

MINUTES
OF THE
TENTH SESSION
OF THE
Eastern Baptist Association
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

**HELD AT RIVER HEBERT,
Saturday, Monday, & Tuesday, July 7, 9, 10, 1860.**

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

ALSO,

THE MINUTES OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION, AND
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST
EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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MINUTES OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

RIVER HEBERT, July 7th, 1860.

The Association met at River Hebert, on Saturday, July 7th, 1860, pursuant to adjournment; Elder J. E. Balcom the Moderator of last Session, called the meeting to order, and after singing, Elder W. Hall offered prayer, when the Delegates proceeded to elect Elder W. Hall, Moderator; Elder A. F. Porter, Clerk; and Brother D. H. Jenks, Assistant Clerk.

Brother Cyrus Black was chosen Treasurer.

Elders J. E. Balcom, Jas. Reid, and Henry Eagles, were nominated a committee to examine the letters.

Elder D. W. C. Dimock, and W. F. Cutten to read them. The letters from the Churches were then read to a large audience, who listened with profound attention.

The following is a list of the Delegates and Statistics from the Churches, obtained from the letters.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Lower Maccan :—Elder Mutch, W. M. Sharp, Thos. Blinkhorn, J. W. Wood, Job Seaman.

Upper Londonderry :—Elder Thompson, Charles McCully.

Parrsboro :—N. Taylor, D. Taylor, Stephen Ruscoe, D. Jenks.

Amherst :—Elder J. E. Balcom, Moses Lowe, W. F. Cutten, B. Douglas C. Black, John Logan.

Portaupique :—Elder Jas. Reid, G. Davidson, A. Davidson, Thos. Fulton, Joseph Cook, Jehial Carr.

Pugwash :—Elder Wm. Dobson, Wm. Seaman.

Isaac's Harbor :—Elder H. Eagles.

Cape Canso :—Elder M. A. Bigelow.

Onslow :—D. Blair, J. J. King.

Indian Harbor :—Elder H. Eagles.

Great Village :—Elder Jas. Reid.

Antigonish :—Elder M. A. Bigelow.

St. Mary's 1st.—Elder K. Eagles.

Diligent River :—E. York, Thos. Bently, D. H. Jenks.

Upper Stewiacke :—J. Layton, Wm. Bently, D. Archibald.

Lot 49, P. E. I.—Elder Wm. Hall.

St. Mary's 2nd.—Elder Eagles, Jas. McKeen.

Guysboro :—Elder A. F. Porter, Bro. Jas. Hall.

St. Canso :—Elder M. A. Bigelow.

Tracadie :—Elder A. F. Porter.

Greenville :—George Burton, Josiah Webb.

Glenville :—Rufus Mills.

Goose River :—H. B. Hunter, Sherwood Mills.

Westchester :—S. Spencer, E. Sutherland,

Truro :—Elder D. W. C. Dimock, Wm. Cummings.

Advocate Harbour :—A Knowlton.

Wallace River :—Jas. Fountain.

Margaree, C. B.—Elder P. A. Shields.

Caddie Harbor :—(New Church) Elder M. A. Bigelow.

Crowe Harbour :—(New Church) Elder M. A. Bigelow.

All ministering brethren present, ordained or licentiates, were invited to take a seat with the Delegates.

Elder G. F. Miles was acknowledged as a Delegate from the New Brunswick Eastern Association, also Elder D. McKeen.

Delegates from the Central Association—Dr. Cramp, Bro. S. Selden.

Committee of Nomination, Elders J. E. Balcom, H. Eagles, D. W. C. Dincock, and Brethren J. Layton, and G. Davidson.

Committee of Arrangements, Elder Mutch, and Bro. Seaman.

Resolved, That Bro. Selden be requested to print 600 copies of the Minutes, at the same rate as last year.

The following brethren were chosen Delegates to the Convention, to be held in Sackville, N. B., Amos Blinkhorn, W. F. Cutten, C. Black, W. Falkner, and J. Layton.

Resolved, That any person going from this to the Eastern N. B. Association be Delegates.

Resolved, That Elder D. W. C. Dimock be our Delegate to the next Central Association of N. S., and that his travelling expenses be paid.

Resolved, That the Sessions meet at 10 A.M., and close at 12,—to meet at 2 P.M. and close at 5.

Report of Nominating Committee read. Report adopted.

COMMITTEES.

TO EXAMINE CIRCULAR LETTER:—

Elder J. E. Balcom, and Bro. C. Black.

ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH:—

Elders Jas. Reid, S. Thompson; Brethren J. W. Wood, and J. McKeen.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:—

Elders M. A. Bigelow, Mutch, and W. Dobson, and Brethren B. Douglas, and Job Seaman.

ON TEMPERANCE:—

Elder G. F. Miles, Brethren W. F. Cutten, George Davidson, W. Bently, Thos. Blinkhorn, W. Sharp, senr., C. McCully, R. Mills.

ON CHRISTIAN MESSENGER:—

Elder D. W. C. Dimock, Brethren C. Black, N. Taylor, D. Jenks, J. Webb.

HOME MISSIONS:—

Elder I. J. Skinner, Brethren B. Kempton, D. J. Layton, L. Rusco, John Logan, Thos. Fulton, G. Ruston, A. Parker.

FRENCH MISSION:—

Elder J. E. Balcom, W. Cummings, I. J. Ring, H. B. Hunter.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:—

Dr. Cramp, Elder D. McKeen, Brethren Alfred Chipman, E. York, Thos. Bently, S. Spencer, J. Fountain.

BIBLE CAUSE:—

Brethren S. Selden, J. Layton, D. Archibald, W. Seaman, S. Mills, Jas. Hull.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS:—

Elders Jas. Reid, D. W. C. Dimock, and Bro. G. Davidson.

EDUCATION:—

Dr. Cramp, Elders H. Eagles, D. Freeman, A. Shields, Brethren J. Layton, W. Sharp, senr., A. Davidson, Moses Lowe.

