

MINUTES  
OF THE  
ELEVENTH SESSION  
OF THE  
Western Baptist Association  
OF  
NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT BEAVER RIVER, YARMOUTH Co.,  
*Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 15, 17, & 18, 1861.*

TOGETHER WITH  
THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

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BEAVER RIVER, JUNE 15th, 1861.

The Association met according to appointment, with the Baptist Church, Beaver River, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator of last year. After singing, and prayer by Rev. W. Burton, the following list of Delegates was obtained :

**DELEGATES.**

- Annapolis and Upper Granville.*—Rev. G. Armstrong, Deacon Isaac W. Haley.
- Argyle.*—Rev. A. Martell.
- Brookfield.*—Rev. T. C. Delong, Deacon Thos. Christopher, Brethren Uriah Johnson, Judson Ledbetter, B. B. McPherson.
- Barrington.*—Rev. A. Martell.
- Beaver River.*—Rev. A. Cogswell, Deacons S. Crosby, Aaron Jeffrey; Brethren T. Porter, (Lic.) W. S. Raymond, Ira Raymond, W. H. Goudey.
- First Digby Neck.*—Rev. J. C. Morse, Brethren E. Denton, Isaac Cornwell.
- Second Digby Neck.*—Rev. J. C. Morse.
- Digby.*—Rev. Jas. Spencer.
- Digby Jiggins.*—Rev. J. Spencer, Brother W. H. Marshall.
- Greenfield.*—Rev. J. McKenne.
- First Hillsburg.*—Rev. J. A. Moore, Deacons R. Clark, Wm. Dunn; Brethren N. Millar, Wm. Clark.
- Second Hillsburg.*—Rev. J. A. Moore.
- Jordan River.*—Rev. A. W. Barss.
- Kempt.*—Rev. T. C. Delong, Brother D. Delong.
- Lake George.*—Rev. J. A. Stubbart, Deacons Jos. Crosby, B. B. Moses; Brethren Chas. Crosby, Wm. S. Patten, George Goudey.
- Liverpool.*—Rev. D. O. Parker.

*Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.*—Deacons Jacob Neily, Ansel T. Baker, and Bro. David Messenger.

*Lower Granoville.*—Rev. R. Walker.

*Lewis Head.*—Rev. A. W. Barss.

*Milton.*—Rev. E. F. Foshay; Deacons Edward Kempton, Bro. B. Kempton.

*Middlefield.*—Rev. J. McKenne.

*Nictaux.*—Rev. W. G. Parker; Brethren H. M. Parker, J. H. Parker.

*Ohio.*—Rev. J. H. Saunglers; Deacons N. Crosby, T. C. Vickery, Brethren Watson, Patten, Jas. Power.

*Port Medway.*—Rev. T. C. DeLong.

*Parker's Cove.*—Rev. H. Achilles.

*Pubnico.*—Deacon J. C. Anderson, Thos. Blackadar, (Lic.)

*Ragged Islands.*—Rev. A. W. Barss, Brother Austin Locke.

*Sissiboo.*—Rev. C. Randall, Deacons D. W. Sabeau, Wm. Lent.

*St. Mary's Bay.*—Rev. C. Randall, Rev. M. Normonday, Brother Jno. Spurr.

*Tusket.*—Rev. A. Martell; Brethren Israel Harding, W. H. Gavel, H. T. Goudey, Saml. Chandler.

*Tusket Lakes.*—Rev. W. Burton; Brethren H. Lent, Jacob Gavel, Jos. Gavel, Abraham Hurlbert.

*Wilmot.*—Brother Charles Romsey.

*Wilmot Mountain.*—Rev. P. F. Murray.

*Chute's Cove.*—Rev. P. F. Murray.

*Clements.*—Rev. A. Cogswell; Brethren Israel Potter, Joshua Potter.

*Westport.*—Rev. John Millar; Bro. Jas. Peters.

*Dalhousie.*—Rev. G. Armstrong.

*First Yarmouth.*—Rev. H. Angell; Brethren Jos. Shaw, Saml. Brown, Robert Brown, W. Churchill, Edward Huestis.

*Second Yarmouth.*—Deacons Caleb Cook, C. Strickland, H. Saunders, Jas. Crosby, W. R. Doty.

*Third Yarmouth.*—Rev. J. A. Stubbert; Deacons Enoch Crosby, Rufus Simonds, Charles Tedford, Richard Crosby.

*South Yarmouth.*—Rev. W. Burton; Deacons N. Holmes, John Larkins.

*West Yarmouth.*—Rev. J. H. Saunders; Deacons N. Corning, Kelly Rose, L. Foot, John Rose, J. Vickery.

DELEGATES FROM CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—Rev. S. deBlois, Rev. Jas. Parker, Rev. John Goucher, Bro. S. Selden.

The following brethren were invited to a seat with the Association:—Rev. O. Parker, Brethren D. F. Higgins, (Lic.) Jos. Kempton, (Lic.) Jos. Rogers, L. J. Walker, Jas. Lambert.

The Association made choice of Rev. J. C. Morse, Moderator; Rev. H. Angell, Secretary; Rev. A. W. Barss, Assistant Secretary; Brother Wm. Churchill, Treasurer; Brother Samuel Brown, Assistant Treasurer.

After reading the rules of order, the following Committees were appointed:

TO EXAMINE LETTERS:—

Rev. J. Millar, Rev. J. A. Stubbart, Rev. J. H. Saunders.

TO READ THE LETTERS:—

Rev. D. O. Parker, Rev. A. Martell, Rev. S. W. deBlois.

TO EXAMINE THE LETTERS:—

Rev. C. Randall, Rev. W. Burton, Rev. E. F. Foshay, Rev. W. G. Parker; Brethren Wm. Raymond, Edward Kempton, Isaac W. Haley.

ON NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENTS:—

Rev. W. G. Parker, G. Armstrong, C. Randall, Jas. Parker.

The letters from the Churches were then read.

The Committee on Nomination and Arrangements proposed the following brethren on Committees.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER:—

Revs. Thos. H. Higgins, O. Parker, P. F. Murray.

ON TEMPERANCE:—

Revs. E. F. Foshay, J. A. Morse, T. C. Delong; Brethren Thos. Christopher, N. Holmes, Z. Porter, W. H. Goudey, W. H. Gavel, Enoch Crosby.

ON CHRISTIAN MESSENGER:—

Revs. W. Burton, A. Cogswell; Brethren T. A. Blackadar, N. Corning, E. Kempton, D. W. Sabeau, J. Power, J. Neily, T. C. Vickery, Wm. Patten.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:—

Bro. S. Selden, Revs. A. W. Barss, T. H. Higgins; Brethren Judson Ledbetter, D. F. Higgins, B. B. McPherson, Wm. Lent, J. H. Parker, A. T. Baker, Saml. Brown, Chas. Crosby, Joshua Potter, A. S. Lent, A. Jeffry, John Rose, Saml. Chandler.

## ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:—

Revs. D. O. Parker, J. McKenne, R. Walker, H. Achilles, W. G. Parker, M. Normondy; Brethren Uriah Johnson, Israel Potter, H. M. Parker, D. Delong, J. Spurr, R. Clarke, Geo. Goudey, J. S. Dunn, J. W. Haley, Ira Raymond.

## ON EDUCATION:—

Revs. S. W. deBlois, Jas. Parker, G. Armstrong, C. Randall, Jas. Spencer; Brethren R. Brown, Jos. Shaw, C. Strickland, J. C. Anderson, Israel Harding, Chas. Romsey, Rev. J. A. Stubbert.

## ON BIBLE CAUSE:—

Rev. J. Millar, J. H. Saunders, T. C. Delong; Brethren C. Cook, Jacob Gavel, W. Dunn, Wm. Clark, N. Millar, E. Denton, J. Cornwell, A. Locke, R. Simonds, C. Tedford.

## ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE:—

Revs. A. Martell, P. F. Murray; Brethren B. Kempton, Jas. Peters, Jos. Crosby, B. B. Moses, E. Huestis, W. S. Patten, H. T. Goudey, W. H. Gavel, J. Larkins, Abraham Hurlbert, W. H. Marshall.

## ON ACCOUNTS:—

Brethren Edward Kempton, Ira Raymond.

The Committee also recommended, that in the absence of the preacher of the Annual Sermon and his alternate, that Rev. T. C. Delong preach the Sermon, and Rev. E. F. Foshay be his alternate.

They further recommended that the meetings during the sessions commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. and 3 P. M., and adjourn at 12½, and 6 o'clock, and that the prayer-meetings be held in the morning at 6 o'clock. Also that a missionary meeting be held on Monday evening at 7½ o'clock. Also that collections be taken at the Sabbath services and on Monday morning.

The report of Nomination was adopted. On motion adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. Millar. Benediction by Moderator.

On Lord's Day there was preaching in the Baptist Church, and also in the adjacent places of worship.

