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BAPTIST CONVENTION  
OF  
NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK,  
AND  
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

HELD AT LIVERPOOL, N. S., SEPT. 15th, 17th, & 18th.

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## MINUTES.

LIVERPOOL, N. S., SEPT. 15, 1855.

THE Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island convened to-day in the Baptist Meeting House, Liverpool, N. S., at two o'clock, P.M. After an hour spent in devotional exercises, the meeting was called to order by the Hon. J. W. JOHNSTON, Vice President.

Rev. A. S. Hunt, and A. Martell, with brother J. W. Nutting, were appointed a Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Reported, and report adopted.

*President*,—Rev. JOSEPH CRANDALL.

*Vice Presidents*,—Hons. J. W. JOHNSTON, W. B. KINNEAR, Rev. S. ROBINSON, Rev. C. TUPPER, Rev. W. CHIPMAN, Rev. L. E. BILL.

*Secretaries*,—Rev. J. DAVIS, for Nova Scotia. Rev. D. NUTTER, for New Brunswick. Rev. J. E. BALCOM, Assistant.

The following Brethren appeared as Delegates and Members of the Convention.

*Acadia College*.—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D.D.

*Nova Scotia Education Society*.—Ward Eaton, Esq.

*Western Association, N. S.*—Brethren S. Wheelock, B. Moses.

*Central Association, N. S.*—Brethren Simon Fitch, T. Elder, J. J. Skinner.

*Western Association, N. B.*—Rev. D. Nutter, L. E. Bill, G. F. Miles.

*Eastern Association, N. B.*—Brother J. C. Jones.

*Foreign Missionary Board*.—Rev. A. S. Hunt.

## CHURCHES.

- Lower Aylesford, and Upper Wilmot.*—Rev. C. Tupper.  
*First Yarmouth.*—Rev. J. Davis.  
*Nictaux.*—Rev. W. G. Parker.  
*Second Yarmouth.*—Rev. W. G. Goucher, brother R. Crosby.  
*West Yarmouth.*—Rev. W. G. Goucher.  
*Bridgetown.*—Rev. G. Armstrong, brethren D. Troop, W. H. Chipman.  
*Lower Granville.*—Rev. J. Spencer.  
*Third Cornwallis.*—Rev. J. Parker.  
*Liverpool.*—Rev. S. N. Bentley, brethren W. S. Jacobs, Charles Bill.  
*Upper Falmouth.*—Brother David Shaw.  
*South Yarmouth and Tusket.*—Rev. A. Martell.  
*Long Island.*—Rev. J. E. Balcom.  
*Milton.*—Rev. H. Angell.  
*First Cornwallis.*—Rev. A. S. Hunt, brother T. Elder.  
*Granville Street, Halifax.*—Brethren Nutting, J. W. Johnston.  
*First Horton.*—Rev. J. Chase.  
*Brookfield.*—P. F. Murray, Israel Hendry.  
*Argyle.*—Rev. P. F. Murray.  
*N. W. Lunenburg.*—Rev. A. W. Barss.

## UNION SOCIETIES.

- Milton.*—Brethren S. Freeman, T. Kempton, N. Whitman, T. Knowles, J. Ford.  
*Chester.*—Rev. S. W. Deblois, brother Isaac Hume.  
*Liverpool.*—Brethren T. R. Patillo, Jos. Cobb, Martin McNutt, H. Whitman, G. S. Parker.  
*Brookfield.*—L. Leadbetter.  
*First Cornwallis.*—T. Elder, W. Eaton, Esq.

## IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.

Rev. S. T. Rand, brother H. S. Fillmore.

## INVITED.

Brother John Banks.

*Resolved*, (By special request of the Vice President), That Committees, in the present session be nominated by the Convention.

The following Committees were then appointed:—

*Sabbath Services.*—Elders H. Angell, W. G. Parker, with Deacons of Liverpool Church.

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*Sabbath Schools.*—Brethren T. Elder, D. Shaw, W. H. Chipman, I. Hume, and Elder Bentley.

*Bible Cause.*—Elders Tupper, J. Davis, Nutter, Miles, Spencer.

*Memorial on Departed Ministers.*—Elders Hunt, Rand and brother Nutting.

*State of Denomination.*—Elders Cramp, Armstrong, Goucher, Chase, W. G. Parker.

*Domestic Missions, including French and Gaelic.*—Elders Martell, Rand, J. Parker, Miles, with brethren D. Shaw, T. Kempton, T. Elder.

*Temperance, with evils of Tobacco.*—Brethren Patillo, Chipman, Moses, with Elders Bentley, and Angell.

*Observance of Sabbath.*—Elders Chase, Rand, A. W. Barss.

*Claims of Seamen.*—Elders Barss, I. E. Bill, with brethren Jacobs, Patillo, C. Bill.

*Religious Publications and Colportage.*—Brethren Nutting, Jones, with Elders Cramp, Armstrong, Deblois, Tupper, Nutter.

*Arrangements for next Convention.*—Elders Nutter, Miles, W. G. Parker, Murray, with brother Jones.

*Resolved,*—That, as the preacher appointed last year, and his alternate, have both failed, Elder Nutter, be requested to deliver our introductory sermon.

