

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association.

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH AT BROOKFIELD, QUEEN'S CO.

Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 15th, 17th, and 18th, 1872.

TOGETHER WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTERS

"CHRISTIAN MESSENGER" OFFICE,
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NORTH BROOKFIELD, QUEEN'S CO.
SATURDAY MORNING, June 15th, 1873.

The Western Baptist Association convened, according to appointment, with the Baptist Church at North Brookfield, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its twenty-second Anniversary.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. G. E. Day.

Devotional services were engaged in, while the Clerks made out the following

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Clements*,—Rev. J. Williams, Brethren Daniel Chute and John Wright.
Yarmouth 1st,—Rev. Dr. Day, Brother Alexander Sime.
Temple Church, Yarmouth,—Rev. W. H. Porter, Brethren J. C. Anderson and Samuel Brown.
Milton, Yarmouth,—Rev. Isa. Wallace.
Beaver River,—Rev. J. H. Saunders.
Arcadia,—Rev. Isa. Wallace.
Hebron,—Rev. J. Rowe, Deacons W. R. Doty and John Rose, and Brother N. E. Patten.
West Yarmouth,—Rev. W. L. Parker.
South Yarmouth,—Rev. W. H. Porter.
Liverpool,—Rev. J. Jones, Deacons Jabez Freeman, Thomas Nickerson, E. M. Starratt and Thomas Annis.
Milton, Queen's Co.,—Rev. W. G. Parker, Deacons Edward Kempton, S. Kempton, S. Freeman, Jr., and Brothers J. A. Freeman, and John Freeman.
Hill Grove,—Brother James A. Nichols.
New Albany,—Brother B. Millar, (Licentiate).
Tusket,—Rev. P. R. Foster.
Greenfield,—Rev. H. Achilles, and Deacon S. F. Hunt.
French Mission Church,—Rev. M. Normondy.
Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot,—Rev. Dr. Tupper, Deacons Sidney Welton, A. T. Baker, and Brother Alden Banks.
St. Mary's Bay,—Rev. A. Cogswell, and Brother J. Murray.
Mill's Village,—Rev. J. M. Parker, Deacons Thomas Munro and Sylvanus Munro.
Caledonia,—Deacon B. L. Telfer, Brethren Samuel Minard, R. H. Telfer, and Melton Douglass.
Hillsburg 1st,—Brother Abner Morse.
Hillsburg 2nd,—Rev. A. Cogswell.
Wilmot Mountain,—Rev. L. B. Gates.
Springfield,—Rev. O. Parker.
Port Medway,—Rev. J. M. Parker, Brethren Wm. Daily, and Atwood Cohoon, (Licentiate).
Wilmot,—Deacon Hicks Chesley, W. H. Balcom, and Silas Lantz.
Ragged Islands,—Rev. J. F. McKenae.

Brookfield,—Deacon P. Murray, James Daily, Joseph Freeman. Brethren Wm. Bent, Uriah Johnson, and A. J. Ledbetter.

Bridgetown,—Revds. Geo. Armstrong, P. F. Murray, Deacon Isaac Healy, Brethren Wm. Miller, and A. M. Gidney.

Nictaux,—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Deacon W. Gates, and Brother B. H. Parker.

Middlefield,—Rev. H. Achilles.

Tusket Lakes,—Rev. W. L. Parker.

Kempt,—Revds. T. C. Delong, H. Achilles, Deacons Jacob Kempton, David Delong, Abiel Harlow.

Lewis Head,—Rev. J. McKenne.

Sable River,—Rev. J. McKenne, Brethren Alfred Harlow, and James B. Harlow.

The Association was organized by the election of Rev. J. H. Saunders, as Moderator, Rev. W. H. Porter, as Clerk, and Rev. J. Jones, Assistant Clerk.

The following brethren were invited to a seat with us:—Revds. E. M. Saunders, and J. F. Kempton; Brethren C. S. Phinney, G. N. Ballantine, B. Armstrong, and Edward Whitman.

B. Leonard Telfer was appointed Treasurer, and William Miller, Assistant Treasurer.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.—A. J. Leadbetter, J. Rowe, H. Achilles, J. Jones, G. E. Day, L. S. Delong, W. G. Parker, P. R. Foster, and P. Murray.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. G. Armstrong, W. L. Parker, and Brother A. M. Gidney.

COMMITTEE TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. I. Wallace, M. P. Freeman, J. M. Parker, and A. Cohoon.

Several letters from the Churches were read.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. That the time of meeting and adjournment be as follows:—Meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 o'clock, A. M. Afternoon Session—meet at 2.30 P. M., adjourn at 5.30 P. M.

The following appointments were made for the Sabbath:—

Brookfield—Rev. Dr. Tupper, at 10.30, A. M. Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., at 3 P. M. Rev. J. Rowe, at 7.30 P. M.

Pleasant River—Rev. E. M. Saunders, at 10.30 A. M. Rev. H. Saunders, at 3 P. M.

South Brookfield—Rev. I. Wallace, at 10.30 A. M. Rev. I. H. Saunders, at 3 P. M.

Caledonia—Rev. J. M. Parker, at 10.30 A. M. Rev. G. Armstrong, at 3 P. M. Rev. M. P. Freeman, at 7.30 P. M.

Westfield—Rev. L. B. Gates, at 3 P. M.

Kempt—Rev. W. G. Parker, at 10.30 A. M. Rev. J. F. Kempton, at 3 P. M.

Maitland—Rev. W. L. Parker, at 10.30 A. M. Brother G. Ballantine (Licentiate), at 3 P. M.

Grafton—Brother Edward Whitman, (Licentiate), at 3 P. M.

Adjourned by prayer, by Rev. T. C. Delong.

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Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Opened by prayer, by Rev. I. Wallace.

Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Brother Wm. Porter requested to be excused from serving as Clerk. His request was granted, and Rev. Jos. Jones was appointed Clerk and A. Cohoon, Assistant.

Reading of Letters resumed.

Letter read from the Church lately organized in Milton, Yarmouth, asking admission to the Association. On motion the Church was received, and the hand of fellowship given to Rev. I. Wallace, in behalf of the Church.

On motion the hand of fellowship was given to Rev. Dr. Tupper in behalf of the Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Churches, and to A. B. Stronach in behalf of the Upper Wilmot Church. These two churches were formerly one church, known as the Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot Church.

