

MINUTES.

SAINT JOHN, N. B.,
July 4th, 1857. }

1. The Twenty-fifth Annual Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New-Brunswick assembled in the Meeting-house in Waterloo Street this day, at 10 o'clock A. M. A number of brethren and others were present; a season of social devotion was enjoyed, and a deep religious feeling prevailed the meeting during the entire service. A large number related the dealings of God with them, and all could say it was good to be there.

2. At half past 2 P. M., met for business. After singing and prayer, the meeting was called to order, and Rev. Joseph Noble was unanimously elected Chairman. The following Members of Conference were present:—

MINISTERS.

REV. JOSEPH NOBLE, CHAIRMAN.

REV. SAMUEL HARTT,

“ GEORGE ORSER,

“ E. SIPRIL,

“ R. FRENCH,

“ W. E. PENNINGTON,

“ A. TAYLOR,

“ C. E. BELL,

“ G. A. HARTLEY,

“ THOMAS CONNER,

“ JOHN G. MCKENZIE,

REV. CHAS. McMULLIN,

“ EDWD. WAYMAN,

“ B. MERRITT,

“ JOHN PERRY,

“ E. McLEOD,

“ P. MALLOCH,

“ WM. KINGHORN,

“ J. GUNTER,

“ C. DOUCETT,

“ W. M. KNOLLIN,

LICENTIATES.

G. H. MAXON,

J. FLEWELLING,

E. GARRITY,

E. COCHRAN,

W. DOWNEY,

CURRIE,

RIDEOUT,

J. MERRITT.

DELEGATES.

FIRST DISTRICT—JAMES GREEN,

SECOND Do. —A. McLEAN, and L. ESTERBROOKS,

THIRD Do. —BENJ. N. GOODSPEED.
FOURTH Do. —JAMES COPERTHWAIT, and L. SLIPP, Jun.
SOLOMON SMITH, CLERK.

WILLIAM PETERS, CLERK.

SIXTH DISTRICT.—ROBERT McLEOD, and SETH McLEOD.
GEORGE McCREADY, CLERK.

B. J. UNDERHILL, Recording Secretary ;
E. M. TRUESDALE, Assistant do.

Delegates from Nova Scotia Conference.

REV. C. KNOWLES, and REV. S. W. BENNISON.

REV. J. M. BAILEY, Delegate from General Conference of Free-Will Baptists of United States.

REV. O. R. BACHELOR, M. D., Delegate from the Freewill Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

REV. Y. WHITE, of Maine, Visitor.

3. The Conference being formally organized, and the names of the Members reported, the Corresponding Secretary was called on to read the Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the State of the Free Christian Baptist Churches of New Brunswick, for the year ending July 1st, 1857.

BELLOVED BRETHREN—Grace be unto you, and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. This is our twenty-fifth Annual gathering. The lapse of another year since our last General Conference has brought us to the completion of the first quarter of a century of our existence in associated capacity; and looking back upon the way in which God has led us, we are constrained in view of his divine grace to exclaim,—"What hath God wrought?" True brethren, we are not gathered to-day within the gilded halls of earthly greatness—no costly edifice adds grandeur to our Annual Meeting; but we are here where the Gospel has been stately preached, where the word of God has been quick and powerful, where many have witnessed for Christ—Yea, where the eye of God looks down upon us complaisantly, where in the simplicity and fulness of our hearts we can tell what He has done for us, invite others to the same fountain of living waters from which we ourselves have drank, and if we cannot as perfectly glorify our heavenly Father here as angels do in Heaven, we can at least, without fear or dread, pour

forth our hearty songs of praise to him that liveth, and was dead, and is alive for evermore.

You Brethren, are the representatives of the flocks over which the Holy Ghost hath made some of you overseers. We all are brethren in Christ Jesus. But in presenting our Annual Report to you, we have to regret again, as we did last year, that the information necessary for the work has not been derived from the legitimate sources provided for that purpose, that is, the clerks of Districts. Not having received a report from any of them, we have therefore been obliged to gather our materials from other sources, and if our report is not as full, and in every particular as explicit as it should be, you will attribute it to the difficulty of compiling a public document from such limited materials. This explanation we consider due to you and also to ourselves.

Our last Report chronicled the demise of a venerable father in the Gospel—with profound gratitude to Almighty God we are enabled to say to-day, that during this year death has not been permitted to enter the circle of our ministering brethren—we all live, although with much sorrow we learn that one of our number is prevented from being with us to-day in consequence of illness, which it is feared is of that character that will soon carry him to the grave. May divine grace and favour sustain him during his illness, and the presence of the Great Shepherd be with him, when he passes through the valley and shadow of death. A number of valuable lay brethren and friends have however been called to their reward since we last met. Some of our hearts have felt keenly, and the tenderest cords of earthly affections have been severed by relentless death. We are reminded by these things that this is not our home. "Our home is in the skies;" and beloved, ere our next Annual Meeting some of us that are here to day may be gone—where?—Let our holy lives and devotion to the cause of the Redeemer answer this when we lay low; while self examination suggests to our hearts now, the wise admonition,—*Be ye always ready.*

In now entering upon the progress of the gospel among us, and the state of our churches, we shall as before commence with the First District. This District embraces eight churches located on the Aroostook and St. John rivers, and are our most westerly fields of labour. They were represented last year as very destitute of ministerial care; only one preaching brother residing in that part of the country. Our Missionary Board with a laudable desire this year to supply the destitute, engaged Elder Hartt as a Missionary to labour himself in the denomination as he might conceive most conducive to the advancement of the cause, and also to provide as far as he might be able occasional pastoral oversight for such churches as would enter into an arrangement of that kind. He accordingly pushed his way into the wilderness on these upper waters of the St. John, in search of the isolated flocks that had been planted there. And after labouring a short time with them he aided in securing a

mutual arrangement for the labour and care of Elder Sibrill over a part of the churches in this First District. Brother Sibrill we learn with pleasure has faithfully laboured, and not in vain. In all of the four churches having his oversight, some prosperity has followed, the people have been encouraged, and have advanced, others have been added to them, and the cause generally has been promoted. The number baptized by brother Sibrill in these churches during the year is reported to be twenty-three.

A large and inviting field lies before us in this District, and an adequate amount of faithful labour would, no doubt, be followed by an abundant harvest. Some Sabbath Schools exist in this District, which will be noticed particularly in the Report on Sabbath Schools.

The Second District includes the churches between the First District and Woodstock. Last year it numbered twelve, one small church, organized by Brother Hartt and Sibrill, has been added to it since. The church in Wakefield, and one church in Jacksontown, have enjoyed the constant labour of Elder Bell this year, and with a degree of success. A number have been added in both places, and flourishing Sabbath Schools exist. The library of the one at Wakefield was replenished a few weeks since by an order on our Book Depository for *Ten Pounds* worth of books, which we note as a good omen. Elder McMullin has laboured with several churches, and endeavoured to preserve Gospel order among them. Labour has also been expended by Elder Orser in this District, but, we believe, not under any definite engagement. Brother Hartt has also visited a number of the churches, and endeavoured to encourage them. Brother G. H. Maxson, a licentiate from the church in South Hampton, through the recommendation of Elder Hartt, was engaged to labour with several churches in the upper part of this District, and we learn with pleasure that God has given him the hearts of the people generally, and made him a blessing among them. Several have been baptized, as the fruit of his ministry. Elder Noble has spent a portion of the Winter and Spring in Woodstock. The church in that town is still in conflict. The cause generally in the Second District is not as prosperous as last year, although there is, notwithstanding, much cause for gratitude to God. Progress in the right direction is apparent in several places.

The Third District reaches from Woodstock to Fredericton, and embraces ten churches. Elders Gunter, Kinghorn, Perry, and Hamilton, have laboured there. The two latter not all the time. Elder Gunter's labour has been confined to Fredericton; Elder Perry's to Douglass; Elder Kinghorn's has been divided with several churches, and Elder Hamilton's has been expended at Kingsclear, Bear Island, and Nackawick. At Kingsclear a new meeting house was opened in March last. He has baptized in these places twenty-eight, all of whom we trust are "born again." Brother Perry has added fifteen to the church in Douglass, over which he has pastoral care. Elder

McMullin has laboured with the church at South Hampton and Campbell Settlement, and a visit of brother Maxson to the Nashwaak early in the year, was attended with some blessing. Two churches have been organized during the year in this District by Elder Kinghorn, one at Nackawick, now numbering thirty-one members, and which are represented as being in great need of present care. The other at Nashwaak, now numbering twenty members, with a good interest still existing among them.