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase.		Decrease			Total.
	By Baptism.	Restored. By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	
Annapolis and Upper Granville.....	5	3	2		3	185
Argyle.....						48
Brookfield.....			3		1	91
Barrington.....	1	1			1	41
Beaver River.....	3	3			1	189
Clements.....	21	2	3		2	338
Chute's Cove.....				3	1	92
Dalhousie.....	2	1	4		1	26
Digby.....	1	1		1		26
Digby Neck, 1st.....			3	10	3	118
Digby Neck, 2nd.....			2		2	100
Digby Joggins.....	3					46
Greenfield.....				5	1	70
Hillsburgh 1st.....	16	3	4	1	1	150
Hillsburgh 2nd.....			2	2		92
Jordon Bay, (No Letter).....						42
Jordon River.....	1		1			27
Kempt.....	2			5	1	173
Lake George.....	1	1	1	5	2	158
Liverpool.....		3	3		2	181
Lower Aylesford & Upper Wilmot.....	5	1	9	9	12	514
Lower Granville.....				1	1	231
Long Island, (No Letter).....						175
Lewis Head.....						175
Milton.....	1		11	9		87
Middlefield.....	2	3	4	11	1	183
Nictaux.....			2			22
New Albany.....	2	2	7	1	7	501
New Tusket.....						65
Ohio.....				1		98
Port George, (No Letter).....	1		1		3	119
Port Medway.....						112
Parker's Cove.....	5	1			2	169
Pubnico.....		2				35
Ragged Islands.....						29
Sissaboo.....	23	4	2	2	1	114
Springfield.....		1			2	121
St. Mary's Bay.....	1	1				37
Sable River.....	2	2				108
Sheerbrook.....		3			1	40
Tusket.....	1	1				37
Tusket Lakes.....	4	1	2	3	4	86
Wilmot.....	5	2				31
Wilmot Mountain.....		2		4	3	368
Westport.....						155
Yarmouth 1st, (Town).....	3				1	98
Yarmouth 2nd, (Hebron).....	42	14	1	11	2	429
Yarmouth 3rd, (Deerfield).....	3	2	1	7	1	277
Yarmouth South, (Chebogue).....	10				1	174
Yarmouth West, (Chegogin).....	2	3		3	2	163
			10	1	4	121
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*Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.*

The Association met agreeably to adjournment. After singing, and prayer by Rev. Jas. Parker, Rev. T. C. Delong preached the Introductory Sermon from Isaiah lii. 1. Prayer by Rev. E. F. Foshay. Business resumed. Letters from New Albany and Sable River Churches read.

*On Motion—Resolved*, That the Letter from New Albany be handed over to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported, (See Appendix A.) Addresses by Rev. W. G. Parker, Brother Israel Harding, Brother N. Holmes. Rev. A. W. Barss, Rev. Jas. Parker, Rev. A. Martell. Report adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, (See Appendix B.) Address by Bro. Stephen Selden.

*On Motion—Resolved*, That we allow the Sabbath School Convention an opportunity of holding a meeting in connexion with this body at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. F. Foshay.

*Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Opened with prayer by Rev. H. Achilles. Rev. A. Martell moved a resolution on the appropriation of missionary monies.

On Motion the Resolution was deferred until Tuesday forenoon.

The Committee on Education reported, (See Appendix C.) Addresses by Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Jas. Parker, C. Randall, T. A. Higgins, D. O. Parker. Report adopted.

The Association then adjourned to give the Sabbath School Convention an opportunity to hold its session.

The Association resumed its session at 10 minutes to 5 o'clock.

Committee on Circular Letter reported. Report adopted. The letter was read by Rev. T. A. Higgins for the author.

*Resolved*, That the Circular Letter be referred to the Committee, and that said Committee be enlarged.

The following brethren were added to the Committee:—

Revs. C. Randall, Jas. Parker, Geo. Armstrong, A. Martell, D. O. Parker; Brethren Judson Ledbetter, and S. Selden.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported. Report adopted. (Appendix D.)

It was agreed to hold the next session of the Association at Liverpool,—that the Rev. J. A. Stubbert preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. A. Martell be his alternate, and that Rev. G. Armstrong write the Circular Letter.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Jas. Parker.

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*Monday Evening, half-past 7 o'clock.*

MISSIONARY MEETING. After singing, prayer by Rev. W. Burton. Report of Home Mission Board together with the Treasurer's Account was read, (Appendix E.)

*Resolved*, That the Report of Home Mission Board be laid on the Table until to-morrow morning.

Report of French Mission Board with the Treasurer's Account read, (Appendix F.)

*Resolved*, That the Report be laid on the Table.

Report on Foreign Missions read.

*Resolved*, That the Report lie on the Table until to-morrow.

Addresses by Revs. J. Miller, T. A. Higgins, A. Martell, A. Cogswell, W. G. Parker, Jas. Parker, Jas. Spencer, S. W. deBlois, M. Normonday, Bro. Jos. Shaw, Bro. Benjamin Raymond.

*Resolved*, That a private meeting of the Association be held at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. Armstrong.

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*Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

After singing, prayer by Rev. S. W. deBlois.

The following brethren were appointed as Delegates to the Convention:—Brethren Robert Brown, Wm. Raymond, John H. Anderson, Richard Clark, Jacob Neily.

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

*Whereas*, The Rev. Thomas Keilor who has been for several years a member of the Baptist Denomination, has denied the Sovereignty of God in the choice of His people to eternal life, and has also stated that there is no direct operation of the Holy Spirit on the sinner's heart, by which he is enabled to believe and obey the Gospel.

*Therefore Resolved*, That in our opinion his views of doctrine are unscriptural, and hence no Church is justified in opening their meeting house for him to preach in, or in any way to give countenance to him as a religious teacher. "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed, for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds," ii. John 10, 11.

It was also resolved that this resolution be published immediately in the *Christian Messenger*.

*Resolved*, That all ordained ministers in this body who attend the Central and Eastern Associations be our Delegates to those bodies.

The Committee on Bible Cause reported, (Appendix G.) Report adopted.

Report of French Mission Board adopted, On motion—

*Resolved*, Whereas the French Mission Board, and the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society are engaged in promoting the Home Mission Cause according to our principles, and in connexion with our denomination, the former by appointment, and under the control of this Association, and the latter under the direction of the Central and Eastern Associations.

*Therefore Resolved*, That it is expedient for this Association, or its Missionary Board to aid either of those bodies in their efforts to cultivate the Home Mission field, especially the French Mission, when necessity requires it, and when in the judgment of the Board the funds will admit of such aid being afforded without injury to our own operations.

On motion—

*Resolved*, That whereas the Home Mission Board has heretofore made appropriations from its funds to the support of the French Mission, therefore that the Churches of this Association are hereby requested to give expression to their views in reference to the appropriations in future, in their letters next year.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. T. A. Higgins.

*Tuesday Afternoon, 3 o'clock.*

After singing, prayer by Rev. C. Randall.

On motion—

*Resolved*, That ten hundred and fifty copies of minutes be printed next year, and that fifty copies be placed in the hands of the Secretary for distribution among the Delegates at the next Association. Also that Brother Selden receive thirteen pounds ten shillings as remuneration for printing them.

On motion—

*Resolved*, That the Circular Letter be adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

Account of Infirm Ministers' Fund adopted.

Report of Home Mission Board adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported. Addresses by Revs. P. F. Murray, T. C. DeLong, James Spencer; Brethren Israel Harding, Ansel T. Baker, Enoch Crosby. Report adopted. (Appendix H.)

Committee on "Christian Messenger" reported. (Appendix I.) Addresses by Rev. Jas. Parker, Rev. W. Burton, Brother Stephen Selden. Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions adopted. (Appendix J.)

*Resolved*, That the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund be the same as last year.

*Resolved*, That the Home Mission Board be the same in members, officers, and location as last year. Also that the following brethren be added to the Board: Jos. Rogers, A. S. Lent, J. C. Hatfield, Israel Harding, Chas. Tedford, Enoch Crosby and Jas. Crosby.

*Resolved*, That when a member of the Home Mission Board becomes a Missionary, he cease to be a member of the Board during the time of his services.

*Resolved*, That £15 be paid from the Infirm Ministers' Fund to the Widow of the late Rev. R. W. Cunningham.

Treasurer's report adopted.

*Resolved*, That Rev. C. Randall and A. Cogswell be a Committee to prepare a memorial of Departed Brethren for insertion in the Minutes, (Appendix K.)

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to pay over the sums of monies to those authorized to receive them.

Report of French Mission House Fund adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Western Baptist Association be, and are hereby tendered to the Baptist Church and Congregation at Beaver River, for the very liberal and generous provision made for the personal comfort of the members of the Association. Also to the Free Christian Baptist Church, for the use of their Chapel on Lord's Day, and for kindly accommodating several of the Delegates.

Adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Liverpool, on the 2d Saturday in June, 1862.

