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OF THE
FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS
OF
NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD AT COVERDALE, ALBERT COUNTY,

July 1st, 3d, and 4th.

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COVERDALE, Albert County, July 1st, 1865.

THE Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the General Conference of the Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick met this day, with the Church at "Five Points," Coverdale, Albert County, at 10 o'clock, A. M. This is our Annual Social Conference Meeting, in which the brethren and sisters speak of their hopes, and exhort one another. It was a good season. The attendance was large. Many met who have not seen each other since the last yearly meeting, and others who never met in a similar meeting; and while they spake to each other of their experience in the Christian life, and their hopes of heaven, all felt it good to be present. The meeting continued two hours and a half, with increasing interest. It was really a season of unusual blessing. The Spirit of the Lord was enjoyed by His people.

Met at half-past 2 o'clock, for the transaction of business. After singing and prayer, the meeting was organized by electing Elder G. A. Hartley, Chairman.

The Chairman made a few remarks acknowledging the honour so unexpectedly conferred upon him, by placing him in the chair, and referring to the object of the meeting, and its general business; after which the names of the members of Conference were called by the Secretary. The following were present:—

REV. G. A. HARTLEY, CHAIRMAN.

<p>REV. SAMUEL HARTT, ✓</p> <p>" B. MERRITT, ✓</p> <p>" JOSEPH NOBLE, ✓</p> <p>" ALEXANDER TAYLOR, ✓</p> <p>" ROBERT FRENCH, ✓</p> <p>" J. T. PARSONS, ✓</p> <p>" THOMAS CONNOR, ✓</p> <p>" JOHN PERRY, ✓</p> <p>" STEPHEN E. CURRY, ✓</p> <p>" WM. KINGHORN, ✓</p> <p>" C. DOUCETT, ✓</p>	<p>REV. CHARLES McMULLIN,</p> <p>" W. E. PENNINGTON,</p> <p>" EZEKIEL McLEOD,</p> <p>" JACOB GUNTER,</p> <p>" F. BABCOCK,</p> <p>" EZEKIEL SIPRELL,</p> <p>" J. N. BARNES,</p> <p>" WILLIAM DOWNEY,</p> <p>" THOMAS VANWART,</p> <p>" JOHN WALLACE,</p> <p>" ROBERT DOBSON,</p>
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REV. EDWARD WAYMAN, ✓

Licentiates.

<p>SAMUEL DOWNEY, ✓</p> <p>WM. BROWN, ✓</p> <p>JARVIS SHAW,</p> <p>GEORGE T. HARTLEY.</p>	<p>JOHN E. RUDE,</p> <p>ARTHUR MARSH,</p> <p>GEORGE McDONALD,</p>
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Delegate from Nova Scotia General Conference.

REV. EDWARD SULLIVAN.

Delegate from the Maine Western Yearly Meeting of the Free-
Will Baptists of the United States.

REV. D. M. GRAHAM, D. D.

Delegates from Districts.

FIRST DISTRICT,	SMITH GALLOP.
SECOND DISTRICT,	GEORGE T. HARTLEY.
THIRD DISTRICT,	MOSES YERXA.
FOURTH DISTRICT,	LEONARD SLIP.
	SOLOMON SMITH, CLERK.
	ASA SMITH,
FIFTH DISTRICT,	CHAS. JONES,
	GEO. J. WORDEN, CLERK.
	GIDEON McLEOD,
SIXTH DISTRICT,	RODNEY McLEOD.
	OTIS J. SMITH,
SEVENTH DISTRICT,	GEO. McDONALD,
	WM. PETERS, CLERK. ✓

B. J. UNDERHILL, ESQUIRE, Recording Secretary.

MR. E. M. TRUESDALE, Assistant

Treasurer.

WILLIAM PETERS.

The Corresponding Secretary was called upon to submit his Report, which was read and adopted, and ordered to be published in the Minutes of Conference.

ANNUAL REPORT

*Of the Corresponding Secretary of the F. C. Baptist General Conference of
New Brunswick, for the year ending July, 1885.*

BRETHREN, HONOURED AND BELOVED IN CHRIST—

Through the tender mercies of God our preserver, our lives are spared to meet in another Annual General Conference Meeting. I humbly trust we are all solemnly impressed with the great objects for which life is continued to us. We live, move, and have our being in Him from whom comes every good and perfect gift; who has also set us an example that we should walk in His footsteps, and go "about doing good." To this end, in some measure, I trust we have been devoting the health and talents with which we have been blessed during the year just closed, and for this worthy purpose have assembled at this place to-day. May the great Master deeply imbue us with His Spirit, that we may, in this annual gathering, strengthen each other's hands, and devise ways and means by which our usefulness in the world shall be increased. We live in an age of selfishness, increasing temptations and cruel wickedness, and are especially called upon in every relationship we sustain to the Church of Christ and the world at large, to let our light shine. Upon us, as a portion of the Christian Church, solemn and urgent responsibilities rest. Many souls are looking to us for religious instruction, and to point out to them the way of salvation. On no other principles can our existence as an organization be justified,

than that of religious usefulness, and in no other way can we carry out the object for which we do exist so successfully as by having the mind that was in Christ Jesus, which will lead us to go about doing good. We need to cultivate and encourage an active and an intelligent religion, and at no price or gain sacrifice our humility or spirituality. May the Lord enable us to be faithful servants and disciples of so worthy a Master!

It is my duty at this time, and indeed the object for which this paper is prepared, to lay before you a report of the labours and success, under God, of our Ministers and Churches during the year. But I regret to say that, by our present system of reporting our Churches through our Districts, the Annual Meetings of which are held so long before this Conference, it is impossible for me to make my Report as full or as correct as I desire it to be.

That our Report may be as perfect as under the circumstances I can make it, I shall pursue the ordinary course of referring to each District separately.

Our *First District* lies the farthest North, and embraces twelve Churches, which are scattered over a large section of country, on both sides of the Saint John River. This District held its Annual Meeting in October, and reported that three of its present number of Churches were added at its last Session. More ministerial labour is much needed amongst these Churches. They are not large bodies, nor are they located conveniently to each other—hence their disadvantages in sustaining the ministry of God's Word as much as is needed for their life and enlargement.

Elder Taylor has laboured with the Churches at Andover, Perth, California Settlement, and the Gallop neighbourhood, where he has been strengthening the cause, and labouring for the extension of our interests. He baptized eleven at California Settlement, and three in the Gallop neighbourhood.

Brother Curry saw some revival under his labours at Holmes' Settlement, where he baptized eight. Elder Siprell also baptized seven in connection with this Church. This Church is in rather a prosperous state.

Elders McMullin and Curry have visited several of these Churches. At Middle Kent, their labours were made a blessing to the people. A number of persons were converted, and six were baptized.

Other brethren have made short visits to several of these Churches. Some of them are quite weak, and need help.

The *Second District* extends on down from Peel to Woodstock, embracing the Churches on both sides of the River. This is quite a large and influential District. More of our ministering brethren live within its limits than belong to any other District in the Conference. Several of these Churches have had regular pastoral labour during the year. Elder Hart has spent a portion of the year with the Churches in Wakefield and other parts of this District. He has spent the year in general care, and has baptized a number in different places.

Elder White has laboured with the first Church in Wakefield, and the Church at Presquille, where his labours have been profitable. The Church at Wakefield was blessed with quite a good revival influence at the time of the District Meeting, which was held there last Fall, in which Elder McLeod laboured with much profit. Seven were baptized by Elder Parsons. During the last Spring, the Church at Presquille was blessed with a gracious outpouring of saving mercy. The pastor, Elder White, assisted by Elder Parsons and others, held special services several weeks, and saw a powerful work. Elder Parsons baptized forty-three, and fifty-five were added to the Church. The Upper and Lower Woodstock Churches have had the constant pastoral care of Elder Parsons, and have enjoyed some prosperity. Some revival was experienced in both Churches, and eleven were baptized by the pastor. Bro. Parsons also had the pastoral care of the Church at Lower Wakefield. Bro. J. Shaw laboured considerably in this District, and saw some revival in Knowlesville. Eighteen were baptized by Elder Doucett. At the mouth of Presquille he also saw good done, where Elder Taylor baptized three. He and Bro. Gray spent some time at Windsor, where there

is quite a thriving Church, which was organized about a year ago. Elder Hart baptized seven there. Elder Curry has laboured to some extent in this District, and saw some revival in connection with the church at Peel, where he baptized eight, and fourteen were added to the church.

Elder Connor, who now lives in Woodstock, has also spent a portion of his time during the year with the church at Williamstown. Some interest was enjoyed, and two baptized by Bro. C. Elder Taylor has also visited a number of these churches.

The church at Lower Wakefield was received into this District at its last session.

Bro. Gray, a licentiate from the church at Brighton, has laboured with acceptance with a number of the churches in this and the First District. A portion of these churches are prospering: others are weak.

The *Third District* extends from Woodstock to Fredericton, including about fourteen churches. A few of these churches have had regular pastoral care; but the largest part of them have only had occasional visits from ministering brethren. The church at Southampton has had the care and labours of Brother Connor a part of the year, and has been blessed with a good season of reviving grace. Bro. Connor baptized twenty-eight. This church is prospering. Bro. Hatfield has spent a portion of the year with the churches at Caverhill and Campbell Settlements, with acceptance and profit. The church at Douglass had some encouragement at the time of the District meeting, held there in October last, when five were baptized by Elder Babcock. Brethren Babcock and Vanward held a series of meetings with the church at Prince William, when the Lord crowned their efforts with success. Seven were baptized, and nine were added to the churches. Elder Babcock also baptized five at Kingsclear.

The church in Fredericton has had the constant labours of Elder McLeod, and has enjoyed considerable prosperity during the year. Some revival has been enjoyed, and fifteen have been baptized by the pastor, who, with six others, were received into the church.

Elder Kinghorn has spent a portion of his time with the churches on the Nashwaak. He has also laboured at the Ferry, and in other places. He baptized two at Staples Settlement. Quite a good revival was enjoyed in the church at Queensbury, under the labours of Elders McMullin and Curry, where Bro. C. baptized eight. At Bear Island, some interest was also experienced, under the labours of Brethren McMullin, Vanward, and Curry. Five were baptized. Bro. Curry saw a good work of grace at Dumfries. The Lord blessed his labours. He baptized fourteen, and nineteen were added to the church. This church is enlarging, and appears prosperous.

Elder Downey made a short visit to the churches on the Nashwaak, where there was quite a prospect of an ingathering, but in consequence of illness he left without seeing much accomplished. He baptized one.

The *Fourth District* continues down the river as far as Upper Hampstead, and extends to the branches of the Oromocto, including the churches on the North and South branches. A year ago, this District was reported as enjoying a large share of the Divine favour, and much revival interest. Since that time, these churches have been pressing on, and some of them have had more accessions. Bro. Marsh has spent the most of the year at Lincoln, where we hope the cause is being permanently built up. The church at Geary has been strengthened by the labours of Bro. Knight, who is a member of the Fredericton church. Thirteen were baptized there by Elder McLeod. Elder Pennington has laboured a part of the year with the churches on the branches of the Oromocto, where we trust good is being done in the name of the Lord. Bro. Samuel Downey spent some time in that section of the country, and laboured with profit and acceptance among the people. Elder Merritt has had the pastoral care of the churches at Upper Hampstead, where he has been preaching to them the word of life, and labouring for the general upbuilding of the cause of Christ. The church at Upper Gagetown was visited with a season of refreshing last fall, under

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the labours of Brethren Hartt and Marsh, where Elder Hartt baptized six. Bro. Marsh has been spending one half of his time there for the last three months.

