

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTH CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE BAPTISTS
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT
PORT MEDWAY, QUEEN'S COUNTY,
September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1870.

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, AND MINUTES OF THE FOREIGN MISSION
AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETIES,

WITH THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS,

TOGETHER WITH

HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNTS AND ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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Port Medway, September 8th, 1870.

The Fifth Session of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia convened at Port Medway, Queen's County, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting called to order by the standing Clerk, Rev. J. I. Porter.

Singing. Reading Scriptures. Prayer by the Rev. W. M. Knollin.

Rev. C. Knowles was elected Moderator; who not being present at the time, Rev. W. Downey was appointed Moderator, *pro tem*.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE PRESENT.

REV. C. KNOWLES, MODERATOR.

REV. J. I. PORTER, CLERK AND TREASURER.

REV. E. SULLIVAN,	REV. W. M. KNOLLIN,
" W. DOWNEY,	" T. H. CROWELL,
DEA. B. B. WOODWORTH,	DEA. C. CUSHING, SEN.,
" H. CHUTE,	" E. COX,
" E. DOLLIVER,	" S. DOLLIVER,
" A. MORINE,	" A. McGRAY,
" J. JEFFERY,	" C. SMITH,
" R. DOLLIVER,	BRO. E. COHOON,
BRO. B. COHOON,	" W. COX,
" J. CUSHING,	" P. SMITH.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATE FROM THE N. B. F. C. BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE.

REV. JOHN E. REUD.

VISITING BRETHREN.

REV. C. DOUCETT, and DEA. B. J. UNDERHILL.

Resolved—That visiting brethren have a seat with us, subject to rules of Conference.

Resolved—That the delegates from New Brunswick be received, and invited to a seat with us.

Resolved—That Rev. Theo. H. Crowell, Elisha Dolliver, and B. B. Woodworth, be the Prudential Committee.

Resolved—That the subject of Incorporation be taken up.

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The Committee appointed last session brought forward their report, and the Act of Incorporation, as granted by the Provincial Legislature at its last session.

Resolved—That the Report be received.

The Act was read, and adopted, clause by clause, without amendment. (See Act, as printed in this pamphlet.)

Resolved—That there be a Committee of three to nominate the Committees.

Resolved—That W. Downey, W. M. Knollin, and J. I. Porter, be the Committee.

Resolved—That we adjourn until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. C. Doucett.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. T. H. Crowell.

Report of Committee to nominate Committees was called for, received, and adopted, as follows:—

That W. M. Knollin, J. E. Reud, and E. Dolliver, be the Committee on Temperance.

W. Downey, C. M. Cushing, and B. J. Underhill, on the Sabbath.

Theo. H. Crowell, A. McGray, and C. Doucett, on Missions.
E. Sullivan, B. Woodworth, and J. C. Smith, on Sabbath Schools.

J. I. Porter, W. Downey, and E. Cohoon, on Education.

The Report of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting was called for, and read.

Resolved—That the Report be received, and placed in the hands of a Committee for revision before being printed.

Resolved—That J. I. Porter and W. Downey be the Committee.

REPORT AS REVISED.

The Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, assembled at Port Medway, Queen's County, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN—It is with gratitude to God that we meet again in this another Annual Conference, and greet each other as the followers of Christ. May the Great Head of the Church preside over your deliberations.

I will now call your attention to the doings of the Quarterly Meetings, and the state of the Churches. Using the liberty granted by the Annual Conference last year, there has been but three sessions of the Quarterly Meeting this year. The first session was held with the Church at Chebouge Point. Elders present: C. Knowles, D. Oram, J. I. Porter, W. Downey, W. M. Knollin, and E. Sullivan. Churches represented by letter, four.

Some business was done in connection with a Sabbath School Convention.

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A notice of intention to change Article 3rd of the Constitution. A Committee was appointed to visit the Church at Charlesville; also, a Committee to visit the brethren at Brooklyn; and the appointing of Rev. J. I. Porter delegate to the Harmony Quarterly Meeting, constituted the principal business.

The second session was with the Church at Session Hill. Elders present—C. Knowles, D. Oram, E. Sullivan, and S. K. West. But few Churches reported by letter. But little business of special interest done.

