

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT

CLEMENTS, ANNAPOLIS CO.,

ATURDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY, 10th, 12th & 13th JUNE, 1854.

TOGETHER WITH THE

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CLEMENTS, SATURDAY JUNE 10, 1854.

THE Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, met with the first Clements Church this day at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association having been called to order, Elder C. Randall, the Moderator of last year, addressed the Throne of Grace; after which Elder N. Viditoe of Wilmot, was chosen Moderator; Elder J. E. Balcom, Secretary; Elder G. Armstrong Assistant Secretary; and brother J. E. Potter, Treasurer.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

The following Committees were appointed:

To Examine the Letters from the Churches:—Elders J. Parker, H. Angel, and W. G. Parker.

To Read the Letters:—Elders J. Davis, S. N. Bentley, and C. Tupper.

The Letters from the Churches were read—from which a list of Delegates was obtained; and also the subjoined Statistics of the Churches.

DELEGATES.

Annapolis and Upper Granville:—Elder G. ARMSTRONG; Deacons J. Messenger, T. Rice, B. Fellows; brother J. Crabb.

Argyle:—Elder P. F. MURRAY.

Brookfield:—Elders J. PARKER, T. DELONG; Deacon P. Murray; brethren J. S. Minard, J. Rowding, J. Freeman.

Barrington:—Elder P. F. MURRAY.

Bear River:—

Clements:—Elders J. POTTER, A. COGSWELL; brother A. Chute, Licentiate; Deacons A. Potter and W. Wright.

- Chute's Cove* :—Elder R. S. MORTON ; Deacon J. Brintain.
- Digby* :—
- Digby Joggins* :—Elder R. W. CUNNINGHAM ; brother S. T. Bacon.
- Dalhousie* :—
- First Yarmouth* :—Elder J. DAVIS ; brethren J. Shaw, S. Brown.
- First Digby Neck* :—Elder J. C. MORSE ; Deacons J. Cornwall, E. Denton ; brethren J. Denton, J. Cornwall, W. Sanders.
- First Hillsburgh* :—Elder O. PARKER ; Deacons W. Dunn, T. Miller, J. Troop.
- Greenfield* :—Elder J. V. TABOR.
- Lake George* :—Brethren S. Patten, W. Patten, W. Doty, B. Moses.
- Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot* :—Elders C. TUPPER, E. STRONACH ; Deacon Z. Roach ; brother W. Nichols.
- Lower Granville* :—
- Long Island* :—Elder J. E. BALCOM ; brother J. Plumb, Licentiate.
- Milton* :—Elder H. ANGEL.
- Nictaux* :—Elder W. G. PARKER ; brethren S. L. Chipman, S. Wheelock, N. Parker, W. Randall.
- New Albany* :—Brother C. Mosher, Licentiate.
- Ohio* :—Elder J. REID ; brethren E. Crosby, J. Shaw.
- Port Medway* :—Brother J. Moser, Licentiate.
- Port George* :—Elder J. RING ; Deacon E. Gates ; brother G. Gates.
- Parker's Cove* :—Brethren H. Achilles, Licentiate ; J. Edgett, G. McNeil.
- Springfield* :—Deacon W. Charlton.
- South Yarmouth* :—Elder J. SPENCER ; brother L. Churchill.
- St. Mary's Bay* :—Elder C. RANDALL ; brethren C. McNeil, W. John.
- Second Hillsburgh* :—Elder R. W. CUNNINGHAM ; brother J. Marshall.
- Second Digby Neck* :—Elder J. C. MORSE.
- Sissaboo* :—Elder C. RANDALL ; brethren R. Hankinson, D. W. Sabean.
- Liverpool* :—Elder S. N. BENTLEY ; brother T. R. Patillo.
- Tusket River* :—Elder J. SPENCER.

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Wilmot :—Elder N. VIDITOE; brethren A. Poole, W. H. Balcom,
H. Morse.

Wilmot Mountain :—Elder R. S. MORTON.

Westport :—Elders J. E. BALCOM, W. H. CALDWELL.

West Yarmouth :—Elder W. G. GOUCHER; Deacons Z. Chipman,
N. Corning, J. Rose; brother E. Rose.

Sable River :—

Second Yarmouth :—

New Tusket :—

Two new Churches were received into the Association, viz. : Port
George and Parker's Cove.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Restored.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Removed.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Annapolis and Upper Granville	1	1			3		2	180
Argyle		11	4				1	49
Brookfield	4	61	8		4		1	268
Barrington		3	7	3				20
Beaver River								
Clements		3	6		1			275
Chute's Cove			2					75
Digby				2	1			25
Digby Joggins			2					37
Dalhousie								42
First Yarmouth	2	1	6		15	11	11	372
First Digby Neck		20					1	150
First Hillsburgh	3	32	10			3		106
Greenfield	9	10	1					57
Liverpool		22	11				1	99
Lake George		3	1				1	73
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot	1	78	33		3		3	333
Lower Granville							2	146
Long Island		5	3	7		3	3	204
Milton	1	18	5		8	1	4	159
Nictaux	2	125	10		54		6	446
New Albany				1	7		3	70
Ohio	1	1	16					60
New Tusket						1	1	47
Port Medway				6			4	59
Port George								42
Parker's Cove		14						12
Ragged Islands								100
Sissaboo					1			101
Springfield		1	1				2	28
Second Yarmouth	13	3	67	11	8	1	1	204
South Yarmouth							1	101
Second Hillsburgh			1			3		100
St. Mary's Bay			3	5		2		60
Second Digby Neck		1		3	2			61
Sable River								50
Third Yarmouth		1	2	3		2		77
Tusket River		1	1	2		1		96
Wilmot		39	1		8		3	336
Wilmot Mountain		6			11		7	156
West Yarmouth			1			1		63
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Messengers from Corresponding Associations, and visiting Ministers, and brethren in regular standing in their respective Churches and Associations, were invited to sit with us in council. Elder H. Ross, Messenger of the Eastern Association; Elder O. Chute, French Missionary; Elders J. Francis and S. Bancroft, Messengers of the Eastern New Brunswick Association; brethren A. Banks and H. Parker, Nictaux Church; Deacon Ryder, Lower Granville; brethren A. Fisk, S. Murray, J. Harlow, L. Telfer, B. Kempton, S. Freeman, and N. Freeman, Brookfield Church, Deacon R. Harlow, Greenfield Church, accordingly took their seats with us.

The following Committees were then appointed:

TO REPORT UPON QUESTIONS PROPOSED IN LETTERS:—

Elders H. Ross, T. Delong, J. Parker, brother S. L. Chipman.

ON TEMPERANCE:—

Elders S. N. Bentley, P. F. Murray, W. H. Caldwell; brethren Z. Roach, W. Randall.

RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS:—

Elders J. Davis, C. Tupper, R. W. Cunningham, S. N. Bentley, W. G. Goucher, G. Armstrong; brethren A. Fisk, J. Shaw, H. Parker.

SABBATH SCHOOLS:—

S. Brown, J. Plumb, J. Denton; Elders J. Spencer, R. S. Morton.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:—

Elders S. N. Bentley, J. Parker, H. Angel, O. Parker, S. Bancroft; brother Rogers.

