

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
Central Baptist Association

OF
NOVA SCOTIA:

HELD AT CHESTER,

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, June 18, 20, & 21, 1864.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER:

ALSO,

THE MINUTES OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION,
The Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Baptist
Education Society.

AND

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

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Minutes.

CHESTER, June 18th, 1864.

THE Association met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock, P. M.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

MESSENGERS FROM CHURCHES.

- Aylesford Upper*.—Rev. J. L. Read, Dea. O. Cogswell.
Bridgewater.—Rev. S. March, and Dea. J. Griffin, Robert West.
Chelsea.—Rev. S. March.
Chester.—Rev. I. J. Skinner, Dea. D. Hume, Brethren J. Bradshaw, J. Thomas, and J. Hume.
1st Cornwallis.—Rev. A. S. Hunt, Dea. J. Ellis, Wm. Eaton.
2nd Cornwallis.—Rev. E. M. Saunders.
3rd Cornwallis.—Rev. J. Parker.
4th Cornwallis.—Rev. J. L. Read, W. E. Hall, (Lic.) and Bro. C. Hall.
5th Cornwallis.—Rev. D. Freeman, Bro. L. C. Woodworth.
Falmouth.—Dea. A. Shaw.
1st Halifax.—Rev. Dr. Pryor, Deacons S. Selden, and R. N. Beckwith.
2nd Halifax.—Rev. A. H. Munro, Br'n D. Thompson, and G. Robins.
1st Hammonds Plains.—Rev. R. R. Philp, and N. Baker.
2nd Hammonds Plains.—Rev. D. Shaw, N. Goffigan, (Lic.) P. Hamilton.
Hantsport.—Rev. W. Burton, Deas. A. Lockhart, G. Pentz, and Bro. N. T. Harris.
1st Horton.—Revds. S. W. deBlois, J. Chase, and Prof. D. F. Higgins.
2nd Horton.—Rev. E. O. Read, W. E. Hall, (Lic.) Bros. A. Dorman, and James Vaughan.
3rd Horton.—Rev. S. B. Kempton.
Indian Harbour.—Rev. T. DeLong, and Dea. J. Lantz.
Kempt.—Rev. B. Vaughan, and J. Corners.
La Hae.—Bro. J. Lantz.
Lunenburg.—Rev. L. B. Gates, O. Parker, (Lic.), Dea. J. Andrews, J. Isner, and G. Longille.
New Cornwall.—Rev. L. B. Gates, Dea. S. Halimore.
New Germany.—Bro. A. E. Durling.
Newport West.—Rev. G. Wethers.
Newport East.—Rev. J. Bancroft.

Rausden.—Brethren J. McLearn, and H. C. Creed.

Sackville.—Rev. R. R. Philp, Dea. F. Webber, and Bro. C. Heffer.

Sherbrooke.—Dea. W. Corkum, and Bro. J. Lantz.

St. Margaret's Bay.—C. Kanady, (Lic.,) Bros. F. Hubly, and J. Hubley.

Tancook.—P. R. Foster, (Lic.,) Bros. A. Baker, H. Hutt, and G. Cross.

Walton.—Rev. J. Bancroft.

Waterville.—Dea. A. Vaughan.

Windsor.—Rev. D. M. Welton, Deas. Bennett, D. Moser, Bros. E. Curry, and A. Shand.

Windsor Plains.—Rev. D. Shaw.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Western Associations.—Rev. W. G. Parker, D. O. Parker, S. Richardson, B. Walker.

INVITED.

Prof. J. DeMill, Brethren T. R. Patillo, S. Kempton, — Reece, — Mader, J. Bezanson, J. Hume, — Page, and Dr. Randall.

The Rev. Dr. Pryor, Moderator of last year, not having arrived it was voted that the Rev. S. W. DeBlois take the Chair.

The Association was called to order by the Chairman.

After prayer, by the Rev. T. Delong, a ballot was taken which resulted in the choice of the Rev. James Parker as Moderator. The Rev. E. O. Read was appointed Secretary, and Rev. R. R. Philp Assistant Secretary, and Deacon D. Mosher, Treasurer.

Revs. J. L. Read, E. M. Saunders, and S. B. Kempton were appointed a Committee to examine the Letters.

Revs. J. Chase, S. Richardson, and S. March were appointed to read the Letters.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee of Nomination and Arrangement:—Revs. I. J. Skinner, S. W. deBlois, D. M. Welton, A. S. Hunt, W. G. Parker, W. Burton, and Dea. D. Hume.

Voted, That the sum of five dollars, assessed upon the Governors of Acadia College, for the printing of the Minutes of last year, be refunded.

Voted, That the name of the Church at Sherbrooke be changed to New Ross.

The Letters from the Churches were then read from which the accompanying statistics were obtained:—

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STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.

	INCREASE		DECREASE		TOTAL.
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1 Aylesford Upper, (revised),	1	4	2	6	233
2 Bridgewater,	2	4	109
3 Burton, (no Letter),	1	31
4 Chelsea,	2	..	2	11	70
5 Chester, .....	..	2	2	13	241
6 Cornwallis 1st,	2	3	4	1	344
7 Cornwallis 2nd,	2	3	..	6	451
8 Cornwallis 3rd,	23	5	2	2	326
9 Cornwallis 4th,	3	1	2	..	96
10 Cornwallis 5th, .....	..	5	3	2	123
11 Dartmouth, (no letter),	3	..	..	5	42
12 Falmouth, .....	..	..	..	..	63
13 Halifax 1st,	1	2	1	..	158
14 Halifax 2nd,	1	8	4	1	177
15 Hammonds Plains 1st,	5	4	8	21	58
16 Hammonds Plains 2nd,	1	..	..	3	57
17 Hantsport,	23	..	2	1	282
18 Horton 1st, .....	..	3	4	5	199
19 Horton 2nd, .....	..	2	9	2	258
20 Horton 3rd,	3	..	1	1	124
21 Indian Harbour,	4	13	1	11	69
22 Jeddore, (no Letter), .....	..	1	..	2	112
23 Kempt,	8	1	2	1	70
24 La Have, .....	..	1	..	..	40
25 Lunenburg, .....	..	1	..	1	95
26 New Cornwall,	1	2	1	3	35
27 New Germany,	2	1	..	3	111
28 Newport West,	3	3	1	2	150
29 Newport East,	3	..	..	4	80
30 New Ross, (formerly Sherbrooke), .....	..	2	..	2	66
31 Preston 1st,	2	1	2	2	23
32 Preston 2nd, .....	..	..	..	1	15
33 Rawdon,	1	124
34 Sackville,	32
35 St. Margaret's Bay,	3	..	2	1	129
36 Tancook,	1	2	..	1	97
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The Committee on Nomination and Arrangement presented the following report:—

COMMITTEES.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS:—Revds. S. B. Kempton, J. L. Read, Deacons Ellis, A. Lockhart, J. Lantz, Bros. O. Parker, and J. Young.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER:—Revds. Wm. Burton, T. C. Delong, Brethren Levi C. Woodworth, and N. T. Harris.

ON "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."—Revds. Dr. Pryor, S. March, W. G. Parker, Deas. D. Hume, T. Bennett, Georgs Pentz, and O. Cogswell; and Bros. J. Bradshaw, G. Longill, J. Hubley, A. Baker, and A. Shand.

ON UNION SOCIETIES:—Revds. D. O. Parker, E. M. Saunders, A. H. Munro, N. Baker, and Brethren Andrew Shaw, F. Webber, J. Grinton, Charles Hall, H. Hall, A. Vaughan, and Samuel Hallimore.

ON EDUCATION:—Revds. A. S. Hunt, D. M. Welton, S. Richardson, I. J. Skinner, S. W. deBlois, B. Vaughan, J. Bancroft, Prof. F. Higgins, J. DeMill; Brethren S. Selden, C. Spidle, — Corkum, J. Lantz, E. Curry, and Wm. Eaton.

ON MISSIONS:—Revds. A. H. Munro, L. B. Gates, George Wethers, J. Chase, R. Walker, D. Shaw; Brethren R. N. Beckwith, D. Thompson, G. Robins, A. Dormand, J. Vaughan, C. Hefler, C. Kanady, and P. O. Foster.

ON OBITUARIES:—Bros. S. Selden, — Conners, and F. Hubley.

The Committee also recommend that Prayer-meetings be held at 6 o'clock, A. M., during the Session at this house, and at the Pine Plains.

That the meetings commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., and 2 P. M., and close at 12 and 6 P. M.

That all the Committees meet at 8 o'clock, A. M.

That after the sermon on Monday, the Circular Letter be read, and that the first business of the afternoon be the Report on Missions, also that Tuesday morning Report on Education be presented. Report adopted.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an abstract of the Letters from the Churches read to this Association, and that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to publish the same in the columns of that paper, and that the following brethren be that Committee:—Revds. A. H. Munro, Dr. Pryor, and Bro. S. Selden.

Voted, That there be a Meeting of the Sabbath School Convention, on Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, and a Temperance Meeting at 8 o'clock.

Voted, That the following brethren be Delegates to the Convention:—J. W. Barss, S. Selden, M. Beckwith, Rupert Eaton, and Prof. James DeMill.

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Voted, That all the Ministering brethren in this Association, and Bro. Selden, be Delegates to the Eastern Association.

Voted, That all the Ministering brethren in this Association, and Bro. Selden, be Delegates to the Western Association.

Voted, That 1,000 copies of the Minutes be printed at the *Christian Messenger* office under the superintendence of Bro. S. Selden, and Rev. R. B. Philip, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association at its next Session, and that \$44, and more, if necessary, be paid to Bro. Selden for the same.