In connection with our report of this District, we would notice the illness of our beloved brother, Elder J. Hamilton. He was a member of the church in this city, first licensed to preach by us, and subsequently ordained in our midst to the work of the ministry, in which he has since faithfully laboured, too early wearing himself out, and is now sinking with consumption, and will probably soon go to his reward. With pleasure we record the information received, that he has endeared himself to the flocks where he has laboured, and that he lives in their affections. He now lingers at the house of a brother in Fredericton, who has kindly afforded him a home in his family. While he lives let us not fail to remember him in our prayers.

The Fourth District embraces several churches between Fredericton and Upper Hampstead, and those on Oromocto. These have not enjoyed any special revival during the present year, except at Garey. Soon after our last Conference, Elders McKenzie and Conner (then licentiates) visited that place, and the Lord owned their labours. They were subsequently ordained and soon after baptized forty-five persons. The church which had long been a good deal scattered was re-organized, and brother McKenzie has since labored a portion of the time with them, and, we learn, with good success. Brother McKenzie also labours with the church at Upper Hampstead, and conjointly with Brother Knollin at Jerusalem. Elder Pennington has laboured during a portion of the year on the Oromocto, and Brother Downey with the church at Gagetown. A new place of worship is now in course of erection at the latter place, and several persons have been added to the church at the Oromocto by Brother Pennington.

The Fifth District embraces fourteen churches. Some of these have had additions during the year, and we think all, with perhaps a single exception, have held on to the faith of the gospel. A new and flourishing church, has been gathered at the Narrows, in the Parish of Johnson, a particular notice of which is worthy of a place in our report. The friends residing in this neighbourhood desirous of sustaining the worship of God among them erected a Meeting house, which was opened for use soon after our last Conference.—An interest was awakened among them, but no regular course of labor taken up until a short time after. Elders Perry and McLeod held a series of meeting continuing for several days, and although at

a very busy season of the year (the time of haying) they were well attended and revival followed. Twenty-four were baptized at that time, a church of thirty-eight members organized, and over twenty have been added since. They engaged Elder Perry to labor with them a part of the time, and we learn with pleasure that they have grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. A flourishing Sabbath School also exists among them. The labours of Elder G. A. Hartly with churches on the Reach during last Autumn was attended with great good. A number were baptized by Elder French and united with the church where he resides. He has also exercised pastoral care over this church since, and we are happy to say this church is in a more prosperous condition now than for some time previous. During the labor of brother Hartly on the Reach, several experienced the religion of Christ on the Western side of the River, and a considerable interest was awakened. Nearly all the churches in this District have pastoral care.— Elder Taylor labours with the churches on the Islands of Campobello and Grandmaison. In the latter place great efforts are being made to erect a suitable place of worship, and this Island is represented as an inviting field of labour. Nine were added to the church during a recent visit of brother Doucett. No tidings have been heard from the church at St. Stephens. In Campobello some have recently been added to the church. At Carleton, and also at St. John additions have been made. Nearly all the churches in this District have stated pastoral labour, some flourishing Sabbath Schools exist, and as a general thing the cause of religion is advancing and souls are being gathered to Christ.

The SIXTH DISTRICT embraces our churches from Springfield east as far as Dorchester. We rejoice that God has in a good measure looked upon this extensive field, and during the last year a greater degree of prosperity has been enjoyed by the churches generally than for some time previous. Revival was experienced in connection with the church at the Millstream during the Autumn, under the labours of brother Doucett and others. At the Ward's Creek, also in Sussex, under the labour of brother Doucett, a revival took place, and a church was subsequently organized there by Elders Hartt and Wayman. Brother Hartly expended labour at Upper Sussex, Portage, and the head of Smith's Creek. A number were baptized by him, and the labour of both brethren Hartly, Doucett and others were made a blessing to the cause in Studholm and Sussex. Early in January Elder Hartt, in the exercise of his "care of all the churches," came to St. John on his way to visit the churches in Westmorland. It had been determined previously to send Brother Hartly to this long-neglected field of labour, but from time to time it had been deferred. The way being now open, on the 9th of January these brethren left this city and immediately proceeded to Westmorland. We need scarcely say, that notwithstanding the long neglect which these churches had felt, they received our brethren

with open arms, and God began at once to revive his work. Elder Hartt remained a few weeks, and made arrangements previous to his leaving, for the continuance of brother Hartly in that field. This young brother has laboured there, until he left to attend this Conference, and the information which we have received is that all the churches there have been greatly revived and strengthened. Many have found favor in the sight of the Lord, and forty have been baptised and added to the churches. At Coverdale a Meeting House is in course of erection, and earnest solicitations were made on his departure that he might return again. Faithful gospel labour only seems necessary in order to enlargement in this District, and a harvest of souls to the glory of God.

Having thus briefly noticed the general state of the cause in the Churches, it becomes necessary for us to state, that since our last General Conference six brethren have been set apart to the work of the ministry by the laying on of hands. Others also have been licensed to preach, and we trust that God will make them all useful in his cause. We also conceive it necessary to state that the result of the Missionary labour employed this year has been attended with signal success, but this labour will be referred to more especially in our Missionary Report. The Sabbath School interest will be represented in a Report on that subject. The cause of Temperance also has not been forgotten by all our labourers.—Elder Hartt has taken a deep interest in this in the course of his labours. A report on this subject will probably be presented during our Conference, in which some details will be enumerated.

In closing this our Annual Report we wish to say, that although we cannot number as many additions as last year, and the revival influence has not been as general as then; yet with gratitude to God we would acknowledge his presence has been with us, and in several particulars we can discern a progress in those things which we believe will tend to our prosperity and elevation as a denomination of Christians. The whole number which have been added by baptism to our churches during the present year exceeds four hundred, besides others who were previously baptized.

Never since we had an existence have we as a Denomination stood fairer for usefulness and enlargement than now, and it is important that we should, devise such measures in this Conference as will promote the best interests of religion. Many calls are reaching us for help—the Macedonian cry, “come over and help us” is coming from different quarters, and much is depending on the faithfulness and efficiency of our ministry. Our number of labourers is increasing. Young men are being raised up among us professing to be called of God to the sacred office. We would impress upon the minds of these that the conversion of souls is only a part of the results of the gospel, *they must afterwards be taught to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded.* And unless our churches are properly instructed through

the labour of the gospel and the ministry of those who profess to be teachers, and a healthy discipline exercised they cannot be efficient in promoting the interests of religion. Without this the freedom of our gifts for which we contend, which we believe to be the right of the church, and which is a peculiar feature of our denomination, will degenerate into an abuse of the liberty of God's house, and result in the injury of the cause of truth, rather than its promotion. Let every one of our ministers then take heed to the same admonition which Paul gave to his son Timothy—"give attendance to READING, to exhortation, to doctrine;" and let our churches not fail to "Obey them that are over them in the Lord," so shall we prosper, our people grow in grace, and those be added to our numbers that shall be saved.—Amen.

E. McLEOD, *Cor. Sec'y.*

4. Moved by Elder S. Hartt, that the Report just read be received. Seconded by Elder G. A. Hartly. Addresses by Elders Hartt, Hartly, McLeod, Pennington, and brother G. Cochran. The season deeply interesting.

5. Rev. C. Knowles gave an interesting narrative of the state of the Denomination in Nova Scotia. The cause generally is on the advance there.

6. Rev. J. M. Bailey, Delegate from the last Frewell Baptist General Conference of the United States, gave a statement of that Denomination, expressed their sympathy with us, and congratulated us on our prosperity in the cause of Christ.

7. Rev. O. R. Batchelor, Delegate from the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society made interesting remarks relative to the progress of the Missionary work in Orissa, India, where the Freewill Baptist Missionaries are labouring.

8. The following Committees were appointed :—

On Home Missions.—Elders E. McLeod, W. E. Pennington, C. McMullin, and R. French.