ON BIBLE CAUSE:—

Elders C. Randall, J. Davis, C. Tupper, E. Stronach, J. C. Morse, W. G. Parker, J. Francis, N. Viditoe; brethren J. Shaw, S. Wheelock.

ON EDUCATION:—

Elders C. Tupper, J. Parker; brethren W. Randall, S. Wheelock, N. Corning, J. Minard, E. Sanders.

ON HOME MISSIONS:—

Elders J. C. Morse, H. Ross, T. Delong, J. Reid, J. V. Tabor; brethren J. Brintain, H. Chute, J. Freeman, S. Brown, C. Gates.

ON UNION SOCIETIES:—

Elders T. Delong, J. Rigg, W. H. Caldwell; brethren C. Mosher, E. Denton, — Sabeau, Z. Chipman.

ON TOBACCO:—

Elders J. Davis, T. Delong, J. C. Morse, J. Parker, W. G. brethren H. Sanders, N. Parker, E. Crosby, J. Shaw, A. Banks, J. Shaw, J. Cornwall.

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ON COLPORTAGE:—

Elders S. N. Bentley, H. Angel, O. Chute, P. F. Murray
brethren H. Achilles, T. R. Patillo, Z. Rose, D. Palfrey

ON FRENCH MISSION:—

Elders, O. Chute, J. Davis, J. C. Morse, J. E. Balcon
J. Spencer, W. G. Parker; brethren S. L. Chipman
R. Patten, B. Sanders.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE:—

Elders O. Chute, C. Tupper, J. Spencer, S. N. Bentley,
H. Angel, J. Reid; brethren P. Murray, J. Rose, S.
Brown, A. Chute.

CIRCULAR LETTER:—

Elders R. W. Cunningham, J. Davis, H. Ross.

TO PREPARE A MEMORIAL OF ESTEEM FOR OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN—H. Harding, S. Viditoe, H. Chute:—

Elders C. Tupper, J. Davis, O. Chute; brother Z. Chipman.

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

On Lord's-day morning, Elder C. Tupper preached; afternoon, 4 o'clock, Elder H. Ross; evening, 7 o'clock, Elder H. Angel.

Preaching by several others during the day, at surrounding stations.

MONDAY, JUNE 13: TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After the usual preliminary services Elder J. Davis preached the Introductory Sermon from Heb. xiii. 7: after which a collection was taken for the Domestic Mission.

The Committee on Temperance Reported: Report adopted.—(See Appendix, No. 1.)

The Committee on Questions proposed in the Letters, Reported: Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 2.)

The Committee on Religious Periodicals, Reported: Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 3.)

Prayer by Elder Delong.—Adjourned for two hours.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Ring.

The following Committees Reported, viz.:—

On Sabbath Schools: Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 4.)

On Foreign Missions.—An interesting discussion followed on the presentation of this Report, and some difference of opinion was ex-

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expressed in reference to it. Brother C. Tupper moved an amendment, which, together with the original Report, was re-committed.

On Bible Cause.—This Report was supported by brother Francis: Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 5)

On Education: Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 6)

On Home Missions—Addresses were delivered by several of the brethren. Brother H. Ross spoke in reference to the Gaelic Mission—Christians felt deeply that those who are perishing for lack of knowledge have claims upon them. Subscriptions and cash amounting to thirty-four Pounds, were received.—Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 7.)

Adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. Davis.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13: TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder S. Bancroft.

The Committee on Union Societies, Reported.—Addresses were delivered by Elders W. G. Parker, N. Vidtoe, and J. Francis: Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 8.)

Brother J. Ferguson, who had just arrived, was invited to take seat in the Association.

It was unanimously resolved, that brother J. Davis prepare a memoir of our departed Father in the Gospel, Harris Harding.

The Circular Letter was read and approved. (See Appendix, No. 9.)

The Memorial of Esteem for Departed Brethren, was read.

VOTED that it be printed in the Minutes, and a copy be forwarded to the surviving relatives of the deceased, as a token of sympathy. (See Appendix, No. 10.)

The Report on Foreign Missions, in its revised form, was read and adopted. (See Appendix, No. 11.)

The following Resolution, on the Tobacco question, was submitted by Elder Davis, and passed unanimously,—when the whole congregation stood to signify their approval:

RESOLVED:—That we cherish a deep sympathy with those who are seeking to awaken the public mind to a sense of the evils connected with the use of Tobacco in all its forms; and pray for their success in their important and difficult enterprize.

The Committee on Colportage Reported: Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 12.)

RESOLVED:—That the next session of the Western Baptist Association be held with the Wilmot Church, in the Clarence Meeting House, to commence on the second Saturday in June, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Elder S. N. Bentley was appointed to preach the introductory Sermon; and Elder H. Angel his alternate.

Elder N. Viditoe was appointed to write the Circular Letter.

Brother S. Brown was appointed Auditor of the Accounts; and Elder J. Spencer, Assistant.

RESOLVED:—That brother W. G. Parker be Delegate to the Eastern Association of Nova Scotia, and that he receive Two Pounds for expenses.

The following votes were then passed:

Elder N. Viditoe, Delegate to the Central Association of Nova Scotia: Elder G. Armstrong his alternate: One Pound voted for expenses.

Elder R. W. Cunningham, Delegate to the Eastern New Brunswick Association: Three Pounds for expenses.

Elder J. Ring, Delegate to the Western New Brunswick Association: Three Pounds to defray expenses.

RESOLVED:—That Elders J. Davis, S. N. Bentley, J. C. Morse, O. Chute, and W. G. Goucher, be Delegates from this Association to the Convention; and that Two Pounds be allowed to each for expenses.

RESOLVED:—That 800 copies of the Minutes be printed at the Christian Messenger office, and that Ten Pounds be allowed for this purpose.

Voted, that all the expenses of this Association be paid out of the General Fund.

It is again requested that the Churches will in future name in their letters the number of copies of Minutes required, and send money, particularly, to defray the expense of printing the same.

The following Committee was appointed to nominate members for the Domestic Missionary Board, for the ensuing year:—Elders J. Parker, J. Ring, G. Armstrong, J. C. Morse, N. Viditoe; brother S. Brown.

Adjourned for two hours. Prayer by Elder Tupper.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. Parker.

RESOLVED:—That the present Domestic Missionary Board be re-appointed, with the addition of the following members: Elders N. Viditoe, W. G. Parker, O. Parker, P. F. Murray; brethren A. Longley, W. Chipman, W. H. Morse, J. Messenger; and that the Board be located at Bridgetown.

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RESOLVED :—That the present French Missionary Board be re-appointed, with the addition of the following members: Elders J. Stubbert, J. Spencer, J. E. Balcom, J. Reed, P. F. Murray, W. H. Caldwell; brethren J. Israel, C. Morrill; and that the Board be located at Yarmouth.

Report of the Committee on the Infirm Minister's Fund was adopted. (See Appendix, No. 13.)

Report of the Home Missionary Board was adopted. (See Appendix, No. 14.)

The Secretary of the French Missionary Board presented his Report, which was adopted. (See Appendix, No. 15.)

The Committee on the Home Mission, Reported—The Missionary, brother O. Chute, gave a detail of his labours during the past year. The Report was ably sustained by addresses from several of the brethren: Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 16.)