The *Fifth District* embraces all the churches from Upper Hampstead to the city of St. John, but does not include the city churches. Several of these churches have enjoyed a good interest during the year, and some of them have had quite encouraging seasons. Elder Downey, in his missionary labour, spent several weeks to much profit with the churches on the Washademoac Lake. At Cole's Island, he saw a good work of grace, when the church was considerably strengthened. He baptized eight. His labours were much blessed to the first church in Johnston. The cause had become very low there, so that meetings were seldom held; but by the blessing of the Lord things were greatly changed. Many were revived, and a good number converted. He baptized twenty-seven there. At the Narrows he also saw some revival. He baptized eleven in connection with this church. These churches require constant care, and would make a good circuit for some faithful labourer. May the Lord direct some one thither! Our young Bro. Rude has spent the year in constant labour with the churches at Holderville, Jones' Creek, Jerusalem, and elsewhere in that vicinity, with much profit. His labours have been well received, and have been made a blessing to those churches. Elder Hartley baptized nine, the fruits of his labours at Holderville; and Elder Gunter four at Jones' Creek. The interest is better in this section of country than it has been for some years. Elder Hartt has visited several of these churches, and saw good accomplished, especially in the second church at Wickham. The Lord poured out His Spirit, and gave them a good season of refreshing. He baptized eight at that place, and nine were added to the church. Elder Dobson has spent a portion of the year in pastoral labour with the churches at Kars and Tennant's Cove. He was blessed to see quite a revival of the good cause at Kars. He baptized sixteen. He also spent some time visiting the churches at Little River and Wickham. Elder Merritt has laboured in pastoral care with the fourth church in Wickham.

Elder Vanwart has visited several of these churches with profit. He baptized one. Elder McKenzie, who lives within the limits of the District, has laboured some in that section of country. The church at New Ireland has built a fine house of worship—one that speaks highly for the interest the people take in the cause of religion—which was publicly set apart for the worship of God last spring. Bro. McKenzie now has the pastoral care of this church. Bro. French has laboured with the fifth church at Wickham. He saw some revival, in which Bro. McDonald laboured profitably. Bro. F. baptized seven.

The *Sixth District* extends from the Middleland, eastward, as far as Taylor Village. More labour is called for in this locality. Elder Wayman, who for many years has lived and laboured more or less with these churches, is, in consequence of infirmity, unable to take his former course of public labour. He had the care of the church on the Millstream last year. We trust his care and counsel may continue to prove a blessing to the people of his former ministry. Elder Knollin has laboured in pastoral relationship with the church at Lower Studholm, known as the River church, where there was some revival enjoyed in connection with the District Meeting held in that place last winter. He baptized twelve, and saw the cause considerably helped. He also laboured at Upper Norton, and organized a church in the McKenzie neighbourhood, which is known as the Lower Sussex Church.

Elder Perry, who now resides at the Middleland, has the pastoral care of the church in that place. He has been blessed to see good accomplished amongst the people of his new charge. The Lord gave them a season of revival last winter, when he baptized fifteen. This church has also engaged in the good work of building a new house of worship. Bro. Perry has also visited and spent some time with other churches. Elder Downey's labours were blessed to many souls in the Kinnear and Steeves' Settlements. Our brother felt impressed that it was his duty to visit these places, and notwithstanding he had no church

there, and but a few people, he felt a cry in his heart for the people. An extensive work of reformation followed his efforts. The Lord poured out His Spirit upon them, and many were converted to Christ. Bro. Downey baptized fourteen at the Kinnear Settlement, and nineteen at the Steeves' Settlement, and organized a church of thirty-one members, which was received into the District at its last meeting. A meeting house has been commenced, and it is thought a permanent interest established. Several churches which were under the care of Elder Downey a year ago, have been without pastoral care this year, as Brother Downey has spent the year in missionary labour, under the direction of the Home Missionary Society. The branch church at the Portage, Sussex, was re-organized into a church last winter, at the time their new meeting house was dedicated to God. This church has now a fine and substantial house of worship, and with proper labour would exert a healthy influence in the community. Elder Wallace has spent the most of his labour this year with the churches at the North River, Snider Mountain, head of Millstream, and Irishtown. He saw some revival, and baptized nine. Bro. Samuel Downey is now labouring with churches within this District.

The Seventh District commences with the churches in the city of St. John, and extends south as far as the island of Grand Manan. This is our youngest District, and, like some others, requires more ministerial labour. The first church in St. John has had the labours of Elder Gunter the whole year, and has enjoyed a year of prosperity. They held evening meetings nearly all winter, and enjoyed a good degree of revival. The church was much encouraged. Elder Gunter baptized twenty-one, and added forty-seven to the church.

Elder Hartley has spent the year with the church in Carleton. He baptized twenty-six, and united thirty-two to the church. This church is pursuing a steady course, and is exerting a good influence in the community.

The church at Beaver Harbour has been considerably blessed. They opened their new house of worship last fall, when there was a good interest enjoyed. Several brethren have visited them. Brethren Babcock and Marsh have spent some time there, under the direction of the Home Missionary Society. Brother Babcock baptized twenty.

The church at Calais has been visited by brethren Marsh, Babcock, and Malloch. Brother Case has been licensed to preach by this church, and has been made a blessing to them. His labours have been blessed to the conversion of a number of souls. They have enjoyed a good revival recently. Elder Malloch baptized four, and received nine into the church; and Elder Babcock baptized thirteen, and added fourteen to the church. The prospects of this church are more encouraging than they were last year.

On the Island of Campobello, labour is much needed. Their church have had a few visits from brethren French, Marsh, and others, but have not had much revival influence. Elders Babcock and Malloch both live on the Island, and have laboured some with the people, but have not been under any engagements. Elder Babcock baptized three in connection with Brother Marsh's visit.

Elder Barnes has continued his faithful labours on the Island of Grand Manan. I cannot report these churches better than by giving some extracts from a letter recently received from our brother. He says:—"Although we have not been permitted to see so great a display of God's power in the salvation of souls as in former years, yet we feel that we have no less cause to be thankful to God than we have had in times past. The churches on the Island, upon the whole, are doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances. The church at North Head has had my labours one half of the time this year. This church has finished its parsonage, which is now occupied by the pastor. Our meetings have been well sustained, but no especial interest. One has been baptized. The branch church at Woodard's Cove has had some trial, but the Lord has wonderfully supported this little flock. They keep up their Sabbath, Conference, and prayer meetings, and have preaching once a month. The church at Grand

Harbour is progressing. Some revival was enjoyed last winter. Three were baptized, and added to the church. The church at Seal Cove is also progressing. God gave us to see a good revival in the spring. Twelve were baptized, and added to the church. One other was baptized last fall. This church has now a good house of worship, which was dedicated last fall, and is a credit to the community. I have baptized seventeen on this Island, and eleven on White Head Island, for brother Brown."

Our brother also reports three Sabbath Schools, and three Temperance Societies, in connection with these churches. Bro. Brown has spent the most of his time with the church at White Head Island. This church has been steadily increasing. The Lord has made the labours of our brother a great blessing to the people of this little Island. As mentioned by Bro. Barnes, eleven have been baptized, and added to this church. A young brother has been licensed to preach by the church at Seal Cove, who we are glad to see with us to-day.

Thus, dear brethren, I have gone through with all the Districts comprising this Conference, and have noticed the revivals and other movements of importance in connection with the churches in each, as far as I have knowledge. That I have failed to notice some things that should be embodied in this report, is very probable. I have not spoken of the Sabbath Schools nor Temperance Societies connected with many of our churches, because they will be reported by Committees appointed to that duty. I may just say, however, that there are Sabbath Schools connected with the churches in each District, many of which are in an efficient state. There are also Temperance Societies connected with a number of our churches, which are exerting a good influence.

The whole number baptized and added to our churches during the year, is Five Hundred and Nine (509.)

The Lord has given us an important mission to perform in this Province, and I trust we will do our duty. Many of our churches are suffering from the want of labour, and there are many other fields already white for the harvest, that are inviting us to visit them. One of our greatest wants is more faithful ministers. Truly, "the harvest is great, but the labourers are few." Much now depends upon the faithfulness of those already in the vineyard. I trust we shall ever contend for the spirituality of the church, and labour to possess the spirit and power of the Gospel, and "stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, which is the good way, and walk therein."

A Foreign and Home Missionary Society each was organized in connection with our last session of Conference, of which I shall only make a mere notice in this Report, as they will be reported by their respective Corresponding Secretaries at the proper time. The Foreign Missionary Society was organized in connection with the Free Will Baptist Missionary Society of the United States. They were both established with very encouraging prospects. Quite liberal amounts were pledged to the funds of each. Preliminary steps were also taken towards the formation of an Educational Society, which it is anticipated will be organized during this Conference.

That this is a very important period in our denominational history, all must feel sensible. Let each pray that the Spirit, who guides into all truth, may lead us from this hour until the hour of death, and bless all our deliberations to the prosperity of Zion.

G. A. HARTLEY, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

COVERDALE, A. C., July 1st, 1865.

Elder McLeod, in moving the adoption of the Report, made some very appropriate remarks upon the necessity of proper system in our churches, and the importance of denominational loyalty. Elder Hartt, in seconding the motion, spoke of the rise and progress of the denomination, contrasting the past and the present.

Elder Wayman and others spoke in connection with the Report, when it was unanimously adopted.

Elder E. Sullivan, the delegate from the Free C. Baptist General Conference of Nova Scotia, gave an interesting verbal report of the state of the cause in that Province. He stated that a number of their churches had been blessed with revivals and large accessions during the year; and that, notwithstanding all the trials through which they have passed, they feel encouraged. They are looking to the Lord for help, and hope in Him for deliverance. They stand in need of more ministerial labour.

Elder Noble, who labours in that Province, also made some encouraging remarks upon the state and prospects of the Free C. Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia. He stated that many of the brethren in the section of the Province where he labours feel deeply interested in our educational movements.

Elder D. M. Graham, D. D., delegate from the Maine Western Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptists of the United States, gave an interesting account of the state of the Churches of that Yearly Meeting, and of the general state of the cause in their denomination. He gave us many valuable suggestions, and showed how we may profit by the experience of older denominations. He was listened to with deep interest.

Adjourned, to meet again on Monday morning, at 8 o'clock.

THE SABBATH.

The Sabbath was a good day. The Lord met with his people. In the morning, at 8 o'clock, there was a prayer-meeting in the Meeting House. At 10 o'clock, Elder Sullivan preached a good practical sermon. At 3 o'clock, Dr. Graham preached an excellent sermon on the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. At 6 o'clock, Elder McLeod gave a good, sound discourse; after which many more exhortations were given. The Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants at the close of the morning service. The Baptist Meeting House at Salisbury Corner was occupied by Elders Noble and Parsons; the Methodist house at the same place, by Bro. John E. Rude and Elder Hartley. Elder Perry preached at Boundary Creek; Elder Barnes and Bro. George McDonald at Steeves' Mountain; and Elder Babcock in the school house at Coverdale. We trust the blessing of God will follow the preaching of his Word, to the furtherance of his cause.

MONDAY, July 3d—8 o'clock, A. M.

Met at the Meeting House for the transaction of business. Meeting opened by singing and prayer.

VOTED—That this Conference sit with open doors, except when in Committee of the Whole.

VOTED—That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate Committees to report on the several subjects on which reports are usually submitted to the Conference. Elders Perry and Connor, and brother Moses Yerxa, said Committee.

The following are the Committees nominated by the Committee appointed to that duty, which were approved and appointed by Conference:—

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Elders Kinghorn and Babcock, and brother Asa Smith.

ON TEMPERANCE—Elder W. Downey, and brethren G. T. Hartley and Charles Jones.

ON FINANCES—Brethren William Peters, George J. Worden, Robert McLeod, and Elders Perry and Curry.

ON THE SABBATH—Elders Noble, Sullivan, Taylor, and brother Brown.

ON ABSENT BRETHREN—Elders Wayman, McMullin, French, and Doucett.

ON LICENTIATES—Elders McLeod, Perry, Merritt, Connor, Vawart, Downey, and brother G. T. Hartley.

ON LETTERS—Elders McLeod, Wayman, Pennington, Parsons, Curry, and brethren Leonard Slip and Moses Yerxa.

Adjourned, to meet at 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1 o'clock, P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following Report:

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following as their Report:—

We are glad to know that all our Ministers, and a large proportion of our membership, stand pledged to the cause of Temperance, and that the interest of our denomination in this good cause is not abating, but rather on the increase. We are still firm in the conviction that no individual can be an exemplary Christian, nor should be retained as a church member in good standing, who makes use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

WM. DOWNEY, CHAIRMAN.

THE SABBATH.

Your Committee appointed to report on the Sabbath beg to say:—

That we believe, as we have so often expressed before, that the Scriptures enjoin upon us to "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

J. NOBLE, CHAIRMAN.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The following Report of the Committee appointed at the last annual Conference to report on Sabbath Schools was adopted. Good remarks were made by a number of the brethren while moving and sustaining it:—

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, appointed in 1864 to Report on Sabbath Schools, and the best mode of managing the same, beg leave to submit the following paper, for the careful consideration of the General Conference, and of the members of the Free Baptist Churches.