Committee of Arrangements further reported as follows:—

COMMITTEES—ON [CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. Dr. Tupper, I. Wallace, and T. C. Delong.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. J. Rowe, W. G. Parker, G. Armstrong, E. M. Saunders, P. F. Murray, and Brother A. M. Gidney.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. Dr. Tupper, Dr. Day, W. G. Parker, P. R. Foster, M. P. Freeman, A. Cogswell, M. Normondy; Brethren W. R. Doty, S. Brown, and Hardy Parker.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. Dr. Sawyer, G. Armstrong, P. F. Murray, J. M. Parker, John Williams, E. M. Saunders; Brethren A. T. Baker, S. Brown, S. Freeman, and Prof. R. V. Jones.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revds. M. P. Freeman, H. Achilles, T. C. Delong, L. B. Gates, J. McKenne; Brethren Wm. Miller, and W. H. Balcom.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Rev. I. Wallace, Brethren Daniel Chute, John Rose, B. L. Telfer, Jabez Freeman, James Daley, E. Whitman, W. H. Balcom, H. Chesley, and N. E. Patten.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Brethren G. N. Ballantine, A. J. Leadbetter, S. F. Hunt, A. Harlow, D. Delong, and A. T. Baker.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—Brethren J. C. Anderson, and A. T. Baker.

They also recommend that collections be taken at all the Sabbath services for Home Missions. That the Associational Sermon be preached on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. That the Afternoon Session be given to Home Missions. That a general Missionary meeting be held in the evening, and that Tuesday forenoon be devoted to Education.

On motion it was voted to hold a Temperance meeting this evening, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Porter

MONDAY MORNING, June 17th.

Association convened at 10 o'clock.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Porter,

A. M., of Yarmouth. Text—1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2. Subject: "The sacredness and importance of Christian Benevolence.

The Association resumed business at 11.15 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

Revs. S. B. Kempton, W. E. Hall, Z. Morton, Dr. A. W. Sawyer, Prof. R. V. Jones, and Brother Augustus Foster, were invited to seats with us.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, That having examined the Circular Letter, they recommend that it be read before the Association immediately after the Introductory Sermon. The recommendation was maintained, and the Letter read by the writer, Rev. G. E. Day.

Moved, That the Circular Letter be adopted and printed in the Minutes, and in the *Christian Messenger*.

Moved, That Rev. W. H. Porter be requested to prepare a copy of his Introductory Sermon for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Z. Morton.

Monday—Afternoon Session.

Opened by prayer by Rev. J. McKenne.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Tupper asked for and obtained leave of absence.

Several Letters from the Churches were read.

The Report on Temperance was adopted. [See Appendix A.]

The Report of the Home Missionary Board was presented, and after some discussion it was referred back to the Board for certain corrections.

The Report of the French Mission Board was presented and unanimously adopted. [See Appendix B.]

The Committee on Missions reported. Report received and adopted. [See Appendix C.]

The Committee of Arrangement reported as follows:—

That Rev. P. Murray, Brethren A. M. Gidney, and W. R. Doty, be a Committee on Obituaries.

That the French Mission Board be the same as last year, with the addition of J. C. Anderson.

That the Infirm Ministers Board consist of Revs. G. E. Day, I. Wallace, W. H. Porter, J. Rowe, J. H. Saunders, and Brethren S. Brown and A. C. Robbins.

That 1500 copies of the Minutes be printed by Brother S. Selden, at the same rate as last year.

That the Introductory Sermon be preached by the Rev. G. E. Day, and that Rev. J. Rowe, be his alternate.

That Rev. M. P. Freeman write the Circular Letter.

That the Ministers of this Association, who may attend the Central and Eastern, and P. E. I. Associations, be considered delegates to the same.

Report adopted.

After some extended and pertinent remarks by the Revs. G. E.

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Day, J. F. Kempton, I. Wallace, W. G. Parker, J. W. Williams, Dr. A. W. Sawyer, L. Morton, W. H. Porter, J. Rowe, P. R. Foster, G. Armstrong, E. M. Saunders, and Brother Benjamin Miller, (Licentiate), showing the importance of consolidating our Home-Missionary enterprises, the following preamble and resolution were adopted unanimously.

Whereas, The consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both French and English, would in our estimation tend to the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in this province

Therefore Resolved, That if the delegates from the Churches to the Provincial Convention to be held at Berwick should agree on terms by which these organizations can be united, we agree to acquiesce in the arrangement.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Day,

Monday—Evening Session.

Opened by prayer by Rev. S. B. Kempton.

Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Moved that the report of the Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Board be adopted. (See Appendix D).

The Home Missionary Board presented their report, which after some discussion was again referred back to the Board.

The subject for the evening—Missions—was then considered when intelligent, and soul-stirring addresses were made by Revds. G. Armstrong, W. G. Parker, M. Normondy, J. F. Kempton, I. Wallace, and Brother A. M. Gidney.

Moved and adopted: That the Brethren present, who may be present at the Home Missionary Convention at Berwick, on Friday, who have not been appointed as delegates by their Churches, be appointed delegates by this body.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 18th.

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

Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Brethren Samuel Freeman, Wm. Miller, J. C. Anderson, W. R. Doty, and A. T. Baker, were appointed delegates to the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, to be held at St. Stephens in August.

The Committee on Education presented its report. This was spoken to in a hopeful and practical manner by Revds Dr. A. W. Sawyer, I. Wallace, J. Rowe, S. B. Kempton, Prof. R. V. Jones, G. E. Day, W. H. Porter, G. Armstrong, T. C. Delong, Brethren Samuel Freeman, and S. Brown.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the discussion on the Educational report was adjourned to the afternoon's session. Much

sympathy for Acadia College was manifested of which there was a tangible proof in donations and collections to the amount of \$100, towards defraying current expenses.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. Cogswell.

Tuesday—Afternoon Session.

Opened by prayer by Rev. L. B. Gates.

The discussion on the report of the Education committee was resumed, and an address was delivered by Brother A. Cohoon, (Licentiate). The report was then adopted. [See Appendix E.]

The following resolution was presented:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association the time has come when a strong and vigorous effort should be put forth to increase the Endowment of Acadia College. Regarding an immediate effort in this direction as absolutely necessary, they suggest to the Governors of the College, the desirableness of commencing an immediate campaign by inaugurating a series of mass Educational meetings, to be held simultaneously in the different counties, and the appointment of an agent or agents, with a view to the raising this year of at least \$25,000; and we heartily pledge ourselves to do our utmost to furnish this necessary work.

After being spoken to by Revds. I. Wallace, J. F. Kempton, G. Armstrong, A. W. Sawyer, it was adopted.

Resolved, That the next session of this Association be held with the Church in Bridgetown, commencing on the third Saturday in June.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented. After being spoken to by Revds. W. G. Park, J. H. Saunders, J. Rowe, Brethren Samuel Brown, A. Cohoon, and William Miller, it was adopted. [See Appendix F.]

The Report of the Sabbath School Committee was presented. After being spoken to by Rev. J. Rowe, W. L. Parker, it was accepted. [See Appendix G.]

The Report of the Home Missionary Board was presented. It was accepted without discussion. [See Appendix H.]