The following Resolution in reference to Ministers' Salaries, was moved by Deacon Z. Chipman of Yarmouth, and unanimously adopted;

WHEREAS, the support hitherto received by the Ministers of the Gospel in our denomination has generally been very inadequate, and in no case more than a comfortable support; and, whereas, the cost of living has of late greatly increased, and the ability of our churches advanced, therefore

RESOLVED :—That in the opinion of this Association the salaries of Baptist Pastors should at once be raised.

Report of the Committee in favour of increased remuneration to our Domestic Missionaries was adopted. (See Appendix, No. 17.)

RESOLVED :—That it be recommended to take a collection, in each church, the first Sabbath in September, in aid of the French Mission.

The Committee on Observance of the Sabbath Reported: Report adopted. (See Appendix, No. 18.)

Report of the Auditing Committee was adopted. (See Appendix, No. 19.)

RESOLVED :—That the warmest thanks of this Association be tendered to the Baptist Church and Congregation at Clements, for the kindness and hospitality with which the Association has been entertained during the present session.

After prayer and singing, the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Wilmot Church, at the Meeting House in Clarence, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the second Saturday in June, 1855.

APPENDIX.

[No. 1.]

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

THE Committee on Temperance Report as follows :

The propriety and necessity of vigorous effort in behalf of the cause of Temperance, is obvious. Consistency with the past position of our Pastors and Congregations on this subject demands of us an energetic and unflinching course. The apologists and patrons of drunkenness are on the alert. Some who have no true love for the cause are forced by public sentiment into a seeming friendliness; while many are so far behind the age as to profess great admiration of the *principles* of Total Abstinence as a *theory*, and yet assume the suspicious position of fault-finders in regard to every organization which carries these principles into effect. It is evident that those who wish to screen themselves under the shadow of neutrality, and expend their energies as depreciating commentators, are not the true reliable friends of the cause; and may be expected to do just nothing in its support.

The miseries of intemperance are undisputed, and of fearful extent. The remedies which Nova Scotia has hitherto tried have afforded but partial relief: past legislation, especially, has proved a failure. The prospective advance of mankind in respect to physical, moral, and religious improvement we deem impossible, in connexion with the sweeping curses of intemperance. What place can be assigned to this monster vice, even in the remote back-ground of the faintest picture of millennial glory?

In regard to means for suppressing this vice, your Committee believe that the existing organizations of Total Abstinence Societies and Divisions of the Sons of Temperance are well adapted to the object. But in order to complete the work, a practical portion of the world has caught at an ultimate idea—that of *legal prohibition of the liquor traffic*. A large majority of the people of Nova Scotia perceive the remedy, and fully intend to have “*The Maine Law*” —or something better. Judges of the Supreme Court may pronounce the Law unconstitutional, and State Governors may for a time blast the hopes of the suffering by their retarding vetos; but the people have their eye on the cure, and are resolved to try it.

The present crisis calls loudly upon the intelligent, the moral, and religious part of the community, for decisive action. Let serious christian men ponder well their duty in this matter. Shall the friends of the Redeemer and of humanity prove slothful, and roll back the wave of reform? Christian zeal will be the most emphatic

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refutation of the charges of immorality and irreligion which are still afloat against our efforts. Much depends upon Baptists at this time; we hope they will be true to their colors! If victory be not achieved, a most discouraging retrogression is at hand. The friends of the cause should stand strong in conscious right; enemies are wrong and weak, and this they know. The objections to Total Abstinence movements have been triumphantly met. The groans of suffering thousands in our province summon us to the rescue.

We would especially recommend to all pastors of churches, the frequent delivery of Temperance discourses and lectures during the present year. We would also recommend to the community; continued and zealous industry in the circulation of petitions to be presented at the next session of our Legislature, and in all other methods of aiding the work. And finally, we bespeak the prayers of all the pious; to the Lord God Almighty, that he will be pleased to crown with success the great cause of Temperance.

S. N. BENTLEY, Chairman.

[No. 2.]

REPORT ON QUESTIONS IN THE LETTERS.

The Committee on Questions in Letters present the following:

In reply to queries from the Second Yarmouth Church:—

RESOLVED, 1st, That in the opinion of this Committee it is generally not expedient for one church to receive a member excluded from a sister church; yet there may be cases in which the interests of truth and righteousness may demand that a church should receive a member excluded from a sister church; but for the sake of peace and harmony, this in our view, should not be done without investigating the causes of the exclusion, and making use of kind and christian endeavours to induce the church to renew its action, and reinstate their brother or sister, if it shall appear that the person was unjustly excluded. But if these efforts should fail, the enquiring church may properly, we think, in the exercise of its independence, receive into its fellowship the person so excluded.

RESOLVED, 2nd, That it is irregular to receive into church membership, a person who is a member of a sister church without a dismissal; and that where such person is received, he must still be regarded and treated as a member of the original church.

All which is respectfully submitted,

HUGH ROSS, Chairman.

[No. 3.]

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Religious Periodicals beg to Report as follows:

Once more we recommend the Christian Messenger to the sup-

port of our brethren. It is indispensable for denominational purposes in the province. It is so conducted as to entitle it to extended patronage. We are glad to hear of its increasing circulation, and trust that it may realize an acceptance and influence widening every year.

The Christian Visitor, the organ of our New Brunswick brethren, demands our good wishes. Its limited circulation among ourselves need not interfere with the prior claims of our own provincial organ. The same remark applies to any other paper which brethren may choose to support.

Denominational papers are published in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, which such of our brethren as desire to extend their information on a great variety of interesting matter would do well to procure.

There are also the American Messenger, the Child's Paper, the Young Reaper, a Baptist Sunday School paper, published in Boston, the Macedonian, also, and the Missionary Magazine, organs of the American Baptist Missionary Union, with which our friends might well enrich themselves.

Within certain bounds, of which brethren themselves must judge, too many of this class of publications cannot be received into their houses. They may shut out doubtful ones. They tend to enlarge our christian views and sympathies. They are part of the admirable machinery of the day for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the world.

J. DAVIS, Chairman.

[No. 4.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report :

It affords much gratification to observe by the letters from the various churches that Sabbath Schools are generally in operation among them. This means of gospel enterprise, when prayerfully prosecuted, is designed to prove a powerful weapon in the hands of God for the destruction of the kingdom of darkness, and leading sinners to Christ.

Your Committee more deeply feel the importance of this method of conveying spiritual instruction to the young, from the knowledge that a large portion of the Church of Christ in this province, as well as in other lands, have first from this fountain drank of the waters of life.

The young might be trained up in a Missionary spirit, by having connected with them Missionary Societies, and thus encouraged to contribute to the various benevolent objects.

Finally, we would respectfully suggest that, wherever found practicable, Bible Classes be established in our churches and congregations, thus exalting the position of the Berean standard, by searching the Scriptures to see whether these things be so.

SAMUEL BROWN, Chairman.

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REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause, Report:

That your Committee regard the Bible Cause as second to no other in importance. They therefore recommend, that so far as may be deemed consistent with the claims of other objects, sums be contributed towards this, in such ways as respective brethren may think proper. The extensive openings now presented in Providence for the circulation of the sacred Scriptures, especially require increased exertion; and that it be recommended to the churches to state in their letters, what society they want their money to be devoted to.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. RANDALL, Chairman.