After prayer by Elder D. W. C. Dimock, adjourned to meet on Monday.

* No Letter.

On Lord's-day there was preaching in the Baptist Houses at River Hebert by Elders Wm. Hall and A. F. Porter; Macean, by Elders James Reid and Thompson; Little Forks, by Elders I. J. Skinner, Wm. Dobson and A. Chipman; Baronsfield, Brother Kempton; Amherst, Dr. Cramp. After each sermon, several addresses were made by ministering brethren.

Monday, July 9th, 1860.

Met, by appointment, at ten o'clock.

Elder D. W. C. Dimock preached the Introductory Sermon from Ezekiel xxxvii. 3.

A collection was then taken in aid of the Home Mission, as also at all the preaching stations on the Sabbath.

Resolved, That the letters from Crowe Harbor and Coddle Harbor, (New churches) be read.

The Committee to examine the Circular Letter report that they would recommend that the Circular Letter be read, and printed in the Minutes. Also, that Brother Selden be requested to publish it in the *Christian Messenger*.

Letters from Crowe Harbor and Coddle Harbor were then read, and Elder M. A. Bigelow gave information concerning them.

Both churches were received into the Association, Elder M. A. Bigelow receiving the hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

Rev. James Reid read the Circular Letter.

Report on French Mission was read, and after remarks by several brethren, the report was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

A special collection was taken in aid of the French Mission amounting to 64s. 3d.

Resolved, That the French Missionary be invited if possible to attend our Association, to awaken a more extensive interest in the Mission, with a view of ultimately having a branch Mission within the limits of this Association.

Prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.

Adjourned at 12½ to meet at 2.

Afternoon Session.

Met at 2 P. M.

Singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp,

Resolved, That Elder D. W. C. Dimock, A. Chipman, and D. F. Higgins, be a committee to prepare a Memorial of the Ministering brethren who have died during the past year.

Committee on Christian Messenger reported.

Remarks by several. Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Report on Home Missions read, and after many excellent and soul-stirring speeches, Report was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Several brethren obtained leave of absence.

Voted, That this Session continue until 6 o'clock

Wm. Blinkhorn and Joseph Reid were appointed Delegates to the Convention in place of Wm. Cutten and C. Black, resigned.

Report on Temperance submitted. Adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Report on Sabbath Schools submitted. Report adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Prayer by Elder P. A. Shiels. Adjourned to meet at 10 A.M. on Tuesday.

Tuesday, 10th, 1860.

Resumed at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder I. J. Skinner.

Resolved, That any ministers going from this to the Western or Central Associations of N. S., be delegates.

Report on Bible Cause submitted. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Voted, That the Association be held next year at Guysborough.

In reply to the inquiry of the Treasurer for a Meeting House, at Pictou, it was recommended:—that all monies placed in his hands be placed at interest for the present.

Adjourned to hold an Educational Meeting.

Report on Education adopted, after many able and stirring speeches. (See Appendix G.)

Elder Jas. Reid was appointed to preach the Association Sermon next year, and P. A. Shields to be his alternate.

Resolved, That Elder Wm. Hall write the Circular Letter.

Report on Foreign Missions, adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Report on Sabbath Observance, adopted. (See Appendix I.)

Resolved, That Bro. Harrington's statement be handed over to the Home Missionary Board for consideration.

CENTENARY RESOLUTIONS.

Dr. Cramp introduced the following resolutions which were passed unanimously,—

Whereas, One hundred years have now elapsed since the introduction of Baptist principles into Nova Scotia.

And whereas An abundant blessing has rested on the labours of the servants of God, so that there are at the present time, in the fellowship of our Churches, upwards of thirteen thousand members :

Therefore Resolved, 1. That the Association hereby place on record the expression of its gratitude to Almighty God for the manifest tokens of His favour, and especially for the gifts of His grace bestowed on those departed worthies by whose instrumentality the work was carried on during years of toilsome self-denial.

2. That our Missionary and Educational efforts, in establishing which the Fathers of the Denomination in this Province heartily co-operated, are essential to the advancement of the Cause among us, and require to be sustained with growing zeal.

3. That the members of the Association now present do pledge themselves, in dependence on Divine Grace, to maintain in their integrity the faith and practice of the Denomination, believing that they are in entire harmony with the New Testament, and that unswerving adherence to them is necessary to continued prosperity.

4. That the Pastors of the Churches be earnestly requested to adopt measures for systematic instruction in Doctrine and Church polity, so that the young persons of our Churches and Congregations, may be well prepared to maintain, defend, and disseminate the truth, as held by the Baptist Denomination.

Resolved, That the Society of the Alumni of Acadia College is an institution which deserves the favour of all friends of education, as affording an opportunity of associating with those who have studied within its walls, and one well adapted to rally together its friends.

Resolved, That the Churches comprising this Association be requested to send contributions for the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, the Foreign Mission, Ministerial Education, and Infirm Ministers.

Committee on departed ministers. Report adopted. (See Appendix J.)

Prayer by the Moderator. Singing the Doxology.

Adjourned to meet with the Church at Guysborough next year.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

WM. HALL, *Moderator*.

A. F. PORTER, *Clerk*.

D. H. JENKS, *Ass. Clerk*.

Circular Letter.