J. C. MORSE, *Moderator*.  
H. ANGELL, *Secretary*.

MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Where ordained.
Rev. H. Angell.....	Yarmouth .....	Feb. 13, 1853	Milton.
" H. Achilles.....	Parker's Cove...	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong...	Bridgetown.....	Dec. 30, 1848	Port Medway.
" A. W. Barss.....	Ragged Islands.	June 6, 1855	Lunenburg, N.W.
" W. Burton.....	Chebogue.....	July 20, 1828	Westbrook.
" A. Cogswell....	Clements.....	Jan. —, 1843	Chute's Cove.
" T. C. Delong....	Barrington.....	Feb. —, 1834	New Albany.
" E. F. Foshay....	Milton.....	March — 1850	Harvey, N. B.
" W. G. Goucher.	Paradise.....	May 11, 1853	Hebron.
" J. C. Morse....	Digby Neck....	Mrch 30 1842	Digby Neck.
" A. Martell....	Tusket.....	Mrch 20 1849	Antigonish.
" John Miller....	Long Island.....	.....	.....
" J. A. Moore....	Hillsburg.....	Aug. 5, 1857.	.....
" P. F. Murray...	Chute's Cove....	Mrch 14 1848	Westport.
" J. McKenne....	Greenfield.....	Oct. — 1859.	Greenfield.
" Obed Parker...	Aylesford.....	Feb. 21, 1844.	Wilmot.
" W. G. Parker...	Nictaux.....	Jan. 20, 1843.	New Albany.
" D. O. Parker...	Liverpool.....	Mar. 23, 1861	Liverpool.
" C. Randall.....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833.	Weymouth.
" J. H. Saunders.	Ohio, Yarmouth.	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stubbert.	Deerfield, do.	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" James Spencer.	Granville.....	May 17, 1853	Chester
" A. Stronach....	Aylesford.....	<i>Oct. 2, 1834</i>	<i>Parliament</i>
" C. Tupper, D.D.	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" N. Vilito.....	Wilmot.....	May 10, 1832	Wilmot.
" J. A. Walker...	Aylesford.....	June 3, 1856.	Aylesford.
LICENTIATES.			
Samuel B. Kempton.	Wolfville.....	.....	.....
Thomas Blacadar.	Wolfville.....	.....	.....
Andrew Parker....	Aylesford.....	.....	.....
W. L. Parker.....	Aylesford.....	.....	.....
John Tooker.....	Yarmouth.....	.....	.....
Joseph G. Thompson.	Kempt.....	.....	.....
Zephaniah Porter...	Beaver River...	.....	.....

## Circular Letter.

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

*Dear Brethren,—*

We beg leave in this our annual epistle to direct your attention to the subject of Communion. We have hitherto held up the Bible as the rule of our faith and practice; we must never lay it down. For all we teach and practice we must have God's word for our authority; short of that we must not stop; beyond it we dare not go. Its doctrines we should declare fearlessly; and its laws we must observe promptly. We should never allow ourselves to be misled by undue zeal, false charity, or the spurious notion that we can promote the cause of God in the world, by compromising the holy principles which we profess. It would be a shame for Baptists to say to those who differ from them, we believe and practice so, simply because the Church to which we belong does so. This would be placing us on a level with the greatest errorists in the world, for any and all of them can say as much, and give as good a reason for their views and practices as that. Every baptist should be prepared to defend his principles by appealing to the Bible, and say to the world, here is my authority.

Let no one be satisfied to stop short of this, if he would be an honour to the religion he professes, and a blessing to the Church of which he is a member. To God's truth and the salvation of the world, let us be faithful unto death,

The question is frequently asked us, why baptists refuse to commune with other professed Christians? We answer the word of God gives us no liberty to do so. There are qualifications as clearly set forth in the scriptures for communion as there are for baptism; and to attend to them in the one case, will not justify us in omitting them in the other.

The first scriptural qualification for communion is regeneration by the Holy Spirit, and the believer must be baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost,—John iii. 5. Baptism should always precede Communion, so the commission of our Lord to his disciples teaches us, “go ye teach all nations, baptizing them,—teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”—Another of His commands is, “Do this in remembrance of me.” Now as the word of God proves to us clearly that none are baptized but those who are immersed, therefore with the Pedobaptists we cannot commune, as we believe they are not scripturally baptized. With this they cannot reasonably find fault, as it is in harmony with their own practice, for they profess to admit to communion none but those they believe are baptized. This is sometimes called close communion, but it will be seen that as we commune with all who are baptized into our churches and as soon as we baptize them, whereas Pedobaptists do not, they are really more “close” than ourselves.

Secondly, the persons admitted to communion must become members of the Church of Christ, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles ii. 41; “they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them (the Church) about three thousand souls.” There was but one Church constitution then, and there can be but one now.—There is no authority in the Bible for several Churches, differing in their faith and practice. Taking the Bible for our infallible guide, we believe that we can commune only with those who have become members of the Church of Christ.

Thirdly, those admitted to communion must believe

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the doctrine of the Apostles. We read in Acts ii. 42 "They that were added continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine," &c. We have no more authority to admit to communion those who reject these doctrines—the doctrines of the Bible, than we have those who are not baptized.

Some may think these are little matters to differ about, but what God has revealed we have no authority to dispute.—Where God has prescribed the bounds we must not step over them. Again, it is said these are only shades of difference in our religious opinions, but that is a great mistake. It is indispensable to our peace and success, "that we all speak the same thing, and that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," "so that with one mind and one mouth we may glorify God."

Fourthly, Fellowship is another qualification for communion. They who held the Apostles' doctrine "continued in fellowship," and "were of one heart and one soul." Between us and other denominations this oneness does not exist, nor can it, while our opinions differ so widely. We believe they are in gross error; they may believe the same with regard to us. "Two cannot walk together except they be agreed." Is it not harmony in our religious views that unites us in spirit and effort? where the former does not exist, the latter therefore cannot reasonably be expected.

It will appear evident to every reasonable mind, from a consideration of the foregoing, that the want of the last three qualifications, namely, membership with the Church of Christ, harmony in the doctrines of the Bible, and gospel fellowship, must as positively preclude from communion some who may have been immersed, as the want of immersion does others. If the Word of God were silent on this subject, and we were disposed to commune with all who practice immersion, we, without regard to these qualifications, would still be plunging into great difficulties, as we might then be compelled to commune with unbaptized persons, and also with those from whom we have

withdrawn fellowship; for in some instances such persons are admitted by some immersionists. Sometimes we are referred to Bunyan, Hall, and Spurgeon, who approve of communion with other Denominations; but we cannot endorse error from these men any sooner than from men of less note, and we must never follow the example of any man if he has not Divine authority.

To these principles let us be faithful, and in them united.—To our own table we may invite whom we please, but to the Lord's table we may receive only those sanctioned by his word. We should be explicit on these points, the want of explicitness has led to very serious difficulties already, and it will be a dark day to us when we open the door of communion wider than the word of God justifies.

The Lord be praised, we have hitherto observed the teaching of the Bible on this subject,—may He enable us still to do so, keeping us in union, zeal, and holiness, until by Divine grace we give the world the Bible in its purity. The responsibility therefore which rests upon Baptists in this respect, should inspire us with increased devotedness to the cause of God, until that glorious day is brought about, when the watchmen “shall see eye to eye,” and the earth “shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea,” and there shall be but one Catholic Church acknowledged throughout the world. “May the Lord hasten it in His time.”

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## APPENDIX.

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### REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Committee on Sabbath Observance report:—Your Committee feel that to them has been committed a subject of no ordinary interest. The Sabbath stands amongst the oldest and most sacred institutions in the house of God. Its observance or non-observance has been a sufficient index of the piety or impiety of our race, in all ages. The desecration of this holy day is a cause of sorrow and annoyance to all good men.—Your Committee feel that the sacredness of this day is also frequently overlooked by men of otherwise sound morals and good intentions. The command is, not merely a cessation of secular employment, but to “keep *holy* the Sabbath day. It is not only a day of rest, but of *holy rest*. On this day, more than on any other, holiness is to become *especially* the object of our pursuit. Hence the importance of associating with this day other social institutions, that our minds may become more separated from the world, and more entirely set on God and heaven. Hence then the importance of attendance on the ordinances and institutions of religion on this day, viz, the worship of God in his house, and the reading and prayerful study of the Bible. Your Committee are of opinion that this day might in many particulars become more interesting and profitable among the young. Where Sabbath Schools are not established, it affords an important opportunity for catechizing the young on the subject of religion and virtue, and should in this way be improved. Your Committee deplore the efforts of some of our countrymen to legalize Sabbath desecration, and we would express our thanks to those brethren who have so ably opposed them. And we earnestly hope the time may never come when Sabbath desecration will be legalized in this country. We would earnestly recommend to all our churches to set a high value on the sanctity of the Lord’s day, and that every proper effort be made to secure its better and holier observance throughout our land, so that gossiping, rambling, lounging, visiting, idling, and talking outside

the house of God on this sacred day may be of less frequent occurrence in this country,—that both the fisherman, mariner, farmer and mechanic may learn by happy experience that nothing can be lost by a strict and holy observance of the Sabbath. We are further anxious to express our ardent hopes of that holier *rest* of which the present *day of rest* is but a faint type. Let us all strive to enter into that rest.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTELL, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In the order of Divine Providence, and under the operation of Divine Grace, the Sabbath School has become one of the institutions of the Christian Church, and one of the most important instrumentalities in the dissemination of Gospel truth. The instruction of the young in the truths of Divine revelation has always been an important religious duty, but the combined effort of christians in Sabbath Schools to communicate to the young generally, a knowledge of the Word of God, we deem a means of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the world which should be cherished by all who love the Great Teacher.