Your Committee believe the Sabbath School the nursery of the Church; and as the young vine is carefully trained for future usefulness in the vineyard, so should the children of our families be trained up in the way they should go, and we have the promise that when they are old they will not depart from it.

If a careful training of children was required under the Law, and parents were enjoined so to do, how much more now when we have an extended revelation of God's will in the doctrine of his own dear Son.

If Christ would take little children in his arms and bless them, how careful should his followers be, that they seek to impart a blessing, by faithfully and tenderly imparting to them that knowledge of God's revealed will, which will, in after years, be at once a protection and a guide to them.

The idea that christians are excused from parental instruction because their children attend the Sabbath Schools, your Committee fear is too generally believed, and still more generally practiced; but that the doctrine is pernicious, and that much evil results therefrom, is too apparent, from the absence in many families of almost all religious instruction and training at home, as well as the reluctance of parents to inquire into the spiritual condition and religious knowledge of their children in the family circle. But should every christian parent perform faithfully his duty in these respects, the necessity still remains for Sabbath School labour, inasmuch as thousands of parents in all parts of the christian world are wholly incompetent to impart to their families the first rudiments of the doctrine of Christ; and hence, the Sabbath School is still needed, outside the Church, did no necessity exist for it within.

In order that an additional interest may be awakened, and that uniformity may be established, your Committee wish to make such suggestions as they hope, if acted upon in a candid and prayerful manner, may be of some service to the cause of God among us, and of *still greater advantage to the young* who may come under our influence and instruction.

1st. Your Committee believe, in order that the Sabbath School cause may be successful, the ministers of the Gospel should take a *personal and active* interest in the Sabbath School. Ministers should be present as often as possible, in order that, both by precept and example, they may show their interest therein.

Your Committee believe that our Ministers should call the attention of the community in which they labour to the advantages of the Sabbath Schools at least two or three times in each year.

2d. Every church member, having the ability, should be brought to feel that he (or she) should find a place in the Sabbath School; and when not engaged in teaching, they should arrange themselves into Bible or other classes, for the study of God's word; and on *this* the minister (if any) should insist, when practicable.

3d. The Officers of every Sabbath School, when to be had, should be fully competent to the task assigned, and should be selected because of their zeal, as shown by the care taken to sustain and interest the School.

Your Committee believe the Officers should be elected annually by ballot,

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without reference to either nomination or canvass. The selection of officers should be the deliberate judgment and wish of the School.

4th. One prayer meeting in each month—if prayer meetings are regularly held—should be known as the *Sabbath School* prayer meeting, to which the whole School should be invited; and at the close of which a short conference might be held, to hear from teachers and others on their experience and prospects in the School, with suggestions on desired improvements, modes of management, &c.

5th. When and where it is practicable, Sabbath School Concerts should be occasionally held, for the encouragement of the pupils, and to raise the necessary funds; but when not practicable, some other approved means should be devised to raise funds with which to procure reading matter for the School. Your Committee are of the opinion that a judicious selection of Sabbath School papers is to be preferred, not only to give interest to the School, but to encourage reading. The papers should be carefully preserved, returned to the Librarian, and by him filed for additional usefulness.

Your Committee are also of the opinion that additional attention is required in the system of imparting instruction, and that the officers of every School should take care that the following features should be prominently seen in their School:—First, the spiritual force and design of the Scriptures; the need of salvation and its only source—faith in Christ, and obedience to his laws. Secondly, a systematical knowledge of Biblical history, accompanied by reviews, and also the moral code, accompanied with regular but brief lessons on proper behaviour in public, and especially in the house of God.

In addition to the above, your Committee recommend that occasional lectures should be delivered before the School on Temperance, and especially against the pernicious *habit and practice* of the use of *ardent spirits and tobacco*, and that pledges be taken in every school against the use of these articles.

Your Committee suggest that some organization be made, by which we may arrive at a correct knowledge of the state and statistics of our Sabbath Schools, so that a report may be prepared annually, and laid before the General Conference.

Your Committee hope, by the adoption of the *spirit* of the above suggestions, to see not only greater uniformity in the management of our Schools, but greater interest begotten, and a much more glorious result.

(Signed)

E. C. FREEZE,

D. W. CLARK,

WM. PETERS.

ON LICENTIATES.

The following is the Report of the Committee on Licentiates. It was taken up by sections, and each section adopted.

1st. In the case of Bro. John E. Rude. As he has been but one year under license from this Conference, we therefore recommend that his license be renewed.

2d. In the case of Bro. S. Downey. We recommend that he be ordained at such time and place as he may choose.

3d. In the case of Bro. Wm. Brown. We recommend that he be ordained as soon as practicable.

4th. In the case of Bro. Arthur Marsh. We recommend his license be renewed.

5th. In the case of Bro. Case. We recommend that he labour under the authority of the license which he has received from the Church to which he belongs, and strive to do all the good he can.

6th. In the case of Bro. E. Gray. We recommend that the consideration of his case be referred to the 2d District Meeting.

7th. In the case of Bro. Jarvis Shaw. We recommend that his license be renewed.

8th. In the case of Brother Henderson. Your Committee are not prepared to

make any recommendation, beyond that he do all the good he can in the church of which he is a member, and within the District to which it belongs.

9th. In the case of Bro. George McDonald. We recommend that he be licensed by this Conference for one year.

10th. In the case of Bro. Dewitt. We recommend that the consideration of his case be referred to the 4th District Meeting.

11th. We recommend that Bro. G. T. Hartley, a former Licentiate, be heard before this Conference.

Your Committee rejoice to see so many young men dedicating themselves to the work of the Christian ministry. But we cannot close this Report without referring to the necessity of those young men applying themselves to the study of God's word, and such other religious books as will store their minds with useful information, to enable them to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Furthermore we think too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of our young men thoroughly understanding the doctrines held by our denomination. We therefore recommend that Conference require all our young brethren who enter the ministry to procure "Butler's Theology," and strive to become thoroughly acquainted with the doctrines therein treated, which is the best exposition of the leading sentiments held by our denomination of which we have knowledge.

We would also call attention to the necessity of their striving to be sober-minded and circumspect in their deportment, ever bearing in mind that the eyes of the world are upon them, and that religion will be judged of by their conduct. The church also looks to them for example, hence the necessity that they should at all times and in all places exemplify the character of the ambassador of the cross, and watch for souls as those that must give an account.

WM. DOWNEY, Secretary to Committee.

After Bro. G. T. Hartley was heard, according to recommendation in the foregoing Report, it was

Resolved, That this Conference express regret that Bro. Hartley, after receiving license from this Conference, met with any discouragement by the way, so as to cause him to fall back from carrying out his former convictions and profession; and express hopes that he may take courage and improve his gift to his own satisfaction, and the good of the cause of God; and further

Resolved, That Bro. Hartley be licensed by this Conference for one year.

After the Report of the Committee on Letters was submitted, it was

VOTED—That we go into a Committee of the Whole.

Considerable discussion arose upon the portion of the Report referring to matters connected with the second church in Wakefield. It was

VOTED—That a Committee be appointed to whom this matter shall be referred, who shall submit their Report to-morrow morning, which Report shall be accepted or rejected by vote without discussion. The Committee to consist of brethren Wm. Peters, Otis J. Smith, and Elder Babcock.

Adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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TUESDAY MORNING—8 o'clock, A. M.

Opened by singing and prayer.

VOTED—That Elder McLeod be Corresponding Secretary of General Conference, in place of Elder Hartley, who has been elected Chairman.

VOTED—That brethren D. W. Clark, Robert McLeod, and E. C. Freeze be members of Conference.

The following is the Report of the Committee on matters connected with the second church in Wakefield, which was submitted to the meeting, and unanimously adopted:—

Your Committee appointed to report upon the action of Elders Hartt and Taylor, in dissolving and reorganizing the second church in Wakefield, and to complaint of certain parties formerly of said church, concerning such action, finding the claims so conflicting, and being forced into the belief that the opposing parties will not be likely to establish any platform whereby they can, in one church, unitedly labour for the best interests of the cause of God, and the most comfort to themselves; and believing that, inasmuch as said church was a member of the second District Meeting, it had no power to dissolve without the consent or advice of the District Meeting; but inasmuch as Elders Hartt and Taylor, in our opinion, did dissolve said church, believing it to be the only course left them to pursue, to save the church and effect a union among the greatest number;—

Therefore Resolved, That under the circumstances, this Conference does sustain the action of Elders Hartt and Taylor, in reorganizing said church, and recommend such as are not free to join the new church, to organize another church; and

Further Resolved, That in the event of another church being formed, it shall be known as the 2d Wakefield church; and when a new house, in connection with this General Conference, is built, the present newly reorganized church shall pay to the new church or church to be formed, when such house is finished, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars, giving bonds to this Conference immediately for the payment of the same; also.

Resolved, That this Conference recommend the second District Meeting to receive said church or churches; and furthermore

Resolved, That this Conference do not admit the principle that any church has authority to dissolve itself without the consent of the District Meeting to which it belongs, and do not admit the above as a precedent, but allow it, and only allow it, under these peculiar circumstances.

WM. PETERS,
O. J. SMITH,
F. BABCOCK.

ON FINANCES.

The following Report of the Committee on Finances was adopted:—

The Committee on Finances, upon examination, find that since last Conference the Treasurer has received—

On account old debts,

On account Conference Fund, about

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We therefore recommend that \$50 be reserved for printing Minutes, and that \$35 be reserved to pay expenses of Delegates to Nova Scotia and the

United States, and that the balance (\$140), be appropriated to the payment of our debts due our Missionaries last year.

WM. PETERS,
JOHN PERRY,
THOS. CONNOR,
G. J. WORDEN.

The Report of the Committee on Absent Brethren was received, when it was

VOTED—That the Report shall not be printed in the Minutes, but that the Chairman of Conference enclose a copy of the section referring to each brother to said brother.

VOTED—That the collections taken up on the Sabbath be given to the Conference Fund, to assist in liquidating debts due to General Conference Missionaries last year.

Upon the suggestion of Elder Graham, it was

VOTED—That the Secretary forward to William Burr, Esq., of Dover, New Hampshire, the statistics of the denomination.

The following Resolution was laid before the Conference by recommendation of the Elders' Conference, and was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, Reports are in circulation injurious to the character of Elder J. S. Johnson, relative to business transactions, and charges also have been made against him impeaching his moral character in other respects; and

Whereas, The said Elder J. S. Johnson left the Province fully informed of the charges against him, and under other circumstances which have not yet been satisfactorily explained, this Conference feel it to be a duty which they owe to themselves and to the cause of religion, to express their great sorrow at these reports derogatory to Bro. J. S. Johnson's character, and they cannot help expressing their profound regret that he did not seek to relieve himself in some way previous to leaving the Province, by showing his innocence; and this Conference feel it imperative on them to express their disapprobation of Bro. Johnson's sudden removal from the Province; and until he returns and meets the charges against him, it cannot sustain him or defend the purity of his character.

VOTED—That Elders Perry, Merritt, and Noble be a Committee to nominate delegates to attend the next General Conference of the Free Christian Baptists of Nova Scotia, and the General Conference of the Free Will Baptists of the United States, to be held next fall.

The delegates nominated by the foregoing Committee, and appointed by the Conference, are:—To attend the Nova Scotia Conference, Elders Hartley and Vanwart; in case of failure of either, Elder Parsons to be his substitute.

To attend the General Conference of the Free Will Baptists of the United States, Elders McLeod and Hardy.

Voted—That, whereas the Committees appointed during the Session of our Conferences to report on the several subjects upon which reports are usually made, have not sufficient time to do justice to such important subjects, and report in the same session of Conference—

Therefore Resolved, That Committees be appointed to report on the following subjects next year, viz—The Sabbath, Sabbath Schools, and Temperance.

The following are the Committees appointed:

ON THE SABBATH—Elders Gunter, Merritt, and Bro. Underhill.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Elders Parrons, Connor, and Bro. G. T. Hartley.

ON TEMPERANCE—Elders Wayman, Perry, Downey, and Bro. L. N. Sharp, A. M.

Adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON—1 o'clock, P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer.

Voted—That, whereas the *Religious Intelligencer* is the acknowledged organ of our denomination; *therefore Resolved*, that we do sustain the position of its Editor upon the general questions with which he has dealt during the past year.

