed with the conviction of duty, to prepare for the Christian Ministry.

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, recognize the importance of an Educated Ministry, also the encouragement of those truly called of God to this work, who have not had or may not have the advantages of the schools, and we recommend to all young men who have the great work of the Ministry in view, to avail themselves of whatever educational helps they can, that they may be the better fitted for service in the Master's cause.

Resolved, That money consecrated to the cause of sanctified education is consecrated to the cause of Christ, and that we will give of our means to aid this important work.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference, it is of vast importance to the intellectual and spiritual welfare of every family that each subscribe for a religious paper, and we believe the *Religious Intelligencer* and *Morning Star* are worthy of our denominational support.

J. MARINER, }
J. F. SMITH, } Committee.
W. MILLER, }

Resolved, That the Report be laid on the table, and referred to the Education Meeting, Saturday evening.

Resolved, That that part of the Report, referring to the *Morning Star* and *Religious Intelligencer*, be adopted by this Conference.

The Committee on Missions reported as follows:

Your Committee believes the prosperity of our denomination largely depends upon the efficient working of our Home Mission Societies. We rejoice to know that much improvement has been made during the past year in the Y. & S. Quarterly Meeting in the work of Home Missions, attributable principally to the efficient and successful labours of our Home Financial Agent, our esteemed Sister Emma Porter. Your Committee are unable to report any advance in this direction in the Harmony Q. M., and are of the opinion that this Home Mission work could be more thoroughly carried on if the two Q. M. H. Mission Societies were merged into one, and that to be under the auspices of General Conference. Your Committee therefore recommend that immediate steps be taken to bring about this desirable change.

As to Foreign Mission work, your committee rejoice in the prosperous condition of the Women's Mission Aid Society, which is doing much in aid of this good work in many of our churches, but we regret that our Foreign Mission Society has become almost inactive as to raising funds, and have improperly leaned upon what the women were doing in that direction.

Your Committee are of opinion, that the Foreign Mission Society ought to pay the salary of Sister Phillips, and have no doubt but it could be easily done if proper efforts were put forth to collect funds.

Your Committee recommend, that in those communities where Women's Aid Societies exist, they be requested to assist in the work of collecting for the Society, and that every community in which a Free Baptist interest exists, be thoroughly canvassed by suitable female collectors some time between the close of each General Conference and the end of the calendar year, and that it be distinctly understood that what the women are doing in their Society is separate and distinct over and above what should be done by the F. B. F. M. Society of Nova Scotia.

Signed in behalf of the Committee.

WILLIAM DOWNEY.

Resolved, That the Report be received, and that part relating to Foreign Missions be referred to the Mission Meeting this evening.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be chosen to consider that part of the report relating to Home Missions.

Resolved, That F. Babcock, J. M. Lowden, W. Downey, J. I. Porter and J. C. Cushing be the committee.

Resolved, That we adjourn until the close of the Women's Meeting this afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. F. Babcock.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

Prof. Foster presented the request of Dr. Cheney to the Conference, viz.: That a Committee be appointed by this Conference to co-operate with Committees of other Free Baptist bodies, with regard to a General Convention of all such bodies, to be held in A. D. 1880.

Rev. J. Mariner said September, 1880, will be just one hundred years since Benjamin Randall first began, took a stand, &c.

Resolved, That Revs. J. I. Porter and W. C. Weston be the above requested committee.

Resolved, That we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Smith.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Lowden. Roll called by Clerk.

Report on Sabbath Schools presented, as follows:

Your Committee believe that God in his love and mercy has providentially and graciously given us Sabbath Schools, and we recognize in them a degree of aid and power and usefulness, in imparting religious instruction to those who engage in them, especially the young, second only to the preaching the gospel; that they need, and justly claim, the earnest fostering care of all classes, especially that of parents and ministers. We appreciate and thankfully accept the improved methods of imparting instruction which we now enjoy, among which are uniform Lesson Papers and a pure and elevating Sabbath School literature, and we recommend our Sabbath Schools to secure such literary aid as shall best glorify God and assist us in our denominational work and influence.

In behalf of Committee.

F. BABCOCK.

Resolved, That the Report be received, and referred to the Sabbath School Convention, held on Monday afternoon.

The Report on the Sabbath presented, as follows:

The institution of the Sabbath was designed by God as a sign between him and us, therefore the manner in which it is kept is a proof of our regard for him. No person can be a consistent christian and not hallow the Lord's day. Your committee deeply regret the slackness with which some church members seem to regard the sanctity of the Sabbath. That it is not a day for visiting, sleeping, or idle conversation, the Bible plainly teaches. He that would remain at home or visit rather than attend a place of worship on the Sabbath, or allows his children or servants so to do, whatever may be his profession, has just cause to question his union with God and his character as a christian. We are exhorted, "not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together as the

manner of some is." We recommend that the burial of the dead be avoided in all cases on the Sabbath, when practicable.

Your committee regret that the laws now existing for the observance of the Sabbath are not more vigilantly enforced.

In behalf of Committee.

D. ORAM.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes, and that the Ministers call the attention of the people to the clause referring to the burial of the dead.

The Report of Committee on Recommendation from Y. and S. Q. M., touching Local Preachers, was read as follows:

The Y. and S. Q. M. having called our attention to the fact, that there are among us members who do not feel warranted, for reasons beyond their control, in entering the regular ministry, whose services would be acceptable as Local Preachers, we would recommend that the Churches with which such members are connected examine them, and if in their opinion worthy, license to preach until the next Session of the Q. M. with which the Church is connected, when such Q. M. may, on proper examination, grant a Local Preacher license.

In behalf of Committee.

S. NASON ROYAL.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to Brother J. I. Porter for his excellent Conference Sermon, and that we recognize it as the first Conference Sermon, as such, ever preached before this body.

The Committee chosen to consider the Home Mission matter presented their report as follows:

Your Committee chosen to recommend a course of action touching the Home Mission work, submit the following:—

Whereas, The Y. and S. and Harmony Q. Meetings has requested this Conference to take under its auspices the Home Mission work hitherto conducted by said Q. Meetings; your committee therefore recommend that this Conference accept the H. Mission work according to the requests of the said Q. Meetings, and employ an Agent to engage in the interests of the Home Mission Society, and develop that interest in the most desirable and efficient manner possible, and that we adopt the Constitution of the Y. and S. Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Society, with such alterations in name, &c., as will adapt it to the new Society.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the life members of the Q. M.'s H. M. Societies be life members of the new Society.

Resolved, That the Committee that brought in the report on the above Mission matter be a Committee to revise the Constitution of the Q. M. Societies, and adapt it to the new Society.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be chosen to consider the request of the Brookville Church, touching the ordination of Brother Millar.

Resolved, That J. F. Smith, S. N. Royal, T. O. DeWitt and N. S. Palmeter be the above Committee.

The recommendation of the Yarmouth Church read, and a Committee appointed, consisting of B. B. Woodworth, D. Oram, S. N. Royal, J. Lockhart and N. Porter.

Resolved, That the next Regular Session of this Conference be held with the Church at Beaver River.

Resolved, That this Conference endorse the *Religious Intelligencer*, and request our membership to subscribe for it, and especially Church Clerks and Deacons to do so.

Resolved, That the Clerk of Conference get 1,200 copies of our Minutes printed, and receive for his services \$20, and \$10 for the Treatise on Faith, &c.

Resolved, That the Clerk see that each of our Ministers get two copies of the Minutes of Conference.

The Report of Committee on Dismission of Church Members read, as follows:

Your Committee recommend that the 11th Article of Church usages be changed to read thus: "Any member in good standing removing from the limits of the church to which he belongs, or wishing to unite with any other church, on application to the church, may receive a letter of commendation by a majority vote of the church."