On motion, after prayer by Rev. D. Freeman, adjourned.

On the Lord's day Rev. Dr. Pryor preached at 11 A. M., from Hosea x. 12, Rev. W. Burton preached at 3, P. M., from 2 John 8 verse, Rev. S. Richardson preached at 7 P. M., from Acts xvii. 18.

Meetings were also held in the neighbouring places of worship and sermons preached by members of the Association.

Morning Session, June 20th, 1864.

Rev. S. W. deBlois preached the Introductory Sermon from Jude 3rd verse. The preacher noticed, at the close of the sermon, that the Association had been held in this place just fifty years ago the present week, and that Father Ansley had then preached from the same text, and on that occasion Home Missionary operations in an organized manner had begun amongst the Baptists by a person in the gallery throwing a doubloon on the table for the purpose.

Prayer by Rev. J. Bancroft.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on the Circular Letter recommended that it be read. After the reading of the Letter it was

Voted, That it be printed in the *Christian Messenger*, and also in the Minutes. It was also recommended that the said Letter be read by the several Pastors belonging to this Association to their congregations, on the Lord's day, as soon as it shall appear in print.

The Report of the Delegation appointed last year, to meet with the Church at Preston, was presented. (See Appendix A.)

Prayer by Rev. J. L. Read. Adjourned.

Afternoon Session, June 20th.

Prayer by Rev. L. B. Gates. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Voted, That the Rev. S. W. deBlois be requested to furnish the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* with a copy of the Annual Association Sermon, together with the interesting extracts from the Minutes of 1814, read by him, and that the Editor be requested to publish the same in his paper.

The Committee on Missions reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The Association adjourned to give place to the Home Missionary Society to hold its Annual Meeting. See the Home Missionary Report.

The Association resumed its business.

Voted, That the Churches be requested in their Letters, to send, in an account of all monies contributed by them for Benevolent purposes during the year, and that the Clerk be directed to prepare a report for such contributions, for publication in the Minutes.

Voted, That the above resolution be published in the *Messenger* three weeks previous to the next Association.

The Committee on Union Societies reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Voted, That the Association be held next year with the 1st Cornwallis Church to meet at Canaan. That the Rev. E. M. Saunders preach the Introductory Sermon, that the Rev. S. March be his alternate, and that Rev. I. J. Skinner write the Circular Letter.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

On motion, after prayer by Rev. D. Freeman, adjourned.

Morning Session, June 21st.

Prayer by Rev. D. M. Welton. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Voted, That the present Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund be continued, and that the Treasurer's report when audited, be published with the Minutes.

The Committee on Education reported. After remarks by Revs. Dr. Pryor, A. S. Hunt, E. M. Saunders, Prof. J. DeMill, and D. F. Higgins. The report was adopted. (See Appendix E.)

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Voted, That the 2nd Preston Church be received into this Association, and that Rev. D. Shaw receive the right-hand of fellowship in behalf of the Church. This Church was accordingly received.

The Rev. E. M. Saunders moved the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this Association highly approve of the course adopted by the Governors of Acadia College, and those labouring in connection with them in petitioning the Legislature to amend the Act of 1863, with reference to Dalhousie College, and recommend that they still take such measures as may seem wise and prudent, until a full and equitable appropriation of public funds and property be secured. Which was carried.

Also Voted, That this Association would express their hearty approval of the stand taken by Avar Longley, Esq., and those who acted with him, in the House of Assembly, in supporting the prayer of the Petitioners for the amendment of the Dalhousie College Act.

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The Committee on Departed Brethren reported that none of the brethren, who had been accustomed to meet with the Association, so far as they could learn, had been removed by death during the year: and requested that the Committee be discharged. The Committee was discharged.

Brother R. N. Beckwith introduced the following resolution; which was carried:—

Whereas, It is to be feared that irregularity exists in many of the Churches composing this body; in reference to members being dismissed to join other Churches of the same faith, and order; the Churches granting dismissals, it is believed, in some cases, considering members so dismissed, as no longer under their watchcare and discipline, although no notice has been received of their reception into another Church. In some cases, it is believed, the said letters are not presented to any other body, and so the removed member in fact, ceases to be member of a Church, and loses his connection with the denomination.

Therefore Resolved, That this Association earnestly recommend the following rule to be adopted by all the Churches:—

That when granting letters of dismission, a given time, say, 3 months, be allowed for a reply indicating their reception into another Church. When such reply is not received, correspondence should be held with such absent members, until it be obtained; but in no case, when it is possible to obtain communication from them, should they be considered as finally dismissed, until such information be received.

Association adjourned to give place for the Education Society to hold its meeting. For report see Appendix.

The Association resumed its sitting.

Voted, That the Churches composing this Association furnish in their Letters next year the dates of their formation.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association be presented to the Chester Church and Congregation, and to other friends in the vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session.

After prayer, by Rev. Dr. Pryor, the Association adjourned to meet with the 1st Cornwallis Church on the third Saturday in June, at 2 P. M., 1865.

J. PARKER, *Moderator*.

E. O. READ, *Secretary*.

Chester, June 21st, 1864.

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Circular Letter.

ON FAMILY PRAYER.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING
THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren,

Our belief in the importance of this duty, combined with the fear that it is far too widely neglected, has suggested that it might be well in this epistle to name some of the solid reasons on which it is founded, and to throw out some hints as to the best method of its performance.

Among the arguments by which the duty is enforced, a prominent place deserves to be given to (1) *Scripture precept and example*. It may be said of the general tenor of the word of God, that it reduces family prayer to the rank of an obligation on every professor of religion who is the head of a family. No Christian can discharge his duty to his family, or be said to be doing the will of God as revealed in his word, who lives in its habitual neglect. But more particularly, the duty is plainly comprehended within the extent of such injunctions as, "I will, therefore, that men pray everywhere." (1 Tim. ii. 8.) Violence would be done this passage, if its "everywhere" were not made to embrace the home circle.

The duty is sanctioned, moreover, by the highest *example*. We find that wherever Abraham came to sojourn in his removals from place to place, he built an altar to call upon the name of the Lord; at which altar, it may be believed, he was accustomed to assemble his family, and present his petitions for them, as well as for himself. The attention which he devoted to the religious instruction of his house-

hold is attested in these words: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment, that I may bring upon Abraham that which I have spoken of him." (Gen. xviii. 19.) The same solicitude for the spiritual welfare of their families is exemplified in the conduct of Isaac and Jacob. On one occasion the latter thus addresses his household, "Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments; and let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went." (Gen. xxxv. 2. 3.) David did not allow the cares of royalty to interfere with the discharge of this important duty to his family. We are informed that after he had assisted in bringing the ark from the house of Obed-edom to the place he had prepared for it, he "returned to bless his house."

(2.) *Family prayer is further enjoined by the dependence of families on God.* In no more natural and proper way may they acknowledge the many obligations they are under to the Divine Being, for the innumerable tokens of his goodness. The family is an institution of God's own ordination. "He setteth the solitary in families": (Psalm lxviii. 6.) "He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children": (Psalm cxlii. 9.) Its ties are of his forming. The birth and preservation of children, and their endowment with powers which, properly trained, raise them to positions of usefulness and honor in the world and in the Church, are eminent instances of the divine favor, which demand a grateful acknowledgment in the domestic circle. And the same arguments which show social prayer to be a duty, apply with still greater force to family prayer, as the family is a society from which every other originates, and with ties far more sacred and tender.

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(3.) *Family worship is commended by its happy tendency, under the divine blessing, to promote the religious training of children and servants.* A household in which prayer, accompanied by the reading of the scriptures, is regularly and devoutly attended to, may be regarded one of the best schools of religious instruction. In such school the whole contents of the sacred volume are, in due course, laid open. "Line upon line, and precept upon precept" are given, in the inculcation of its holy lessons. The different members of the family are continually reminded of their relation to God and the Redeemer, and become growingly impressed with the nature of sin, their need of pardon, and the beauty of holiness, as these and kindred truths are brought before them in the fervent supplications of him who gathers them, morning and evening, around the domestic altar. Thousands can point to the home circle as the place, and to family prayer, as the means of their first religious impressions. They cherish no more grateful and pleasing remembrance than that of their Christian sire interceding with God on their behalf. When prayer is neglected in a family, it may be expected that children will grow up ignorant of God, and careless of their eternal interests. In such a family, however the parents may assert that they attend to their private devotions, there will be but little to distinguish its members from those who live "without God in the world." The fear of God will not be in that place.

(4.) *The beneficial influence of family prayer on the heads of families themselves may be named among the reasons of its performance.* While prayer, of all the means of grace, is the most beneficial, as in it the soul is brought into the closest and most intimate contact with the Infinite Spirit, family prayer is productive of advantages which deserve a separate and especial consideration. The parent who steadily attends to this duty thereby invites those around him to a peculiar inspection of his behaviour, and a

restraint is imposed upon him, lest his prayers should be inconsistent with his conduct. In it he is reminded of the importance of governing his own temper, and of discharging, in a truly christian spirit, the various duties he owes to those to whom he sustains the relation of husband and father, if he would save himself from reproach in their eyes.

Of the pleas sometimes urged in justification of the neglect of this duty we mention but two, *first, lack of ability.* This plea would be entitled to some consideration, if family prayer required, in its performance, more than ordinary mental capacity. But it fails to satisfy when put forth by those who possess perhaps rare conversational powers, and in all matters of a worldly kind, experience no difficulty in conceiving ideas or expressing them in words. And especially does this apology fail when offered by those who have never attempted to lead in family prayer, and who therefore, can not be sure that they would not succeed, who perhaps never pray in secret, and whose disinclination to engage in domestic worship arises most probably from an inward disaffection to God, and dislike of the ways of religion.