Voted—That the sum of \$14.00 be given to pay the expenses of the delegates to attend the General Conference of the Free Will Baptists, to be held in Lewiston, Me., in October next.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. E. C. Freeze, and was unanimously adopted; when Bro. Freeze was appointed the general agent:

Whereas—It is desirable that this Conference should be put in full possession of statistical and other information touching Sabbath Schools as it is possible to obtain; *and Whereas*, it behoves this Conference to take all the means in its power to increase the influence of the Sabbath School among our people.

Therefore Resolved, That some person be appointed by this Conference as a general agent of Sabbath Schools, and that he be requested to submit an annual report to the Conference of all statistical and other information he may be able to gather; and further

Resolved, That each Superintendent of Sabbath Schools among us be requested to communicate with him, and convey to him by the first of June in each year all the statistical and other information in his possession; and also *Resolved*, that the person appointed to the office be requested to give to the Sunday School Superintendents such information and make such suggestions as may be in his power from time to time.

Voted—Whereas our Corresponding Secretary finds great difficulty in getting timely information in order to prepare his annual

report; *therefore Resolved*, that the Chairman or Moderator of each District shall be required to forward to the Corresponding Secretary a full report of all the Churches in the District, viz:—the increase, decrease, general standing, Sabbath School interest, &c., up to the first of June in each year.

VOTED—Whereas, From time to time the General Conference has been materially circumscribed in its operations for the advancement of the cause of God for want of funds to defray its necessary expenses—

Therefore Resolved, That the senior Deacon of every Church connected with the General Conference be requested to collect from each and every member of the Church to which he belongs at least twenty-five cents, to be forwarded by the delegates of said Church to the first District Meeting held in the District in which said Church is located; and the said amount by said District Meeting to be forthwith forwarded to the Treasurer of General Conference, who will acknowledge the receipt thereof in the *Religious Intelligencer*; and further *Resolved*, That this Resolution become a standing rule in all the Churches of the General Conference.

VOTED—That Elders Barnes and Babcock, with such assistance as they may call, be a Committee to attend to the ordination of Bro. Wm. Brown.

VOTED—That Elders Perry, Merritt, and Downey be a Committee to attend to the ordination of Bro. Samuel Downey.

VOTED—That \$68.97, the balance due to Elder Taylor for Missionary labour last year, be paid by the Treasurer, and that the balance in hand after providing for the expenses of delegations and printing Minutes, be paid to Elder Hartt on account of Missionary labour.

VOTED—That the Treasurer of the old Conference debt fund pay Elder Merritt \$20.00, for which he will give up the note held by him against the General Conference, and that the balance of that fund be equally divided between Brethren Underhill and Erb.

VOTED—That the Board of Managers for last year be re-appointed.

VOTED—That 1500 copies of the Minutes of this Conference be printed and circulated amongst our Churches, and that Elder Hartley and Brother Underhill be a Committee to attend to this work.

VOTED—That the sincere thanks of this Conference be tendered, through the Chairman, to the people of this community for the manner in which they have entertained the many strangers who have attended this Conference.

VOTED—That the next Session of this General Conference be held with the First Church in Wakefield, located at Victoria Corner, Carleton County.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

1ST DISTRICT—To be held with the second church in Wicklow, Gallop neighbourhood, the first Saturday in October, 1865. To attend, Elders Hartt, Siprell, McMullin, and Licentiate Shaw.

2ND DISTRICT—To be held with the church in Lower Brighton, the last Saturday in September, 1865. To attend, Elders Taylor, McLeod, Vanwart, and Curry.

3RD DISTRICT—To be held with the church at Bear Island, the second Saturday in October, 1865. To attend, Elders Pennington, Babcock, Curry, and Parsons.

4TH DISTRICT—To be held with the church on the North Branch of the Oromocto, the third Saturday in October, 1865. To attend, Elders Downey, Vanwart, Babcock, French, and Licentiate S. Downey.

5TH DISTRICT—To be held with the church at Little River, the first Saturday in October, 1865. To attend, Elders Gunter, Perry, Downey, and Licentiate Dewett.

6TH DISTRICT—To be held with the church at Millstream, Studholm, the second Saturday in October, 1865. To attend, Elders McLeod, Hartley, and Licentiate McDonald.

7TH DISTRICT—To be held with the church at Wilson's Beach, Campobello, the fourth Saturday in October, 1865. To attend, Elders Taylor, McLeod, Parsons, and Licentiate Marsh and Rude.

VOTED—That we adjourn to meet with the First Church in Wakefield, the first Saturday in July, 1866.

Closed by prayer.

B. J. UNDERHILL, RECORDING SECRETARY.

Free Christian Baptist General Conference in account with

William Peters, Treasurer.

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By bal. on hand, July 1864,	\$107.19	Joseph Lakeman,	\$0.124
" B. Goodspeed, on act. pledge,	7.00	Charles Watt,	25
" Church, Rouse Settlement,			
omitted last year,	1.60		\$9.07
" John Alexander, amount			
pledged,	20.00	CHURCH, GRAND HARBOUR.	
" Church, Lower Southampton,		Abraham Dalkin,	\$0.25
for last year,	3.30	Wm. Doggett,	25
" " Caverhill, do,	1.00	Isaac Dalkin,	55
" " Campbell Set., do,	2.24	Mrs. Sarah Plant,	25
" 4th Ch., Wickham (List of		Wm. H. Parker and wife,	50
names omitted,) "	2.79	Victoria Craig,	25
		Berton Cheaney,	624
	\$145.02	Nelson Gathery,	38
CHURCH, WHITE HEAD ISLAND.		Mrs. Nathan Gupill,	25
Elder W. Brown and wife,	\$0.50	Richard Foster,	25
Edward Carroll and wife,	50	Sarah Gupill,	624
Judson Gupill and wife,	50	Phebe Craig,	25
Wm. Treacart and wife,	50	Chas. Gupill and wife,	38
Simoon Cheney and wife,	50	Mark Doggett,	25
Lorenzo Cheney and wife,	50	David Carrier and wife,	50
William Gupill and wife,	50	Julia E. Osborn,	25
William Morse,	25		\$5.51
Isaac Willison,	20	CHURCH, SEAL COVE.	
John Brown,	25	Henry McDonald,	\$0.25
Widow Jane Brown,	25	Thos. Matthews,	25
Henry Longfellow,	25	Samuel Harvey,	25
Helen A. Smith,	25	Wm. Wilcox,	25
	\$4.95	Oliver Green,	19
CHURCH, NORTH HEAD, GRANDMANAN.		Newton Green,	38
Wm. Cheney and wife,	\$0.50	Walter B. McLauchlan and wife,	50
Magnus Green and wife,	50	Elder J. Barnes and wife,	50
Wm. Kendrick and Wife,	50		\$2.57
James Small and wife,	50	CHURCH, NORTH BRANCH OROMOTO.	
Alonzo Bancraft and wife,	50	David Hartt,	\$0.304
Wm. Cronk and wife,	50	Phebe A. Hartt,	25
John Dazell and wife,	50	Mary J. Hartt,	24
Andrew Gilmour and wife,	50	David T. Hartt,	25
Nelson Small and wife,	25	Daniel Davis,	25
John Stanley,	25	Mrs. R. Kelley,	25
Mrs. Giles Ellenwood,	25	Amanda Kelley,	25
Anna Hartt,	25	Aaron Kelley,	20
Caroline Doggett,	25	Joseph Tracy,	25
Wm. Thomas and wife,	624	Spafford Tracy,	25
Josiah Flagg,	624	John E. Boone,	50
Michael Cronk,	25	John Alexander,	1.00
Edmund Doggett and wife,	50	Thos. Mason,	25
John Thomas and wife,	50		\$4.24
Rodney Flagg,	25		
Wm. Watt,	38		
Mrs. John Watt,	19		

CHURCH, CARLETON.		CHURCH, MILLSTREAM.	
William Howard,	\$0.25	Wm. Noble,	\$0.20
Joseph Mills and wife,	20	Abner Weyman,	20
Jacob Bacon,	20	Jane Weyman,	20
John Golder,	25	Edward Weyman,	25
Priscilla James,	25	Mary Weyman,	25
Mrs. James Wilson,	25	Jane Weyman,	25
Seth Chase,	25	Abner Weyman,	25
Mrs. Ferris,	25	Wesley Weyman,	25
Sarah Thomas,	30	Samuel Fenwick,	25
Mrs. Ellis,	25	Ruth Fenwick,	25
Mrs. Porter,	25	Ann Fenwick,	25
Grace Ellis,	25	Joel Fenwick and wife,	50
Hugh Jones and wife,	50	Seth McLeod and wife,	50
Eliza Lacy,	25	Jane McLeod,	25
James Earl,	25	Mrs. Thos. Fenwick,	25
James T. Peters and wife,	50	Jonathan McLeod and wife,	50
Emma Lamoreaux,	25	Robert McLeod,	60
Amanda Lamoreaux,	25	Wilford McLeod,	25
A. Bradshaw and wife,	60	John Good, 2nd.,	25
Otis J. Smith and wife,	50	Cretia A. Good,	25
Shadrach Smith,	25	Wm. McLeod and wife,	50
Robert Smith,	25	Elizabeth McLeod,	25
James Fowler and wife,	50	Edward McLeod and wife,	50
Matilda Thomas,	30	W. Haney,	40
George W. Holder,	25	A. G. Musgrove,	25
Mary Clark,	40	Thos. Musgrove,	40
Celon Purdy,	25	Susannah Johnston,	20
D. W. Clark and family,	2.00	Mrs. Wm. Keith,	125
Annie Smith,	25	Wm. Musgrove,	25
Mrs. Christopher,	25	Mabel Ball,	25
Mrs. Woodworth,	25	L. W. Musgrove,	25
Wm. Stevens and wife,	40	John Good,	30
Mrs. Ward,	24	John Good, jr.,	25
	\$12.04	Mrs. John Good,	25
		William Fenwick,	25
		Mrs. James Fenwick,	25
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NEW CHURCH, LOWER SUSSEX.		CHURCH, UPPER SUSSEX.	
B. McKenzie,	\$0.24	George McCready,	\$0.50
Wm. Erb,	25	Asa Sprague,	30
Mrs. Wm. Erb,	25	John E. B. McCready,	25
Wm. Ellison,	20	Dianna Matric,	25
		Sarah Morton,	25
		Eliza Freeze,	25
		Susan McLeod,	25
		Anna McLeod,	25
		Robert McLeod and wife,	2.00
		Seth Morton,	20
		Caleb Secord,	75
		Wm. Brannan,	25
		Susan McCready,	25
		G. L. Slip and wife,	50
		Mrs. McKenzie,	25
		Gideon McLeod,	25
		Winslow McLeod,	25
CHURCH, COVERDALE.			
Arthur M. Taylor,	\$0.25		
Matthew Duhy,	25		
Margaret A. Duhy,	25		
Peter Steves and wife,	50		
Amanda Steves,	25		
Margaret Marshall,	25		
N. Steves and wife,	75		
Abel Steves,	50		
Early Harmer,	25		
B. G. Leeman,	25		
Mrs. John Leeman,	25		
A. M. Leeman,	25		
John Brown and wife,	50		
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Mrs. John McLeod,	\$0.25	Kate Redstone,	\$0.25
Mary Jane McLeod,	0.25	C. J. Redstone,	0.25
02	—	Rebecca Redstone,	0.25
02	\$6.45	Alexander Machum, sen.,	0.25
02	—	Collection,	1.08
CHURCH, LOWER BRIGHTON.			
Jonathan Brown,	\$0.25		
Charles Richardson,	0.25		
Asa Robinson,	0.50	SECOND GREENWICH CHURCH.	
Adam Tedlia,	0.25	Wm. Weldon,	\$0.25
Reuben Robinson,	0.25	Mary Weldon,	0.25
Nathaniel Gray,	0.20	Samuel Short, sen.,	0.25
Gilbert Brown,	0.25	Mercy Short,	0.25
James Cogswell,	0.25	Margaret McBeth,	0.25
Margaret Cogswell,	0.25	J. B. Short,	0.25
James Gray,	0.25	Elizabeth Short,	0.25
Esther Phillips,	0.50	Isabella C. Short,	0.25
James Dickinson,	0.25	Zebulon Jones,	0.25
George Robinson,	0.25		
Rhoda McGee,	0.25		\$2.25
Robert Nelson,	0.25	FIRST CHURCH, WAKEFIELD, VICTORIA.	
George Noble,	0.25	CORNER.	
Richard Dickinson,	0.25	Nathaniel Shaw (last year),	\$0.50
William Dow, jr.,	0.25	G. R. Boyer and wife,	0.50
J. M. Noble,	0.25	G. W. Boyer and wife,	0.50
Stephen Orser,	0.25	Hugh McGrath,	0.25
		Samuel H. Shaw,	0.25
	\$6.45	Elder McMullin,	0.25
BEAR ISLAND.			
Edward Parent,	\$0.25	Richard Holmes and wife,	0.50
Frances Parent,	0.25	Richard Shaw,	0.25
Hephzibah Parent,	0.25	Wm. Taylor and wife,	0.50
John Hustis,	0.25	Elijah Gallop and wife,	0.50
Mrs. Lawrence Lint,	0.24	Moses and Shepherd Boyer,	0.50
Lydia Hallett,	0.12	Caleb Phillips,	0.25
Caroline Hallett,	0.12	Martha Lee,	0.25
Smith Moores,	0.15	Richard Currie,	0.25
Mrs. William Simpson,	0.10	Schoolmaster Holyoke,	0.25
Mrs. Jesse Parent,	0.25	Elijah M. Shaw and wife,	0.50
John Bryant,	0.25	Mrs. Z. Birmingham,	0.25
		Widow P. Birmingham,	0.25
	\$2.23	Leticia Siprell and Son,	0.50
		Ezekiel Siprell, jun.,	0.25
NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH.			
Peleg Smith,	\$0.25	Nathaniel Shaw and wife,	0.50
Rhoda Smith,	0.25	Seth Siprell and wife,	0.50
Frank Short,	0.50	Catherine Phillips,	0.25
Samuel Short, jun.,	0.25	Martha Henderson,	0.25
Benjamin Clark,	0.25	John Shaw,	0.25
Elizabeth Clark,	0.25	H. A. Rideout,	0.25
Samuel Harrison,	0.25	Samuel Siprell and wife,	0.50
Asa S. Tripp,	0.20	Widow Susan McGee,	0.25
David Moore, sen.,	0.25	Fanny Phillips,	0.25
George Hamilton,	0.25	Sally Rideout,	0.25
Alexander Machum, jun.,	0.25	A. Rideout,	0.25
W. H. Short,	0.25	Stephen Shaw,	0.25
Kezia Short,	0.25	Lacy Rideout,	0.25
W. H. Redstone,	0.25	S. Rideout,	0.25
Catherine Redstone,	0.25	Oliver Rideout,	0.25
Mary J. Redstone,	0.25	Elizabeth Shaw,	0.25
		Susan and Phebe Bowyer,	0.50