On Colportage.—Elders J. Perry, A. Taylor, J. G. McKenzie, G. Orser, E. Sipril, and brother E. M. Truesdale, and D. W. Clark.

On Sabbath Schools.—Elders G. A. Hartly, William Kinghorn, W. M. Knollin, C. E. Bell, and brother G. McCready.

On Temperance.—Elders S. Hartt, E. Wayman, T. Conner,

and brethren G. H. Maxson, and Wm. Downey.

Adjourned by Prayer to meet on Monday, at 9 o'clock.

SABBATH.

9. The Sabbath was as usual occupied in prayer, social, and preaching services in the Meeting-house, Waterloo-street; Meeting-house, Carleton, and Temperance Hall, Portland. All the services were interesting, and we trust profitable.

MONDAY, July 6th.

10. Met pursuant to appointment at 9 A. M., and opened by prayer. Heard the Licentiates relate their call to the ministry. Occupied the rest of the day in conversation on the financial state of the "RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER" and Book Store. Adjourned by prayer to meet on Tuesday, at 9 A. M.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to appointment. A number of brethren and sisters present. Opened by prayer.

HOME MISSIONS.

11. The Committee appointed to Report on Home Missions submitted the following:—

Home Missions have been prosecuted by the Free Baptists of New Brunswick from the rise of the Denomination: Our Churches are indebted to the Home Mission spirit for their existence, and nearly all our members have been gathered through this agency. True, no systematic organization existed when our fathers in the ministry first went forth; but the same spirit which in the days of the primitive Church, said, "Seperate me Barnabas and Saul unto the work whereunto I have called them;" said to these men also, most of whom are now with us, "Go ye and preach the gospel." And under the constraining love of Christ at great sacrifices they ranged our Province, planted Churches, and raised up the F. B. Denomination. As time advanced, and circumstances became developed, it became evident that system must be adopted, and such a one as would enlist the sympathies of our people, and afford an easy mode of obtaining resources to sustain those who labour in the vineyard. Accordingly, as you well know, a system for Missionary labour was devised and adopted, and has now been in operation for three or four

years. We rejoice that God has owned it every year, and the labours of those who have been employed by our Missionary Board have been abundantly successful in helping not only our Churches but in the conversion of souls. The labour of Elder S. Hartt, who was employed as a general Missionary the last year, has resulted in much good, as may be seen by reference to the Annual Report. Brother Hartt's labours as Special Missionary has been signally owned, not only in our Eastern Churches, where he has more recently laboured, but also in other places, as our Annual Report shows. These are evidences that God does own the systematic and united efforts of His people to promote His cause.

Your Committee now recommend that the Mission work be prosecuted by us in the most judicious way that we can devise. We recommend that all our Ministers endeavour to instruct the people among whom they labour in their duty in this matter,—that the sympathies of our Churches be enlisted to the utmost, and that as means may be contributed to the funds of this Society, Missionary labour be employed for the most destitute only.

We conceive that those Churches which have ability to provide for themselves should do so, and under the conviction that no church can long prosper without such oversight as God has appointed for its good, we therefore urge upon them the spirit of that Scripture maxim, "If any man will not work, neither shall he eat," which indicates that if we will not help ourselves, we shall not be helped. Neither should they be satisfied with providing for themselves,—the strong should help the weak, and the prosperous should help the poor. We therefore cannot advise that Missionary labour under existing circumstances be supplied to wealthy churches, unless this Conference feels warranted in the employment of a General Missionary, as last year, to aid all the churches as far as necessary in adopting a perfect system of Gospel order.

Report sustained by addresses from Elders Hartt, Hartly, Bailey, McLeod, and others, and unanimously received.

COLPORTAGE.

12. The Committee on Colportage submitted the following Report :—

REPORT.

In absence of statistical and general information on this subject your Committee take what they know of former operations for their precedent, and thereon base their recommendation of leaving this branch of Conference operations discontinued.

The Report elicited a warm discussion, in which Elder Perry, Orser, Bell, McLeod, Taylor, Kinghorn, Batchelor, and

brethren Truesdale, O'Donnell, (late colporteur) and others took part.

Voted, That the subject of Colportage be referred to the Board of Managers.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

13. The following Report was submitted by the Committee on Sabbath Schools :—

Your Sabbath School committee have made an effort to ascertain the number, as well as the condition of the Schools connected with our Churches; and are pleased to be able to report progress in both.

The report of last year showed a large increase in numbers, and we have this year quite an addition even to that report. In our research we find in the—

1st District,	3 Sabbath Schools,
2nd “	10 “ “
3rd “	9 “ “
4th “	9 “ “
5th “	19 “ “
6th “	10 “ “

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Total, 60

It is a matter of much encouragement to us to see the deep interest that is being taken in many places by parents, teachers, and scholars in our schools. The fact that our preachers, deacons, and leading men in general, are becoming deeply interested in this good work, is one of great satisfaction. The moral and religious influence that they are exerting in many places is powerful. The Sabbath School institution is becoming, as it should be, highly appreciated. Still we believe that what has been done is but the commencement of what may yet be accomplished. A very large number of libraries have been procured by our schools since the opening of the last spring. (Over 50 have been supplied from our own Depository.)

We recommend and urge that all our public brethren, private brethren and sisters, fathers and mothers, yea, all who wish well to the cause of God, and the state of society, would continue to manifest an increasing interest in Sabbath Schools, both in word and in deed. We consider it a matter of great importance, and feel that we cannot urge it too earnestly. The means for destroying the usefulness and the souls of the children of our country are increasing, and we consider the Sabbath School is the chief and the great means for the counteraction of these ungodly influences, and for the preservation of our rising generation. We believe now to be the time

and we say let us as a religious body of people, arise and do all we can this year.

We further recommend that each Church be particular and report their Sabbath School to the district to which it belongs, and also that the clerk of each district meeting be more punctual in forwarding their report to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference in time, (to be examined by the Sabbath School Committee.)

Sustained by several addresses, and unanimously adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

14. The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:—

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report, that further measures should be adopted without delay for the carrying forward of the cause of Temperance among us as a denomination. We therefore give it as our opinion that every church aided by their pastor (if they have a Pastor) and Deacons' labour in carrying forward this cause in their respective localities. And also that each church have a Temperance Society established in it, to include themselves, their children, and as many others as will join with them: also that the churches give a statistical report at their respective District Meetings in this cause.

We moreover recommend that one or more preachers be appointed to oversee and engage, as far as they can consistently with their other labours, in establishing Total Abstinence societies not only in our denomination but elsewhere, if a door should be opened.

We further recommend that the rules of Temperance already received by a number of churches be sanctioned by this Conference with such amendments as may be deemed necessary.

We observe that the efforts put forth during the past year have been crowned with much success, especially in the localities of sixteen churches in which the rules referred to were received.

We recommend that both Elders and Licentiates be particularly urged to take a deep interest in this work.

Lastly, we cannot but express our conviction that notwithstanding moral suasion has done much in reducing the evils of intemperance, yet legal prohibition is the only means of its entire suppression.

Adjourned by prayer to meet at half past 2 o'clock.

Afternoon and Evening Sessions.

Opened by Prayer.

15. Voted, that the ordination of brother G. H. Maxson be referred to Elders Harit, McMullin, Orser and Bell, to be attended to when they think necessary.

16. Voted, That the ordination of brother William Downey be referred to the next Annual Meeting of the Fifth District; and that that meeting be authorised to ordain him if they think it necessary.

17. Voted, That Elders Hartt, Pennington and Gunter, be a Committee in the case of brother Edwin Garrity, and report to the next General Conference.

18. Voted, That Elders Hartt, Wayman, McLeod, and Hartley, be a Committee in the case of brother Robert Dobson, and report at the next Conference.

19. Voted, that the License of brother George Cochran be renewed for one year by this Conference.

20. Voted, that brother Leonard Slipp, be a member of this Conference

21. Elders S. Hartt, C. McMullin, and Leonard Slipp, Committee appointed last Conference to investigate the business affairs of Elder W. E. Pennington, reported that they had attended to said duty, that Elder Pennington was relieved from embarrassment, and that a little over twelve pounds of the amount collected by Elder S. Hartt, remained in his hands. Voted, That this balance be retained by the Conference for the payment of Elder S. Hartt's time and expenses while employed in collecting funds, and for other necessary purposes.