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to nominate Corresponding Delegates to other bodies, and a Minister of this Conference to preach the Conference Sermon, and that J. Oushing be added to the above committee.

Resolved, That this Conference regard dancing as contrary to the teaching of the Sacred Scripture and a violation of our Church Covenant, and that we request our Ministers to call the attention of their respective churches to the clause in the Covenant relating to sinful amusements and dancing.

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The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Resolved, That Rev. J. M. Lowden, Corresponding Delegate to the N. B. F. C. Baptist General Conference, and that Rev. D. Oram be his substitute; Rev. F. Babcock to M. C. Y. Meeting, and that Rev. S. N. Royal be his substitute, and that Rev. Wm. Downey preach the Conference Sermon next year.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to give a report on the recommendation of the Y. and S. Quarterly Meeting, touching the pastorate system.

Resolved, That S. N. Royal, J. F. Smith and J. Cox be the above committee.

Resolved, That this Conference adjourn to meet immediately after the close of the religious services this P. M. in the Vestry, and that the order of business be Brother Millar's case.

Prayer by Rev. S. N. Royal.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Sturgis. In Committee of whole.

Resolved, That Rev. W. C. Weston be Chairman of Committee, and Rev. J. I. Porter be Secretary.

Resolved, That the rules of Conference be observed by this committee.

The Report of Committee on Brother Millar's case read by Rev. S. N. Royal, Chairman of the Committee, as follows:

Your Committee on request of Brookville Church, would report: They learn from good sources that Brother Millar left the Methodist connection in a legal and honorable manner, taking a letter of commendation and dismissal, according to their usages, was afterward baptized by Brother G. E. Sturgis, and united with the Brookville Church, by whom he is held in high esteem; that he is moreover of good report of them which are without, and would recommend his examination by this Conference in view of his ordination, and such further proceedings as the result of the examination may warrant.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee of the whole proceed to examine Brother Millar in reference to his christian experience and call to the ministry. The Chairman proceeded accordingly, and a very satisfactory examination was had.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to Conference respecting the ordination of Brother Millar.

The Chairman reported in behalf of the committee, favorably to ordination.

Resolved, That the ordination of Brother Millar take place on next Monday evening.

Resolved, That the Prudential Committee, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, be a committee to make arrangements for the ordination.

Resolved, That we adjourn to 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Prayer by Rev. W. Downey.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. Cox, Roll called by Assistant Clerk.

The Report of the Committee to prepare a Constitution for the Home Mission Society, as connected with this Conference, was read by the Assistant Clerk. (*See Appendix, Constitution of Home Mission Society.*)

The said Report on Constitution was considered clause by clause, and adopted.

Resolved, That we now proceed to choose the Officers and Executive of the Home Mission Society.

Resolved, That Rev. W. Downey be the President.
 " " " S. N. Royal be 1st Vice President.
 " " " W. C. Weston be 2d " "
 " " " J. F. Smith be 3d " "
 " " " F. Babcock be Secretary and Treasurer.
 " " " The Executive Committee be Rev. J. I. Porter, Rev. J. M. Lowden and Bro. Amos Scott.
 " " " That Rev. T. O. DeWitt be Auditor.

The Committee on Superannuation Fund reported as follows :

Your Committee on Indigent Ministers' Fund would report and suggest:— That this Conference organize an Indigent Ministers' Fund, whose object shall be to aid infirm and aged Ministers of this Conference, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of this Conference.

That the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of this Conference be the Officers of this fund, with an Executive Committee of the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer and three other members of the Conference, chosen by the Conference, with power to invest such funds as may come under their control, and appropriate on the recommendation of two members of this Conference or a Church, to the objects for which the fund is organized.

That each Church be requested to raise a sum not less than 10 cents (*ten cents*) per member, annually, for the objects of this fund.

That this Conference be requested to appropriate fifty dollars (\$50) toward this fund.

Signed in behalf of the Committee.

D. ORAM, Chairman.
 S. N. ROYAL, Secretary.

The above report was considered clause by clause, and adopted.

Resolved, That Revs. F. Babcock, D. Oram and J. M. Lowden be members of the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That this Conference request the Quarterly Meetings at their next Sessions, to form their Churches into pastorates, according to their best judgment, and we recommend the churches to accept the arrangement.

Resolved, That a committee of five be chosen to consider matters in connection with Halifax Mission interests.

Resolved, That J. I. Porter, W. Downey, George Cox, N. Porter and J. F. Smith be the Committee.

Resolved, That we adjourn.

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Sturgis.

MONDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

Resolved, That the Woman's Mission Society Minutes be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

The Halifax interest was considered, and the Committee presented the following Report:

That we instruct our Home Mission Executive to place an Agent in the field immediately, to raise funds to pay the interest and insurance on the Halifax Church this current year; and if they fail to make it all up, that we instruct the Clerk of this Conference to hire the money needed for that purpose.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet, as per Constitution.

Prayer by Rev. T. O. DeWitt.

DEVOTIONAL

Wednesday evening Rev. F. Babcock preached. Others took part. This was a good beginning.

A season of prayer was enjoyed each morning in the Church by those with whom the Master met, and a few times during business hours. These were seasons of sweet communion.

THURSDAY, 7½ P. M.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. J. I. Porter, several other ministers taking part in the exercises. A very good interest was manifest. The Sabbath was a day of refreshing. At the 9 A. M. meeting, prayer for the recovery of our

sick brethren in the ministry. 10½ o'clock A. M., Rev. C. T. Phillips, Corresponding Delegate from New Brunswick, preached. Rev. W. Downey at the Baptist Church, Rev. J. M. Lowden at the Methodist, and Rev. S. N. Royal at the Congregationalist. 2½ P. M., Rev. J. Mariner, Corresponding Delegate from M. C. Y. Meeting, preached, after which a large number partook of the Lord's Supper. At the same hour Reys, F. Babcock and J. F. Smith preached in Churches a little out of the Village. 7½ o'clock, Rev. D. Oram preached. Revs. W. Downey, J. M. Lowden and S. N. Royal preached in other churches. As far as we know the word preached was according to the spirit; much of his presence was enjoyed, increasing until the evening hour. All present must have felt it good to be there. Sinners began to enquire the way, and were willing to manifest it. *May the Lord revive his work, as on former occasions.*

The ordination of Brother Millar took place on Monday evening, at half-past 7 o'clock, the exercises began, directed by Rev. W. C. Weston, Chairman of the Conference. Invocation by Rev. J. L. Porter; Reading Hymn by Rev. G. E. Sturgis; Singing by the Choir and congregation; Reading Scriptures by Rev. F. Babcock; Opening Prayer by Rev. T. O. DeWitt. Singing again. Sermon by Rev. J. Mariner; Consecration Prayer by Rev. W. C. Weston; Hand of Fellowship by Rev. J. M. Lowden; Charge by Rev. J. F. Smith; Benediction by Rev. W. Millar.

This was a deeply interesting occasion. The attendance was large, the exercises impressive, the sermon excellent. The deep impressions of the previous day seemed to increase. When Brother Mariner requested those to rise who would seek and enjoy salvation and meet him in heaven, nearly all present rose to their feet. Brother Mariner asked for a collection for our young Brother Uniacke, who is studying for the ministry, and a good collection was given.

The work of this Conference was done in the spirit of union and earnestness. There is much to cheer us in our progressive christian work.

J. L. PORTER, *Clerk of Conference.*

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APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Free Baptist Conference in Account with J. I. Porter, Treasurer.