Resolved, That the Home Mission Board of last year be re-appointed with the addition of Brother A. Cohoon, (Licentiate).

The Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board was presented and accepted.

The Committee on Obituaries presented their report. Report accepted. [See Appendix I.]

Moved that the following sums be paid out of the funds of the Infirm Minister's Board:

To Rev. Robert Morton.....	\$60.00
To Rev. H. Saunders.....	40.00
To Mrs. S. Vidito.....	20.00
To defray the expenses of the burial of Mrs. W. Jackson....	20.00

Moved that in case a Provincial Home Missionary organization be formed at Berwick with the consent of the delegates from this

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Association, and of those from the Churches connected with it the Domestic Missionary and Acadian French Missionary Boards be instructed to transfer their work and funds to said provincial organization as soon as can be conveniently done.

The following resolutions were also adopted.

Whereas a new Baptist Hymn Book is being prepared under the direction of the Ontario Baptist Missionary Convention for use in the Baptist Churches in that part of the Dominion, and whereas, while the work it is believed will not be inferior in quality, and can be supplied at a much cheaper rate than the American Hymn Book.

Therefore Resolved, That this Association regards the proposal with favor, and would be disposed to recommend this Hymn Book to the Churches if on examination it be found to justify the intimations given.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the members of the Church and community at North Brookfield, for the kind and hospitable entertainment, they have extended to us during the session of this body.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet with the Baptist Church at Bridgetown, on the Third Saturday in June, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned by prayer and benediction by Rev. W. G. Parker.

J. H. SANDERS, *Moderator*.

JOSEPH JONES, *Clerk*.

A. COHOON, *Assistant Clerk*.

Statistics of the Churches in Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association, held at North Brookfield, Queen's Co., 1872.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.			Present Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.		Died.
1 Acadian French Mission.....	1870	M. Normandy.....	1870	Simon Bolser.....						43
2 Annapolis and Upper Granville...	1830	G. Armstrong.....	1854	John Rice, Bridgetown.....	9	1	1	3		179
3 Argyle.....	1871	I. Wallace.....	1871	George Robbins, Arcadia, Yarmouth Co.	31	17		1		89
4 Arcadia.....	1828	J. H. Saunders.....	1872	A. J. Leadbetter, Brookfield.....				2		96
5 Brookfield.....	1846	W. H. Richan.....	1871	George H. Gouidy, Beaver River.....	5	5		1		90
6 Beaver River.....		J. Williams.....	1871	James Potter, Clementspond.....	11	1		3		209
7 Barrington*.....	1817			R. H. Telfer, Caledonia.....						36
8 Clements.....				Albert Carswell.....						29
*9 Caledonia.....	1840	J. C. Morse.....								31
10 Dalhousie West*.....	1809	J. C. Morse.....								75
11 Digby.....	1834	J. A. Moore.....								125
12 Digby Neck, 1st*.....	1835	H. Achilles.....								139
13 Digby Neck, 2nd*.....	1861			Nath. Freeman, Greenfield, Queen's Co.....						238
14 Freeport*.....	1824	Adoniram Cogswell.....	1871	Jacob Chute, Hampton, Annapolis Co.....	2	4				82
15 Greenfield.....	1837	J. Rowe.....	1868	James Crosby, Hebron.....	85	3		6		87
16 Greywood and Milford*.....	1823	G. D. Cox.....	1870	William Dunn, Bear River.....	4	4				96
17 Hampton.....	1842	A. Cogswell.....		John S. Thomas.....	3	1		7		340
18 Hebron.....	1856			Thomas Delong, Kempt, Queen's Co.....						246
19 Hillsburg, 1st.....	1857	Henry Achilles.....	1870	Charles Crosby.....	3	3		1		246
20 Hillsburg, 2nd.....	1821	Jos. Jones.....		Leander Turb, Kingston, Nelly Road, F. O.....	1	1		2		107
21 Jordan Bay*.....	1821									62
22 Jordan River**.....	1829									18
23 Kempt.....	1841	Ebenezer Stronach.....	1860	William Herkins.....						140
24 Liverpool.....	1829	W. G. Parker.....	1841	George W. Freeman, Milton, Queen's Co.....						240
25 Lower Aylesford & South Wilmot.....	1841	J. M. Parker.....	1860	William Reid, Mill Village.....						104
26	1841	M. P. Freeman.....	1871	W. A. Morse.....						30
27	1843	P. O. Foster.....	1829	Jesse Oakes, New Albany.....						71
28	1860									30
29	1841									316
30	1829									30
31	1860									51
32	1856									221
33	1809									71
34	1823									30
35	1843									10

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56	1841						30
57	1841						51
58	1841						221
59	1841						71
60	1841						30

MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles.....	Greenfield.....	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong.....	Bridgetown.....	Dec. 30, 1848	Port Medway.
" T. Burditt.....	Pine Grove.....	1842	Sutton, St. Mary's, G.B.
" A. Cogswell.....	St. Mary's Bay.....	Jan. —, 1843	Chute's Cove.
" G. D. Cox.....	Bear River.....	Jan. 4, 1865	Clements.
" George E. Day.....	Yarmouth.....	June 25, 1868	Yarmouth.
" Thomas C. Delong.....	Kempt, Queen's Co.	Feb. —, 1834	New Albany.
" M. P. Freeman.....	Nictaux.....	July 5, 1863	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" P. R. Foster.....	Tusket.....	Sept. 9, 1868	Kempt, Queen's Co.
" L. B. Gates.....	Wilnot Mountain.	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" Joseph Jones.....	Liverpool.....	Nov. 25, 1869	Digby.
" J. C. Morse.....	Digby Neck.....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" P. F. Murray.....	Granville.....	Mar. 14, 1848	Westport.
" R. S. Morton.....	Nictaux.....	Feb. —, 1852	Nictaux.
" J. A. Moore.....	Westport.....	Aug. 5, 1857	Port George.
" J. McKenne.....	Ragged Islands...	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normondy.....	Saulnierville.....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" J. Melbourne Parker...	Port Medway.....	Oct. 5, 1865	Springfield.
" W. H. Porter.....	Yarmouth.....	Sept. 5, 1862	Wilnot.
" Obed Parker.....	Aylesford.....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilnot.
" W. G. Parker.....	Milton.....	Jan. 20, 1843	New Albany.
" W. L. Parker.....	West Yarmouth.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Upper Aylesford.
" Charles Randall.....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" W. H. Richan.....	Barrington.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe.....	Hebron.....	.....	Maccan.
" J. A. Stubbart.....	Deerfield, Yarm....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" A. Stronach.....	Aylesford.....	Oct. 6, 1836	Bill Town.
" J. H. Saunders.....	Beaver River.....	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" C. Tupper, D.D.....	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" N. Vidto.....	Wilnot.....	May 10, 1832	Wilnot.
" Isaiah Wallace.....	Yarmouth.....	April 3, 1856	Scotch Town, N. B.
" John Williams.....	Clements.....	Jan. —, 1862	Centreville, N. B.

