

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-NINTH SESSION
OF THE
WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD AT GERMAIN STREET, SAINT JOHN.
ON
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY,
27th, 28th, and 29th June, 1876.

WITH THE
ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE
**N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY
AND
EDUCATION SOCIETIES.**

The next Session will be held with the Blissfield Church, Northumberland County, commencing on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1877.

Minutes of Corresponding Associations, all Documents relating to the Western N. B. Baptist Association, Letters from the Churches, and General Correspondence, should be addressed to J. MARCH, Box 1001, Saint John, N. B.

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THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ORGANIZED A. D. 1848.

OFFICERS FOR 1876-7.

MODERATOR.....REV. J. D. POPE, A. B., St. John.
SECRETARY.....BRO. JOHN MARCH, St. John.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....BRO. H. H. REEVE, St. John.
TREASURER.....BRO. JAMES E. MASTERS, St. John.
ASSISTANT TREASURER.....BRO. JOHN H. HARDING, St. John.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall consist of Delegates, representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, and shall be styled “The Western N. B. Baptist Association.”

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this 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.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 3 o’clock, P. M., on the fourth Tuesday in June, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate, or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator, by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall upon his acceptance, lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on Arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, on behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

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

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 10.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution, from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. That each meeting be opened by prayer.
2. That motions be made and seconded, according to parliamentary usage.
3. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
4. That every resolution be written out and handed to the Clerk.
5. That motions which are lost be not recorded.
6. That invited members enjoy all the privileges of Delegates, except voting.
7. That these regulations be read at each session.

A DECLARATION

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Churches of Christ,
composing the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

PART I.—ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth: Deut. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Ps. xc. 2, cxlvii. 5; James i. 17; 1 Tim. i. 17; Mark x. 27; Isaiah vi. 8; Deut. xxxii. 4; Ex. xv. 11, xxxiv. 6, 7.

2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: Matt. xxviii. 19; John xv. 26; 1 Cor. xii. 4-6; 2 Cor. xiii. 14; Eph. ii. 18.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which He hath given us our only rule of faith and practice: Luke xv. 29-31; 2 Tim. iii. 15-17; 1 Thess. ii. 13; 2 Peter i. 21, iii. 2; Rom. iii. 2; Isa. viii. 16, 19, 20.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, has foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by His order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of His great name: Acts xv. 18, ii. 23; Ps. lxxvi. 10, xxxiii. 11; Rom. ix. 17-23, xi. 36.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them are; and He upholds and governs all things by the word of His power: Gen. i.; Ex. xx. 11; Dan. iv. 35; Heb. i. 3.

6. That God made man in His own image, in knowledge, righteousness and true holiness; and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen. i. 26, 27; ii. 16, 17; Ecc. vii. 29; Gal. iii. 10.

7. That man being left to himself soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 12-19.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: John vi. 44; Eph. ii. 4, 5, 7-10; 1 John iv. 10.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to His Son in the covenant of His grace, that He might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of Christ's kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. Rom. viii. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5, 11; John vi. 37-39; Rev. vii. 9; Titus ii. 14; Mark xvi. 15; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Isa. ix. 7; Rev. xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on Him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the

law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God, and ever liveth to make intercession for us: John i. 1, 14; Heb. i. 1-3, vii. 25, x. 5-10; Rom. i. 4; Dan. ix. 24.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and He only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement made by Christ to every elect soul: John iii. 5-8, xvi. 7-15; 1 Cor. xii. 3.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefit of this atonement, by convincing us of our sinful, lost, and miserable condition; and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as He is exhibited in the gospel, in his suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace Him with our whole souls, by which He is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption: John xvi. 8-11, 13-15; Gal. v. 22, 23; 1 Cor. i. 30.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with Him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to His commands, and brings us to live in obedience to His holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3; 1 Cor. x. 31; Eph. ii. 10; Col. iii. 2, 3; Gal. ii. 20; Rom. xii. 1, 2.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with Him for ever. They have communion with God, and by His Spirit they are united with each other, and have, communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces: John vi. 39, x. 28; Rev. iii. 21; John xvii. 7, 11, 21, xiv. 3; Rom. viii. 38, 39; 1 John. i. 3.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's day, is the Christian Sabbath: John xx. 19; Acts xx. 7; 1 Cor. xvi. 2; Rev. i. 10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ, the great lawgiver and head of His church: Mark xii. 17; Rom. xiii. 1-6; 1 Peter ii. 13-15; Mat. xxii. 10; Rom. xiv. 4.

17. That there will be a general resurrection, both of the just and the unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works; when the wicked will be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal: John v. 28, 29; Acts xvii. 31, xxiv. 15; Rom. ii. 15; Matt. xvi. 29, and 25-46.

PART II.—ARTICLES OF PRACTICE.

Concerning a Visible Church of Christ, and its Discipline.

1. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of baptized believers, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and uniting together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to shew forth His glory, and for their own edification: 1 Peter, ii. 5; Acts, ii. 42, ix. 13; Hebrews, x. 25; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ to be continued until His second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter—that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their faith have been baptized, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. xxviii. 19, 29; 1 Cor. xi. 23-26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26; and viii. 12, 35-39; Matt. iii. 6-16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; Gal. iii. 27; Matt. xxvi. 26-28; Acts xx. 11; 1 Cor. x. 16.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the ordinances, therefore the door of the church should be carefully guarded against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ: 1 Cor. xi. 27-29; Matt. vii. 6, 15-20; 1 Peter, ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered hath power to choose, and by Elders to ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in His Church, viz.: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the Gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of the neighboring Churches of Christ: Acts i. 21-26, vi. 3-6, xiv. 23, and xv. 6-31; 1 Cor. v. 13; 2 Thess. iii. 6, 14, 15; Titus iii. 10.

5. That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother, yet he, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place; whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house: Matt. xx. 25-29; 1 Peter v. 3; Acts xx. 20-28, 31; Heb. xiii. 17; 1 Thess. v. 12, 13.

6. That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the Church, and to minister at the Lord's Table: Acts vi. 1-5; 1 Tim. iii. 8-14.

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him; in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the Church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz., the glory of God and the good of His people: 1 Peter iv. 10, 11 and v. 5; 1 Tim. iv. 14; 1 Cor. 12th and 14th chapters; Rom. xii. 3-8.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and people—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free-will offering, agreeably to the Scriptures of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by Gospel rule, as for any breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix.; Gal. vi. 6.

PART III.—COVENANT.

We do now, in the presence of the great, all-seeing, and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and own Him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Leader, and receive him as our Portion for ever. We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to Him as the head of His people in the covenant of grace, and rely on Him as our Prophet, Priest, and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligations to glorify God by living a holy, righteous, and godly life, in this present world, in all our several places and relations; and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents, and advantages to His glory and the good of our fellow-men; promising, by Divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those under our care in the ways of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to act towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by telling it to others; and if we have any personal difficulty with our brethren, we will not cherish enmity or speak of our grievances to others, but will faithfully labour with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Matt. xviii. 15, 17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harboured in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of His church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in His word—expecting that He will yet further and more gloriously open His word and the mysteries of His kingdom; applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.—Amen.

ACT OF ASSEMBLY.

AN ACT FOR THE INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN BODIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EASTERN AND WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS.

Passed 12th April, 1855.

WHEREAS certain persons are associated together in Churches constituting a religious community known as the Baptist Church, in connection with the Eastern and Western Associations: And whereas sundry chapels and other buildings have been erected, and lands purchased or otherwise conveyed or held in trust for the use of such churches in the several Counties of this Province, or for educational or other benevolent objects in connection therewith, and inconveniences have been experienced in managing the same by Trustees, without being incorporated for that purpose:—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Every Board of Trustees of any Chapel or Seminary for education, and land and buildings held therewith, or held for the purpose of erecting any Chapel or Seminary thereon, for the use and benefit of any Baptist Church in connection with the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Baptist Associations, or other Society, to be hereafter chosen for any such purpose, and their successors, shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Baptist Chapel," or other property, as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property may be situate, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal renewable at pleasure, power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and improve, sell, let, or assign the same or any part thereof, or any interest in or arising out of the same, and make bye laws, and exercise such other powers as are conferred by law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of the said chapel, or other property of the Church to which the same may belong, or the educational or other objects to which it may be devoted.

2. All chapels or other property as aforesaid, held in trust as aforesaid, in any part of the Province, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned, and a conveyance thereof shall be made to the Corporation by the existing Trustees; and the said Corporation shall then hold the same for the purposes aforesaid with as good a title, legal and equitable, as such Trustees had at the time of the conveyance.

3. Every such Church, together with the congregation regularly attending and contributing to its funds by pew rents or otherwise, may annually at such time and in such manner as each Church shall prescribe, by the male members present at any meeting for the purpose, elect any number of Trustees, not less than three, nor more than nine, from among the male members of the said Church or congregation, or both, who shall continue in office for one year, or until others are elected in their stead.

4. Every meeting of the Church, or Church and congregation, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall act on notice to be given by the Pastor or Minister presiding over the same, or if there be none, by any Deacon thereof at any usual meeting of the Church for worship or business.

5. Such Trustees, may, on due notice, meet together and manage the temporal affairs of the Chapel for which they are elected, and the property in connection therewith, for the benefit of the Church to which it shall belong.

6. Every Educational or other Society as aforesaid, may, at its Annual Meeting to be held at either of the said Associations or elsewhere, on notice

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

CONNECTED WITH THE W. N. B. B. ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Post Office Address.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Bill, I. E., sen.	Saint John,	March 1829	Nictaux, N. S.
Boggs, W. B., A. M.		Sept. 1865	Sydney, C. B.
Burt, Samuel	Jacksonville.	May 1872	Howard Settlement.
Cahill, Joseph	Bristol, Y. C.,	March 1875	Kingsclear.
Campbell, G. R.	Eel River,	July 1857	Howard Settlement.
Carey, G. M. W., A. M.	Saint John,	July 1856	St. Catherines, Ont.,
Charlton, H. A.	Jacksontown,	March 1855	Greenville, N. S.
Coombes, John	Sheffield,	Sept. 1870	Rehoboth, Mass.
Coy, Henry J.	Nashwaak,	June 1873	Canterbury.
Crawley, T. W.	St. Andrews,		
Eatman, J. D.	L. Hainesville,	June 1873	Carleton, Saint John.
Edwards, W. M.	Blissfield,	March 1855	Hampton.
Estabrooks, G.	Simonds,	July 1847	Upper Gagetown.
Everett, W. P., A. M.	Saint John,	April 1856	East Abington, Mass.
Haines, Henry	Hainesville, S. C.	March 1870	Otnabog, Q. C.
Harvey, J. G.	Centreville,	Feb. 1858	Springfield, Y. C.
Hickson, Edw., A. M.	Carleton, St. John,	July 1862	North Esk.
Howard George	Jacksonville,		1869 Jacksontown.
Hughes, B. N.	St. Mary's, Y. C.,	October 1858	Maugerville.
Jewett, Benj.	Hartland,	Sept. 1860	Andover.
Knight, Peter R.	New Maryland,		1874 New Maryland.
Manzer, W. D.	St. Mary's, Y. C.,	Sept. 1867	Shediac.
McClellan, D.	Portland, St. John,		1869 Lymm, Manchester,
Munro, T. M.	Macnaquack,	October 1868	Centreville. [Eng.
Pope, J. D., A. B.	Saint John,	August 1859	Edmeston, N. Y.
Porter, T. H.	Fredericton,	Nov. 1861	Brookfield, Col. Co.,
Reece, P. O.	Keswick,	October 1868	Canning, Q. C. [N. S.
Rideout, W. C.	Saint David,	Sept. 1849	Aylesford, N. S.
Rigby, George	Jacksontown,	March 1842	Kingsclear.
Saunders, T. W.	Prince William,	July 1832	Prince William.
Seely, George,	Woodstock,	August 1854	Carleton, Saint John.
Spencer, James	Saint John,	May 1853	Chester, N. S.
Stewart, W. J.	Musquash,	May 1876	Carleton.
Tozer, James	Ludlow,	March 1826	North Esk.
Troop, W. A.	Newcastle, G. L.,	June 1855	Newcastle, G. L.
Tupper, J. H.	Queensbury,	March 1844	Jacksontown.
Vickery, W. E.	Saint George,	June 1874	Upper Keswick.
Walker, James	Mascareen,	January 1834	
Young, J. W. S.	Canterbury,		Lower Woodstock.

FIRST OF CHURCHES
 BOARD WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR
 REGISTERED DELEGATES FOR THE YEAR 1876

LIST OF LICENSED MINISTERS
 CONNECTED WITH THE ASSOCIATION.

NAME.	Church Licensing.	Date of License	Residence, or Field of Labor.
Annis, William	Howard Settlement,	1876	Howard Settlement.
Burdett, John	Germain-st., St. John.		Saint John.
Clark, Wm.	Carleton,		Carleton.
Currie, Calvin	Fredericton,		Saint John.
Davies, T. P.	Brussels-st., St. John,		Willow Grove. [Gen. Mass.
Duval, Edmund H.	Germain-st., St. John,		Newcastle, Mir., or Newton,
Good, Geo. E., A. B.	Jacksonville,		Acadia Coll., N. S.
Goodwin, Joshua	Leinster-st., St. John,		Hodgdon and Richmond Ch.
Henderson, Chas.	Richmond Corner,		
Kierstead, E.M., A. B.	Fredericton,		Willow Grove.
May, James S.	Portland,		
Price, G. L.	Ludlow,		
Stillwell, D. C.	Scotch Town,		Scotch Town.