The next session was with the First Barrington Church. Elders present—A. Swim, W. Downey, W. M. Knollin, J. I. Porter, S. K. West, and W. C. Weston, Rev. T. H. Crowell, delegate from the Harmony Quarterly Meeting; who gave a report of the state of that Quarterly Meeting. Most of the Churches were reported by letter; others verbally. The largest number of delegates that met during the year were present at this session.

A Resolution was passed requesting the Yearly Meeting to take into consideration the propriety of preparing a Catechism, for circulation amongst the families of the denomination.

Notice was given of intended change of Constitution. The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Yearly Conference: Martin D. McGray, Parker Smith, Charles Stanley, Benjamin Banks, Samuel Nickerson, David Larkin, Whitman Spinney, Nathan Snow, George Frost, J. N. Hatfield, Andrew McGray, Wilson Sims, E. A. Gayton, A. Durkee, Henry Goldfinch, Zacheus Churchill, Geo. Bower, J. M. Brammin, and Henry Crowell; with power of substitution.

We will now notice the Churches:

Cape Island Church. Rev. W. M. Knollin, pastor. Holds regular prayer and Conference meetings. Held protracted meeting last spring, which resulted in reclaiming a number of wanderers, and the conversion of five or six souls. Fellowship as good as can be expected, considering its large number. Large congregations attend upon the preaching on Sabbath day. There are three Sabbath Schools in connection with this Church.

Session Hill Church has been without ministerial aid for some time past; yet has held its regular meetings on the Sabbath. Has a good Sabbath School. Has the labours of Rev. J. I. Porter a part of the time the present year.

Carlton Church has the labours of Rev. S. K. West one-fourth of the time. Has a good Sabbath School.

Shag Harbour Church, reports very favourable. In April last the Lord so blessed the labours of the pastor, Rev. J. I. Porter, together with the praying few, as to greatly revive his work; backsliders were reclaimed, sinners converted, and the Church much strengthened and comforted. Prayer-meeting on the Sabbath, when there is no preaching, and also once a week. An interesting Sabbath School.

1st Barrington Church. This Church reports prosperity. A protracted meeting, held in the spring, resulted in much good. Backsliders were reclaimed, Christian union strengthened, saints comforted, and a number of souls converted. Has the labours of Rev. W. Downey, as pastor, one-half of the time, and Rev. A. Swim one-fourth. Conference and prayer-meetings regularly kept up. A good Sabbath School, which it is hoped is doing a good work.

Pubnico Church reports some revival. In February last, Elders Downey and Weston held protracted meetings, which resulted in some blessing, but not as much as had been anticipated. A number of wanderers were reclaimed, and some converted. This Church has the joint labours of Elders Downey and Weston, each one-fourth of the time. Their labours are highly appreciated. A Sabbath School has been organized.

Port Latour Church. This Church reported rather low; some trial; Conference and prayer meetings thinly attended; public attendance good when there is preaching. They have the labours of Rev. J. I. Porter one-fourth of the

time. They have a Sabbath School. We learn that they have decided, and contracted for the erection of a new and substantial place of worship, which looks like the people having a mind to work.

Beaver River Church is in rather a low state. Union good. No pastor. Greatly need a faithful minister to labour with them. It will be remembered that this Church was greatly revived last fall, following the Yearly Meeting, resulting in a large accession to its membership. Its present low state is no doubt owing mainly to their having no pastor. They sustain prayer meetings, and a flourishing Sabbath School.

Tusket Church reports very favourable. The difficulties of the past, in consequence of the union, are nearly all reconciled. They have the labours of Rev. C. Knowles and Rev. E. Sullivan; each one-fourth of the time. They have enjoyed a good revival during last winter; the number added not large; yet backsliders were reclaimed, some converted, and the Church comforted and encouraged. The union Sabbath School, with which the Church co-operates, is in a flourishing condition.

First Argyle Church is in rather a low state; have the labours of Elders E. Sullivan and W. C. Weston, each one-quarter of the time. Conference meeting once a month, and the Lord's supper regularly attended. Have a Sabbath School.