Licentiates.

George O. Gates, of Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilnot.
 Benjamin Miller, Bridgetown.
 Atwood Cohoon, Port Medway.
 G. B. Titus, Yarmouth.
 N. O. Saunders, Ohio.
 J. Johnston Armstrong, Bridgetown.
 J. H. Robbins, Yarmouth South.

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THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED, 1872.

Beloved Brethren,—

The sublime and startling statement, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price," rings in our ears at the very commencement of our religious life. And as we hear the Master's voice saying unto us, "Glorify God in your bodies and spirits which are his," we acknowledge his claim. We admit his right to all we have and are. Life—body—soul—all,—we are ready to lay on his altar. And we exclaim, "What have we but our sins that we have not received? But as a limb loses strength and vigour by lack of exercise, so does a faculty of the soil or a grace of the heart. Through improper training, neglect of carrying out good resolutions, or the cooling of religious ardour, we soon come to seek our "own, and not the things that are Jesus Christ's; originally all things were declared to be the Lord's; yet we find even Christians ready to claim some things as their *own*. They would seemingly break up the proprietorship of Jesus, and to a certain extent dispossess the Creator. To warp us back from our departure from God in this matter to a proper anchorage-ground, let us note the following considerations:—

I. GOD *demand*s LIBERALITY AT THE HANDS OF HIS PEOPLE.

Did he not ask of the ancient patriarchs, even to a tenth of their income, valuable animals in sacrifice? And was not this offering imposed upon them as an obligation they owed to God, and as a condition of his worship? We are told that "the Lord had respect unto Abel, and to his offering." It is said that "Abraham gave Melchisedec tithes of all." "Even the patriarch Abraham," says Paul, "gave the tenth of the spoils." And Jacob said; "I will surely give the tenth unto thee."

As time passes on and the strife for wealth grows keen, and men are in danger of becoming selfish and exclusive, the Lord demands liberal gifts of his people Israel, as an evidence of their attachment to him and a proof that their worship is sincere. The burdens laid upon them in this matter would seem to us heavy in the extreme. The tenth was to be given to the tribe of Levi. Another tenth was for public festivals, and for the poor. The first born males of cattle were to be given up, and other donations were to be made

to the poor. Hence a very large proportion of their income must have been given for benevolent purposes.

Now, as christians live in the midst of greater light and are surrounded by more abundant blessings, we do not wonder that the Lord should expect great gifts of us, "Thou shalt not appear before me empty," is his command, "Bring an offering, and come into his courts," is the word of his servant. The law of Christ, his example, and moral likeness to him, all demand of the Christian large liberality. In this way God would teach man that He alone is the Proprietor and Ruler of the Universe—that his claims are superior to those of all others, and that he has a right to do as he will with his own. In demanding of man a portion of his income for the support of his worship, he would teach man the value and privilege of that worship, and that if he would enjoy the blessing, he must make the sacrifice.

II. GOD *commends* LIBERALITY.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor, the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble," "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again." "He hath dispersed; he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour," "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The abundant and varied provision which the Lord ordered his ancient people to make for the poor, and the many valuable gifts that were to be brought to his altar, shew in what estimation he holds christian liberality.

III. JESUS *teaches* LIBERALITY.

By the parable of the good Samaritan, he condemns selfish exclusiveness, and teaches that sympathy which prompts to appropriate relief is a mark of heavenly citizenship and heavenly brotherhood. By two other parables, he discloses man's relation to God as a steward. In one he shows that the Lord expects returns in proportion to the talents received. In the other, he informs us that he will bestow the rewards of grace according to the faithful improvement of the talents that were possessed. And the Saviour's whole grand and blessed life was a commentary on his teachings in this matter. From first to last, his life of goodness—human and divine—was the embodiment of benevolence. And this is what he expects to find in his people. They are "not to love in word; neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." They are to be "rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate."

IV. THE EARLY CHRISTIANS PRACTISED LIBERALITY.

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Holy Spirit in renewed hearts, the early disciples had all things in common. They rose at once out of their natural selfishness and national exclusiveness, and gave up their property for the general good. And when a famine was predicted, the early church contributed without delay so as to mitigate its severity.

A beautiful example of christian liberality is the humble Dorcas, who labored most diligently so as to be able to give away. Cornelius, too, was frequent in prayers and abundant in alms. And wherever this Gospel is preached throughout the world, what they did will be spoken of for a memorial of them.

The Philippian Church was distinguished for its liberality. Although it was originally composed of a few stalwart Romans who had been dispossessed of their lands by the Roman Emperor, the Apostle Paul could point to it with pride as a benevolent church. For the greater part of thirteen years, in whole or in part, they had supported him in his missionary tours. And true to his promise, the Lord blessed this church abundantly.

V. THE METHOD OF LIBERALITY.

Whatever God demands of his intelligent creatures, he teaches them how to perform. When he asked the patriarchs for offerings, he told them in what way and to what extent they were to be brought. And so he taught the Israelites. So he teaches us. The New Testament discloses a method of liberality, by which the most signal advantages may be gained. For adherence to God's method will always ensure success. "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him that there be no gatherings when I come." Here we have time, priority for God, proportion, ease and certainty, to commend this plan to our attention. In this injunction, we have *periodic dedication to God*, "Upon the first day of the week." *General participation* "Every one of you." The giving is to be personal, all are to give. Then we have *prior and certain provision*, "lay by him in store," and *conscientious proportion*, "as the Lord hath prospered him;" and *complete preparedness*, "that there be no gatherings when I come." Let this plan be adopted by the churches and properly worked up, and the amount of money raised for benevolent purposes will be at least double, and with but a tithe of the trouble now experienced.

VI. THE ADVANTAGES OF LIBERALITY.

What are these? *Liberality checks the tendency to idolize property.* Man is ever craving for self indulgence, and looking round for self-protection. Not fearing God, he forgets his dependence on him. He cannot trust him for the future. He prefers to take the reins in his own hands, and to get all he can in his possession for possible future needs. The Christian is too prone to fall into the same errors. And he requires the influence of an enlightened and large christian liberality to draw him from these evils, and save

him from the idolatry of gold. Viewed in the light of truth and enernity, christian giving will be invested with a charm and a power that will wither into insignificance all the supposed advantages of idolized wealth. *Large christian liberality strengthens the heart's love to God.*

The heart that loves will wish to bestow its best gifts on the object of its love. We reserve our choicest treasures for those that are dearest to us. And our hearts go with our gifts. The flame of love and the stream of benevolence run parallel. And seldom does one go beyond the other. He who loves God most, if he have the ability, will do most for God. And he who devises liberal things for the Lord will find divine love in his heart greatly strengthened and increased. It is no marvel, then, that the curse of the Lord should rest on such selfish souls as Achan, Gehazi, and Demas, and we wonder not that a curse was the portion of Israel for robbing the treasury of the Lord.