[No. 6.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee would thankfully acknowledge to Divine goodness, that the present state of our Educational interests is highly encouraging. It appears that the Horton Academy, which is ably conducted, is prospering, with a large and increasing number of pupils: and that Acadia College, with the Theological Institute, now furnished with an able staff of Professors, is in a satisfactory state of efficiency; and that the number of its students is also considerably augmented, with a prospect of a large accession at the commencement of the next term.

Your Committee congratulate the body on the securing of the original endowment of £10,000, and also on the encouraging proficiency made towards the raising the additional sum of £5000.—They deem the grateful thanks of the denomination due to the generous friends, who have nobly contributed towards this important object. They would also respectfully and earnestly entreat our Baptist brethren, and the friends of religion and sound learning generally, to come forward and contribute liberally towards the raising of a sufficient sum to place our noble and invaluable Institution in a state in which it may be fully sustained without embarrassment, and with increased facilities for its extensive usefulness.

All which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER, Chairman.

[No. 7.]

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee met and conversed freely upon the two departments, the English and Gaelic,—embraced in the sphere of our Home Mission,

It is highly desirable that brethren employed in Missionary labour should forward their reports to the Board as soon as they shall have completed their engagements.

In consideration of the perishing condition of so many of our fellow beings, we would urge upon the churches composing this Association the necessity of adopting some well concerted plan for supplying the many wants of the people. We would also suggest that a permanent Mission be established, for one year at least, in the County of Shelburne, hoping and believing that such a Mission would be of light charge on the funds of the Board.

J. C. MORSE, Chairman.

[No. 8.]

REPORT ON UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies beg leave to Report :

That in our opinion the Union Societies in our churches, with a very few exceptions, are in a very inefficient state—in many churches they are scarcely in working order; in others they are entirely extinct.

They would therefore recommend that the pastors and deacons bring this subject pressingly before their churches, urging its claims, organizing new societies where needed, and exciting to a more enlarged benevolence.

We would recommend that our Missionaries be invited to similar action; and while we are convinced that many objects call for quarterly meetings, we recommend that the churches make such arrangements with each other, that the various sections of our field be so visited, and that this object hold a prominent position in such meetings.

In conclusion, we believe it to be the duty of all the members of our churches, to contribute liberally towards this object "according as God has prospered them."

All which is respectfully submitted,

T. C. DELONG, Chairman.

[No. 9.]

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia:—

DEAR BRETHREN:—

Through the tender mercy of a covenant keeping God we are permitted to present you with this our Annual Letter. What we anxiously desire is, that you may be fitted by divine Grace to serve God in this world, and when your work is done on earth, receive a crown that fadeth not away. The fitness desired by us on your behalf does not consist in the elevated station in which

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you may be placed in this world : nor the vast amount of wealth you may possess : nor in the splendour of your rank or equipage : but in supreme love to God. Destitute of this, "Though you may speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge ; and have all faith, so that you could remove mountains, you are nothing : or should you bestow all your goods to feed the poor, and at last give your bodies to the flames, or suffer martyrdom for the sake of your religion, it will avail you nothing." Where this principle exists, God and Christ dwell ; for said our Lord on one occasion : "If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my father will love him ; and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." How amazing the condescension of Jehovah ! What mercy, what goodness is here manifested towards those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, brethren ; and we trust towards you. That He "Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in your hearts, to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." O, how cheering are these blessed truths ! Then how must that sublimest of all affections, love, glow in your hearts. It is this that will make you like God, who is love, all love,—like Jesus Christ, who is the "Brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his person." It will open to your souls the gates of perpetual enjoyment. It will enable you to drink of those pure streams of pleasure which have their rise in the boundless abyss of God's holiness. God loves himself, his perfections, his honours, his laws, his gospel, his Sabbath, his church, and the world,—all, all are precious in his sight. To be like God then, is to love him as he loves himself. To be like Christ, is to possess his spirit,—that lovely spirit, which is meek, lowly, humble, peaceable, patient, and charitable. Where this is wanting there can be no real love to God, no ardent desire to please him." "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his", is the language of one who was inspired by the Holy Ghost to proclaim to the church this imperishable truth. This same Apostle declares that "Jesus Christ who was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." What a motive to your loving him ! Your exalted Redeemer laid aside the glory which he had with the Father before the world began, and voluntarily and graciously took upon himself our nature, and in it laboured and suffered and died. Can you, then, hesitate to love him, to serve him, and to please him ? No : blessed be God, we know that some of you ardently love him, and rejoice to serve and please him : what we earnestly pray is that you all may.

Suffer us, dear brethren, to propound this momentous question once more : *Do you love God supremely?* Seek not to evade it. Let it have your most careful, prayerful attention. Rest not till you can say, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that we love thee."

Where this heavenly flame burns there is strong faith. Faith that works by love and purifies the heart—faith that will enable you to please God,—called in the word of God the “faith of God’s elect,” because it is peculiar to those who love God only, and is represented in the same inspired volume as “the gift of God.”—By a careful examination of the word of God in relation to the subject of faith, you will be able to obtain clear and correct views of its nature and importance. Nor can you refrain from engaging with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength in the study of this great fundamental principle of our holy religion, and also the exercise of it, without rendering yourselves deeply criminal in the sight of God. If there is no faith in God, it necessarily follows that there is none in his gospel. And what an unenviable position does this want of honest credence to the testimony of God concerning his son Jesus Christ place man in. On him the wrath of God abiding. To all the consequences of unbelief is he exposed. He may be a professor of religion—may have his name enrolled upon the church record—have a name to live, and yet be dead—alas! without hope and without God in the world.

But where there is true faith in God, the mental horizon is widened, letting in the vision of realities before present, but hitherto unseen. Or rather, as has been beautifully said, “it is the floating into view of another and a lovelier world, with its glories and its harmony drowning the din and beclouding the splendour of these terrestrial scenes.” Earth loses its charms. The services of sin and satan are abandoned. The word of God is received as the only rule of faith and practice for man, and the soul enters at once upon the exalted services of her Lord. She sees with an unclouded vision the great atonement, and there she casts herself and lives. It is at this consecrated place we hope to find you. Be not satisfied with living on its borders; by a strong faith enter its sacred enclosures, drink of its never-failing, ever-flowing springs, and bathe in its cleansing fountain, and from its heavenly wardrobe take the garments of humility and clothe yourselves; and, then and only then, will you be fitted for the distinguished offices you are appointed to fill, and for the “work of faith and labour of love” you are required to perform. Rest nothing short of deep humility of heart, dear brethren. Remember that it is to those who possess this holy disposition of mind that more grace is given, and that “before honour is humility.” “The proud God knoweth afar off.” With these solemn declarations before us, and with intense desire for your present and future well being, we entreat you to be humble. Strive to obtain this excellent spirit. Look to the example of Christ. Remember that heaven is a holy place. That your sins are many, and deserve the greatest punishment. That you have to die and come to judgment, and that where there is not humility there is pride; and O, what has not pride done, if it is, as some suppose, the first sin. This satanical mother has given birth to a numerous progeny, who

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have grown to be giants in the earth, and are challenging the armies of the God of hosts to a combat. Covetousness, ingratitude, extravagance, bigotry, persecution, and war, are some of the offshoots of this mighty upas, beneath whose boughs the nations of the earth are perishing. Nor has the church of God escaped its ravages. Within her sacred precincts is this "great ancestor of vice" to be found—stinting the contributions of Zion's sons and daughters—crushing in its iron grasp a thousand budding charities that were just springing into life—sealing the fountain of christian sympathy—imbruting the sacred brotherhood—diffusing an unholy relish amongst her members for smooth things—leading the builder of the Lord's house to daub with untempered mortar—the professed soldiers of the cross to withhold their swords from the shedding of blood; and, in a word, her unfaithful ministers, "assassins masked in virtue's robes," to make merchandize of the souls of men. Such are the effects of pride; hence the absolute necessity of deep humility. "You have knowledge, virtue, and influence: but to be proud of knowledge, is to be blind in the light—to be proud of virtue is to poison yourselves with the antidote; to be proud of influence, is to make your rise your downfall.