FROM THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES
OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

DEAR BRETHREN,

Our design in now addressing you, is to direct you to act in such a way, that your souls may be strengthened and comforted ; and that you may be instrumental in promoting the divine glory and the spiritual welfare of your fellow men. The Lord in his holy word, directs us how to live, that we may obtain all these invaluable blessings. The way is, to sincerely believe and faithfully profess all his blessed doctrines, trust in his precious blood and righteousness, and carefully observe all his holy commandments. In the Gospel according to John, our Redeemer says to us " abide in me, and I in you. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered, and men gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned." If we do not hold fast and obey the truths and ordinances of our blessed Lord, the Holy Spirit will, in a great measure, withdraw from us his sacred influences, our minds will become weak and unhappy, and our lives greatly conformed to this present evil world. Dear brethren, let us ever remember our heavenly origin. If we have experienced a saving change, we are not of the world,

even as our Lord Jesus Christ is not of the world. We are of those whom the Father loved and chose in his Beloved Son before the commencement of time. We have been redeemed out of the world, and therefore should be separate from it in all its sinful customs and practices. We are now the children of God, and there is a blessed inheritance reserved for us in the kingdom of heaven. Let us therefore never forget what great things the Lord hath done for us; but, as his professed people, seek to promote his glory, obtain a blessing to ourselves, and do good to our fellow men. Let us in the first place cordially believe and publicly profess all the doctrines which the Lord reveals to us in the sacred Scriptures; for instance, that mankind by nature are totally depraved; that a full and free salvation has been prepared, and is now proclaimed to men, in the gospel, by the atoning blood of Christ; the necessity of Regeneration by the Holy Spirit; the everlasting love of God towards his people, in choosing them, and giving them to his Son in the covenant of grace; complete pardon and acceptance to all who trust in the blood and righteousness of the Redeemer; and that most encouraging truth, that whom the Lord loves, he loves to the end, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. When these blessed truths and others taught in the Bible are sincerely believed and prudently held forth, the Spirit of God, both awakens many of those who are dead in trespasses and sins, and revives the hearts of the followers of the Lamb. By receiving these truths we feel strong and happy. We do not only live, but we obtain more spiritual life. Hence our Saviour says to us "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."

Secondly, let us constantly and fearlessly maintain, that it is the duty of all true believers in the Saviour, to comply with the ordinance of Baptism, to be immersed in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This ordinance is from heaven. It is both the counsel and the command of God, and ought to be unwaveringly held forth and cheerfully obeyed.

Whilst the ministers of the Word are commanded to immerse the disciples of Christ in the name of the Persons of the Trinity, it is the duty of all who repent of sin and love the Lord, to submit to this ordinance. We fear that there is much sin and wrath upon our land, for the manner in which many treat this ordinance of the great Head of the Church. Many do not only speak reproachfully of it, but they take it away, and place in its room an ordinance of man. On this account much error abounds, and many sincere believers are led astray. As the followers of Christ, it is our duty, to restore this ordinance to the Church and the world, in its primitive order and simplicity. When it is inculcated, in connexion with repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ, the Lord invariably gives his blessing. True christians are strengthened and comforted, and many of those who are in their natural state are convinced of their need of a saving change, and of obedience to the Lord's command.

Thirdly, we would exhort you, dear brethren, to carefully observe all the commandments, which our Lord gives to us in his holy word. He says to us, "If ye love me keep my commandments." Let us trust in his blood and righteousness for acceptance with God. Let us attend all our meetings for social prayer and conference, stedfastly shew the Lord's death, remember his dying love, observe secret and family prayer, and follow peace with all men, and holiness, ever endeavouring to promote the glory of God and the eternal interests of our fellow men; in so doing, we shall not only enjoy the presence of God, but we shall let our light shine before men and glorify our Father in heaven.

Fourthly, another important duty, devolving upon us, is to contribute for the support of our Home and Foreign Missions. Let us have compassion on the multitudes, who are perishing for the want of the bread of life, and give of our substance, as the Lord hath prospered us, to send to them the knowledge of the way of salvation. Concerning this matter, our Lord's com-

mand is, "Freely ye have received, freely give." As we have been made the happy partakers of salvation in Jesus Christ, let us endeavour to communicate a knowledge of his name, to the poor Indians, and to the many thousands of others in our Province, who are living without God and without hope. Let us also remember the many millions of perishing heathen, who have never heard of the Saviour's name.

Shall we whose souls are lighted
By wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted,
The light of life deny?

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. "It is more blessed to give, than to receive. 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."

Finally, we would request you to do all in your power, to sustain our Institutions of learning. Our Academy and College are absolutely necessary, to qualify those young men, whom the Lord calls to preach the Gospel. Their failure would greatly injure the cause of our Redeemer. These Institutions, well deserve and claim our support. The Professors, are well qualified to instruct those young persons, who may be placed under their care. There are many young men who received their instruction there, now preaching the gospel in this Province, and other parts of the world. We need many more to supply our vacant churches, and to hold forth the word of life to such as live in our back settlements. There is also a great necessity for our young ministers, to be well acquainted with the original languages of the Bible, that they might be able to defend the truth and to prevent the people of God from following the errors that prevail in the present day. As the salvation of the soul is a matter of infinite importance, those who minister in holy things need to be well instructed, both by the teaching of the Holy Spirit and by the acquisition of knowledge, which is to be obtained in our valuable

Institutions. Let us then dear Brethren, from love to our Redeemer and to the souls of men, cheerfully contribute of our substance, to support our College and Academy at Horton. Let us all come up as one man to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Then we shall bring forth fruit to the honour and glory of God. We shall see many by our instrumentality brought to the Saviour. The Lord will favour us with his gracious presence from day to day, and at the close of life, he will say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Lord."



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APPENDIX.

(A)

REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

The Committee on the French Mission report :—

That, considering it to be one of great importance, and calculated by what has already been accomplished among the Acadian French, to commend itself to the confidence and sympathy of all Christians, quite a number having renounced the errors of Catholicism, several of whom have been hopefully converted to God, and baptized ; it is very important that this Mission should be sustained, and your Committee would recommend that a collection be taken in each Church, during the month of September, in aid of this object, to be forwarded to Brother Churchill at Yarmouth, the Treasurer of the French Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BALCOM, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

We are of opinion that nothing is so well calculated to educate the minds of the public, or to diffuse light on any subject of importance, as the press. The diffusion of the religion of Jesus Christ, being one of paramount interest, we feel grateful for the impetus which we believe it is receiving from the *Christian Messenger*, in common with its contemporaries of the religious press.