VII. THE NEED OF LIBERALITY.

Our Foreign Missions need it. The heathen are perishing, stretchng out their hands to us, they are begging for the bread of life. Continually are they sending to our ears the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." We have not sufficient means to give them help. Increased liberality on the part of christians is, therefore, a great necessity of the age.

Our Home Missions need it. Weak churches are growing weaker every year, and staggering to their fall. Destitute sections about our own doors are becoming darker and darker. We want the means to send them the light. Liberality on the part of the churches is therefore a crying necessity of the age.

The cause of Education needs it. We want more ministers. Where are we to look for them? To the Lord. Yes; but the Lord does not usually give us ministers full grown at once. We must look mainly to Acadia College. To train these men called of God for the churches the churches must supply the means. And with the spirit of a large christian liberality among the churches, a grand Endowment for the College could easily be raised. An increased liberality, then, on the part of our denomination is most pressing necessity of the present age.

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report as follows :

That the widespread and direful effects of intemperance still call loudly for vigilant, constant and devoted effort on the part of our ministers and people to suppress, both by precept and example, this monster vice.

They beg, therefore, to recommend :

1. That the Churches comprising this Association regard total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, as an absolute prerequisite to church membership.

2. That our Pastors and Missionaries be requested still to advocate the principles of total abstinence in the pulpit and on the platform as often and as effectually as possible, and that such advocacy be accompanied by the most tenacious and conscientious practical adherence to these principles.

3. That the utmost attention be given to the inculcation of temperance principles in the minds of the children of our Sabbath Schools and families, by the formation of Juvenile Temperance Societies, when practicable, and by imparting instruction upon the pernicious effects of alcoholic drinks upon the human system as well as their destructive influence, morally and spiritually, upon all who indulge in their use.

Respectfully submitted,

ISA. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF THE ACADIA FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

In making their 21st Annual Report your Board would express their gratitude to God for his blessing on the Mission.

Our Missionary has been permitted to continue his labors without interruption for the past year.

The following is a summary of his work : Sermons preached 80. Family visits 223. Miles travelled 1766. He has also distributed 80 pages of Tracts, 4 New Testaments and 4 Bibles ; besides teaching by the wayside as opportunity offered. This wayside teaching forms quite an important item. This is the report of our Missionary since the 30th of Sept. last.

The Board would now call the attention of the Association to the necessity of obtaining another efficient Missionary ; especially as we have a Mission House unoccupied, and a large field adjoining cultivated.

Miss Ellen Porter, as recommended by the Association last year, has been engaged in teaching a small school; a room in the Mission House at Saulnierville having been fitted up for this purpose. Five scholars, besides Bro. Normanday's family, have been in attendance. Miss Porter reports their progress in their studies as very encouraging. They became quite fond of committing to memory portions of the Scriptures, and of singing some favorite hymns. But they are now forbidden to attend. This is no more than might be reasonably expected from those who are opposed to the spread of our principles among these people.

From experience we may learn that a Mission School is a necessary auxiliary in our work; and that in order to maintain it, we must make it as far as possible independent of all opposing influences.

Our Missionary reports that there are many children to be found among the converts of our mission and elsewhere to whom the privileges of a Mission School would be a great blessing. For various reasons we can only reach them in this way by taking them under the care of the Mission, and assuming in many cases their entire support. It is not the good pleasure of our Saviour that these little ones should perish. Is he not opening before us this door? Shall we not enter immediately and labor? We have now the premises to accommodate such an institution. We only need additional funds. Should our churches favorably view such an enterprise the funds could soon be raised. Our sisters, who are now putting forth efforts so commendable and efficient in behalf of the perishing abroad, will doubtless extend to these little ones at home, who too are perishing for lack of knowledge, the superior advantages which we with our own children are enjoying.

Another consideration may urge us in this direction. We are now and have been looking abroad for Colporteurs. With the blessing of God upon a Mission School we will soon raise up our own workmen. We will be prepared to enlarge operations, and turn to better account all our accessions.

To meet the current expenses of the mission, and at the same time to avoid sending out our Missionary as heretofore collecting, your Board arranged for holding meetings in behalf of the mission with the churches in the county of Yarmouth, and by Circular recommend this course to all the churches in the Province. But few churches beside responded to our call. In the Co. of Yarmouth these efforts were quite successful and resulted in raising a sum by which we have been enabled to meet quite punctually present demands. At a late meeting of the Board the following resolution passed unanimously:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the consolidation of our Home Missionary Organizations, both English and French, would be more conducive to the advancement of the Redeemer's reign in this Province.

It is our painful duty to record the death of one of our members Bro. BB. Moses who since 1855 has been a member of our Board was suddenly removed from us by death on the 3rd of Feb. last

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He was a good man and true. We miss him in our meetings; for he was always in his place ready to work and bear responsibilities. But while we mourn for him as a brother beloved, we are cheered with the precious assurance that he rests from his labors.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

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Examined and found correct.
J. C. ANDERSON.

Brookfield, June, 1872.

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REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg to report that they have learned with pleasure of the success of the labors of Sisters Norris and DeWolfe during the past year in the Foreign field, and they commend a continuance and increase of the exertions put forth by the W. M. A. Societies for the support of these sisters. They also

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recommend the Churches connected with this Association to take still greater interest in the work of Foreign Missions.

Your Committee would report in relation to Home Missions that they are pleased with what has been done in this department, but they would recommend that a more extended and systematic effort be immediately put forth to unite weak churches and supply the destitute with the Word of Life.

In regard to the French Mission the committee would report that some progress has been made in this mission during the year, but they think another missionary is needed, and one or two colporteurs to carry forward the work successfully.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. DAY, *Chairman.*

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FIRM MINISTERS' FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH CHAS. RANDALL, TREASURER.

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By balance as per acct. rendered to Association, 1871..		\$316.18
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Balance		\$236.65

CHARLES RANDALL, *Treasurer.*

The above seems to us to be the balance in hands of the Treasurer.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The honorable connection which Baptists have had in the past with the cause of Education under christian influences, should encourage us to continue vigorous exertion for this worthy object. We do not fear intelligence and culture, we desire them; but we wish that all learning may be sanctified to the Lord, and all culture may show forth more perfectly the grace of God which bringeth salvation.