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Amount in fund, Oct. 5, 1877, \$157 31			
<i>Port LaTour Church.</i>			
James Crowell and wife,	35	Crowell Swim and wife,	\$0.37
Joseph Crowell and wife,	35	Henrietta Swim,	12
Jonathan Crowell,	25	Rosilla Swim,	12
James Crowell and wife,	35	Thomas Swim and wife,	25
Seth Snow and wife,	35	Isaac Crowell and wife,	25
Jemima Swaine,	10		\$6.06
Sarah Swaine,	10	<i>Beaver River Church, by Rev. J. F. Smith.</i>	
Mercy Swaine,	10	Mrs. Robert McHenry,	12
Matilda Swaine,	10	Mrs. John Collins,	10
Rebecca Snow,	10	Norman Perry,	20
Nathan Salisbury and wife,	35	Miner Perry and wife,	35
Hezekiah Huskins,	35	Ensley Porter and wife,	37
Wealthy Snow,	10	Mrs. Corning Byrns,	12
Wm. Snow, 2nd,	25	Mrs. Mary Raymond,	25
Mrs. Mary S. Taylor,	12	Harry Perry,	25
Prince Stoddart and wife,	34	Mrs. George Brown,	12
Mrs. Melinda Crowell,	10	Charles Cann,	25
William Snow and wife,	25	Henry Shaw,	25
Miss Henrietta Smith,	10	Lilian Ellis,	12
James Nickerson,	25	Jessie McHenry,	12
Thomas D. Smith,	25	Nellie Ellis,	12
David Smith,	25	Walter Sollows and wife,	35
Sarah S. Crowell,	12	Joseph Sollows and wife,	37
William Powell and wife,	37	Mrs. Jacob Bethune,	10
Joseph A. Smith and wife,	37	Mrs. Edmund Ellis,	7
	\$5.69	W. S. Porter and wife,	38
		James Moses and wife,	35
		Mrs. Ellen Sanders,	10
		Thomas Curry and wife,	38
		William Perry,	25
		George Piper and wife,	30
		Jacob Tedford and wife,	37 1/2
		Alma Tedford,	12 1/2
		Mrs. Miner Perry, sr.,	10
		Emma Perry,	10
		Horatio Perry,	25
		John B. Guillion and wife,	35
		Abiah Crosby,	20
		Mrs. D. P. Corning,	12 1/2
		Frances Corning,	12 1/2
		Mrs. Andrew Nisbett,	10
		Mrs. John Sanders,	12
		Ambrose Piper and wife,	35
		John Wetmore,	25
		D. Nelson Wyman and wife,	30
		Newton Wyman,	10
<i>Bear Point Section of 2nd Barrington Church, by Rev. A. Swim.</i>			
E. R. Smith and wife,	37		
Jacob Smith,	25		
James Smith,	37		
Jesse Smith,	25		
Gideon Smith,	37		
William Henney,	37		
Jeremiah Stoddart,	37		
William H. Goodwin,	37		
Joseph Stoddart,	37		
Reuben Stoddart,	37		
Ensign Hopkins,	37		
Levi Hopkins,	25		
David Nickerson,	37		
Elizabeth Atwood,	12		
Judah Crowell and wife,	38		

Mrs. W. Ellis,	\$0.10	<i>Cape Island Church, by Rev. T. O. DeWitt.</i>	
Thomas Corning and wife,	30		\$0.05
Samuel Corning and wife,	30	Ephriam Stoddart,	15
Mrs. Harvey Perry,	10	Barry Atkinson and wife,	5
Henry Goldfinch and wife,	30	Mrs. David Nickerson,	17
Carrie Goldfinch,	10	Daniel Nickerson and wife,	5
Mrs. J. Hall,	30	Abigail Nickerson,	12
James Higby and wife,	30	Leonard Penney,	5
B. B. Porter and wife,	25	Jacob Penney,	17
Henry Durkee and wife,	30	Joseph Penney,	17
Alfred Wetmore,	10	Lovitt Swim and wife,	17
Charles Pool,	10	William Brannin and wife,	15
Eliza Bethune,	20	Prince W. Penney and wife,	5
Hannah Scovil,	10	Sophia Penney,	12
Godfrey Bethune,	20	Alexander Huskins,	25
Daniel Bethune,	10	Abijah Penney and wife,	5
Hannah Bethune,	6	Mrs. Freeman Nickerson,	20
Hattie Perry,	10	Israel Cunningham and wife,	10
Addie Ellis,	20	Mrs. Osborne Smith,	12
Benjamin Ellis,	10	Mrs. Alexander Nickerson,	10
Jane Floyd,	50	Mrs. Vincent Goodwin,	25
John Durkee and family,	10	Capt. William Newell,	25
Mrs. Nesbit,	20	Capt. Jethro Newell and wife,	35
Elkanah Porter,	25	Capt. Thomas Newell and wife,	15
D. B. Porter,	10	Mrs. Robinson Smith,	20
Hannah Tedford,	10	Capt. John Cunningham,	25
Elizabeth Porter,	\$13 32	Mrs. Freeman Newell,	25
		William Smith and wife,	25
<i>Canning Church, by Elder Cox and Deacon B. B. Woodworth.</i>	10	Parker Smith and wife,	25
Mrs. Thomas Cox,	25	James W. Smith,	10
Jesse Tooker,	10	Aurilla Smith,	25
Mrs. Tooker,	10	Seth Smith and wife,	25
Miss Annie Tooker,	10	Dr. Freeman,	25
Welmer Cox and wife,	35	Lewis Nickerson and wife,	25
Mrs. Pearson,	10	John Duncan,	25
Everett Cox,	25	Hannah Dodd,	25
Mrs. Elias Cox,	10	John E. Nickerson,	15
Mrs. George Cox,	10	Wm. E. Nickerson,	12
Marilla Cox,	10	Mrs. Beverly Obed,	12
Caroline Cox,	10	Mrs. Freeman Nickerson,	9
William Potter,	25	Mrs. Joseph Crowell,	10
Henry Potter,	25	Mrs. Merit Smith,	11
Mrs. Henry Potter,	10	Mrs. Asa Crowell,	10
Henry Coffin,	25	Mrs. David Duncan,	10
Sis. Emma Cox,	20	Mrs. John Duncan,	10
B. B. Woodworth and wife,	35	Mrs. Wm. H. Swim,	25
Sarah Woodworth,	10	Mrs. George Swim,	25
Rebecca Witt,	10	Mrs. John L. Crowell,	10
Alonzo Cox and wife,	35	Prince Hopkins,	25
Issac Ellis,	25	Mrs. G. H. Swim,	25
Jacob Lockhart and wife,	35	Mrs. Joshua Nickerson,	25
David Lowden and family,	45	Solomon Newell,	12
Wentworth Newcomb and wife,	35	Mrs. Charles Dillens,	25
Mrs. Walker,	12	Wm. A. Smith,	25
Capt. Jacob Potter and wife,	35	James Newell,	17
Zachariah Rusco,	25	Isaac Kenney and wife,	25
Eunice Ross,	12	Mrs. B. F. Kenney,	28
Daniel Cox and wife,	\$6.39	J. R. Kenney and wife,	5
		Mrs. Colby McGray,	5
		Mrs. John McGray,	10
		Widow A. McGray,	