As evidence of the estimation in which it is held, and consequently, of its enlarged usefulness, we need only to refer to the annual increase in the number of its patrons.

We are pleased with the interest that has been taken to secure foreign correspondents, the tone of whose contributions are worthy of commendation. We approve of the manner in which its literary, historical, and local departments are furnished, and of the dignified christian firmness and charity of feeling, that has been manifested by the worthy Editor and Proprietor in contending for the truths of the gospel.

We would therefore urge upon the attention of all who have our cause at heart to aid in increasing its circulation, to contribute to its pages, and in every possible way strive to sustain the organ of the Denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS BLACK.

(C)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave, in reporting, to acknowledge the goodness and mercy of our God toward us during the past year. Still He gives success to the preaching of His Word,—still His Spirit dwells with His people,—still He is calling and sending forth men to fill the ranks of the Redeemer. Truly, God is good, and His mercies are unnumbered.

We rejoice that much has been accomplished in connection with our Society, for the cause of God. Many destitute churches have been refreshed through the labours of your Missionaries. The truth is rapidly advancing to the pulling down of error; yet much remains to be done. New fields are opening up, and from all quarters comes the Macedonian cry.

Your Committee recommend that the Pastors of Churches lay often before the minds of their people the claims of the Home Mission, and that every church, whether enjoying pastoral labour or not, adopt some system in raising funds for its support. We are sure that little can be effected, either towards training a benevolent spirit, or collecting for missionary purposes without a system.

Your Committee record with sorrow the death of Bro. S. N. Bently. He was a friend to the mission indeed, but God took him. We are glad you have secured the services of Bro. I. J. Skinner. We recommend him to the prayers and hearts of our brethren.

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Your Committee believe that the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society is the best system that has yet been devised for supplying the destitute of our Province, and we expect great results from its agency. But great results require great efforts.

There have been at different times during the year, in the field, 32 Missionaries; they have performed 184 weeks labour, preached 734 sermons, attended 75 prayer and other meetings, visited 1064 families, distributed 4345 pages of tracts, baptised 222 persons.

Brethren, pray for your Home Mission—give of your increase and God will bless and prosper you.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. KEMPTON, *Chairman.*

(D)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The fact that intemperance in our land is yet prevalent is too apparent for controversy. That many, young and old, are hastening on to the drunkard's doom, is a sad commentary on the various tendencies of this enlightened age. That the Christian Church should tolerate in its members a tendency to a vice so pernicious in its influences, so disastrous in its results, indicates the low standard in which christian virtue is held.

The large numbers of the human family who annually die the drunkard's death, without any hope of a glorious resurrection, makes this a matter of serious import to the christian.—The misery and wretchedness frequent in the drunkard's family gives serious concern to the philanthropist, and the time and money spent in indulging and dissipation causes the political economist to mourn over such loss and waste.

There is one remedy, and that an effectual one,—total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks. Although we believe that prohibitory legislation is right in principle, yet past experience is pretty conclusive evidence to us that we have but little to expect from politicians in the advancement of this cause. Our reliance is upon the wise and the good to present this subject to the public mind in its religious aspect and moral influences, from the pulpit, the press, and the platform.

We believe that temperance is taught in the Bible, that it

is one of the christian virtues enjoined upon the Church, and consequently any church member who takes intoxicating liquors as a beverage should be subjected to church discipline.

W. F. CUTTEN, *Chairman.*

(E)

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee consider Sabbath Schools of the first importance; we are gratified to know that a Provincial Sabbath School Convention has been organized, which we hope will give a new impetus to this institution and bring the subject of Sabbath School instruction more prominently before our Churches. They believe them well calculated to exert a powerful, moral, and religious influence on the rising generation. They also think them well adapted to improve the gifts of those that teach, and thereby prepare them for future usefulness in the Church of Christ.

In behalf of the Committee.

M. A. BIGELOW.

(F)

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee beg to report that they have been unable to obtain such statistical information as they desire, to shew the progress of Bible circulation, yet, they believe it was never before being so rapidly spread abroad among the nations of the world as at the present time.

Your Committee rejoice to believe that the views held by our churches with regard to the Holy Scriptures, are becoming more generally prevalent among professing Christians.

Your Committee rejoice in the fact that God has revealed in the Bible all that it is necessary for us to know, to secure salvation, and eternal life; and for the guidance, direction, and discipline of christian churches.

They believe that the doctrines of grace and truth, without admixture of error, are fully set forth in the pages of the Word of Life. The instruction afforded in the inspired volume regarding the ordinances of the gospel, is all that can

be received as having Divine authority. Every nation under heaven must have the Bible in its own language, and freely circulated amongst its people, and read by them, before they can be delivered from the chains of ignorance, sin and degradation. Your Committee would therefore recommend that aid be given for the translation and circulation of God's Word in all lands. Pastors of Churches and members generally should encourage the young in their congregations to imitate the example of Timothy, who, from a child, "knew the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." The Sabbath School and Bible Class afford favorable opportunities for doing this which should not be neglected.

Whilst your Committee think that the Bible should be used for the instruction of the young in all schools, public and private, yet they would ask for no legal enactment to enforce its use, believing that religious truth can make itself heard more effectually, where it is free from the trammels by which worldly men would surround it.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB S. LAYTON, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

While your committee are pleased to speak of enlarged prosperity during the past year in our institutions of learning, we, at the same time, are painfully conscious of the necessity of renewed exertion in order to give them a still greater degree of proficiency.

The Academy in Wolfville has engaged an encouraging degree of attendance under the able instruction of J. W. Hartt, Esq., as Principal, and D. F. Higgins, A. B., Assistant. The former gentleman after presiding over the institution for nine years with constantly increasing success, has resigned his office, and is to be succeeded provisionally by the Rev. T. A. Higgins, who with a corps of two able assistants, graduates of the College, and a teacher of the French language we doubt not will give increasing efficiency to the institution.