To those christian parents who plead their inability to engage in family prayer as the reason of their having hitherto neglected it, we would suggest that they make the trial, believing that they would thus "renew their strength."

The *second* plea is *lack of time.* To this it might be replied that the time necessary is very small—four or five minutes being sufficient for the reading of the scriptures, and the same portion of time or less, answering for the utterance of a prayer, so that the exercise, morning and evening, would occupy little, if any thing more than twenty minutes. Surely the most busy life ought to allow this for an exercise so sacred in its obligation, and so replete with advantage. But we find that in the majority of instances those who allege that they have not time to pray in their

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The futility of the plea of want of time for the duty we are recommending will especially appear when we remember that it is virtually a declaration that religion is not the chief concern. It reverses the Saviour's injunction, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," (Mat. vi. 33), by subordinating religion to the service of mammon.

In regard to the *manner of the performance* of family prayer, we would suggest, (1) *that it be always accompanied with the reading of the Scriptures*. It might be well, especially as a means of securing attention to the portion of scripture read, to place a copy of the word of God in the hands of each member of the family, that all, by verse in turn, may share in the reading. The singing of a few verses, in which all should be invited to join, would also contribute greatly to the interest and profit of the exercise. (2) *Punctuality* may be named as an essential element in its proper performance. No day should pass without its being attended to. (3) *Brevity* should also be practiced. Religious exercises in order to prove beneficial to the young, should be brief and full of interest. Many children have learned to dread the approach of the hour for family devotion by being habitually obliged to listen to the reading of one of the longest chapters in the Bible, followed by a prayer fifteen or twenty minutes long. (4) *The utmost seriousness* should further characterize this sacred duty. Without seriousness it cannot be productive of the happy results which otherwise might be expected to follow it. (5) As to the *time* best suited to the performance of the duty, some families might prefer one hour, and some ano-

ther, according to their peculiar circumstances and household arrangements. Perhaps, however, the hour most generally free from interruption is that which immediately precedes the first, and immediately follows the last meal of the day. And (6) *finally, the aid of the Holy Spirit* should be sought on the exercise, for without his gracious influence this and all other religious services can be productive of no benefit to ourselves or others. May the Great Head of the church give his blessing, that we may be enabled to fulfil the terms of the covenant to which we have subscribed, which requires that we "walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and maintain the worship of God in our families, and train up these under our care in the ways of religion and virtue."

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESTON CHURCH.

In compliance with the resolution passed by this Association, at its session of last year, Brethren Dr. Pryor, A. H. Munro; R. R. Philp and S. Selden visited the Church at Preston; and now beg to report:—

That to their great satisfaction the difficulties formerly existing have been healed, and an amicable arrangement made by the formation of a second Church.

Respectfully submitted.

R. R. PHILP, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg to report,

That they sincerely regret that another year has passed away without our churches sending a missionary, selected and supported by themselves, to occupy a portion of the foreign field. Nor do they feel that they can simply repeat the recommendation of former reports in reference to this important matter, but would urge upon the Board of Foreign Missions to immediately take initiatory steps for its accomplishment.

Your Committee are happy to be able to state that our Home Missions are, on the whole, in a gratifying condition. The report of the present in some respects compares favourably with those of recent years. But it is still painfully evident that our churches have not yet risen to a due ap-

preciation of the great work which the Saviour affords them an opportunity of doing for his cause in this land.

Your Committee are also gratified to learn that the French Mission is in an encouraging state, and that the report of this year contains cheering accounts of good having been accomplished through the labors of brother Normonday.— We feel it our duty to recommend this Mission to the more generous consideration of the churches of this Association.

On behalf of the Committee.

A. H. MUNRO, *Chairman.*

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UNION SOCIETIES.

Our Union Societies recognize obedience to the Divine Law of Systematic Benevolence as an essential element of true religion, as an extensive means of Christian usefulness, and as an important part of the business and care of religious life. Those who withhold their offerings rob the treasury of God, cherish unhallowed covetousness, blight their usefulness and deny themselves one of the richest sources of personal happiness and prosperity.

From the small contributions reported at the Association, your Committee are seriously impressed that there is a fearful want of prompt, generous and systematic benevolence in many of the churches. To secure the more efficient working of these societies, your Committee recommend that the Pastors and Deacons take them, as far as may be wise or prudent, under their special direction, and see that their work is promptly and efficiently done. They also recommend and earnestly entreat every member of our associated body to enter into a covenant with the God of all grace to contribute annually to the Union Society the proceeds of at least one day's labour or income. This will secure to the interests of Zion the widow's mite, the laborer's pence, the dollars of the farmer, the professional man's generous gift and the pounds of the princely merchant, and greatly enlarge the sphere of Christian usefulness.

Respectfully submitted.

D. O. PARKER, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON THE *CHRISTIAN MESSENGER*.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* beg leave to Report,

That your Committee regard the *Christian Messenger* as an invaluable means of disseminating religious knowledge, and bringing to the homes and hearts of the families of our land the various matters of interest in connection with the progress and advancement of religion in connection with our denomination, and desire to express their high appreciation of the ability, candour and prudence of the present Editor in the conduct of the same. We heartily commend it to the sympathies and prayers of our brethren generally, and to the community at large. We would also recommend that all persons subscribing therefor, promptly and readily forward the annual subscription from year to year, that the hands of our brother may be strengthened in his work. We would also recommend it to the attention of the youth of our various communities, as affording them the means of mental cultivation, spiritual edification, and general information, which may be of immense value to them through life.

Respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN MARCH, *Chairman*.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education have much satisfaction in reporting, That the Institutions in Horton continue to enjoy a good degree of prosperity. The attendance at Horton Academy during the year has averaged, in the Male Department 81, in the Female Department 69. A more extended statement of our Academical Institution will appear in the Annual Report of the Education Society.

Your Committee have reason for believing that Acadia College continues to advance in efficiency, and is doing a work for our Province, and especially for the Baptist De-

nomination, of the utmost importance. Thirty have attended during the year. Two graduated at the recent Anniversary, and nine matriculated. The attendance in the ensuing year will probably be larger than at any former period.

Your Committee feel that continued efforts should still be put forth for the increase of the Endowment, and rejoice to know that the Agent is again engaged in this work.

Your Committee feel assured, that a review of the History of Acadia College will afford every Baptist, friendly to education, abundant incentives to renewed and diligent effort. God has thus far smiled upon the College, and made it the spiritual birth-place of many of our young men; and also, to a large extent, at Acadia College our Pastors of Churches have "been educated and thereby the better fitted for their important vocation. Your Committee learn that at a recent meeting of the Board of Governors, Robert V. Jones, Esq., A. M., was appointed to the chair of Intellectual Philosophy and Belles Lettres. Professor Jones is an Alumnus of the College, and for a number of years has been engaged in the Academy and College as a Tutor. In his ability to fill the position to which he is now appointed, your Committee have the fullest confidence, and doubt not the wisdom of the Governors in their selection.

The College has now a Staff of four Professors, including the President. One of the Professors is from New Brunswick, one from Prince Edward Island, and one from Nova Scotia. Thus representing in the faculty of the College the three several Provinces comprised in the Convention sustaining it.

Your Committee are informed that the number of candidates for the Christian Ministry at the Institution is unusually small. They would suggest to Pastors and Churches the propriety of affording every encouragement in their power to young men, who feel it their duty to preach the Gospel, that the Christian ministry amongst us may enjoy more fully the blessings provided in our institutions at Horton.

Your Committee would recommend the Horton Institutions to the affection and prayers of the people of God, that the Divine Spirit may direct and sanctify all the efforts of God's servants in this most important department of Christian labor.

A. S. HUNT, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

Your Committee on Questions in Letters beg leave to report:—

There are two questions only demanding attention.— They are from the 1st Preston and 2nd Hammonds Plains Churches. The 1st Preston Church requests that Bro. Eppy Carvery be set apart by the Association to the pastorate of that Church.

Your Committee recommend that our brethren of that Church be informed, in answer to their request, of the usual practice of our Churches in such matters; and in reference to the case in question, that it has been already fully considered and decided upon by a Council called and constituted for that purpose; and that this Association cannot interfere with their decision.

The request of the 2nd Hammond's Plains Church is, that a collection be taken up at the Association to assist them in building their new Meeting House. Your Committee recommend that our brethren's request be remembered by the Churches composing this Association, and suggest that a collection be taken on the first Sunday in August, and forwarded to them for this purpose.