*Resolved,* That brother W. S. Jacobs be our Treasurer *pro tem.*

Committee on Sabbath Services reported as follows, and their report was accepted.

#### R E P O R T .

Prayer Meeting at half-past nine A.M., in the house of our assembling.

#### MORNING PREACHING.

*Baptist Meeting, Liverpool.*—Rev. Dr. Cramp.

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*Baptist do Milton.*—D. Nutter.

#### AFTERNOON.

*Baptist Meeting, Liverpool.*—Rev. J. Davis.

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*Baptist Meeting, Milton.*—S. W. Deblois.

#### EVENING.

*Baptist Meeting, Liverpool.*—Rev. I. E. Bill.

*Do Milton.*—G. Armstrong.

*Brooklyn.*—A. Martell.

*Resolved,* That collections be taken at the close of the Sabbath services, (except at the Congregational Meeting,) for the purposes of the Convention.

Adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock, A.M.

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MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A.M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Nutter. Text, John i. 42. An interesting discourse, full of the Saviour.

The Vice-President, Hon. J. W. Johnston, took the chair.

The Report of the Governors of Acadia College was now read by Dr. Cramp. As also the report of the Treasurer. A series of resolutions also, prepared by the Board of Governors and proposed for the adoption of the Convention.

### R E P O R T .

During the past year twenty-five students have attended the College. The Professors report that their progress in the various branches of study has been generally satisfactory, gratifying proof of which has been furnished by the results of the quarterly examinations.

The Anniversary was held on the 21st June, in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, and was more numerously attended than on any previous occasion. The exercises of the day took place in the following order, viz.:—

PRAYER.—By the Rev. Charles Tupper.

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The Spirit of the Scholar. THOMAS PATILLO, Liverpool.

Plurality of Worlds. WILLIAM JOHNSTON, Horton.

The Martyrs of 1555. ROBERT PHILP, Halifax.

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The constituent elements of Feudalism. ISAIAH WALLACE, Coverdale, N.B.

Piety favorable to intellectual greatness. J. JUDSON SKINNER, West Cornwallis.

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Ruins of Ancient Cities. ALFRED CHIPMAN, West Cornwallis.

Knowledge and friendship in the Spirit-world. DAN. M. WELTON, Aylesford.

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Addresses by various gentlemen.

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BENEDICTION.

Four students, who had completed the College course, received the degree of A. B. at the Anniversary, viz.:— Messrs Daniel M. Welton, Alfred Chipman, Isaiah Wallace, and Isaac J. Skinner. Mr. Welton has returned to the College, for the purpose of pursuing additional studies, both

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in the Collegiate and Theological departments. Mr. Chipman has become teacher in the Academy. Mr. Wallace is engaged in New Brunswick, as General Agent for the Home Missionary Society of that Province. Mr. Skinner is about to be ordained Pastor of the Church at Port Medway.

Ten students have received instruction in the Theological Institute during the year. In the first class, the course of Biblical Theology has been brought to a close, and the Lectures on Ecclesiastical History have reached the period of the Reformation. Lectures on Ministerial and Pastoral Duties were delivered during the last term. The attention of the second class has been confined to Theology. One student has continued the study of the Hebrew language. All have been exercised in the composition of sermons, and most of them have preached, statedly or occasionally, in various parts of the district in which the College is located. Their labours have proved acceptable and useful.

The interests of the College have been seriously affected by the absence of the President, since December last, and by the causes of that absence. These were detailed in a statement published by authority of the Governors, in the *Christian Messenger* and the *Christian Visitor*. A copy of that statement is herewith subjoined.

#### ACADIA COLLEGE.

A statement respecting the pecuniary affairs of the College.

In compliance with the wishes of many friends of the College—the Governors present the following statement:

When Dr. Crawley became President, in Sept., 1853, he promised to give £500 to the Endowment, in five yearly payments, on condition of the Endowment Fund being raised to £15,000; and in the meantime to require no salary.

On the 19th April, 1854, at a meeting of the Board of Governors, Dr. Crawley laid before the Board this proposal, viz.:—"My present offer before the Denomination being to subscribe £500 in yearly payments, without interest, and only on condition of the Endowment being raised to £15,000. I now, instead of this, make the following proposition; namely, the Governors to place £2500 of the Endowment money in my hands for investment in good and sufficient securities, so soon as they are able to do so, of which sum my subscription of £500 shall be counted as part; the money, when paid, to be replaced by the securities in which it shall be invested; the proceeds of the said sum of £2500, whatever they may be, to be appropriated to me in lieu of any further salary, so long as I retain my present office."

It was resolved, "That Dr. Crawley's proposition be accepted."

It was further resolved, "That it is desirable to invest £2000 in the stock of the West Columbia Mining Company; and that Dr. Crawley and the Treasurer be a Sub-committee to accomplish such investment."

In pursuance of these resolutions, the Treasurer placed in Dr. Crawley's hands, the sum of £2500, Dr. C's subscription of £500 forming part of that sum, to be invested as aforesaid, taking his note for the same. Of that sum Dr. Crawley invested £2000 in the stock of the West Columbia Company; and a further sum of £800 being part of the £2000 referred to in the last mentioned resolution of the Governors was remitted by A. McL Seely, Esq., Sub-treasurer in New Brunswick, to be invested in the same stock.