The word of God teaches us that it was love, faith, and humility, such as we have briefly adverted to, that enabled the primitive church to extend her conquests with such rapidity. She loved God; she believed in God; she walked humbly before God;—then did she "Look forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." From the heights of Calvary she beheld a world lying in the arms of the wicked one, and went forth, "endued with power from on high," and bearing the precious words of life, to rescue, bless and save the whole race of man.

Another prominent feature of her character was love amongst her members. With her, brotherly love was a test of discipleship; "an elementary principle, devoid of which a man could not obtain from saint or sinner, from angel or devil, even the name of christian." They "put on as the elect of God holy and beloved, bowels of mercies." They treated each other kindly, were not easily provoked to resentment, and made even a breach of concord subservient to religion. Her noble examples we are in duty bound to follow.

How numerous as well as cogent are the arguments in favour of our conducting towards each other as brethren in Christ. Yea, the absolute necessity; for if there be not in us the mind which was in Christ and his disciples, what authority have we for claiming a succession of character? We have no legal claim to a succession of character, doctrine, or practice, unless we continue steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer. Let us then, dear brethren, avoid the least departure from the path in which these holy men of God

walked ; a path which our exalted Head marked out with his reforming hand for his church in all ages to walk in, and a deviation from which has always been followed with most serious consequences to the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom among men. " Let us ponder the paths of our feet," and rest not until we find in them the foot prints of our Lord, and cheerfully pursue them all our journey through ; and then will the world be made to believe that we are they who " follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." Let us seek to elevate the standard of piety in our churches ; to augment our funds for holy and benevolent purposes ; and to send the gospel to the heathen who are perishing for lack of knowledge ;—and also to aid our dear brother in every possible way who is labouring to secure the highest good of the French Catholics in this province ;—and earnestly " pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth more labourers into his harvest.

And " Now unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask, or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end : Amen."

[No. 10.]

MEMORIAL OF DEPARTED BRETHERN.

The Committee appointed to prepare this Memorial, Report :

That as God has seen meet, in his wise and inscrutable Providence, to remove some of our esteemed ministering brethren in the course of the year past, it becomes their survivors to acquiesce in this righteous dispensation ; and to profit by the solemn admonition thus given, to work while it is day.

That in the case of the truly venerable Harris Harding, there is abundant cause of devout thanksgiving to the God of all grace, for having called him to the work of the ministry at a period in which gross moral darkness prevailed in this province, and having rendered him the honoured instrument of turning multitudes from darkness to light, and of greatly promoting the interests of truth and piety, especially in the township of Yarmouth and adjacent places.—The preservation of the highly useful life of this eminent Minister of Christ to a remarkably advanced age, and the bestowment of Divine support and consolation at the close of it, call likewise for an expression of gratitude to the Giver of all Good.

Though our beloved brother, Silas H. Viditoe, was called away in the meridian of life, after labouring comparatively a short space of time in the Lord's vineyard, yet are we bound to admire that grace which rendered him an eminently pious man, and a faithful and successful preacher of the Gospel.

In reference to our zealous and valued brother Harris Chute, also, we are under strong obligations to God for imparting to him a spirit of ardent devotion and energetic activity in the cause of Christ, and for crowning his faithful labours with success in the

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Your Committee therefore recommend that an expression of the hearty sympathy of this Association, be communicated to the aged and esteemed widow of our justly venerated Father Harding, as also to our younger and beloved sister Viditoe; and likewise to the mother and sisters of brother Chute.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER, Chairman.

[No. 11.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on the Foreign Mission Report as follows:

Inasmuch as at the present time we have no Missionaries abroad, and no young men, so far as your Committee are informed, are ready to offer themselves for this service: we would recommend that measures be taken for re-establishing an *Independent Mission* to the heathen; and in case these measures shall fail, we recommend *connexion with some other Missionary body* until such time as an independent mission shall be founded. Your Committee prefer, as it is believed our people generally do, the independent course, and the above suggestion is made in view of the fact, that there are unemployed funds on hand; and we fear that if the present posture of affairs continue, the already diminished zeal of our churches will wain still further. We have full confidence in our Foreign Missionary Board: we would earnestly invite the attention of youthful harvest-reapers to the foreign field, and bespeak the contributions and prayers of our churches in behalf of this great cause. We feel that immediate action is demanded on the ground of our own prosperity, of our undying obligations to Christ, and of the pressing necessities of the perishing heathen.

JAMES PARKER, Chairman.

[No. 12.]

REPORT ON BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY, AND THE COLPORTEUR ENTERPRIZE.

This Association hails with delight the formation of a Nova Scotia Baptist Book and Tract Society, the establishment of Depositories, and the employment of Colporteurs in our province. We trust that the preliminary steps already taken will result in a combined and permanent movement.

The circulation of a cheap and wholesome religious literature, is one of the wants of the age, and of Nova Scotia. The sources of supply are adequate;—The Religious Tract Society of London; the English Baptist Tract Society; the American Baptist Publica-

tion Society ; the American Tract Society ; and the American Sunday School Union, and New England Sabbath School Union (Baptist), together with the books of many private publishers, are all open to us. It is vastly important that Biography, History, and the Elucidation of Religious Sentiments, as connected with our own denomination, should be more widely disseminated among our people. The crying destitution of our country awaits the visits of our Colporteurs. The sailor, the fisherman, and all the neglected are asking spiritual food.

This Association would recommend such arrangements as will connect Local Depositories and Branch Societies with the Provincial Society. We commend the object to the sympathies and earnest co-operation of all who love to do good.

In behalf of the Committee,

-S. N. BENTLEY, Chairman.

NOTE.—The Report of the Committee on the Infirm Minister's Fund has been mislaid, and the Minutes are consequently obliged to published without it. If found, it will be published in the Christian Messenger. The Account of the Treasurer of the Fund appears in the Appendix.

[No. 14.]

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

The want of statistical information from some of our brethren who have been appointed to missions under the direction of this Board, prevents us from making as full a report of our labours as is desirable.

We, however, are happy to be able to report, that during the past year, fifty-one weeks have been spent by different brethren in the service of the Board in the different localities to which they were directed.

Elder Caldwell spent six weeks on the Bay of Fundy shore, at Parker's, and Marshall's Coves.

Brother Judson Skinner spent six weeks in the same places.

Brother R. Walker three weeks in Dalhousie.

Elder Perez F. Murray spent thirteen weeks in the Townships of Argyle and Barrington.

Elder T. C. Delong spent sixteen weeks on the coast, between Liverpool and Yarmouth.

Elder R. S. Morton, and brother Henry Achilles, spent three weeks each in New Germany and East Sherbrooke.