Chebogue Church has a number of branches. Little River branch reports—The labours of Rev. C. Knowles one-eighth of the time. Some revival. Prayer meetings when no preaching. A union Sabbath School.

Plymouth branch, rather low; but have had some good meetings during the year. Have the labours of Rev. E. Sullivan one-fourth of the time.

Brookline branch, no report. A Committee was appointed in the February Quarterly Meeting to render them some assistance, which has not reported.

Chebogue Point branch, no report. Has the labours of Rev. C. Knowles one-fourth of the time.

Kemptville Church reports no revival, but good meetings. Quite a number are trying to hold up the cause of God. They have the labours of Rev. C. Knowles one-half of the time. They have a good Sabbath School.

Rockingham Church, no report. Has the labours of Rev. S. K. West one-fourth of the time. They have a Sabbath School.

Second Argyle Church, reported in a low state. Has the labours of Rev. E. Sullivan one-fourth of the time. They have a good Sabbath School.

Deerfield Church, no report. Has been visited a few times during the year by Rev. E. Sullivan.

Sanford Church, no report; but we learn they have the labours of Rev. J. I. Porter a part of the time; and have a good Sabbath School.

Charlesville Church, no report. Has been nearly destroyed by the so-called Adventists.

Second Barrington Church, no report. Has the labour of Rev. A. Swin one-half the time, and Rev. W. Downey one-eighth. There are two Sabbath Schools in connection with this Church; one a union.

Wood's Harbour Church, no report. Has the labours of Rev. W. Downey one-eighth of the time, and W. C. Weston one-fourth. Has a Sabbath School. Enjoys some spiritual life. Sustains a prayer meeting on the Sabbath, when no preaching.

I shall not report on our Home Mission work, as the Secretary of that Society will do so.

The statistics of the Churches will be found in the statistical table.

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contest: thus should we think of the contention between righteousness and unrighteousness, and be anxious for the triumph of right and truth.' May the great Captain of eternal salvation own us as "workers together with Himself," and harness us for the battle. May this annual gathering be blessed with the Spirit of wisdom, so as to bring into action all available help, that our branch of Zion may be more prosperous than it hitherto has been.

W. C. WESTON,

Yarmouth and Shelburne Q. M. Clerk.

Barrington, September 1870.

The Report of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting was called for and read, and adopted, as follows:—

The Harmony Quarterly Meeting, to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, assembled at Port Medway, Queen's County, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN—We have reason to praise Almighty God the Father of all mercies, that, while wonderful and important changes have taken place in the world, in Church and State, political; commercial, natural, and social, during the short year that has passed, since you last assembled, and we last reported, our denomination has been so preserved from disorder and so prospered; and that, though war rages in other lands, with its devastating influences, destroying thousands of our fellow creatures and desolating so many happy homes, we in this land enjoy peace and prosperity—you, the representative body of our much loved, growing, and heaven-honored denomination, are permitted to assemble in your Annual Meeting under favorable circumstances, and we can report ourselves as enjoying a good degree of prosperity, and still with you in sympathy and labor, for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

In order to give you a report of our doings during the year, we will refer, first, to the Quarterly Meeting Sessions, and then to the churches in order.

Owing to the scattered position of our churches, and taking advantage of the privilege granted the Quarterly Meeting by you, at your last gathering, we have only had two sessions this year.

The first was held with the church at Port Matoon, commencing December 31st. It was well attended by brethren from abroad. The reports from the churches were rather encouraging. Among other items of business transacted, a Resolution was passed, recommending a division of this Quarterly Meeting into two. A circular to the church was also framed for publication in the *Religious Intelligencer*, showing the propriety of such a change, and requesting a consideration of the subject at the next session.

We were favored with the presence and very efficient assistance of Rev. J. I. Porter, delegate from the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, and Rev. W. Downey, of New Brunswick, then travelling in this Province. The business meetings were interesting, and the religious meetings in connection with the session were unusually good. All felt that it was good to be there.

The next session was held with the church at Canning, King's County, in July. We had with us to cheer, counsel, and assist us, Rev. C. Knowles, Delegate from the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting. Rev. C. Doucett, of the New Brunswick Conference was also present, who rendered timely assistance.