Dr. Crawley went to Boston in December last, expecting to return in a fortnight. While in Boston, he received information respecting the state of the Company which induced him to visit West Columbia, in order to prosecute further inquiries on the spot. It soon became evident that the affairs of the Company were in an embarrassed state, the paid-up capital had proved insufficient to meet the outlay on the works; that outlay had been constructed on an extravagant scale, considering the limited funds at the Company's disposal; dividends had been declared and paid, when there were no profits to justify such payments; and on the whole there had been so great an amount of mismanagement that the affairs of the Company were in great peril.

Under these circumstances Dr. Crawley was requested to remain in the U. States, that he might aid in conducting necessary investigations and in suggesting measures for the relief of the Company. He consented to do so, and was provisionally appointed President. That appointment has been since made permanent, at a General Meeting of the Stockholders held in Cincinnati on the 2nd May last.

During Dr. Crawley's absence, the classes under his personal instruction in Acadia College and in the Theological Institute received such attention from Dr. Cramp and professor Stuart as they were able to give, with due regard to the duties of their own departments.

It has been deemed advisable by the Directors of the West Columbia Company to negotiate a loan of \$200,000, in order to relieve the Company from existing embarrassments, and to provide an adequate working capital. The stockholders have been requested to subscribe to that loan, at the rate of 20 per cent on the stock held by them respectively, the re-payment of the loan being guaranteed by the assignment of the property of the Company to Trustees for that purpose; but the Governors of Acadia College declined participating in the loan, being of opinion that the Denomination would not consider any further advance of money justifiable.

At the last meeting of the Convention it was reported that the Endowment Fund amounted to £11,864 2 2. The following items

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As the money invested in the West Columbia Company is at present unproductive of income, and may be so for some time to come, it is necessary to supply the deficiency by special effort of some kind. It is hoped and believed that there will be a prompt response on the part of the friends of the College.

Different opinions will probably be entertained respecting the investment in the stock of the West Columbia Company. But the considerate will admit the importance of the fact, that clear headed men in these provinces, of established mercantile character and discernment, were so well satisfied of the safety and eligibility of the investment, that they risked in the enterprise a large amount of their own money. It may be added that several of the Governors also became stockholders to a large amount. It is further to be remarked, that if the above mentioned difficulties had not occurred, the interest of £2000 at 12 per cent, (the lowest rate expected,) with the addition of the interest of the remaining £500, would have furnished an ample salary for Dr. Crawley, at a saving of more than £100 a-year to the College; since £2500 at 6 per cent, will only produce £150 a-year, while the other sum of £800 would have yielded £96 a-year instead of £48.

All these expectations are for the present disappointed. Considerable time may elapse before they are fully realised. Yet it will surely be conceded that in this transaction the Governors of Acadia College were influenced by a sincere desire to promote the interests of the Institution, and that an error in judgement is not to be confounded with dereliction of duty.

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A Committee having been appointed to obtain another Professor, their attention was directed to the Rev. A. W. Sawyer, of Lawrence, Mass., who was recommended to them as a gentleman evidently qualified to undertake the duties of the Classical department. Correspondence ensued, and the negociation is not yet terminated, but the Committee entertain the hope of securing Mr. Sawyer's services. In the event of failure, immediate measures will be adopted to fill the vacancy from some other quarter.

The transfer of the property from the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society to the College Corporation has been effected in the manner and on the terms stated in the last Report. The whole of the property is now vested in the Trustees, Governors, and Fellows of Acadia College, with a reservation to the Education Society of the use of such portions as are at present occupied by the Academy, Boarding House, and Principal's residence, as long as the same shall be required.

There are certain pecuniary wants to which the Governors are desirous of drawing the attention of the friends of the College. The first is, a provision for repairs and for the completion of internal improvements. A considerable sum is now needed, in order to make the College Building weather-tight, and to finish the new room intended for the Museum. In the next place, it is exceedingly desirable that a fund should be established for the assistance of Theological Students. The annual proceeds of the Dewolfe legacy are in part devoted to that object, but a much larger amount is required than is desirable from that source. In the United States generous aid is afforded to candidates for the christian ministry by societies formed for that purpose. It is obviously important that our young men should not be driven to seek

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are greatly needed. Donations for this object will be very  
thankfully received.

In conclusion, the Governors may observe, that notwith-  
standing the untoward circumstances which have been  
alluded to in this Report, they contemplate the present state  
of the College with gratitude and hope. The matriculation  
of fifteen students for the present Term, all of them from  
the Academy, is a highly encouraging fact. The kind man-  
ner in which the application for aid towards the salary of an  
additional Professor has been met shows that the Institution  
is duly appreciated by the friends of learning in our Denom-  
nation. Above all, the striking display of the divine good-  
ness in the recent revival of religion at Horton, during which  
many members of the College and Academy made a public  
profession of repentance and faith, cannot but call forth  
expressions of grateful and joyous feelings. We may con-  
fidently adopt the dying words of a great man of the last  
century, and exclaim, "The best of all is, God is with us!"  
Let us therefore take courage, and be "steadfast, unmove-  
able, always abounding in the work of the Lord."  
The first resolution was proposed, recorded, and left for  
consideration.