LIST OF CHURCHES

COMPRISED WITHIN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR
ACCREDITED DELEGATES FOR 1876.

NOTE.—The brethren against whose names an * is placed did not report themselves present.

1. *Andover, Victoria County*—Rev. Isaac R. Skinner.
2. *Avondale, Carleton County*—No letter.
3. *Arthurette, Victoria County*—Rev. Isaac R. Skinner.
4. *Bayside, St. Andrews, Charlotte County*—No letter.
5. *Blackville, Northumberland County*—No letter.
6. *Beckaguimic, Carleton County*—Bro. Amos Hayward.
7. *Blissfield, Northumberland County*—Rev. W. M. Edwards.
8. *Bright (African) York County*—
9. *Bocabec, Charlotte County*—No letter.
10. *Canning and Sheffield, Sunbury County*—No letter.
11. *Canterbury, York County*—No letter.
12. *Cardigan, York County*—No letter.
13. *Centreville, Carleton County*—Brethren James Sloat, George Gregg.
14. *Chipman, Queen's County*—No letter.
15. *Dunfries and Queensbury, York County*—No letter.
16. *Fredericton, York County*—Rev. T. H. Porter, Deacons Dr. T. H. Rand,
*D. W. Estabrooks, W. S. Estey, Brethren M. S. Hall,
A. F. Randolph.
17. *Florenceville, Carleton County*—Brother Joseph Harney.
18. *Grand Falls, Victoria County*—Rev. Isaac R. Skinner.
19. *Greenwich Hill, King's County*—Deacon Charles Wallace, Bro. Jas. Crabb.
20. *Hainesville, Carleton County*—No letter.
21. *Hodgdon and Richmond, Carleton County*—*Bro. Charles Henderson.
22. *Howard Settlement, York County*—
23. *Jacksontown, Carleton County*—Deacon C. Connolly, Brother B. Burt.
24. *Jacksonville, Carleton County*—Brother Robert Hannah.
25. *Keswick (1st), York County*—
26. *Keswick (2d), York County*—Rev. B. N. Hughes.
27. *Kingsclear (1st), York County*—Rev. T. M. Munro, Deacon Joel Everett,
Brother J. Dunphy.
28. *Kingsclear (2d), York County*—Rev. Joseph Cahill, Brother J. S. Holyoke.
29. *Ledge, St. Stephen, Charlotte County*—No letter.
30. *Little Southwest, Northumberland County*—No letter.
31. *Lower Woodstock, Carleton County*—No letter.
32. *Ludlow, Northumberland County*—Rev. W. M. Edwards, *Dca. Geo. L. Price.
33. *Macnaquack, York County*—Revs. T. M. Munro, J. H. Tupper, Brother
Jacob Estey.

34. *Maugerville, Sumbury County*—Rev. George Howard.
35. *Middle Simonds, Carleton County*—Rev. Benjamin Jewett.
36. *Nashwaak, York County*—No letter.
37. *Newcastle, Grand Lake, Queen's County*—Rev. J. Coombes, Deacons Hon. *Gideon Bailey, *G. Flower, Bro. Duncan J. Bailey.
38. *Newcastle, Miramichi, Northumberland County*—Brethren *A. Vaughan, *Wm. Grimley.
39. *New Jerusalem, Queen's County*—No letter.
40. *New Maryland, York County*—No letter.
41. *New Salem, Northumberland County*—Rev. W. M. Edwards, Brother Thos. Taylor.
42. *North Esk, Northumberland County*—No letter.
43. *Oak Bay, Charlotte County*—No letter.
44. *Olivet (African) Queen's County*—Rev. H. Haines.
45. *Pennfield, Charlotte County*—Rev. W. E. Vickery. No letter.
46. *Prince William, York County*—Rev. Joseph Cahill.
47. *Portland, Saint John County*—Rev. D. McClellan, Deacons J. S. May, M. E. Cowan, Brethren D. V. Roberts, A. S. Spragg.
48. *Richmond (3d), Carleton County*—No letter.
49. *Rolling Dam, Charlotte County*—No letter.
50. *Salmon Creek, Queen's County*—No letter.
51. *St. Andrews (2d), Charlotte County*—No letter.
52. *St. George (1st), Charlotte County*—Rev. W. E. Vickery, Deacons *John Dewer, *Abram Young.
53. *St. George (2d), Charlotte County*—No letter.
54. *St. George (Second Falls), Charlotte County*—No letter.
55. *St. James, Charlotte County*—No letter.
56. *St. John, Germain Street, St. John County*—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Deacons John Fisher, W. H. Hall, Brethren Thos. S. Simms, H. H. Reeve.
57. *St. John, Brussels Street, St. John County*—Deacons Gilbert White, Wm. Allwood, Brethren Robt. Stevens, W. H. Dykeman, W. H. Wortman.
58. *St. John, Leinster Street, St. John County*—Rev. J. D. Pope, Deacons Hon. A. McL. Seely, A. W. Masters, J. Chaloner, Brethren John March, Jas. E. Masters.
59. *St. John, Pitt Street, St. John County*—No letter.
60. *St. John, Carleton, St. John County*—Rev. E. Hickson, Deacons *Isaac Sharp, *Jas. Belyea, Brethren J. P. Wells, Geo. W. Lyon.
61. *St. John, Carleton, Zion's Church (African), St. John County*—No letter.
62. *St. Stephen, Charlotte County*—Deacon Wm. Vaughan.
63. *Springfield, York County*—No letter.
64. *Scotchtown, Queen's County*—No letter.
65. *Southampton, York County*—No letter.
66. *South Musquaak and Dipper Harbour, St. John County*—Rev. W. J. Stewart, Bro. C. F. Clinch.

67. *South Richmond, Carleton County*—No letter.
 68. *Temperance Vale, York County*—No letter.
 69. *Tower Hill, Charlotte County*—No letter.
 70. *Upper Gagetown, Queen's County*—Rev. Geo. Howard, Deacon G. W. Coy
 Brother S. Watson.
 71. *Upper Newcastle and Northfield*—Rev. J. Coombes.
 72. *Upper Queensbury, York County*—Rev. J. H. Tupper.
 73. *Woodstock, Carleton County*—
 74. *Woodstock (African), Carleton County*—

INVITED TO SEATS.

- Rev. George Armstrong, Saint John.
 " James Spencer, Saint John.
 " T. Todd, Moncton, Westmorland County.
 " E. C. Corey, Penobscuis, King's County.
 " W. A. Corey, Springfield, King's County.
 " F. Beattie, Hopewell, Albert County.
 " I. E. Bill, Saint Martins, Saint John County.
 " W. B. Boggs (Returned Missionary).
 " J. F. Kempton, Sussex, King's County.
 " T. Blackadar, Harvey, Albert County.
 " G. F. Miles, Amherst, N. S.
 " A. B. Macdonald, Cambridge, Queen's County.
 " C. V. Henson, Peabody, Mass.
 " W. A. Troop, Bellisle, King's County.
 " J. Shaw, _____
 " W. H. Beekwith, Fredericton.
 Bro. Samuel Grierson, Saint George, Charlotte County.
 " M. McDonald, M. D., Cambridge, Queen's County.
 " T. H. Hall, Saint John.

COMMITTEES 1876-77.

- ON ARRANGEMENTS—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, E. Hickson, D. McClellan, J. D. Pope, I. E. Bill.
 ON NOMINATIONS—Revs. E. Hickson, T. H. Porter, W. M. Edwards, George Howard, T. M. Munro.
 ON LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, I. E. Bill, George Armstrong.
 ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—Revs. J. F. Kempton, T. H. Porter, I. R. Skinner, J. H. Tupper, W. B. Boggs, Brethren Hon. A. McL. Seely, A. W. Masters, G. W. Lyon.
 ON HOME MISSIONS—Revs. I. E. Bill, W. M. Edwards, T. Todd, W. A. Troop, Brethren D. V. Roberts, C. F. Clinch, Hon. Gideon Bailey, Gilbert White, W. H. Dykeman, James E. Masters.

ON EDUCATION—Rev. D. McClellan, T. Blackadar, W. A. Corey, Brethren Dr. Rand, A. F. Randolph, J. P. Wells, John March.

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Revs. T. M. Munro, George Armstrong, G. F. Miles, Brethren M. E. Cowan, M. S. Hall, J. T. Holyoke.

ON TEMPERANCE—Revs. B. N. Hughes, W. E. Vickery, J. S. May, A. S. Spragg, James Sloat, S. Watson, W. H. Hall, Isaac Sharp, Geo. Gray.

ON NEW CHURCHES—Rev. J. Coombes, Deacons G. W. Coy, W. Allwood, D. W. Estabrooks.

ON SPECIAL BUSINESS—Rev. James Spencer, Deacons John Fisher, John Christopher.

ON PRINTING AND CIRCULATING THE MINUTES—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Brethren John March, H. H. Reeve.

ON OBITUARIES—Revs. E. Hickson, G. Howard, Brethren W. S. Estey, Robert Stevens, W. H. Wortman.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Brother J. March, Revs. T. Todd, W. B. Boggs.

ON STATISTICS—Rev. D. McClellan, Brethren J. H. Harding, T. H. Hall.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER—Revs. Geo. Armstrong, G. Howard, G. M. W. Carey.

ON LISTS OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES—Revs. I. E. Bill, T. Todd, and E. Hickson.

ON PRESERVATION OF RECORDS, FORMS, &c.—The Moderator, Brethren John March, H. C. Creed, Revs. T. Todd, W. P. Everett.

ON THE NEXT ANNIVERSARY—Revs. W. M. Edwards, E. Hickson, W. A. Troop, T. M. Munro.

DELEGATES OF ASSOCIATION.

To CONVENTION—Five of the following who may attend, in the order named: Brethren Dr. T. H. Rand, Henry Vaughan, Hon. A. McL. Seely, John March, J. H. Moran, Gilbert White, C. F. Clinch.

To SISTER ASSOCIATIONS—Such as may be present within the number limited.

MINUTES.

Saint John, N. B., 27th June, 1876.

The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association opened with the Germain Street Baptist Church, Saint John, this day, at 2 o'clock.

Two hours were spent in prayer, praise, and conference, under the direction of the Rev. G. M. W. Carey, pastor of the Church, who, at the close, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates and messengers of the Association.

At 4 P. M., the Association organised by appointing the Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Chairman, *pro tem.*, and the Rev. J. D. Pope and Brother T. S. Simms, Secretaries, *pro tem.*

The delegates from the Churches presented their credentials, and took their seats.

On motion—The Association proceeded to the election of officers for the current year (*see p. 2*), who having taken their places, the Moderator read the Rules of Order.

Committees on Arrangements and Nominations were, on motion, appointed. (*See p. 14.*)

On motion—All members of Regular Baptist Churches visiting the Association, were invited to hand in their names to the Secretaries, and participate in the deliberations. (*See p. 14.*)

The Committee on Arrangements submitted the following Report:

The Committee on Arrangements respectfully recommend that the Rev. F. Beattie preach a sermon at 7.30 o'clock this evening, after which the Letters from the Churches to be read.

That we meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock for prayer, and that the Associational Sermon be preached at 10 o'clock, by the Rev. T. M. Munro, and an opportunity be given for the meeting of the Baptist Education Society immediately thereafter. Signed, G. M. W. CAREY, *Chairman.*

On motion—The Report was adopted, and its recommendations ordered to be carried out.

On motion—The Association adjourned at 5.30 o'clock after prayer by the Rev. J. H. Tupper.

SECOND SESSION.

27th June, 1876.

The Association resumed its session at 7.30 o'clock, P. M., the Moderator in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. I. E. Bill, after which the Rev. F. Beattie preached a sermon, founded on the words: "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6th chap., 14th verse), and prayer was again offered by Rev. T. H. Porter.

A collection amounting to \$8.50, was taken for Home Missions.

The Minutes of the first session were read and approved.

The Committee on Arrangements reported:

Recommending that to-morrow the morning session adjourn at 12.30 o'clock; that business be resumed at 2.30 P. M.; that the afternoon session adjourn at 6 P. M.; that the annual meeting of the Home Missionary Society be held at 7.30 P. M., and that the speakers be Revs. I. E. Bill, W. J. Stewart, W. M. Edwards, and Thos. Todd.

(Signed)

G. M. W. CAREY, *Chairman.*

On motion—The Report was adopted, and its recommendations ordered to be carried out.

The Committee on Nominations reported, recommending the appointment of the usual Committees (*see pp. 14, 15*), and, on motion, the Report was adopted.

The letter from the Germain Street Church, welcoming the members of the Association, and giving a full statement of its operations for the past year, was read by the Rev. G. M. W. Carey.

On the call of the Moderator, special prayer was offered by Rev. I. E. Bill for Deacon E. H. Duval, who was reported to be in a very low state of health.

On motion—the Association adjourned at 9.15 o'clock, after prayer by Rev. W. A. Corey, singing of the Doxology, and the benediction by the Rev. W. A. Troop.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday, 28th June, 1876.

The Association reassembled this morning at 9 o'clock, when an hour was spent in prayer under the direction of Deacon W. H. Hall.