The most important items of business transacted, were the appointing of a council to visit the Black Rock church, to settle some little matters of difficulty; the appointing of delegates to the Yearly Conference; and the granting of a license to Brother John Bolsor, by the request of the Scott's Bay and East Mountain Church.

The matter referred from the previous session, with regard to a division of the Quarterly Meeting, was also taken up, and discussed at some length; when

It was decided that the Quarterly Meeting should request you to consider the matter, and so change your Constitution as to allow District Meetings, instead of Quarterly Meetings.

The meetings of this session—business and religious—were quite interesting; and we hope something was accomplished for the Master.

We will now make a brief reference to each Church, in order, beginning with—

Black Rock.—This Church has been in a low and scattered state for some time (though a few tried to sustain the means of grace), until early the present year, when Rev. C. Doucett, of New Brunswick, came among them, and held protracted meetings. Through his efforts, under the blessing of God, the Church was considerably revived, backsliders reclaimed, and some sinners converted. They retain their monthly Conference meetings and Sabbath-day prayer meetings, when they have no minister. They have quite an interesting Sabbath school, with an average attendance of about 50 scholars. Twelve have been added to the Church. We have no report this year as to present membership, but according to last year's report, they number about 60. The Council appointed to this Church from the last session of the Quarterly Meeting, to assist in adjusting a little matter of difficulty, had a very satisfactory visit.

Hall's Harbour.—We have had no written report from this Church this year. Verbal report says they have no regular preaching—religious interest about medium. They have a Sabbath School, with an average attendance of about 50 scholars. According to last year's report, they have 128 names on the Church record.

Scott's Bay and Ellis Mountain Church reports—Have been low for some time, until last fall, when Rev. C. Cann paid them a visit, and laboured for their upbuilding. Quite a revival took place under his labours, and 18 were added to the Church by baptism, and 20 otherwise. Their total number is 55. They sustain their Conference meetings and weekly prayer meetings. Last year's report says that they have a good union Sabbath School. This Church requested the Quarterly Meeting at its last session to grant one of its members a license to preach the gospel. The request was complied with.

Canning Church is still without regular pastoral labour; but during the last six or eight months they have had the transient labours of Rev. C. Doucett part of the time, which have proved quite a blessing to them. Week-day prayer meetings, and prayer meetings on the Sabbath have been sustained when no preaching. They have a flourishing and interesting Sabbath School of about 50 scholars. There have been added by baptism 12; 2 have withdrawn; 1 has died; 1 has gone out from them; present membership is 122. The religious interest is quite encouraging.

Avenport.—We have had no official report from this Church this year. They have had no pastoral labour, and but very little preaching by Free Baptist ministers. We learn, however, that they are doing well, considering their privilege. They keep up their prayer meetings, and enjoy a good degree of religious prosperity. They have a union Sabbath School. Church membership is 25.

Mount Denison Church is circumstanced very much like that of Avenport, having no pastoral aid, their numbers being small, and being destitute of the encouragement which many Churches receive. They sustain the social means of grace, and are getting along as well as can be expected, without more assistance from abroad. One has died. Present membership, 59.

East Medway Church is enjoying a good degree of prosperity, though they have not been any especial work of grace among them during the year. They have the pastoral labours of Rev. Theodore H. Crowell one-eighth of the time. Conference and prayer meetings are regularly sustained, and a Sabbath School in the summer season. Sabbath School numbers about 80; Church membership, 38.

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Port Medway.—This Church has the pastoral labours of Rev. T. H. Crowell one-half of the time. The ordinances of the Lord's house are regularly attended to, and a general interest is manifest in hearing the Word. But, generally speaking, the religious interest and spiritual condition of the Church is rather low. In the spring quite a religious interest was awakened among the young people, and protracted meetings were held several weeks by the pastor, with the assistance of a few of the brethren and sisters; but the Church generally did not seem to enter into the work, and consequently it did not go on as it otherwise might. There were, however, a few young persons converted, and some awakened to more earnestness in the things of religion. In connection with this Church, there is an interesting Sabbath School, with about an average number of 50. There have been 4 added to the Church by baptism. Present number, 108.