Signed in behalf of Committee,

S. B. KEMPTON, *Chairman.*

MINISTERS IN THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. Baneroff	Newport, East	Mar. 8, 1849.	Rawdon.
" N. Baker	Tancook .....	.....	River John.
" W. Chipman	Pleasant Valley	Mar. 19, 1829.	Pleasant Valley.
" J. M. Cramp, D.D.	Wolfville	May 7, 1818.	London, G. B.
" Geo. Dimock	Newport, West	Aug. 7, 1820.	Newport.
" S. W. deBlois	Wolfville	Feb. 26, 1854.	Chester.
" D. Freeman	Canning	Aug. — 1855.	Halifax.
" T. A. Higgins	Wolfville	Aug. 30, 1857.	Liverpool.
" A. S. Hunt	Canard, Cornwallis	Nov. 10, 1844.	Dartmouth.
" A. H. Munro	Halifax	Dec. 10, 1857.	Digby Joggins.
" J. Parker	Billtown, Cornwallis	May 19, 1842.	Up. Wilmot.
" S. T. Rand	Hantsport	Oct. 7, 1834.	Cornwallis.
" E. O. Read	Gaspereaux	Jan. 8, 1858.	Gaspereaux.
" J. L. Read	Upper Aylesford	June 30, 1858.	Hopewell, N.B.
" E. M. Saunders	West Cornwallis	Dec. 15, 1856.	W. Cornwallis.
" I. J. Skinner	Chester	Sep. 19, 1858.	Port Medway.
" J. Stevens	Rawdon	Aug. 4, 1830.	Horton.
" B. Taylor	New Germany	July 13, 1842.	Chelsea.
" B. Vaughan	Kempt	May 4, 1842.	Wolfville.
" D. M. Welton	Windsor	Sep. 2, 1857.	Windsor [R. I.
" John Pryor, D.D.	Halifax .....	.....	Providence.
" T. DeLong	New Germany	Feb. 1834.	New Albany.
" R. R. Philp	Sackville	Oct. 12, 1856.	Margaree, C. B.
" D. G. Shaw	Falmouth	Jan. 24, 1860.	Falmouth.
" D. Pineo	Long Point	Dec. 24, 1844.	Greenwich.
" R. Walker	Aylesford	June 3, 1856.	L. Aylesford.
" Jacob Allan	New Guysboro Rd. ....	.....	.....
" W. Burton	Hantsport	July 20, 1823.	Westbrook.
" S. B. Kempton	New Minas	Sep. 16, 1863.	New Minas.
" S. March	Bridgewater	July 5, 1856.	St. Francis, N. B.
" L. B. Gates	Lunenburg, N. W.	Lunenburg, N. W.

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D. R. EATON, Treasurer.

*The Monies for Benevolent Objects, from the Granville Street Church, were paid to the Treasurers of the several Funds, and will appear in their Reports. This sum of \$2.50 was paid for Association Minutes.

Returns were also made in some of the letters from some Churches, of Monies paid into the Treasurers of the different Societies, but as those amounts did not pass through the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, account could properly be given of them.

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Provincial Sabbath School Convention.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial S. S. Convention was held with Western Association at Paradise, June 14, 1864.

The President, S. Selden, in the Chair, read the Constitution of the Convention.

A Report of the Statistics, &c., from the Sabbath Schools in the Western Association was presented by the Rev. Jos. H. Saunders.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. Weaver, on "The influence of S. Schools on the rising generation;" and by Rev. W. Hall on "The S. School in relation to the family. Short addresses by Brethren Jackson and Dr. Tupper. The Officers of last year were reappointed, and the Convention adjourned:

GENERAL BOARD FOR THE PROVINCE:—S. Selden, President; Rev. A. H. Munro, Secretary; Dr. Pryor, Treasurer.

WESTERN BOARD:—Rev. H. Angell, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Saunders, Secretary; S. Brown, Treasurer.

CENTRAL BOARD:—J. W. Barss, Chairman; Rev. D. Freeman, Secretary; Rupert Eaton, Treasurer.

EASTERN BOARD:—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Chairman; T. H. Rand, Secretary; David Page, Treasurer.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—A Meeting of the Convention was also held with the Central Association, at Chester, on Monday, June 20th. The President in the Chair. The Report was presented by Rev. D. Freeman.

Addresses were given as follows:—"The importance of early religious instruction," by Rev. E. M. Saunders.—"Sabbath Schools in relation to the State, and improvement of society," by Professor J. deMill. "Who should be Teachers in Sabbath Schools"? by Rev. D. M. Welton.

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EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—The Session of the S. S. Convention with the Eastern Association was held at Truro on Monday evening July 4th. The President occupied the chair. Bro. H. C. Upham having been requested by the Association to take charge of the Returns presented them to the Convention.

The following questions were ably spoken to:—

1. Should we expect that the instruction given in Sabbath Schools will be the means of converting those who receive it? If so, Why? by the Rev. T. A. Higgins.
2. Are Sabbath Schools beneficial to a community? If they are what are, the benefits conferred? by the Rev. D. McKeen.
3. How may Teachers most effectually reach the hearts of the young, and bring them under the influence of religious truth? by Rev. S. W. DeBlois.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

- Article 1. This society shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Sabbath School Convention.
2. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the aim and interests of Sabbath Schools within this Province.
3. The Convention shall be composed of Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers, and any Church members delegated by their respective schools, together with as many others present at its meetings as may be invited by the Convention to take part in its deliberations.
4. The officers of this body shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be the General Board for the Province for publishing the Statistics of the Schools, &c.; and also a Board of three persons—Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, from each of the three Associations; to be chosen annually; who, together, or as many of them as may be present at each Association, shall be a general Committee for making arrangements for meetings of the Convention.
5. There shall be three meetings of this Convention, held in connection with the three Associations, one of which according to turn among the Associations from year to year, shall be considered the Annual Meeting, at which the Officers shall be chosen, the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer presented and any other appropriate business transacted.
6. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Members present.

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GENERAL SUMMARY OF SABBATH SCHOOLS

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The Secretary, Rev. D. Freeman, has furnished an interesting report, for which there is not room in this place, but from which the following particulars have been obtained.

The Superintendent of the North Church Halifax School reports, the formation of a Monthly Teachers' Meeting for prayer and consultation; a Teachers' Bible Class presided over by the pastor, and meeting on each Monday evening, for the preparation of the lesson for the following Sunday; an improved method of distributing books to the scholars so as to disturb the School as little as possible; and the formation of an adult library for the use of the Teachers and Bible Class.

The Superintendent of Rawdon Sabbath School reports interesting Monthly Concerts being held.

The Superintendent of Falmouth Union Missionary Sabbath School reports the converting of the School, during the winter, into a Bible Class attended by some 30 or 40 persons; the scholars meeting once a week, to practice singing; interesting Concerts, and pupils attending from a distance of 5 or 6 miles.

The Superintendent of Windsor Sabbath School reports, two Bible Classes presided over, respectively, by the Pastor and his wife; a bequest to the School of a hundred dollars; a Missionary box in each Class in the School, opened quarterly; the decline of interest in Monthly Concerts after a two years' trial; and a second School maintained by the Church.

The Superintendent of Canaan Sabbath School reports the conversion of two of the scholars.

The Superintendent of Canning Sabbath School reports the recent baptism of one of the scholars.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE

Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.

The Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society again present their Annual Report.— They have much satisfaction in being enabled to lay before the friends of Horton Academy, an account of their Institution of the most encouraging character. As an Institution of learning the Academy continues to occupy a high position.

Your Committee believe that the teachers spare no sacrifice of effort or strength in their labor, to render the Academy worthy of the confidence and patronage of the people of Nova Scotia. The following statistics exhibit the working of the Institution during the year past :—

MALE DEPARTMENT :—

The whole number attending has been.....	160
Greatest number in attendance at one time.....	102
Smallest number.....	60
Average.....	81

FEMALE DEPARTMENT :—

Whole number during the year.....	125
Greatest number in attendance at one time.....	75
Smallest number.....	56
Average.....	69

The branches taught are such as are always taught in Academies and Schools of the highest class. The number engaged in the various studies, were as follows :—

Whole number in Mathematics for the year,—Males 95, Females 75, Total 170.	
Number in the Classical Department,—Males 93, Females 40, Total 133.	
Number in French,—Males 18, Females 29, Total 47.	

Nine of the pupils of the Academy have matriculated to enter upon the course of study in Acadia College. Two of the young ladies of the Seminary have completed the prescribed Course in that Institution, and having passed a creditable examination, received the usual Certificates.—Thus, from both Departments, the Institution is sending forth to the work of life, male and female, to unite their potent influence in all that appertains to moral and religious elevation.

Your Committee continue to repose unwavering confidence in their Teachers, and believe that neither labor or patience will abate, that all placed under their influence, may possess in full measure the advantages they desire. Robert V. Jones, Esq.; A. M., having accepted an appointment to a professor's chair in Acadia College, his place will be filled by Mr. Israel Blair, who has been engaged in that important position during the last quarter. The staff of Teachers in both departments, will therefore, with the exception of the above named, be the same as last year.

Your Committee would direct the attention of the denomination to the fact, that the Female Department has, they think, already reached its culminating point, in its present locality, and that soon its movements are likely to retrograde unless some measures are taken to secure commodious and more suitable buildings. As regards accommodations, we compare most unfavorably with institutions of far less worth, and are often put to the blush when such contrasts are presented. We trust the Baptists will not be content to leave the Seminary in this state. Let our friends not forget that other institutions are rising up, with such we hope ever to stand in honorable and christian rivalry, but to do this we must provide for young ladies whose presence and influence we would draw towards Horton, the domestic comforts and conveniences of home. Some plan having a reference to this subject will, we trust, ere long, be presented to the Baptist community, to receive, we hope, that hearty response, accorded in other days, to the educational schemes of our honored Fathers.

It has been suggested that the Academy might be placed under the control of the Governors of Acadia College, and thereby avoid the necessity of two executive bodies at Horton. Your Committee endorse this proposal, and think it advantageous for both Institutions.

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A scheme for the above arrangement received the sanction of your Society last year. The Board of Governors also passed a resolution declaring their assent, and it was the purpose of your Committee to have asked from the Legislature an Act authorising the transfer, but as measures were likely to be brought before our Provincial Parliament touching the general question of Colleges, your Committee deemed it prudent, to abstain, for the present, from any act tending in any way to render the subject more complicated, but unless the Society should order otherwise, your Committee will avail themselves of an early opportunity to carry into effect the will of your Society.

