

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

*HELD AT WINDSOR,
Saturday, Monday & Tuesday, June 16, 18 & 19, 1860.*

TOGETHER WITH
THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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

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MINUTES
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CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WINDSOR, June 16, 1860.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, at 2 o'clock,
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LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Aylesford Upper*:—Rev. J. L. Read; Brethren O. Cogswell, John Palmer,
E. Harris, J. Bartaux, Jas. Palmer.
- Bridgewater*:—Deacon B. W. C. Manning, Bro. Alfred Starritt.
- Chester*:—Rev. J. C. Hurd; Brethren David Hume, Jas Webber, Gasper
Eisenhauer.
- Cornwallis 1st*:—Rev. A. S. Hunt; Brethren J. Ells, M. Beckwith, Levi
Woodworth, Rupert Eaton.
- Cornwallis 2nd*:—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Deacon A. Parker.
- Cornwallis 3rd*:—Rev. Jas. Parker, Brethren S. Sweet, M. Kinsman, John
Wallace, J. McDonald, E. Parish.
- Cornwallis 4th*:—Gideon E. Beadesly, Wm. E. Hall.
- Falmouth*:—Rev. David Shaw, Deacon Andrew Shaw.
- Halifax 1st*:—Rev. W. H. Humphrey, Deacon J. W. Nutting, S. Selden,
J. W. Johnston, jr., and Bro. R. M. Beckwith.
- Halifax 2nd*:—Rev. A. H. Munro, Brethren J. McCully, J. W. Barrs,
Burnham.
- Lunenburg*:—Bro. Gideon Longille.
- Hantsport*:—Rev. W. Burton, Brethren G. B. Sandford, John Porter,
Harris Read, W. H. Shaw, A. Lockhart.
- Horton 1st*:—Revs. S. W. deBlois, Dr. Cramp, Deacon M. S. Cleaveland,
D. F. Higgins, Lic.
- Horton 2nd*:—Rev. E. O. Read, Bro. Wm. Hall, Lic. Deacon J. Pick,
Bro. A. Dorman, E. Schofill.
- Horton 3rd*:—Rev. T. W. Crawley.

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Rawdon:—Rev. Jas. Stevens, Brethren Phalen, Aker, Canavan.

Sackville:—Rev. T. H. Porter; Brethren D. Ellis, J. Ward, F. Webber.

Windsoor:—Rev. D. M. Welton, Brethren Fuller, Bennett, Mosher, T. S. Harding, Burgess.

Windsoor Plains:—Bro. Williams.

ADMITTED AS DELEGATES BY VOTE.

Newport West:—Rev. Geo. Dimock, Deacon Joseph Dimock, Brethren Joseph Wally, Sheubal Dimock, and Bro. Irish.

Newport East:—Rev. J. Bancroft, Deacons Oliver Dimock, Levi Dimock, Bro. Thos. Sandford.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Western Nova Scotia:—Rev. N. Vidito, W. G. Parker, Geo. Armstrong, B. S. Morton, E. N. Harris, T. A. Higgins, J. Moore, R. E. Philp, J. Spencer.

Eastern Nova Scotia:—Rev. Jas. E. Balcom, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

INVITED.

Rev. R. McLearn, Rev. H. A. Lizar, Onondago Association, N. Y., Rev. Z. Morton, Rev. D. Freeman, Rev. N. Baker, Rev. J. J. Skinner; Brethren J. Moser, (Licentiate), M. P. Freeman, (Licentiate), W. F. Cullen, Isaac Dodge, Geo. West, T. Harding, Rand, James Fitch, H. Randall, E. Lockwood, Robt. V. C. Jones, J. Y. Payzant, B. Eaton.

The Association was called to order by Rev. S. W. deBlois, Moderator of the preceding year.

After prayer by Rev. R. McLearn, a ballot was taken, which resulted in the choice of Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., as Moderator.

Rev. S. W. deBlois, was appointed Secretary; Rev. E. O. Read, Assistant Secretary; T. S. Harding, Esq., Treasurer.

Revs. J. E. Balcom, Jas. Parker, Jas. Stevens, were appointed a Committee to examine the letters.

Rev. N. Vidito, T. A. Higgins, and J. C. Hurd, to read them.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee of nomination and arrangements:—Revs. D. M. Welton, W. Burton, Brethren D. Mosher, T. S. Harding, Jas. Burgess.

The letters from the Churches, so far as received, were then read, from which, with the others, the accompanying statistics were obtained.

The Committee appointed in reference to a Sabbath School Convention reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The Committee on Nominations and Arrangements reported.

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ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS:—

Rev. R. McLearn, D. M. Welton, Wm. Barton, S. W. deBlois, W. H. Humphrey.

TO EXAMINE CIRCULAR LETTER:—

Rev. T. A. Higgins, Brethren D. Mosher, Andrew Shaw:

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE:—

Rev. E. N. Harris, Geo. Armstrong, Deacons J. Ells, A. Parker, and F. Webber.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE:—

Revds. R. S. Morton, E. M. Saunders, Dea. E. Schofill, S. Sweet, D. Hume.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:

Revs. J. E. Balcom, R. R. Philp, Brethren T. S. Harding, M. Kinsman, O. Cogswell, W. H. Shaw, J. McDonald, D. F. Higgins.

ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER:—

Revds. R. McLearn, J. Stevens, W. G. Parker; Brethren G. B. Sandford, John Porter, Harris Reid, A. Dorman.

ON UNION SOCIETIES:—

Bro. S. Selden, Rev. T. W. Crawley; Brethren John Wallace, Deacon Bennett.

ON EDUCATION:

Revs. D. Freeman, T. A. Higgins, Dr. Cramp, T. H. Porter; Brethren J. Burgess, D. Shaw,

ON TEMPERANCE:—

Revds. J. C. Hurd, J. L. Reid, J. Parker; Brethren L. Payzant, W. E. Hall, J. Ward, E. Parish, Jno. Palmer.

ON MISSIONS:—

Revds. N. Vidito, E. O. Read, H. A. Sizar, I. J. Skinner; Brethren N. Hale, W. F. Cullen, G. West,

ON OBITUARIES:—

Brethren Dr. Harding, Z. Morton, Bartheaux, Caldwell, Francis.

ON TOBACCO:—

Revds. N. Vidito, E. N. Harris, and Brethren Abel Parker, F. Webber, G. Beadesly, J. Pick.

The Committee also reported, recommending,

That the usual morning prayer meetings be held at 6½ o'clock, the present session.

That the meetings of the Association be at 10 o'clock, A.M., 3 o'clock, P.M., and 7½ o'clock, P.M., adjournments at 1 o'clock, and 6 o'clock, P.M.

That appointments, as indicated, be for Windsor and the neighboring places of worship on the Sabbath.

Report adopted. Adjourned.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			TOTAL.
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded. Removed.	Dead.	
1 Aylesford, Upper.....	35	4	0	9	0	6	206
2 Burton Church, (No Letter).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
3 Bridgewater.....	14	3	3	2	4	3	107
4 Chelsea, (No Letter).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
5 Chester.....	9	1	0	3	0	1	218
6 Cornwallis 1st.....	66	5	1	2	0	0	382
7 Cornwallis 2nd.....	8	12	0	18	0	2	466
8 Cornwallis 3rd.....	12	5	4	8	0	2	357
9 Cornwallis 4th.....	22	5	0	1	3	1	115
10 Dartmouth, (No Letter).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
11 Falmouth.....	6	0	0	1	0	4	52
12 Halifax 1st.....	6	6	0	2	0	1	136
13 Halifax 2nd (Revised).....	16	8	0	5	0	8	165
14 Hammonds Plains 1st.....	0	0	0	3	0	0	66
15 Hammonds Plains 2nd.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	42
16 Hantsport.....	3	1	1	2	0	1	221
17 Horton 1st.....	19	4	1	22	10	1	165
18 Horton 2nd.....	3	9	1	3	0	3	244
19 Horton 3rd (No Letter).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	131
20 Indian Harbor.....	11	0	0	1	0	0	60
21 Jeddore.....	39	0	1	0	0	2	130
22 Kempt.....	2	2	1	0	0	0	84
23 La Have.....	0	0	2	1	0	0	39
24 Lunenburg.....	0	2	0	3	0	0	76
25 New Cornwall.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	38
26 New Germany, (No Letter).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
27 Newport West.....	66	10	12	0	0	0	135
28 Newport East.....	18	2	1	0	0	2	74
29 Preston, (No Letter).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
30 Rawdon.....	1	1	0	3	0	0	84
31 Sackville.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	46
32 Sherbrooke East, (No Letter).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
33 St. Margaret's Bay, (No Letter).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
34 Tancook.....	32	0	0	0	0	0	67
35 Waterville, (No Letter).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
36 Windsor.....	3	0	1	2	0	3	119
37 Windsor Plains.....	0	1	0	0	1	1	14
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On the Sabbath, services were held in Windsor and Falmouth, in accordance with the appointment of the Committee.

Monday, ten o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. T. W. Crawley, from Isaiah xxi. 9.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Letters from Brigewater, La Have, Lunenburg, New Cornwall, Halifax Ist., Jeddore, Kempt, Hammonds Plains, and Indian Harbor, were then read.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported—

That it be read before the Association, and printed in the Minutes as usual.

Report adopted.

The Circular Letter was then read by Rev. R. McLearn, the writer.

Voted, That the Editor of the Christian Messenger be requested to publish it in that periodical also.

Committee on the Christian Messenger reported. After remarks by brethren Barss, Freeman, McLearn, Burton, report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Hurd.

Committee on Obituaries reported.—After remarks by Rev. R. McLearn, report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath reported.—Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Committee on Questions in Letters reported. Report taken up, clause by clause, and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Committee on the Bible Cause reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Committee on Temperance reported. Remarks were made by brethren Barss, Jas. Parker, Hurd, Cutten, Higgins, Beckwith, Freeman, Saunders, Vidito, McLearn, Harris, Armstrong, Z. Morton, Balcom, Stevens, Munro, Hunt. The report was referred back to the Committee.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. (See Appendix H.) Report adopted.

Voted, That the Rev. R. McLearn preach the Introductory Sermon next year, Rev. D. M. Welton be his alternate. Rev. E. M. Saunders write the Circular Letter.

CENTENARY RESOLUTIONS.

Rev. Wm. Burton took the Chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Committee on Tobacco reported. After remarks by brethren Vidito and Burton—adjourned.

Evening Session, half past seven o'clock.

Committee on Missions reported. (See Appendix K.) Report adopted.