The *Harmony Church* is still destitute of pastoral labour. Rev. W. Downey spent a month with them last winter, and laboured in protracted meetings; which labour was crowned with considerable success. This is all the preaching they have had, during the year, by ministers of our own denomination, with the exception of one or two short visits from Rev. Theo. H. Crowell, and a visit recently from Rev. C. Doucett. But they have a few brothers and sisters who are in earnest; and they are labouring hard to maintain gospel order, and sustain the means of grace. The prayer and Conference meetings are attended to regularly. They have a snug and commodious parsonage, just finished, and are hoping the Lord will send them a faithful minister. This little Church has sustained a great loss in the removal by death of a good brother, Deacon Hallett Cole, whose departure they lament very much. They have a union Sabbath School in good working condition, with about 60 scholars. Statistics—2 added; 1 died; present membership, 89.

Port Matoun Church has enjoyed a very good degree of religious prosperity during the whole year, and ever since the revival of religion they enjoyed the last year. They still have the pastoral labours of Rev. Theo. H. Crowell one-fourth of the time. In the absence of the pastor, the prayer meetings are well attended on the Sabbath. Present membership is 66.

You may have observed by this report, that many of the Churches are destitute of pastoral aid. This is a lack which we feel very much as a Quarterly Meeting. We have only one ordained Elder belonging to the Quarterly Meeting, and one Licentiate. And had it not been for the transient labours of Elders Downey, Doucett, and Cann, and the assistance of the delegates from the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, this is all the ministerial help we should have had this year.

Therefore while we regret that we have to report so little prosperity and progress on the whole—so small additions to the churches, and some spiritual declension, we also feel, considering our position, advantages and circumstances, that we have no reason to complain, but abundant reason to praise God for his great goodness to us.

We have appointed as delegates to sit with you in conference the following brethren:—Weiner Cox, William Foot, F. Hedley, Theodore Shaw, Eldred Cohoon, Benjamin Cohoon, James Cushing, and Solomon Stewart, Jun.

Reference was made in the report of last year to the organization of a Home Mission Society. We may observe here that such a Society is in operation in connection with this Quarterly Meeting. We cannot, however, concerning its report much progress. It was started with a view to raise funds to assist feeble churches, and spread the Gospel among us. We are gathering some funds slowly, but do not see the way yet to get a Missionary, and consequently have not one to pay. There is not much to stimulate the people to action in that direction. We hope, however, that at some future time it may prove a great blessing to the church.

In conclusion, we have only to say, that we are hopeful for the future. We have many faithful labourers who are bearing the burden and heat of the day,

and praying for the welfare of Jerusalem. And as we believe that "the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear," we are expecting ere long He will own and bless faithful labour and hear earnest prayer.

We are glad that it is the privilege of one of our churches to receive you this year, and entertain you as her guest. May it prove that she has entertained an angel of mercy and blessing. May it be that the interview will prove a mutual benefit, that she as a church may be stimulated to more earnestness and holy zeal in the cause of Christ; that we, as a Quarterly Meeting, may be encouraged and strengthened for future duties; that you, as the Denomination's representative and advisory body, may enjoy increased satisfaction in the assurance that though great responsibilities rest upon you, you have the sympathies and confidence of a God honored people; and that all may be influenced to "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

Being aware that important business will come before you for your consideration, and which, if properly disposed of, will tend to shape the moral destinies of our branch of Zion, and to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, we invoke the presence and blessing of the Great Head of the Church on your behalf.

May the Holy Spirit direct, assist, comfort and sanctify in all of your deliberations.

THEO. H. CROWELL,
Harmony Q. M. Clerk.

Port Medway, Sept. 1870.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted.

Rev. T. H. Crowell, Corresponding Delegate to the Free Christian Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, in giving his report, spoke of the cordial reception which he received, the good religious interest enjoyed, the manifest success and prosperity of our brethren in that Province, and that he was more deeply impressed that we are one in doing and suffering for Christ.

Rev. W. M. Knollin, appointed Corresponding Delegate to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, in giving the reason why he did not attend, said, the boat "Linda" was disabled, which prevented him.