Your Committee would again urge the demand of former years, and ask the people for whose benefit the Horton Institution were erected, to send on there sons and there daughters, that we may have the high privilege of furnishing the youthful mind with such instruction as shall fit them for useful and honorable life. Your Committee have to lament that, the Institutions have not during the past year enjoyed a season of religious revival. As a denomination we regret the absence of such tokens of God's favour and pray that ere long the Divine Spirit will come in answer to prayer—and the Institution enjoy again a season of spiritual prosperity.

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary.*

N. S. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY *in account with*
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1863.	July 14.	To repairs of Seminary building,	£25	0	0
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SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society held their Seventh Annual Meeting in the Baptist Meeting house at Chester, on Monday, June 20, 1864.

Rev. James Parker, Vice President in the chair.

The Secretary read the report of the transactions of the Board during the year.

The Report was adopted and ordered to be printed under the direction of the Board.

On motion of Rev. G. F. Miles, seconded by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock,

It was resolved, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to Bro. R. N. Beckwith, for his efficient and gratuitous services as Secretary during the past year.

The following were appointed the officers of the Society and Board of Managers for the ensuing year:—

Officers of the Society.

J. W. Nutting, *President*.
J. W. Barss, { *Vice Presidents*.
John King, {
D. McN. Parker, M. D., *Treasurer*.
R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary*.
George Robins, *Auditor*.

Board of Managers.

Rev. J. E. Balcom,	Rev. D. M. Welton,
" J. M. Cramp, D. D.,	" E. M. Saunders.
" S. W. DeBlois,	W. Ackhurst,
" D. W. C. Dimock,	H. R. Cunningham,
" David Freeman,	H. N. Paint,
" A. S. Hunt,	Alex. Robinson,
" G. F. Miles,	S. Selden,
" A. H. Munro,	Francis Webber,
" Jas. Parker,	Thomas Wesley,
" R. R. Philp,	D. Thompson,
" John Pryor, D. D.,	L. S. Payzant,
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In submitting the Seventh Annual Report your Committee would call attention to the fact that Prayer and Conference meetings have not apparently received the consideration they merit from the missionaries. Last year 259 were reported; this year only 86. The diminution is to be seriously regretted. The appointments made by this Board are necessarily, in most cases, for but brief periods, and too often there is reason to fear the religious interest, awakened by the labors of the Missionary, and sustained during his transient stay, in a great measure subsides on his removal. The best possible preventives of such relapses are Prayer and Conference meetings, which, we trust, will henceforth receive from our missionaries a larger share of attention and occupy a more prominent place in their reports than they have hitherto. We also regret that Sabbath Schools seem to be entirely overlooked by the missionaries of this Society. No mention is made of them in any of the reports. We feel it our duty to remind the brethren who go forth as the agents of the Domestic Mission Board, that they can do a work of incalculable value by establishing Sabbath Schools where they do not exist, and endeavoring to make those already founded, more efficient; by urging their importance on the members of the Church, persuading the more intelligent of these members to become teachers, pointing out improved methods of management and instruction, urging the procuring of good libraries and giving addresses to scholars and teachers. Nor is it unimportant or incompatible with their more immediate duties, that the missionaries employed by this Society should do all they can to awaken an active interest in Common School education in the rural districts, and to persuade intelligent youth of both sexes, to avail themselves of the advantages of our Institutions of learning at Wolfville. Our cause is the cause of knowledge as well as of holiness. We do not

believe that ignorance is the mother of devotion but the certain source of superstition and error. The better educated any people are the better will they be prepared to understand and defend the principles of truth we advocate. It is our ardent wish that every agent of this society may possess such devotion to the cause of Christ, and appreciation of whatever tends to spread intelligence and refinement, that while everywhere and always recognized as an earnest minister of the Cross, laboring for the salvation of souls, the influence of his own mental culture and wise public spirit may be powerfully felt and leave unmistakable fruits in the regions he may be sent to visit. That while each may go to his field of labor in the "fulness of the Gospel" he may prove himself in it, "ready for every good word and work," esteeming "whatsoever things are lovely and of good report, if there be any virtue or any praise" they are worthy of his advocacy and exertions.

Such then is the nature of the work for which we ask the warm sympathy, earnest prayers and liberal aid of our brethren, and for which we can appeal to them as Christians, as Baptists and as patriots. To you who have been enlightened by the truth, taught by spirit, and have sought and found pardon and peace through the Saviour, and now cherish a good hope laid up in heaven, we appeal on behalf of those ready to perish, and with no one to point them out the path of life. To you, to whom the Sabbath is not merely a day of bodily rest but also of religious worship, whose pulpit is always supplied, whose religious life is stimulated by pastoral visitation and edifying social gatherings, all felt by you to be indispensable to your growth in grace; we appeal on behalf of those deprived of all these privileges, only so far as they are created by your Christian generosity, and these at the best only for brief and widely separated periods. Think, we beseech you, of the religious necessities of large regions of our country, as yet unsupplied, by the labors of our own or any other body. Think, we entreat you, of the families and communities growing up without religious instruction, ignorant of the truth, ready for any form of error, and unfortified by sound principles against temptation; think of the great work here undone, of the adaptation of the operations of this society to meet such deplorable religious destitution of how acceptably, and

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with what gratifying results, all defects being fully admitted, they have met it, so far as the funds furnished would permit, and decide what obligations you are under to the Saviour and his cause to aid our Domestic Missions.

And while we deprecate all sectarian narrowness and rivalry, while we rejoice at the zeal and success of other evangelical denominations, differing from our own on some grounds, but feeling equally with ourselves the supreme importance of the Salvation of souls, while we heartily congratulate them on what they have done and pray that they may do much more, we nevertheless feel free to urge the claims of this society as a most efficient agency for diffusing and maintaining those principles which distinguish us as a body and which we firmly believe to be both scriptural and important.

There are portions of our Province in some degree less destitute of ministerial labor than those to which we have referred, but which are still missionary ground and at the present time of special interest. Nova Scotia is in a transition state. Changes, the magnitude of which none perhaps fully estimate, are about taking place. Three causes are working to produce them. The civil War in the neighbouring republic, Railways, and Mining operations. Leaving out of consideration the first, with its probable and almost certain effects upon this country, it is obvious beyond all doubt that the two latter will alter materially the character and density of our population in many localities. Districts sparsely settled will soon be thickly peopled, and form the sites of numerous villages and towns. Many a "Sleepy hollow" will exchange its long quietude for stirring life and commercial enterprise. In some regions this has already been largely affected, but as yet what has been done is only the shadow of coming events, for which we will do well to prepare. Other denominations are on the alert. In places where our missionaries have formerly labored and formed churches, or the nucleus of such, and which have recently risen into great importance on account of a large increase of population, we must establish permanent missions or abandon to others ground we could have held and worked with special claims and advantages. No Baptist worthy of the name can hesitate as to which he would recommend and aid.

And if the view we have presented of the labors of this society, the present need and future prospects of our province be correct, patriotism as well as religious principle and denominational feeling will respond to our solicitations for the enlargement of the funds of the Domestic Mission Board. The congregation of large masses of people, the growth of newly formed communities in a state of spiritual destitution, is not only a religious fact every pious person will lament, but a social fact clearly perceived to be pregnant with evil by every one who loves his country wisely and well. We do not need to call in imagination to picture what such a state of things must engender and eventually produce. The recent histories of other countries similarly situated to our own are on record for our instruction. Let not the lesson be lost upon us. But as good men read and lament the sad narratives of the social calamities and appalling immorality in connection with the settlement and developement of the mineral wealth of Australia and California, let them have the consolation of knowing that the warning thus twice given was not without its beneficial effect in this land; that the intelligence, piety, and liberality of Nova Scotia Christians saved their country from a third repetition of the dark drama, by adopting and enlarging their religious enterprises to meet the new demands made upon them. May we rise to a due appreciation of our share of this great work, which we can aid in no way more effectually than by the liberal support of our Domestic Missions.

Your attention is directed to the following particulars of Missionary labour during the year.

Pictou County.

Rev. Alfred Chipman has a 12 months' mission in the above County. The following particulars of the mission have been received and will no doubt be heard with much interest:—

"Whether I can truthfully report progress or not God best knows. Sometimes in some parts of this county I think I discern some favourable indications of the progress of Baptist principles; at other times, and in other places the work and labour of faith appear to be my only hope.—

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I had expected to be at least a month this fall at Merrigomish, holding some extra meetings, and visiting constantly from house to house. I was there last Sabbath, had during the trip four rather encouraging meetings. I think, ere long, I shall have the privilege of baptizing three or four interesting persons. But Providence has seemed to direct my steps in another direction for the present, and some weeks past, I have been at River John and vicinity, and expect next week to return there for a time longer holding meetings every evening. Bro. Miles came and sympathized with and assisted me and the cause much, having spent in the county in all 4 Sabbaths, and preached nearly every night during that time. The Lord evidently sent him here especially to River John and back shore where the people flocked to hear him, and never failed to get plain and forcible truth. Some received the Word through the Spirit's power, I had the unspeakable privilege a few Sabbaths since of baptizing one who had previously given most satisfactory evidence "under the gospel by Bro. Miles," as she expressed it. I have also baptized another candidate since dismissed to the Pugwash Church. I may truthfully say there has been a great waking up among the people of that shore of late in respect to their eternal interests. I have had large and attentive crowds at the water side to hear and witness the ordinance.

I solicit an earnest continued interest in your prayers on my needy behalf, and that of perishing souls and God's truth in this County. Send *two* missionaries hither as soon as you can.