\$2.70

CHURCH, COLE'S ISLAND.

James Starkey, \$0.50
John Cole, \$0.50
Mrs. G. W. Price, 25

Samuel Hagerman,
CHURCH, DUMFRIES.

Henry Holder, 25
Andrew Miller, 25
Lawrence Lint, 25
John Lawrence, 25
James Lawrence, 25
Henry Sharp, 25
Margaret Hallett, 25
Mary Ann Holder, 25
Sarah J. Gaunce, 25

FIRST CHURCH, WICKHAM.

Robert Vanwart, \$0.25
James White, 25
Mrs. Sarah A. White, 13
George London, 25
Thomas London, 25
William Lake and wife, 25
Ara Smith, 25
Jared W. Smith and wife, 25
John London, 25
John Foster and wife, 25
John McRea, 25
Jane McRea, 25
Catherine Monteath, 10
Elizabeth McRea, 15
George Foster, 25
Coles London and wife, 25
Elizabeth Richards, 25
Wm. Logue and wife, 25
John London, 25
Sylvanus London, 25
Levinia White, 25

\$5.85

FIRST CHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

Garrett Vanwart, sen., \$0.25
Benjamin Palmer and wife, 25
J. Clark and wife, 25
Anna J. Clark, 25
Garrett Vanwart and wife, 25
Jacob Vanwart, 25
Stephen Smith and wife, 25
Garrett Vanwart, 3d, 25
Phoebe Slip, 25
Edward Slip, 25
George Slip, 25

\$3.75

FIRST CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

Rev. J. T. Parsons and wife, \$0.50
Mrs. Joshua Snow, 25
Mrs. Charlotte Wise, 25
Mrs. Goodwin, 25
James R. Hartley and wife, 25
Lucy Burr, 25
Ann Dunphy, 25
Simon McLeod and wife, 25
Ephraim Jacobs, 25
A. T. Thompson and wife, 25
Lois Morrell, 25
Robert Davis, sen., 25
James Jones and wife, 25
Mrs. Elisha Baker, jun., 25
Elisha Baker, sen., and wife, 25
G. A. Baker, 25
E. R. Parsons and wife, 1.00
E. M. Truesdale, 45
Stephen Parsons, sen., and wife, 1.40
Leonard G. Slip, 1.00
Deborah A. Slip, 50
Jane Robinson, 45
Benjamin Johnson and wife, 75
Nathan Milbury, 50
S. L. Churchill and wife, 50
Mrs. E. M. Truesdale, 50
Mrs. James McLean, 50
Elizabeth Watters, 25

\$14.60

CHURCH, MOUTH BIG PRESQUILLE.

John Birmingham and wife, \$0.50
Ann Nicholson, 25
Elizabeth Turner, 25
Nathaniel Stickney, and wife, 50
Mrs. Joseph Birmingham, 25
Manah Birmingham, 25
Lettie Noble, 25
Mrs. Jarvis Shaw, 25
Phileas Phillips, 2.50

SECOND CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

George W. Jackson and wife, \$1.00
Aaron Cox, 25
James W. Brown, 25
Jane Brown, 25
Lydia Brown, 25
Toucou Tromlee and wife, 25
Charles Jackson and wife, 25
Marada Jackson, 25
Mary Ann Jackson, 25
Eliza Clark, 25
Mrs. McLean, 25
Elizabeth Clark, 25
E. D. Brown, 25
David Phillips and wife, 50

Elizabeth Cox,	\$0.25	CHURCH, WILLIAMSTOWN,	
Daniel Phillips and wife,	60	James Crandlemire,	\$0.25
Sarah Jackson,	25	Asa Jones,	25
Anna Jackson,	25	Jeremiah Tracy,	25
Israel Smith and wife,	60	Mr. Condon,	25
G. T. Hartley and wife,	1.00	Mrs. Condon,	25
Nancy Hall,	25	Samuel Tracy and wife,	60
	\$8.10		\$1.75
CHURCH, LOWER WAKEFIELD,		CHURCH, ANDOVER,	
Benjamin Brittain,	\$0.25	Francis Tibbits and family,	75
Frederick W. Brittain,	25	Mrs. James Fitzherbit,	25
Stephen Brittain,	25		\$1.00
Henry Brittain, jun.,	25	CHURCH, PERTH,	
Randolph Brittain,	25	Mrs. M. Hallet,	25
Norris Shaw,	25	Mrs. D. Hallet,	25
Frederick Shaw,	25	Robert Hallet,	25
Amos Shaw,	25		
Ziba Shaw,	25	CHURCH, HANOVER, CARLETON COUNTY,	\$0.75
Mary Laskley,	25	Allen Hovey,	\$0.25
Maria Brittain,	25	Elizabeth Beterson,	25
Mrs. S. Brittain,	25	John Warrenton,	25
Abigail Brittain,	25	E. A. West,	25
Isabella Shaw,	25	Isaac Adams,	30
Harriet Shaw,	25	C. A. Cronkite,	20
Mrs. F. Shaw,	25	William Hovey,	25
Mrs. A. Shaw,	25	Edward Miller and wife,	45
Stephen Brittain,	25	E. Cosman and wife,	60
		John Barget and wife,	40
James Knollin,	\$4.40	George Long and wife,	60
Nathan Milbury and family,	\$0.25	G. L. Cronkite and wife,	40
Joshua Giberson,	1.00	Jonathan Tracy,	25
Rev. W. E. Pennington,	25	E. Estabrooks and wife,	60
amount of pledge,	20.00	J. F. Tracy,	25
Church, Caverhill,	2.20	E. Jones,	25
Thomas Keirstead,	25	T. Margison and wife,	45
Church, Dutch Valley,	1.45	T. A. Margison,	25
Church, 3d Tier, Jacksonstown,	6.20	L. Margison,	25
Church, Queensbury,	1.00	W. H. Margison,	25
Church, Douglas,	1.80	Thomas Trafford,	25
Church, Kingsclear,	1.00	William West,	25
B. Goodspeed,	1.50	Sarah Greig,	25
Joel Jenkins,	1.00	Zebulon B. Miller,	25
Collection at G. Conference,	17.52	Ira Miller,	25
Church, Snider Mountain,	1.51	Silome White,	25
Church, Keirstead Mountain,	75	Z. Mills and wife,	35
Rev. S. E. Curry (brl. flour to Rev. A. Taylor, for last year,)	8.00	E. Mills and brother,	60
Friend, Nova Scotia,	96	Thomas Foulton,	25
Ichabod Lewis,	25		\$2.15
Thomas Taylor,	40	CHURCH AND CONGREGATION, FREDER- ICTON,	\$0.80
H. James Goslin (old pledge),	12.00	Rev. E. McLeod,	30
	\$78.89	Mrs. McLeod,	30
		Benjamin Atherton,	1.00
		Mrs. Huestis,	25

E. C. Freeze,	\$0.50	CHURCH, BEAVER HARBOR.	
Mrs. E. C. Freeze,	50	James Eldridge and wife,	\$0.50
Mrs. T. Fowler,	25	John Best and wife,	50
Geo. R. Atherton,	25	William Ashe and wife,	50
Mrs. G. R. Atherton,	25	Jesse Wright and wife,	50
John Atherton,	1.00	Cristopher Cross,	25
Mrs. T. W. Smith,	25	Zadok Hawkins,	25
H. S. Hammond,	50	Mrs. Mary J. Delue,	25
E. Perkins,	30	Justina Holmes,	25
J. McLeod,	25	Sarah Jane Pool,	25
S. Harris,	10	Caroline Tatten,	12½
Mrs. Knight,	25	Catherine Cross,	12½
Louisa Marsh,	25	Abigail Coldor,	25
Joseph George,	25		
Mrs. George,	22		\$3.75
Joseph Foster,	24	CHURCH, CAMPOBELLO.	
John Colwell,	25	Nathaniel Phinney and wife,	\$0.50
James Grant,	25	Rev. F. Babcock and wife,	50
— Carr,	25	Samuel Parker,	25
Jarvis Gable,	25	William Tinker.	25
G. F. Atherton,	32		
Mrs. Wiley,	25		\$1.50
A. W. Bent,	25	CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON.	
Jamie Thompson,	50	T. C. Atherton,	\$0.25
E. McLeod,	25	C. Bartlett,	25
T. C. Atherton,	25	Geo. Clynick,	25
A Friend,	25	Isaac Brown,	25
Sarah Brown,	24	D. S. Grant,	25
Daniel Colwell,	25	Stephen Lenantine,	25
— Burden,	50	George Brooks,	25
— Burden,	50	Alfred Patterson,	25
Silas Aillman,	12	John N. Grant,	25
Jane Cochran,	25	Ira Clynick,	25
A Friend,	1.00		
Mrs. McKary,	25		\$2.50
		FIRST CHURCH, GREENWICH.	
	\$13.40	Levi Jones and wife,	\$0.50
CHURCH, LINCOLN.		Mrs. M. Downey,	25
Dan. Hayward,	\$0.50	Susan Toole,	25
Abner Hayward,	50	James Toole,	25
Stephen Smith,	50	William Worden and wife,	50
Solomon Sewell,	50	Amos French,	25
Allen Nevers,	25	Gabriel Vanwart,	25
Henry Nevers,	25	John Connor and wife,	50
A. B. True,	25	Mrs. Charles Jones,	25
Hayward True,	25	Walter Jones,	25
George True,	25	Zebulon Connor and wife,	50
Annie True,	25	Mrs. Thomas Connor,	25
Henry Mitchell,	25	John Ebb and wife,	50
Isabella Mitchell,	25	Wilmot Price,	25
Martha Patterson,	25	Rhoda Price,	25
Duncan Glasier,	25	Harriet J. Merritt,	25
Mrs. Glasier,	25	Jane Price,	25
Parker Glasier,	25	George Price and wife,	50
Rebecca Glasier,	55	A. D. G. Vanwart,	25
John Mitchell and wife,	50	Caleb Jones,	25
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 Emily
 Ameli
 Charle
 Mrs. L
 Marg
 Elizab
 Charle
 John
 John
 Mrs. G
 Mrs. A
 Elisha
 Simeon
 James
 John K
 Church

BRANCH CHURCH, WASSIS.