Rev. J. E. Reud, Corresponding Delegate from the Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, in making his interesting report, spoke of his pleasure in being present, of the rise of his Denomination, and the missionary spirit which characterized its first ministers; of the devotional character of the Conference; gave the statistics of the Denomination, and spoke of the organization and success of their several benevolent societies. He touched feelingly upon the consideration of a want of Ministers, referring to some who had died and some who were sick, and solicited a continuance of the correspondence.

Deacon Underhill, from St. John, N. B., being called upon, spoke of his pleasure in attending this Conference, of our deceased brethren whom he missed, his probable nearness to eternity, and love to the cause of God.

Rev. C. Doucett being called upon, rose and made some appropriate remarks.

Rev. W. M. Knollin made some very appropriate remarks, and suggested that this Conference recommend to our Churches that they observe a day of humiliation and prayer for the outpouring of God's spirit, and the raising up of more ministers to labour in his cause.

Revs. W. Downey and J. I. Porter spoke upon the same subject.

Resolved—That we adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. T. H. Crowell.

A matter referred by the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, touching the preparation of a Catechism, was considered.

Resolved—That this Conference prepare a Catechism.

A matter touching a change of Constitution, so as to have District, instead of Quarterly, Meetings, was considered.

Resolved—That it is not desirable to make any change.

Resolved—That the blank in Incorporation Act, as regards qualification for voting for Trustees, be filled thus—One Dollar.

Whereas—There is great lack of ministerial labour in different parts of our denominational field;

Therefore Resolved—That, for the encouragement of those in the field, as well as those who may feel it duty to consecrate their services unto the Lord, this Conference consider the propriety, and, if possible, proceed to organize a Society, the object of which shall be to provide for the families of deceased ministers, to the extent of said Society's ability; and also that said Society shall endeavour to avail itself of funds for the purpose of aiding disabled ministers of this Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia.

Resolved—That we adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. C. Knowles.

This was a reporting meeting.

The Report of the Committee on the Sabbath was read, as follows:

The institution of the Sabbath was designed by God as a sign between him and us. Therefore, the manner in which it is kept is a proof of our regard for Him. No person can be a consistent Christian, and not hallow the Lord's day. Your Committee deeply regret the slackness with which some Church-members seem to regard the sanctity of the Sabbath. That it is not a day for visiting, sleeping, or idle conversation, the Bible plainly teaches. He that would remain at home, or visit, rather than attend a place of worship on the Sabbath, or allow his children or servants so to do, whatever may be his professions, has just ground to question his union with God, and his character as a Christian. We are exhorted "not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." We recommend that the burial of the dead be avoided in all cases on the Sabbath, when practicable.

Your Committee regret that the laws now existing for the observance of the Sabbath are not more vigilantly enforced.

WM. DOWNEY,
C. M. CUSHING, } Committee
B. J. UNDERHILL, }

After the adoption of the Report was moved and seconded, it was spoken to by Rev. J. E. Reud, who set forth the many ways the Sabbath is desecrated, and the importance of keeping it holy.

Rev. W. Downey spoke of the Sabbath as a sign between God and man, and nations; also, of the importance of avoiding the burial of the dead thereon.

Rev. C. Doucett spoke of several common practices as the desecration of the Sabbath.

The Report was adopted.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was called for and read, as follows:

Sabbath Schools being a nursery of the Church of Christ, too much care cannot be taken in religious instruction of the youth of our land. To reach this, not only should the children be urged to attend, but parents should feel it incumbent upon them to give their presence also. While we should feel thankful for what has already been done, yet much more might be done in this department of the Church of Christ. In the twenty-nine churches in our connection, twenty-four have Free Baptist and six Union Sabbath Schools. We would recommend that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a paper for our next Annual Conference, pointing out the best means for the promotion of this noble cause.

Respectfully submitted,

E. SULLIVAN,
B. WOODWORTH, } Committee.
J. C. SMITH,

The adoption of the Report was moved and seconded, and spoken to appropriately by Revs. T. H. Crowell and J. I. Porter.

The Report was adopted.