About forty-five years ago the Baptists of this Province began to sustain an institution of learning, and this effort has been continued on an increasing scale to the present time. We look with gratitude to the work of the past. But improvements in all other departments of life, call for advancement in our institutions for general and

theological education. Your Committee learn that it is the wish of the Governors of the College to enlarge its foundations and put it in condition honorably to meet the increasing demands of the age. We believe it to be the duty of every church connected with our body in the Province to assist in this work according to its ability. The time has come to show our attachment to Acadia and faith in the principles on which it rests by tangible proofs. The crisis demands prompt action. It is perilous to wait. The time is favorable. We urge the Governors to push on this work now, for we believe that the indications of the times clearly show that the Head of the Church has set it before our people as the duty of the hour.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SAWYER.

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report that, since, in their opinion, the chief object of Sabbath School effort should be the glory of God in the conversion of souls, and, especially, of the souls of the young; too much importance cannot be attached to this great work, for, in proportion as this is successful, shall we have our churches enlarged with the very material they most need, viz: the youth of our land converted to God, and educated in biblical knowledge.

Your Committee believe that greater success would attend Sabbath School work if Adult Bible Classes were more general. They would have a tendency to secure a greater interest in the work on the part of the parents as well as the children.

Your Committee believe that in view of the anticipated consolidation in the Home work and the Independent action in the Foreign field a new and increasingly important and encouraging era is already dawning upon our churches in connection with Sabbath School effort and success. We shall have more to labor for as we shall see more clearly the importance of the work.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend the Superintendents and Teachers of Sabbath Schools and the Pastors of Churches to spare no pains in furnishing the schools with information in reference to Missions—home and foreign. Also, to continue the schools in operation throughout the year, even though the attendance should be smaller during the Winter months, as, in their opinion, this is one of the most efficient steps leading to their prosperity and usefulness.

In closing, your Committee would affectionately remind teachers that since the main source of success lies in the blessing of God and thorough preparation, they should go to their classes only after such careful preparation and earnest prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. KEMPTON, *Chairman*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance report that as the holy Sabbath is of divine appointment it should be strictly observed. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. Exodus xx. 9, 10.

Under the law the Sabbath commemorated the finishing of the work of creation. Under the gospel the day of rest commemorates the bringing in of the better hope, procured through the finished work of Christ. The same necessity exists for a due regard of this holy day under the new dispensation as under the old. It is as truly ministers to man's spiritual necessities and should be as sacredly observed.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully urge upon the members of this Association the necessity of their personal influence in maintaining an institution that in its observance honors God and brings the most precious benefits to man. In an age like this when our people are urged onward by the lust for gain — there is great danger lest they fail in a due regard for this sacred day.

Our manufacturing interests are attended with peculiar temptations in this direction, and it behoves the church to watch the conduct of its members in regard to needless violation of the holy Sabbath as strictly as in the case of any other transgression of any other part of the moral law.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

BROOKFIELD, *June 15th, 1872.*

YOUR BOARD HAS ENDEAVORED TO PERFORM THE WORK ASSIGNED TO IT, AND PRESENT A REPORT OF LABOR PERFORMED.

Rev. Joseph H. Saunders was assigned a mission of one year to Shelburne and vicinity by your previous Board. Three months of this term has been performed since the last meeting of the Association. Of this labor your Board have received a Report. *Bro. S.* labored faithfully and with much acceptance. He gives the following summary of the work performed: Sermons 20. Prayer and Conference Meetings 5. Family visits 74. Miles travelled 906.

Rev. Perez Murray labored one quarter of the term of nine months at Dalhousie West, closing Dec. 26th, 1871, and preached 86 sermons, made 70 family visits, held 8 conference meetings, and baptized 1. *Rev. Joseph Saunders* having resigned his connection

with the Board, as Missionary to Shelburne and vicinity, Bro. Murray in January last was appointed 13 weeks to that field which was duly fulfilled.

We present an abstract of his Report "Went to Jordan Bay and Sand Point—found the brethren there much depressed in spirit. Commenced laboring with them in the gospel, and the Lord was pleased to bless our efforts in the reviving of his work in the hearts of his people. Several who had gone astray were reclaimed, and some sinners were hopefully converted to God. Felt the need of a more commodious place of worship, as the school houses were crowded to excess. Held some services at Shelburne but with no especial tokens of good,—Spent also a few days at East Sable River—found this little church walking in love. Baptized one young man, and received another person into the fellowship of the church by Letter. They are making an effort to build a Meeting House and need help."

Preached 71 sermons. Other meetings held 47. Families visited 90. Baptized 7. Collected in aid of the mission \$57.44.

Bro. Benjamin Miller, Licentiate, labored 6 weeks in Milford and Greywood. He reports good attendance upon the preaching of the word, especially at Milford. Our brother writes "At the close of the Mission there seemed to be a manifestation of the divine favor. One old wanderer returned with weeping to his Father's house, to the great joy of the feeble few that were endeavoring to uphold the cause of God—and I am persuaded that there are others, in the secret of their hearts, crying "O that I knew where I might find him.'" Sermons delivered 13. Prayer and Conference Meetings 4. Families visited 20. Received in aid of the mission \$8.50.

This brother also spent 5 weeks at New Albany. He states that he 'found the church in a low state, but that a few praying souls were there to welcome him, and to plead with God for the divine blessing to attend his labors amongst the people; and that in answer to these prayers, an interest was awakened that if followed up and improved must be productive of great good."

Previous to his leaving—the people circulated subscription papers and received pledges to the amount of \$100.00 for the support of Bro. Miller for one half of the time during the coming year—providing the Board can place him on that field. This action of the brethren is worthy of commendation, and encouragement.

Bro. Miller furnishes the following summary of labor performed: Sermons preached 12. Families visited 28. Prayer and Conference Meetings 6. Collected \$11.18.

Rev. Obed Parker spent 4 weeks in Sherbrook and Springfield. His services were gratefully received. He believes that much good would result from the stated ministry of the word in those localities. He reports: Sermons preached 11. Family visits 35. Other meetings 5. Collected \$10.20.

Rev. R. Walker was appointed 4 weeks to New Ross and Dalhousie East. He reports 2 weeks labor in each place. He

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"found the people in a dark and scattered state." He reports: Sermons preached 8. Families visited 20. Conference and other meetings 4. Collected \$3.00.

At a meeting of the Board in May, it was voted in consideration of the destitute condition of the brethren at Handy Mountain and Port George, to request Rev. L. B. Gates to give them what portion of time he may be able to spare until the Association. He reports a low state of religion. Spent 1 week with the brethren: Sermons preached 3. Conference Meeting 1. Families visited 20. Collected \$1.00.

Rev. H. Achilles received an appointment from the Board of 4 weeks to Chelsea and vicinity. He found the cause very low, and the church much scattered. Services were held mostly in dwelling houses, and these were crowded to excess. The missionary was permitted to witness good results of his labors in the reviving of God's work in the hearts of his people, and indications of interest amongst the young. He says "Our last meetings seemed to be deeply interesting, and I trust some have obtain pardon." This field is greatly destitute of the preached gospel. But they are encouraged to go on with their Prayer and Conference meetings. They have started an interesting Sabbath School: Sermons preached 15. Families visited 45. Prayer and Conference Meetings 4. Collected \$6.50.