At 10 o'clock the Moderator took the Chair, and, after introductory exercises, the annual associational sermon was preached by the Rev. T. M. Munro, from John 15: 8. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." Prayer by Rev. G. F. Miles.

On motion—it was *Resolved*, That Brother Munro be requested to furnish a copy of the Associational Sermon for publication in the *Christian Visitor*.

A collection, amounting to \$7.41, was taken for Home Missions.

On motion—the Association adjourned at 11.45 o'clock, to afford an opportunity for holding the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society.

FOURTH SESSION.

28th June, 1876.

The Association reassembled at 2.30 P. M., the Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. D. McClellan.

The Minutes of the second and third sessions were read and approved.

On motion—the name of the Rev. E. Hickson was added to the Committee on Obituaries, as its Chairman.

The letters from the Churches were then read.

On motion—the Association resolved to give place for the adjourned meeting of the Baptist Education Society from 9 to 10.40 to-morrow morning.

On motion—the following brethren were appointed a Committee to prepare a report on form of Church Letters, and report on the best plan to adopt for the preparation and preservation of the records of the body—Bros. J. March, H. C. Creed, Revs. T. Todd, and W. P. Everett.

On motion—A Committee was appointed to report on the place of holding the next annual session, the preacher of the annual sermon, and the writer of the circular letter.

On motion—Adjourned at 6 P. M., after prayer by Rev. W. B. Boggs.

FIFTH SESSION.

June 28th, 7.30, p. m.

The Annual Meeting of the Home Missionary Society was held this evening, the President, Rev. J. D. Pope, in the Chair.

After introductory exercises the annual report of the Mission Board, and the report of its financial condition and operations were read—the former by the Rev. E. Hickson, and the latter by the Treasurer, Bro. J. H. Harding—which on motion were laid on the table for further consideration.

Addresses were then delivered as follows :

By Rev. I. E. Bill, on "The Missionary Spirit."

" W. M. Edwards, on "Missionary Work."

" T. Todd, on "Missionary Fields."

" W. J. Stewart, on "Missionary Men."

A collection, amounting to \$27.64, was taken for Home Missions.

On motion—The reports were adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (*See Appendix*).

The Committee on Nominations reported a list of officers for the ensuing year, which on motion was adopted. (*See Appendix*).

The Committee on Arrangements reported, recommending that the meetings of the Association to-morrow be as follows :

At 9 A. M., prayer meeting.

9.30 A. M., adjourned meeting of the N. B. Baptist Education Society.

10.30 A. M., Association to resume its deliberations.

12.30 P. M., adjourn for dinner.

2 P. M., Association to resume its deliberations.

7.30 P. M., a public meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions.

On motion—The report was adopted.

On motion—Adjourned, after prayer by Bro. W. S. Estey, and the benediction by Rev. I. E. Bill.

SIXTH SESSION.

29th June, 1876.

A prayer and conference meeting was held at 9 A. M.

At 9.30 o'clock an adjourned meeting of the N. B. Baptist Education Society was held, Brother the Hon. A. McL. Seely in the Chair.

At 10.30 o'clock, the Association resumed its operations, with prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Letters from the Churches were then read.

The Committee on New Churches reported (*see p. 29*), and their Report was, on motion, adopted. Whereupon, the hand of fellowship was given to the delegates by the Moderator.

On motion of Rev. J. Coombes, seconded by Rev. W. B. Boggs, the following resolution was adopted :

"Whereas, The year just passed has been one marked abundantly by the special presence and blessing of God to the Churches of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, as seen by the letters read :

"Resolved, That the Moderator lead the Association, at its public meeting this evening, in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for that special presence and blessing."

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was submitted (*see p. 30*), and addresses delivered by Brethren I. E. Bill, Jas. E. Masters, T. H. Porter, T. Todd, J. March, G. M. W. Carey, J. Cahill, A. McL. Seely, Dr. McDonald, A. B. McDonald, G. Howard, W. M. Edwards, H. H. Reeve, and B. N. Hughes, after which the report was adopted.

The Committee on Arrangements reported as follows :

That at the public meeting to be held this evening the Moderator offer prayer and thanksgiving to God for the showers of His grace experienced by the churches during the past year ; that a praise meeting follow, at which no speaker shall occupy more than three minutes ; that Brother Boggs be afforded a full opportunity to present the claims of the Foreign Mission, and a collection be taken in aid of that fund, as a thank-offering to God for His great blessings.

On motion—The report was adopted.

On motion—Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. T. Todd.

SEVENTH SESSION.

June 29th, 2.30, p. m.

The Association reassembled, the Moderator in the Chair.
Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Tupper.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Letters from the Churches were then read.

On motion—It was resolved, that the delegates of this Association to the next Annual Convention of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, to be held at Sackville, be such five of the following brethren as may be present, in the order in which they are named, viz.: Brethren Dr. T. H. Rand, Henry Vaughan, Hon. A. McL. Seely, John March, J. H. Moran, Gilbert White, and C. F. Clinch.

On motion—It was resolved, that any members of this Association who may be present at the gatherings of sister Associations, be our delegates within the limit fixed by such Associations.

The Committee on the Circular Letter to the Churches reported that they had examined the Circular Letter, prepared by the Rev. George Seely, and recommended that it be read.

On motion—The report was adopted.

The Circular Letter was then read by the Rev. George Armstrong, and, on motion, it was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the *Christian Visitor* and embodied in the Minutes. (*See p. 24*).

The Committee on Obituaries reported the death during the year of the Rev. Charles Spurden, D. D., one of the ministers of this Association.

On motion—The report was adopted, ordered to be published in the Minutes (*see p. 29*), and a copy forwarded to the family.

Prayer was offered by Rev. I. E. Bill, and memorial remarks were offered by Revs. B. N. Hughes, the Moderator, and G. M. W. Carey.

The Committee on the next Anniversary reported, recommending that the next Association meet with the Church at Blissfield, Northumberland County; that the annual sermon

be preached by the Rev. D. McClellan, and Rev. Geo. Howard be his alternate, and the Circular Letter be prepared by the Rev. J. Coombes, and Brother Dr. Rand be his alternate.

On motion—the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature (*see p. 33*) was submitted, and, on motion, adopted—the ministers of the Association being requested to read it to their people and append such remarks as may aid in carrying out its recommendations. Remarks were offered by Rev. I. E. Bill, the Moderator, Bro. J. March, and Rev. T. Todd.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their report (*see p. 31*), upon which remarks were made by the Rev. D. McClellan, and Bro. J. March, and, on motion, adopted.

On motion—The officers of the Association were empowered to make such arrangements for the next Associational gathering as will afford a full opportunity for the consideration of the claims and operations of Sabbath Schools.

The report of the Committee on Temperance (*see p. 34*) was submitted and adopted.

The Committee on Education submitted their Report (*see p. 30*), which was adopted, after addresses by Revs. I. E. Bill, the Moderator, G. M. W. Carey, Jos. Cahill, Rev. J. F. Kempton, Rev. A. B. Macdonald.

The Committee on Special Business reported that no business had been submitted to them.

The Committee on Revision of Lists reported, and their Report was, on motion, ordered to be embodied in the Minutes. (*See pp. 10, 11.*)

A collection was taken for contingent expenses, amounting to \$2.49.

On motion—The Association adjourned at 5.15 o'clock, to give place for an adjourned meeting of the N. B. Baptist Education Society (*see Appendix*), after prayer by Rev. George Howard.

EIGHTH SESSION.

June 29th, 7.30, p. m.

The Association reassembled at this hour, the Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. C. V. Henson, of Peabody, Mass.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer of the Association was submitted, and, on motion, adopted. (*See p. 36*).

On motion—It was resolved to devote any unapplied funds to Home Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted their Report (*see p. 34*); after which the Rev. W. B. Boggs delivered an extremely interesting address on the work of Missions in the foreign field, as witnessed by himself; and, on motion, the Report was adopted.

A collection amounting to \$21.43, was taken on behalf of Foreign Missions.

The following vote of thanks, prepared by the Rev. I. E. Bill, was cordially adopted to the Churches and friends :

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association be given to the Church of Germain Street, and to all the Baptist Churches of the City and Portland, and to all other friends, who have kindly entertained the delegates, for their distinguished hospitality to the members of this body; and we pray God to pour forth upon them all the healthful influences of His grace, and fill them with all the fulness of His love.

The Moderator reviewed the operations of the body, and offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings of God's grace experienced during the year.

The Association closed its labors by singing the Missionary Hymn, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. C. V. Henson, of Peabody, Mass.; after which it adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Blissfield, Miramichi, on the fourth Tuesday in June, 1877.

J. D. POPE, *Moderator*.

J. MARCH, *Secretary*.

H. H. REEVE, *Assistant Secretary*.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

BAPTIST PRINCIPLES, OR OUR PECULIAR VIEWS.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The subject set forth in this epistle was suggested by a remark made, not a great while since, by a clergyman to a young friend of mine, “How can you go among the Baptists? They are a people by themselves!”

We have been from time immemorial, nay, from apostolic days, a people by ourselves, a separate, distinct people, holding views peculiar to the inspired oracles of God—peculiar to the kingdom of grace established by our risen Redeemer.

Thank God for this distinctive religion, these distinctive doctrines and ordinances, sentiments and practices, which have been the exalted symbols of our most cherished faith in every passing age of the church; and must remain in connection with her history, in weal or woe, till she is caught up to meet the Lord of glory in the air, on our world's last day.

Our peculiar views have obtained for us in every age, and among every people, no small amount of sufferings in imprisonments, confiscation of goods, and, in a mighty multitude of instances, death in the most bitter form; nevertheless, these very views of gospel truth have been our bond of union, and victorious weapons. “By these we conquer.”

And it is no better now, so far as the spirit of the world and worldly religion is concerned. Our fathers have been among the first and last of the glorious army of the martyrs, either in apostolic or in more recent times. Indeed, Baptists had the honor to wear the blood-red crown of martyrdom in New Testament days, and let it not be forgotten that Sir William Sawtre, an English nobleman, led the van, and Edward Whiteman brought up the rear guard in the fierce and fiery ordeals through which our British Baptist brethren passed to win soul-liberty for themselves and their children and all true worshippers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Roger Williams and the Baptists of Boston, and various other places on American soil, endured no small amount of tribulations to obtain liberty to serve God according to His written word, and even here in New Brunswick, not many years since, Baptist ministers were shut up in the jails of Oromocto and St. Stephen for preaching the old-fashioned glad tidings of Christ. Thank God, the day of civil persecution is ended, a freer atmosphere prevails around us. Our distinctive principles have not only called forth against us the sword of civil and ecclesiastical power, but also the use of the pen. Yet we have lived, and to-day we stand as firm to our views of Christian faith and practice as ever; and the few despised Baptists, who everywhere were spoken against, have

grown to be exceedingly numerous. The small one has become a great nation. The Lord has hastened it in His time.

The frowns of men of the world have not annihilated us, nor have their smiles beguiled us; we live and thrive and expand on every side, regardless of either.

Our sentiments have stood the test of time, for they have the firm rock of eternal truth as their foundation. Well might a poet sing the rapturous strain—

“How firm a foundation,
Ye saints of the Lord,
Have ye laid for your faith,
In God's excellent Word;
Though the fountains be broken,
And the cisterns all fail,
Yet the word 'Ee has spoken,
Shall surely prevail.”

Our peculiar views are older than the immortal dreamer of Bedford Jail, older than the Reformation, older than the Lollards and John Wickliffe, older than the fathers of the three first centuries. They go back to Christ and his forerunner, John the Baptist.

If any sect can speak of having their origin in remote antiquity, we more than any of them. Our origin is co-eval with the gospel dispensation.

And our light has always been shining somewhere; it has never gone out. It can never go out. God, the Holy Spirit, is the author of the light and truth of which we as a denomination have been the recipients. Look at the gospel as it sent forth its beams of truth and love into the most famous cities of the old world,—Jerusalem, Antioch, Corinth, Alexandria, Ephesus, Athens and Rome; and when the church was driven by fierce and cruel hands into the old Roman Catacombs, it shone there, and scattered the gloom and sorrow from those abodes of misery, and filled millions of hearts with unutterable joy.

And then, again, when Papal Rome had conquered the world, the light of the baptized Christians gleamed out with no faint rays amid the mountain fastnesses of France, Switzerland and Wales. And here God sustained this woman driven into the wilderness till her time was fulfilled, and the hour of deliverance drew near.

What long trains of heroes for the truth of God appeared in continental Europe and in the British Isles during those dark days, and many of them sealed their testimony with their blood. “And their blood was seed.” Among them stood in the front rank the followers of the Donatists, John Huss, the Albigenses, the Vaudois, the disciples of Wickliffe and the Lollards. Men whose lives were as pure as the doctrines they professed, and of whom the world was not worthy, and of whom we need not be ashamed.

God kept the holy seed of his church alive, neither did they mingle with the nations. "They were a people by themselves." Thank God for it. We do not claim an unbroken line of apostolic succession for our ministry, nor do we claim an uninterrupted chain of connection with other sects holding baptism as we do, but we do claim to fashion our independent churches after the model of the Baptist Church in Jerusalem. And it is a remarkable fact that other denominations, when they go on heathen soil, follow the Baptist order—of discipling the nations first, and then admitting their converts to the ordinances of their church. First, teaching them confession of faith in Christ, after which follows what they regard as baptism, then the Supper of the Lord. Why do they alter the plan afterwards? Why not stick to first principles? Our churches have grown up under this system, and continue to hold these first principles dear and necessary to the end. We hold this order of things to be as important now in this enlightened age, and in this gospel favored land, as in apostolic days in Jerusalem, or Antioch, or Rome; or in more modern days in India, China, or Japan. Has man any right to change God's method, and substitute instead thereof one of his own construction?