The following additional information has been more recently received:—

This Spring I have baptized three more at Merrigomish, two of them heads of families, and so far as I know these all continue to honour their profession. This number, however, does not include all the cases of conversion in this county during the last year. At least half a dozen others I can call up as having apparently been awakened and brought to Christ through similar instrumentalities, who from various causes are as yet only "walking about Zion."

With reference to pecuniary matters, you doubtless recollect that Bro. Griffith of Pictou town promised from the

people some fifty pounds annually, towards the support of a Baptist Missionary in this county. But during this year I have received from that source only about \$100. This falling short is due in part to my not having been in the town much during the year. As a consequence nothing has been received or solicited from that quarter, except from our few Baptist people, nearly all of whom are poor. At River John our own people are also preparing to build a small Baptist church, which brings a large pecuniary burden on them. Taking into account the two foregoing facts, I cannot but think the amount contributed by the people in this region during the year will have been somewhat creditable. In many individual instances their contributions of money have been noble, as my final return will show. Yet I much regret that the pecuniary burden of this Mission has thus far rested so heavily on the funds of the Board.

I still believe that many of the Scotch people of this county will yet, if we are faithful to their souls, become truly converted in heart to Christ, will come in among us and then aid materially in the pecuniary support of our mission among them. Have patience brethren, duty is ours, results are the Lord's. But his promises are also ours and they are promises of the Almighty and everlasting God.

I may say in a word now that the prospects of the up-building of the cause of Christ in this county *through Baptist instrumentality*, are to my own mind *brighter* far than they appeared to me a year ago. I am not discouraged but want the Board and our Churches generally to redouble their prayers, and pecuniary contributions for the glory of God and the salvation of perishing souls in all this region. Only let us exercise true faith, and we shall "see the glory of God" displayed in the deliverance of this people from error and formalism to "the truth as it is in Jesus."

Now what I am about to announce may in the light of the above mentioned facts, seem strange to you. I wish, *conditionally*, to give up the mission to this county. My first condition is that *you* wish me to give it up; my second, that you desire me to *continue* it for the present. In either case I wish to retire from the field—even then however *conditionally*—that is that a substitute be stationed here by your Board the coming year and thence onward.—

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Do not misunderstand me as having grown tired or disheartened in this field. Errors of doctrine and life are here prevalent and ingrained; the immediate fruits of our labour are not very encouraging; yet we can both very sincerely say we are not discouraged in, or wearied of this field of action. But I am strongly convinced that a *suitable change* of missionaries would be for the glory of God and the good of souls in this county.

In conclusion, if the Board wish me to remain longer in this county, I consent to remain for the next six months; on the condition that the mission shall be given over chiefly for the next year into the *charge of another Missionary*.—Whether my plan for such a consumation will commend itself to the Board and the Associations or not I cannot say, but my proposal for the accomplishment of such object is this. *Extend* the field of your Pictou mission so as to include Antigonish in one direction and Tatamagouche in another, then station one missionary for a year chiefly in Pictou town, another for six months in the rest of the field. I do not think this arrangement would involve a much larger expenditure of the funds of the Board, and would bring forth fruit ultimately sixty and even a hundred fold to the endless praise of Divine Grace.

Lunenburg County.

Bro. William Boggs performed a mission of 10 weeks in the above County.

Preached 29 sermons; held 8 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 35 families; travelled 456 miles; collected \$12 06.

On the 4th Sept., 1863, the following report of his mission was received.

I preached in the following places:—Lunenburg Town, North West, Bridgewater, Newcomb's Settlement, Chelsea, Lapland, Corkum Settlement, Mount Pleasant, and Crouse Town.

There are Baptist Churches in several of these places, and branches of Churches in the others with the exception of Lunenburg. But there seem to be good opportunities for Baptist preaching everywhere throughout the County. Of this, however, a large portion is destitute. The consequence of which is a sad lack of knowledge with regard to the glorious truths of the Gospel, and a great amount of coldness and inactivity in the affairs of the Redeemer's kingdom. Still I hope that through the faithful labours of Bro. March, in and around Bridgewater and others else-

where in the County, much may be done to change this state of affairs. There is one locality in particular to which I would like to call the attention of the brethren,—that is Lunenburg Town. I think it has been neglected, and that it is now time to endeavour to occupy such a promising position, for such I believe it to be. Though there are only two or three individuals professing Baptist principles, there are a good many very desirous of having Baptist preaching in their midst. I only preached once in town. We were obliged to hire a Hall for this purpose, but obtained the use of it for the collection that was taken at the time, and though it was small the Trustees were well satisfied, and offered it again upon the same terms whenever it might be required. If I had remained longer in the County I would have endeavoured to maintain regular preaching in town. Bro. March has preached there once but cannot go regularly. On all occasions the large Hall has been well filled. Upon the whole I think it important to attempt something for Lunenburg. The fact that there were so many places to visit and the round of labour so extensive was rather unfavourable, I being able to visit each place but very seldom. But I trust the seeds of truth have been scattered, and that the Lord may give the increase.

Hants County.

Rev. T. H. Porter, Junr., has been engaged in missionary labour at Maitland and vicinity, 13 weeks.

Preached 52 sermons; made 169 visits; distributed 530 pages of religious tracts; resuscitated one church; travelled 725 miles; baptized 2; attended 2 Conference and Prayer meetings; collected in aid of the mission \$69.07½.

Bro. Porter on the 28th May writes to the Board as follows:—

“I have occupied five different preaching places, extending over a distance of about nine or ten miles, along the western side of the Shubenacadie to the mouth, and two miles down the Bay.—There are the Dimock Settlement, Five mile River, Rockwell, Maitland, and Selmah. The Presbyterian friends at Five mile River kindly opened their meeting house for our use, which we occupied on Sabbath mornings until about the 1st of April.

The Hall in Maitland we have hired, and still worship in it. This having always been our largest congregation, the house being usually pretty well filled. In each of the other three places we occupy the school house.

The friends in Maitland and Selmah have made a beginning for a meeting house, and it is hoped it will go on unto completion. They will need some assistance in building but at the proper time it will, no doubt, be forthcoming.

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This field should not be given up. Within its limits there are some dozen or more Baptist members, an equal number of heads of families, who, we have little reason to suppose, will ever be anything else. On the Eastern side, within about the same limits, we have some half dozen members not connected with any church, and a nice school house that has always been open to Baptist preaching; and has, I believe, never been occupied by any others, and where a good congregation has always been secured. It is true they are so scattered, that it would be difficult for them at any time to be all with "one accord in one place," even if that place could be found, and consequently at present distinct organization can hardly be thought of, or even a Conference meeting attempted, yet to now give up what has been gained would be worse than suicidal."

Rev. J. Bancroft performed 6 months missionary labour in Walton and vicinity.

Travelled 1086 miles; preached 93 sermons; attended 22 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 95 families; collected \$45.39; Lord's Supper administered twice; organized one Temperance Society.

Halifax County.

Rev. R. R. Philp laboured in the service of the Board 8 weeks in the above County.

Preached 30 sermons; visited 15 families; travelled 120 miles; Baptized 10 persons; collected \$9.86.

The following account of his mission was received on the 10th March, 1864:—

"I have completed the mission assigned me by the Board last year. I preached in the following places:—Waverly, Bedford, and 2nd Hammonds Plains.

Both Waverly and Bedford are important points for missionary exertion. The congregation at Waverly is what may be called a floating congregation, but not the less important on that account, for coming as they do from all parts of the Province, some may upon returning home carry with them the seeds of truth, which will yield a harvest at some future time. Good congregations assemble at both places. At 2nd Hammonds Plains I assisted in the Baptism of 20, and administered the Lord's Supper.

Two years ago the Baptist cause in this County was in a sadly depressed state. The Churches in Halifax were the only churches that had Pastors. I accepted the charge of three small churches,

widely separated from each other, so that my work was very laborious. Under the Divine blessing, these churches are now giving signs of vitality.

Sackville is a good centre for missionary operations. Waverly is only 10 miles distant, Bedford only 5. I think that in a few years this field will be self-sustaining.

Cumberland County.

Rev. David McKeen performed a mission of 6 weeks at River Philip, Granville and vicinity.

Preached 39 sermons; visited about 60 families; collected \$3.90.

Under date 6th May the following account of the mission was received:—

"The number of miles travelled is large, but I kept no account of them. I found two persons who were partly inclined to be baptized, but for want of a church in the neighborhood, and other causes they have not yet come forward. I endeavoured to preach as often as possible, and to present the word of life as faithfully and affectionately as I could. I sometimes saw tearful eyes and attentive listening, and at times there was a good attendance, but upon the whole the Baptist interest is nearly as low as it can be in these localities. We must leave the result of the mission with God. The great want seems to be union of heart and action; the need of scriptural discipline is blighting the cause in these regions.

Antigonishe County.

Rev. G. F. Miles performed 4 weeks missionary labour at Antigonishe.

Preached 26 sermons; attended 6 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 80 families; travelled 550 miles; collected \$20.62.

Guysboro County.

Rev. Obed Parker laboured 9 weeks in the above County.

Preached 31 sermons; held 8 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 140 families; travelled 471 miles; distributed 200 pages of tracts and Temple's Morning Exercises to a sea Captain; collected \$38.45; administered the Lord's Supper twice; gave one lecture on Temperance.

He writes to the Board on the 16th Feby., as follows, "I have spent 9 weeks and 2 days in the service of the Board.

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This is an important and interesting field of labour, and should not be neglected. I spent six Sabbaths in those places,—preaching, visiting, reading the Scriptures, and praying with the families from house to house, and as there were 74 families connected with the Church I felt it to be my duty to visit them all. I saw indications of good being done. There were a number who gave manifestations of a change of heart. My stay was too short to realize what I fondly hoped to see—a number shewing themselves on the Lord's side.