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	Mrs. David Ross,	\$0.10	<i>Brookville Church, by Rev. G. E.</i>	
	Sarah Smith,	5	<i>Sturgis.</i>	
\$0.05	Mrs. Nehemiah McGray,	30	Capt. N. Crosby,	\$1.00
15	E. Newell and wife,	30		
5	J. C. Smith and wife,	30	<i>Sanford Church, by Rev. F. Babcock.</i>	
17	Mrs. Bartlett Covill,	20	William Harris,	25
5	Mrs. Bartlett F. Covill,	20	Lewis Trask,	25
12	Reuben Swim and wife,	25	Lucy Crowell,	10
5	Edmund Ross and wife,	20	Hannah Wyman,	10
17	Mrs. Maria Ross,	12	Rachael Williams,	10
17	Mrs. Henry Brown,	5	Wm. Robbins and wife,	25
17	Abram Hunt,	12	Rebecca Tedford,	10
15	Mrs. Abigail Chase,	5	Lois Rodney,	10
5	Williver Chase and wife,	15	Sarah Sabens,	10
12	Smith Brannen and wife,	25	Emily Foote,	15
25	Mrs. Jane Cunningham,	13	Phebe Ships,	10
5	Samuel Cunningham and wife,	17	Arthur Ships,	10
20	Lemuel Cunningham and wife,	17	Elizabeth Beveridge,	10
12	Joseph Cunningham and wife,	20	Anna Thurston,	10
10	James Ross and wife,	25	Francis Wyman,	25
25	Wallace Cunningham and wife,	20	Lewis Churchill and wife,	25
25	Mrs. Samuel Atkinson,	5	Howard Thurston,	35
25	Mrs. Maria Brown,	8	Bethia Foote,	10
35	Reuben Penney and wife,	15	Silas Crosby,	50
15	Thomas Ross,	10	Jabez Landers,	14
25	Moses Ross and wife,	24	Sandy Shaw,	25
10	Abram Ross,	25	George Bowers and wife,	35
25	Mrs. Deborah Ross,	6	Reuben Bowers,	15
25	Coleman Atkinson and wife,	25	Lolendia Thurston,	15
25	George Ross and wife,	21	Elizabeth Rodney,	10
10	Benjamin Ross and wife,	25	Florence Harris,	10
25	Helena Ross,	10	Jonathan Harris and wife,	40
25			Norman Harris,	25
25		\$15.81	Martha Ritchie,	12
25			Elias Smith and wife,	25
10	<i>Hall's Harbor Church, by Deacon S.</i>		Edith Harris,	10
25	<i>Whitney.</i>		William Thurston,	25
25			Samuel Vickery,	25
15	G. W. Whitney,	25	Joseph N. Elderidge and wife,	37
12	S. Whitney and wife,	35	Mariam Churchill,	12
12	Maude Whitney,	10	Mrs. Alvin Scovil,	10
9	Anslay Strong,	25	Wm. Churchill and wife,	25
10	Zacharias West and wife,	35	Mrs. Charles Churchill,	10
11	Borden Steele,	12	Mrs. Wm. McCrae,	25
10			Amanda Churchill,	12
10		\$1.42	Eliza Churchill,	12
25			Richard Churchill and wife,	25
25	<i>East Medway Church, by Rev. S. N.</i>		Samuel Trefry and wife,	25
10	<i>Royal.</i>		Eunice A. Bent,	10
25			Alexander Bent,	12
25	Wm. Hodges,	25	Nathan Churchill, jr., and wife,	40
25	Mrs. Noble Margeson,	10	Mrs. Eleazar Churchill, jr.,	10
25	John Milbury,	25	Nelson Churchill,	12
12	John Hutt,	25	Jesse Churchill and wife,	37
25	Mrs. John Hutt,	15	Lewis Tedford,	12
25	Mary A. Hutt,	5		
17	E. M. Margeson,	25		
25	Emma Margeson,	10		
28	Leonard Huntly and wife,	50		
5			<i>Session Hill Church, by Rev. F. Babcock.</i>	\$10.52
5			Zaccheus Churchill and wife,	\$0.30
10		\$1.90	Thomas Brown, sr., and wife,	30

Thomas Brown, jr., and wife,	\$0.30	Mrs. Calvin Hurlburt,	\$0.25
Nelson Corning and wife,	35	Annie R. Blauvelt,	12
Adolphus Corning and wife,	29	William Hatfield,	25
Wellington Killam and wife,	25	Mrs. W. Hatfield,	25
Mrs. William Allen,	10	Mrs. C. Knowles,	10
Mrs. Richard Williams,	10	Thomas Knowles,	25
Mrs. Nelson Hersey,	10	Mrs. Robert Blauvelt,	12
Mrs. Ezra Gray,	10	Addie Blauvelt,	12
Mrs. Israel Doane,	10	Mrs. D. Walters,	10
Mrs. Alfred Gray,	10	Mrs. R. VanNorden,	10
Mrs. S. Higby,	10	Mrs. Adelbert Mood,	10
Mrs. J. Snow,	10	John A. Hatfield and wife,	35
Mrs. James Hopkirk,	10	Joseph Jeffery and wife,	35
Mrs. William Killam,	10	Amos Jeffery and wife,	25
Mrs. E. Killam,	10	Stephen Jeffery,	25
Rev. F. Babcock,	25		
Stephen Wyman,	25		
James Bain,	25		
Charley Williams,	12		
Willie Murphy,	12		
Lydia Hilton,	10		
Mrs. B. Marling,	10		
Etta Allen,	15		
Ada Corning,	12		
Enoch Porter and wife,	35		
Lizzie Churchill,	10		
Henry Gould and wife,	25		
Lizzie Williams,	10		
Mrs. Leona McKenna,	10		
Eben Perry,	25		
Lydia Porter,	10		
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<i>Plymouth Church, by Rev. F. Babcock.</i>			
Joseph Johnson and wife,	30	Mrs. Spencer Cohoon,	10
Charles Johnson,	25	Rosie Cohoon,	10
Jotham K. Johnson,	25	Mrs. Edward Cohoon,	10
Elizabeth Johnson,	10	Dora Cohoon,	10
Elizabeth M. Sims,	10	Ella Cohoon,	10
Byron Sims,	25	Bella Cohoon,	10
R. A. Sims,	25	S. T. Foster and wife,	35
Lucy Johnson,	10	Ferguson Ferguson,	25
Tranzey Baker,	10	Samuel Dolliver and wife,	35
Capt. Samuel Baker,	10	Elisha Dolliver and wife,	35
Robert Baker and wife,	25	Matilda Dolliver,	10
Wilson G. Sims,	25	Lois Morine,	10
Jeremiah Sims,	25	Asa Morine,	25
Mrs. Nathaniel Sims,	30	Eliza Morine,	10
Zilpha Sims,	10	Edwin Morine and wife,	35
Lucy McKay,	10	Mrs. Joseph Atkins,	10
Azuba Purdy,	10	Lorinda Atkins,	10
Mrs. Thomas Purdy,	10	Mariam Atkins,	10
George W. Sims,	25	Mrs. Alexander Manthorne,	10
	\$3.65	Freeman Cohoon and wife,	35
		J. J. Letson and wife,	35
		Miss A. Letson,	10
		Mrs. Wm. Morine,	10
		Mrs. E. Sponagle,	10
		E. E. Letson,	25
		Desiah Vaughan,	10
		W. A. Letson,	25
			\$4.80
		<i>Brooklyn Church, by Rev. W. C. Weston.</i>	
		Mrs. W. A. Perry,	12
		Joseph Murphy and wife,	25
		Mrs. George Walker,	10
		Anna M. Ryerson,	10
		Mary C. Pitman,	10
		Thomas R. Pitman,	20
		Mrs. Alfred Pitman,	10
		Maggie S. Oram,	12
		Ellen A. Oram,	12
		Mrs. Charles Pitman,	12
		Mrs. Andrew Stephens,	10

Tusket Church, by Rev. F. Babcock.