After an Address by the Moderator, the following resolutions, moved, seconded, and sustained, by various brethren passed unanimously :—

1. *Resolved*, That the past success and future certain triumph of the Missionary enterprise, call for devout gratitude and continued thankfulness to the God of Grace.

2. *Resolved*, That as the Church of Christ is the Divinely appointed agency for the redemption and salvation of a lost world. Therefore, every follower of Christ is especially called upon for increased prayer, enlarged contributions, and devoted zeal, until the lost millions be brought back to God.

3. *Resolved*, That the enlarging field for the Missionary enterprise demands not only largely increased numbers of labourers, but more highly cultivated minds to meet the wants of a progressing age.

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Tuesday, ten o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. T. H. Porter.

Discussion resumed on the report of the Tobacco Committee. After remarks by Brethren A. Parker, F. Webber, Z. Morton, Rev. E. N. Harris. Report adopted. (See Appendix I.)

The Association then adjourned in order to allow the Education Society to hold its annual meeting. (See Appendix L.)

The Association resumed its business.

Committee on Education reported. After remarks by Rev. D. Freeman, J. W. Johnston, jr., E. N. Harris, D. M. Welton, R. N. Beckwith, Geo. Armstrong, Jas. E. Balcom, S. Selden, R. McLearn, J. W. Nutting, N. Vidito, A. S. Hunt, E. M. Saunders, J. O. Hurd, Dr. Harding. Report adopted. (See Appendix M.)

Voted, That an abstract of the Financial Report be published in the Christian Messenger.

Voted, that the Associated Alumni of Acadia College is a Society which, if well sustained, will prove a valuable auxiliary in support of the College, and will materially add to the efficiency of that Institution, and that this Association therefore cheerfully recommends the ministers and members of the different Churches within its bounds to press the claims of the Society in their various localities, and use their influence to increase the number of its members and thereby augment its funds.

Voted, That the report of the Education Society be printed with the Minutes of this Association, that Society paying a due proportion of the expense thereof.

Adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. D. Shaw.

Report of Committee on Temperance. Adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Voted, That Dr. Cramp and Rev. A. S. Hunt be our Delegates to the Eastern Association. That Dr. Cramp receive £2 10s.

Voted, That J. W. Johnston, jr., T. S. Harding, M. Beckwith, S. Selden, Rupert Eaton, be our Delegates to the Convention.

Voted, That one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Association be printed at the "Christian Messenger" Office, under the superintendence of Brethren Nutting and Selden, and that the sum of £11 be allowed for printing.

Voted, That after paying the necessary expenses of the Association, the balance of monies received be placed in the hands of the Treasurers of the different Societies embraced in its appropriation. The monies received for Ministerial Education being placed in the hands of the Committee appointed for that object at the last meeting of the Convention.

Voted, That it be recommended to the above Committee that the appropriations be made only for the assistance of young men who have licenses from the Churches to which they belong.

Adjourned to allow the Home Missionary Society to hold its annual meeting.

Association resumed its business.

Committee on Union Societies reported. After remarks by deBlois, Higgins, Saunders, report adopted. (See Appendix N.)

Voted, That Brethren J. W. Barss, S. W. deBlois, S. Fitch, J. Chase, and Wm. Johnson, be a Board to take charge of the fund for Infirm Ministers.

Voted, That the following be the eleventh article of the Constitution of this Association:

"That the Moderator be authorized at any time during the year, to call a special meeting of the Association, in pursuance of a requisition signed by the members thereof."

Voted, That a brief account of the proceedings of the Sabbath School Convention be published with the Minutes.

Voted, That the cordial and hearty thanks of this Association be presented to the members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and other friends at Windsor, for their kindness and hospitality during the present session.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. A. S. Hunt, adjourned, to meet with 1st Horton Church at Wolfville, on the second Saturday in June, 1861, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

J. M. CRAMP, *Moderator*.

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Circular Letter.

*The Ministers and Messengers of the Central Baptist Association,
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The subject of this our annual address is Holiness. We mean that holiness which should be developed by christians, in the purity of their character, and propriety of their conduct. There are other terms in Theology which convey to us the same idea with holiness; or if indeed there is a distinction of meaning, it is so faint that we shall not attempt to define; those terms are 'pure,' as required in christian purity; and 'perfect' as God's people should be perfect. Our conceptions of holiness originate in our knowledge of the attribute of holiness in the Deity. We learn that God is holy from general manifestations of his purity; especially from his moral law; from sacrificial declarations, and requisitions; and mainly from the substitution of Christ, comprising the perfection of his life, and involving the agonies of the garden, and the cross. All our knowledge of God is in harmony with the more perfect knowledge of angels, who continually cry, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty.

The subject is presented as a christian grace, and a christian duty. Our holiness originates in the grace of God, and is graciously conveyed to us through the interposing love of Christ; and is consummated by the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. These graces are endowments of saints, which are

given to make them holy; and which they are required to cultivate until they result in real personal holiness. Holiness as a christian grace is very comprehensive, including all other christian graces; and as a duty it comprises the practice of every other christian duty; hence the uniformity of christian character.

The subject is enjoined in the following scriptures. 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.' Matt. 5: 48. 'Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God' Matt. 5: 8. 'Follow peace with all men; and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.' Heb. 12: 14. 'Be ye holy, for I am holy.' 1 Peter 1: 16.