We rejoice to find by the letters to the Churches that the statistics of a greater number of Sabbath Schools have been forwarded to this Association than on former occasions of these meetings. Your Committee further rejoice to find that a greater measure of attention is being given to this subject throughout the Province. The formation of the Baptist Sabbath School Convention at Windsor last year, we deem a movement calculated to call out the energies and combine the operations of the Denomination in this particular more effectually than has been the case at any previous period. We learn that this body propose holding their annual meeting for the election of officers, &c., alternately with each of the three Associations, and that it be held with this Western Association the present year. Your Committee would therefore respectfully suggest the desirableness of appropriating a small portion of time at one of the sittings of this body specially to this mat-

ter, and further, that the Rev. H. Angell, Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Brother Samuel Brown be a S. S. Board from this Association, to act in connection with similar Boards in the other Associations of the Province, and that they be entrusted with the initiation of any measures they may consider desirable, and for the furtherance of the cause of Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Association.

We further recommend that the following Resolutions be adopted :

*Resolved*, 1st. That this Association adjourn and resolve itself into a Sabbath School Convention for half an hour, at 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

2nd. That the Statistics on Sabbath Schools sent to this Association, be handed over to the above Board for publication, with those from the other Associations.

3rd. This Convention recommends that County Conventions be held at such times and places as are suitable for such meetings, for the purpose of awakening a more general interest in Sabbath-School work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. SELDEN, *Chairman*.

## ON EDUCATION.

Acadia College has claims of no ordinary character upon the support and sympathies of the denomination. She has equipped and sent forth young men in every department of life who are now useful and honorable members of society. She has fostered within her walls a healthy vigorous tone of moral and intellectual sentiment. She has been abundantly blessed by the manifestations of the Spirit of God.

Since her foundation in 1838—180 have matriculated besides others who have pursued a partial course,—56 have graduated of whom 35 are now in the ministry at home and abroad. A recent graduate, Mr. T. H. Rand, now occupies the responsible position of a teacher in the Normal School; and the present favorable position of our Academy is to be attributed to the earnest efforts of another.

Fifteen have matriculated and five more are expected,

making a new class of twenty at the commencement of next term.

About 20 candidates for the ministry are studying in both Institutions. These young men have preached, visited families and distributed tracts the past year. In the district round the College, 200 sermons have been preached.

Efforts are now being made by the Governors, to place our financial matters on a firm and lasting basis. In this they need the active and hearty co-operation of the churches.

In the Academy the attendance during the past year, has been larger than usual. This shews that our people are coming to realize the importance of Education. A female Seminary has been during the past year added to the Academy.— It promises well. It has our sympathies and if sustained, will do much for the elevation and education of the denomination. During the winter term the number of pupils in both departments, was about 140, average attendance 110. The Lord has smiled upon our efforts as in past times, 9 in the female and 4 in the male department, have been hopefully converted and have joined the Church in Wolfville. We ask then for both Institutions the sympathies and prayers of the denomination, and look for the blessing of God that they may become instrumental of still greater good in building up the kingdom of Christ.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, *Chairman.*

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#### REPORT ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee on Questions in Letters report as follows:

1st. In reply to the question from the Church of Brookfield, viz:—Is it right for a Baptist Church to support a minister who denies the direct influences of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of a sinner? Your Committee emphatically answer, NO.

2nd. In reply to the request of the Church at New Albany, your committee would recommend that the Home Missionary Board be instructed to place a Missionary in that locality forthwith, provided that they can procure the services of a well-experienced man.

Your Committee recommend that the next Association be held with the Baptist Church of Liverpool.

Respectfully submitted,

C. RANDALL, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Domestic Missionary Board beg leave to present a report of the operations carried on during the year, and their results, so far as known, in that department of Christian effort entrusted by you to their management. We regret that we are not able to report any very striking or marked success as respects the great objects of our Home Mission enterprise,—the conversion of sinners, and the formation of churches on Gospel principles, and according to Apostolic precedent. Yet the blessing of God has to some encouraging extent attended the labours of our missionaries. It is hoped that the good seed of the Word disseminated by our Evangelists, will ere long, under the gracious and vitalizing influences of the Holy Spirit, produce fruit which shall cause joy on earth and in heaven.

The following Missionaries have been employed under the direction of the Board in the places and for the times mentioned in the subjoined statement :

*Rev. Thomas C. DeLong*, 22 weeks—at Barrington, Wood's Harbor, Pubnico, Shelburne, Jordan Bay, &c., sermons preached 100; other meetings held 32; families visited 81; received in aid £28 13s. 6d.

*Rev. A. Martell*, 7 weeks—at Argyle; sermons preached 49; families visited 45. Received in aid £4.

*Rev. John McKenne*, 10 weeks—at West Dalhousie, Lake Le-rose, &c., number of sermons 40; other meetings 6; families visited 30. Received in aid £1 18s. 1d.

*Rev. James Spencer*, 5 weeks—at Parker's and Young's Cove; sermons preached 24; other meetings 2; families visited 36. Received in aid £1.

*Rev. R. R. Philp*, 12 weeks at Digby, and Digby Joggins; number of sermons 42; other meetings 26; families visited 50. Received in aid £10 10s., two baptized.

*Warren L. Parker*, Licentiate, 12 weeks—at Dalhousie East and West, and Sherbrook; sermons preached 54; other meetings 20; families visited 62. Received in aid £6 7s. 11d.; three baptized by *Rev. Geo. Armstrong.*

*Thos. A. Blackadar*, Licentiate, 5 weeks—at Barrington, Wood's Harbour, and Pubnico; number of sermons 19; other meetings 4; families visited 30. Received in aid £4 10s.

*W. Hall*, Licentiate, 8 weeks—at East Sherbrook; sermons preached 34; other meetings 13; families visited 37. Received in aid £4 8s. 1d.; eight baptized by Rev. E. O. Read.

*L. B. Gates*, Licentiate, 6 weeks—at Bridgewater, N. West, New Cornwall, &c.; sermons preached 21; other meetings 5; families visited 45. Received in aid £3 11s. 8d.

*Rev. A. W. Barss*, 12 weeks—at Lewis Head, and East side of Ragged Island Bay; sermons preached 45; other meetings 14.—Received in aid £15 5s. 6d.; baptized three.

*Rev. O. Parker*, in Lunenburg Co.; sermons preached 48; other meetings 6; families visited 92. Received in aid £8 5s.; baptized one.

*Thos. A. Blackadar*, Licentiate, at Pubnico, and Wood's Harbour; sermons preached 15; other meetings 6; families visited 24. Received in aid £5.

It will thus be seen that Missionary labour to the extent of 111 weeks has been performed, during which, 491 sermons have been preached, 134 other meetings held, 532 families visited, 17 persons baptized on a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and £113 9s. 9d. received in aid of the Missions.

The Home Mission cause has been sustained and furthered in another respect: on application made for aid to the Acadian French Mission, your Board did not hesitate to contribute to that object such portion of the funds placed at its disposal, as was thought could be employed without embarrassing our own operations. Ten pounds have been given to that mission. This we did, because we regard that department of the Missionary field as truly and essentially a home mission under the direction of this Association, and therefore worthy of being encouraged and aided when in need, so far as it is in the power of this Board to do so, without injury to that department of the Home Mission work which it is their especial duty to carry on, sustain, and guard. And moreover we conceived that from the recognition of the French Mission by this Association, and from similar contributions having at former times been made either under your direction, or with your sanction, it would, in the present instance, meet your approval and that of the Churches represented in this body.

At the meeting, Nov. 7th, when the above grant was made,

the following resolutions were passed by the Board, and ordered to be signed by the Chairman and published in the *Christian Messenger*, which was accordingly done, Nov. 14th:—

*Whereas*, Certain communications have been made to the *Christian Messenger* signed "Vox Populi vox Dei," containing charges against the Western Association concerning the action of this Board:

*And whereas* Our Brethren Rev. Dr. Tupper, and Rev. George Armstrong forthwith wrote replies to said communication:

*Therefore resolved*, That this Board tender their unanimous and warmest thanks to brethren Tupper and Armstrong for their prompt and effectual refutation of said charges and vindication of the Western Association and of the action of this Board.

*Also resolved*, That this Board highly commend the judicious remarks made by the editor of the *Messenger* and published in connection with said communication."