Elder Obed Parker spent five weeks in Springfield and Sherbrooke.

Elder R. W. Cunningham spent two weeks at Beaver River.

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In all the above places our missionaries were well received, and in some of the places their labours were evidently crowned with the Divine blessing. Brother R. S. Morton, writes:—"I spent two weeks at Sherbrooke East; met the church in conference, preached, and administered the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath; the season was evidently one of deep interest. the word seemed to fall with weight, and I trust that good was done. At New Germany and Lahave Branch, the church was evidently aroused to activity; many of the unconverted seemed all anxiety, four of whom were happily converted to God, and were baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity."

Brother P. F. Murray writes:—"I have now laboured in the service of the Board thirteen weeks,—the four last of which were spent in Barrington. In the course of my mission, eleven were added to the church at Argyle, ten of whom, by baptism; and two to the church at Barrington." etc.

Thus we have reason to believe that the labours of our missionaries have not been in vain in the Lord.

CHARLES RANDALL, Secretary, *pro. tem.*

[No. 15.]

REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

The French Mission Board, beg to Report as follows :

Your Board held its first regular meeting on August 30th, 1853, and made various arrangements for the support of the Mission.—The first important matter was to secure the services of the Missionary who had during the past year been engaged in the field under the auspices of the Domestic Mission Board. This was done at an allowance of £125. In the meantime, bro. Chute had become located at Beaver River, in order to be more contiguous to his field of operations. Arrangements were also made to supply the Missionary with Books and Tracts for distribution. Only £5, however, has been expended. Religious Societies in the United States, England, and France have interested themselves in our cause, from some of which books and tracts have been gratuitously received, from others expected. Brother C. has laboured during the year with untiring devotion. The Lord has graciously sustained both his health and spirit. He has acted the part chiefly of a catechist and colporteur, there being as yet no opening to render public preaching expedient. A large number of families have been visited during the year, conversed and prayed with; and wherever sincere anxieties relative to the salvation of the soul seemed to arise, visits have been repeated frequently, in order, if possible, to persuade the soul to rely alone on the righteousness of Christ for acceptance with God.

Books and tracts have been distributed during the year to the number of, bibles and testaments in French, 23; pages of the Tract Society's publications, 12,628; English books, 55. Those in

the French language have been distributed, principally, gratuitously, in English remuneratively. It may thus be seen, that notwithstanding the hatred of the priests, and the prejudices of many of the people, there are some who gladly receive the bible and other good books from the mission, and seemingly are sincere in seeking the will of the Lord.

Success has attended the Mission, as much as could be reasonably looked for. It is scarcely to be expected that people taught that ignorance is the mother of devotion, the invocation of Mary, and the saints and angels; or, in other words, that idolatry is the very pith of practical religion, and implicit confidence in the priest, the condition of salvation, to give up at once those errors in which they have been cradled, and with which, and which only, their minds have been familiar all their days, and to embrace a Saviour who will receive no vain oblation, and who will not give his glory to another, but will be acknowledged "the Way, the Truth, and the Life."— Yet instances have already occurred to the comfort of the Missionary and all the friends of the enterprise, where, before the reading of God's word many of the Papal dogmas have been driven from the heart, and but little, save a fear of the priests' tyranny, and his emissaries' cruelty, prevents a public acknowledgement of the sufficiency of the love of God in Christ to save sinners. But fear will by and bye perish. My grace, says God, is sufficient. It was said by one respectable Frenchman that in his neighbourhood there was only one prevention from a party going with Mr Chute, which appears to be their regard for infant sprinkling. Brother Chute has published occasionally items of the progress he is making; but great caution is no doubt necessary in this line. The advance will probably be slow and gradual, and we must not be discouraged if reports do not tell of hosts amongst those Catholic French at once turning to the Lord and his ways. The day of small things is not to be despised. Every good work has a beginning; and we must not be weary in well-doing—for there is a due season in which we shall certainly reap.

Your Board has endeavoured to meet quarterly, to arrange for the Mission's interests, and at each term held a public meeting for the purpose of presenting the claims of the Mission. The Board found itself considerably embarrassed at its two last sessions through the small attendance of its members. Cannot this difficulty be obviated?

The Mission has its particular encouragements. Its success is beyond the expectations of its warmest friends. The Missionary is received by the people more cordially than we dared to look for.— His reception is generally kind. At their fire-sides, he converses and prays with them, while they seem much interested in his business. The prevalent opinion with the French is that our Missionary is a good man.

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The wants of the mission must not, however, be overlooked. It is yet in its infancy. On our part it must be supported by faith, prayer, money, and labour. The field is very extensive, and one missionary can do but little, comparatively, in thoroughly traversing the whole region. And yet ours has travelled upwards of 5000 miles during the past year. It is for the church to say how soon more labourers shall be in the field. There are already as many pressing wants as the present means can supply. There has been, up to the present time, funds to meet the indispensables of the work. But the treasury is now nearly, or quite empty,—we are confident, however, that the friends of Zion will soon replenish it.

A Mission House, you are aware, is in prospect.

W. G. GOUCHER, Secretary of the Board.

[No. 16.]

REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

The Committee on the French Mission Report as follows :

That in the important religious enterprise on which we have lately entered for the dissemination of light, and knowledge of salvation among our Catholic French neighbours, with all that is arduous and forbidding, there is much, there is every thing to urge and cheer us on in our work of faith and labour of love, in this field of christian labour. That the fear of man, which alone retains many in their connection with the corrupt church of Rome, will ultimately yield to the more operative, to the all operative principle, the *fear of God*—let us wait, let us labour, let us pray. Faithful is he who has promised, *and will do it.*

Your Committee would call to the especial notice of the friends of this mission, the peculiar and pressing importance of giving early or immediate attention to the erection of a mission house, in some convenient locality, which may be commodious as a place of worship, as a residence for the missionary or missionaries, and for the purpose of holding a school for all such of the French population as may wish to avail themselves of its advantages.

All which is respectfully submitted,

OBED CHUTE, Chairman.

[No 17.]

REPORT ON INCREASED REMUNERATION TO DOMESTIC MISSIONARIES.

Your Committee feel convinced that the present rate of remuneration to our missionaries is disproportioned to the increased cost of living—

We would therefore recommend to the Association to increase the pay of our missionaries Ten Shillings per week, so long as the present high rate of living continues.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH SHAW, Chairman.

[No. 18.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath Report as follows :

That the Command of Jehovah, "Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy", is of universal and unchanging obligation.

That there is pressing need of giving awakened, earnest, and concentrated attention to this subject, under a consciousness of past delinquency.

Your Committee would recommend to every pastor to give renewed attention to this subject, and that every one within the limits of this Association, deliver at least two discourses during the year, upon the Nature, Duties, and Obligations of this day, and upon its varied and common violation.

OBED CHUTE, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

[No. 19.]

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Domestic and French Missionary Boards, and find them correct.

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Jan. 3.	“ Elder R. W. Cunningham, per order,	0	13 5½
Mar. 18.	“ P. F. Murray,	6	3 0
May 26.	“ O. Parker,	5	6 8½
June 13.	“ R. S. Morton, per Order,	5	18 10
	“ A. Shiels, bal. 1852,	5	0 0
	“ P. F. Murray,	6	0 0
	“ T. Delong,	12	7 6
	“ C. Randall,	0	18 9
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Sept 22.	By cash received per Elder C. Randall, from W. L. Bent, former Treasurer,	£92	0 11
	“ bal. in hand,	£32	10 7
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S. L. CHIPMAN,
W. G. PARKER.