Beloved, these Scriptures enjoin upon us absolute holiness. There is here no compromise with sin—no allowance for human weakness—no abatement for human depravity. God having devoted for us his well beloved Son, who died not only to deliver us from the wrath to come, but also from this present evil world; and having sent forth his own Spirit, whose sanctifying influences are imparted to believers; and having given the word of his grace, to admonish, and guide, he expects that we, in return for his goodness, should be holy. And if the passages read, do not require absolute purity, real holiness, characteristic perfection, there is no meaning in plain language. In these passages there are no figures of speech, no dark and doubtful parables, the expressions are so plain, that only a perverted mind can misunderstand them. Let us read the inspired declarations—let us interpret rationally, and bow to the behests of Jehovah. The desire to misinterpret these Scriptures, and cut down their sacred import, is a desire to furnish the mind with an excuse for sin. We really require the opposite to excuses.

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Is less than Divine purity, where shall we place it? If the holiness of Deity is not the standard, who shall define what it is? If the admeasurement of christian attainment, be left to men, who are the men that shall perfect the arrangement? Is the standard for holiness to be changed at the will of human combinations—or is every man at liberty to receive a standard of piety or worldliness for himself? Man thus left to his own weak judgement, subject to sinful inclinations, and exposed to powerful temptations, on a wide sea of uncertainty; is like the ship on the ocean, without chart, or compass, or helm. Shipwreck in both cases is the expected result. The objection may be pressed that in consequence of the remains of depravity, surrounded as we are by sinful influences, we cannot be pure. If we cannot would our Father enjoin it—would God require it? We cannot be pure because we will not. And we will not because we prefer impurity. The imperfections and sins of saints, registered in Scripture will now be presented to your minds as an excuse for your sins. Are not those imperfections faithfully recorded, to admonish us to avoid their faults, and to imitate their virtues? The best of men we know are charged with grave offences, but the best of men ought to have avoided all those offences. They ought to have been holy as God is holy—pure in heart, as God is pure—perfect as their Father is perfect. The best of men we suppose were never so good as they ought to have been—never so elevated in purity as they should have been. Enoch may be an exception. He may have been as good as under the circumstances he could be. Joseph too is an exception. Whilst some things in his history are inexplicable, his general character is admirable and no charge is preferred against him. The beloved disciple who reposed on the breast of the Savior was uniformly a good man. But Christ is the perfect model for our imitation; 'He did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.' And he has given us his example that we should walk in his steps. The objection is still pressed that in this imperfect state man cannot

live without sin. This is bare assertion but not proof. We know the word says 'no man liveth and sinneth not,' and, 'if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves.' These scriptures teach us what man is, and not what he ought to be. He ought to be pure—holy—perfect.

Say not that the standard is too high for imperfect Christians. Christians we assume ought not to be imperfect. The standard is not raised by us, but by God. Say not that you must accommodate the claims of God's word to the state of Christian people. You must rather elevate the condition of christian people to the word of God. Say not that when God requires purity of heart, he requires only partial purity—that when God requires perfection, he only requires what is called christian perfection. The standard is infinitely higher.

To members of baptist churches the subject can be rationally and faithfully applied. In your baptism you professed to die to sin, and to the sinful maxims and practices of the ungodly. When you arose from the baptismal waters you professed to rise to newness of life. How beautifully significant the ordinance, and how desirable that the christian life should correspond with the profession. Our life should be a perfect, living comment on the baptismal confession. In our baptism we virtually died, and were buried with Christ by baptism into death—how forcible then the appeal. How shall we who are dead to sin live any longer therein. The significant rite of baptism as performed by us at the age of intelligence with the profession of faith affords additional reason with many others why we, baptists, should be holy. The imperfections of christian people are deplorable. The imperfections of baptists are inexcusable, and the standard must be elevated before the world on a broad scale can be enlightened, and sinners saved. How imperfect at present the moral influence of the Church, because it is so deficient in holiness.

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First.—Believe that a high attainment in purity is obligatory. Say not that it is impossible. If you are true disciples of Christ, God is with you, and with God all things are possible. If you do not admit the necessity of this attainment or the possibility you will not strive for its attainment. Saint Paul did not esteem himself perfect; but he felt the necessity of the attainment; and having the christian standard in full view, he says, 'I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.'

Secondly.—Never forget that God is with you. He sees your heart—He reads all your secret thoughts—He scans all your words and actions. Will you dare continue longer to sin under the searching—scorching eye of Deity? Forget not when you would cherish the unhallowed passion—when you would speak the idle word—when you would perpetrate the wicked act, 'Thou Lord seest me.' And under the light of his countenance say with holy detestation, 'How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God.' Remember that deeds of darkness will be brought to light and secret things will be proclaimed as from the housetops. Guard against the first bias of the mind toward the first temptation to sin. Stop the first leak, when first discovered, and save the ship. 'Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death.'

Thirdly.—In being holy you must renounce all your sins. You sinful lusts—you villainous passions—your pride, your ambition, your worldliness, your deception, your prevarication, your over reaching, your coldness, your remissness, your selfishness must all be abandoned 'Cease to do evil, learn to do well.' Keep yourselves pure in the sight of God and unspotted before men. 'Pluck out the right eye; cut off the right hand; do anything and every thing which God requires rather than that your soul should be lost, and your God dishonored.'