22. Voted, that Elder E. N. Harris, Seamen's Chaplain, be invited to a seat in this Conference.

23. Voted, that Elders C. Knowles, E. McLeod, E. Wayman, J. M. Bailey, and brother D. W. Clark, be a Committee to report on the claims of seamen.

24. Voted, that Elder S. Hartt be sustained in the re-organizing of the Church at Bellisle Creek, and that that Church belong to the sixth district.

MEMORANDUM
25. Voted, That a Fund be raised by this Conference from among the Churches, to be denominated the General Conference Fund, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of Conference,—such as Printing Minutes, Delegations, &c;

and that the Ministers, Deacons, and Clerks be requested to present the same to the people, and request them to contribute each a sum not less than *one shilling and three pence*.

26. Voted, that the Churches which have received the necessary documents for Incorporation be presented by the Agent with a bill of One Dollar each, for payment for said documents; and that all further applications for forms be accompanied with Five Shillings each.

27. *Whereas*, it is understood that Elder C. Doucett is not a member of any Church belonging to the Conference. Therefore *Resolved*, That he unite with some Church forthwith.

28. Voted, that Elders E. McLeod, and B. Merritt be delegates to the next General Conference of Free Baptists in Nova Scotia.

29. Voted, that we appreciate the christian and fraternal fellowship of the Freewill Baptist Conference of North America in sending us a Delegate in the person of the Rev. J. M. Bailey; that we recognize in brother Bailey a brother in the Lord, and servant of Jesus Christ, and further that we shall be happy to continue to receive the fraternal fellowship of the Freewill Baptists in the United States. *And also Voted*, that Elders Hartt and Pennington be Delegates to the Freewill Baptist's yearly meeting.

30. Voted, that Elders Hartt, Wayman and McLeod be a Committee to consult and advise with Elder Doucett relative to matters connected with the prosperity of the Church at Grand Manan.

31. Voted, that Fifteen Hundred Copies of the Minutes be printed for circulation among the Churches.

32. Voted, that the next General Conference be holden in Victoria Meeting House, Wakefield, commencing on the first Saturday in July, 1856, at 10 A. M.

CLAIMS OF SEAMEN.

33. The Committee on the Claims of Seamen reported as follows:—

Resolved,—That while this body rejoices in what is being done for

the improvement and conversion to God of Seamen in many Ports of the United States and England, they are impressed with the importance of more being accomplished in this Port for the comfort, protection and salvation of Sailors. Therefore, they take pleasure in commending the claims of Seamen to the sympathy of the Churches, and the public generally, praying that the untiring labours of the Seamen's Chaplain, (Elder E. N. Harris,) may continue to be crowned with the blessing of God. Also, that the Home kept by our esteemed Brother G. W. Flagler, may prove a lasting blessing to them.

Received.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER AND BOOK STORE.

33. Whereas, the accounts of the "Religious Intelligencer" and Book Store continue to shew a small profit, but whereas a large sum, amounting to nearly \$800, is now due for subscriptions to the *Intelligencer*, which greatly embarrasses the office, and renders the continuance of the business in its present form uncertain; therefore, *Resolved*, that the Board of Managers be instructed to adopt measures for the immediate collection of all subscriptions now due, and also adopt the *prepayment* system forthwith, or as soon as they possibly can. And further, that they make such other changes in the business as may be required for its further prosperity.

Whereas, This Conference believes that the "Religious Intelligencer" and Book Store cannot be dispensed with, on account of its advantage to the cause of God, and the progress of religion among us,—Therefore *Resolved*, 1st, That an effort be made to raise a sum not less than *One Thousand Pounds* to be employed as a capital for the concern. 2d, That Donations, Subscriptions, &c., be immediately solicited to this end. 3rd, That persons aiding our business until the capital be raised, shall receive a proportion of the profits arising from the concern, at 6 per cent. interest for their investments. The principle to be returned at or before the expiration of three years.

Resolved, That every Elder, Licentiate, and others, immediately interest themselves in raising the above Capital by contributing, soliciting, &c., as they may have opportunity, and that all sums received be immediately forwarded to the Agent of the Conference. And Further *Resolved*, that Elder S. Hartt be appointed to visit the churches as soon as possible, to urge this matter upon them and solicit funds in agreement to the foregoing resolutions.

34. Voted, That Elder E. McLeod be continued Editor of the *Religious Intelligencer* at a salary of \$150 per annum.

35. Voted, That Brother B. J. Underhill be continued Agent for this General Conference, at a salary of \$140 per annum.

36. Whereas, the calls upon this Conference from destitute churches and localities for help, have been long and loud; Therefore Resolved, that the Clerk of the Conference immediately request the Clerks of the District Meetings to notify their respective Churches to raise each all the funds they can for Missionary purposes, and forward it to the Missionary Board to be appropriated by them for Missionary Labour.

37. Voted, That Elder S. Hartt, in addition to his former appointment, be also a general Missionary among the Churches during the ensuing year.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

38. Voted, that the following brethren constitute the Board of Managers for the ensuing year:—

Elders E. McLeod,	Brother B. J. Underhill,
Thomas Conner,	Wm. Peters,
B. Merritt,	R. McLeod,
John Perry,	James Lake,
Brother Leonard Slipp, Sen.,	Leonard Slipp, Jun.,
D. W. Clark,	Sett Erbb,

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

39. Voted, That the following brethren be a Board of Missions for the ensuing year:—

Elder E. Wayman,	Brother W. Peters,
E. McLeod,	L. Slipp, Sen.,
J. Perry,	James Lake,
I. Conner,	D. W. Clark,
B. Merritt,	B. J. Underhill,
Brother E. C. Freeza,	R. McLeod,

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

40. First District Meeting to be held at Arcosook commencing last Saturday in August next, at 10 A. M. To attend—Elders Hartt, Bell, and Sipriel.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING to be holden with the Church on Big Presqu' Isle, near Tracy's Mills, commencing last Saturday in October next, at 10 A. M. To attend—Elders McMullin, Hartt and Hartley.

THIRD DISTRICT MEETING to be holden with the Church on Nashwaak, commencing on the second Saturday in October next, at 10 A. M. To attend—Elders Gunter, Kinghorn, and Merritt.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING to be holden with the Church in Lincoln, commencing the third Saturday in October next, at 10 A. M. To attend—Elders Perry, Pennington, and French.

FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING to be holden with the Church at Carpenters' Settlement, Wickham, commencing the third Saturday in February next, at 10 A. M. To attend—all the Elders in the District.

SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING to be holden with the Church in Upper Sussex, commencing the fourth Saturday in June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. To attend—Elders Perry, Wallace, and Noble.

The Licentiates are requested to attend the District Meeting which includes the field of their labour. Elders not named above are expected to attend, as per rules of Conference.

Voted, That the thanks of the Conference be given to the friends in St. John for their kindness and christian hospitality during this Annual Session.

Voted, That this Conference be adjourned.

Woods	0 10 0
Collection	0 10 0
Mrs. S. Parsons	0 10 0
E. R. Parsons	0 10 0
Mrs. Eliza Parker	0 10 0
WOODSTOCK	0 10 0
Collection	0 10 0
R. Webb	0 10 0
Geo. Harris	0 10 0
H. D. Curtis	0 10 0
Joseph Tracy	0 10 0
Carried up	0 10 0

WILKESMAN	0 10 0
Collection	0 10 0
Robert McLeod	0 10 0
Wm. McLeod	0 10 0
Samuel Forswick	0 10 0
MIDDLE BRIGHTON	0 10 0
Collection	0 10 0
Geo. Stickleby	0 10 0
Mrs. John Day	0 10 0
Charles Hubert	0 10 0
Joseph Hall	0 10 0
Charles B. Ridgway	0 10 0
Carried up	0 10 0

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME MISSIONARY FUND.

UPPER BRIGHTON.

	£	s.	d.
Collection,	0	4	34
Mary A. Rideout,	0	5	0
Charles Boyer,	0	5	0
Seth Milberry,	0	10	0

FREDERICTON.