Acadia College during the past year has enjoyed more than usual success. Eleven students, the largest class that ever

graduated at one time, completed their course at the end of the year. Their public performances on the day of the anniversary reflected much credit on themselves and on the institution. It deserves notice as a matter of encouragement, that in supplying professorships, candidates may now be found among the graduates of the institution. The Classical professor having resigned at the close of the year the vacancy thus caused has already been filled by one who there received his education. The adoption of this principle in time to come your Committee believe can but operate favorably upon the cause of education among the churches.

During the year twelve students, seven from the College, and five from the Academy, have studied in the theological department. The labors of the College have been performed by two professors and one tutor. We would invite special attention to the fact that the number of Professors is too small to perform thoroughly the work required. At least four competent Professors should be employed in the College department. To do this besides the Endowment Fund already available, it is deemed requisite to raise the Manning Professorship of £5,000. We cordially invite the churches to raise £100 each for this object, and thus secure the benefits of a scholarship, or two or more to unite for this purpose. Also that quarterly collections be taken to pay the salary of the theological professor. To accomplish these objects we would affectionately urge all the ministers to preach at least one educational sermon annually. Finally, we would earnestly request the prayers of all who love Zion, and especially that the day of prayer for Colleges on the last Thursday in February be observed by each and every church, that God may pour out His Spirit upon the rising generation, and prosper our efforts in their behalf.

D FREEMAN.

(H)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions feel that the cause is one of immense importance, deserving far more liberal support than it at present receives. God has greatly blessed the labours of the missionaries, and the churches are called on to consecrate their substance to his service.

The Foreign Missionary Board have acted wisely, in the judgment of your Committee, in appropriating the funds entrusted to them to the support of native preachers, under the superintendence of Bro. A. R. R. Crawley. The success which has attended their efforts is an encouraging token, and invites the continuance and enlargement of our operations.

The Committee hope that the time is not far distant when the Baptists of Nova Scotia will sustain an independent mission, and call some station in the missionary field their own, being under their direct management and control.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP.

(I)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH
OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee regard the observance of the Lord's Day as a matter of great importance. The great Jehovah commands us, to remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy. This command is given to promote the divine glory and our spiritual and temporal welfare. It is a day of sacred rest, a day for recruiting the powers of both body and mind, and obtaining spiritual benefit to our souls. It is a blessed day to those who observe its sacred requirements. In keeping the Commandments of God there is a great reward. When the saints of God keep holy the Sabbath, and attend to all the duties required of them, their souls are made glad, their fellow-sinners are brought to the Saviour, and a restraint is put on abounding sins. When the Sabbath is not properly observed there is a declension of true religion, the Holy Spirit withdraws from us his sacred influences, and the cause of our Redeemer is brought into a languishing state. The profanation of the Sabbath was one of the causes of the Lord's displeasure towards his ancient people Israel. The same cause will bring his displeasure upon us if we do not remember his holy day. Let us then endeavour to maintain a more strict observance of the Sabbath in all our churches. Then the Lord will bless us, both temporally and spiritually, and greater glory will redound to his blessed name.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES REID.

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REPORT ON DEPARTED MINISTERS.

Your Committee beg to report that the Association regard with gratitude the mercy of the Lord in sparing the lives of so many of the ministers and members of our churches.

Nevertheless we have not been entirely left without the chastening of our Heavenly Father, as there have passed away from our Zion those whom we loved for their work's sake.— Among these may be mentioned our Brother Maynard Parker who has during the past year been called away to meet his reward. Brother S. N. Bentley though not a member of this Association was so connected with it, in his relation to our Home Missionary Society, that we seriously feel his loss.— Our esteem for our brother whose labours were so abundant makes us feel that while we rejoice in his gain we can but mourn over our loss in his departure.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. C. DIMOCK.

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**ACCOUNT OF MONIES RECEIVED AT THE
EASTERN ASSOCIATION, RIVER
HEBERT JULY, 1860.**

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	French Mission.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Truro	10 10 0	5 0 0		15 10 0
Upper Londonderry	7 2 6			7 2 6
Amherst Shore	1 8 9			1 8 9
Diligent River	0 1 10 ³			0 1 10 ³
Great Village	1 3 0			1 3 0
Antigonish	1 7 6			1 7 6
Onslow	6 14 5			6 14 5
Glenville	0 13 10 ³			0 13 10 ³
Upper Stewiacke	4 0 0			4 0 0
Isaac's Harbor	0 13 11			0 13 11
1st St. Mary's	0 7 3			0 7 3
Indian Harbor	0 14 10			0 14 10
Amherst	25 15 3	12 0 0		37 15 3
Greenville	2 11 6			2 11 6
Goose River	1 0 0			1 0 0
Wallace River	0 10 0			0 10 0
Tracadie	1 0 0			1 0 0
Maccan	5 19 0	1 1 0		7 0 0
Advocate Harbor	0 5 0			0 5 0
Portaupique	4 14 9	1 0 0		5 14 9
do for Micmac Mission.				0 15 0
Strait of Canso	1 0 0			1 0 0
Parrsboro	0 13 0			0 13 0
River Philip	0 7 6			0 7 6
Sydney	3 0 0	0 5 0		3 5 0
Mira Bay	2 0 0			2 0 0
Guysboro	6 10 0			6 10 0
Friends at Parrboro Village	0 11 3			0 11 3
Collections of Association	6 19 1			6 19 1
Two friends at Guysboro £1 each		1 0 0	3 4 4 ³	10 3 5 ³
J. S. Layton		0 10 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
Rosanna Layton for Education				0 10 0
W. Bentley				0 10 0
do for Education		0 5 0		0 5 0
Laughlan McDonald	0 2 6	0 2 6		0 5 0
Wm. Ingraham	0 2 6			0 2 6
Robt Burton	0 2 6			0 2 6
Miss S. A. Elderkin				0 2 6
Rev S. A. Thompson, ann'l sub.	0 5 0		0 3 1 ²	0 3 1 ²
Rev. I. J. Skinner, for Meeting House at Pictou				0 5 0
Abated	98 6 9	21 3 6	4 7 6	126 7 9
				0 0 4 ³
				£126 8 1 ²

**THE EASTERN N. S. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION in
account with CYRUS BLACK, Treasurer.**

1860.