I spent one week with the Church at the mouth of St. Mary's, by request, and received in aid \$18.81. I spent one Sabbath with the Church at Upper Stewiacke, on my return, and received \$3.75, and one Sabbath with the Church at Lower Stewiacke, as I went on, and received \$1.00.

Cape Breton.

Rev. Benj. Scott spent 6 weeks in the service of the Board on the above Island, also, 2 weeks on P. E. Island.

Preached 27 sermons; addressed 6 Prayer and Conference meetings; visited 96 families; Baptized 1; distributed 200 pages of tracts; travelled 600 miles; collected in aid of the Society \$25.67.

The following report of his mission was received :—

"I left Margaree on the 25th August, and spent one Sabbath at Ship Harbour, where I met with Brethren Gesner and Meser licentiates. Bro. Gesner had been some time in this place labouring to good acceptance. I then travelled to Antigonishe and preached once in company with Elder G. F. Miles, who had just arrived on his mission.

I was cordially received and the word preached was attentively heard. It was in many instances difficult to leave the people; so urgent were they to hear the Gospel.

Rev. Joseph Kempton has performed an 8 weeks mission at Cow Bay and Glace Bay, Cape Breton.

The following extracts are taken from a letter dated 27th May :—

"In reference to the mission granted me I am sorry that I cannot report anything very encouraging. I have been trying to labour, as best I could, for the cause of Christ, but as yet I have seen but little accomplished. I have continued labouring since receiving the mission the same as I did before, on the whole field from Mira Gut to Glace Bay. I have had a good hearing both at Cow Bay and Glace Bay. In the former place the congregation has increased steadily. The great difficulty has been to get a

house sufficiently large to hold the people, there being no public building in the place as yet. The population at the Block House Mines increases very rapidly. There is at present on the two establishments at Cow Bay, between 40 and 50 new buildings being erected, and nearly all of these are dwelling houses.

Glace Bay is not so old an establishment, but the prospect is that it will soon be equal in prosperity and interest. I fear there are *very few* in either of these places who fear God. Wickedness abounds. It is a rare thing to find one who loves to speak and hear of Jesus. Yet there are some who do.

I am preaching three or four times a week, besides attending other religious meetings as often as I think it for the good of the cause. I spend a large portion of the time in visiting among the people. I met with some stubborn, hopeless cases, and some very interesting ones too. I have several individuals in mind who I think are not far from the kingdom. They seem deeply interested, and their hearts appear tender. I found one person at Glace Bay who experienced a hope in Christ two years ago; and she is now exercised in mind on the subject of making a public profession of religion by immersion. May the Spirit of God teach her the path of duty and enable her to follow it in the face of a frowning world.

And now brethren I do not know that I can tell you anything more at present that would be of interest, only that I am quite happy in hope of the glory of God. Jesus is precious to my heart. I hope the Board will remember me in their approaches to the throne of God's grace.

Travelled 300 miles; preached 25 sermons; attended 16 Conference and Prayer Meetings; Visited 99 families; Distributed 96 pages of religious tracts; collected \$14.01.

Rev. Roland McDonald laboured in the service of the Board 8 weeks at Big Intervale and vicinity.

Under date 28th Feby., 1864, the following report was received.

I have fulfilled the mission assigned me; preached 44 sermons; visited and revisited 36 families; travelled 192 miles; collected \$9.86½.

I left home on the 12th Dec., 1862, and finished the mission on the 6th Feby., 1863. I preached from house to house where they were sufficiently large to contain the people who came to hear, I visited others and read the Scriptures, and prayed with the inmates. I took delight in relating to the unconverted what the people of God felt in their souls, and do still rejoice in the same work. I hope my labour among them was not spent in vain, I believe there was good done, some backsliders were restored.—Missionaries of other denominations are in the field. Let the Baptists maintain their ground, there is room enough. "The harvest is great."

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Prince Edward Island.

Rev. Wm. Dobson spent 4 weeks at Tignish, and Cascumpecque.

Preached 15 sermons; held 5 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 80 families; baptized 10 persons; organized 1 church; travelled 340 miles; collected \$3.25.

The following report of his labour was received dated 28th of Aug., 1863.

I returned home on the 18th Aug., having spent about 7 weeks on the Island. My preaching was mostly from house to house, as I found that was the most effectual way of imparting instruction to the people. I found several Baptists in the region of Kildare, who having moved there from different places, thought there was none of the same faith within fifty miles of them, and hearing that a missionary had organized a Church, on meeting with me at their house, they gave thanks to God for his great mercy. I visited a great number of families sometimes conversing until near morning with them upon the subject of religion. The brethren at Cascumpecque are intending to commence building a meeting house this winter. A friend who was a faithful attendant at the meetings there, has kindly offered a beautiful site for the purpose.— This field bids fair to be a place of note, having a nice harbour and good fishing ground.

At Lot 7 I spent a week during the Summer of 1861, and baptized one. There were then a number holding Baptist views, wishing to see a Church organized. This place is about 15 miles from Cascumpecque, and if looked after in connection with Tignish, Kildare, and Cascumpecque, would soon support a missionary.

Rev. Malcom Ross spent 2 weeks at Belfast and White Sands.

Preached 8 sermons; visited 13 families; baptized 2 persons, heads of families; administered the Lord's Supper twice; travelled 80 miles. This mission was self-sustained.

Rev. John Shaw laboured 6 weeks in the service of the Board on the above Island.

Preached 26 sermons; collected \$39.63 Nova Scotia currency.

The following account of his mission was received, written on the 10th May, 1863:—

"I endeavoured to preach at Dundas, Grand River, Montague River, Clyde River, Long Creek, Bedeque, Cavendish, Lot 49, and Bonshaw. Since the first mission I endeavoured to perform on this Island, I have not met with more kindness, my meetings in general were large and solemn.

**Condensed Account of Missionary labour performed
during the Year.**

No. of Missionaries employed, of whom all but one were ordained	14
Weeks services.....	163
Sermons reported.....	596
Prayer and Conference Meetings held.....	86
Family Visits.....	911
Baptisms.....	25
Miles travelled.....	4564
Tracts distributed, (pages) by four.....	1026
Lord's Supper administered 6 times.	
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Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1st, 1863.....	\$443 67
Received during the year.....	639 44
Collected by Missionaries.....	252 66
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EXPENDITURES.

Collected and retained by Missionaries, including their Travelling Expenses.....	\$252 66
Disbursed by Treasurer for labour performed to May 31, 1863.....	272 23
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Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	245 33
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Present Liabilities of the Board about.....	\$650 00

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Contributions.

PICTOU COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. A. Chipman.

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Mrs. T. Harris.....	5	0
Mrs. J. Fullerton.....	7	6
Mrs. J. McKinnon.....	22	6
J. P. McDonald, (in work.)	20	0
Mrs. Reoton.....	5	0
R. G. Griffith.....	40	0
Collections.....	12	0
Rev. E. F. Foshay, Amherst	50	0
Pugwash Church.....	7	6

MERIGOMISH.

Mrs. J. McMillan.....	1	3
Mrs. Magee.....	7	6
Alex. Meldrum.....	5	0
Mrs. Meldrum.....	2	6
J. McMillan.....	5	0
N. Turner.....	5	0
Jane Olding.....	3	1 1/2
P. McEwen.....	5	7 1/2
John Olding.....	10	0
A Friend.....	40	0
R. Lowden.....	25	0
H. Cunningham.....	10	0
W. Cunningham.....	20	0
Collections.....	10	6

RIVER JOHN.

C. Sutherland.....	60	0
R. Allan.....	45	0
A. McDonald.....	5	0
do. Family, (in socks.)	2	6
N. McKinnon.....	5	0
do. Family, (in socks.)	1	3
A. Henderson.....	4	6
Jno. Henderson.....	3	0
Mrs. Jno. Hamilton, Senr..	2	6
Ditto (in flour.).....	5	0
Wm. Hamilton, (in work.)	5	0
E. Gammon, (in oats.)...	5	3
N. Sutherland.....	20	0
Jno. Hamilton, Junr.....	20	0
F. Perrin.....	10	0
Collections.....	13	6

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LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Collected by Mr. W. Boggs.

Mr. Misner.....	\$0 37 1/2
William Corkum.....	0 37 1/2
James Crouse.....	0 50
James Johnston.....	1 00
John Andrews.....	0 50
Wm. Faulkner.....	0 12 1/2
Mary Kedy.....	0 25
Eliza Kedy.....	0 25
Coll. at Bridgewater.....	1 12 1/2
“ Corkum Settlement.....	1 25 1/2
“ Mount Pleasant.....	1 93
“ Crouse Town.....	0 61
“ Chelsea.....	2 17
“ Lapland.....	0 42 1/2
“ North West.....	1 17

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HANTS COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr.

SELMAH.

George Smith, Esq.....	\$6 75
John Welder.....	3 00
Alexander Grey.....	2 00
David Pratt.....	2 00
Judith Smith.....	1 00
Archibald Smith.....	1 00
Benjamin Smith.....	1 00
Mrs. Matthew Murphy....	1 00
Mrs. Eunice Smith.....	0 50
Archibald Frame.....	0 50
Collection.....	0 60

MAITLAND.

Alexander Gillis.....	\$4 00
Mrs. A. Gillis.....	1 00
Mrs. William Murray.....	2 00
Simon Macdonald.....	2 00
Mrs. Monteith.....	1 00
George Gillis.....	1 00
William Dickie.....	1 00
James Green.....	1 00
T. H. Porter, Jr.....	5 00

ROCKVILLE.