Collection,	1	5	74
Thomas W. Smith,	0	5	0
Geo. F. Atherton,	0	5	0
Geo. Atherton,	0	5	0

GREENWICH.

Collection,	0	6	1
Wm. Weldon,	0	5	0
A. Carpenter,	0	5	0
R. J. Gorham,	0	5	0
Daniel Gorham,	0	5	0

MOUTH HILL STREAM.

Collection,	0	19	0
Seth McLeod,	0	10	0
Isaac Humphreys,	0	9	0

HILLSTREAM.

Collection,	2	15	0
Robert McLeod,	0	5	0
Wm. McLeod,	1	0	0
Samuel Fenwick,	0	5	0

MIDDLE BRIGHTON.

Collection,	0	18	7
Geo. Stickney,	1	0	0
Mrs. John Day,	0	5	0
Charles Bubar,	0	10	0
Joseph Hallett,	0	5	0
Charles B. Rideout,	0	10	0

Carried up, £13 12 7

Brought up,

Mrs. Joseph Hallett,	0	5	0
Mrs. M. Boone,	0	2	6

BUCKLEWICK.

Collection,	0	7	2
Samuel Hayden,	0	6	3
Samuel Orser,	0	5	0
W. S. Nevers,	1	0	0
E. B. Melisac,	0	10	0
J. F. Shaw,	0	5	0
Robert Paget,	0	10	0
Albert Orser,	1	0	0
Jael A. Hayden,	0	5	0
Church,	1	5	0
Samuel Hayden, Jr.,	1	0	0

LOWER BRIGHTON.

Collection,	1	10	8
Mrs. N. Gray,	0	5	0
Ass. Robinson,	0	2	6
A. McGrath,	0	2	6
James McGraves,	0	2	6

WOODSTOCK.

Collection,	1	3	9
Mrs. S. Parsons,	0	10	0
E. R. Parsons,	1	0	0
Mrs. Elisha Baker,	0	5	0

ORONOTO, NORTH BRANCH.

Collection,	0	14	6
R. Webb,	0	10	0
Geo. Harris,	0	5	0
H. D. Currie,	0	5	0
Joseph Tracy,	0	0	0

Carried up, 28 9 6

Brought up,			Brought up,		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
28	9	6	41	13	7
OROMOCTO, SOUTH BRANCH.			MOULTON.		
Collection,	0	12 1	Collection,	1	7 0
Mrs. Estabrooks,	0	7 6	E. Ebbitt,	1	0 0
G. F. Smith,	0	5 0			
Daniel Smith,	0	10 0			
Elder Pennington, col.	0	8 9			
OROMOCTO, PATTERSON SETTLEMENT.			MELVILLE, WEST.		
Collection,	0	14 5	Collection,	0	12 64
Lorenzo Parsons,	0	5 0	James Lake, Esq.	1	0 0
			Wm. M. Scribner,	0	15 0
			Thos. Davis,	0	5 0
			Geo. Ricker,	0	2 6
			J. Douglas,	0	5 0
			David Leonard,	0	5 0
			Saml. Scribner,	0	5 0
			John Bond,	0	5 0
			John Lake,	0	5 0
			Angelina Henderson,	0	1 0
			George Bond,	0	5 0
SAINT STEPHENS.			WICHEAM.		
Collection,	0	15 34	Daniel Carpenter,	0	5 0
			Timothy Carpenter,	0	15 0
			Andrew Watson,	0	5 0
			Abraham Vanwart,	0	5 0
			Thomas Vanwart,	0	5 0
			Coles Carpenter,	0	2 6
			Thos. W. Carpenter,	0	10 0
UPPER SUSSEX.			JOHNSON.		
Collection,	1	17 8	Collection,	0	7 44
Mrs. Charles Freeze,	0	5 0	Isaac Worden,	0	5 0
Diana Matix,	0	1 3	Joel Jenkins,	1	0 0
Robert McLeod,	1	0 0			
RUMHAGORNISH.			GAGGETOWN.		
Collection,	1	1 6	Collection,	0	18 84
J. Sinclair,	0	2 6	Geo. Ebbitt,	0	5 0
Sol. Smith, collected,	1	4 104	Cornelius Flower,	1	0 0
Do. do.	0	6 04	James Copperthwaite,	0	5 0
			Mrs. L. Copperthwaite,	0	5 0
LINCOLN.			UPPER HAMPSHIRE.		
Collection,	0	2 10	Collection,	1	4 0
			W. L. Peters,	1	2 6
			D. R. Slip,	0	3 04
			Everitt Peters,	0	7 6
			James Fox,	0	5 0
LONG BEACH, EAST SIDE.			CARRIED UP.		
Saml. J. Holder,	0	5 0	41	13	7
Howard Holder,	0	1 3			
Moses Kimble,	0	2 6			
Peters Laskey,	0	5 0			
Mrs. Peters Laskey,	0	5 0			
Maria Whitekir,	0	1 0			
Mrs. Wm. Kimball,	0	5 0			
Wm. Kimball,	0	5 0			
Jacob Laskey,	0	5 0			
S. J. Holder, collected,	0	8 114			
Rev. B. French, self and others,	1	3 0			

57 12 24

	£	s.	d.
Brought up,	78	15	11½
Mrs. Joseph Henry,	0	5	0
Mrs. Penery & daughter,	0	12	6
Geo. Slip, Senr.,	1	0	0
John Slip,	0	10	0
Elisha Slip,	0	7	6
Elizabeth Slip,	0	5	0
W. H. Nicholson,	0	5	0
Charles McAlpine,	0	10	0
Joseph McAlpine,	0	5	0
Mrs. Rosa,	0	5	0
R. Ebbitt,	0	10	0
Wm. Case,	0	10	0
J. Fox,	0	5	0
D. Ebbitt,	0	5	0
Mrs. Penery,	0	10	0
L. Peters,	0	7	6
David Ebbitt,	1	0	0
J. McAlpine,	0	1	3
Robert Slip,	0	10	0
Leonard Slip,	0	10	0
Geo. Slip, Jr.,	0	15	0
J. Davis,	0	5	0
John McAlpine,	0	10	0
Charles H. Peters,	1	0	0
B. Boall,	0	10	0
Caleb Fox,	1	0	0
LOWER HAMPSTEAD,			
LITTLE RIVER.			
Collection,	1	10	0
G. R. Merritt,	0	5	0
W. B. Smith,	0	5	0
Jared Smith,	0	5	0
Jacob Vanwart,	0	10	0
Wm. Slip, senr.,	1	0	0
Asa Smith,	0	10	0
Geo. Clark,	0	10	0
Stephen Smith,	0	5	0
Charles Vanwart,	0	2	6
James Vanwart,	0	2	6
Leonard Slip, senr.,	8	0	0
James Slip, son,	0	2	6
A. T. Thompson,	0	2	6
Carried up,	92	19	9

	£	s.	d.
Brought up,	57	12	2½
CAMPOBELLO.			
Church at Campobello,	2	13	2½
GRAND MANAN.			
Church at Grand Manan,	2	9	5½
GAREY.			
Collection,	0	7	7½
Asa Carr,	0	5	0
Amasa Carr,	0	5	0
Thos. Harper,	0	5	0
Abigail J. Smith,	0	5	0
Ann Carr,	0	5	0
Mary Ann Howe,	0	2	6
Mary J. Boone,	0	2	6
Abigail Carr,	0	1	3
William Smith,	0	5	0
NASHWAAK.			
Collection,	1	7	9
Miss Gilmour,	0	1	3
W. McDowill,	0	5	0
Hazen Pond,	0	5	0
Wm. Merrill,	0	5	0
Russ Peterson,	0	5	0
James Logan,	0	5	0
Elizabeth Merrill,	0	2	6
Charles A. Porter,	0	10	0
Benj. Goodspeed,	0	10	0
Wm. Wade,	0	5	0
Charles Wade,	0	5	0
LOWER QUENSHURY.			
Collection,	0	15	8
Mrs. Geo. Vanwart,	0	5	0
James Brown,	0	5	0
Wm. Slip,	0	10	0
Mrs. Andrew Gunter,	0	2	6
BEAR ISLAND.			
Collection,	0	8	0
Wm. Hallett,	0	5	0
Carried up,	78	15	11½

£ s. d.
Brought up, 92 10 9

CAVERHILL.