Clements, 13th June, 1854.

Acadian Missionary Society in Account with William Churchill.

1853		DR.	
Aug. 31.	To bal. Rev. O. Chute's sal. to Aug. 25, 1853	19	2 6
	“ paid Missionary in advance,	5	0 0
Sep. 10.	“ paid Missionary	10	0 0
Nov. 15.	“ Rev. Mr Chute's order to Rev. Mr Francis,	7	0 0
Dec. 1.	“ paid Missionary	3	0 0
15.	“ paid Missionary,	6	18 5
1854.			
Feb. 8.	“ paid Missionary	16	0 0
13.	“ do. collected by him,	1	10 9
Mar. 14.	“ paid Missionary,	10	0 0
16.	“ paid Rev. Obed Chute, for papers	0	10 0
22.	“ paid Rev. J. Davis, for books from Boston,	5	3 2
May 31.	“ paid Missionary,	14	7 1½
	“ do. per books sold etc.,	3	19 1½
	“ Postage,	0	1 8
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June 18.	By Cash from former Treasurer, by S. Brown	35	5	0½
"	do. do. in N.B. currency,	9	14	9
Aug. 10.	do. from Rev. O. Chute,	12	8	7
15.	do. W. L. Bent, Esq., by hands of Rev. C. Randall,	6	0	0½
31.	do. Rev. O. Chute, donation,	5	0	0
Sept. 1.	do. Collection at Meeting of Board in Yarmouth, First Church,	1	10	8½
5.	do. do. 1st Sunday in Sept., do.,	1	5	2
"	do. Dea. T. D. Purney, col.	0	13	1½
9.	do. Dea. N. Corning, col. in West Yar. Church, Sep.,	0	16	3
22.	do. Capt. Harris, coll. in Second Yar- mouth Church, do.,	0	15	4
Dec. 1.	do. Rev. C. Tupper, £5: 15, I. Cornwell, 10s.	5	10	0
15.	do. J. Cornwell, 10s.: Rev. O. Chute, book sld. 10½d.	0	10	10½
"	coll. by Mr Owen, Argyle, 8s 3d.: do. Beaver River, 9s. 3d.,	0	17	6
"	do. Second Yarmouth, £1 17 8½: 23, do. Ohio church, £1 3 9,	3	1	5½
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Feb. 4.	do. A. Lent, Esq., don., 10s.: S, coll. at Beaver River, sundry times, 13s 6½d.,	1	3	6
10.	do. Mr Palfry, don., 5s.; book sold, 2s. 3d.,	0	7	3½
Mar. 9.	do. Revs. C. Randall, Rev. R. W. Cunningham,	10	10	0
16.	do. coll. in S. Yar., 15s.: do., 2nd Yar., 5s 7½d.,	1	0	7½
Apl. 5.	do. C. H. Harrington, C.B., don. for 1853, '54,	2	0	0
May 10.	do. Book sold,	0	2	6
31.	do. Rev. O. Chute, books sold, etc.,	3	19	1½
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Yarmouth, 31st May, 1854.

Examined, and found correct,

Clements, June 13, 1854.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL.

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The Board for Infirm Minister's Fund in account with Charles Randall, acting Treasurer,

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Sept. 21. Received from D. C. Landers, Esq., former
Treasurer of the Baptist Convention,
for Inf. Min. Fund, £49 16 9

29. " from S. L. Chipman, Treasurer of the
Western N. S. Baptist Association,
for In. Minister's fund, for 1852-3, 13 7 3

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March 2. " from H. E. Payson, Esq., Treasurer of
the Western N. S. Baptist Associa-
tion, for 1853, by hand of Rev.
R. W. Cunningham, 13 3 6

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Forwarded by mail to William Randall, Esq. of Nic-
taux, for the benefit of brother Silas Viditoe, 10 0 0

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CHAS. RANDALL, Act. Treasurer.

ACCOUNT OF MONIES PAID IN AT THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSO-
CIATION, CLEMENTS, JUNE 10, 1854.

Annapolis and Upper Granville—Home Mission, £1 10;
For. Miss., £1; Infm. Ministers, 10s.; Ministerial
Education, 10s.; French Miss., £1; Bible Cause,
£1; Printing Minutes, 4s 2½d. 5 14 2½

Argyle—H. Miss, £1 1s. 5d.; F. M., £2 2s. 6½d.; Inf.
Min. 4s. 4½d.; Min. Ed., 3s. 10½d.; Fr. Miss., £1
14s. 10½d. 5 7 9

Brookfield—H. Miss, £4; F. Miss, £3; Inf. Min., 13s. 4d.;
Min. Ed., £3; Fr. Miss., £5 5s.; 15 18 4

Clements—H. Miss., £3; French Miss, 7s.; Pr. Min., 5s. 3 12 0

Chute's Cove—H. Miss., £2 3s. 8d.; F. Miss., £1 18s. 11d.;
Inf. Min., 2s. 6d.; Fr. Miss., 16s. 9d.; Pr. Min., 3s. 2d.; 5 5 0

Digby—Printing Minutes, 12s. 6d.; 0 12 6

Digby Joggin—Foreign Mission, £1 9s. 6d.; 1 9 6

First Yarmouth—H. Miss., £5; F. Miss. £3; Inf. Min.,
£1 0s. 2d.; Min. Ed., £1 15s.; 10 15 2

First Digby Neck—H. Miss., £1 2s 3d.; French Miss.,
£2 1s. 0½d.; Pr. Min., 12s.; 3 15 4½