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To cash paid S. Selden, Esq., for Printing Minutes.....	£9 12 0
J. Whitman, per S. Selden, Esq., for Home Mis-	
sions.....	81 4 9
S. Selden, per J. Whitman.....	1 0 0
Rev. A. F. Porter per J. Whitman.....	6 10 0
MicMac Mission, per S. Selden, Esq.....	0 15 0
Ministerial Education, per S. Selden, Esq.....	0 15 0
Samuel Wheelock for Foreign Missions.....	21 3 1½
W. Churchill for French Missions.....	4 7 6
J. King Esq., for Meeting House at Pictou.....	1 0 0
Postages	0 0 9
	£126 8 1½

CYRUS BLACK, Treasurer.

MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	PLACE OF ORDINATION.
Rev. J. Balcom,	Amherst,	March 26 1853	Long Island.
Obed Chute,	Truro,	Feb 7, 1850.	Westchester.
D.W.C. Dimock	Onslow,	Dec 6 1841.	Chester.
J. Davis,	Ch. Town, P E I	June —, 1829.	Southsea, G. B.
H. Eagles,	St. Mary's,	Aug —, 1842.	Keimpt, Hants.
D. Lawson,	Point de Bute, NB	March —, 1855	Lower Stewiacke.
Malcom Ross,	Bedeque, P E I.	June, 3, 1843,	North River P.E.I.
Hugh Ross,	N. Sydney, C. B.	Sep —, 1847.	Mira Bay, C. B.
James Reid,	Portaupique,	June —, 1840.	Onslow.
John Shaw,	East Point P.E.I.		
Benj. Scott,	Onslow,	Sep 18, 1832.	P. E. Island.
S. Thompson,	Economy,	Sep —, 1852.	Westbrook.
W. Dobson,	Wallace River,		
A. F. Porter,	Guysborough,	July 19, 1853.	Billtown.
John Miller,	Stewiacke,		
John Whidden,	Antigonish,		
Geo Richardson	Sydney, C. B.		
M. A. Bigelow,	Antigonishe,		
Nelson Baker,	Tancook Island,		
A. Shields,	Margaree, C. B.	July 18, 1852.	Hantsport.
D. McDonald,	Margaree, C. B.		
D.P. McQuillan,	Mira Bay, C. B.		

NOTE. Those brethren who have blanks opposite their names will oblige by sending to the *Christian Messenger* Office the information required to fill them.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall be composed of Delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with Delegates from corresponding Associations, and such others as may by the Association be invited to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—Each Church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over the Churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire Scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any Church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such an office; a Clerk, who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the monies contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction.

ART. 6th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number

then in fellowship—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending letters, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 7th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—The Religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—After religious worship, the officers shall be chosen by ballot: the Moderator of the preceding year, or in his absence the Clerk, shall call the Association to order.

RULE 2nd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

RULE 4th.—When any Church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

RULE 5th.—At the commencement of each sitting, the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last sitting, before the final adjournment.

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

RULE 7th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 8th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

RULE 9th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

RULE 10th.—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of every annual sitting of the Association.

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SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

In compliance with the request of the Committee appointed by the Central and Eastern Associations to make arrangements for organizing a Provincial Sabbath School Convention, the following Delegates met at Windsor, on Tuesday the 19th day of June, 1860.

From the Baptist Church at *Amherst*, Rev. J. E. Balcom, W. F. Cutten.

1st *Horton*, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, J. N. Fitch.

2nd *Horton*, Rev. E. O. Read, W. Hall, A. Caldwell, A. Dorman and James Pick.

South Rawdon, Rev. James Stevens, John McLearn.

Chester, Rev. J. C. Hurd, David Hume.

Sackville, Rev. T. H. Porter, David Ellis.

1st *Cornwallis*, Rev. A. S. Hunt, G. R. Eaton.

2nd Do Rev. E. M. Saunders, Abel Parker.

3rd Do Rev. James Parker, M. Kinsman.

4th Do Rev. ———, Gideon Beardsley.

Hantsport, W. H. Porter, S. Young.

Falmouth, Andrew Shaw, C. Bacon.

2nd *Yarmouth*, Rev. E. N. Harris.

Upper Aylesford, Rev. J. L. Read, E. Harris.

Pereaux, Walter Witt, B. R. Foster.

Nictaux, W. Gates, B. H. Parker, and S. H. Randall.

Granville Street, Halifax, Rev. W. H. Humphrey, S. Selden and R. N. Beckwith.

Tyuro, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, W. Faulkner.

Portauquique, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

Long Island, Horton, M. P. Freeman, B. Ward.

Brooklyn, W. Porter, ——— Reid, ——— Harris.

Bridgewater, J. B. Parker, W. I. Gates.

The meeting was organized by the appointment of Rev. N. Vidito, Chairman, and J. E. Balcom, Secretary.

Moved by Rev. S. W. DeBlois, seconded and passed.

That we now proceed to organize ourselves into a Provincial Sabbath School Convention.

Moved, seconded and passed.

Resolved, That the Convention meet with the Western Association and adjourn to meet with the Central, and thence to the Eastern Association.

Resolved, That three Committees be appointed—one to draw up a Constitution, another to appoint officers, another to make arrangements for a public meeting in the evening.