Collection, 0 13 9
Thos. Morgan, 0 5 0
Sent by G. W. Knox, 2 10 0

UPPER QUEENSBURY.

Collection, 0 17 6

SOUTHAMPTON.

Collection, 0 15 0

CAMPBELL SETTLEMENT.

Daniel Scribner, 0 5 0
Justus Dunham, 0 5 0
David Freeman, 0 1 3
Hickey, 0 1 8
Samuel Tibbitts, 0 2 6
Benj. Tibbitts, 0 0 5
Henry McFarlane, 0 8 0

MONQUART.

Collection, 0 10 0
Widow Giberson, 0 2 6
David Giberson, 0 5 0
Morphy Giberson, 0 0 0
Charles Giberson, 0 5 0
Hamilton Giberson, 0 5 0
Mary Giberson, 0 5 0
Mrs. Estabrooks, 0 5 0

BIG PRESQUOY.

Collection, 0 5 0
Mark Tracy, 0 5 0
Widow's Mite, 0 0 7
Edward Barrett, 0 5 0

JACKSONTOWN.

Collection, 1 0 7
Susan Palmer, 0 5 0
Henry Kimball, 0 5 0
Widow Kimball, 0 5 0
Rev. S. Hart, 1 0 0

Carried up, 106 12 74

£ s. d.
Brought up, 106 12 74

WAKEFIELD.

Collection, 1 0 0
G. R. Boyer, 1 0 0
G. W. Boyer, 0 5 0
James Boyer, 0 5 0
Elijah Gallop, 0 5 0
Richard Holmes, 0 10 0
Mrs. G. W. Boyer, 0 5 0
Mrs. B. Holmes, 0 5 0

DOUGLAS.

Collection, 0 12 5
Samuel Yerxa, 0 10 0
Moses Yerxa, 0 10 0
Stephen Carhale, 1 0 0
Church, 2 10 0

NEW JERUSALEM.

Collection, 0 10 0
Elisha Clark, 0 0 0
Wm. Short, 0 0 0
Samuel Machum, 0 0 0
John Becker, 0 0 0
Mark Short, 0 0 0
Peleg Smith, 0 0 0
John Short, 0 0 0
Asa Tripp, 0 0 0
Alex. Machum, senr, 0 0 0
Alex. Machum, junr, 0 0 0
James Machum, 0 10 0

NEW JERSEY.

James Clark, 0 0 0
Isaac Davis, 0 0 0
Charles Porter, 0 0 0

GREENWICH.

Joseph Palmer, 0 5 0
James Toole, 0 5 0
Z. Connors, self and others, 3 11 8

MISCELLANEOUS.

D. W. Adams, 20 10 0

Carried up, 126 11 24

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought up,	126	11	2½	Brought up,	145	0	2
C. E. Freeze,	0	5	0	Mouth Beckagumick,	1	10	0
Moses Mills,	1	0	0	Kingsclear,	1	0	0
Mrs. Goodman,	0	5	7	Hugh McGrath,	0	10	0
V. _____,	0	10	0				
Mr and Mrs Seth Erb,	1	5	0				
George Jonah,	0	5	0				
Miss Ann King,	0	2	6				
Alex. McLean,	0	2	6				
Elijah Briggs,	1	0	0				
Charles Kidder,	0	2	6				
Charles Johnson,	0	5	0				
A. Fownes,	0	5	0				
Mrs. Cameron,	0	1	3				
Mrs Leonard Slip,	0	5	0				
Mrs. Stephen Golding,	0	5	0				
Rev. John McKenzie,	1	0	0				
Asa Sprag,	0	5	0				
A Friend,	0	2	3				
Nathan and Wesley							
Milberry,	1	0	0				
Charles McKenzie,	0	1	2½				
John Howe,	0	5	0				
A Friend, per W. Mc.	1	0	0				
Jacob Laskey,	0	2	6				
Levi N. Sharp,	1	0	0				
Ezekiel Cleaveland,	0	2	6				
Mrs. John Estey,	0	10	0				
Ann Kimball,	0	2	6				
Hon. C. Connell,	1	0	0				
Samuel Shaw,	0	5	0				
Two Miss Bulyeas,	0	5	0				
From Levi N. Sharp,							
for Church North							
River, (Salisbury,) £1	7	2					
6th Church (Studholm)	0	10	0				
3rd Church, Studholm	0	15	0				
2nd do (Dorchester)	0	18	6				
Wm. Wallace,	0	2	6				
John Williams,	0	1	0				
Chalmers Kiersted,	0	1	2½				
Frederick Erb,	0	5	0				
George McCready,	0	2	6				
John Kimball & Wife,	0	7	6				
R. Dobson,	0	10	0				
Carried up,	145	0	2½				

	£	s.	d.
Brought up,	145	0	2
Mouth Beckagumick,	1	10	0
Kingsclear,	1	0	0
Hugh McGrath,	0	10	0

SPRINGFIELD.

	£	s.	d.
Collection,	£1	2	7
Church Fund,	1	0	0
Geo. Sherwood,	0	5	0
Wm. Burnett,	0	5	0
Susannah Guion,	0	5	0
Jacob Gillies,	0	5	0
Mr. G. Sherwood,	0	5	0

WAKEFIELD.

	£	s.	d.
Ass McNinch,	0	5	0
Randolph Dickenson,	0	10	0
Amos Boyer,	0	5	0
Mrs. G. R. Boyer,	0	5	0
Eliphalet Jones,	0	5	0
Seth Siprill,	0	5	0
Wm. J. Boyer,	0	5	0
Israel Cowes,	0	5	0
Elisha Hatfield,	0	5	0
Fraser Shaw,	0	5	0
Daniel Gray,	0	5	0
Wilford Siprill,	0	5	0
Joseph Magee,	0	5	0
Wm. Taylor,	0	3	1½
John Shaw,	0	1	3
Oliver Rideout,	0	3	1½
Richard Shaw,	0	2	6
Scott McDonald,	0	5	0
T. H. Noble,	0	5	0

Collected by Elder J.
McKenzie, 2 2 4

	£	s.	d.
John Hart,	0	5	0
Do. Elder Hart,	38	6	4
Amount from last year,	64	5	2

Carried up, £200 16 7

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought up,	260	16	7½	Brought up,	269	4	4
Collected by Elder G. A. Hartley.				Collection,	2	12	2
				From the church fund,	1	0	0
				Robert McLeod,	0	5	0
LONG REACH.				PORTAGE.			
Collection,	0	5	0	John McLeod,	0	5	0
William Weldon,	0	10	0	Mrs. Wm. Teakles,	0	7	6
William Kinble,	0	5	0				
Mrs. Wm. Kimble,	0	2	0	NORTH RIVER.			
Mrs. Mills,	0	2	6	Ichabod Lewis,	0	1	3
Mrs. E. Crabb,	0	2	6	James Lounsberry,	0	3	0½
Robert Weldon,	0	7	6	David Lounsberry,	0	3	1
Moses Jones,	0	5	0	Silas Lewis,	0	2	6
Collection at Lower				Jeremiah Taylor,	0	5	0
Greenwich Creek,	0	12	6	Mrs. Lounsberry,	0	3	1½
Collection on east side							
river, (Bro. French's				COVERDALE AND MONCTON.			
Church,	0	14	1½	Theodore H. Wortman,	0	6	2
JONES' CREEK.				Abel Steeves,	0	10	0
Collection,	0	10	0	Joseph Ayles,	0	5	0
Robert Goram,	0	5	0	Jacob O'Brien,	0	5	0
Samuel Short,	0	5	0	William Steeves,	0	5	0
A Friend,	0	1	3	Ralph Ayles,	0	5	0
James McKeel,	0	5	0	Noah Steeves,	0	5	0
Samuel Jones,	0	5	0	Edward Price,	0	7	6
				Arthur Rose,	0	5	0
JERUSALEM.				Isaiah Wortman,	0	5	0
Collection,	0	15	0	Mrs. James Wilmot,	0	10	0
				Alonso Wilmot,	0	2	6
UPPER SUSSEX.				Wm. S. Anderson,	0	2	6
William Wallace,	1	0	0½	Oliver Steeves,	0	2	0
Mrs. Robert Morton,	0	8	9	Charles Ayles,	0	2	6
Mrs. Charles Freeze,	0	10	0	James Ayles,	0	5	0
William Horner,	0	3	0½	Ann Blakeny,	0	2	6
Dianna Mattox,	0	3	0½	Mrs. Robt. Chapman,	0	5	0
Miss Harner,	0	3	0	Catharine Blakeny,	0	2	6
A Friend,	0	1	3	James Chapman,	0	2	6
Mrs. Harner,	0	1	3	Mrs. A. Milton,	0	5	0
Sarah Phelps,	0	5	0	Ann Wortman,	0	1	3
				Mrs. Gibson,	0	1	3
				Ruth Smith,	0	10	0
				2 Friends, 2s. 6d each,	0	5	0
Carried up,	269	4	4	Carried up,	280	10	3