Abner Grass,	\$0.25
Allary Grass,	25
Ephraim Grass,	25
Warren Nason,	25
George F. Grass,	25
Louisa Grass,	25
George Grass,	25

CHURCH, KNOWLESVILLE.

Walter Doucett,	\$0.25
Manah Doucett,	25
Mary Doucett,	25
Leonard Doucett,	25
	1.00

SECOND CHURCH, DORCHESTER.

Miss Ann King,	\$2.00
Mrs. David Taylor,	1.00
George Cochran,	50

CHURCH, UPPER HAMPSTEAD.

Mrs. George L. Colwell,	\$0.25
John McAlpine,	25
Adelaide McAlpine,	25
James McAlpine and wife,	50
John McAlpine, jr.,	25
James McAlpine, jr.,	25
Leonard Slip and wife,	50
Gilbert R. Slip,	25
John E. Slip,	25
Mrs. Hannah Slip,	25
Robert Slip and wife,	50
Reuben Fox,	20
George Fox,	27
David Ebbett,	52
Charles Fox,	22
Abraham Fox,	27
Joseph Ebbett,	27
Francis Fox,	24
Jeremiah Gaunce,	27
John Gaunce,	25
William Robinson,	25
Chas. H. Ebbett,	25
Mary Fox,	25
Lucinda Fox,	25
Fraser Fox,	50
Abram Vanwart and wife,	25
Mrs. John Cameron,	25
Mrs. S. L. Peters,	25
Emily Cameron,	25
Amelia Cameron,	25
Charlotte Peters,	20
Mrs. Peter McAlpine,	25
Margaret J. McAlpine,	25
Elizabeth McAlpine,	25
Charles McAlpine,	25
John Slip,	25
Mrs. George Slip,	25
Mrs. A. G. Todd,	25
Elisha Slip and wife,	50
	\$4.10

SECOND CHURCH, WAKEFIELD.

William N. Mallory,	\$0.25
John Dewitt,	25
Wm. E. Hoyt,	25
Ann J. Hoyt,	25
Enoch Kinney,	25
George True,	25
Robert McLean,	25
Ann McLean,	20
Samuel Walton,	25
Sarah York,	25
Susan Palmer,	25
James York,	25
Thomas E. Everitt,	25
John Mallory,	25
Ruth Mallory,	25
Phebe Mallory,	25
Josiah Mallory,	25

CHURCH, CALIFORNIA SETTLEMENT.

Simeon Steves,	\$12.25
James Golding,	\$0.25
John Keith, donation to old debt,	1.00
Church, Windsor settlement,	2.00
	\$3.49
George Wright and wife,	\$0.50
Edward Montgomery and wife,	50
Richard Colpitts and wife,	50
James Hart and wife,	50
Charles Butler and wife,	50

Edward Duddy and wife,	\$0.50	George Williams,	\$0.50
John Montgomery and wife,	50	Rev. J. Gunter,	1.00
William Hambleton and wife,	50	William Dunham,	50
Zechariah Duddy and wife,	50	John Ricker,	50
Wellington Wright and wife,	50	J. W. Belyea,	48
John Wright,	25	V. Flaglor,	25
George Wright, jun.,	25	I. Atherton,	1.00
Jane Longley,	25	R. Ebbitt,	25
Delilah Montgomery,	25	William Lawson,	25
William Bubar,	25	D. Spaight and wife,	1.00
Robertson McDugal,	25	Thomas Mead,	20
		George Black,	50
	\$6.50	J. Whelpley,	25
FIRST CHURCH, ST. JOHN,		John Belyea,	50
C. H. Peters and wife,	\$4.00	J. S. Huestis,	25
Mrs. W. Cleaveland,	25	C. Carpenter,	24
William Peters and wife,	1.00	John Vanwart,	25
B. J. Underhill and wife,	1.00	A. Yerxa,	25
Charles W. Day,	50		
George W. McCready and wife,	50		\$15.42

Ca. By amount received, \$491.77

Dr.

For paid Delegates to Nova Scotia: Rev. Wm. Downey, \$17;

Rev. J. T. Parsons,	\$20.	\$37.00
Barnes & Co.'s bill for Minutes, 1864,	-	98.00
Seth Erb's Note against Conference,	-	37.94
Rev. B. Merritt,	-	20.00
B. J. Underhill,	-	30.89
Postage,	-	1.07
Rev. A. Taylor, balance due him last year,	-	68.97
Rev. S. Hart, on account balance due him last year,	100.00	
Loss on British silver and American paper,	1.10	

\$394.37

Balance on hand to pay Delegates to Nova Scotia and United States, printing Minutes, &c., 97.40

\$491.77

WILLIAM PETERS,

Treasurer.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL MEETINGS

OF THE

FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST

HOME AND FOREIGN

MISSION SOCIETIES,

Held at Coverdale, A. C., on Tuesday, 4th July, 1864.

WITH THE

ANNUAL REPORTS

AND

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

RESUME

1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315</
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COVERDALE, ALBERT CO., JULY 14TH, 1865.

THE FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY held its First Annual Meeting at Coverdale, Albert County, July 4th, 1865, at 7 o'clock, P. M. B. J. Underhill, Esq., in the Chair.

Meeting called to order by the President, who gave out a Missionary Hymn; after which prayer was offered by Elder G. A. Hartley.

The Corresponding Secretary's Report was called for, read and adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Corresponding Secretary of the Free C. Baptist Home Mission Society of New Brunswick.

MY CHRISTIAN FRIENDS—Amongst the important doings of the last session of our General Conference was the organization of our Home Mission Society, the first annual report of which I now proceed to lay before you.

I may here say that, although the organization of this Society was a new action, and a step taken in the right direction in our denominational history, it nevertheless aims at the perpetuation, in a more perfectly systematized form, of the same kind of labour by which our denomination was planted, and by which the most of our churches have been raised up. Home Mission work is by no means a new thing with the Free C. Baptists of this Province. The fathers of our denomination, to whose faithful labours we are indebted for so much to-day, were really and truly missionaries. Enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, they went everywhere "preaching the word, the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord." To the spirit and labour of missionary work we are indebted for our existence as a denomination. Not only have the most of our churches been planted by itinerant labourers, but many of the best and most extensive revivals of religion by which accessions have been made to our churches, have been the fruits of their toils. Indeed, missionary work is the true work of the Christian church, and the missionary spirit the real spirit of the gospel of Christ. "Go" is the word with which the commission to preach the gospel begins. "Go" is the command of Christ, who Himself in His life and labour "went about doing good." There are many reasons why this work should be sacred to each heart within these walls to-day—reasons based upon the principles of gratitude for past blessing, and hopes for future prosperity. In the past the rule has been missionary labour, the regular pastorate the exception; and with all the acknowledged advantages of the settled or regular pastorate—to which we attach great importance—we verily believe that our future prosperity and enlargement depends, to quite an extent, upon properly fostering and wisely directing this important element—the missionary spirit.

After our old ministers had spent a number of years ranging our province in self-sacrificing toils, planting the principles that we hold so dear to-day, they became satisfied that the object of their lives could be more successfully accomplished by adopting some system which would engage the sympathies and secure the co-operation of our churches and membership generally, and establish a fund to which our people could contribute for the support of those who should

labour in the more destitute parts of our country. A system of missionary labour was accordingly devised, and under the direction of the "Board of Missions" was, for several years successfully worked. In the exercise of the general care still living in the hearts of many of these same brethren, it was thought by them and by the whole Conference last year, that in the future this work could be even more successfully prosecuted by the organization of a Home Mission Society—hence our existence. This Society is accountable for all financial liabilities incurred by its operations, consequently our General Conference is relieved from providing to meet these expenses.

We are now at the close of our first year's history, and are assembled in our first annual public meeting, to render to you our first report, and to solicit your continued and even increased co-operation in our efforts to supply our scattered and destitute churches with the ministry of God's Word, as well as to give the gospel to those sections of our country from which the Macedonian cry is coming to us, in which, as yet, we have no churches. The demand for Free Baptist labour is increasing throughout our Province.

We were organized with hopes of usefulness, and have been blessed with prosperity thus far. Several brethren have been engaged by our Executive Committee, whose labours we have reason to believe have been owned and blessed by the great Head of the Church. But one of these has spent the whole year in connection with our Society; the others have laboured for such periods of time as the Committee felt warranted to engage them.

Elder Downey was engaged by the year. He has spent the whole year in faithful and successful labour under the direction of the Executive Committee, excepting a few weeks spent by him in Nova Scotia. His first protracted effort was in the Kimear Settlement, in King's County, where the Lord especially owned his labours. We had no church in this place, and but a few of the people knew much about us as a denomination. The spirit of the Lord moved the hearts of the people in a powerful manner. Great crowds flocked to hear the Gospel, and many souls were converted to God. The revival spread to an adjacent settlement, called the Steeve's settlement, where God's power was also displayed in saving sinners. The whole region round about was moved, and great good was done in the name of the Master. Our brother baptized thirty-three in these neighbourhoods, and organized a church of thirty-one members. A meeting house has also been commenced, and a permanent interest we believe established. He next visited and spent several weeks with the churches in Johnston, Q. C., located about the Washademoac Lake. These churches had had but little ministerial labour for some time, and had become much scattered. Indeed, regular meetings were scarcely held up by them. The Lord made the labours of Bro. Downey a great blessing to them. The church at Cole's Island was much revived, and the hearts of the brethren greatly encouraged. Eight were baptized.

The first church in Johnston had become much scattered, but the blessing of God followed the labours of our brother in this place. They were visited with a gracious outpouring of God's Spirit. Many weak ones were strengthened, backsliders were reclaimed, and sinners converted. He baptized twenty-eight.

The second church in Johnston—at the Narrows—also shared in this blessed work. Mercy drops fell on the thirsty hill of Zion in that place. Much encouragement and reviving were enjoyed by the brethren. Eleven were baptized and added to the church.

A visit was next made to the Nashwaak, where there was the prospect of much good; but in consequence of illness, our brother was obliged to leave for his home. The rest of the year has been spent in visiting the churches in different sections of the country, labouring for their upbuilding, and laying before them the claims of our society.

Brother Jarvis Shaw—a licentiate, living in Carleton County—has spent three months with us. This brother visited several churches in the upper part of the County. He was up as far as the Tobique River, where his labours were

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blessed to the encouragement of the church in that place. At Knowlesville he saw good done in the name of the Lord. Quite a revival followed his labours in that new and thriving settlement. Seventeen were baptized by some of our ordained brethren, who rendered him timely assistance. At the mouth of Presquile and at Windsor, this brother's labours were blessed. Several were converted and baptized in each place.

Bro. Marsh—a licentiate, now located at Lincoln—took a mission of nine weeks at Beaver Harbour, Calais and Campobello, in each of which places he saw good effected. At the Harbour and Calais especially, did he report the prospects to be encouraging. He saw many wanderers reclaimed, and some souls converted.

Elder R. French spent half a month in a missionary visit to Campobello, which we trust was accompanied by the Divine favour.

Elder T. Vanwart laboured last fall one month and seventeen days, at Stanley and elsewhere, where he saw some good done in the name of the Lord.

Elder F. Babcock was sent one month, this spring, to the church at Beaver Harbour. This church has been steadily advancing since the dedication of their new Meeting House last fall. Our brother's visit was of great good to them. The Lord poured out His Spirit upon the labours of His servant, and a number of souls were born again. Bro. B. baptized and added quite a number to the church.

Elder Knollin was engaged to go to P. E. Island for one month, but was unavoidably prevented before this meeting, but is expected to go soon.

In conclusion, let me say that, the importance of this work cannot be over-rated. The success of all our operations depends upon the healthy and vigorous state of our churches. It is a well known fact that all forces are strongest at their centres, and diminish with the distance. It then becomes us to look well to the state of our churches, and see that they are in a state of efficiency. Would we be successful in our undertakings to spread our operations abroad, we must take care of our churches at home. Beginning at Jerusalem, let us labour to make our centre strong, and then extend our efforts as we have strength and opportunities.