Revds. W. H. Humphrey, R. R. Philp, T. H. Porter and D. M. Welton, were appointed the Committee to draw up a Constitution, and Revds. E. N. Harris, G. Armstrong, D. W. C. Dimock, Brethren S. Selden and W. F. Cutten, the Committee to nominate officers; and R. Viditoe, T. A. Higgins, E. M. Saunders, J. E. Balcom and Bro. Rupert Eaton, the Committee of Arrangements for the evening meeting.

Met Tuesday Evening, 7½ o'clock, according to adjournment. The Constitution as below was presented by the Committee and adopted. The Committee to nominate officers reported. — Adopted.

President, S. Selden, Esq.

Vice Presidents,—*Western Association*, Samuel Brown of Yarmouth and D. W. Morton, Nictaux. *Central Association*, Thomas Rand, Cornwallis and Daniel Mosher, Windsor, *Eastern Association*, David Page, Onslow, and W. F. Cutten, Esq., Amherst.

Secretary and Treasurer, J. W. Barss, Esq., Wolfville.

Secretary for Western Association, Joseph Rogers, Esq.

Central, T. S. Harding, Esq.

Eastern, Cyrus Black, Esq.

The office bearers, together with Brethren Henry K. Eaton, N. T. Harris, Josiah Raymond, Abel Parker, and J. King were elected to be a Board of Managers, who as soon as possible are instructed to obtain a man who shall become a Sabbath School Missionary to enter the field and carry the good work forward.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following resolutions, which were ably spoken to and adopted at the subsequent meeting in the evening.

1st. Resolved, That Sabbath Schools have proved a successful means of leading the young to Christ and of training them for usefulness in the Christian Church and the world. Moved by Rev. I. J. Skinner, seconded by Rev. R. R. Philp.

2nd Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention every church of Christ is accountable to God for the moral training and Salvation of every Child that can be brought under the influence of Sabbath School, as well as that of the preaching of the Gospel. Moved by Rev. T. H. Porter, seconded by Rev. J. E. Balcom.

3rd Resolved, That while it is the duty of the Ministers of the Gospel to expound the Scriptures and take the oversight of the Church, their position demands that they should also be actively engaged in promoting the interests of the Sabbath School. Moved by Rev. A. S. Hunt, seconded by Rev. E. M. Saunders.

4th Resolved, That Sabbath School Conventions properly conducted, are admirably calculated to excite those engaged as Teachers to increased effort, and to extend the blessings of religious instruction in localities which are liable otherwise to be neglected. Moved by Rev. E. N. Harris, seconded by Dr. Harding, and ably supported by Rev. David Freeman.

The meeting was deeply interesting, and well calculated to impress the Congregation with the importance of Sabbath School instruction.

The Convention adjourned to meet with the Central Association, at Wolfville, June 8th, 1861.

CONSTITUTION OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Provincial Baptist Sabbath School Convention of Nova Scotia.

2. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the aims and interests of Sabbath Schools within this Province.

3. The Convention shall be composed of Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers, and any Church members delegated by their respective schools, together with as many others present at its meetings as may be invited by the Convention to take part in its deliberations.

4. The officers of this organization shall be a President, six Vice Presidents, two from each Association, a Secretary, and three Assistant Secretaries—one from each Association, Treasurer and Auditor, all of whom shall be chosen annually by ballot, unless otherwise ordered, and who, together with three other members shall constitute a General Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum.

5. There shall be three meetings of this Convention, held in connection with the three Associations, one of which according to turn among the Associations from year to year, shall be considered the Annual Meeting, at which the Officers shall be chosen, the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer presented and any other appropriate business transacted.

6. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Members present.

N. S. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Another year is now added to the history of Horton Academy, the influences, and efforts thereof are numbered with the past. In presenting this, our annual report, your Committee would in the first place, acknowledge the Divine Hand, by which our several labors have been directed, and return thanks to a kind Heavenly Father for His supporting grace, and guiding wisdom.

The year now past does not fall behind any former period, in effort, on the part of your Committee; zeal and devotedness on the part of the teachers, or in results attending their efforts.

The attendance and the branches taught are as follows:—

ATTENDANCE.

The whole number of pupils for a longer or shorter period has been 116. The greatest number at one time 70. The least at one time 59, average 65.

BRANCHES TAUGHT.

English Department.—Spelling and Defining, Reading, Penmanship, Mental and Written Arithmetic, Book-Keeping, English Grammar and Analysis, History of England, Rome, and Greece, Natural Philosophy with experiments, Algebra, Legendre's Geometry, Mensuration, Land Surveying, English Composition, Declamation, Ancient and Modern Geography.

Classical Department.—Latin.—Andreu's Latin Grammar and Reader, Arnold's first and second Latin Book, Virgil's *Æneid*, and Cicero's *Orationes*.

Greek.—Kuhner's Greek Grammar and Exercises, Jacob's Greek Reader, Homer's *Iliad*.

French Department.—First Class.—Ollendorff's Reader. Second Class.—Ollendorff and Elementary French Reader.

The whole number in Latin was 45, in Greek 23, in French 16.

The following statement from Mr. Hartt will afford much satisfaction:—

"I feel much pleasure in reporting that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity, though the greatest number at one time falls a little below that of one or two previous years, yet the attendance has been much more regular and satisfactory and the average attendance considerably greater."

"The tone of morals, and the enthusiasm in study, have been very gratifying to the teachers. The regulations of the Institution have been strictly enforced, but there have been no cases in which mild discipline has not proved entirely successful. The securing of early rising has been effected through the praiseworthy co-operation of the senior pupils."

"We owe much thankfulness to God for the health that has prevailed among the large number of young persons congregated at the Academy, while the prevalent epidemic has carried off victims all around us, not one serious case has occurred among the boarders and resident pupils."

"I beg to speak in high terms of the ability and zeal of my excellent assistant Mr. D. F. Higgins, whose faithfulness in the duties assigned him could not be surpassed."