John Graham.....	\$2 00
James White.....	1 00
John White.....	0 50
William Ellis.....	0 50
Collection.....	0 70

FIVE-MILE RIVER, AND THE DI-MOCK SETTLEMENT.

James Burgess.....	\$5 00
Albert Burgess.....	1 00
Mrs. John Dow.....	0 50
D. Skalling and wife.....	1 00
D. Barbrick and family.....	1 25
Daniel Dimock.....	1 00
Benjamin Dimock.....	1 00
Margaret Dimock.....	0 50

TRURO AND JOHNSON'S CROSSING.

Collection at Crossing.....	\$9 27½
Robert Chambers, Esq.....	4 50
Mrs. D. Wilson.....	2 00

\$69 07½

Collected by Rev. J. Bancroft.

WALTON.

Francis Parker, Esq.....	\$12 00
Collection at Walton.....	8 11
" at School House	
West of Walton.....	0 63½
" Tennecape Wes.	
Chapel.....	0 75
William Stephens.....	1 25
Francis Parker, Esq.....	3 50
Catherine Stephens.....	0 62½
John Morris.....	2 00
Jacob O'Brien.....	1 00
Mrs. Francis Parker.....	2 50
Collections at Walton.....	11 18½
" Tennecape.....	0 37½
" School House on	
road to Rennie Cove.	1 47

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. D. McKern.

Collection at River Philip	
head of the tide.....	2 30
" at School House.....	0 87½
J. W. Johnston, Glenville..	0 80

\$3 90½

GUYSBORO COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. O. Parker.

INDIAN HARBOUR.

Collections.....	\$7 22
Isaac Willet.....	1 67
Allen Cannady.....	2 50
Capt. Rude.....	1 25
Mrs. Hult.....	1 25

Mr. Kelly..... 1 00

ST. MARY'S.

John Hewit.....	5 00
Mrs. John Hewit.....	2 50
John Hewit's family.....	1 31
George Hewit, Senr.....	5 00
Zeb. Hewit.....	5 00

UPPER STEWIAOKE.

Collections.....	3 75
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LOWER STEWIAOKE.

Ezekial C. Banks.....	1 00
	\$38 45

CAPE BRETON COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. R. McDonald.

Murdoch McLean.....	\$2 00
Murdoch McDonald.....	0 50
Malcom McLeod, Esq.....	0 45
James Marple.....	0 45
Wm. MacKay.....	0 45
Richard Marple.....	0 50
Allan Stewart.....	0 50
Angus MacKinnon.....	0 50
Roderick MacLeod.....	0 45
Angus Ross.....	0 45
Donald MacKenzie.....	0 22½
Torkill MacLeod.....	0 22½
Malcom D. MacLeod.....	0 22½
Rodk. MacKenzie.....	0 22½
John MacLeod.....	0 55
Joseph Tingly.....	0 50
Eben. Ledbetter.....	0 45
Catherine MacLean.....	0 25
Mary MacKinnon.....	0 22½
Farquhar MacRae.....	0 25
Collection.....	0 29
	\$9 66½

Collected by the Rev. B. Scott.

Coll. Lot 49, P. E. Island..	\$5 25
Ship Harbor, Canso.....	3 08½
Mauboo Coll.....	2 28½
Rachel Potter.....	0 62½
John Macdonald.....	0 62½
William Inghram.....	1 00
John Benton.....	0 62½
Murdoch McLean.....	0 25
Murdoch Macdonald.....	0 75
Catherine Fraser.....	0 25
Lanchlan Macdonald.....	0 90
Donald Macdonald.....	0 67½

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Ship Harbor Coll. Canso..	2 05
Peter Paint.....	2 00
B. Scott.....	2 00

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Collected by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Mr. Kagan and son.....	\$1 00
A Friend.....	1 00
J. Bohanan.....	0 75
Collection at Cow Bay.....	2 64
Collection at Mira Gut.....	2 87½
Collection at Cow Bay.....	2 04
Collection at Glace Bay.....	2 44
Jas. McKeen.....	0 80
A little boy.....	0 14
Collection at Cow Bay.....	1 12½

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P. E. ISLAND.

Collected by Rev. John Shaw.

DUNDAS.

Donald Nicholson.....	s. d.
	5 0
Mrs. Burdett.....	10 0
Sister Martin.....	1 6
" Nicholson.....	1 6
Mrs. C. Clay.....	5 0
Miss Harris.....	3 0
Robert Wise.....	1 6
James Wise.....	1 6
Deacon Burhoe.....	4 0

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MONTAGUE RIVER.

Murdoch MacLean.....	10 0
Mr. MacBeth.....	5 0
Mr. MacLean.....	3 0
A Collection.....	29 2½

£2 7 2½

CLYDE RIVER.

Donald Livingston.....	5 0
Mr. Darrach.....	5 0

Collection.....	22 1½
	£1 12 1½

LOT 49.

Bro. J. Wood.....	s. d.
	3 9
" Thos. Wood.....	1 6
	£0 5 3

BEDEQUE.

Deacon Schureman.....	5 0
Sister Palmer.....	3 0
Collection.....	33 0
	£2 1 3

CAVENDISH.

From the Treasurer of the Little Band.....	30 0
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LONG CREEK.

Widow MacNiel.....	5 0
Sister MacCannel.....	3 0
Bro. John Darrach.....	5 0
Mr. John Currie.....	3 0
Bro. Lamont.....	5 0
Sister S. MacNiell.....	2 3
Collection.....	24 9
" Long Creek.....	48 0
" Dundas.....	33 0
" Montague River.....	47 2½
" Clyde River.....	32 2½
" Lot 49.....	5 3
" Bedeque and Ca- vendish.....	71 3

Island Currency.....	£11 17 10
N. S. Currency.....	£9 17 4½

CASUMPEQUE.

Collected by Rev. William Dobson.	
Collection.....	4 6
James Simpson.....	6 0
George Lewis.....	6 0
Mr. Ashly.....	3 0

P. E. I. Currency.....	£0 19 6
N. S. Currency.....	16 3

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1863.	Dr.	
Aug. 1.	To Rev. A. Chipman.....	\$143 18
	Sydney Church.....	25 00
	Rev. Jas. Palmer.....	30 95
	Secretary, Expenses to Annual Meeting.....	20 00
	" Postages, &c.....	3 10
Sept. 25.	Savings' Bank.....	200 00
Oct. 5.	Savings' Bank.....	200 00
23.	W. Boggs.....	43 74
	Rev. J. Bancroft.....	40 00
Nov. 12.	Rev. R. R. Philp.....	40 00
	Rev. Wm. Dobson.....	20 00
	Rev. A. Chipman.....	100 00
Decr. 5.	Rev. Benj. Scott.....	47 90
	Rev. G. F. Miles.....	14 38
	Rev. M. A. Bigelow.....	30 00
1864.		
Jany. 22.	Rev. Wm. Dobson.....	8 75
	Rev. M. A. Bigelow.....	20 00
Febry. 12.	Rev. J. Bancroft.....	34 50
March 12.	Rev. Obed. Parker.....	35 80
April 16.	Rev. Ronald McDonald.....	54 34
	Rev. R. R. Philp.....	6 14
	Rev. T. H. Porter.....	20 00
May 10.	Rev. Alfred Chipman.....	100 00
June 6.	Balance.....	45 33
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May 19.	By Balance.....	\$443 67
June 4.	Upper Stewiacke Home Missionary Society..	8 00
24.	W. Churchill, Yarmouth, for Gaelic Mission..	17 68
July 1.	Central Association.....	212 62½
Augt. 1.	Eastern Association.....	244 27
Sept. 21.	Central Association.....	46 36½
28.	3 month's Interest on £100.....	6 00
Decr. 11.	Portapique Church.....	4 00
23.	Domestic Missions, from "R. A. B.".....	4 00
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Jany. 4.	Windsor Church.....	30 00
23.	Miss Bishop (Horton).....	1 00
29.	J. W. Bars.....	20 00
Febry. 5.	Upper Stewiacke Church.....	7 50
12.	J. L. Tremain, (Port Hood).....	6 00
22.	Granville Street Church (H. Paint).....	32 00
April 14.	Savings' Bank.....	100 00
May 10.	Savings' Bank.....	100 00
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G. ROBINS, Auditor

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."

II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble churches, and the planting of new ones.

III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards annually to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time shall be a Life member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall also have the privilege of sending a Delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds, such church shall be entitled to send one Delegate for every five pounds contributed,—*Provided*: That no Association, Auxiliary or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.

IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.

V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and five shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such meeting being given; to appoint Missionaries, and assign their respective spheres of labor; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all amounts contributed for any specific

purpose shall be faithfully applied, as far as possible, in accordance with the wishes of the donors; to employ agents for the collection of funds; and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society; and to furnish a report of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.

VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contribution; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.

VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.

VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present shall deem expedient.

IX. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an Annual meeting.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such other Brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3rd.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Moderator, shall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, as hereinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it will be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is chosen.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—At each Annual Meeting the letters from the Churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place, after which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator shall not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. When large Committees are judged desirable they shall be appointed by the Association, and two-thirds of the number appointed shall be competent to act.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its Messengers present the right-hand of fellowship.

ART. 8th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communication for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 9th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge for itself of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ART. 10th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 11th.—That the Moderator be authorized at any time during the year, to call a special meeting of the Association, in pursuance of a requisition signed by ten members thereof.

ART. 12th.—Alterations and amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer; and immediately after the opening, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and corrected.

RULE 2nd.—No member of the Association shall leave the Session before the business is concluded, unless by permission of the Association.

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

RULE 5th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 6th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

RULE 7th.—These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

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