Convention then adjourned, to meet at half-past two P.M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After prayer, Education business was resumed.

A letter was read from J. W. Barss, proposing to resign  
his position as Governor of the College.

*Resolved*, That the resignation of J. W. Barss be accepted.

A letter was read from A. McL. Seely, proposing to resign  
his seat as Governor of the College.

*Resolved*, That we respectfully request brother A. McL. Seely,  
to withdraw his resignation, and continue his valuable services.

Rev. James Parker was selected as governor of the College  
instead of brother J. W. Barss, resigned.

Adjourned with prayer, until seven o'clock, P. M.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Elder Spencer.

An interesting and impressive speech was delivered by the Chairman, the Hon. J. W. Johnston, After this the resolutions read in the morning were submitted separately to the Convention, and adopted in due form. A series of addresses was delivered in connection with these proceedings. The whole resulted, notwithstanding the clouds which have recently passed over our educational interests, in devout thankfulness to God, especially for his bestowment of quickening influences upon our institutions of learning, and cheerful hope for the future.

1. *Resolved*, That the Report now read be received, and published in the Minutes of the Convention.

2. *Resolved*, That the Convention are satisfied that the Governors in investing the funds of the Corporation in the stock of the West-Columbia Mining and Manufacturing Company, were influenced by an earnest desire to advance the efficiency of the College, and acted in the belief that they were increasing its annual income by means of an investment secure and permanent as well as profitable,—a belief which the circumstances led them to entertain, and which they shared in common with capitalists of experience and judgement, who invested their own moneys in the same stock. The Convention deeply regret that the opinion thus formed by the Governors has been followed by disappointment that for the present curtails the resources of the Corporation and demands for its funds renewed assistance to preserve the efficiency of the College. And the Convention record their opinion and decision, that in future the funds of the Corporation be not invested except in landed property of ample value in any of these Provinces, unless sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the resolution of last year respecting the increase of the Endowment has not been carried into effect, the Governors be directed to take that subject into consideration as soon as possible, that provision may be made for the establishment of those additional Professorships which are urgently required in the College.

4. *Resolved*, That the members of our Churches and congregations be earnestly solicited to contribute more liberally to the Fund for Ministerial Education, either through the Union Societies or by special donations for the purpose; in order that candidates for the ministry, who are desirous of prosecuting their studies in the College or in the Theological Institute may be provided with the means of support while so engaged.

5. *Resolved*, That this Convention cannot but contemplate with gratitude and joy, and hope the spiritual blessings which have been bestowed, during the past year, on the seminaries of learning connected with our Denomination, both in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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 gracious influences of the Holy Spirit, and that from each of those  
 institutions there may go forth, from time to time, sincere and zealous  
 servants of the Saviour, prepared to devote themselves wholly to his  
 cause.

Adjourned until half-past eight in the morning.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. E. Balcom, and the Dox-  
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TUESDAY, half-past Eight, A.M.

Opened with prayer by Elder A. W. Barss.

The Foreign Missionary accounts were presented, discussed  
 and passed. The year had been a year of inactivity in  
 Foreign Missionary matters, and there were no proceedings  
 of the Board to be reported.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Eighty pounds be granted to Mrs.  
 Burpe for the present year.

*Resolved*, That a correspondence be opened with Mrs. Burpe, to  
 ascertain if she is willing to be employed in any way in the service of  
 the Board.

After, singing, and prayer by brother Elder, the Conven-  
 tion entered upon more public proceedings.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The following Report was presented and adopted.

Your Committee desire to express their conviction of the  
 usefulness of Sabbath Schools as a means of religious  
 instruction for the young. They consider youth as the best  
 time of life for the reception of the truths of the gospel;  
 and therefore Christians should labour to win the hearts of  
 the young to God. They would also urge all who are  
 "apt to teach," and who have themselves been taught of  
 God, to engage as teachers in Sabbath Schools; and that  
 those who teach aim at no lower object than the salvation  
 of the souls of the young. For this end let them make  
 their occupation a "work of faith, and labour of love,"  
 depending entirely upon God for success in their efforts.

Your Committee also exhort parents to send their children

to the Sabbath School, and to aid the teachers by their prayers and sympathies; and also by themselves instructing their children, "bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS ELDER, *Chairman.*

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DOMESTIC MISSIONS,  
(Including FRENCH and GAELIC.)

The following Report was presented, discussed and finally adopted:

Your Committee on Home Missions feel that the important, growing interests of the Domestic Missionary enterprise cannot be too vividly presented to our churches. Large accessions are made to them annually; and souls are saved through the efforts of our Home Missionary organizations.

Yet your Committee feel that this department of christian usefulness is not as efficient as desirable. The Domestic Missionary operations of New Brunswick are conducted by one Board, skillfully constructed, and working with a good degree of efficiency and hopefulness. It might be well if a similar organization were formed in Nova Scotia. Some correspondence has passed between the Secretaries of the several Domestic Missionary Boards of Nova Scotia upon this subject, but no final action has been taken.

Your Committee, however, recommend, that earnest and extensive exertion be made to sustain Domestic Missionary operations, and render them effective. Your Committee further feel, that in view of the past success vouchsafed to our missionaries, this Convention is called upon to render sincere, hearty, and devout thanks to the Lord. Yet in view of the scarcity of missionaries and the many and urgent calls made for missionary labour, your Committee feel that, as a denomination, it becomes us to offer earnest prayer to God, that he would "send forth labourers into the harvest."