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought up, 280 10 3			Brought up, 294 11 6		
STEEVES' MOUNTAIN.					
Enoch Steves,	0	12 6	Catharine Gullen,	0	5 0
Mrs. Enoch Steves,	0	5 0	Ralph McFarlane,	0	7 6
Aroline Steeves,	0	2 6	Caroline Delesdenier,	0	5 0
Job Steeves,	0	5 0	Emeline Delesdenier,	0	5 0
Margaret Lutes,	0	2 6	Huldah Delesdenier,	0	5 0
Gabriel McLean,	0	10 0	Mrs. Miles Steeves,	0	10 0
Charles Lutes,	0	2 6	Miles Steeves,	0	10 0
Dickey Steves,	0	2 6	Bedford McFarlane,	0	7 6
Archibald Steeves,	0	2 6	Ferdinand Delesdenier,	0	5 0
Charles Steves,	0	2 6	Eliza Delesdenier,	0	5 0
Elizabeth Johnston	0	2 6	Mrs. Moses Delesdenier,	0	5 0
E. J. (for minute)	0	1 3	Mrs. Thos. McFarlane,	0	5 0
Malinda Hope,	0	5 0	Nancy Steeves,	0	5 0
Ann Hope,	0	2 6	William Steves,	0	5 0
Mary Ann Murry,	0	2 6	Mrs. Thos. Beatty,	0	3 14
Anabella Murry,	0	2 6	TAYLOR VILLAGE.		
Martha Brown,	0	2 6	George Taylor,	1	5 0
Eleanor Brown,	0	2 6	Mrs. G. Taylor,	0	5 0
James Brown,	0	5 0	William C. Taylor,	0	10 0
Solomon Jones, jr,	0	2 6	Mrs. W. C. Taylor,	0	5 0
Ruth Steves,	0	2 6	George Cochrane,	1	5 0
Reuben Steves,	0	2 6	Mrs. G. Cochrane,	0	5 0
DOVER, (WESTMORLAND.)			Arthur Dobson,	1	0 0
Robert Dobson,	£0	10 0	Jonas Taylor,	1	5 0
Joseph Dobson,	0	10 0	Harriet Cochrane,	0	5 0
Mrs. Robert Dobson,	0	5 0	Elizabeth Taylor,	0	5 0
Mrs. Wm. Dobson,	0	10 0	Charles Taylor,	1	5 0
Francis Dobson,	0	5 0	Jane Taylor,	0	5 0
Amanda Dobson,	0	5 0	Caroline Taylor,	0	5 0
Jonathan Dobson,	0	10 0	Lavinia Taylor,	0	5 0
John W. Colpitts,	1	10 0	Catharine Taylor,	0	5 0
Christian Colpitts,	1	0 0	Mary Moore,	0	5 0
Jane Colpitts,	0	5 0	David Taylor,	1	5 0
Charles McFarlane,	0	10 0	Alfred Taylor,	0	10 0
Charles Delesdenier,	0	5 0	Phoeby McLaughlan,	0	5 0
Richard Lawrence,	0	10 0	Thos. Cochrane, Esq.,	1	5 0
Jas. McFarlane,	0	15 0	Collection at District		
Mrs. James McFarlane,	0	5 0	Meeting, Middle-		
Wm. McFarlane,	0	10 0	land,		
Mrs. Wm. McFarlane,	0	5 0	Collection at Narrows		
Ichabod Powell,	0	10 0	(Johnston.)		
James Powell,	1	0 0			
Carried up,	294	11 6	311 18 94		

The Free C. Baptist General Conference in Account with WILLIAM
PETERS, Treasurer.

Paid Elder J. Noble,	£70	0	0
" " J. McKenzie,	15	0	0
" " E. Wayman,	7	7	0
" " J. Hamilton,	4	0	0
" " S. Hartt, delegate to N. S.,	4	0	0
" " W. Kinghorne,	12	0	0
" " W. M. Knollin,	0	15	0
" " E. Sisson,	6	5	0
Church at Grand Manan,	5	0	0
For Printing Minutes for 1856,	15	0	0
Elder Hartt, General Missionary,	93	8	6
The Special Mission Fund,	5	0	0
Israel Merritt,	3	10	0
	£241	5	6

CHAPTER II.—PRIMITIVE STATE OF MAN.
AND OUR FALL.

Our first parents, in their original state of innocence, were perfect in righteousness, and in consequence of the first transgression, fell into a state of sin and corruption. This fall was the result of a temptation from the serpent, who was the devil, and who had been created by God to be a helper to man. The serpent was a cunning and crafty creature, and he was able to deceive man by his words. He told man that if he ate of the forbidden fruit, he would become like God, and would know good and evil. Man was tempted by these words, and he ate of the fruit. This was the beginning of sin, and it was the cause of our fall. From that time, we have been in a state of sin and corruption, and we are all born into the world in that state. We are all born with a sinful nature, and we are all born with a heart that is inclined to evil. We are all born with a mind that is darkened, and we are all born with a conscience that is seared. We are all born with a body that is weak and frail, and we are all born with a soul that is in bondage to sin. We are all born with a life that is short and transient, and we are all born with a death that is certain. We are all born with a hope that is uncertain, and we are all born with a future that is unknown. We are all born with a God that is invisible, and we are all born with a heaven that is distant. We are all born with a hell that is terrible, and we are all born with a judgment that is severe. We are all born with a salvation that is precious, and we are all born with a redemption that is complete. We are all born with a grace that is free, and we are all born with a mercy that is abundant. We are all born with a love that is everlasting, and we are all born with a peace that is perfect. We are all born with a joy that is unspeakable, and we are all born with a glory that is unsullied. We are all born with a life that is eternal, and we are all born with a kingdom that is immortal. We are all born with a God that is true, and we are all born with a Father that is kind. We are all born with a Son that is obedient, and we are all born with a Spirit that is powerful. We are all born with a Church that is holy, and we are all born with a world that is new. We are all born with a heaven that is bright, and we are all born with a hell that is dark. We are all born with a life that is full, and we are all born with a death that is sweet. We are all born with a hope that is sure, and we are all born with a future that is bright. We are all born with a God that is true, and we are all born with a Father that is kind. We are all born with a Son that is obedient, and we are all born with a Spirit that is powerful. We are all born with a Church that is holy, and we are all born with a world that is new. We are all born with a heaven that is bright, and we are all born with a hell that is dark. We are all born with a life that is full, and we are all born with a death that is sweet. We are all born with a hope that is sure, and we are all born with a future that is bright.

CHAPTER III.—OF CHRIST.

SECTION I.—The Son of God possesses all divine perfections.

A TREATISE

On the Faith of the Free Christian Baptists in New Brunswick.

CHAPTER I.—Being and Attributes of God.

THE Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is a Spirit, self-existent, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful; the Creator, Preserver, Governor of the universe; the Redeemer, Saviour, Sanctifier, and Judge of men; and the only proper object of divine worship. The mode of his existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man. Finite beings cannot comprehend him.

CHAPTER II.—Creation, Primitive State of Man, and his Fall.

SECTION I.—CREATION. 1. *Of the World.* God created the world and all things that it contains, for his own pleasure and glory, and the enjoyment of his creatures.