The Report on Missions was called for and read, as follows:

BROTHER MODERATOR—

Your Committee on Missions believe that it is a subject which has a very important bearing on the destinies of the world—a subject that is interwoven into the very texture of the Gospel of Christ, consequently we believe that every one who enjoys the blessings of the Gospel, and who has heard of the degradation, misery and lost condition of those who have enjoyed its light, and who know of the destitution of many in Christian lands, should awaken to the responsibility which rests upon them to assist in carrying out the great commission given to the disciples of old, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

We rejoice to know that the subject has been favorably considered by you heretofore, and that we have now organized Societies to perform both Foreign and Home Mission work.

We therefore recommend that this Conference sustain those Societies with our sympathy, prayers and financial aid in this glorious enterprise.

THEO. H. CROWELL,
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The Report was adopted.

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The Report on Education was called for and read, as follows :

Your Committee on Education, in view of the public meeting of that Society, at which time the claims thereof will be discussed, report very briefly.

Your Committee find that but little has been done as yet by the Educational Society, in consequence of lack of interest felt, and manifest, and the consequent lack of funds to do with. There is but a few dollars in the fund. No material aid has been given this Denominational year to the Theological students, who seem to have a just claim upon the Society.

Your Committee believe this to be a highly favorable time for making strenuous efforts to supply the necessary funds, that the Society may carry out its object with regard to those brethren who are preparing for the Gospel ministry.

Furthermore, your Committee feel it does become this Conference to give its sympathy and support to this good work.

J. I. PORTER,
W. DOWNEY, } Committee.
ELDRD. COHOON, }

The Report was adopted.

The Report on Temperance was called for and read, as follows :—

We believe there is no source of evil so prolific as the common use of ardent spirits. Fearful as has been the carnage on the battle-field of modern warfare, destroying thousands of valuable lives, and as many homes; yet the statistics of many countries justify us in the conclusion, that while war has slain its thousands, ardent spirits has slain its tens of thousands. Your Committee regard it not only as a physical, but as a social and moral evil; the extent of which eternity alone can reveal.

Your Committee feel that all lovers of morality and virtue have reason to rejoice that much good has been done by the different Temperance organizations, thus clearly demonstrating the power of moral suasion and christian virtues. Your Committee find much pleasure in the fact that, as a denomination, you are pledged to this good cause. And further, we would urge upon our ministers, and all of our Churches, the necessity of renewed and more vigorous efforts for the suppression of this vice.

W. M. KNOLLIN,
J. E. REUD, } Committee.
ELISHA DOLLIVER, }

The adoption of the Report being moved and seconded, was spoken to by Revs. T. H. Crowell, W. M. Knollin, J. E. Reud, W. Downey, and J. I. Porter. The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the ministers and licentiates of this Conference form themselves into a body, to be called the Elders' Conference of Free Baptists of Nova Scotia. The object of this Conference shall be the cultivation of union among its members, and harmony of doctrines and practice; and that the Annual Meeting of this body shall be held on the day preceding the Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists of Nova Scotia.

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to consult with the Churches, during the next year, in reference to the propriety of forming themselves into Societies, to be called Pastorates.

Resolved—That the members of this Conference be the above Committee.

Resolved—That Rev. C. Knowles be the Chairman of the above Committee.

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to nominate Corresponding Delegates to other Bodies.

Resolved—That W. Downey, E. Sullivan, and C. Knowles, be the above Committee.

Resolved—That we adjourn until to-morrow, 9 o'clock.
Prayer by Rev. J. E. Reud.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. E. Sullivan.

Resolved—That W. Downey, W. M. Knollin, and J. I. Porter, be a Committee to carry out the recommendation of the Report on Sabbath Schools.

Resolved—That, in the opinion of this Conference, its Constitution should be so amended as to allow it to commence its annual sessions on Saturday, at 11 o'clock, A. M., instead of Thursday.

I hereby give notice, that at the next session of this Conference, a Resolution will be presented to change Article 6th of its Constitution, by striking off Thursday, and supplying Saturday.

W. DOWNEY.

Resolved—That W. Downey be the delegate to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, and E. Sullivan to the Free Baptist Conference in New Brunswick.

Resolved—That the bills presented by T. H. Crowell, J. I. Porter, and W. M. Knollin, be paid.

Resolved—That the Clerk be instructed to get 100 blank Deeds and power of Incorporation printed; and issue them, when called for, at such price as will cover the cost thereof.