In reference to the Gaelic Mission, your Committee are glad to be informed, by the Missionary himself, who was present at our Associations, that the Mission is in most prosperous circumstances. Conversions to some extent, even among the most bigotted of the Catholics, have been the result

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As regards the Mission to the French in Nova Scotia, your Committee beg to state, that during the past year a commodious Mission House, including a school-room, has been erected in Tusket Village. It is completed and already occupied by the Missionary family. Three hundred pounds are still due upon the building, for the realization of which sum it is hoped that measures partially matured will prove successful. Our French Missionaries in both provinces are earnest and zealous in their work; and indications of the Divine approbation, and omens of future success are abundant and striking.

Finally, your Committee rejoice in the general progress and prospects of the French Mission; and would commend all their concerns under God, to the prayerful benevolence of the denomination.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. MARTELL, *Chairman.*

### BIBLE CAUSE.

The following Report on the Bible Cause was presented and adopted.

The necessity and importance of the dissemination of the Scriptures in all languages, and in all parts of the world, cannot be otherwise than obvious to every reflecting mind. Missionary labours, when not accompanied with the word of God, are unavoidably, in a great measure, evanescent. Both must be combined in the great and glorious work of evangelising the world.

It is, moreover, evidently desirable to give to the nations of the earth as faithful and correct versions of the sacred oracles as possible.

As there are now, in the order of Providence, extensive openings, and urgent demands for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, your Committee recommend continued exertions for the promotion of this good cause. They rest

assured that the good sense and prudence of their brethren will lead all to guard cautiously against any collision or acrimony that might arise from a diversity of opinion as to the channel through which it is most advisable to communicate their benefactions.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

### TEMPERANCE AND TOBACCO.

Temperance and Tobacco were the subject of the next Report; consisting of a series of resolutions, which were discussed and adopted. It was as follows:—

Your Committee have met and considered the above subjects. We recommend to the Convention the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. That the aspect of the Temperance reform in these Provinces should produce the deepest anxiety, the most earnest prayer, and the most vigorous effort. The present is the juncture of fear and hope.

2. That in order to increased interest among the mass of our population, the old Total Abstinence Societies should be revived; our Temperance periodicals, the *Athenæum* and *Temperance Telegraph* should be more extensively patronised; and the *press*, religious and secular, together with the *pulpit*, should more warmly espouse and advocate the cause.

3. That in order to progress and triumph, the strong arm of law, prohibiting the *manufacture, importation and sale* of intoxicating liquors, is now imperatively demanded; and that this may be secured male and female, young and old, should visit our Legislatures with petitions till such law be passed.

4. That, in the opinion of this Convention, it is extremely desirable that all the ministers of these Provinces should earnestly and simultaneously preach in behalf of this great cause on the second Sabbath of the next new year.

5. That it is the duty of all Christians and benevolent people perseveringly to pray, plan, and execute, until drunkenness, with its preliminaries, accessories, and consequences be banished from our country. Society must rise up in its might, to rid itself of the ACCURSED TRAFFIC in strong drink, which breeds this monster evil. It must be pursued unto the death.

### TOBACCO.

*Resolved*, That the smoking, chewing, and snuffing of Tobacco is ordinarily unnecessary, indecent, and wicked.

Respectfully submitted.

T. R. PATILLO, *Chairman.*

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### NEXT MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

The following Report in regard to the next meeting of the Convention, was presented and adopted.

The Committee on arrangements for the next meeting of the Convention, recommend, "That the meeting of the Convention be held with the Church in Portland, St. John, N. B. They also recommend, that brother Willard Parker be appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and that brother Martell be his substitute.

D. NUTTER, *Chairman*.

Adjourned with prayer, to half-past two o'clock, P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder Nutter.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Cramp, with Elders Chase, Bill, and Francis be a Committee to correspond touching an alteration in the time of the meeting of the Convention. Report to be presented at our next meeting.

### STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

A report on the state of the denomination was submitted and adopted.—[See Appendix A.]

### RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

The following Report on Religious Publications and Colportage, was submitted, largely discussed, and adopted.

The Committee on Religious Publications report, that they consider the healthful progress of every religious body at the present day to be intimately connected with the judicious employment of the press. In our own denomination in these provinces there are two periodicals, the *Christian Messenger*, and the *Christian Visitor*. Both are valuable papers, and are entitled to the countenance and support of the Baptists of these provinces.

There are various other publications, of a moral or religious nature, circulated in these provinces, which, at this period of advancing literary attainments, are well adapted to supply the increasing wants of the community. A proper selection of these must of course depend on individual judgement, influenced by the character impressed on the great masses of society, by the sound and Scriptural instruc-

tion which it is one of the chief objects of this Convention to secure to the people with whom they stand connected.

The value and utility of Colportage are manifest. Your Committee would therefore strongly recommend, that effective measures be employed, as extensively as possible, to promote by this means the circulation of useful religious publications.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

Adjourned with prayer until eight o'clock, P. M.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Opened with prayer.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The following Report on Sabbath observance was presented and passed:—

The Committee on the subject of regarding the Sabbath Day beg leave to report,—That they regard the observance of the sacred day as of the utmost importance to the religious and civil interests of all people.