Signed in behalf of the Board,

N. VIDITO, *Chairman*.

In conclusion,—we are constrained to say that in our view we are not as a body doing our duty in the Home Mission field. We ought to attempt much more by the grace and strength of God. The love of Christ, duty to the souls of sinners, fidelity to our principles, our own prosperity and progress as a denomination demand that we should do much more to proclaim the Saviour's name, and communicate the Gospel to sinners in our land who are not favored with the ministration of the word of life, that so by the grace of God they may through our contributions, prayers and labours be brought to Christ, and saved by faith in His precious atonement.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board.

GEO. ARMSTRONG, *Secretary*.

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### REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

In presenting their annual report the Board would gratefully acknowledge the continued indications of Divine favour in connexion with this mission. Although the results of our efforts are as yet comparatively small, yet we desire to remem-

ber that such we are commanded not to despise, and that they often precede great and wide-spread success. Brother Normondy has labored faithfully and perseveringly in his great field, amid much opposition and many discouragements. He informs us that light is spreading, that a spirit of inquiry is apparent where hitherto the truth has been opposed, and several persons are apparently "not far from the kingdom of God." During the year he has made 202 visits among the French people, 103 sermons have been preached, 2 have been baptized on a profession of faith in Christ, and over 30 persons are inquirers after truth. An interesting Sabbath School has been established at the north range, St. Mary's Bay. A small building, 18 feet by 26 has been erected at the above place, chiefly through the exertions of the French people. The building is used as a place of worship and for a sabbath and day school.

The Board would express their thanks to the Domestic Missionary Board for the grant of £10 which afforded efficient aid when our funds were low.

The Board would remind the churches that our work is *only just begun*. Much land remains yet to be possessed, much darkness to be dispersed, and multitudes of souls are groping their way to eternity amid the dense darkness of superstition, without, we fear, enough light to conduct them to Christ and heaven. Then let us come up to the work with renewed energy, increased prayerfulness, and larger pecuniary support.—Then may we expect that much people will be "added to the Lord" from among that interesting but too much neglected people—the Acadian French.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY ANGELL, *Secretary*.

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### REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee beg leave to report:—

That they regard the diffusion of the Bible as one of the most important of the benevolent efforts of the day, and as one of the most efficient means of evangelizing the world.

The Bible, as a revelation from God, is the foundation of all

religion. From thence all our knowledge of God, of his will, of ourselves, and of a coming eternity is to be drawn. It must be the constant companion and study of the Christian minister; to the law and the testimony he must continually refer. The Christian too would do well to have the word of Christ dwelling in him richly in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. It is well known to be the most important auxiliary of the Missionary in heathen lands. How necessary and important then the diffusion of the word of God.

Your Committee regard with feelings of pleasure and gratitude, the openings that are being made for the circulation of the sacred volume in heathen and Roman Catholic countries. Your Committee recognize in these openings a call in Providence, to more active exertion for the circulation of the Bible, and they would recommend strongly to all their brethren to give to the Bible Cause that share of their attention and that proportion of their liberality which its great importance demands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MILLER, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance report:—That from the information they can gather on the subject they have reason to fear that the cause of temperance is not progressing in our Province, but rather retrograding.

Your Committee deeply regret that persons are allowed to continue their membership in our churches who indulge in the use of intoxicating drinks. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Let us arise in the strength of gospel truth and put away the accursed thing from among us, and thereby set the unconverted an example worthy of the christian name.—Would we obtain a prohibitory liquor law from the Legislature, then must all professing christians take hold of the subject with more union, consistency, zeal, and determination.

Your Committee are also of opinion that the use of tobacco is injurious to the human constitution and operates as a serious check to all our benevolent operations. If the money annually expended by members of our churches for tobacco were thrown

into the treasury of the Lord, we would doubtless have ample funds to meet all the wants of our benevolent objects.

E. F. FOSHAY, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee present the following report:—The success with which God has crowned the feeble efforts of his people in endeavoring to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom, calls for devout gratitude, and should inspire our hearts with love for missions and awaken our churches to redoubled devotion and diligence to the principles of the "Great Commission."

Eighteen centuries have gone since Jesus gave the positive command to his disciples, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and yet the following reliable figures will give a forcible idea of the empire of darkness yet to be subjugated and enlightened. Taking the total population of the earth at 1,300,000,000, there are, Jews, 5,000,000; Asiatic Religions, 600,000,000; Mohammedans, 160,000,000; Pagans, 200,000,000; Roman Catholics, 170,000,000; Greek Catholics, 75,000,000; and Protestants only 89,000,000, or less than one in every fifteen who are truly acquainted with Christ; and as is usually calculated, each second bears a soul into eternity, and as there can be no salvation out of Christ, "For there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved," it follows, that of the sixty who pass every minute into eternity, at most only four of them have on Christ's righteousness. But while this dark, yet real picture of our race is deeply to be deplored, there are a million voices calling from heaven, earth, and hell for christians to go forward in the work of evangelization with the assurance that Omnipotence can take their feeble contributions and make them more effectual than the concentrated forces of the angelic armies. Who but the Almighty could effect what has been done? To God be all the glory.

"It is little more than half a century," observes a recent

writer "since the commencement of modern missionary effort. And now there are in the world about two thousand missionaries, seven thousand five hundred assistants, four thousand churches, two hundred and fifty thousand converts, three thousand missionary schools, and over two hundred and fifty thousand children and adults belonging to them; two hundred dialects into which the bible is translated, thirty-two millions of Bibles scattered over the earth, in languages spoken by six hundred millions." At the inauguration of this good work the world was not only girt in darkness, but almost every door of access was closed and barred against christianity, but the devoted few in the name of Jesus, passing through fiery trials made an entrance which has since been widening, till we may now almost say, the door of idol temples are thrown wide open for the God of missions.

At present, the foreign field has a special claim on the sympathy, prayers, and generous support of our churches. One of our own beloved brethren, now in Henthada, Burmah, is laboring with great zeal and success under the direction of the American Baptist Missionary Union. This Union is now greatly embarrassed from want of material aid. It has under appointment thoroughly educated, faithful, and devotedly pious young men, anxiously longing to leave their native land, friends, and kindred, to live and die in making known Christ among the heathen,—they wait the liberality of the Churches.

Our American brethren were also soliciting the missionary services of two of our provincial brethren, when overtaken and embarrassed by civil war. Our own Secretary has also been corresponding with the same brethren with the hope of sending them out under our own supervision.

In consideration of God's goodness to us as a people, we earnestly urge upon the churches the propriety of sending, supporting, and directing at least one Missionary as our own peculiar property. It is said our home field is already greater than we can possess, and so let all our efforts be concentrated here. The objection is fallacious, and is proved such by the entire history of missions. When there is interest for the heathen there will be increased interest at home, awakened by reflex blessings. "The liberal soul shall be made fat."—"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

Among the instrumentalities which may be used for awaken-

ing increased interest in this important work we recommend the general observance of the "*Monthly Missionary Concert*," on the first sabbath evening of each month, and that a contribution be taken. We further recommend the organization of Juvenile Missionary Societies in connection with our Sabbath Schools and Churches, and that pastors preach quarterly on the specific subject of missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. O. PARKER, *Chairman.*

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### ON DEPARTED BRETHREN.

The Committee on Departed Brethren report:—That it has pleased our Heavenly Father, during the past year, to remove by death a number of our valued brethren, among whom we beg to name two.

1st. The Rev. Israel Potter of Clements, Co. of Annapolis. Brother Potter was in early life converted to God, and united with the Baptist Church of Clements, of which his venerable father was pastor, his gifts for public improvement, together with his deep and continuous piety, were such, that in 1837 he was called forth by his brethren to the public ministry, and was ordained as co-pastor of the church, in which relation he continued until the death of his father, when he succeeded him as Pastor. Brother Potter's preaching talents were not of the highest order, yet he was a good man, and carried to his grave an unblemished reputation. He died on the 26th day of June, 1860, aged 70 years. "The memory of the just is blessed."

2nd. Deacon Zachariah Chipman of Yarmouth was a descendant of the Puritans who settled in the wilds of New England. He was the youngest son of the late Handley Chipman of Cornwallis, and consequently the youngest brother of the late Rev. Thomas Handley Chipman, by whom he was baptized in 1797. Brother Chipman had been an active and a useful member of the Baptist Church for over sixty years, having served the Church for more than twenty-five years as Clerk, and over forty years as Deacon. He was removed to join the church triumphant on the 2nd day of July, 1860, in the 82nd year of his age. "They rest from their labours."

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. RANDALL, *Chairman.*

## ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* beg leave to report:—That the extensive circulation of a Religious Periodical in any community, ably and judiciously conducted, is of incalculable worth. Your Committee, therefore, regarding the *Christian Messenger* as such, feel the extreme desirableness and importance of circulating that paper to the utmost extent, that the valuable matter contained in its weekly issues should be as widely disseminated as possible. To this end your Committee would respectfully recommend that pastors and brethren labour to increase subscribers to the paper in their respective congregations, as it is one of the cheapest and most ready ways of aiding them in enlightening and educating their people in general knowledge, and christian doctrine. Your Committee feel that the thanks of this Association are due to the worthy Editor and his coadjutors for their able defence of the Christian Sabbath, Christian Baptism and Communion, as also for the valuable History of the Early Fathers, and their zealous and successful labors as the founders of the Baptist Churches in this land.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to recommend to all local agents and subscribers to the paper to be prompt and regular in paying.