Asa Robbins,	25
Evelyn Wood,	38
Thomas West,	25
Mrs. Asa Robbins,	10

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\$0.25	Martha King,	\$0.10	Frank H. Hopkins,	\$0.25
12	Mrs. William Holden,	10	Belle M. Hopkins,	10
25	Martha A. Pitman,	10	John Hopkins,	25
25	Amos Pitman and wife,	35	Rhoda A. Hopkins,	10
10	James Morrill,	25	A. Ashton Hopkins,	25
25			Chas. H. Hopkins,	12
12		\$2.33	W. H. Wilson and family,	35
12	<i>Harmony Church, by Rev. S. N. Royal.</i>		Archibald Hopkins and family,	50
10	Rev. S. N. Royal and wife,	37	William S. Hopkins, jr.,	25
10	Dea. Chas. M. Cushing and wife,	37	Mrs. Thomas S. Hopkins,	10
35	James E. Cushing and wife,	37	Isaac Hopkins, 2nd,	25
35	Samuel Cushing and wife,	37	Seth Wilson,	25
25	George Middlemas,	24	Warren Wilson,	25
25	Agnes Smith,	12	William A. Crowell,	25
	Arabella Kempton,	12	Mrs. J. P. D. Crowell,	9
\$3.94	Mrs. Geo. Selden,	12	Mrs. Wm. Nickerson,	8
			Stillman Nickerson,	25
Rev. S. N.		\$2.08	Mrs. Samuel Nickerson,	10
	<i>1st Barrington Church, by Rev. Wm. Downey.</i>		Nathan Crowell and wife,	38
10	R. A. Crowell,	25	Mrs. A. L. Crowell,	10
10	Mrs. Peter Sutherland,	25	Emma M. Crowell,	10
10	Mrs. Elizabeth Doane,	10	Minnie G. Crowell,	10
10	Mr. Samuel Atwood,	25	Angus Knowles,	10
10	Mrs. Samuel Watson,	10	Mrs. Michael Wilson,	10
35	Mrs. Charles Stanley,	25	Bertha Kenney,	10
35	Mrs. T. H. Smith,	10	Edwin Crowell,	25
35	Mrs. Sarah Smith,	5	Mrs. Amos Crowell,	10
10	John Wilson and wife,	5	Mrs. S. H. Crowell,	40
10	William O. Crowell,	35	T. W. Robertson,	10
25	John O. Crowell and wife,	25	T. C. Crowell,	25
10	Mrs. Eliza Crews,	25	Mrs. Richard Hichens,	10
35	Letitia C. Smith,	35	Mrs. Susan Smith,	10
10	Mrs. Smith Freeman,	10	Mrs. Beverley Smith,	10
10	Mrs. James Kenney,	10	A. W. Trefry and wife,	35
10	William B. Hopkins and wife,	10	Warren Smith and wife,	25
10	William S. Hopkins and wife,	10	Solomon Kendrick,	25
35	Bertha L. Hopkins,	35	Mrs. M. Trefry,	10
35	Mrs. Asenath Wilson,	35	Harvey Trefry and wife,	37
10	Mrs. Andrew Wilson,	10	Joseph Trefry,	25
10	S. W. Wilson,	10	Israel Wilson and wife,	35
10	Josephine Sears,	25	Bessie Nickerson,	12
25	Emma A. Hopkins,	25	Joseph Kendrick and wife,	35
10	Josiah Hopkins and wife,	25	Athallah Kendrick,	10
25	Robert B. Hopkins,	10	Adella L. Porter,	10
	Rev. Wm. Downey and wife,	35	Effie Porter,	10
\$4.80	George Downey,	25	Douglas T. Porter,	25
	Bianche Downey,	25		\$16.48
T. C. Weston.	Mrs. John O. Crowell,	10	<i>2nd Barrington Church.</i>	
12	Mrs. W. Gondey,	10	Thomas Banks and wife,	35
25	Mrs. Benjamin Hopkins,	10	Heman Kenney,	35
10	Mrs. Eliza Hopkins,	10	Stephen Banks,	35
10	Clara J. Hopkins,	10	Isaac Nickerson,	35
10	Susie A. Hopkins,	10	Benjamin Banks,	35
20	Emeline Hopkins,	10	Charles N. Banks,	25
10	Maggie Hopkins,	10	Mrs. Lucy Banks,	10
12	Nathan C. Hopkins and wife,	10	Mrs. Drusilla Nickerson,	10
12	Nathan Hopkins, jr.,	35	Mrs. Parker Nickerson,	10
12	Thomas S. Hopkins, jr.,	12	J. L. Atwood,	25
10	Samuel Hopkins and family,	50		\$2.56

Shag Harbour Church.

Zernah Kendrick,	\$0.10	Zaccheus Chatwin and wife,	\$0.25
Edward Kendrick,	25	Jedidah Brannen,	12
Samuel Kendrick and wife,	35	Leah Hatch,	5
Elizabeth Kendrick,	10	Washington Smith and wife,	35
Maria Kendrick,	10		\$4.71
Daniel Nickerson and wife,	35	<i>Second Argyle Church.</i>	
James Banks,	24	James Pitman,	25
Ephriam Larkin,	25	Sylvanus Ricker and wife,	35
Samuel Nickerson and wife,	35	Lizzie Crowell,	10
Matilda Shoals,	11	Mrs. Daniel Ricker,	10
Warren Crowell,	25	Archibald Watson and wife,	30
Mercy Crowell,	10	Andrew Sargent,	25
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Mrs. Benjamin Blades,	12	Charles Jeffery and wife,	35
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Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brannen,	35	James Kenney,	25
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Rebecca Malone,	12	Nathaniel Crowell and wife,	35
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Total amount of credit.....\$277 17

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To Barnes & Co.'s bill for printing Minutes,.....	\$ 44 00
" Postal Order to Barnes & Co.,.....	30
" Freight on Minutes from St. John to Barrington,.....	1 00
" Postage on Minutes sent to Churches,.....	1 42
" Stationery and Postage, used by Clerk during the year in } the business of Conference,.....	2 05
" Stationery of Conference, and for making out Minutes,.....	50
" Amount voted to Clerk for preparing manuscript for Minutes,.....	20 00
" Amount voted to Clerk for preparing "Treatise of Faith," } for publication, &c.,.....	10 00
" Mr. Lawson's bill for printing a notice of the Conference for '78,.....	80
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MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

The President, Rev. Wm. Downey, in the chair.
The Recording Secretary, Rev. J. I. Porter, in his seat.
After singing by the choir and congregation, and prayer by
Rev. W. C. Weston, the President made appropriate remarks,
explaining our obligations to the Parent Society, and referred
to the magnitude of the work.

Rev. S. N. Royal read the Constitution of the Society.

Rev. J. M. Lowden, Corresponding Secretary of the Society,
read his Annual Report, as follows:

As I was taking up my pen to write this report, I heard from one in the street
this expression, "life is short." I was deeply impressed. Many times I had
heard it before; many times I had thought of it, but it fell upon my ear with
an increased weight of significance. Life is indeed short; but in the experience
of how many of us this is worse than a latent truth, it is a dead one. May the
spirit breathe upon us and so vitalize this truth that it may take possession of
us and shape our lives consistent with itself.

The genius of christianity is, I believe, essentially missionary. To be a
universal religion it must be such. This it claims to be; its language being,
"the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his
Christ."

The figurative language by which it is represented by its Founder, conveys
the idea of exact adaptation to the wants of man, and hence proves that it
shall be universal. "Ye are the salt of the earth," cleansing and purifying; "the
light of the world," giving vitality and purity, at the same time retaining its
own inviolability. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven," constantly operat-
ing to bring all under its personal influence, and to all impart its personal
character.

The specific command of the Founder of christianity was, "Go ye into all the
world and preach the gospel to every creature."

When the early Church at Jerusalem had attained considerable strength and
influence, there arose a persecution and they were scattered abroad, and they
went everywhere preaching the word: "That beautiful structure must break
into countless fragments, and each fragment scattered abroad must become the
nucleus of a new church. Young christianity must not conclude to be merely
one self-luminous spot, but radiate the world through. She must learn that
the world is not now to be ended, but to be converted. The pentecostal emblem
of universality must now begin to be realized."