Fourthly.—As all your inducements to holiness must be drawn from the Bible, store your mind and memory with the word of God. 'Let the word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.' It will refresh your memory with the extensive claims of God's law. It will strengthen and confirm your faith in the Redeemer. It will furnish you the motive power to overcome the world. Christ resisted the temptations of Satan by his familiar acquaintance with the scriptures. And for you he prays, 'Sanctify them through the truth; thy word is truth.'

Fifthly.—You must make your attainments in holiness by faith in Jesus Christ. 'This is the victory that overcometh even your faith.' To the humble believer all things are possible while to the unbelieving nothing is guaranteed. Let your confidence rest perpetually on the Savior. Place him always before your eyes in all his majesty and in all his humanity, in all his sufferings and in all his dying agonies. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of your faith. Have his cross and passion constantly on your mind. Behold him not superstitiously, but believing, as the atoning sacrifice for sin. A rational view of his cross and passion will as in the case of St. Paul 'Crucify you to the world and the world to you.'

Sixthly.—Cultivate the habit of fervent effectual prayer. 'Praying in the Holy Ghost.' Continuing instant in prayer. 'Pray without ceasing.' Seek by prayer the hallowed influences of the Holy Spirit. His office is to convince you of sin—his pleasure is to renew and sanctify you, to qualify you for his service on earth and to prepare you for the perfect bliss of heaven. How appropriate to our subject the prayer of the Apostle. 'And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless into the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Grieve not then the Spirit of God by whom you are sealed to the day of redemption. Cultivate, we say, the habit of praying always. Let every breath be a prayer. Let pray-

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Seventhly.—Engage with zeal and knowledge in some energetic useful employment, for the honor of God, and for the advantage of his kingdom. You can hardly be pure if you are indolent. 'The hand of the diligent maketh rich,' but the slothful are the agents of satan. Laymen as well as pastors, women as well as men, are now required to engage in the toil, and to share in the glory, of spreading abroad the knowledge of the Redeemer. Give yourself up unreservedly to the work of the Lord, in the sphere in which his providence hath placed you; in the Church, and in the world; in the Sabbath School, and amongst the poor, and sick, and ignorant, you may find ample employment. And whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might, and do it now.

Finally, Brethren, if you would answer the purpose of your creation, and thereby glorify your Father who is in Heaven, you must be holy. If you would magnify the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for you, to redeem you from all iniquity, you must be holy. If you would cherish the hallowing influences of the Divine Comforter—if you would have him always near to comfort and to guide, you must be holy. If you would adorn the doctrines of our God and Savior, by holding forth the Word of life, you must be holy. If you would attract others to the Savior, and exert a highly beneficial influence during your earthly pilgrimage, you must be holy. If you would at last, when heart and flesh fail you, lie down on the bed of death, and repose your head on the breast

of the Savior, as on a downy pillow, you must be holy. If in the day of Judgement you would lift up your head high among the favored throng, who hail his second advent, you must be holy. If you would enter that peaceful and blissful abode with God and the Lamb, where are the spirits of the just made perfect, amongst whom are your dear departed friends who sleep in Jesus! and where seraphim and cherubim, with an innumerable company of angels, do continually cry Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, you too must be holy.

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APPENDIX.

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CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* Report that they believe that this publication is deservedly held in high estimation by the denomination, as a faithful exponent of Baptist principles, and as a true record of passing events which may hereafter be useful to the historian. And believing in its general advantages the Committee recommend its more widely extended circulation. With such extended and increased circulation the publisher might afford more space for useful extracts, now filled with advertisements. Appreciating highly the articles which fill its pages they would be still more highly grateful if a greater variety of talent were engaged in supplying its columns. And finally, the Committee recommend that the paper be kept free from all political bias.

RICHARD MCLEARN, Ch. Com.

(B)

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee appointed by this Association to carry into effect the last clause of the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools at the last meeting beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee were not able to ascertain precisely what was required of them in that the clause from which arose their appointment was indefinite in its character. After correspondence and consultation with the Committee of the Eastern Association it was deemed advisable however to hold a Provincial Sabbath School Convention. and the most feasible plan for such a movement seemed to your Committee to be that of a general call to all the Sabbath Schools to send Delegates with a statistical letter to a meeting to be held at Windsor,

June 19th for the purpose of organizing such Convention, which plan your Committee have acted upon, as by advertisement in the *Christian Messenger*.

S. W. DEBLOIS, *Ch. Cen. Com.*

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OBITUARIES.

It is the duty of your Committee to report the decrease of members of the Churches composing our Association during the past year. The Church is God's nursery from which he transplants to his garden above those plants whose fitness prepares them for flourishing in a more congenial soil, that more room may be given for the healthy growth and usefulness of them that remain. Conspicuous amongst them who have died during the past year is a brother young in years, but ripe in the graces of the Christian character.

The Rev. Mr. Bently was early in life a believer in Christ, and called to the important work of the Christian Ministry. He availed himself of the advantages of Acadia College, and was among her most diligent and successful students. His mind was enlarged and strengthened by a further course of Theological training in a neighboring country, and he became eminently qualified for the office of a Christian Pastor, which he exercised first at Liverpool, and subsequently at Halifax with distinguished success, until from ill-health he relinquished the Pastorate; yet still anxious to spend and be spent in his Master's service, he exerted all his energy and strength in the Agency for Home Missions, which was most dear to his heart and in which service he died.