Your Committee would not by any means cast unnecessary reflections upon the conduct of others; but cannot fail to remark, that in their opinion the obligations to observe the day sacredly to the Lord are too often disregarded by various classes of persons. They would therefore affectionately urge upon all a conscientious obedience to the command, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy,"

S. T. RAND, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, 1. That a Committee be appointed to revise the Constitution of the Convention. Report to be presented at our next meeting.

2. That Elders Cramp, Bill, Armstrong, J. Parker, Robinson, with brother Kinnear, constitute that committee.

*Resolved*, That the following be our Foreign Missionary Board for the coming year. (See list on third page.)

*Resolved*, That the following be our Board of Directors for the coming year. (See list on third page.)

Brother J. W. Barss was appointed Auditor.

The Australian Board of last year, as found on third page was re-appointed.

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## MEMORIAL ON DEPARTED BRETHERN.

The following Memorial on departed Brethren was submitted and adopted:—

The Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial of departed Brethren report, That since our assembling together at the last Convention it has pleased our heavenly Father to remove from our midst several of our dear brethren and sisters with whom we have often taken sweet counsel, and shared in the cares and labours connected with the kingdom of our common Lord and Saviour. To enumerate excepting a few of them, would be beyond the limits of our present duty.

Among them is the name of one long endeared to the churches and people of the Baptist denomination in each of our provinces—one to whose prayers and labours, as much as to those of any individual ever known among us, has been owing under God the origin and prosperity of our churches. We refer to our venerable and lamented father Theodore S. Harding, whose life and labours, though he has departed, will never be forgotten. How many thousands exclaimed, when his removal was announced, "A great man has fallen this day in Israel!"

Our dear and respected brother Ferguson, who has so long filled a prominent and important position in the denomination, as an editor of the *Christian Messenger*, and whose memory will long live in the affections of thousands of our people, has also "gone the way of all flesh." Thus does the Lord call home to his kingdom, one after another, his best beloved servants, saying to each and all of us, "Be ye also ready!"

A. S. HUNT, *Chairman.*

The following brethren, appointed a Committee last year on the subject of a Female Seminary in St. John or its vicinity, were re-appointed for the same purpose:—A. McL. Thomas McHenry, N. S. Demill, John F. Masters, Richard Titus, David Roberts, A. Sime, John Christopher, Deacon Sharp.

*Ordered*, That the Minutes of the present Convention be printed at the office of the *Christian Messenger*.—That a thousand copies be printed.—That the collections made during the present session be paid into the treasury of the

Foreign Mission, and that the minutes be paid for out of said treasury—and finally, That Elder D. Freeman and brother Selden be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

*Resolved*, That the pastors of the Churches comprised in this Convention be earnestly requested to do all in their power to revive the Missionary spirit in the churches, by preaching on the subject of Missions, by communicating information on the same, and by holding missionary prayer-meetings. And that they be also urged to commend this object to those young men in the churches under their care who appear to be qualified for foreign service, whether in Burmah, in Australia, or elsewhere; in order that, by the blessing of God on such efforts, independent missionary operations may be conducted under the auspices of this Convention at an early period.

### CLAIMS OF SEAMEN.

The following Report on the Claims of Seamen was presented and adopted:—

Your Committee on the Claims of Seamen report as follows:—We feel deeply for the spiritual interests of this highly important class of men. We greatly deplore that so little concern has hitherto been manifested for their present and eternal welfare by professing christians generally of these provinces, and particularly by our own denomination. But we trust that in this respect a new era is opening upon us. With sincere gratitude to God we refer to what has been done at St. John, N. B., and to the present effort to raise a Bethel for the benefit of Seamen at the loading ground at Pictou. We earnestly recommend to this Convention, that a prayerful interest be taken in the spiritual wants of seamen; and further, that such active measures be adopted by our churches in seaport towns, that the impression of “no man caring for their souls” may speedily be erased from their minds; in consequence of which thousands of them are now debasing themselves below the level of the brute. Let us remember, that while engaging in such an enterprize as the salvation of mariners, we are carrying out the designs of our heavenly Father in a very important department of the work he has assigned to us as stewards of his grace,—namely, the conversion of “the abundance of the seas.”

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. BARSS, *Chairman.*

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*Resolved*, That we present our thanks to the church with which we have met, and to the citizens of Liverpool at large for the hospitality and christian courtesy received from them during our present session.

The Convention adjourned with prayer, to meet with the Baptist Church at Portland, St. John, N. B., the third Saturday in September, 1856, at two o'clock, P. M.

Throughout the session there was a large and frank comparison of views on difficult and important matters, issuing in harmonious results. In this way chiefly the gathering was beneficial; and brethren separated, united by closer bonds, and prepared anew to work together for the great ends contemplated in our organization.

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|           | paid Dr. S. Fitch, late Treasurer, ½ year's salary in full. |      | 10    | 0  |
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J. W. BARSS,

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## STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

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| Cash in Bank B. N. America       | 625   | 0 | 0 |      |
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St. John, N. B., 1st September, 1855.