We abjure most sacredly all human inventions and trappings as additions to faith and practice.

Our holy Christianity needs none of these; it came perfect from the hands of its glorious Founder.

Human additions breed corruption and mischief to man, and become engines of oppression and injury.

Does not the history of the Church in all ages prove this to be a fact?

Dr. Gill, that learned and justly celebrated man, calls infant baptism "A pillar of Popery," and he knew well that it upheld not only that very erroneous system, but all erroneous systems which are its legitimate offshoots. As a people we have ever contended for freedom of conscience—for soul-liberty, as Roger Williams was pleased to call it. The civil magistrate, let him be high or low in state authority, has no right to interfere with men's religious views, or bind men's thoughts, prescribing what they shall believe or disbelieve.

The Papal idea was to do this, and Protestants likewise have followed in their train,—like the old Puritans of New England, fleeing from the hand of persecution, became persecutors themselves.

The free, pure air of this new continent is most congenial to the growth and spread of these peculiar views. No denomination has grown like ours. Popery, and several sects of Protestantism, have multiplied, it is true, but principally from immigration from the countries of Europe.

But Baptist sentiments have grown nearly altogether from their being faithfully and lovingly disseminated by godly and heaven-called ministers. The denomination in the neighboring States now numbers one million, eight hundred thousand members in its churches, and during the century has multiplied eighty fold, while the entire population has increased ten-fold. We have now within our churches one-twentieth of the entire people. Zeal and faith and love have done it.

We have never believed in the union of Church and State, and why? Simply, because we do not see it in the Book of God.

A pure Christianity has ever been a separate institution from the organism of civil and political power. And no other form of church government is a safe one.

Our churches are based upon the principles of the supremacy and sufficiency of the simple teaching of the New Testament. Here we have unadulterated truth—truth springing from a pure, perennial fountain—not being mixed up with any of the sediments and muddy ingredients of human origin. The Word of the Lord is our guide in matters of religion; not catechisms, nor standards, nor confessions, nor creeds; nor councils, nor synods, nor dogmas, but the precious words of inspiration.

Holy Scripture is a strong foundation to rest our hope upon. Its weapons were forged in the armory of heaven, and are mighty through God to pull down the strongholds of sin. We must not take any pet theories of our own instead of a "thus saith the Lord." "The truth as it is in Jesus," and "Holding fast the form of sound words," must be our mottoes.

It becomes us to be faithful in propagating these peculiar views and principles, from the consideration that they are the great seasoning and transforming doctrines of the age. A converted, baptized church membership, in contradistinction to a christened, infant church membership; immersion, being New Testament baptism, in opposition to sprinkling, or pouring, or any other mode invented by man. Believers being the only subjects of baptism, the Lord's Supper being decidedly a church ordinance, and baptism being a pre-requisite thereto. This is New Testament order. Any other course than this is human, and consequently wrong. These ordinances of Christ possess no saving efficacy of themselves, but being commands of our risen Lord, are obligatory on all His people to the end of the dispensation.

The independence of the churches to receive and dismiss and discipline their members, to elect and dismiss their officers, such as deacons for the temporalities, and elders for the spiritualities of the church, without any interference on the part of any one without its pale.

The Bible, the Bible only, no human traditions, as a standard to guide into all truth and righteousness.

These are our peculiar views; we are willing that they should be tested again and again, now as in the past. They have been thoroughly tested, and possess the same proof qualities now as ever.

Let us contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. In the spirit of our Divine Master, let us send forth and greatly multiply the ways and means of doing good. By Bibles, and tracts, and books, and conversation, and individual influence, and prayers, and Sunday school labors, and money, and by every laudable, honorable, and out-spoken christian method that comes within our reach. And thus can we combat best with every form of error, whether it be Romanism, or Ritualism, or Rationalism, or any of the evil tendencies growing out of infant church-membership.

God has greatly honored this close adherence to truth, and by it carries on His own blessed work, and is filling the happy, shining way that leads to immortality with multitudes of ransomed souls.

As a people, we have a glorious pedigree—a glorious history in the past; and as Neander says, "A future is before us"—a bright, onward march of triumph and victory; for victory must turn on the side of God and truth.

Our peculiar views have not the effect of narrowing up and contracting our christian sympathies towards others who may differ from us, as some affirm. But on the other hand, Baptists have been, and continue to be, the friends of freedom, benevolence, large-heartedness, and eminently of a catholic spirit.

In conclusion, brethren, let us so live as to glorify Christ and His truth, that all about us may take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus, and may be led through our means to Jesus and heaven.

And as our distinctive views are best adapted to the wants of the wide world, let us labor to do our part in sending the good news everywhere, that when Jesus comes in glory, we may have many stars in our crown of rejoicing; and like those who turn many to righteousness, shine as the stars forever and ever.

REPORTS.

ON NEW CHURCHES.

Your Committee on New Churches beg leave to report—That we have had placed before us the letters of two Churches, which have been organized at Arthurette, Tobique River, and at Greenwich Hill; and recommend that they be received into the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, and their letters read before this body.

(Signed)

JOHN COOMBES, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM ALLWOOD,
G. W. COY.

ON OBITUARIES.

The Rev. Charles Spurden, D. D., was born in London, on May 25th, 1812. At an early age he was deprived of his loving mother. This event led to the conversion of his father, who was then an Episcopalian. The family attended an Evangelical Ministry, and Charles, the eldest son, became a Baptist from conviction. At the age of 20 years he was baptized by the Rev. E. Steane, and joined the Church in Camberwell, a step soon after followed by his father and other members of the family.

In his 25th year he entered Bristol College. He was ordained pastor of the Baptist Church, Hereford, on the 13th April, 1841.

In this sphere of labour he continued until the latter part of 1842, when, in answer to an application from the Committee of the Baptist Education Society of New Brunswick, he was sent out by the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society, to take charge of the Seminary in Fredericton.

During a brief visit to England in 1853, he was married, and returned to New Brunswick, to devote all his energies to the sphere of usefulness opening there.

In June, 1861, he received a Diploma from the Governors of Acadia College, which was entirely unsought, though he appreciated this mark of their respect.

His first severe attack of illness occurred in 1866; and in 1867 he resigned his connection with the Seminary.

He was one of the Examiners of the University, and also of the Provincial Training School, up to the time of his death.

In 1874, illness again returned; but a visit to England during the summer, so restored him that he was able to take the pastoral charge of the Church at Fredericton, during the illness and absence of the Rev. T. H. Porter, its pastor.

In October 1875, symptoms of nervous debility again appeared, and a gradual decline of energy and strength followed, which no human means could arrest, until on January 13th, 1876, he gently breathed his last in the arms of his Saviour, in the 64th year of his age.

Dr. Spurden was a gentleman of good literary attainments, of very fine sensibilities, prudent, wise, and modest. A devoted christian of exemplary piety.

His memory is lovingly cherished by his students and by his brethren generally. His life and teaching have had a salutary influence, and though dead, he yet speaketh.

We tender our cordial sympathy to our esteemed sister, the widow, and to the members of the family, praying that the Lord may sustain and bless them.

On behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) EDWARD HICKSON, *Chairman.*

ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions, beg to report—That the "New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society," is now nearly a quarter of a century old. It was called into existence for the purpose of harmonizing the Baptist Ministry and Churches of this Province, in one effective organization; having for its object, the proclamation of the Gospel to the people of every town, village, and hamlet of New Brunswick, not sufficiently supplied with the means of grace. For the want of appropriate agencies and activities, the original purposes of the Society have been accomplished *only* in part; but, thank God, sufficient has been done—in the conversion of souls, in the formation of new churches, and in the edification and confirmation of older ones—to awaken within us gratitude for the past, and to inspire us with hope and courage for the future. Again, therefore, would we cordially commend the Society, with all its aims, responsibilities, and interests, to the prayers, confidence, and contributions, of our Ministers and Churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education, view with much satisfaction, the manifest progress of Education, under the Common School Law; and believe that its further developement and improvement is simply a question of time; and that a period by no means distant will see the youth of the Province stand side by side with those of hitherto more favored communities. The bearing of this

progress in Elementary Education on the Higher Institutions of learning, is apparent. While they are being stimulated to meet the growing wants, it is also to be expected and desired that a much larger number of students will seek the advantages they offer. No class in the community should be more ready to avail themselves of their advantages, than that to which is committed, and upon whose proficiency so largely depends the spiritual welfare of the people. Our Pastors must be educated men.

Your Committee, would, therefore, most cordially commend our Academic and Collegiate Institutions at Wolfville as worthy of the continued and increased confidence and generous support of our Churches and people.

(Signed)

D. McCLELLAN, *Chairman.*

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools, respectfully report—That as only about one half of the Churches forming this Association have sent letters to this body, it is impossible to prepare a statement of the amount and character of the work performed in this department during the past year.

From the letters sent, however, it is evident that during the winter months the work has been suspended in many localities; and while the reports of the results attained in some cases are most gratifying, in others there appears a lamentable want of appreciation of the true position and bearing of the Sabbath School in relation to the Church.

The institution of the modern Sabbath School had its origin at the time of the introduction of Modern Missions—was a natural outcome of that movement—and, from the first, has been imbued with the spirit of the mission of Christ. This spirit which controls its operations, shapes its polity, and dictates its motives and objects, has caused it to become the accepted work of the whole Church, and the results attained, where that spirit has been the pervading principle, prove the Sabbath School to be a powerful instrument in the propagation of those evangelical truths which alone are able to stand against the onslaught of modern materialistic and infidel opinions upon the religion of Jesus Christ.

Next to the religious family, it is the most efficient auxiliary the Church has to guide the young into the ways of peace and safety; and, consequently, the Sabbath School has a most momentous bearing on its present efficiency and future triumph. In view of this fact, it becomes a question for serious consideration—whether the time has not arrived when the Sabbath School should be more fully recognized as an integral portion of the work of the Church, to be sustained and fostered, to be supported and con-

ducted by it, and thus the Church make itself directly responsible for whatever of success or failure may accrue, instead of holding aloof from it as though it were an independent force.

As the object of the Sabbath School is the study of the Bible, and as the knowledge of the Bible is indispensable to the purity, vitality, and power of Christianity, your Committee believe that every Church should construct itself into a grand Bible School, taking up from time to time the study of the great truths there presented, with the Pastor as its teacher; such an organization, being as definite and clear in its work as the gatherings for listening to the preaching of the Gospel, for offering prayer and praise, or for exhortation.

The reasons why your Committee recommend the adoption of such a course, may be thus briefly stated:—

1. It would greatly promote the study of the Scriptures among the congregation.
2. It would soon provide a more intelligent class of hearers.
3. It would give to members of the Church a more systematized view of religious belief, and a more enlarged and practical idea of the spirit of their religious duties.
4. It would greatly help in giving us a vigorous, intelligent, and inflexible type of christian men and women.

Your Committee further believe, that the work of the Sabbath School should be as continuous and regular as the Sabbaths of the year—the plea for closing its doors during the winter months having no force when opposed to the fact that Day Schools find no difficulty in keeping up two daily sessions throughout the year; and they recommend that the delegates to this Association use every endeavor with their respective Churches to carry on the religious training of the young with no less zeal than they exhibit in securing the secular education of those committed to their care.

The advantages to be derived from following the course of Lessons known as the International Series, are so obvious that your Committee need only recommend its immediate adoption by every school where it has not been used.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend this Association to allot a portion of its annual sessions, to the careful and prayerful consideration of the claims and the work of the Sabbath Schools connected with our Churches; and call for a full statement of the provision made for, and the manner of conducting them, together with the number of additions to the Churches from their ranks.

(Signed)

J. MARCH, *Chairman*,
W. B. BOGGS,
THOS. TODD.

St. John, N. B., 29th June, 1876.

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

As we regard the views on Christian doctrines and ordinances, held by the Baptist Denomination, to be in accordance with the principles and teaching of the Holy Scriptures, and so possessing the seal of Heaven, and most important as regards the salvation of souls and the purity and progress of Christ's Kingdom in the world, we feel that it is incumbent on our Ministry, Churches, and people, to do all they can to promote these views as widely and fully as possible, not only in the pulpit, but also in the dissemination of a pure Christianity, and Denominational Literature amongst the people, and particularly in our Sabbath Schools. We recommend therefore as far as possible, books and periodicals that present these doctrines and principles in harmony with our Denominational views, be used whenever possible to obtain them.

Our Denominational organ, the *Christian Visitor*, now about thirty years in existence, first under the editorial management of the lamented Very, and for many years under the charge of the Rev. I. E. Bill, whose editorial columns have been highly appreciated, has passed into the hands of our Brother, Rev. George Armstrong, as editor and proprietor.

The *Christian Visitor* promises to be highly useful, as heretofore, to us as a Denomination, and to the cause of truth generally.

It would be in our opinion a great calamity to have our paper crippled in its influence and usefulness, for want of proper support.