Our departed brother was eminent for the depth of his piety. As a preacher he was winning and impressive. His mind richly stored with Bible truth, took a comprehensive grasp of the great leading doctrines of the gospel, and his sermons were rich in happy illustrations drawn from the treasury of the sacred pages and from the wide volume of God's works. He was a profound thinker, and capable of giving the best advice in all matters pertaining to the government of the Church, our Educational, Missionary, and other enterprises, and in all these respects his loss will be severely felt by our Churches. But although to our blind eyes it may appear mysterious that those are often removed who are best prepared

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As such is the uncertainty of our life let us give greater diligence in our preparation for death, that we also may be partakers with those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

E. F. HARDING,
Z. MORTON,

(D)

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, beg leave to report:

That they regard the Sabbath as one of the best gifts of God to man, adapted to promote his health and enjoyment, and peculiarly designed as a part of time to be exclusively devoted to the interests of the soul, and the glory of God.

The proper observance of the Sabbath by Parents and Teachers, has a most beneficial influence. Where the Sabbath is observed there is the greatest amount of prosperity, intelligence and morality.

Your Committee deeply deplore the want of a due observance of the Lord's day, and would urge the necessity of Ministers and private Christians, continually enforcing at all proper times, a higher regard for the sacredness of this holy day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. S. MORTON, *Chairman.*

(E)

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

Resolved, That the original Newport Church be received into the Association under the name of the East Baptist Church of Newport.

Resolved, That the Church which has been newly organized be received into the Association, to be designated the West Baptist Church of Newport.

Resolved, That the brethren composing these two Churches be recommended to bear their difficulties, and cultivate friendship and brotherly love, so that at no distant period they may be reunited into one body, and thus promote more effectively the interests of true religion.

The Committee recommend that the next Association be held with the first Baptist Church in Horton, on the second Saturday of June 1861.

The Committee on Questions in answer to the question from the third Church in Cornwallis, express an opinion that unless there be something in the premises unknown to the Committee, it is not expedient on the principles of Baptist Churches to grant a dismission to a member whose only motive in asking it is to avoid communion with a brother with whom he is at variance. The mode prescribed in such a case is recorded in Matth. xviii. 16.

RICHARD McLEARN, *Chairman.*

(F)

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee believe that a Book which has God for its author, and the enlightenment and the salvation of the world for its great end, cannot be too highly recommended. In every department of Christian enterprise reliance must be mainly placed on the Oracles of God, accompanied by the Holy Spirit which gave them birth.

The study of the Bible in the past has not only resulted in the conversion of the great reformers of England, France, and Germany, but in the salvation of unnumbered souls of every country favoured with its circulation.

It is by means of the Bible that genuine revivals of religion are sustained, and their multiplication, efficiency, and purity will be in the exact ratio of Bible distribution in all lands. Hence, your Committee believe it to be the duty of all Christians, and of Baptists in particular, to contribute more abundantly to give the Word of God, in the purest language possible, to all the world; hoping in the meantime, that more of its inspired saying may find a lodgment in our hearts, whereby we may be incited to abound in the work of the Lord.

E. N. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

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TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee regard the Temperance Cause as one of vital importance; and whilst they express their sincere grati-

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tude to Almighty God for the success which has attended this great moral enterprise, they cannot but deplore the apathy which at present characterizes too many of its friends and advocates.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend to all the Churches of this Association the importance of earnest prayerful effort to advance the Cause of Temperance and Prohibition in their several localities, and also of enforcing upon all their members the principle of strict Total Abstinence, making it an indispensable condition to communion.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HURD, *Chairman.*

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools report :—

That in their opinion among the many instrumentalities now in operation for the dissemination of religious knowledge, the Sabbath School stands next to the preaching of the Gospel.— In it children are taught the way in which they should go, and in the case of many, all the religious training they receive is in the Sabbath School.

They would earnestly recommend that all Christians engage more actively in promoting the interests of the Sabbath School. They are fully convinced that it has not heretofore received the attention its importance demands, but think the movement to organize a Provincial Sabbath School Convention, shows that the Churches are becoming now fully alive to its importance.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. BALCOM.

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TOBACCO.

Resolved, That in the opinion of your Committee, the use of Tobacco is a waste of money, a filthy example, and highly injurious to the constitution, and therefore cannot be justified in a follower of Christ, and that the subject be continually kept before the denomination, and every effort be put forth until a practice so nearly allied to intemperance be removed from the earth.

N. VIDITO, *Chairman.*

(K)

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg to report :—

That the success which has attended the Home Mission organization in this Province, calls for gratitude to the God of Missions, and gives us encouragement to contribute with our means, and aid with our prayers this effort to publish the glad tidings of salvation to our own people.

We are frequently informed of the progress of the Gospel in the Eastern Continent, and greater facilities are now being offered for the introduction of the Word.

It is a matter of rejoicing that Brother Crawley's labours in the East continue to receive God's blessing, and the native teachers under his direction are instrumental in bringing souls from Pagan superstition to the glorious light of the gospel of Christ.

The response made by the denomination in this Province to appeal for aid to carry on the missionary enterprises is evidence of the interest taken on the subject. We however regret that there is not more system to collect funds for this object, so that every member of our Churches may have an opportunity of contributing toward the preaching of the gospel to every creature.