W. BURTON, *Chairman.*

**AMOUNT OF MONIES PAID IN AT THE WESTERN N. S. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**  
*Commenced at Beaver River, June 17th, 1861. Eleventh Session.*

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.		Foreign Mission.		Infirm Ministers.		Ministerial Education.		French Mission.		Gaelic Mission.		Am. & Foreign Bible Society.		Bible Union.		TOTAL.	
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*Accounts, &c.*

**ACADIAN MISSION in account with W.M. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.**

1860.	DR.		
June 6.	To balance as per account rendered Association.....	£8 10 0	
14.	Paid Missionary bal. last year's salary.....	11 12 10	
Cct. 12.	Postages.....	0 1 6	
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Feb. 28.	Missionary's expenses on his collecting tour....	2 15 14	
	Mission house fund, as understood by the donors to the Missionary on this tour should be this amount.....	30 0 0	
June 15.	Missionary's salary from May 20, 1860, to May 20, 1861, 1 year.....	120 0 0	
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June 14.	By this amount from Western Association.....	£57 14 0	
	Rev. Robert Mortor, donation.....	1 0 0	
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Aug. 3.	Collection in 1st Yarmouth Church.....	2 13 5	
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11.	Col. in Westport Church.....	1 3 9	
25.	Col. in Lake George Church.....	1 0 0	
25.	Col. in 2nd Yarmouth (Hebron) Church.....	0 6 14	
Sept. 29.	Col. in Ohio Church.....	0 8 14	
Oct. 8.	Col. in 3rd Yarmouth (Deerfield) Church.....	0 17 4	
12.	Col. in Upper Stewiacke Church.....	1 0 0	
23.	Col. in Tusket Lakes Church.....	0 5 74	
27.	Col. in St. Mary's Bay Church.....	1 11 6	
	Col. in Weymouth Church.....	2 7 0	
	Col. in New Tusket Church.....	2 7 9	
	Col. in Digby Joggins Church.....	0 14 0	
	Joseph Sabean, don.....	1 0 0	
Nov. 9.	Col. in Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot Church.....	2 5 0	
13.	Col. in Chute's Cove or Wilmot Mountain Church	1 12 6	
	This amount from Home Mission Board.....	10 0 0	
29.	Col. in West Yarmouth (Chegogin) Church.....	0 9 2	
	Col. in Clements Church.....	1 1 3	
Dec. 26.	J. Wheelock Esq., Aylesford, don.....	1 0 0	
	Col. in Beaver River Church.....	1 0 74	
	Carried forward.....	£96 18 24	

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1861.	Amount brought forward.....	£96 18 2½
Feb. 28.	Col. by Missionary on his tour as follows:	
	Clements Church .....	5 0 10½
	Hillsburg Church.....	0 7 1½
	Granville Ferry.....	0 15 10
Feb. 28.	Bridgetown Church.....	2 2 4
	Col. in Port Williams Church.....	1 9 2
	Paradise Church.....	1 6 7½
	Nictaux Church.....	6 12 9½
	Lower Aylesford Church.....	3 3 2
	Upper Aylesford Church.....	6 6 4½
	Berwick Church.....	3 1 3
	Lakeville or Bill Town Church.....	1 8 7½
	New Minas Church.....	1 4 5
	1st Cornwallis Church.....	4 5 10½
	Wolfville Church.....	5 10 6
	Hantsport Church.....	1 7 6
	Upper Falmouth Church.....	0 7 1
	Windsor Church.....	2 17 0
	Falmouth Church.....	1 2 6
	Halifax, Granville Street Church.....	8 12 6
	Halifax, North Church.....	5 19 9
	“ Other Friends.....	1 10 0
	Bridgewater Church.....	2 5 7½
	Port Medway and Mills Village Church.....	1 14 6½
	Liverpool (Town) Church.....	7 1 6½
	Milton Church.....	3 16 6
	Mr. Calkin, per Rev. Mr. DeLong, don.....	0 3 1½
Mar. 11.	Mr. James Nowlan's Apple-tree.....	0 6 3
May 9.	Col. in Stronach Mountain Church.....	0 6 6
June 15.	Mrs. Eunice Shaw, don.....	1 0 0
	Treasury overdrawn.....	4 15 10½

To Treasury overdrawn, brought down, £4 15s. 10½d. £182 19 5½

E. & O. E.

WM. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct

IRA RAYMOND.

**INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, in account with**  
**CHAS. RANDALL, Treasurer.**

1860.	DR.	
June 20.	Paid Mrs. Cunningham, as ordered by the Association.....	£10 0 0
	Cash in hand.....	75 15 10½
		£85 15 10½
1860.	CR.	
June 12.	By Cash in hand as per account rendered 1860....	£85 15 10½

CHAS. RANDALL, Treasurer.

**WESTERN N. S. ASSOCIATION, in account with  
W.M. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.**

1860.	DR.	
June 12.	To G. Armstrong for Home Mission.....	£106 12 0
	Less proportion printing Minutes, &c.,.....	6 12 0
		<u>£100 0 0</u>
	S. Wheelock, Esq., for For. Mission	55 8 7
	Less proportion expense, &c.....	3 6 0
		<u>52 2 7</u>
	Rev. C. Randall, Infirm Ministers..	14 5 11
	Less proportion expense, &c.....	0 8 5
		<u>13 17 6</u>
	Treasurer of Acadian Mission.....	60 17 11½
	Less proportion expense, &c.....	3 3 11½
		<u>57 14 0</u>
	S. Selden, Ministerial Education...	21 8 3
	Less proportion expense, &c.....	1 7 5
		<u>20 0 10</u>
	S. Selden, for Gaelic Mission.....	4 1 7
	Less expense, &c.....	0 1 7
		<u>4 0 0</u>
	Rev. Mr. Boothly for American and Foreign Bible Society.....	2 7 6
	Less expense, &c.....	0 0 6
		<u>2 7 0</u>
	Remitted to New York for Bible Union.....	1 9 9
	S. Selden, for Micmac Mission .....	1 0 0
	Do. extra for printing Minutes last year,	*2 0 0
	Do. for printing Minutes this year,.....	*12 10 0
	Rev. E. N. Harris, Delegate,.....	*1 0 0
	Balance in hand.....	2 7 5
		<u>£270 9 1</u>

1860.	CR.	
June 12.	By this amount received at Western Association.....	267 11 0
	Chute's Cove, letter after accounts were made up.....	2 17 5
		<u>£270 9 1</u>

Errors and omissions excepted.

W.M. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

IRA RAYMOND.

\* £15 only was reserved to meet these three items, consequently the balance to be credited to Chute's Cove Church, next year, is £27s. 5d., instead of £2 17s. 5d., the sum received.

**ACADIAN MISSION HOUSE in account with  
Wm. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.**

1860.		DR.	
July 3. 1861.	To John Hatfield, Esq., interest on his note.....	£7	17 6
May 18.	J. Shaw, Esq., proportion collected by Rev. M. Normondy.....	30	0 0
June 15.	Balance in hand.....	8	14 2½
			<u>£46 11 8½</u>

1859.		CR.	
June 7.	By balance per account rendered Association.....	£16	6 8½
Oct. 18. 1861.	Mrs. Crocker, Aylesford, don.....	0	5 0
Feb. 28.	French Mission, proportion collected by Rev. M. Normondy.....	30	0 0
			<u>£46 11 8½</u>
June 15.	Balance in hand brought down	£8	14 2½

E. &amp; O. E.

Wm. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

IRA RAYMOND.