## MEMORANDUM OF TREASURER.

There is a deficiency shown of £375 between the gross amount of securities of this year and last. This can be accounted for by the circumstance of £50, advanced Dr. Crawley for building purposes being entered formerly to investments, which this year I considered best to leave out, it having gone into repairs. Also, £56 premium paid on money remitted to the U. S. for investment, being charged in like manner, which the Treasurer now thought best to drop, leaving the investment as Nova Scotia currency,—these two sums amount to £106. The balance may be accounted for from the circumstance that *no steps* were taken to collect the notes due in New Brunswick and the interest being collected with the principal, not enough interest was received to pay annual expenses, which had to be met from the principal, the interest being still due, though not reckoned in the statement as the face of the notes only are taken into account; and it is also to be considered that till the whole is collected and invested there will be loss of interest from sums coming in in small amounts and lying unproductive or in the Bank at 3 per cent. till they can be safely invested.

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This amount is considered equally good with the other, but partially declined giving notes, and it ought to be sufficient to cover any loss in collecting the Endowment notes.

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which is *not included* in the statement of accounts.

There is subscribed on the fund for securing a new Professor £110, in addition to the amount already paid. It would be well to keep this fund in view as with the expense of agency, it will need more to meet this claim; and, being contributed in small sums it will not be burthensome to any, and will keep from entrenching on the endowment previously raised. The Treasurer would suggest the desirableness of passing a vote of the Board, that in future, no money should be invested in other securities than that of Real Estate by bond and mortgage in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; and, further, would suggest the desirableness of raising an Endowment of £5000 to endow the Theological chair in the College, or some other chair, or without this the endowment will be found insufficient to meet the growing demands of the College for an efficient faculty.

J. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

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## APPENDIX.

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### REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION

The following statistics are gathered from the Minutes of the Associations:—

#### NOVA-SCOTIA.

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| Western | 42 Churches. | 463 Baptized | 5923 Members |
| Central | 35 “         | 267 “        | 3318 “       |
| Eastern | 40 “         | 146 “        | 2300 “       |

#### NEW-BRUNSWICK.

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| Eastern | 46 “ | 165 “ | 2950 “ |
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[Statistics of the N.B. Western Association have not been received.]

Three new Churches have been constituted during the year, viz.:—4th Springfield, N.B., Tancook, and Maitland, N. S.

The following brethren have been ordained, viz.:—

- Nov. 1, 1854. Henry Achilles, Parker's Cove, N.S.
- March 21, 1855. David Lawson, Lower Stewiacke, N.S.
- June 6, “ A. W. Barss, North-West, Lunenburg, N.S.
- “ 7, “ W. A. Troop, Newcastle, Grand Lake, N.S.
- Aug. 1, “ D. Freeman, Granville-street, Halifax, N.S.

Eleven new places of worship have been opened.

- Dec. 10, 1854. Cape Demozzel, Hillsborough, N.B.
- “ 20, “ Bridgewater, N. S.
- “ 31, “ Shediac, N. B.
- Jan. 31, 1855. Clarence, Wilmot, N. S.
- June 24, “ Memramcook, Dorchester, N. B.
- Aug. 5, “ Stronach Mountain, Wilmot, N. S.
- “ 12, “ Wallace, Head of the Tide, N. S.
- “ 19, “ Port Medway, N. S.
- “ 28, “ Loch Lomond, N. B.
- Sep. 2, “ Gondola Point, N. B.
- “ 8, “ Head of Amherst, N. S.

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Your Committee rejoice in the indications of blessing with which many of the churches have been favored during the past year. It has pleased God to grant an abundant outpouring of his Spirit, whereby drooping causes have been revived, and great numbers savingly converted.

Some of the converts, there is reason to believe, will enter into the Christian ministry. There is indeed great need of additional labourers in the field. Many churches are without pastors. Many important districts call for the operations of evangelical enterprise. It is hoped that due encouragement will be given to young men of promising talents, who are desirous of devoting themselves to ministerial work, and that they will be kindly sustained in their endeavors to secure further instruction and improvement.

The necessity for enlarged efforts on behalf of Domestic Missions will be apparent to the members of the Convention. Such efforts are happily going on in New Brunswick, and great good has already resulted. It is much to be desired that similar efforts should be made in every other part of the field occupied by this Convention.

Your Committee cannot close this Report without advertising with great interest to the state of feeling springing up in various parts of the christian church. A powerful impression begins to prevail, that the great want of the age is elevated piety, both among ministers and churches. It is felt that personal religion is at a low ebb among professing christians generally, and that the influence of christianity on the world greatly depends on the amount of true godliness possessed by its adherents. It is felt that incalculable injury has resulted to the cause of God from the lukewarmness and inconsistencies of many of its friends. And there seems to be a prevailing conviction that the victories of the church over the world, will be proportioned, not merely to the labours of the church's missionaries, but to the manifestations of ardent piety among its members. In this conviction your Committee participate, and they pray that it may be read throughout these provinces, and produce abundant fruit to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

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## CONSTITUTION, &amp;c.

1. That the Convention be called "The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island," and shall consist of the Members and Delegates hereinafter specified.