The tendency of the Christian Church, owing to the influence of a worldly
spirit upon her, has been toward concentration and the attainment of respecta-
bility and affluence of a worldly nature. This exists too largely to-day. In the
desire for show and worldly respectability, christians are spending thousands of
dollars that might and ought to be expended in the spirit of christianity in
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Openings for the spread of the gospel in our Foreign Field are such as never before. Much preparatory work has been done. The heathen are awaking to a sense of the worthlessness of their own religion and to an appreciation of the value of the Christian religion. They are calling for teachers, but in many cases only to meet with denial, owing to want of funds. The Missionaries are loudly calling to us to aid them. Will we heed their cry?

During the past year there has been accessions to all the Native Churches. Zenana and other work have been carried forward in some measure. Two new stations have been opened, one at Dantoon, on the great Pilgrim Road, the other at Contal.

On the fifth day of Oct. next, D. V., seven Missionaries are to sail for the Foreign Field. Much shall we miss the inspiring words of those who have been at home resting, but let the thought of their being in the "field" be our inspiration to sustain them.

I wish to notice here the importance of our having a Missionary going from our own shores: would it not increase our interest in the work? For this let us pray.

I may mention that Dr. Phillips has succeeded in raising the \$25,000 for the endowment of the Bible School in India.

The importance of native preachers and teachers, not only of piety and ability but of culture, is apparent; hence the positive necessity for such a school.

While there is much to encourage in the foreign field, there is much of an opposite nature at home. An accumulated debt of some ten thousand dollars upon the Parent Society, and an empty treasury stare us in the face. Measures are, however, being taken toward the liquidation of this debt.

I must call your attention to a matter mentioned in my last report, viz.: the necessity for some more effectual method of raising funds than that now employed.

In conclusion let me say,—we need 1st, a clearer conception of the spirit of christianity; 2nd, a clearer conception of the obligations resting upon us—professed followers of Christ; 3rd, we need to feel that success can be attained only through earnest, patient, continued effort.

JOHN M. LOWDEN,

Cor. Sec. F. B. Foreign Mission Society of N. S.

Rev. D. Oram, in moving the adoption of the Report, said:

We feel more interest in things near than afar off. Divine love inspires our interest. Napoleon inspired his soldiers by telling what he had done. We have work to perform that no other can do. Am pleased with the Report and the woman's work. How much is spent for show, &c., that might be thrown into the treasury of the Lord.

Rev. F. Babcock, in seconding the adoption of the Report, said:

He had sometimes wished for eloquence, that he might glorify God therewith; having the spirit of the apostles in a measure, feels it duty to ask for money, that God may be glorified. If those whom Paul went to teach was saved as a result, then it pays to go and save the heathen. Men are not saved in their ignorance. Let us do our duty.

It was voted that the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year, be the same as last year.

Singing by the choir.

Rev. C. T. Phillips, said:

He had asked himself how is it that God has not put it into the hearts of those that have the money, to use it for the converting of the world? When the time comes that a nation is born in a day, it will be the result of labor done by those who have gone before us. The rock at hell gate was at last removed by the touch of baby's hand, that touched the battery. Shall we fail to toil? I have little regard for spasmodic religion.

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Brother Palmeter said :

He was very much interested. Would say and do what he could to get people to act. Described how our brethren in the United States; one agent looks after the several interests and the societies divide the funds. We should bring these things near, death will bring them near to us, and then we will feel differently.

Singing by the choir.

Professor Foster said :

He had been interested with the remarks, as well as report. The Missionary work is divided into two parts,—*away, at home*,—one cannot succeed without the other. The farmer cannot reap without tillage. If we are careful to analyze an action, will find there is a certain degree of selfishness. If I invite a man to dine with me, I naturally expect some advantage in return. If we work for the heathen far away, it is a higher degree of benevolence; so upon humanitarian grounds we should engage in this noble work. Christ a glorious example, no selfishness in the price he gave. We may sympathize with the lowest, most fallen, if like him. We should aim to qualify the native workers in heathen lands, as they can better perform the work and at far less cost.

Rev. J. Mariner said :

When he last saw Brother J. L. Phillips, and bid him farewell, as he might not see him again before sailing for India, Brother Phillips said: "Go to the Yearly Meeting in Nova Scotia, do all you can to encourage the Foreign Mission work." Four hundred years ago not a gospel sermon had been preached on this continent. At the time of those great fires that have consumed a large part of some cities within a few years, how anxious the people were to send help; shall we not send help to the perishing heathen? The next great speech you are to make is the collection. You can give as large a speech as you are a mind to.

The collection was then taken, amounting to \$11.32, (eleven dollars and thirty-two cents.)

Benediction by the President.

J. I. PORTER, Recording Secretary.

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Nova Scotia Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Account with J. M. Lowden, Treasurer.

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	Miss Emma Hopkins, pledge of 1877.....		1 00
	A. G. Downey, pledge of 1877.....		50
	Rev. F. Babcock, " " 1877.....		2 00
	Rev. J. M. Lowden, " " 1877.....		3 00
	Joseph A. Smith, " " 1877.....		1 00
	Silvanus Whitney.....		10 00
	Rev. W. C. Watson.....		2 00
	Collection at Yearly Meeting, Canning.....		11 23
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	Moses Harris.....		5 00
	Sabbath School at Barrington.....		18 50
	George Cox.....		1 00
	R. H. Crowell.....		1 00
	From Woman's Mission Society towards support of Miss J. E. Phillips.....		35 00
	Collection at Halifax Church.....		8 77
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1877.	Dec. 2. To amount of draft remitted to N. Brooks, Treasurer of Parent Society of United States.....		\$400 00
	Cost of Draft, at $\frac{1}{2}$ %.....		1 00
1878.	Oct. 2. Amount of draft remitted to N. Brooks, Treasurer of Parent Society of United States.....		129 96
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EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Educational Society having failed to forward his reports, we submit the following extract, the Report of Conference as previously published :

At 7.30 o'clock, P. M., Saturday, the Annual Meeting of the Educational Society was held, Rev. F. Babcock, President, in the chair. After the usual opening exercises and reading of the Constitution of the Society and Minutes of last meeting, as the Secretary, Rev. W. M. Knollin, on account of ill health, had not sent the Annual Report, the Report of Committee on Education was read, and excellent speeches made by Rev. J. Mariner, Rev. Mr. Hennigar (Wesleyan) and others. Collection and subscriptions were taken, and much interest manifested for the encouragement of young men studying for the ministry.

J. I. PORTER, Clerk.

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YARMOUTH AND SHELBURNE Q. M. H. M. SOCIETY.

Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Society in Account with F. Babcock, Secretary and Treasurer.

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By cash on hand Nov. 1st, 1877,.....	\$ 44 80-
1878. " Proceeds from Quarterly Meeting at Woods Harbour,.....	8 96-
May 5. By Collection at Sandford Quarterly Meeting,.....	2 09-
Aug. 5. " Cash from Miss Emma Porter,.....	113 25-
" " Collection at Quarterly Meeting, Carleton,.....	6 25
" " Cash from Free Baptist Sabbath School, Yarmouth,.....	2 20
" " " Dr. G. E. Sturgis,.....	1 00-
" " " George E. Cox,.....	1 00-
" Interest on note,.....	1 51
" Collected on subscriptions by J. I. Porter,.....	7 46-
" Note on demand at 7%.....	58 00
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To Cash paid to order of the Board,.....	\$241 42
Balance on hand, Oct. 1st, 1878,.....	128 10-

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The following is a list of the names of subscribers that have been handed in. Names of others who have paid have not come to hand.