It now urgently needs a wider circulation, and prompt payment from all its subscribers in arrears. And if all Baptist families, some of whom are supporting other papers not in sympathy with our views, and other friends were induced to take the *Christian Visitor*, its circulation would no doubt be largely increased, and much good would result to the paper.

We therefore earnestly recommend that the pastors and members of the churches and other subscribers use their influence and efforts to increase the circulation of the *Visitor* as far as in their power.

We are assured from what has already occurred that a judicious correspondence contributes much to the interest and usefulness of the paper. And we therefore recommend that our ministers and other brethren and friends furnish for the *Visitor* such correspondence and matters of local importance as they may judge proper and find convenient.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

T. M. MUNRO.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Viewing this world in which we live as a large field for christian labor, and that many evil plants are daily growing that should be plucked out, that others may grow whose nature is to bless mankind and send out a healthy fragrance all over this large field :

Your Committee, to whom was assigned the duty to report on Temperance, are pleased to see a very healthy plant growing among the noxious ones that surround it: that plant is Temperance. The element in which it best grows, is abstinence from every appearance of evil.

We feel that in this great work the path of duty is very plain, not only to labourers for Jesus, but also to every well-disposed lover of humanity.

The wretchedness of drunkenness is seen in every stage of human life. Neither old nor young, who indulge in such a course, can expect to escape the inevitable penalty connected therewith. We are much pleased to see that within the last few years religious bodies in this Province have put forth praiseworthy efforts, to awaken in the hearts of their followers a *greater* zeal for the cause of Temperance; and, we hope, that such efforts will soon accomplish that object for which we have so *long* prayed and laboured, viz.: deliverance from the great evil of drunkenness.

Let us, as Christians, not be behind in this God-honouring work; but ever seek to preserve that purity which becomes the high-calling of our profession.

(Signed)

B. N. HUGHES, *Chairman.*

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions, in submitting their report, are aware that to human eye, some things in connection with the cause look somewhat discouraging.

Our beloved Brother and Sister Boggs have been obliged, on account of his failing health, to return again to the home fields.

Bro. Churchill's health has been affected seriously by the pressure of an Eastern climate; on account of which, he has been under the necessity of following the advice of his physician—to take a sea voyage. A short voyage has been taken, as a preliminary step, and, at latest advices, Bro. C. and wife were at Madras. His health had improved somewhat, and they were hesitating as to whether it would be necessary for him to proceed on a longer voyage, there being some ground for hope that he might be restored without so doing, and be enabled, before long, to return to his field of labor.

But more discouraging still; many of our Churches in the Pro-

vinces are largely destitute of that intense interest in the cause of Foreign Missions that they ought to possess; and, consequently, do not contribute liberally,—and some not at all—for their support.

Yet, notwithstanding these apparently unfavorable circumstances, your Committee are of opinion, that never before in the history of the Foreign Mission work, have the Baptists of the Lower Provinces had greater reason to “thank God, and take courage,” than they now have.

An ample and promising field of operations has been found, and unitedly settled upon; into which, a noble band of Missionaries have entered, and are at work. Those Missionaries are *one* in their convictions that God has directed them to this field; and they are doing all they can to qualify themselves for efficient work.

Already we have one Mission station established; and that, too, under most favorable circumstances. Two families have located at Bimlipatam, a picturesque and healthful situation on the sea coast, in the midst of a dense population. There they have several native young men, who are under instruction for the work of the ministry; and a school of sixty native boys, has been placed under the superintendence of our Missionaries; who will see to it that religious instruction is regularly given. All this we regard as very encouraging to the Mission.

And, beside; though we have been painfully disappointed in our hopes and expectations on account of the failing health of our dear Brother Boggs, yet, we cannot but regard all this as from the Lord; and so fitted in the end to advance the interests of the Mission and promote the glory of God.

Brother and Sister Boggs are prepared, as, perhaps, none among us, beside, can be, to do the *home work of Foreign Missions*, from the very fact, that they have been abroad and witnessed on the ground the pressing and solemn claims of the heathen and of Christ in reference to them.

Nor would your Committee, in reminding you of the reasons for encouragement in this great work, omit to mention that during the past year the Lord has visited a large number of the Churches of the Convention with a gracious outpouring of his Spirit, thus quickening their graces, and increasing their numbers, and so leading us to expect increased contributions to the Foreign Mission Fund.

In conclusion, your Committee would not lose sight of the great importance of the Churches doing all they can, by way of sermons, literature, contributions, etc., for the support of this blessed cause.

In behalf of the Committee,

(Signed)

J. F. KEMPTON, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF TREASURER

Of the Western N. B. Baptist Association, held at Germain Street Baptist Church, 27th, 28th, and 29th June, 1876.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Foreign Missions.	General Education.	Home Missions.	Indrm Ministers.	Sabbath Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Union.
African,	\$1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Blissfield,	1 00	....	....	\$12 50	....	....	....	....
Brussels Street,	5 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Beckaguimic,	1 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Centreville,	1 00	....	....	....	\$1 83	....	....	....
Carleton,	1 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fredericton,	2 00	....	....	16 05	5 75	....	\$5 50	....
Germain Street,	5 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Grand Falls,	1 75	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Greenwich Hill,	1 70	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hodgdon and Richmond,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jacksontown,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jacksonville,	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1st Kingsclear,	1 00	....	....	3 50	....	....	....	....
2d do.	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1st Keswick,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
2d do.	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ludlow,	40	....	....	2 64	....	....	....	....
Leinster Street,	3 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Middle Simonds,	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Macnaquack,	1 00	....	....	3 00	3 67	....	....	....
Musquash,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Nashwaak,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Salem,	40	\$1 10	....	2 25	....	....	....	....
Newcastle, G. L.,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
do. Mir.,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Olivet,	50	50	....	50	....	....	....	....
Portland,	3 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Prince William,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1st St. George,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Upper Gagetown,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	\$12 12
Up. Queensbury,	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
St. Stephen,	1 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Woodstock,	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
do. & Jacksonville	54	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	\$46 39	\$1 60	....	\$40 44	\$11 25	....	\$5 50	\$12 12

Collections for Home Missions,	....	\$43 55
do. Foreign do.	....	21 49
do. Contingent Expenses,	....	2 49

JAMES E. MASTERS,
Treasurer.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

The returns of those marked † are taken from last year's Minutes.

CHURCHES.	Date of Organization	PASTORS.	Date of Settlement	CLERKS.		INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Non-resident members	Resident mbs. of other Chs.	
				NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	By Baptism	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.			
Andover,	1832	I. R. Skinner, A.B.	.....	A. C. Hammond,	Andover,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arthurette,	1875	.....	.....	Horatio Howard,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*† Avondale,	1871	J. G. Harvey, ..	1872	James A. Barter,	Avondale, Carl. Co.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beckagamic and Cold- Blissfield, [stream, 1866	.....	.....	.....	A. H. Hayward,	Rockland, Carl. Co.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*† Blackville, [stream, 1866	.....	.....	.....	Wm. Swinn,	Freeze's w'd., Doaktown	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*†† Bocabec,	1865	W. M. Edwards,	1860	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*† Canning & Sheffield, 1800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*† Canterbury,	1822	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*† Cardigan,	1820	No Pastor,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centreville,	1848	J. G. Harvey,	.....	B. Richards,	Hamtown w. o.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*† Chipman,	1855	No Pastor,	1874	W. D. Estey,	Centreville, Carl. Co.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Douglas (African),	1844	No Pastor,	.....	W. H. Fleming,	Gaspereaux.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*† Dumfries & Queens- Florenceville, [bury, 1855	1831	.....	.....	Geo. A. Wheary,	Douglas.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frederickton,	1866	J. G. Harvey,	.....	Theodore H. Estey,	Wicklow.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gagetown, Upper	1814	T. H. Porter,	1870	C. L. Hart,	Frederickton.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Falls,	1855	Geo. Howard,	.....	S. H. Eastbrooks,	Swan Creek, Burton.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwich Hill,	1864	I. R. Skinner,	1876	Samuel J. Baker,	Grand Falls, Vict. Co.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*† Hainesville,	1876	.....	.....	Nathan Pitt,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hodgdon & Richmond,	1866	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howard Settlement,	1848	Charles Henderson	1875	Robert P. Ames,	Union Corner, Carl. Co.
Jacksontown,	1838	John Estey,

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STATISTICS OF CHURCHES—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR.	Date of Settlement.	CLERKS.		By Baptism.	By Letter.	DECREASE.		MEMBERSHIP.		Non-resident members.	Resident mbs. of other Chs.
				NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.			Dismissed.	Died.	Now Reported.	Last Reported.		
Jacksonville,	1860			R. Hannah,	Jacksonville.					52			
Keawick, 1st,	1812			B. R. Burt,						75			
Keawick, 2d,	1861			Samuel Harris,				3	1	62			
Kingsclear, 1st,	1825	T. M. Munro,	1873	Jos. T. Dumphy,	Spring Hill, Kingsclear.		2			40			
Kingsclear, 2d,	1859	Jos. Cahill,	1874	G. A. Hammond,	Kingsclear.	16		4		80		24	
*†Ledge, St. Stephen,	1830	Henry J. Coy,	1874	James M. Young,	Dufferin, Charlotte Co.					27	29	8	2
*†Little South-West,	1847			Samuel Travis,	Lytle town, Mir.					62	62		
Ludlow,	1865	W. M. Edwards,	1873	Alex. Long,	Ludlow.			1		15			
Macnaquack,	1844	T. M. Munro,	1872	Jas. F. Clark,	Macnaquack.					48	43		
*†Maugerville,	1834			George Bynam,		22	4	2		46	24		
Musquash S. & Dipper,	1867	W. J. Stewart,		L. Goodspeed,	Musquash, York Co.	22				66			
Nashuaak, (Harbor,	1804	W. D. Manzer,		D. J. Bailey,	Newcastle, Grand Lake,	24	1	8		132	114	45	
Newcastle, Gd. Lake,	1846			J. E. Miller,	Newcastle, Miramichi.					45	45	24	2
Newcastle, Miramichi,	1858												
Newcastle, Upper and Northfield,	1871			Isaac Nightingale,	Newcastle Bridge, Q. C.	22		3		66		9	
*†New Jerusalem,	1848			Isiah S. Webb,	New Jerusalem, Q. C.					42	45	4	
*†New Maryland,	1847	P. R. Knight,	1874	Adam Noble,	Rushagornish.					32	32	13	5
New Salem,	1878	W. M. Edwards,		Jos. Dunphy,	Arbo's P. O., Blissfield.					13			
*†North Esk,	1819									48	48		
*†Oak Bay,	1836	Henry Haines,		A. T. L. Weston,	Oak Bay, St. David.					26	27		
Olivet (African),	1873			J. R. Hopewell,	Otinabog, Hampstead.	11		1		36			
*†Pennfield,										56	56		
Portland,	1842	D. McClellan,	1874	A. S. Spragg,	Indian town, St. John.	11	1	2		445	438	74	4

	6	2	1	3	61	57
Prince William,	1800	Joseph Cahill,	1875	L. Estabrooks,	Lower Prince William.	
Queensbury, Upper	1878	James H. Tupper,	1875	Wm. E. Lint,	Upper Queensbury.	21
*Richmond, South	1870			T. Henderson,	Debec, Carleton Co.	25
*Richmond, 3d	1870			Jas. McRae,	Dyer's w. o., St. Patrick	11
*Rolling Dam,	1869					17
*Salmon Creek,	1867			Frank C. Shaw,	Middle Simonds.	45
*Scotch Town,	1866					20
Simonds, Middle	1869					31
*Southampton,	1860			R. H. Hitchings,	St. Andrews, Bayside.	33
*Springfield, Y. C.,	1864			J. R. Bradford,	St. Andrews.	23
*St. Andrews, B'side, 1888	1888			J. A. Moran,	St. George.	61
*St. Andrews, 2d	1865	W. E. Vickery,	1875			52
St. George, 1st	1806					115
*St. George, 2d	1843			Thos. Mann,	Baillie, St. James.	80
*St. George, 2d Falls, 1851	1851			1872 R. Chip Skinner,	St. John.	46
*St. James,	1852			1865 J. J. Bostwick,	do.	18
St. John, Brussels-st., 1850	1850	W. P. Everett,		1873 J. H. Allen,		24
" " " " " " " "	1810	G. M. W. Carey,		M. Harrison,		568
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" " " " " " " "	1841	Edward Hickson,		Edward Price,	Carleton, Saint John.	370
St. Stephen,	1870				St. Stephen.	226
*Temperance Vale, 1866	1866					52
*Tower Hill,	1871			1874 C. N. Scott,	Woodstock.	217
Woodstock,	1842	George Seely,				83
*Woodstock, Lower 1845	1845			1874 G. N. Dickson,	Trafalgar.	18
*Woodstock (African) 1874	1874	J. D. Eatman,		Albert Hayes,	Carleton, Saint John.	57
Zion's Ch., Carleton, 1873	1873					13
Total,		74 Churches.				14
	444	86	14	107	22	54
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STATEMENT OF CHURCH PROPERTY AND STATISTICS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHURCH.	CHURCH PROPERTY.				STATISTICS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.									
	No. of Meet- ing Houses.	Seating capacity.	Value of Mtg. House.	Value of Parsonage.	Date of organization	Scholars.	Average attendance.	Teachers.	No. of adult classes.	Volumes in Library.	No. Papers monthly.	Expended during year.	Benevolent contributions.	No. Sabtles. in season during year.
Andover,	1	250				18	14	3	1					20
Arthurette,														
*Avondale,						65		9		440				
Beckarminic and Coldstream,												\$10 00		
*Blackville,		200				50	30	2	1	250				
Blissfield,	1													
*Bozabec,														
Bright (African),														
*Canning and Sheffield,														
*Canterbury,														
*Carligan,						115		13		250				
Centreville,	1	300	\$2000 00	\$400 00										
*Chipman,														
*Dunfries and Queensbury,						47		7						
Florenceville,	1	700	7500 00	2500 00		230	117	17	2	300	100			53
Fredericton,														
Gagetown, Upper						33	20	4	1	400		13 00		53
Grand Falls,						25								
Greenwich Hill,														
*Halbesville,						45	35	4	2					26
Hodgdon and Richmond,	1	140	1500 00		1843			35						
Howard Settlement,														
Jacksontown,						40								
Jacksonville,														
Keswick, 1st														
Keswick, 2d														
Kingsclear, 1st	1	400	1800 00			30	25	5	3					

Kingsclear, 2d
*Leage, St. Stephen,

STATEMENT OF CHURCH PROPERTY, &c.—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.	CHURCH PROPERTY.				STATISTICS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.									
	No. of Meet- ing Houses.	Seating capacity.	Value of Mg. House.	Value of Parsonage.	Date of organization	Scholars.	Average attendance.	Teachers.	No. of adult classes.	Volumes in Library.	No. Papers monthly.	Expended during year.	Benevolent contributions.	No. of Sabbs. in session during year.
*St. John, Pitt street, Carleton,	1		\$6000 00	\$1500 00	1840	150	90	16	3	540	125	\$85 14	\$2 69	53
St. Stephen, Carleton,	1													
*Temperance Vale,														
*Tower Hill, Woodstock, Lower														
*Woodstock, Lower														
*Woodstock (African), Zito's Church, Carleton,														

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

ANDOVER.