N. VIDITO, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the N. S. Baptist Education Society was held. The Annual Report (see page 35) was read and adopted. On motion the former officers were reappointed.

A. S. HUNT.

(M)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the Institutions at Horton have during the past year enjoyed a good degree of prosperity. But while this is true, we are painfully sensible of the necessity of still greater progress and results.

We would bespeak from all the friends of education a warmer interest in the Academy. This institution is now to

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be deprived of the valued services of J. W. Hartt, Esq., who for the period of 9 years has presided over it with increasing success, and who is to be succeeded provisionally by Rev. Thos. A. Higgins, in the office of Principal. It will devolve upon the Executive Committee of the Educational Society to make such arrangements and modifications as shall be required to accomplish the highest design of the institution. Acadia College during the past year has been doing its work with more than its usual efficiency. Eleven students completed their course at the end of the year, and received the degree of B. A., being the largest class that ever graduated from the College. Their performances on the Anniversary, the sixth of June, indicated no ordinary degree of talent and proficiency, and reflected much credit on the Professors and on the Institution. It is expected that their places will be supplied with others who will enter College next year.

During the year, twelve students,—seven from the College, and five from the Academy, have enjoyed the benefits of the Theological Department. Both the Collegiate and the Theological Students have been under the direction of two Professors and one Tutor. We would invite special attention to the fact that the number of Professors is too small to perform the amount of work required. To secure the thorough performance of the labours of the Institution, the faculty should be increased to at least four competent Professors. To accomplish this it is deemed requisite to augment our present fund with the addition of £5000, to be called the Edward Manning Professorship. We would therefore cordially invite the Churches to raise £100 each and secure the benefits of a Scholarship, or two Churches to unite for this object, also to take quarterly collections to defray the salary of the Theological Professor. We would affectionately urge all the Ministers to preach at least one Educational Sermon annually, to promote the above objects. We would request the prayers of all who love the interests of Zion, and especially that the day of prayer for Colleges which is generally kept on the last Thursday of February be faithfully observed by all the Churches, that God may pour out His Spirit upon the rising generation, and prosper our efforts in their behalf.

Your Committee are pleased to notice the institution of the "Associated Alumni," which it is hoped will prove a valuable auxiliary in promoting the interests of Acadia College.

UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies beg leave to report:—

That we believe the principle of the Union Societies is well calculated for the raising of funds for benevolent objects.—The difficulty of giving regularly to all our denominational demands, and preventing any one of them from being passed by and forgotten, would be greatly diminished by the general adoption to some extent of the principle on which these Societies are formed.

Your Committee would recommend that the Churches adopt a plan as near as they can to that of the Union Societies for collecting on behalf of our Benevolent objects either monthly or quarterly.

We have pleasure in noticing that those Churches who have adopted such plan have sent much larger sums to the Association, than others, although their members may be more numerous and wealthy, who have acted without such plan.

Your Committee would call the attention of this Association to the following resolutions, adopted by the Baptist Convention at its last session, held in Cornwallis, August, 1859.

Whereas, There has been, hitherto, great diversity in the form of Statistical tables, especially with regard to the benevolence of the churches as published in the Minutes of the Associations holding fraternal connection with this Convention, which do not give a correct return of their contributions.

Resolved, therefore, That it is highly desirable that greater uniformity be observed in the tables of statistics and that the following be recommended as headings of the columns in such table:—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Infirm Ministers, &c.

Also Resolved, That it is highly desirable that all contributions of each church, as far as possible, be reported to its Association, and be made items in such table, although the sums may have been appropriated through other channels.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. SELDEN, *Chairman*.

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**MONIES RECEIVED AT THE CENTRAL ASSO-
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CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Infirm Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	Total.
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2nd Halifax,.....	4 10 0	1 5 0	0 7 6	0 15 0	6 17 6
Windsor,.....	4 0 0	4 0 0
Hantsport,.....	1 15 0	1 15 0	1 0 0	1 9 1	5 19 1
Chester,.....	10 8 2	0 5 0	10 13 2
Tancook,.....	1 0 0	1 0 0
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Windsor Plains,.....	0 11 0	0 11 0
Upper Falmouth,.....	1 14 0	0 5 0	0 3 4	0 5 0	2 7 4
Bridgewater,.....	1 2 6	0 15 4 1/2	0 5 7 1/2	1 2 9	3 6 3
La Have,.....	0 6 3	0 6 3
Rawdon,.....	1 7 6	0 5 8	1 13 2
Indian Harbor,.....	1 0 0	1 0 0
Lunenburg,.....	2 0 0	0 7 6	2 7 6
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Monies paid in for our Benevolent Objects, in addition to the above,
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First Horton, for Home Mission,.....	£8 0 0
Second Horton,.....do.....	1 13 6
Windsor,.....do.....	8 0 0
Upper Falmouth,.....do.....	1 8 7 1/2
2nd Cornwallis,.....do.....	6 9 3
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† This includes £1 6s. 4d. for French Mission and 12s. 1 1/2d. for Bible Union.