Port LaTour.

Mrs. Nathaniel Crowell,	\$1.00	Nathaniel Crowell,	\$1.00-
Mrs. S. Swain,	25	Benjamin Smith,	1.00
Mrs. E. Smith,	30	Joseph Smith,	1.00-
Mrs. David Smith,	50	David Smith,	1.00-
Mrs. Thomas Smith,	50	William Snow,	1.00-
Mrs. James Snow,	50	G. A. Crowell,	1.00-
Mrs. Hervey D. Smith,	50	Joel Worthen,	1.00-
Mrs. Jesse Smith,	25	S. M. Snow,	1.00-
Mrs. John Smith,	25	William Spinney,	25.
Mrs. M. Snow,	25	John L. Snow,	75.
Mrs. Joseph Snow,	25	Hezekiah Huskins,	1.00-
Mrs. H. Huskins,	50	Wm. S. Huskins,	50.
Mrs. Wm. Spinney,	25	Jonathan S. Crowell,	1.00-
Mrs. John Nickerson,	25	Wm. H. Snow,	25.
Mrs. James Crowell,	25	Jonathan Snow,	25.
Mrs. Warren Swain,	25	Freeman Crowell,	25.
Mrs. Seth Snow,	25	Capt. Griswold,	25.
Mrs. George Snow,	50	Capt. J. F. Snow,	50.
Mrs. Mercy Snow,	25	Dr. Dickey,	50.
Mrs. Jerry Snow,	25	Mr. Newell,	25.
Mrs. Nathaniel Snow,	30	Nellie Smith,	50.
Mrs. Howe Swaine,	50	Mary E. Snow,	1.00
Mrs. Thomas Taylor,	50	Matilda Swain,	50.
Mrs. David Smith,	10	Little Maggie Huskins,	5.
Mrs. Stuart,	25	Little Minnie Huskins,	5.
Miss Mary Crowell,	25	Little Effie Taylor,	35
Miss Emmeline Swain,	25	Sadie Huskins,	124.
James Nickerson,	25	Josie Huskins,	124.
Melvine Crowell,	25	Miss Sarah Snow,	50.
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Mrs. Henry Atwood,	50	A friend,	1.00
Mrs. Coleman Kenney,	10		
Mrs. Jeremiah Stoddart,	50	<i>Sandford.</i>	
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Mrs. Philip Brown,	25	Mrs. William McCrae,	1.00
Mrs. Jacob Smith,	50	Mrs. Alvin Scofield,	1.00
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Mrs. Killam,	30	Mrs. William Randal,	25
Mrs. Mary Doane,	25	Mrs. Ezekial Ring,	50
Mrs. Israel Higby,	50	Mrs. Norman Gray,	25
Mrs. Walter Churchill,	50	Mrs. Wm. Hurlbert,	25
Mrs. Zacheus Churchill,	25	Mrs. George Hurlbert,	25
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Miss Etta Allan,	50	Dennis Crowell,	1.00
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As the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Society does not commence its business year, neither with the calendar year, Society's Annual Meeting, nor at the meeting of the General Conference, the report must of necessity contain but a part of the year's work done by the Society. The remainder will appear in next year's Minutes.

jr.,

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Nova Scotia Free Baptist Home Mission Society,
ORGANIZED AT CANNING, CORNWALLIS, SEPT. 14th, 1878.

ARTICLE 1ST.

This Society shall be known by the name of THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 2ND.

The object of this Society shall be to aid destitute churches and spread the Gospel in this Province.

ARTICLE 3RD.

The male members of this Society shall be such as contribute annually at least the sum of one dollar, and females at least fifty cents, and ten dollars shall constitute life membership for males, and five for females.

Life members of Yarmouth and Shelburne, and Harmony Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Societies, shall be life members of the Nova Scotia Free Baptist Home Mission Society.

ARTICLE 4TH.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor. There shall also be a committee of three, who, together with the officers, shall constitute a Board of Directors; all of whom shall be appointed annually.

ARTICLE 5TH.

The Board of Directors shall carry into effect such measures as they may deem necessary for the best interests of the Society; make all necessary arrangements for the meetings of the Society, and give due notice of the same through the Secretary. A majority of the Board may call special meetings when they think proper.

ARTICLE 6TH.

The stated meetings of this Society shall be held the same time and in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Mission Society, under the auspices of the Conference. If at any meeting of the Society the President and Vice-Presidents are all absent, the senior officer present shall call the meeting to order, and in such cases there shall be a President *pro tem*.

ARTICLE 7TH.

At each Annual Meeting of the Society the report of the Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer shall be presented.

ARTICLE 8TH.

Ten members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, a less number may adjourn.

ARTICLE 9TH.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment has been proposed at a previous stated meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE 10TH.

This Society may adopt any Bye-Laws it may deem necessary.

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ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

BASEMENT OF F. B. CHURCH, }
Canning, Sept. 11th, 1878. }

As per notice of Clerk of Conference, the Elders of the F. B. Conference convened at 3 P. M.

Motion passed that we proceed to organize the Elders' Conference.

Rev. F. Babcock was appointed Chairman of the meeting, and Rev. J. M. Lowden, Secretary.

Motion passed, that Brothers Mariner, of Maine Central Y. M., and Vanwart, of F. C. B. of N. B., be invited to a seat with us.

Motion passed that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare Constitution and Bye-Laws to govern the Conference.

The Chairman appointed Rev. J. F. Smith, D. Oram and W. Weston such Committee.

Motion passed that when we adjourn, we adjourn to the call of the Chairman.

Motion passed that we take up the Articles of the Treatise of Faith, and examine ourselves in doctrine.

Motion passed that visiting Brethren be requested to vote.

Art. 1 was read. Motion passed that we, as a Conference, endorse this Article.

Art. 2, read. Motion passed that we endorse this Article, especially Sec. 3rd, which speaks of *body* and *soul*.

Adjournment, as per motion above.

BASEMENT OF F. B. CHURCH, }
Canning, Sept. 12th, 9.45 A. M. }

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Meeting opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. DeWitt. The Chairman stated that the meeting was called to hear the report of the Committee appointed to frame Constitution and Bye-Laws. The committee not being ready to report, the reading of the Treatise of Faith was resumed.

Art. 3rd was read and endorsed.

Motion passed to adjourn to the call of the Chair.

F. B. CHURCH, Sept. 12th, 5 P. M.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman. {

The Constitution, as prepared by the Committee, was read. Motion passed that the Report of the Committee be received, and the Constitution be taken up Article by Article.

The Constitution was considered and adopted, with some amendments, as follows :

CONSTITUTION OF FREE BAPTIST ELDERS' CONFERENCE,
ORGANIZED SEPT. 11TH, 1878.

Believing it would be highly conducive to the efficiency and success of the ministry of the Free Baptist denomination to hold an Annual Conference, we therefore, the ministers of the N. S. F. B. Conference, do hereby agree to the following Constitution:—

ARTICLE 1ST.

This organization shall be known as THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF FREE BAPTISTS OF NOVA SCOTIA, and shall be composed of the ordained and licensed ministers in good and regular standing in the N. S. F. B. Conference.

ARTICLE 2ND.

Its object shall be to promote union and harmony, in feeling and unanimity of doctrine among its members, and to consider any question of discipline, or adopt any mode of operation for the assistance or benefit of its members, that may be deemed proper by a majority at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE 3RD.

Its officers shall consist of a President and Vice-President, chosen annually, and a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Conference.

ARTICLE 4TH.

It shall convene the day previous to the sitting of the F. B. Annual Conference.

ARTICLE 5TH.

Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; a less number may adjourn.

ARTICLE 6TH.