The work of your missionaries may be summarized as follows:

Weeks of labor 58.

Sermons delivered 189.

Prayer and Conference Meetings 84.

Families visited 402.

Baptized 8.

Collected by missionaries \$104.82.

Your Board would further invite attention to the fact that our destitute fields are under the present arrangement, inadequately supplied with the preached word. Some of these sections can only enjoy the services of the missionary for a few weeks of the year, while for months they are left wholly destitute. It is felt that there are certain grave defects in our present methods of working. With a proper system we could furnish our destitute churches with *stated* preaching, and obtain from our people greatly increased contributions. Holding the truths we cherish, and working them out by gospel, we must "wax stronger and stronger." We have reason for gratitude for the prosperity and growth of some of our churches, but yet it is evident that we are far from accomplishing what we ought, with the divine blessing. We need to be more liberal in giving, more bountiful in giving, more prompt and zealous in action. The churches must observe the law of christian charity, and seek for the things whereby they may edify one another! The wealthier should have nothing over, and the poorer should feel no lack.

Your Board look forward with interest to the proposed Convention

of the churches in Berwick to discuss the subject of union in the missionary work; and trust that these deliberations will be carried on in the fear of God and result in great good to the interests of religion in our beloved Province.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. FREEMAN, *Secretary.*

HOME MISSION BOARD IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

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Oct. 4.	Rev. W. H. Richan, for labor performed last year.....		\$34.11
"	Rev. P. F. Murray, for last year.....		15.00
1872.			
April 30.	Bro. Benjamin Miller, Licentiate.....		36.00
"	Rev. P. F. Murray.....		7.50
May 7.	Rev. P. F. Murray.....		46.50
"	Rev. D W. Crandall.....		46.25
June 11.	Bro. Benjamin Miller, Licentiate.....		18.82
"	Rev. O. Parker.....		21.80
"	Rev. Robert Walker.....		13.00
"	Rev. L. B. Gates.....		7.00
15.	Rev. H. Achilles.....		25.50
	Cash in hand.....		147.36
			\$418.84

Paid to Missions during the year, \$104.82, which is not included in the above sum.

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1871.			
Oct. 4.	Received from Western Association.....		\$376.10
1872.			
Jan. 8.	" " J. P. Dodge from Pine Grove Church...		8.54
Feb. 15.	" " per S. Selden, from a friend in Hebron, Week of Prayer Offering.....		8.00
"	" " Interest on Debentures \$30 N. S.....		29.20
June 11.	" " Rev. L. B. Gates.....		2.00
			\$418.84

Received by Missionary during the year \$104.82, which is not included in the above sum.

BENJAMIN H. PARKER, *Treasurer H. M. B.*

Examined and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, } *Auditors.*
A. T. BAKER, }

Statement of the Amts. Collected by the Missionaries of the Board.

REV. PEREZ MURRAY at Shelburne.....	\$13.06
" " Sand Point.....	28.58
" " Jordan Bay.....	12.80
" " East Sable River.....	3.00
BRO. BENJAMIN MILLER at Milford and Greywood...	8.50
" " New Albany.....	11.18
REV. D. W. CRANDALL at Digby.....	8.00
REV. OBED PARKER at Sherbrook.....	3.20
" " Springfield.....	7.90
REV. R. WALKER at Dalhousie East.....	8.00
REV. H. CHARLTON at Chelsea.....	6.50
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DEPARTED BRETHREN.

The fathers have passed away. The men who were active in our churches a long time ago have been removed from earthly cares, trials and labors. They were early identified with the rise and progress of our denomination in this Province, and, one after another, like the stars that seem to fade away in the brighter glories of the opening day, they disappear. The fathers were succeeded by a class of gospel laborers of another type—not in spirit—but in the mode of operation in the churches.

There are a few surviving lay brethren in some of our older churches who knew the fathers, and who were blessed with their spiritual ministrations more than half a century ago. These lay brethren have enjoyed the labors of the fathers and their successors; and some of them have been strong men in Zion—living branches of the living vine. They, too, are gradually being struck down by the unsparing hand of death.

During the past year, though none of our ministers within the limits of this Association, have fallen, several of the aged lay brethren have been called from the church militant.

The first of these, of whom we shall speak, is **OBADIAH SAUNDERS**, who recently died at Springfield. For many years, as a licentiate, he preached with good acceptance in various places. Though his intellect, naturally vigorous, had not been cultured by education, his preaching ability was respectable—his spirit fervent—his utterances were ready—and his doctrinal views were evangelically sound.

The next in order of notice is **DEACON SAMUEL WHELOCK**, of Nictaux Church, who was baptized by the Rev. Thomas Handley Chipman more than half a century ago. Through his subsequent life he continued a useful member of the church.

Almost simultaneously with his death was that of **DEACON JOHN BRINTON**, of Wilmot Mountain. What has been said of Deacon Wheelock is applicable to Deacon Brinton. He was baptized by Father Ansley, a long time ago, and was a prominent actor and participator in the series of precious revivals that were enjoyed in this western part of the province, about forty years ago.

Another faithful Deacon **WILLIAM CROSBY**, of Hebron, Yarmouth County, has also passed away. He was distinguished for his unostentatious piety and unwavering fidelity to Christ. He was one of Father Harris Harding's early converts.

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All these brethren were born into the church in the days of the Fathers, and they have rejoiced and ripened in those times of revival that originated in the labors of the men, who succeeded the Mannings—the Hardings—the Dimocks—the Crandalls—the Chipmans and the Ansleys.

Brother B. B. MOSES, of Yarmouth, who was with us, in the prime and vigor of robust manhood at our last associational gathering, was suddenly called from earth last Winter. Compared with the others mentioned, he was a young man, but was a pious, steadfast and active christian, and he efficiently labored in the Church—in the Temperance cause—and in the efforts put forth to inaugurate and sustain our French Mission.