II. That the object of the Convention shall be, to advance the interests of the Baptist Denomination, and of the cause of God, generally, to maintain the following religious, educational, and charitable Institutions—namely, Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Acadia College, and the Fund for Superannuated Ministers; to procure correct information relative to the Baptist Body, and to advise and carry out such measures as may with the Divine blessing, tend to promote its welfare.

To aid the Convention in procuring statistical information, it is hoped that the several Associations in the Province will obtain from the Churches connected with them the requisite statements, and report the same annually to the Convention and will concur with the Convention in all such measures as they judge advisable.

III. That the business of the Convention shall be conducted by a President, one or more Vice Presidents, two Treasurers, (one residing in Nova Scotia and the other in New Brunswick), an Auditor, and a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five members, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing, in addition to Life Directors, to be chosen annually by the Convention. The Board to have power to fill up any vacancies that may occur previous to the next meeting of the Convention.

IV. That every member of a Baptist Church, in good standing, who shall pay annually ten shillings and upwards, towards any of the objects embraced in the Union Societies, or into the funds of the Convention, and also every ordained Baptist Minister in the Provinces, in good standing, shall be a member of the Convention; and any person paying five pounds, or upwards, shall be a Life Member, and the payment of twenty pounds, or upwards, at one time shall constitute a Life Director. Every Church connected with an Association, and contributing annually ten shillings to the fund of a Union Society, shall be a member of this Convention, and be at liberty to send one Delegate to represent such Church, and if five pounds be collected, two Delegates. Every Local Union Society collecting annually five pounds, or upwards, shall be a member of this Convention, and shall be at liberty to send two Delegates to represent it therein, and one Delegate for every additional five pounds collected; so as no Church or Local Union Society be at liberty to send more than five Delegates; and that each Association connected with the Convention be allowed to send five Delegates. Every Missionary and Educational Board shall also be at liberty to send one Delegate.

V. That all monies contributed by individuals for membership for the general purposes of the Convention, after the payment of incidental expenses shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention.

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- the Province in which they shall have been contributed, and shall be by him appropriated in accordance with the existing regulations of the Union Societies in the Province; and that all monies collected by the Local Union Societies, or by the General Unions of such Societies, shall be paid to the respective Provincial Treasurers of the Convention, to be appropriated for such of the above great objects, and in such proportions, as the several Union Societies shall direct.
- VI. That any individual paying into the funds of the Convention more than the sum required to constitute membership, will be at liberty to direct the application of the surplus to the objects contemplated by the Union Societies, or to any one or more of them, separately.
- VII. That the Board shall meet quarterly, or oftener for the despatch of business, at such place as the Convention shall from time to time appoint; nine members shall form a quorum.
- VIII. That the Convention shall meet on the third Saturday in September, annually at such place as shall be agreed on by the Body; and, in addition to the Office-bearers, and Board of Convention, the following Boards shall be chosen, viz.: a Board of fifteen members for Foreign Missionary and Bible cause, and a Board of fifteen members to take charge of and direct the funds for superannuated Ministers and their families; all of which Boards shall consist of members of Baptist Churches, in regular standing. These Boards shall hold their meetings at such places as the Convention shall annually appoint. At least one-third of the members of these Boards of all Boards connected with the Convention, to reside within the vicinity of the places named for their meetings.
- The Convention shall also appoint, once in three years, six Governors of Acadia College, in place of six who will then go out in rotation, in accordance with the Resolution passed by this Convention at its Annual Meeting in September, 1850, and in accordance with the 14 Vic. of the Legislature of Nova Scotia; Chap. 37.
- X. That the Boards appointed annually by the respective Associations for Domestic Missions in each Province constitute a General Board of the Convention, to take charge of the objects of Domestic Missions under their direction, for purposes of advice and suggestion.
- That the Boards established for the promotion of the objects contemplated by the Union Societies, shall be requested to furnish the Secretary of the Convention with a full report of their proceedings annually. Such reports to be presented to the Secretary of the Convention at least one month before its meeting.
- That this constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention, by two-thirds of the members present.

### RULES OF ORDER OF BAPTIST CONVENTION.

RULE 1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

RULE 2. Ministers and members of Churches, not Delegates, invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under debate, but vote on none.

RULE 3. No member of the Convention shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

RULE 4. The names of Delegates leaving the Convention without permission of the Body before the conclusion of its business shall be publicly reported in the Minutes.

RULE 5. No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 6. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the Body.

RULE 7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8. The Moderator of the Convention shall nominate all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

RULE 9. These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the Convention.

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### TIME OF MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1856.

#### NOVA SCOTIA

The Western Association is appointed to meet with the Brookfield Church, Caledonia Meeting House, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Second Saturday in June.

The Central Association is appointed to meet with the Church in Chester, the 1st Saturday after the 20th June.

The Eastern Association is appointed to meet with the Church in Amherst.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Western Association is appointed to meet with the Church in on the first Saturday in September, 1856.

The Eastern Association is appointed to meet with the 2nd Sackville Church, on the second Saturday in July, 1856.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, is appointed to be held in the Baptist Church at Portland, St. John, N.B., on the third Saturday in September, 1856, at two o'clock, P. M.

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### BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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*Executive Committee*—Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D., Rev. I. E. Bill  
 Rev. Wm. Burton, Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.—Hon. J. W. Johnston  
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