This Conference may adopt Bye-Laws for its government as may be deemed suitable, not conflicting with this Constitution.

ARTICLE 7TH.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Regular Meeting by a majority vote.

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SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

CANNING, Sept. 16th, 1878.

In session. President F. Babcock, in the chair. S. N. Royal, Secretary, in his place.

Members present: Elders F. Babcock, D. Oram, W. C. Weston, W. Downey, J. M. Lowden, T. O. DeWitt, J. I. Porter, J. H. Cox, G. E. Sturgis, S. N. Royal and J. F. Smith.

Licentiates: N. S. Palmeter, Wm. Millar and J. L. Smith.
Rev. J. Mariner, delegate from M. C. Y. M.

Superintendents: Monson Cox, Corning Crowell.

Canning Free Baptist Sabbath School sung "Judea's Plains."
Prayer by Rev. J. F. Smith.

After some remarks by the President, the Minutes of last meeting was read and accepted, also the Constitution.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Elder F. Babcock, President; Elders W. Downey, W. C. Weston, D. Oram, T. O. DeWitt and J. I. Porter, Vice-Presidents. S. N. Royal, Secretary. F. Babcock, S. N. Royal, J. M. Lowden, G. E. Sturgis and C. Crowell, Executive Committee.

An interesting review lesson, interspersed with singing by the Canning F. B. S. School, was given during the session of the Convention.

The Report of the Secretary was read and adopted, as follows:

Your Secretary in making his Annual Report, would state with gratitude: First,—That during the year a large proportion of those gathered into our Churches during that time, have been from the Sabbath School.

Secondly,—That in some Schools the most of the congregation, young and old, are in the school.

Third,—Many of our Churches are maintaining Schools the entire year.

Fourthly,—That most of our Schools are using the International Series. With regret: that in some of our churches—less than in former years—there are Summer Schools, with a few Churches no School, and in a few instances the influence is connected with so called Union Schools, and would call attention to the fact that our Churches cannot afford this, and would request all our Churches, as far as possible, to lessen the causes for regret.

Yours, for Christ and the Children.

S. NASON ROYAL, Sec. Convention.

The Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools, as referred by the Conference to the Convention, was read and endorsed, (see report as printed in the Minutes of Conference), by Rev. J.

Mariner reading account of a speech of John Bright, and attracting and holding the attention of the children with his apt illustrations. A good report from the 1st F. B. S. School of Barrington, was read, followed by remarks by Corning Crowell, Brother N. S. Palmeto, Rev. Mr. Marsh, Pastor Baptist Church, Canning, Rev. D. Oram, Rev. S. N. Royal, Brother J. L. Smith and Rev. J. F. Smith. After which the resolution was adopted.

Rev. F. Babcock spoke, commending with Rev. J. F. Smith, music in our schools.

Singing by Canning F. B. S. School.

Voted that the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to the School for their exercises, and the Ladies for the bouquets with which the Pulpit and Secretary's stand was adorned.

Singing by the School. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Smith.

S. NASON ROYAL, Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
Free Baptist Woman's Foreign Mission Society of N. S.,
HELD AT CANNING, KINGS CO., SEPT. 14TH AND 15TH, 1878.

Officers and members convened in the Vestry, on Thursday, at 1½ o'clock, P. M. First half hour devoted to prayer, then proceeded to business. President, Mrs. J. F. Smith, in the chair.

Roll of Officers called; all present except Recording Secretary, in her absence, Emma Porter was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Constitution was read, then proceeded to election of Officers for ensuing year, who are as follows:

PRESIDENT.—Mrs. J. F. Smith.
1ST VICE PRESIDENT.—Mrs. Royal.
2ND “ “ —Emma Porter.
3RD “ “ —Mrs. Mary Tooker.
COR. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.—Mrs. James Cushing.
RECORDING SECRETARY.—Rhoda Hopkins.
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“ “ “ 2.—Miss Azuba Letson.
“ “ “ 3.—Mrs. B. B. Woodworth.
“ “ “ 4.—Mrs. Rufus Crowell.
“ “ “ 5.—Emma Porter.

Resolved, That the same additional members of the Board of Managers remain, also the Committee on Mission Intelligence.

Resolved, That this Board hold its Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, P. M. The matter of appropriating the money raised during the year just ended, was pretty thoroughly discussed, then resolved that the money from Centreville, (C. S. L.) by request of that Society, be paid towards Miss Julia Phillips' salary.

Resolved, That the remainder of money raised be appropriated to the support of Native Zenana Teachers in India this year.

Moved and passed that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for public meeting.

Moved and passed that we adjourn to meet in Church on Friday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 2 o'clock, P. M. President in the chair. Officers and members present. Meeting opened by singing, scripture reading and prayer by Rev. F. Babcock. A few introductory remarks were made by the President, followed by the reading of the Corresponding Secretary's Report, which showed the amount raised this year by the sisters of the Foreign Mission work; was three hundred and five dollars. The report was accompanied by some very appropriate and interesting remarks from the Corresponding Secretary, which told deeply on the minds of the people. Mrs. Rufus Crowell spoke next to good effect, showing a determination to persevere on in the good work. Choir then sang "Tolling On."

Rev. Mr. Mariner then addressed the meeting, greatly interesting all with his stirring as well as cheering words.

Mrs. Cox made a few remarks, showing that her heart was in the work. Choir sang "Onward, Upward."

Rev. C. T. Phillips, J. M. Lowden and Prof. Foster next spoke in order. The hearts of all seemed deeply moved while listening to their soul-stirring and heart-cheering words.

Rev. Wm. Downey and F. Babcock spoke very encouragingly, showing that they were in hearty sympathy with the efforts of the sisters.

E. S. PORTER, *Secretary pro tem*.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Free Baptist Woman's Foreign Mission Society of Nova Scotia,

Organized at Caledonia, Queens Co., N. S., Sept. 11th, 1875.

ARTICLE 1ST.

This organization shall be called THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 2ND.

Its object is to give the Christian Religion and Education to women destitute of Gospel light, by sending out and supporting female missionaries and teachers in fields occupied by Free Baptist Missions, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies in all our churches.

ARTICLE 3RD.

The payment of One Dollar per year shall constitute membership, Twenty Dollars life membership.

ARTICLE 4TH.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Five District Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, a Committee of Three on Missionary Intelligence, and the Board of Managers, consisting of all the above officers, with five additional members. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their office till others are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 5TH.

The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents and Recording Secretaries, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

ARTICLE 6TH.

The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain correspondence with various District Secretaries, endeavour through them and others to carry forward the work of the Society, and report to the Board annually. She shall also conduct the official correspondence with the Missionaries, and such as present themselves as candidates for missionary work; call meeting of the Board of Managers when she deems it necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board.

ARTICLE 7TH.

The District Secretaries shall labour to secure the formation of auxiliary societies in each church in their respective district, by the appointment, if they choose, of Assistant Secretaries, or by any other method they may deem most effective to carry forward the work, and shall report the same to the Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE 8TH.

The Treasurer shall carefully credit all moneys received, and shall pay out none except by order of the Board of Managers. She shall give an account of all moneys received and expended at the Annual Meeting of the Society, at which time they shall be audited.

ARTICLE 9TH.

The Committee on Missionary Intelligence shall prepare and publish for circulation such items of news as it shall judge best calculated to promote the object of the Society.

ARTICLE 10TH.

The Board of Managers shall select and appoint Missionaries, designate their field of labour, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society. Five may constitute a quorum. So far as relates to Foreign Mission work, this board shall act in conjunction with the F. W. B. F. M. S.

ARTICLE 11TH.

This Society shall hold its Annual Meeting in September, due notice of which shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE 12TH.

This Constitution may be altered at any Regular Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of alteration being previously given.