We have nothing very encouraging to report, though sometimes our prospects brighten. During the time Bro. Currie labored with us, mercy drops descended, which cheered and encouraged us. Bro. Isaac R. Skinner is now with us. Our prayers are going forth for a rich blessing on his labors.

ARTHURETTE.

During the time that Bro. G. R. Campbell was laboring with us, we enjoyed the greatest manifestation of God's mercy. Quite a number were then brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus. A little company of us banded ourselves together, and were regularly organized into a Baptist Church. It is now our wish to be received into the Association, and become a recognized church of the Denomination.

BECKAGUMIC.

We are still in coldness and darkness, having had no stated preaching during the year. Bro. Jewett has preached for us part of the time, and we have had occasional visits from other ministerial brethren. A branch has been organized on the Coldstream, which we trust is doing good work. The Sabbath School and prayer-meetings in connection therewith are being well sustained.

BLISSFIELD.

We have the Word of God faithfully preached to a steadily increasing congregation. A series of special meetings were held from Sept. to Dec. last. A deep religious interest was awakened, but as yet we have no additions to report. There is a steady, secret, silent influence whenever an effort is put forth for the salvation of souls. We are waiting for reinforcements; holding the fort. Brethren, shall we surrender; or will you come up and possess the land?

CENTREVILLE.

We have enjoyed some interesting seasons since you met with us in Associational gathering. Some few have professed love to Jesus. We enjoy the labors of our dear pastor, who is much esteemed by the community.

DOUGLAS (BRIGHT) AFRICAN.

We have nothing very encouraging to make known, being in a somewhat low state at present. But we are trying to keep up our meetings, praying that God will please visit us with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

FLORENCEVILLE.

We have enjoyed through the year the labors of Bro. Harvey. At a Quarterly Meeting which convened with us in the fall, we had a refreshing season. Our numbers are small and somewhat scattered, yet our conference and prayer-meetings are kept up regularly.

FREDERICTON.

We hasten to tell how the Lord has blessed us. An invalid pastor, whose every effort it seemed must be his last, took to him the whole armour, and made the attack almost alone, maintaining the unequal combat until other mighty men united with him. But he labored more than they all. It has been our privilege to welcome seventy-one by baptism. Will any say that the Lord has not heard and answered prayer for the health of our pastor? We have, however, to deplore the loss of our dear brother, Dr. Spurden, who was a member of this church for thirty-two years.

GAGETOWN, UPPER.

The labors of Bro. Howard have been greatly blessed. A series of meetings were held immediately following the Quarterly Meeting in January last, which were continued several weeks with unabated interest. These resulted in the conversion of many precious souls, and the almost universal arousing of the membership of the church, bringing backsliders to a sense of their sins. Our Sabbath School which was closed during the winter, has been reorganized with an efficient staff of officers and teachers, and promises well for the future.

GRAND FALLS.

Our membership is small, but we are trying to hold fast the faith once delivered to the saints. We are trusting for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and an increase of our numbers.

GREENWICH HILL.

Believing that we could do more for the cause of Christ by a separate organization, we some time since petitioned the church at New Jerusalem to grant us dismission, for the purpose of organizing a separate church. A council was called from the St. John, Portland, and New Jerusalem churches. The invitations were responded to, and we were duly recognized. Bro. J. L. Shaw preaches for us fortnightly. A prayer-meeting is held every Sabbath, and conference once a month.

HODGDON AND RICHMOND.

We have pleasure in reporting that the Lord has been pleased to revive His work. Many have been added to our membership. Our prayer and conference meetings have been well attended, and a good feeling prevails.

HOWARD SETTLEMENT.

We were in a dark state until Bro. J. W. S. Young came amongst us. His labors have been blessed to the conversion of a number of souls. We have a thriving Sabbath School.

JACKSONTOWN.

The cause is rather low with us. We are at present without regular preaching, our much respected pastor having felt it to be his duty to remove to another quarter. Our preaching, prayer, and conference meetings are generally well attended, and we hope not altogether without profit.

JACKSONVILLE.

We cannot report so favorably as at other times. Our pastor has resigned his charge, and we are without preaching. But we are praying that God may send one of His faithful servants, to go in and out before us. Our conference meetings are precious seasons.

1ST KESWICK.

We have nothing special to report. Bro. B. N. Hughes has labored faithfully with us part of the year. We desire the prayers of the brethren, that God would send His Spirit among us, that our hearts may be quickened.

2ND KESWICK.

We have had no additions to our membership during the year; nor have we had any special meetings with a view to gather in, for we feel the need of being strengthened in graces as well as numbers. We join in thanksgiving for the great blessing the Lord has granted to the churches, and are laboring and praying that we may obtain like blessings. Our prayer-meetings have been well sustained and many of them have been precious seasons.

1ST KINGSCLEAR.

We have not, like many of the churches, experienced revival. We are, however, by the grace of God, trying to keep up our meetings. They are generally well attended, and our conference meeting, especially, seems to promote good feeling among us. Elder Munro, whom we highly esteem, preaches for us once every Sunday.

2ND KINGSCLEAR.

In conjunction with the Prince William Church we continue to sustain Bro. Cahill as pastor. God has graciously blessed his labors during the past year. In the early spring the church was much revived, and the attention of the community extensively absorbed by the weighty matters of religion.

LUDLOW.

We have enjoyed through the year the faithful ministry of Bro. Edwards. Our Sabbath meetings are well attended. We are waiting for the moving of the waters.

SOUTH MUSQUASH, AND DIPPER HARBOR.

No special interest was manifest among us till the beginning of the new year. We observed the week of prayer, and interest was awakened. Special meetings were continued to 1st May. An engagement was made with Bro. Stewart, who was afterward ordained. His ministry has been abundantly blessed, and a large number have been added to the church. Many more are seeking.

MACNAQUACK.

We have had no additions to our church during the year; yet the good seed has been sown. Continual prayer has been offered for a blessing on the faithful labors of our esteemed pastor, Bro. Munro. On account of our building a new meeting-house we have not been able to do much for the benevolent objects of the denomination, which demand the sympathy and aid of all our churches.

NASHWAAK.

We enjoyed a revival of considerable power during last spring. Quite a number were added to the church, many of whom were those who had withstood the cause of God's Spirit till far advanced in age. We have had the labors of Bro. W. D. Manzer during last winter, through whose instrumentality the church has been revived and sinners converted. We are now engaged erecting a chapel, which we hope to complete this fall.

NEWCASTLE, GRAND LAKE.

We are thankful to be able to write to you with more pleasure than on the last occasion. The quarterly meeting which was held in March last resulted in much good. We had some additions to our membership. We have now Bro. Coombes laboring among us.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.

We have had no special manifestations of the power of God among us. We are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Good is among us, and we believe his labors will be blessed.

UPPER NEWCASTLE AND NORTHFIELD.

Bro. Richard Barton came to us about 1st February, and continued until April. Under his labors the church was revived and many sinners converted. Many others received impressions who did not come out from want of pastoral labor.

NEW SALEM.

Gratitude to God fills our hearts for the blessings we have had during the year. A spirit of love, peace, and harmony prevails. Under a faithful ministry, we are hoping for the divine blessing.

OLIVET (AFRICAN.)

We are still seeking to hold the faith once delivered to the saints. Our meetings, both Sabbath and conference, are kept up regularly. We have had a number of additions to our membership.

PORTLAND.

We are glad to be able to report some measure of prosperity during the past year. We have had a number added to our membership. The general attendance at public worship has been good. We have also had many excellent social meetings. But what has been attained we feel to be but a small part of that which lies beyond. In seeking to exercise a scriptural discipline we lament the want of some general plan of co-operation, whereby the efforts of individual churches may be sustained.

PRINCE WILLIAM.

We are glad to report the past year as one of progress. God has blessed the labors of our pastor through whose instrumentality our number has been increased. We have, however, lost some who have been pillars in the church. Our senior deacon has gone to his reward.

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UPPER QUEENSBURY.

This church is still working faithfully for the Divine Master through much opposition from without; but God is blessing us in our feeble efforts. Our meetings are regularly kept up. Our pastor labors with us one-fourth of his time.

SIMONDS, MIDDLE.

The most of the past year we have been laboring under a cloud. In January the County Quarterly Meeting was held with us, in which God graciously made His power known, and three happy converts were baptized. Another previously baptized also united with us. We have no pastor; but Bro. Jewett has preached occasionally for us.

1ST SAINT GEORGE.

God has blessed us with showers of His covenant grace during the last six months. Bro. Vickery became our pastor in October last, and God has blessed his labors to the conversion of souls, and the reclaiming of the scattered. Our congregations have been large and very attentive.

SAINT JOHN, BRUSSELS STREET.

We are glad to be able to say, that we have been visited with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and a large number has been added to our membership. Our Pastor has labored earnestly; and his efforts have been crowned with success. We rejoice that many converts have been from the Sabbath School. Some of our number have left to join the church triumphant.

SAINT JOHN, GERMAIN STREET.

Our Sabbath congregations through the year have been good, the conference meetings impressive, and the communion seasons refreshing. The young people's prayer meeting has been well sustained. We continued to hold special meetings till the last of April, and often were made joyful in the hour of prayer. We bless and praise the God of grace for owning our feeble efforts, and adding to our numbers. Last August, our beloved Sister, Mary Harding, died in her ninetieth year. She was a professing christian for almost seventy years, and a member of the Germain Street Church from its organization. The Sunday School is increasing in strength and usefulness. Our Mission School at Portland Bridge is still kept up.

SAINT JOHN, LEINSTER STREET.

During the past year, we have been greatly blessed of the Lord; not so much by additions to our number, though that has not been wanting, as by the abundant mercy displayed in the preservation of the lives of the entire membership of the church; also in the hearty unanimity shown in all matters pertaining to church work, and in the constant and faithful ministrations of our pastor. Our Sabbath School is flourishing, and gratifying evidences appear of the great good being accomplished. Our financial condition has been generally satisfactory, notwithstanding the pressure of "hard times," our members contributing freely to all the great objects of the denomination.

ST. JOHN, CARLETON.

Since we last addressed you this church has not been wholly exempt from trials; but we are thankful that our cares have been no greater, and that we have had some tokens of Divine favor. The general financial depression affected us considerably, so that we could do but little for denominational enterprises, nor have we been able yet fully to meet our special engagements. We held special meetings for nearly three months last winter. These were well attended, and a good feeling prevailed. The growth of our church has been steady and healthy, and our pastor is affectionately remembered in our prayers.

ST. STEPHEN.

Since the last report we have been without a pastor. We have had several brethren preaching for us during the year. We recently extended a call to Bro. Eaton, of Newton Theological Seminary, whom we expect to settle with us in about three weeks. Our meetings have not been so interesting as last reported, through the want of a pastor. The Sabbath School is well attended.

WOODSTOCK.

The past year has been one of spiritual progress, and of considerable and valuable additions to our numbers. The Sabbath-school has been visited in mercy, and quite a number brought to love and obey Jesus. Our pastor's heart has been much encouraged in his Master's work. The gospel has been faithfully proclaimed among us. Prayer-meetings and Conferences are better sustained than formerly. The revival of last winter has been a great blessing to us.

WOODSTOCK (AFRICAN).

Bro. Eatman has faithfully preached to us half of his time. During the winter our prayer-meetings were interesting. We have kept up our conference meetings regularly. We are praying for an outpouring of the Spirit.

APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR 1876-77.

President.