‡ This includes £3 6s. for French Mission, and £1 for Gaelic Mission.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, in account
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1860.	Dr.	
June 20.	Paid into Foreign Mission Fund,	£20 0 0
	To amount paid over to Rev. Mr. Skinner, for the Home Missionary Fund, to be reported to J. Whitman, Esq., General Treasurer,	50 0 0
	Paid S. Selden, for Minutes,	11 0 0
	Rev. Dr. Cramp, as Messenger to W. Association, do. do. E. Association,	3 0 0 2 10 0
	Remitted to J. W. Barss, Esq., amount for Infirm Ministers Fund,	6 4 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Balance to be forthwith forwarded to the several Treasurers,	41 18 10
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1859.	Dr.	£. s. d.
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MINISTERS IN THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. W. H. Caldwell,	New Germany.	Sep. 25, 1852.	Granville.
" Jno. Chase,	Wolfville.	1855.	Billtown.
" W. Chipman,	Pleasant Valley.	Mar. 19, 1829.	Pleasant Valley.
" J. M. Cramp, D.D.	Wolfville.	May 7, 1818.	London, G. B.
" T. W. Crawley,	New Minas.	May 13, 1856.	Chester.
" S. W. deBlois,	Wolfville.	Feb. 26, 1854.	Chester.
" D. Freeman,	Travelling Agent.	Aug. — 1855.	Halifax.
" W. H. Humphrey,	Halifax.	Mar. 1, 1854.	Richmond, Me.
" A. S. Hunt,	Cornwallis.	Nov. 10, 1844.	Dartmouth.
" J. C. Hurd,	Chester.		
" R. McLearn,	Dartmouth.		
" A. H. Munro,	Halifax.	Mar. 10, 1828.	Rawdon.
" James Parker,	Billtown, Cornwallis.	Nov. 10, 1857.	Digby Joggins.
" D. Pineo,	Long Point, do.	May 19, 1842.	Up. Wilmot.
" T. H. Porter,	Sackville.	Dec. 24, 1844.	Jeddore.
" S. T. Rand,	Hantsport.	Nov. 13, 1833.	Billtown.
" E. O. Read,	Gaspereaux.	Oct. 7, 1834.	Cornwallis.
" James L. Read,	Upper Aylesford.		Gaspereaux.
" E. M. Saunders,	West Cornwallis.		Up. Aylesford.
" A. W. Sawyer,	Wolfville.		W. Cornwallis.
" I. J. Skinner,	Bridgewater.	—, 1854.	Lawrence, U.S.
" J. Stevens,	Rawdon.	Sep. 19, 1855.	Port Medway.
" B. Taylor,	New Germany.	July 13, 1842.	Chelsea.
" B. Vaughan,	Kempt.	—, 1856.	Wolfville.
" R. Walker,			
" D. M. Welton,	Windsor.		Windsor.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, 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 preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Moderator, shall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, as hereinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it will be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is chosen.

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.—At each Annual Meeting the letters from the churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place, after which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator shall not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. When large Committees are judged desirable they shall be appointed by the Association, and two-thirds of the number appointed shall be competent to act.

ART. 7th.—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. 8th.—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. 9th.—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. 10th.—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. 11th.—That the Moderator be authorized at any time during the year, to call a special meeting of the Association, in pursuance of a requisition signed by ten members thereof."

ART. 12th.—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; and immediately after the opening the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and corrected.

RULE 2nd.—No member of the Association shall leave the Session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

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.

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SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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

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

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

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

South Rawdon, Rev. James Stevens, John McLearn.

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

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

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

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

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

4th *Do* Rev. _____, Gideon Beardsley.

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

Falmouth, Andrew Shaw, C. Bacon.

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

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

Pereaus, Walter Witt, B. R. Foster.

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

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

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

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

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

Brooklyn, W. Porter, _____ Reid, _____ Harris.

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

The meeting was organized by the appointment of Rev. N. Vidito, Chairman, and J. E. Balcom, Secretary.
Moved by Rev. S. W. DeBlois, seconded and passed.
That we now proceed to organize ourselves into a Provincial Sabbath School Convention.

Moved, seconded and passed.

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

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

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

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

Adopted.

President, S. Selden, Esq.

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

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

Secretary for Western Association, Joseph Rogers, Esq.

Central,—T. S. Harding, Esq.

Eastern,—Cyrus Black, Esq.

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

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

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

2nd Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention every Church of Christ is accountable to God for the moral training and salvation of

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every Child that can be brought under the influence of Sabbath School, as well as that of the preaching of the Gospel. Moved by Rev. T. H. Porter, seconded by Rev. J. E. Balcom.

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

N. S. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

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

The attendance and the branches taught are as follows:—

ATTENDANCE.

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

BRANCHES TAUGHT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Are reasons for this enlarged aim demanded? We direct attention to the evident connexion between advancement in a sound and liberal education, and the future growth of Baptist principles, and Baptist Churches. God has ever honored such education and made it subserve the growth of His Kingdom. The education your Committee and the Education Society, design furnishing is that which has stamped upon its every feature the spirit and power of Divine Truth. Such assuredly

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

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

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

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

Such appeals as the above, your Committee, believe are reasonable and called for. With such ends in view, the Horton

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Institutions were called into existence. In this they have been sustained through a long course of years, many of which were years of trial and sacrifice; for this were formed all our plans for the future, and we are expending ungrudgingly our resources. God grant that every Baptist may be ambitious to share alike, the labour and the blessings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary*.

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

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To J. W. Hartt, his salary.....	£125	0 0
To 3 years rent Academy Premises.....	60	0 0
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Balance in hands Rev. J. Chase, former Treasurer.....	£28	11 6