The adoption of the Report was moved by Elder J. T. Parsons, who made an interesting speech. Elder Downey seconded the resolution.

Brethren D. W. Clark and George McDonald made very earnest and stirring speeches, and powerful appeals to the meeting in behalf of the funds of the Society. Elder Hartley also made some pointed, practical remarks, and proceeded to take up subscriptions in aid of the funds. A deep interest was manifested by the entire audience, and pledges to the amount of \$236 were obtained.

The following Report of the Executive Committee was submitted and adopted:—

The Executive Committee of Home Missions report that they have held during the year eleven regular meetings, and received by subscriptions and donations—the sum of \$643.78. One missionary has been kept and sustained in the gospel field during the whole of the past year, and five others have been employed for shorter periods of time, at an aggregate expense of \$585.34, on their several mission fields; these missionaries have collected the sum of \$182.75, and after paying their amounts and advancing \$22 to Elder Knollin, for nine month's labour to P. E. Island, which he has not yet been able to perform, and deducting incidental expenses, there remains in the Treasurer's hands a balance of \$88.52.

The following are the Officers of the Society, elected for the ensuing year :—

President.

B. J. UNDERHILL, Esquire.

Vice Presidents.

E. R. PARSONS, Esquire,

Rev. E. McLEOD,

Rev. THOS. VANWART.

Rev. G. A. HARTLEY, Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. WM. PETERS, Recording Secretary.

Mr. D. W. CLARK, Treasurer.

Rev. WM. DOWNEY, Auditor.

Executive Committee,

Mr. D. W. CLARK, Chairman.

Mr. WM. PETERS, Sec. to Com.

Rev. JACOB GUNTER,

Rev. J. T. PARSONS,

Rev. G. A. HARTLEY,

Mr. E. C. FREEZE,

Mr. E. M. TRUESDALE.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Free C. Baptist Home Mission Society in account with D. W. Clark, Treasurer.

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July, 1864.		July, 1864.	
By cash from	Rev. R. Dobson, \$1.00	By cash from	B. J. Underhill, \$20.00
" " "	Rev. J. S. Johnston, 4.00	" " "	Samuel Downey, 2.00
" " "	Rev. J. T. Parsons, 20.00	" " "	Mrs. S. Downey, 1.00
" " "	Rev. Jacob Gunter, 5.00	" " "	G. W. Vanwart, 20.00
" " "	Robert McLeod, 20.00	" " "	James Bowyer, 5.00
" " "	E. M. Truesdale, 2.00	" " "	Arthur Marsh, 20.00
" " "	Rev. Samuel Hartt, 2.00	" " "	Jarvis Shaw, 2.00
" " "	Lorenzo Wilson, 2.00	" " "	Richard Holmes, 2.00
" " "	Timothy Smith, 1.00	" " "	Michael White, 10.00
" " "	Thatcher Smith, 1.00	" " "	A Friend, (Smith
" " "	D. W. Clark, 20.00	" " "	Creek, 2.00
" " "	Mrs. D. W. Clark, 1.00	" " "	James Knollin, 1.00
" " "	Miss Kate A. Clark, 1.00	" " "	Coll. in Carleton, 2.57
" " "	Miss Hannah Clark, 1.00	" " "	Wm. Connell, sr., 4.00
" " "	Miss Amelia Clark, 1.00	" " "	E. R. Parsons, Esq., 10.00
" " "	Master D. C. Clark, 2.00	" " "	Rev. T. Vanwart, 20.00
" " "	G. Hartley Clark, 2.00	" " "	Mrs. T. Vanwart, 1.00
" " "	Otis J. Smith, 1.00	" " "	Rev. W. M. Knollin, 3.00
" " "	William Peters, 20.00	" " "	Mrs. W. M. Knollin, 3.00
" " "	Mrs. W. Peters, 1.00	" " "	Master E. M. Knollin, 2.00
" " "	Miss Annie J. Peters, 1.00	" " "	John Brown, 50
" " "	Miss Ida T. Peters, 1.00	" " "	From White Head
" " "	Miss Ella U. Peters, 1.00	" " "	Island, in Am. mo.
" " "	Miss Alice M. Peters, 1.00	" " "	\$11.50, 8.05
" " "	Master Fred. Peters, 2.00	" " "	Samuel Teakles, 1.00
" " "	Rev. G. A. Hartley, 20.00	" " "	A Friend, 1.00
" " "	From 7th Dis. Miss.	" " "	Rodney McLeod, 1.00
" " "	So. in Am. money,	" " "	Simon P. Beech, 20
" " "	\$92.00, 59.80	" " "	Henry Branscomb, 54
" " "	James R. Hartley, 2.00	" " "	Alex. Brown, 25
" " "	Edw. Montgomery, 2.00	" " "	John Brown, 24
" " "	Rev. E. Wayman, 2.00	" " "	Chas. Jones, 1.00

By cash from V. S. E.,	\$2.50	2d col., Johnston, Cole's Island,	\$2.36
" " J. S. Gallop,	2.00	Aaron Jenkins,	1.00
" " Rev. W. Kinghorn,	10.00	1st col., Johnston, Perry neigh'd.,	3.00
" " Mrs. W. Kinghorn,	1.00	2d col., do.	4.84
" " E. C. Freeze,	20.00	3rd col., do.	3.00
" " Master A. Freeze,	1.00	Mr. Day,	50
" " Sixth Dis. Miss. So.,	22.00	Thos. W. Perry,	50
" " Rev. Wm. Downey,	20.00	Daniel Jenkins,	2.00
" " Mrs. Wm. Downey,	1.00	Wm. Perry,	2.00
" " First ch., St. John,		Henry A. Perry,	4.00
sub. to 7th Dis.		Daniel Paterson,	.50
Miss. So.,	20.00	George W. Perry,	20
" " Col. by Elder French,		George P. Brown,	20
Miss. in Am. mo.		Joel Jenkins,	2.00
\$9.12,	3.74	Anne L. Watson,	1.50
" " Col. by A. Marsh,		Margaret E. Watson,	50
Missionary,	6.00	Amanda L. Watson,	50
" " Col. by J. Shaw,		Mrs. James G. Watson,	1.00
Missionary,	19.21	Mrs. Joseph Bulyea,	1.00
" " Col. by Rev. T. Van-		1st col., Narrows,	2.40
wart, Missionary,	7.10	2d col., do.	2.60
" " Col. by Rev. F. Bab-		Wm. F. Smith,	1.00
cock, Missionary,	8.00	1st col., Nashwaak,	4.00
		2d col., do.	5.40
	\$486.64	Mrs. Hannah Logan,	1.00
Collected by Rev. Wm. Downey, Mis-		Benjamin Goodspeed,	2.00
sionary, from the following persons.		Benjamin N. Goodspeed,	2.00
Sarah Clark,	\$1.48	Miss Frances Logan,	1.00
Mrs. David L. Grant,	1.00	George Ricker,	1.00
One col. west side Belisle,	1.15	Seth Erbb, sen.,	1.00
Three col. at Kinnear set.,	8.00	Mrs. Seth Erbb,	50
Two col. at Butternut Ridge,	6.75	George J. Worden,	1.00
Three col. at Steves set.,	5.88	Stephen Palmer,	1.00
James Lake,	4.00	Col. at Hampstead,	6.25
John G. Downey,	1.00	Col. at Portage,	2.73
Mrs. James Lake,	1.00	Col. at Upper Sussex,	4.22
Asa Smith,	1.00	Col. by Saunders Brown, Nashwaak,	1.30
Garrett Vanwart,	2.00	George L. Slipp,	3.00
Seth Erbb, jun.,	50	Col. at Millstream,	6.30
Thos Davis,	1.00	Col. at Roachville,	2.20
Asa Jones,	30		
Joseph Douglas,	60		\$133.90
Bamford Steves,	1.75		
Samuel M. Starkey,	1.00		\$620.54
James Starkey, sen.,	1.00	Allowed Elder Downey for three	
William Starkey,	1.00	weeks in Nova Scotia,	23.24
John Cole,	2.00		
1st col., Johnston, Coles Island,	4.00		\$643.78

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July.	To paid for books for Secretaries and Treasurer,	\$1.60
Oct.	Rev. Robert French, half month mission labor to Campobello,	10.00
	Arthur Marsh, nine weeks mission labor, at \$8 per week,	54.00
	Elder Vanwart, one month and seventeen days mission labor, at \$20 per month,	31.34
	Elder Babcock, one month missionary labor,	30.00
	Jarvis Shaw, three months missionary labor, \$20,	60.00
	Elder Wm. Downey, one year's missionary labor,	400.00
	Corresponding Secretary, postage,	1.32
	Elder W. M. Knollin, mission to P. E. Island,	22.00
		<u>\$610.26</u>
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	<u>\$83.52</u>

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Society for the year ending July 3d, 1865, and find them correct, showing a balance of Thirty-three dollars and Fifty cents in the Treasurer's hands.

E. M. TRUESDALE,

AUDITOR.

Coverdale, July 3d, 1865.

NOTE.—Several payments have been made to me since the Auditor entered the above certificate into my book, some the next day, which must come into next year's account.

D. W. CLARK,

TREASURER.

July 13th, 1865.

The next meeting of the Society will be at the time and place of holding the F. C. Baptist General Conference, in July, 1866.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE,
COVERDALE, ALBERT Co., July 4th, 1865. }

The first annual meeting of the Free C. Baptist Foreign Mission Society was held this day, at the above place; Rev. Samuel Hartt, President, in the chair.

The meeting was opened by singing. The President made some very important remarks on the object of the Society, and the obligations we are under to give the gospel to the heathen.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was called for, and read by the Secretary, and unanimously adopted.

REPORT.

In making our first Annual Report little, of course, can be said relative to the operations of your Society. It may be necessary, however, for the information of some into whose hands this report may come, as well as for future information and reference to state, that this Society was organized during the Annual Session of the General Conference in Fredericton, in July, 1864. For some time a number of persons in our body had felt that something should be done by our Denomination in the great work of giving the gospel to the heathen; some contributed their offerings to other Societies, and aided through those channels the Foreign Mission work. Our last General Conference was attended by the Rev. C. O. Libby, Corresponding Secretary to the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the United States, and Rev. Dr. Graham, one of the Executive Committee; they were accompanied by Rev. James L. Phillips, a young man, the son of Missionary parents, born in India, and who had come to America at the age of twelve years. Since his arrival it had pleased God to convert him, and a longing, burning desire had also been awakened in his heart to return to India, his native land, to labour as a missionary among the degraded heathen there. Brother Phillips is a young man, liberally educated, deeply pious, and of brilliant talents. He had been accepted by the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society to go out under their auspices, in company with his father and others, who were about to return to their work in the mission field. Our Conference was deeply interested in the narratives given by Bro. Phillips of the idolatries of India, as well as in his proclamation of the gospel to ourselves. After deliberate consideration it was determined to organize a Foreign Mission Society to co-operate with the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and to raise (if possible,) an amount annually, sufficient to support Brother Phillips in India. A Constitution and Rules were accordingly drafted by a Committee, and submitted for the approval of the Conference, which being received, our Society was formally organized by the election of officers. Arrangements were made with Brethren Libby and Graham for Brother Phillips to go out to the mission field under our auspices, as a missionary of our Society, and to be supported by our funds. The arrangements were approved by the Parent Society, and thereby confirmed. In consequence of the war in the United States, fewer vessels than formerly were engaged in the Indian commerce, and hence a considerable delay

occurred before a ship could be obtained sailing for Calcutta, in which the missionaries could embark. On the 20th of December last, however, a party of missionaries including Brother Phillips and wife sailed from Boston in the ship "Elcano." We deeply regret to state that no news of their arrival in India has yet reached us, and great fears are beginning to be awakened for their safety. The whole party of missionaries on board the "Elcano," including your missionary and his wife, his father, the Rev. Jeremiah Phillips, his wife and two daughters, going out under the auspices of the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and two Presbyterian missionaries, with their wives. We are anxiously awaiting tidings of these voyagers on the dangerous deep to their far off field of Christian toil, and we but hope that the God of missions has held them in his hand, and tempered the wind and the sea to their vessel during the long days and nights which they have been on the deep. But if Infinite wisdom has seen otherwise, and shipwreck or other calamity has befallen them, we bow submissively to his Providence, exclaiming with the apostle: "How unsearchable are His ways, and His judgments past finding out."