The departure of these veteran brethren is fraught with solemn reminders to survivors.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGUS M. GIDNEY,
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**Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Western Baptist Association,
June, 1873.**

SCHOOLS.	No. of Schools.	SCHOLARS.			Ave. attendance.	TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.				
1 Yarmouth 1st.....	2	69	75	144	130	7	8	15	18	30	350	\$125 00
2 Yarmouth West.....	2	26	34	60	.....	5	5	10	.....	20	200	8 00
3 Greenfield.....	1	24	26	50	40	5	6	11	.....	25	150	1 60
4 Caledonia.....	1	30	35	65	50	5	5	10	.....	10	100	12 00
5 Hampton.....	1	25	25	50	45	3	3	6	7	16	95	26 00
6 Milton.....	1	69	85	154	135	10	13	23	23	30	175	.....
7 L. Aylesford & S. Wilmot.	1	55	60	115	90	10	6	5	11	15	200	26 00
8 Liverpool.....	1	40	45	85	80	10	10	17	6	23	200	53 17
9 North Brookfield.....	1	32	38	70	60	6	5	6	14	15	100	.....
10 Temple.....	1	66	94	160	118	13	9	22	.....	32	375	61 00
11 Springfield.....	2	49	46	91	80	3	2	5	28	21	190	.....
12 West Sherbrooke.....	7	16	18	34	.....	2	3	5	.....	11	300	9 50
13 Beaver River.....	3	99	90	189	.....	14	15	29	.....	.....	75	.....
14 New Albany.....	1	12	16	28	28	2	4	6	.....	5	300	.....
15 St. Mary's Bay.....	1	7	23	30	30	1	4	5	.....	12	150	6 00
16 Wood's Harbor.....	1	20	24	44	30	4	4	8	9	10	80	2 25
17 Digby.....	1	12	15	27	.....	3	5	8	6	10	100	.....
18 Kempt Church.....	1	34	32	66	.....	5	3	8	8	.....	100	.....
19 Ragged Island 1st.....	2	49	43	92	80	8	8	16	.....	10	310	20 00
20 Sable River.....	1	30	30	60	40	4	4	8	.....	8	200	.....
21 Annapolis & U. Granville.	1	40	49	89	56	5	5	10	20	32	200	15 00
22 Ragged Island 2nd.....	1	10	12	22	.....	1	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 Port Medway.....	1	14	17	31	.....	1	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
24 Hebron.....	1	62	77	139	102	15	6	21	.....	8	130	20 00
25 Yarmouth South.....	1	20	30	50	48	5	4	9	9	22	100	.....
26 Arcadia.....	1	44	53	97	61	6	7	13	.....	30	130	25 00
27 Nictaux.....	7	133	156	289	240	15	12	27	48	31	131	20 00
28 Ohio.....	1	49	52	101	76	9	2	11	40	56	100	.....
29 Tusket.....	1	40	46	86	53	6	1	7	.....	189	37 25	
30 Clements.....	4	135	140	275	225	13	15	28	79	62	600	33 00
31 Hillsburgh 1st.....	1	50	50	100	90	4	4	8	20	20	100	.....
32 Upper Wilmot.....	4	124	121	245	205	24	13	27	65	.....	335	.....
33 Yarmouth 3rd.....	1	30	34	64	60	5	6	11	22	170	.....	.....
34 Hillgrove.....	1	19	23	42	35	4	2	6	.....	50	13 00	.....
35 Lake George.....	1	25	20	45	40	7	2	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	53	1659	1834	3393	.....	226	207	432	.....	.....	.....	.....

**Treasurer's Account of Monies for Benevolent Objects received at
the N. S. Western Baptist Association held at North Brookfield,
Queen's County, 1872.**

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Infirm Ministers.	Total.
1 Acadia French Mission.....	\$1 00	\$2 00	\$12 00	.....	.....	.....	\$5 00
2 Arcadia, Yarmouth Co.....	7 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
3 Annapolis & Upper Granville....	28 00	8 00	10 00	.....	18 00	5 00	69 00
4 Brookfield, Queens Co.....	9 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	5 00	3 28	26 28
5 Clements.....	20 00	60 00	10 00	4 48	10 00	4 00	108 48
6 Caledonia.....	3 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	6 00
7 Digby.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
8 East Ragged Island.....	4 73	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 73
9 Greenfield.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 60	6 60
10 Hampton.....	.....	2 78	2 50	.....	.....	1 12	6 40
11 Hillgrove, Digby Co.....	3 50	3 50	3 50	.....	.....	1 44	11 94
12 Hillsburgh, 1st.....	15 00	15 00	3 00	4 00	.....	4 00	41 00
13 Hillsburgh, 2nd.....	2 20	3 66	6 60	.....	.....	.....	12 38
14 Kempt, Queens Co.....	4 00	5 00	4 50	.....	.....	3 80	17 30
15 Louis Head.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
16 Lower Aylesford & South Wilmot	11 00	17 24	8 00	1 50	.....	4 00	41 74
17 Liverpool.....	20 00	9 00	10 00	.....	5 00	5 00	49 00
18 Mill Village.....	.....	2 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	8 00
19 Middlefield.....	.....	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
20 Milton, Yarmouth Co.....	13 56	7 00	0 50	.....	5 00	3 25	29 31
21 Milton, Queens Co.....	25 00	42 50	25 00	6 00	.....	8 31	106 81
22 Nictaux.....	18 14	18 17	20 47	1 53	.....	5 16	63 47
23 Ohio, Yarmouth Co.....	.....	.....	20 60	.....	.....	.....	20 60
24 Pine Grove.....	10 00	7 35	5 00	.....	.....	.....	22 35
25 Port Medway.....	3 00	12 00	3 00	.....	2 68	.....	20 68
26 Ragged Island, 1st.....	21 00	11 00	6 57	.....	.....	.....	38 57
27 Sabie River, Shelburne Co.....	10 65	6 96	0 25	.....	.....	.....	17 86
28 Sissiboo.....	0 50	5 68	8 82	.....	.....	1 00	16 00
29 St. Mary's Bay.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	6 08	26 08
30 Temple Church, Yarmouth Co....	73 35	191 16	42 75	42 75	.....	41 25	1391 26
31 Tusket.....	3 37	2 75	0 50	1 25	2 50	0 50	10 87
32 Tusket New.....	2 22	4 80	6 78	.....	.....	.....	15 80
33 Tusket Lakes.....	2 50	2 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	9 00
34 Upper Wilmot.....	4 75	9 75	4 77	4 75	4 75	4 45	33 20
35 Woods Harbour.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	0 50	.....	3 00
36 Wilmot Mountain.....	.....	8 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00
37 Wilmot.....	15 97	28 51	9 35	5 37	10 00	5 37	74 57
38 Yarmouth, 1st.....	69 19	129 53	26 26	26 57	38 26	58 03	340 56
39 Yarmouth, 3rd.....	5 50	.....	6 75	.....	.....	.....	12 25
40 Yarmouth, South.....	7 74	18 96	10 54	3 50	.....	.....	40 74
41 Yarmouth West.....	6 00	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	2 30	16 30
42 Hebron, Yarmouth Co.....	20 12	15 33	6 21	0 24	0 99	42 89
Collections.....	68 52	92 39	160 91
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†\$50.00 for Native Preacher, and \$20.00 for Miss DeWolf.

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B. L. TELFER, Treasurer.

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CONSTITUTION

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Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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