The Committee have therefore much satisfaction in reporting the healthful efficiency of the Academy. They would however remind their brethren that success is the reward of continued struggle, and untiring labor,—labor, approved of God, and sanctified, it is humbly hoped, to the noble aim of disseminating knowledge. The years of the Institution's history have been years of constant and unwearied assiduity on the part of its friends, and each upward step, has been the reward of christian diligence. Your Committee would ever keep this truth in view, and present it distinctly to the eye of the Baptist Denomination. The amount of labor put forth, must be the standard, to measure the hoped-for success. In all our denominational interests, labor and success, will balance each other. Let the energies of the Baptist Churches be once fairly and fully developed, and directed to the great interests of religious education, and no success as yet reached, will at all foreshadow the happy result.

Your Committee are assured that the Academy is now accomplishing invaluable good. As a fact this is apparent to all, in any degree alive to the Educational interests of Nova Scotia. Our sons are there being educated and fitted for positions of honorable and useful employment. Our Churches are being supplied with ministers of the gospel, "workmen rightly dividing the word of life." And to some extent, Teachers are going forth, well furnished for the all-important work of training the rising generation. We trust, that more attention will ere long be directed to this last mentioned department.

Such is the work now being accomplished, and such the work to which the friends and supporters of Horton Academy should address themselves, with ceaseless perseverance.

Are reasons for this enlarged aim demanded? We direct attention to the evident connexion between advancement in a sound and liberal education, and the future growth of Baptist principles, and Baptist Churches. God has ever honored such education and made it subserve the growth of His Kingdom. The education your Committee and the Education Society, de-

sign furnishing is that which has stamped upon its every feature the spirit and power of Divine Truth. Such assuredly God will bless. Such assuredly must sustain a most commanding relation to the growth and future well-being of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Nor will the bearing of this mental culture be restricted to the Church, but to a large extent influence the whole Province in all its commercial and political features. Ignorance is an evil, and one inspired declares, "That the soul be without knowledge, it is not good." The well being of our Province requires that, if possible every man, whatever his employment, should be educated. It prompts to self-Government, and inspires a spirit of manly independence, and is therefore the manifest desideratum of every people, resolved upon advancement.

The foregoing considerations demand that the Baptists of Nova Scotia should engage in their educational endeavours with renewed diligence. The object in view, and urging us forward is a noble and worthy one, its accomplishment will be an auspicious day.

We have already hinted, that at present the support asked for is not money. There is a support of more value than gold and silver. Among 13,000 members of Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia there are multitudes of young men of shining talents, who, ambitious of honor and emolument are daily cast into the great current of life, to succeed or not, as they are prepared or unprepared for the great life struggle. The Committee would affectionately invite such, to the privileges and advantages afforded at the Horton Academy. Many parents, whose highest earthly ambition is that their sons may pursue a virtuous and careful course in life,—sadly neglect the essential means of securing the coveted blessing. Often, indeed, are such laudable hopes blighted by an utter neglect of means, placed by a beneficent Providence within reach. We ask from such the privilege of educating their sons, of fitting them to be what parental ambition and hope would desire. In a word your Committee ask their brethren, the Baptists of Nova Scotia to educate their sons at Horton Academy. This dear brethren is the support, the patronage your Institution demands.

The Teachers employed, the course of study pursued, the success already enjoyed, greatly emboldens us in reiterating these desires.

Such appeals as the above, your Committee, believe are reasonable and called for. With such ends in view, the Horton Institutions were called into existence. In this they have been sustained through a long course of years, many of which were years of trial and sacrifice ; for this were formed all our plans for the future, and are expending ungrudgingly our resources. God grant that every Baptist may be ambitious to share alike, the labour and the blessings.

It is known that the Principal, J. W. Hartt, A. M., has resigned his office. The resignation was accepted, his long and honorable connection with the Institution, therefore, now closes. The following resolution embodies not only the feeling of this Executive Committee, but also the sentiments of respect and esteem universally cherished. Mr. Hartt carries with him a consciousness of having done his duty faithfully, and the lasting appreciation of those who received, under his faithful instruction, lessons of wisdom for coming years.

Whereas, J. W. Hartt, Esq., has resigned his office as Principal of Horton Academy, which he has held for these nine years past, and is now about to leave this province :—

Therefore resolved, That this Committee have ever cherished high esteem for their friend and brother, whose assiduous and faithful discharge of the duties of his office, kindness of demeanour, and christian consistency, have justly endeared him to society and the church ;—that they tender him the expression of their thanks for the zealous interest he has manifested in our Institution, and his constant endeavours to promote its welfare ;—that they trust the blessing of God will rest upon him in his future engagements, so that he may be the honoured instrument of training many for useful life, and guiding them in the paths of heavenly wisdom.

Your Committee are happy in having secured as Principal of Horton Academy for the ensuing year, the Rev. Thomas A. Higgins, of Liverpool, whose well known qualification ensure success. Other arrangements will be completed in due time.

It is our earnest prayer that God's blessing may accompany the labors of His servants, and that the future will brighten more and more as we advance, and the day soon appear, when all who love the Savior's name and pray for the truth of His Kingdom shall be found with willing and ready hearts coming to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

The Treasurer's account will show the financial state of the Institution.

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary.*

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY
in account with **STEPHEN SELDEN, Treasurer.**

1859

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Oct. 1.	By 1 Qr. Provincial Grant.....	£62 10 0
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Jan. 1.	By 1 Qr. Provincial Grant.....	62 10 0
Ap. 1.	By 1 Qr. Provincial Grant.....	62 10 0
		£187 10 0

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To J. W. Hartt, his salary.....	£125 0 0
To 3 years rent Academy Premises.....	60 0 0
To Tin Box, Postage, &c.....	1 1 3
To balance in hand.....	1 8 9
	£187 10 0

Balance in hands Rev. J. Chase, former Treasurer..... £28 11 6