**GEO. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer, in account with the  
DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD OF  
W. B. ASSOCIATION.**

1860.		DR.	
June 12.	Balance in hands of Treasurer as reported in last year's Minutes.....	£37	9 10
	Wm. Churchill, Treasurer of the Association, the amount of contributions from the Churches, &c., for Home Mission.....	100	0 0
July 17.	Earlton Church towards Rev. T. C. Delong's Mission in 1859-'60.....	2	10 0
July 23. 1861.	Lewis Head Church per Rev. O. Parker.....	0	14 4½
Jan. 5.	Contribution from Greenfield Church per Rev. John McKenne.....	0	5 0
Jan. 15.	Church and friends at Tatamagouche towards Rev. T. C. Delong's mission of last year.....	3	0 0
			<u>£143 19 2½</u>

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July 24.	Rev. A. Martell, on acct. of Mission to Argyle.....	£5	0	9
Aug. 15.	W. L. Parker, Licentiate, on account of Mission to Sheerbrook and East and West Dalhousie, at 30s.....	8	5	1
Sept. 12.	Thos. A. Blackador, Licentiate, balance due on five weeks Mission to Barrington, Wood's Harbour, and Pubnico, at 30s.....	3	0	0
	W. E. Hall, Licentiate, bal. due on eight weeks mission to East Sherbrook.....	7	11	11
	Rev. R. R. Philp, on account of Mission to Digby, and Digby Joggins.....	5	0	9
17.	Rev. T. C. DeLong, on account of Mission to Shelburne, Pubnico, Barrington, &c.....	6	0	9
Oct. 3.	Rev. A. Martell, on account of Mission to Argyle	5	0	9
Nov. 1.	W. L. Parker, bal. due on Mission of twelve weeks to East and West Dalhousie and Sherbrook..	3	7	0
	9. The Board of the Acadian French Mission, to aid that Mission.....	10	0	0
	10. Rev. O. Parker, bal. due on Mission of eight weeks in Lunenburg Co.....	7	15	0
Dec. 21.	Rev. T. C. DeLong, bal. due on Mission of twenty-two weeks to Barrington, Shelburne, Pubnico, &c.....	9	6	6

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Jan'y 15.	Rev. J. McKenne, on account of Mission to Dalhousie West, Lake Lerose, &c.....	10	0	0
	16. Rev. J. Spencer, bal. due on five weeks Mission to Parker's and Young's Coves.....	9	0	0
	23. L. B. Gates, Licentiate, bal. due on six weeks mission to Bridgewater, N. West, Mahone Bay, New Cornwall.....	5	8	4
March 1.	Rev. J. McKenne, bal. due on ten weeks mission to Dalhousie West, &c.....	8	0	0
June 17.	Thos. A. Blackador, bal. due on four weeks mission to Pubnico and Wood's Harbour.....	1	0	0
	Rev. A. W. Barss, bal. due on mission of twelve weeks to Lewis Head and East side of Ragged Island Bay.....	8	14	6
	Rev. R. R. Philp, bal. due on Mission of twelve weeks to Digby and Digby Joggins.....	8	9	3
	Postage and Registry.....	0	7	0
	Stationery.....	0	1	0
		£121	8	7
	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	22	10	7½
		£143	19	2½

Examined and found foregoing account and balance correct.

EDWARD KEMPTON, }  
IRA RAYMOND, } Auditing Committee.

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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

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ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall be composed of Ministers and other Delegates who shall be members of the churches which they represent, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such other Brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3rd.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for a vote for a Moderator, which vote shall be given by ballot: no brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, nominate Committees, unless ordered by the Association, and maintain due order. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press.

ART. 5th.—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 additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its Messengers present the right-hand of fellowship.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communication 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 shall request its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge for itself of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ART. 9th.—The Religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 10th.—Alterations or amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

## RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At every sitting business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

RULE 5th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

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

RULE 7th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

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

## DR.

Oct. 20, 1860.	To Rev. T. A. Higgins.....	£62 10 0		
May 1, 1861.	To Do. ....	40 0 0		
June 12, 1861.	To Do. ....	22 10 0	£125 0 0	
Dec. 1860.	To Grant for Furniture Female Academy	50 0 0		
	To Sundry Accounts for Repairs, &c.....	53 8 6½		
	To Postage and Telegrams.....	0 3 0		
Jan. 29, 1861.	To Books, Maps, &c., for Academy.....	25 0 0		
June 12,	To Balance in hand.....	45 0 9½		
			<u>£289 12 4</u>	

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1860.				
June 1.	By Balance from past year.....	*£48 12 4		
July 3.	By Provincial Grant.....	£62 10 0		
Oct. 3.	By Do. ....	62 10 0		
1861.				
Jan. 3.	By Do. ....	62 10 0		
April 4.	By Do. ....	62 10 0	250 0 0	
			<u>£298 12 4</u>	

By balance to new account.....£45 0 9½

S. SELDEN, Treasurer.

\* The balance in hand, £1 8s. 9d., published in last year's account, was incorrect, £47 3s. 6d., having been previously paid to J. W. Hartt, by the former Treasurer, Rev. J. Chase.

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**REPORT**  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE

**Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 6TH, 1861.

The Committee in presenting their annual report would recognize in the blessings of the past year, the same Almighty guiding hand, by which, during thirty-three years, Horton Academy has been sustained and made a blessing to the Province. Important changes have taken place in the Academy in the course of the year. In our last annual report, Mr. Hartt's resignation was announced, as was also Mr. Higgins' appointment to the office of Principal. On the 20th of July Mr. Higgins opened the Academy with Mr. T. Harding Rand, and Mr. Robert Jones, Associate Teachers. The expectations arising from the labors of such an efficient staff have not been unrealized, as will appear from the following statistics :

Whole number of pupils in Male Department 110. Female Department 50. Average attendance in Male Department 75.—Female Department 40.

BRANCHES TAUGHT.

*English Department.*—Spelling and Defining, Reading, Penmanship, Mental and Written Arithmetic, Book-Keeping, English Grammar, History of England, History of Rome, History of Greece, Natural Philosophy, Algebra, Legendre, Mensuration, Land Surveying, Physiology, Chemistry, Ancient and Modern Geography. Number in Mathematics 49.

*Classical Department.*—Latin—3 classes; Greek—3 classes.—Number in the Classics 69.

*French Department.*—2 classes, number in French 48.

In December Mr. Rand resigned his connection with the Institution, that he might receive an appointment in the Normal School at Truro. Mr. Eliakim Archibald was engaged as Assistant Teacher, so that during the year the staff has been, the Committee believe, in every respect adequate to the wants of the Institution, and worthy the confidence of the Baptist Denomination.

A Female Department has also been established during the year; such an appendage has long been demanded, and urged upon the Committee by brethren whose matured judgment claimed a serious and continued consideration. This department has been in operation two quarters, and the result as seen in the recent examinations is most satisfactory and encouraging.

The number of pupils in Horton Academy, as seen above, is considerably larger than usual, the average attendance being sixty-five. Last year it was fifty-four. This increase is significant, especially when we remember the number of good schools growing up in various localities, from which the Academy has been accustomed to receive a large number of pupils, and also the great depression in commerce, a circumstance always felt by public schools.

The Committee cannot but regard this very cheering fact as decidedly indicating an increased interest in the Institution, and affording good reason for regarding the Academy in a state of healthful prosperity; and yet the number of pupils attending is too few. The wealth, position, and ability of the Baptist Denomination warrant the expectation of a number, to which our largest attendance as yet, is but a mere approximation, supporting, as the Academy evidently does, the most improved and advanced course of Academical instruction, and enjoying almost yearly the outpourings of God's converting grace.

On the religious state of both Institutions, Mr. Higgin, remarks, "It is pleasing to be able to state, that a large proportion of the pupils in both departments are either possessing religion, or inclined to that which is good—there is much to lead us to think that the Lord has been at work among us. During the year now closing thirteen of our number have been baptized and added to the Church, nine in the female, and four in the male department. This taken in connexion with what God has done for us in times gone by, is surely enough to convince us that He is pleased with our efforts to advance the

cause of education in connexion with our Denomination.— Would that every Baptist in the Province could realize his responsibility to labor for his own Denomination, and for his great benefactor, God."

While the Committee aim to elevate the literary position of the Institution, they would remind their brethren, especially ministers, that it is with them to do much for or against the Academy. A spirit of indifference has lost to the school many a youth of promise, urged elsewhere by some one more zealous and persevering in another interest. All our Pastors have large influence in their several Churches and Congregations: why not exert this for the Denominational Institution, and thereby render solid benefit, especially to Acadia College? for if our Churches supply pupils to the Academy, then as far as students are demanded, the College will be secure.

The Committee are thankful for the aid thus far extended; they solicit its continuance, and trust that the incoming year will realize their most sanguine hopes.

We have above stated that a Female Department has been inaugurated. Frequently for years past was this idea, now we trust realized, brought to the notice of the Denomination, but the Committee hesitated, lest it should not have the patronage essential to success. On the 20th of December last, a public meeting was held in Wolfville to consider this matter. The report was favorable. This Executive Committee met, and after much deliberation, a resolution was passed for commencing forthwith the Female School, and fifty pounds voted from the funds of the Committee towards furnishing the House. The plan suggested and decided upon for the domestic arrangement, was that of the Mount Holyoke Institution in Massachusetts. For the Educational Department it was decided to employ a suitable Lady, who should be at the head of the entire Institution, also teaching certain classes, assisted by other teachers, if the number of pupils should demand it, while many of the classes in advanced studies should unite with the classes in the male department under the Teachers of the Academy. To facilitate this scheme, the large reception room in the Boarding House was fitted as a class room, and the exercises of classes in which females join have been in this room, thereby avoiding the necessity generally of females entering the Academy Hall, and securing all necessary separation; and as far as the Committee can judge, the arrangement has

worked to the satisfaction of all parties. Upon this subject Mr. Higgins gives the following information :—"The Female Department has been in operation two quarters; the first quarter there were about thirty pupils in attendance, the second quarter about fifty. From the experience I have had it is my impression that there is nothing to prevent us from establishing a very successful and permanent Female Seminary here.—The union of the two Departments being altogether untried, requires, of course, time for arranging plans, &c., before every thing can be just as it should be,—but so far, it has exceeded my expectations. There has been less to annoy and call for rebuke and give trouble, than I expected. I am convinced that upon the whole, the influence both as to conduct and study is for good."