2. *Of the Angels.* The Angels were created by God, to glorify him, and obey his commandments. Those who have kept their first estate he employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation, and in executing his judgments upon the world.

* 3. *Of Man.* God created man, consisting of a corporeal body, and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the similitude of God to glorify his Maker.

SECTION II.—PRIMITIVE STATE OF MAN AND HIS FALL.

Our first parents, in their original state of probation, were perfectly righteous; but in consequence of the first transgression, the nature of their descendants is so unholy, that none by virtue of any natural goodness can become the holy children of God: but they are all dependant for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto holiness through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam.

CHAPTER III.—Of Christ.

SECTION I.—The Son of God possesses all Divine perfections.

His Divine perfections are proved from his titles, his attributes and his works.

1. *His Titles.* The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Saviour, Lord of Hosts, the First and the Last God, true God, great God, God over all, mighty God, and everlasting Father.

2. *His Attributes.* He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is entitled to divine worship.

3. *His Works.* By Christ the world was created, he preserves and governs it, he has redeemed man, and he will be their final Judge.

SECTION II.—THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST.

The Word which in the beginning was with God, and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in becoming united with a body like ours, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, he took our infirmities, was tempted as we are but lived our example, and rendered perfect obedience to the divine requirements.

CHAPTER IV.—Holy Spirit.

1. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Ghost the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He is said to guide, to know, to move, to give information, to command, to forbid, to send forth, to reprove, and to be sinned against.

2. The attributes of God are applied to the Holy Ghost: such as eternity, omnipresence, omniscience, goodness and truth.

3. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Ghost: creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification.

4. The same acts, which in one part of the Bible are attributed to the Holy Ghost, are in other parts said to be performed by God.

5. The Apostles assert that the Holy Ghost is Lord and God. From the foregoing, the conclusion is, that the Holy Ghost is in reality God, and one with the Father in all Divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God, one in essence with the Father. Then in essence these three, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are one.

CHAPTER V.—Atonement and Mediation of Christ.

1. *Atonement.* As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never actually wash away sin, Christ gave his life a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men.

2. *Mediation of Christ.* Our Lord not only died for our sins, but he arose for our justification, and ascended to heaven, where as mediator between God and man, he will make intercession for us till the final judgment.

CHAPTER VI.—The Gospel Call.

By virtue of the atonement, which is designed to counteract the

effects of the fall, man is placed in a salvable state; the grace of God, the influences of the Holy Spirit, and the invitations of the Gospel are given to all men, and by these they receive power to repent and obey all the requirements of the Gospel. We mean only to say, that salvation for all men is possible, for though in its provision it is free and absolute, yet in its application it is expressly conditional. Salvation, then, being freely provided, and man being capable, through grace, of obtaining it, if he perish whom can he blame but himself?

CHAPTER VII.—Repentance.

The repentance which the gospel requires is a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of all sin. This repentance, God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life, the sinner must perish eternally.

CHAPTER VIII.—Faith.

True Faith is an assent of the mind to the great and fundamental truths of revelation; an act of the understanding in giving credit to the gospel through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in the living God. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God; but believing is an act of the creature. Repentance and faith are required as a condition of pardon.

CHAPTER IX.—Regeneration.

As God is a holy Being, and heaven a holy place, man must be regenerated before he can enter a state of happiness. This change is a renovation of the soul by the grace and spirit of God, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is enabled to perform spiritual service. It is called a being born again, born of the Spirit, &c.

CHAPTER X.—Perseverance.

As the regenerate are placed in a state of trial during this life, their future obedience is not determined. Consequently their eternal salvation is depending on their abiding in Christ; it is therefore their duty and privilege to be steadfast in the truth, to grow in grace, persevere in holiness, and make their election sure.

CHAPTER XI.—The Church.

A Christian Church is an assembly of persons who believe in Christ and worship the true God, agreeably to his word. In a more general sense, it signifies the whole body of real Christians throughout the world. The church being the body of Christ, none but the regenerate, who obey the gospel, are its real members. Believers

are received into a particular church, on their giving evidence of repentance and faith and being baptized.

SECTION 1.—OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.—The Officers in the primitive church were apostles, bishops, and deacons. The apostles were the especial *Witnesses* of the works and sayings of Christ; and of course this office ceased when their work was accomplished. The *Gifts* perpetuated in the church are evangelists, pastors, teachers, helps, and governments. These, however, do not appear to be distinct officers, but they imply different kinds of duties, which are performed by bishops or elders, deacons and others.

1. *Bishops* are overseers, who have the charge of souls—to instruct and rule them by the word. They are called elders; and they perform the duties of pastors, teachers, and evangelists. The qualifications required in a candidate for this office, are as follows:—He must be guileless and the husband of but one wife. He must be watchful, prudent, and have the regular exercise of cool, dispassionate reason. His conduct and manners must be decent, orderly and grave. He must be a lover of hospitality and good men; ready to communicate and able to teach. He must be temperate; not quarrelsome; not desirous of base gain. He must govern his family well; he must not be a novice, but experienced in the things of God, and have a character not justly liable to reproach. He must be especially called of God to the work, adhere closely to the doctrine of Christ, and be ordained by the laying on of hands.

The duty of an *Elder or Bishop* is, 1. To be an example to the flock in all things. 2. To preach the word, baptize and administer the Lord's supper. He should assist in ordaining elders and deacons, and according to his ability, do the work of an evangelist and make full proof of his ministry.

2. A *Deacon* is a regular or stated servant of the church. For the qualifications required in a candidate for this office, see 1 Tim. iii. 8, 12. Acts vi. 1–3.

Duties of a Deacon. 1. He should attend to the temporal wants of the poor members of the church.

2. As the design of his appointment was that the ministry might be freed from temporal care, the inference naturally follows that it is his duty to see that their wants also are supplied. 3. There being no other officers in the church to superintend its temporal affairs it is inferred from the nature of his office that the deacon should attend to all the concerns essential to its prosperity, which do not devolve on an Elder. 4. From the important nature of his qualifications, it has been considered his duty to take the lead of religious meetings in the absence of the minister.

SECTION 2.—ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH.—The following ordinances or institutions were appointed by Christ, and are obligatory on the church:—

1. *Christian Baptism.* This is the immersion of believers in

water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, in which are represented their death to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollutions of sin, their resurrection to newness of life, the burial and resurrection of Christ, their resurrection at the last day, and their engagement to serve God.

2. *The Lord's Supper* is designed to commemorate the sufferings of Christ, and to represent in the use of bread and wine the communion which saints have with him and with each other. Every true believer in Christ, being a member of his body, and a part of his visible church, has not only a right to partake of his body and his blood in the communion, but is under obligation thus to commemorate his death.*

SECTION III.—DUTIES OF THE CHURCH. The duty of the Church is that obligation which the revelation of God enjoins upon it collectively, or as individuals, for the manifestation of his manifold wisdom, the perfecting of the saints, and the conversion of the world. In this obligation are included the observance of the ten commandments, entire obedience to the influences of the Spirit, to the institutions of the gospel, and to all the instructions and precepts of the Scriptures†. Among the latter are the following particular requirements: Christian fellowship, secret and family prayer, domestic and social duties, watchfulness, administering to the necessities of the poor and afflicted, the support of those that preach the gospel, and the exercise of church discipline.

CHAPTER XII.—Death.

The bodies of men, being subject to the calamities of the fall, all have died, or will die, except Enoch, Elijah, and the Saints that will be on the earth at the last day. But the soul survives the dissolution of the body, and immediately after death enters a state of happiness or misery.

CHAPTER XIII.—The Resurrection.

As the transgression of Adam secured temporal death to all his posterity, so the obedience and resurrection of Jesus Christ render it certain that the bodies of all men will be raised from the dead. The saints will be raised in the likeness of Christ; but the wicked will awake unto shame, and everlasting contempt.

CHAPTER XIV.—The General Judgment.

As men do not receive the due reward of all their deeds in this life, there will be a general judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever.—Then all men will be judged according to their works; the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment.

* At the time of communion, we make it our usual practice to invite all Christians of good standing in any evangelical church, to partake with us; as in general, such persons are only known as true believers.

† Of course the ceremonial law, although instructive, is not now obligatory on the church.