REV. J. D. POPE.

Vice-Presidents.

HON. A. McL. SEELY,
HON. JOHN FERRIS, M. P.,
D. V. ROBERTS,
WM. VAUGHAN,
M. McDONALD, M. D.,

C. F. CLINCH,
WM. SWIM, M. P. P.,
A. F. RANDOLPH,
J. H. MORAN,
H. C. STUBBS.

Corresponding Secretaries.

JOHN F. MARSTERS,
REV. E. HICKSON.

Recording Secretary.

JAMES E. MASTERS.

Treasurer.

JOHN H. HARDING.

Auditor.

HON. A. McL. SEELY.

Executive Committee.

HENRY VAUGHAN,
T. P. DAVIES,
J. J. BOSTWICK,
C. D. EVERITT,
JAMES S. MAY,
L. L. SHARPE,
A. W. MASTERS,
— WETMORE,
JOHN CALHOUN,
H. H. REEVE,
JAS. BOYLE,
GEO. WELDON,

E. H. DUVAL,
W. H. WORTMAN,
C. C. PARKER,
T. H. HALL,
GILBERT WHITE,
WM. ALLWOOD,
JOHN MARCH,
J. W. SULIS,
T. S. SIMMS,
JAS. A. ESTEY,
MOSES COWAN,
WILLIAM LEWIS.

Of this Board, all Ministers connected with the two Associations, are members, *ex officio*.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be called the NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2.—The design of this Society shall be to promote the faithful preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and to spread Bible Christianity throughout the destitute sections of New Brunswick.

ART. 3.—Any person may become a member of this Society, by contributing \$1 or upwards, annually to the funds. Thirty dollars paid at any one time shall constitute a life member; and any person paying a sum, which, in addition to previous contributions, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a Director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one delegate for every twenty dollars so contributed.

ART. 4.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ART. 5.—The Society shall appoint an Executive Committee, exclusive of the officers above named, residing in the City of Saint John and its vicinity. The officers above named shall be members *ex officio* of the Executive Committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to call its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society, shall appoint Missionaries, and instruct them as to their sphere of labors, shall expend the funds for the objects of the Society, providing that all amounts contributed for any specific object, shall, as far as possible, be faithfully applied in accordance with the wish of the donors; shall employ such agency or agencies for the collection of funds, and for all such purposes as the interests of the Society may demand, and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society.

ART. 6.—Every Auxiliary Society, who shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of the Society, shall be entitled to receive missionary labor, in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contributions; provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ART. 7.—The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex officio* Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ART. 8.—The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous annual meeting.

ART. 9.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, at an annual meeting.

FORM FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AUXILIARY.

ART. 1.—This Society shall be called the _____
 MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Auxiliary to the "New Brunswick Baptist Home
 Missionary Society."

ART. 2.—The object of this Society shall be to aid in supplying the
 destitute with the blessings of the Gospel.

ART. 3.—All persons contributing \$1 per annum shall be members of
 the Society, and every person paying \$10 at any one time, shall be a
 member for life.

ART. 4.—The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Board
 consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and
 Managing Committee, seven of whom shall form a quorum to do
 business.

ART. 5.—The Society shall meet annually, at such time and place as
 may be agreed upon at a previous meeting, when the officers for the
 ensuing year shall be elected, and such other business transacted as the
 requirements of the Society may demand.

ART. 6.—The Secretary shall keep up such correspondence with the
 New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society, as the general in-
 terests of the Missionary cause may require.

RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY MISSIONARIES.

RULE 1.—The Missionaries of the Board are expected to communicate
 with the Corresponding Secretary monthly, and oftener, if necessary ;
 giving a condensed sketch of their labors, and such items of intelligence
 relating to their Mission as may be useful to the Board, or of general
 interest to the denomination.

2.—Each Missionary shall be instructed to form Auxiliaries to the
 New Brunswick Home Missionary Society in the field of his labor, for
 the purpose of raising funds for the Society, to take collections publicly
 and privately, whenever he can do so with propriety, and in every way
 that he can consistently replenish the funds of the Society.

3.—A faithful account of all contributions in money, or in other
 things, shall be transmitted through the Corresponding Secretary to the
 Board, and no money shall be paid him by the Treasurer without an
 order signed by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, or in their
 absence, by three of the members of the Board.

4.—Each Missionary shall keep a faithful record of the places visited,
 the number of sermons preached, of converts baptized, of churches
 formed, of visits made, of meetings held, of Sabbath Schools established,
 of Temperance Societies formed, of Tracts distributed, &c., in the
 course of the year, and report the same to the Corresponding Secretary
 at the close of each year.

5.—When Missionaries are employed permanently, in case of their
 wishing to retire from the service of the Board, they must give three
 months notice to that effect, and no Missionary shall change his field of
 labor without consent of the Board.

6.—The Missionaries of this Board shall be amenable to the Board for a faithful performance of their duty as Christian Missionaries, and shall be liable to be dismissed at any time for dereliction of duty, or immorality of conduct, or for preaching sentiments in opposition to God's Word.

REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD.

RULE 1.—There shall be a meeting of this Board for the transaction of business on the first Monday in every month.

2.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the transactions of the Board.

3.—The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare a faithful report annually, of the operations of the Society, which, if judged advisable, shall be printed under the direction of the Society.

4.—No man shall be employed by the Board who cannot furnish satisfactory evidence of good moral and religious character, of consecration under divine influence to the work of the Ministry, and of such mental attainments as shall enable him, with the divine blessing, faithfully and successfully to fulfil its responsible duties.

5.—In case of wishing to dismiss a Missionary permanently employed, on account of incompetency on his part to fulfil the duties of his calling, or on account of inability on the part of the Board to pay his salary, three months notice shall be given to such Missionary.

SALARIES OF MISSIONARIES.

The salaries of Missionaries shall be governed by their circumstances, and by their field of labor. In every case strict economy shall be observed.

THE UNION SOCIETY.

The Union Society, now incorporated with the Home Missionary Society, is simply a collecting agency planned for the convenience of the churches in the collection of funds for the several objects embraced, viz.: Home Missions, Ministerial Education, General Education (Acadia College), Infirm Ministers and Ministers' Widows, and Sabbath Schools.

The monies raised for these five objects (unless specially designated by the donors), are divided among them in the following proportions, and disbursed by the Home Missionary Board.—

Home Missions,	50 per cent.
Ministerial Education,	25 " "
General Education (Acadia College),	10 " "
Infirm Ministers and Widows,	10 " "
Sabbath Schools,	5 " "
	100 " "

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society for the year 1875-76.

The Board of Home Missions now respectfully present this their Annual Report :

No General Missionary Agent has been employed this year, and our funds, for so great a work, have been very limited, yet we have aided ten missionaries in several localities. Applications for aid have been made by churches, and also by ministerial students, which could not be entertained for want of means; only two students received help. Three Sabbath Schools received small grants to supplement their own contributions. The case of Infirm Ministers and Ministers' Widows was carefully considered and relief supplied.

The Province of New Brunswick to-day presents as promising a field of operation for Home Mission work as any Society may desire. There are whole Counties where nothing whatever is done by our denomination for the salvation of the people; and very few Counties are adequately supplied with the gospel ministry. The Counties of Gloucester and Restigouche are wholly destitute. But little is done in Northumberland and less in Kent. Many of the southern Counties are also sadly neglected.

The Intercolonial and other railways lately put in operation afford great facilities to the heralds of the Cross to bear the message of peace to the rapidly increasing congregations of our highly favored country.

SAINT ANDREWS.

Rev. T. W. Crawley labored in Saint Andrews the past year, and received the usual aid from the Society. He says: "I have striven to my utmost to be faithful as a laborer in this field. I have constantly visited my little flock." Sometimes he preached three sermons each Lord's Day; at other times he preached twice and taught a Bible class. His report of three months' labor is: 44 sermons preached; prayer-meetings every week; travelled 108 miles.

SAINT MARY'S AND GIBSON.

Rev. B. N. Hughes was furnished a free hall in Saint Mary's in which he preached once a fortnight. He secured a hall in Gibson at some cost which he occupied Sabbath afternoons. He also assisted Bro. T. H. Porter, and baptized 27 believers, who united with the Fredericton Church. He also labors with the churches at the Keswick one-half his time.

BLISSFIELD AND LUDLOW.

Rev. Wm. M. Edwards continued to labor in this field, and received \$50 from the Society per annum. His preaching stations are: Pond Settlement, Boies-town, Bloomfield, Doaktown, and New Salem. In his report of the 1st inst., he says: "In all our churches and stations a strong desire is manifest for a revival of God's work." During nine months he travelled 2,120 miles; preached 97 sermons; made 320 visits; held 25 conference and church meetings; administered the Lord's Supper 6 times, and attended 7 funerals. For sixteen years Brother Edwards has nobly held the fort in Blissfield, Miramichi.

TOBIQUE.

Revs. G. R. Campbell and Samuel Burt labored together in this field for some time, and performed separate labor also.

They say, Nov. 4th: "In less than four weeks 13 persons have been baptized, and a church of 22 members organized."

Reports of Nov. 24th and Jan. 20th, 1876, give sermons preached, 67; conference meetings held, 24; visits made, 146; miles travelled, 726.

Separate report of Rev. Samuel Burt, dated April 25th: Sermons preached, 8; conference meetings, 18; visits, 43; baptized, 4; miles travelled, 145; time occupied, 4 weeks.

Separate report of Rev. G. R. Campbell: He states that every month this winter he attended conference and spent two Sabbaths with the people. He also visited from house to house. April 22d, he gives a report of one month's work: sermons preached, 15 other meetings, 10; visits, 47; Lord's Supper administered once; baptized, 2; travelled 890 miles.

LUTE'S MOUNTAIN.

Rev. William A. Crandall, a very devoted and successful missionary, labored on with brightening prospects until the 17th December, when he was released from toil and called home by his blessed Master to enjoy his final rest and everlasting reward.

Sixteen believers were baptized in this field a short time before our brother's death.

NEW JERUSALEM AND GREENWICH.

Rev. J. L. Shaw labored in this field part of his time the past year. A new church was organized in Greenwich which was duly recognized by a Council from the neighboring sister churches on the 22d inst.

SECOND ALMA, ALBERT COUNTY.

Rev. Solomon Smith gives one-fourth of his time to this place and Shepody Road, for which a grant of \$80 for one year was made. He reports: religious services conducted, 48; visits made, 112; miles travelled, 291.

GENERAL.

Rev. Robert Mutch, missionary and colporteur, devoted some time to this work, but not being sufficiently encouraged he thought it well to suspend operations for the present time.

SAINT GEORGE, SECOND FALLS.

A grant of \$25 was made to this church Jan. 8d, 1876, to aid in sustaining the preaching of the gospel. The report of labor performed has not yet been received.

During the year your Board issued two appeals to the churches to consider the destitution and to replenish the funds. It was thought best not to make appropriations that would involve the Society in debt. Yet that faith may not have been exercised which would have produced greater results. With eleven thousand consecrated Christians who constitute our churches, and not a few of them entrusted with much of the Lord's money, the destitute may have expected more from us. And it may be ere long, that for general unfaithfulness our Lord will transfer his work and his treasure to other hands who will do his will. He has set before us an open door. Shall we despise his invitation and not go in and possess the land in his name? There is not now a County in this Province in which a faithful missionary could not be well employed. The average income of many of our most successful ministers for several years did not exceed \$400 per annum. That amount given to each County would secure a permanent laborer. Where is the Christian, who has the means, who will not invest in this godly enterprise, and at once double the number of laborers now employed in our mission fields?

The N. B. Home Missionary Society, in account with J. H. Harding, Treasurer.