A word about expenses :—The limited time in which the Institution has been in operation prevents an accurate account of actual expenses. But the Committee feel assured that the entire expense will not exceed £20 per annum for each pupil. Such has been the sum already charged, and it may eventually fall below this. Music and Drawing are extra charges.

Thus at once we have secured facilities for Female Education unsurpassed in this Province, for all the privileges of the Horton Institution are open to the Female School at a rate that will bring this rich blessing to many parents who have long and anxiously wished to educate their daughters.

Regarded as an experiment, the six months' history of our Female School is a complete triumph. We now see most distinctly what may be done and what ought to be done. Miss Shaw, the Principal of the School, is a Graduate of Mount Holyoke. From her well-known talent, and education, and experience in teaching, the Committee place all confidence in her adaptation to the important position she is called to fill. Miss Anna Shaw is engaged as Assistant Teacher, and the Department of Music is under the care of Miss Lawrence. It may be important to remark, that the pupils seem happy in their domestic arrangements, and evince a deep interest in their various studies.

At the time your Committee decided upon assuming this new responsibility, the large House now occupied was disengaged; its convenience and adaptedness for a large school at once attracted the attention of the Committee. The House was obtained at a rent of fifteen pounds per three months.—

Its continued occupation is yet uncertain; the sale of the House, as we are informed, is shortly anticipated. Should it be found inexpedient or impossible to continue our occupation, a house will be rented in the village until one can be erected somewhere on grounds belonging to the Institution. This matter must receive our early and mature attention. It will appear from a slight consideration that while we occupy rented premises, rent must be a very considerable item in the expense of each pupil; such also will be the case if buildings are erected with invested funds; the payment of interest will always operate unfavorably. Could the sympathies of the Denomination be sufficiently enlisted, and buildings erected by the donations of friends, the expense of the School would be diminished, and its sphere of activity proportionately enlarged. At no very distant day this consideration may have a place among the objects of Denominational benevolence; and let it not be forgotten, that for buildings only, at present, pecuniary aid is solicited.

In view of the present aspect of the Academy, your Committee realize much satisfaction; to them the future brightens, as they receive increasing assurance that the Baptists of this Province are having a higher appreciation of means of instruction, suited to the wants of their sons and daughters. To the Baptists, Horton with its Institutions of learning must ever be a hallowed place,—hallowed as the place around which the strong affections and labors of our Fathers gathered. From this centre of Baptist influence have gone many faithful ministers of the cross; already are they scattered world-wide, and yet they go forth, and we believe will go, proclaiming to the world the message of the Prince of Peace. Teachers, many and well-furnished for their high vocation, have gone from Horton to mould the material of society, and to stamp holy influences upon the noble cause of Education. The demand yet comes, and yet they go, and may God direct them, for eternal consequences connect themselves with the education of our children. Baptists have strong reasons for loving, praying for, and in every possible way sustaining their honoured institutions at Horton.

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary.*

PROVINCIAL  
**Baptist Sabbath School Convention.**

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Meetings were held at each of the Baptist Associations at Wolfville on the 11th of June, at Beaver River on the 18th June, and at Guysboro on the 9th of July; by the Association suspending its sittings for the purpose of resolving itself into a S. S. Convention. Letters were read at each of these meetings from a number of S. Schools. Addresses were delivered by various brethren.

The Annual meeting was held with the Western Association at Beaver River, of which the following are the Minutes:—

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SABBATH  
 SCHOOL CONVENTION,

*Held in connexion with the W. B. Association at Beaver River.*

The President, S. Selden in the Chair. It was resolved that Samuel Brown act as Secretary.

Reports were read from a number of Sabbath Schools. The following amendment to the Constitution was agreed to:—

*Resolved,* That the 4th Article of the Constitution be altered to read as follows:—The officers of this body shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be the General Board for the Province for publishing the statistics of the Schools; and also a Board of three persons—Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, from each of the three Associations; to be chosen annually; who, together, or as many of them as may be present at each Association, shall be a general Committee for making arrangements for meetings of the Convention.

The following officers were chosen :

*General Board for the Province :—*

S. Selden, President.

Rev. A. H. Munro, Secretary ; Rev. W. H. Humphrey,  
Treasurer.

*Board for Central Association :—*

Rev. T. A. Higgins, Chairman.

D. Freeman, Secretary ; Thos. Rand, Treasurer.

*Board for Western Association :—*

Rev. H. Angell, Chairman.

Rev. J. H. Saunders, Secretary ; Samuel Brown, Treasurer.

*Board for Eastern Association :—*

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Chairman.

Theodore Harding Rand, Secretary ; David Page, Treasurer.

Addresses were given by Rev. T. A. Higgins, Deacon Nelson Corning and Rev. C. Randall.

After a verbal report of proceedings of the meeting at Wolfville, and statement of the contents of letters sent to the Secretary, being made by the President,

*It was resolved*, That this Convention recommend the holding of County Conventions for the gathering together of Superintendants, Teachers and others for mutual encouragement and an increase of interest in Sabbath Schools.

*It was also resolved*, That the Statistical Table with such remarks as may be necessary, be published and stitched up with the Minutes of each of the Associations.

Convention adjourned.

S. BROWN, Secretary, *pro tem.*

**TABLE OF SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS, OBTAINED FROM THE LETTERS SENT TO THE S. S. CONVENTION AND THE ASSOCIATIONS, 1861.**

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT OR SECRETARY.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			In Bible Classes.	Members of Church Sunday School.	Vols. in Library.	Dollars expended in the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.				
Beaver River.....		102			20						
Brookfield.....		110			13						
Clements.....		60									
Hillsburg 1st.....		46			7						
Hillsburg 2nd.....		90			13						
Hebron, Yarmouth Co.....	H. N. Crossby.....	74	74	150	12	7	19	23	6	150	11
Lake George.....	B. B. Moses.....	30	32	40	6	6	12	24	8	100	
Long Island.....	Isaiah Thurber.....	20	42	66	7	11	18	1	18	400	10
Milton, Queens.....	R. G. Freeman.....	49	67	69	5	11	16	25	25	200	26
New Albany.....		40									
Nictaux.....		40			8						
Ohio, Yarmouth Co.....	Geo. Crossby.....	24	55	45	5	2	7	12	25	300	18
Puatico.....		22	50	40	90	8	7	15			14
Sable River.....		75									
Yarmouth, Town.....	S. Brown.....	60			9						
Yarmouth, South, Chebogue.....		52	109	162	12	18	30	60	80	350	50
Yarmouth West, Chebogin.....	Nelson Corning.....	180									
		80									

Billtown, Cornwallis..... 26 | 30 | 30 | 60 | ..... 4 | 4 | 8 | 16 | ..... 80  
 Canning, Cornwallis.....  
 Chas. E. Parker.....  
 Rev. D. Freeman.....

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Billtown, Cornwallis.....	26	30	60	4	8	16	80
Canning, Cornwallis.....	34	41	75	6	6	12	50
Falmouth.....	26	24	32	5	2	7	300 12
Gaspereau, Horton.....	52	42	98	4	8	30	150
Halifax, Granville Street.....	52	20	40	60	3	8	350 65
Halifax, North.....	26	34	69	103	5	16	150 45
Hantsport.....	23	30	22	52	4	9	486 7
Horton, Black River.....	20	.....	100	75	6	12	150
Long Point, Cornwallis.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	150
Lunenburg, N. W.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	120
Medford, Cornwallis.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	120
Newport West.....	26	28	26	54	4	8	50
Rawdon South.....	26	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	200
Upper Aylesford.....	22	27	35	62	3	5	60
Windsor.....	.....	.....	88	65	7	14	120
Wolfville.....	39	.....	75	60	7	13	275 50
Amherst.....	51	53	104	70	5	10	300 40
Cape Canso.....	45	25	20	45	2	5	120 32
Crow Harbor.....	.....	.....	20	35	3	20	100 13
East Point, P. E. I.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	300
Great Village, Londonderry.....	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guysboro.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	300
Isaac's Harbour.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Stewiacke.....	.....	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Mary's.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	300
St. of Canso.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Truro.....	52	48	54	102	.....	.....	.....
David Page.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	16	400 35

In addition to the above, other Letters have reported that Sabbath Schools are held, but as they do not give the numbers they are omitted in the above Table. It is hoped that the Statistics will be made more complete next year.

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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
N. S. BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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Article 1. This society shall be called the Provincial Baptist Sabbath School Convention of Nova Scotia.

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

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

4. The officers of this body shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be the General Board for the Province for publishing the Statistics of the Schools &c. ; and also a Board of three persons—Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, from each of the three Associations ; to be chosen annually ; who, together, or as many of them as may be present at each Association, shall be a general Committee for making arrangements for meetings of the Convention.

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

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

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