The field of labour to which your missionary has been sent is the British province of Orissa. Orissa is situated near the head of the Bay of Bengal, on its north-western shore, a short distance south-west from Calcutta. It is divided into three civil districts, viz.: Pooree in the south, Cuttuck in the centre, and Balasore on the north. The districts of Pooree and Cuttuck are occupied by the English General Baptist missionaries, the district of Balasore being the site of the Freewill Baptist mission. This district lies on the west side of the Bay of Bengal. It is about 80 miles long and on an average 30 or 40 miles wide, and contains about 500,000 inhabitants. On its northern boundary lies a considerable tract belonging to the Province of Bengal, which is inhabited by Orizyas. On the west are several tributary states governed by native Princes, which are peopled by Oriyas, Santals, &c. These are as numerous as in the district of Balasore, so that there are about ONE MILLION souls dependent on the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and our own, for religious light and influence.

Missionary operations were commenced in Orissa several years ago by the Freewill Baptists, and the first missionaries sent out were the Rev. Jeremiah Phillips and the late Rev. Eli Noyes, D. D., with their wives. There your missionary, the Rev. James L. Phillips, was born; beneath the shadow of the mission church at Balasore sleeps the dust of his sainted mother, and the field of his labour is hallowed to him by all the associations of his childhood. The Santal language, which is the principal language of the people, he learned in childhood. Into this language his father translated a portion of the Scriptures during his former missionary tour in India. The whole Scriptures, it is expected, will be completed by him on his return, assisted by his son. Several missionaries from the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society have been labouring there during the absence of the elder Phillips, and a number of converts from heathenism have been baptized and joined the mission church; schools are being established in different parts of the country; Bible and Tract distribution among the people is being prosecuted, and the heaven of a pure religion is permeating the heathen mind. In this Report we cannot speak of the awful idolatries which the missionaries have been compelled to witness. They are living witnesses to the truth of inspiration, that "their sorrows are multiplied that hasten after another God;" and that "the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty." Our duty is to aid in the great work of giving the Gospel to the world. Perhaps we can do but little, but if we "do what we can," our memorial will be everlasting. The Treasurer's Report shows considerable liberality already manifested on the part of our people in behalf of this infant cause. We trust our zeal will not abate, but that the sum required for the support of our missionary (which is about \$700 annually), will be contributed without grudging, and we are sure the blessing of the God of missions will rest upon the work.

E. McLEOD,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY F. M. SOCIETY.

July,
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NOTE.—Two days after the foregoing Report was submitted, news was received of the arrival of the "Elcano" at Ceylon, after a passage of five months, all but three days. Letters since received from Bro. Phillips report the Missionary party well.

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The Rev. John Perry moved the adoption of the Report, and made a very able and impressive speech. The Rev. D. M. Graham, D. D., in seconding the motion, gave a very excellent address, which was highly instructive, and listened to with deep interest. Rev. E. McLeod sustained the resolution with a warm-hearted and real missionary speech. By this time the meeting was ready for the subscription list, which was at once opened, when nearly or about \$200 were pledged to the funds.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following list of officers be appointed for the ensuing year:—

President.

REV. BENJAMIN MERRITT.

Vice-Presidents.

REV. CHARLES KNOWLES,

" CHAS. McMULLIN,

" EDWARD WAYMAN,

Rev. E. McLEOD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

B. J. UNDERHILL, Esq., *Recording Secretary.*

Rev. JOHN PERRY, *Treasurer.*

MR. WILLIAM PETERS, *Auditor.*

Executive Committee.

WILLIAM PETERS, *Chairman.*

ROBERT SLIP,

Rev. J. N. BARNES,

" JOHN PERRY,

ASA ROBBINS,

Rev. B. MERRITT,

ISRAEL ATHERTON,

Rev. JOSEPH NOBLE,

" W. E. PENNINGTON,

B. J. UNDERHILL, Esq.,

Rev. E. McLEOD.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Free C. Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

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July, 1864.

Col. in Church, Fredericton,

" " Victoria Corner,

" " Douglas,

" " S. Br. Oromocto,

" " N. Br. do.,

" " Woodstock,

" " Jacksontown,

" " Southampton,

" " Millstream,

" " Up. Sussex,

" " St. John,

" " Carleton, St. John,

July, 1864.

\$73.68 Elder J. N. Barnes,

16.18 Mrs. J. N. Barnes,

15.34 Amasa Coy,

10.50 Elder E. Wayman,

28.16 Alex. McQuarrie,

24.00 George Flewelling,

8.50 William Fox,

20.48 Elder John McKenzie,

15.66 Wm. Penery, Esq.,

4.69 Leonard Dunphy,

29.69 Joel Jenkins,

16.35 Sylvanus Whitney, N. S.,

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Miss Ella Craig,	\$2.00	Good Musgrove,	\$1.00
Oliver Bailey,	1.00	Elder C. McMullin,	20.00
James Lafferty,	2.00	A Friend of Missions,	2.50
G. T. Hartley, Esq.,	20.00	Stephen Jones,	1.00
Miss Mary Ann Hartt,	10.00	Samuel Teakles,	1.00
Anonymous,	4.00	Rodney McLeod,	1.00
M. J. T.,	4.00	Gideon McLeod,	1.00
Mrs. McGillan,	2.00	B. J. Underhill, Esq.,	20.00
W. Fowler,	4.00	Thomas Dewett,	20.00
S. Barker,	2.00	Magnus Green, Esq.,	4.00
Thatcher Smith,	2.00	Ellen Small,	3.00
Robert McLeod,	2.00	Charles McFarlane,	.97
John E. Rude,	2.00	Collection Seal Cove,	.81
Allen McDonald,	1.00	Wm. Peters,	20.00
Donald McDonald,	1.00	Elder B. Merritt,	20.00
Mrs. Wm. Keith,	1.00	Wm. Hay,	1.00
R. C. Wayman,	2.00	Alex. McLean,	4.00
Caleb Secord,	2.00	Miss Rebecca J. Smith,	1.00
T. W. Perry,	1.00	Reuben Ebbett,	2.00
Wm. Hayney,	4.00	A Friend, St. John,	10.00
Elder J. Noble, N. S.,	20.00	Mrs. Geo. Taylor,	1.00
Amasa Kennada,	1.00	Elder McLeod,	2.00
Capt. Boman Corning,	20.00	Elder J. Perry,	20.00
Edward Montgomery,	1.00	Henry Longfellow,	8.05
George Wright,	25	Greenlow Settlement,	1.48
Smith Gallop,	25	John Jones,	1.48
Eliza Clark,	3.00	Arthur Marsh,	16.00
John S. Haslin,	1.00	F. C. B. S. S., 1st ch., St. John,	20.00
Judah Crowell, N. S.,	4.00	Master Daniel C. Clark,	2.00
S. Banks, N. S.,	1.50	Master George Hartley Clark,	2.00
Joseph L. Atwood, N. S.,	1.00	Mrs. D. W. Clark,	1.00
Joseph Durkee, N. S.,	2.00	Miss Kate Clark,	1.00
James Kenney, N. S.,	1.00	Miss Hannah Clark,	1.00
Israel Crowell, N. S.,	1.00	Miss Amelia Clark,	1.00
Chas. Cushing, N. S.,	20.00		
Thomas Davis,	1.00		\$665.80
Miss Jane Wayman,	1.00		
Cr. By amount received,			\$665.80

Dr.

To half year's salary to Missionary Phillips in India,	\$383.50
" Paid Rev. J. L. Phillips' travelling expenses while visiting churches in New Brunswick,	18.50
" Secretaries' and Treasurer's Books,	1.70
" discount on Nova Scotia money, \$1.31; postage,	1.43
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	290.67
	<u>\$665.80</u>

July 13th, 1865.

JOHN PERRY, TREASURER.

The next meeting of this Society is to be held at Victoria Corner; in July, 1866.

NOTE.—The Committee appointed by the General Conference to prepare the Minutes of the Conference, thought best to publish the Minutes of the Mission Societies with those of the Conference. It is perfectly understood, however, that they are organizations apart from the Conference, and that each pays its proportion of the expenses of the Minutes.

G. A. HARTLEY,
B. J. UNDERHILL.

FREE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

ORGANIZED AT COVERDALE, ALBERT COUNTY, N. B.,

JULY 4TH, 1865.

OFFICERS.

President.

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Vice-Presidents.

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GEORGE T. HARTLEY, Esq.

Secretary.

JAMES R. HARTLEY, Esq.

Treasurer.

MR. GEORGE W. BOYER.

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JAS. R. HARTLEY, Clerk.

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E. C. FREEZE, Esq.

MR. GIDEON McLEOD.

REV. JOHN PERRY.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

FREE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Organization shall be known as the Free Baptist Education Society of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person subscribing two dollars annually to this Society shall be a regular member of the same; and any person subscribing twenty dollars (\$20) at one time, shall become a life member.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Society shall consist of a President and Secretary, who shall be ex-officio Directors; two Vice-Presidents, and a Treasurer, with five other Directors; said Directors, with the President and Secretary of the Society, shall constitute the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV.—ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.

Only life members shall be eligible to the offices of Vice President and Treasurer, and no person shall be eligible to the office of either Director, President, or Secretary, who has not subscribed at one time at least forty dollars (\$40) for the benefit of this Society.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The President, or in his absence, the senior Vice President present, shall preside at each meeting, and, as near as may be, conduct the same according to parliamentary usage.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence of the Society, keeping a copy of the same. He shall also keep a correct record of the meetings and doings of the Society.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies belonging to the Society, giving complete and satisfactory security for the same; no money to be paid out by the Treasurer except by the written order of the Secretary, endorsed by the President of the Society.

Sec. 4. The Secretary and Treasurer shall each prepare, annually, a written report, giving a full statement of all the business transacted in his department, and lay said report before the Society at each annual meeting.

Sec. 5. The Board of Directors shall have the control of all business connected with the Society. May purchase lands and erect buildings thereon for Educational purposes; employ persons as Teachers, and have the whole supervision of such Institutions as they may have means to erect.

ARTICLE VI.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. At the first annual meeting there shall be chosen a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and Treasurer, with five Directors; and annually thereafter a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be chosen by a majority of the members present. All who are eligible to the representative offices shall be considered as candidates, and said officers shall be chosen by ballot.

Sec. 2. On the election of Directors each member shall place on his ballot not more than five names of the persons eligible, whom he may desire to fill the office. Ballots to be counted by the President of the Society, assisted by the Secretary; at the close of which the President shall declare the five persons bearing the greatest number of votes duly elected. The two Directors having the least number of votes shall retire at the end of the first year; the two next lowest to retire at the end of the second year; and the fifth of the five first elected shall retire at the end of the third year; after which the two Directors longest in office shall retire annually, except each third year, when one only shall retire; said vacancies to be filled at each annual meeting by a vote of a majority of the members present; retiring Directors to be eligible for re-election. All ties in elections, when necessary, to be balloted for immediately.

ARTICLE VII.—POWER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Sec. 1. The Board of Directors shall have no power to contract a debt beyond the amount in the Treasurer's hands, or *bona fide* pledges made, except to the amount of the salaries of the Teachers engaged, and in all cases provision for payment of said salaries must be made at the end of each year.

Sec. 2. The President of the Society shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary of the Society shall be Clerk of the same. He shall keep a correct account of all their doings, and report the same fully at each annual meeting. All reports of this nature are to be read before the election of any officer. Said Board shall have power to adopt such by-laws from time to time as they may need, but not to conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.—SCHOLARSHIP.

Any person subscribing at any time \$400, and paying the same for the benefit of the Society, shall be entitled to send a pupil, con-

tinnously, to any Free Baptist school that may be established by this Society, free from any and all tuition fees; half and quarterly scholarships to be secured on payment of \$200 and \$100 respectively; persons taking either half or quarterly scholarships shall have deduction either one half, or one quarter, as the case may be, from all tuition fees charged them by the Society.

ARTICLE IX.—TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Society shall be held during the sitting of the General Conference. The time and place of meeting to be named by the President, who shall give due notice thereof.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of this Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, twenty members constituting a quorum. No change shall be made in the Constitution, however, unless a notice of the intention thereof be published in some journal in the Province at least three months previous to making the said alteration.