First Hillsburgh—H. Miss., £1 12s. 8½d.; Inf. Min., 5s.;
Pr. Min: 5s.; 2 2 8½

Milton—H. Miss., £7 10s.; F. Miss., £3 10s.; Inf. Min., £2 2s. 1d.; Min. Ed., £2 10s.; Fr. Miss., 10s.; Bible Cause, £1; Pr. Min., 2s;	17	2	1
Greenfield—H. Miss., £1 14s.; F. Miss., 17s. 6d; Inf. Min., 9s. 6d.; Min. Ed., £1 1s. 9d.; Pr. Min., 2s. 3d.;	4	5	0
Lake George—H. Miss., 10s. 10½d.; F. Miss., 1s. 10½d.; Fr. Miss., 12s ¼d;	1	4	10½
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot—H. Miss., £10 5s 1d. F. Miss., £11 9s. 0½d.; Inf. Min., £2 0s. 3d.; Min. Ed., £7 17s.; Fr. Miss., 2s. 6d; B. Cause, £1 10s.; Printing Minutes, 10s.;	33	13	10½
Lower Granville—H. Miss., £1 5s.; F. Miss., £1; Inf. Min., 10s.; Min. Ed., 10s.; Fr. Miss., 15s.; Bible Cause, 14s. 10½d;	4	14	10½
Long Island—H. Miss., £2 19s.; F. Miss., £1 18s.; Inf. Min., £1; Fr. Miss., £1 10s.; B. Cause, £1 10s.; Printing Minutes, 5s.;	9	2	0
Nictaux—H. Miss., £13 11s. 5½d.; F. Miss., £11 15s. 1d.; Inf. Min., £2 8s. 4½d.; Min. Ed., £3 2s. 7½d.; Fr. Miss., £8 2s. 5½d.;	39	0	0
New Albany—H. Miss., 13s. 1½d.; F. Miss., £1 2s. 8d.; Inf. Min., 10s.; Min. Ed., 10s.; Fr. Miss., 6s. 3d.;	3	2	1
Port Medway—Printing Minutes, 5s.;	0	5	0
Second Digby Neck—French Mission, £3 12s. 6d.,	3	12	6
St. Mary's Bay—H. Miss., £1 19s. 10½d.; Inf. Min., 6s. 3d.; French Miss., £2 6s. 3d.; Pr. Min., 6d.;	4	12	10½
2nd Hillsburgh—H. Miss., £2 18s. 8½d.; F. Miss., £1 2s. 6d.; Inf. Min., 9s. 3d.; Min. Ed., £1 4s. 9d.; Pr. Min., 4s 3d.	5	19	5½
Liverpool—H. Miss., £10; F. Miss., £3 10s.; Inf. Min., £1 10s; Min. Ed., £4; Fr. Miss., £9 2s 9d; Bible Cause, £2 10s.;	30	12	9
Second Yarmouth—H. Miss., £5 16s.;	5	16	0
Sissaboo—H. Miss., £1 9s 3d; F. Miss., 18s 6d; Inf. Min., 6s 6d; Min. Ed., 11s 3d; Fr. Miss., £1 10s 10½; Printing Minutes, 2s 6d.;	4	18	10½
Springfield—Printing Minutes, 1s 3d.;	0	1	3
Third Yarmouth—H. Miss., 7s 8½d; Pr. Minutes, 3s 1½d.;	0	10	16
Tusket River—H. Miss., £1; F. Miss., 11s 10½d; Inf. Min., 8s 9d; Min. Ed., 1s 3d; Fr. Miss., £1 3s 10d; Bible Cause, 13s 9d.;	3	19	5½
Wilmot—H. Miss., £5; F. Miss., £5; Inf. Min., £1 4s 9d.;	11	6	0
Printing Minutes, 1s 3d.;			
Wilmot Mountain—H. Miss., £1 10s; For. Miss, 15s; Inf. Min., 5s; Printing Minutes, 3s.;	2	13	0
New Tusket—H. Miss., 11s 6d; F. Miss., 16s 10½d; Inf. Min., 1s 9½d; Fr. Miss., £3 12s 10½d; Pr. Min., 2s 6½d.;	5	5	7
South Yarmouth—H. Miss., £2 15s; F. Miss., £1 14s; Inf. Min., 3s 9d; Min. Ed., 2s; Fr. Miss., 3s 1½d.;	4	17	10½
West Yarmouth—H. Miss., £1 1s 3d; F. Miss., 14s, 3d.;			

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1 4 10½	Westport—H. Miss., £2 0s 1¼d; F. Miss., £1 1s 7½d; Inf. Min. 18s 2 d; Min. Ed., £1; Fr. Miss., £1 11s 8d; Pr. Min., 2s;	6 13 7½
	Barrington—H. Miss., 3s 3d; F. Miss., 7s 4½d; Inf. Min., 1s 6d; Fr. Miss., 12s 7½d; B. Cause, 1s. 6d;	1 6 3
33 13 10½	Wilmot Mountain, Union Society, Bro. R. S. Morton,	0 18 0
	For French Mission, Middlefield, by Elder J. V. Tabor, R. Pool, 5s; E. Morton, 3s 1¼d;	0 6 0
4 14 10½	Bridgewater—Elder J. V. Tabor, 5s.; A Friend, Inf. Ministers' fund, £2;	0 8 1½
9 2 0	Clements—for Tracts, Rev. A. Cogswell, £2 10s; S. Beals, 15s. 3d.;	2 5 0
	Col. for H. Miss. during Association,	9 5 3
39 0 0	Dr L. Bent, for H. Miss., 5s; Wilmot Mt. Church, do. 5s. From. Eds. C. M., for Port Medway Church, 1852, '53, for Union Society,	13 2 9½ 0 10 0
3 2 1	From Eds. C. M., collected for French Miss.,	5 0 0
0 5 0	From Wilmot, for Gaelic Mission,	2 13 1
3 12 6	Brookfield, for Mic Mac Miss., 5s; Argyle, do., 2s 7½d;	5 0 0
4 12 10½	Bro. W. McQuhae, for Home Mission, Coll. taken at Clements, for French Miss.,	0 7 7½ 0 5 0
1. 5 19 5½	Received for Gaelic Miss., from Sec., " Shelburne " "	4 19 0 18 17 3½ 10 14 2½

TOTAL:—

Home Missions	- - -	£114 8 4
Foreign Mission	- - -	69 7 8
Infirm Ministers	- - -	19 3 7
Ministerial Education	- - -	28 19 6
French Mission	- - -	58 8 0½
Bible Cause	- - -	10 12 7½
Minutes	- - -	4 12 6¼
Micmac Mission	- - -	0 7 7½
Gaelic	- - -	23 17 3½
For Shelburne Mission	- - -	10 14 2½

J. E. POTTER, Treasurer,

Clements, June 13th. 1854.

Western Baptist Association in account with J. E. Potter.

1854.—To defray expenses to Associations and Convention:		
June.	Paid Rev. J. Vidito, per order,	1 0 0
	“ Rev. W. G. Goucher, “	2 0 0
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	“ Rev. J. Davis, “	2 0 0
	“ Rev. J. Ring, “	3 0 0
	“ Rev. S. N. Bentley “	2 0 0
	“ Rev. J. C. Morse, “	2 0 0
	“ R. W. Cunningham “	3 0 0
	“ Obed Chute “	2 0 0
	“ Printing Minutes,	10 1 0
	“ Rev. G. Armstrong, pr or., II. Miss., 114 8 4	
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	“ Rev. G. Armstrong, Gaelic Miss.	23 17 3
	“ Rev. C. Randall, I. M. Fund, pr. or., 19 3 7	
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		<u>17 12 1½</u>
	“ Bro. S. Brown, for Rev. J. Davis, for Bible Cause, per order,	10 12 7½
	“ “ S. Brown, for Capt. Wm. Churchill French Mission,	58 8 0½
	“ Rev. G. Armstrong, per W. H. Balcom, £19 14s 2½d, being so much of the subscriptions paid for establishing a permanent Mission in Shelburne—to go to the Home Mission Fund,	10 14 2½
	In hands of Treas. for Min. Ed., 28 19 6	
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	In Treasurer's hands for Mic Mac Mission,	0 7 2½
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J. E. POTTER, Treasurer.

Clements, June 14th, 1854.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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

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

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

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

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

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

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communications for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

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

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

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

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE.—Elders Tupper, W. G. Parker, and J. Francis, were appointed a Committee to correspond with the Central and Eastern Associations, in regard to the desirableness of printing a supply of the Articles and Covenant for distribution among the churches and the public, and to report at the next meeting of this Association in regard to expenses, etc.

ERRATA.

Page 18, line 16, for "abiding" read "abides"; line 31, for "boarders" read "borders."—Report, Questions in Letters, 1st resolution, line 8, for "renew", read "review."

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