1875.		HOME MISSIONS.			
Aug. 5.	To paid Rev. T. W. Crawley,	1	\$25 00		
" 5.	" Calvary Baptist Church,	2	20 00		
Nov. 1.	" Rev. T. W. Crawley,	3	5 00		
" 1.	" New Jerusalem Church,	4	18 75		
Dec. 6.	" Rev. S. Burt,	5	25 00		
" 6.	" G. R. Campbell,	6	34 00		
" 8.	" T. P. Davies, Foreign Mission Funds,	7	11 61		
" 8.	" Colporteur,	8	8 07		
" 8.	" Ludlow Church,	9	50 00		
1876.					
Jan. 6.	" Rev. J. P. Shaw,	10	18 75		
" 6.	" B. N. Hughes,	11	35 00		
Feb. 9.	" J. R. Campbell,	12	14 56		
" 9.	" S. Smith,	13	7 50		
" 9.	" Widow late W. Crandall, (balance),	14	37 50		
Mar. 6.	" Rev. T. W. Crawley,	15	25 00		
" 6.	" W. M. Edwards,	17	25 00		
May 2.	" B. N. Hughes,	18	8 33		
" 5.	" S. Burt,	19	33 34		
" 5.	" G. R. Campbell,	20	7 50		
" 5.	" S. Smith,	21	25 00		
" 5.	" T. W. Crawley,	22	12 50		
June 6.	" W. M. Edwards,	23	12 50		
1875.		SABBATH SCHOOLS.			\$482 41
July 27.	To paid Earl Settlement,	23	5 00		
Aug. 5.	" Upper Millstream,	24	5 00		
Sept. 5.	" Millstream,	25	5 00		
Dec. 6.	" Loan to Colporteur,	26	61 22		
May 8.	" Salt Springs,	27	5 00		
" 8.	" York Point,	28	5 00		
1876.		INFIRM MINISTERS.			86 22
Aug. 5.	To paid Rev. Samuel Bancroft,	29	16 00		
Sept. 6.	" Mrs. Samuel Robinson,	30	15 00		
" 6.	" Mrs. McInnis,	31	5 00		
Dec. 10.	" do. do.	32	5 00		
1876.					
Mar. 8.	" do. do.	33	5 00		
" 8.	" Rev. Jas. Walker,	34	20 00		
June 6.	" Mrs. Strang,	35	10 00		
" 6.	" Mrs. McInnis,	36	5 00		
1876.		MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.			81 00
July 10.	To amount overpaid last year,	37	189 15		
Jan. 4.	" To paid E. W. Kelly,	38	25 00		
" 4.	" J. Goodwin,	39	25 00		
May 5.	" J. Goodwin,	40	25 00		
1875.		MINUTES.			264 15
Aug. 8.	To paid Barnes & Co.,	41	41 87		
" 8.	" do. do.	42	48 55		
1875.		GENERAL EDUCATION.			90 42
July 31.	To paid Acadia College Treasurer,	43	35 24		
" 31.	" Postage,		38		
1876.					85 57
June 27.	To Balance on hand,				244 47
					<u>\$1,284 24</u>

		CONTRA CR.	
1875.			
July 10.	By balance Home Missions,	....	\$168 69
	" Superannuated Ministers,	....	167 32
	" Minutes,	....	51 93
	" Sabbath Schools,	....	113 49
	" General Education,	....	2 45
			<hr/>
			\$568 88
	" Frederickton Church,	....	23 37
	" Rev. Geo. F. Curry, private subscription,	....	50 00
	" Eastern Association,	....	511 22
Sept. 9.	" Leinster Street Baptist Church,	....	63 52
	" Collected—Rev. Mr. Campbell,	....	18 00
	" Shediac Church,	....	14 50
	" Mr. Bostwick,	....	3 00
	" C. D. Everitt & wife,	....	3 00
	" Germantown Church, by Rev. T. Todd,	....	6 75
June 26.	" Germain St. Baptist Church, by J. D. Denham,	70 00
	" Barrington, Albert County, Sabbath School,	5 00
	" Rev. I. E. Bill,	7 00
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			\$1,284 24

Balance on hand belonging to various objects, viz.:

Home Missions,	\$116 95
Sabbath Schools,	....	63 99
Superannuated Ministers,	....	142 64
Minutes,	....	3 38
General Education,	7 10
		<hr/>
		\$334 06

Less—Ministerial Education overdrawn, 244 59

\$89 47

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J. H. HARDING, TREASURER.

Saint John, N. B., June 27th, 1876.

I have examined the above accounts, accompanied with vouchers, for the debit side, and find the same correct and satisfactory.

A. McL. SEELY, AUDITOR.

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Rev. T. TODD,

THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D. 1836.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR 1876-77.

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A. F. RANDOLPH, ESQUIRE.

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Rev. I. E. BILL, Hon. A. McL. SEELY.

Treasurer.
R. G. LUNT, ESQUIRE.

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JAMES A. ESTEY.

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| R. T. BABBIT, | J. R. BRADFORD, |
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| HON. JUDGE STEADMAN, | |

Trustees of the Seminary.
Rev. T. TODD, Z. G. GABEL,
HENRY VAUGHAN, A. F. RANDOLPH,
JOHN H. HARDING,

CONSTITUTION.

1. That this Society be called "THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY."
2. That each subscriber of Twenty Shillings annually, shall be a member ; and that a donation of not less than Ten Pounds, at one time, shall constitute an individual a member for life.
3. That a General Meeting of the Society be held annually.
4. That the Officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, and a Committee of Management.
5. That the Board of Directors shall be composed of all the ordained Baptist ministers and twenty-four persons, at least twelve of whom shall be regular members of Baptist Churches, in connection with the New Brunswick Baptist Associations.
6. That the Committee of Management, consisting of seven, shall be chosen by the Board of Directors, who shall have power to change all or any of them whenever they think it desirable.
7. That the Funds of this Society be appropriated to the establishment and maintenance of a Seminary of Learning at Fredericton, under the management of the Committee, and supervision of the Board of Directors.
8. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year, to make such general regulations as may be deemed necessary for the promotion of the objects of the Society, and the government of the Committee.
9. It shall be the duty of the Committee to conduct the business of the Society, and to provide pious and efficient teachers ; under whose care and that of the Committee it shall be an all-important object to inculcate sound, religious and moral principles, and to induce habits of industry, good order, and economy.
10. It is contemplated that this Institution shall afford the means of instruction in the usual branches of English Literature, and of Scientific, Classical, and other Studies, which usually comprise the course of education at an Academy, Theological Seminary and College.
11. That the Seminary be open to persons of any denomination.
12. The Tuition and Board to be fixed at as low rate as possible.
13. That eleven of the Board of Directors shall form a quorum.
14. That no alteration shall be made in the Constitution of this Body, unless with the consent of at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

FORM OF PROMISE.

We, the undersigned, engage to pay annually the sum set opposite our names, as annual subscribers to the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society—the year commencing from the first day of July in each year—unless notice in writing be given to the President or Secretary of the Society, discontinuing such annual subscription.

In 1873 the Eastern and Western Associations passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society that the property in Fredericton known as the Baptist Seminary, be sold for the highest possible price, and the money securely invested to be appropriated for Educational purposes, as the Denomination in this Province shall direct.

In pursuance whereof the property was sold, and the proceeds (\$5,000) invested in Fredericton School Debentures, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent, payable half-yearly.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Baptist Education Society held in connection with the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association at Germain Street, Saint John, on Wednesday, June 28th, 1876.

At 11.30 o'clock, A. M., the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association adjourned to give place to the Annual Meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, whereupon—

A. F. Randolph, Esq., President, took the Chair.

Rev. Edward Hickson was elected Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes of the Association.

A request was read by the Secretary from the Governors of Acadia College, asking that the interest on the Society's invested funds may be employed for Academical or Theological purposes in Acadia College.

It was moved and seconded that the request be complied with. An amendment was offered to place the money at the disposal of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Mission Board. A discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned to such time as the Association should appoint.

Prayer by Rev. T. Todd.

EDWARD HICKSON, *Secretary, pro tem.*

At 9 o'clock, A. M., on the 29th June, 1876.

In the absence of the President, Hon. A. McL. Seely, Vice-President, was called to the Chair. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Pope.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Unfinished business was resumed. The following amendment to the amendment was then moved: "*Resolved*, That the interest on income from the money belonging to this Society and invested be appropriated for aid in paying the interest on the debt due on the Academy at Wolfville." An animated discussion followed.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

EDWARD HICKSON, *Secretary, pro tem.*

At 5.15 o'clock, P. M., 29th inst.,

Hon. A. McL. Seely was again called to the Chair, and the Society proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, whereupon the officers of the past year were declared duly elected, and blanks caused by death and removal filled up, as may be seen by the foregoing record.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the resolution and amendments now pending lie on the table. Adjourned *sine die*.

Prayer by Rev. T. H. Porter.

EDWARD HICKSON, *Secretary, pro tem.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

Saint John, N. B., 16th August, 1876.

At a meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society held at Centreville, June 24th, 1875, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the accounts of Rev. C. Goodspeed be referred to Brethren A. W. Masters, Henry Vaughan and T. P. Davies, as a Committee to examine and audit, and if they find these accounts correct and just, they are hereby authorized to pay the same by an order on the Treasurer.

This being concurred in by the Western and Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Associations, in accordance with its provisions the undersigned report, that they have examined the accounts of Brother C. Goodspeed, and find the sum of five hundred and ninety-two dollars and ninety-four cents (\$592.94) due him from the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, which sum, with interest from the first day of July, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, they hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay to him.

(Signed)

A. W. MASTERS,
HENRY VAUGHAN, } Committee.
THOS. P. DAVIES, }

To R. G. Lunt, Esq., Treasurer of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society.

Saint John, August 28th, 1875.

MR. REUBEN LUNT,—*Dear Sir*—Will you please pay to Mr. T. P. Davies the sum due me from the Education Society and oblige.

Yours truly,

C. GOODSPEED.

November 3d, 1875.

Received on account of this within order, four hundred and fifty-eight dollars and ninety-one cents (458.91).

THOS. P. DAVIES.

Rev. C. Goodspeed in account with New Brunswick Baptist Education Society:

1875.	DR.		
July 1.	By amount due him this date,		\$592 94
1876.			
Jan. 13.	" interest on \$592.94, from July 1st, 1875, to date, 196 days, at 6 per cent.		19 09
			\$612 08
1875.	CR.		
Nov. 3.	To cash on account,		\$458 91
1876.			
Jan. 13.	" interest on \$458.91, from Nov. 3, 1875, to date, 71 days, at 6 per cent.,		5 84
			464 25
			<u>\$147 78</u>
	Due Rev. C. Goodspeed,		
	Received payment,	C. GOODSPEED, per THOS. P. DAVIES.	
			May 14, 1876.

R. & C. E.

Saint John, N. B., January 13th, 1876.

ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD.

Anni- versary	Year	No. Baptized	No. Members	Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon.	Circular Letter.
1	1848	122	2490	Saint George,	S. Robinson,	Thomas Todd,	E. D. Very, D. D.,	A. McDonald,
2	1849	74	2888	Saint John,	S. Robinson,	E. D. Very,	C. Spurden, D. D.,	W. D. Fitch,
3	1850	97	2168	Maugerville,	W. Hall,	E. D. Very,	J. D. Casewell,	G. F. Miles,
4	1851	306	2423	Macnaquack,	E. D. Very,	S. Elder,	W. Harris,	J. D. Casewell,
5	1852	152	2547	Prince William,	S. Robinson,	I. E. Bill,	Thomas Todd,	L. E. Bill,
6	1853	274	2760	Saint George,	A. D. Thompson,	I. E. Bill,	Thomas Magee,	S. Robinson,
7	1854	89	2798	Fredericton,	A. D. Thompson,	Thomas Todd,	W. Harris,	G. F. Feslay,
8	1855	408	3540	Carton,	G. F. Miles,	Thomas Todd,	L. E. Bill,	A. D. Thompson,
9	1856	185	2885	Jacksontown,	S. Robinson,	L. Wallace,	L. Wallace,	Thomas Todd,
10	1857	227	3420	Nashwaak,	L. E. Bill,	L. Wallace,	J. Davis,	L. Wallace,
11	1858	201	3053	Gagetown,	Thomas Todd,	W. S. Howe,	E. Clay,	H. P. Guilford,
12	1859	460	3710	Fredericton,	S. Robinson,	Thomas Todd,	E. B. Demill,	J. Tupper,
13	1860	242	3988	Brussels St.,	A. D. Thompson,	I. Wallace,	E. C. Spurden, D. D.,	E. B. Demill,
14	1861	131	2989	Keewick,	C. Spurden, D. D.,	J. C. Hurd,	J. C. Hurd,	None
15	1862	130	3846	Newcastle, Grand Lake,	J. C. Hurd,	C. Spurden, D. D.,	P. O. Rees,	J. C. Hurd,
16	1863	209	3979	Kingsclear, Ist,	S. Robinson,	J. C. Hurd,	E. Hickson,	None
17	1864	172	4108	Saint Andrews,	L. E. Bill,	J. C. Hurd,	W. V. Garner,	J. C. Harvey,
18	1865	289	4343	Jacksontown,	E. Hickson,	E. C. Cady,	W. V. Garner,	E. B. Demill,
19	1866	102	4247	Newcastle, Mir.,	W. M. Edwards,	E. C. Cady,	E. C. Cady,	B. F. Ratray,
20	1867	165	4352	Maugerville,	E. O. Cady,	B. F. Ratray,	W. S. McKenzie,	B. F. Ratray,
21	1868	179	4396	Saint George,	W. S. McKenzie,	B. F. Ratray,	C. Spurden, D. D.,	E. Hickson,
22	1869	74	4258	Blissville, Mir.,	G. M. W. Carey,	C. Goodspeed,	G. M. W. Carey,	C. Spurden, D. D.,
23	1870	678	5026	Gagetown,	C. Goodspeed,	E. Hickson,	W. S. McKenzie,	C. Goodspeed,
24	1871	153	4905	Brussels St.,	Timothy Harley,	W. B. Boggs,	J. M. B. Boggs,	W. S. McKenzie,
25	1872	59	4724	Fredericton,	I. E. Bill,	C. Goodspeed,	W. B. Boggs,	B. N. Hughes,
26	1873	143	4989	Keswick,	T. H. Porter,	C. Goodspeed,	T. H. Porter,	W. B. Boggs,
27	1874	142	4971	Jacksonville,	W. B. Boggs,	J. W. Manning,	W. P. Everett,	W. P. Manning,
28	1875	149	4999	Centreville,	George Seely,	W. P. Everett,	J. D. Pope,	W. P. Everett,
29	1876	144	5114	Germain St.,	J. D. Pope,	J. March,	T. M. Munro,	George Seely.

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ERRATA.

On p. 55, third line in Account, for \$5 read \$25.

On p. 56, close of Account, for \$244.59 read \$89.59, and for \$89.47 read \$244.59.

On p. 62, last line, 3d column, for 144 read 444.