Resolved—That this Conference adopt as its seal a piece of pink paper, cut in shape and size of a 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent piece, marked with the initials, F. B. C. S.

Resolved—That whereas it seems more proper and convenient that the Clerk should also be Treasurer, that the present Treasurer, Jonathan Smith, be dismissed, and J. I. Porter be the Treasurer of this Conference.

Resolved—That the delegate to New Brunswick receive \$10 from the Treasurer, to defray his expenses.

Resolved—That W. Downey, Joseph Trefry, and Colwell

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Smith be a Committee to furnish the Treasury with necessary funds.

Resolved—That the delegate to the States present his bill, and receive the amount of his expenses.

Resolved—That the Clerk prepare and circulate 800 copies of the Minutes of Conference; and that he receive \$10 for his services.

Resolved—That a vote of thanks be accorded to the brethren and friends of Port Medway, for the manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

Resolved—That we adjourn until the next Annual Session, with the First Barrington Church, the second Thursday in September, 1871.

Prayer by the Moderator, Rev. C. Knowles.

DEVOTIONAL.

Thursday evening, Rev. C. Doucett preached. This was a profitable season. Those who had been engaged in the business were glad to yield themselves up to the devotional exercises of this hour.

Saturday, 2 o'clock, P. M., met for social Conference. Here was enjoyed the communion of saints. The time was much too short for all to speak who wished to do so, although the meeting continued until near 6 o'clock. It was a precious season.

Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock, there was a prayer meeting.

At 10 o'clock, Rev. J. E. Reud preached in the Free Baptist House, and Rev. E. Sullivan in the Calvin Baptist House, and Rev. C. Knowles in the Free Baptist House at East Port Medway.

At half-past 2 o'clock, Rev. W. Downey preached. At the close of the service the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants, where, no doubt, many communed together for the last time on earth.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., Rev. W. M. Knollin preached in the Free Baptist House, and Rev. J. I. Porter in the Calvin Baptist House.

The preaching was good, the congregations attentive; and we trust much good was done in the name of the Lord.

The weather, during all the time of holding the meetings, was all that could be desired.

The business sessions were characterized by a spirit of unity and zeal.

The meetings of the several Societies, in connection with the Conference, was a success.

All things considered, this last is by far the most successful Conference which we have held. Much praise is due the pastor, Rev. T. H. Crowell, and the friends at Port Medway, for the systematic and convenient manner in which they entertained the Conference.

J. I. PORTER, Clerk.

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First Barrington,.....	20						280	1	60
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Second Barrington,.....	1				1	2	89	*2	64
Port Latour,.....	1						64	1	40
Wood's Harbour,.....							114	1	50
Pubnico,.....	12						93	1	50
First Argyle,.....					2	1	139	1	36
Second Argyle,.....							94	1	60
Tusket,.....	7	2					67	*1	80
Kemptonville,.....	1				3		102	1	80
Rockingham, no report,.....						1	26	1	45
Carleton,.....							61	1	60
Deerfield, no report,.....							30		
Beaver River and Cedar Lake,.....	65						264	2	120
Sanford,.....						1	146	1	50
Session Hill,.....							48	1	50
Chebogue,.....	4	3				6	281	2	75
Black Rock,.....	12						60	1	50
Hall's Harbour,.....							128	1	50
Scott's Bay and Ells Mountain,.....	16	20					55	*1	40
Canning,.....	12			3		1	122	1	50
Avenport,.....						1	35	*1	40
Mount Denison,.....						1	59		
East Medway,.....							38	1	30
Port Medway,.....	4						105	1	50
Harmony and Brookfield,.....	2				1		89	1	60
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APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.*

Free Baptist Conference in account with J. I. Porter, Treasurer.

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" " Sanford,		4 38½
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" " Canning,		2 47½
" " Plymouth		2 77½
" " 1st Argyle		6 79½
" " 2nd Argyle		6 64½
" " Tusket		2 72½
" " Port Medway		3 93
" " Port Mouton		3 65
" " Little River		3 20
" " Black Rock		1 67
" " Cope Island		8 31½
" " Avon Port,		1 00
" " Harmony and Brookfield church,		1 60
" " East Medway church,		2 00
" " Wood's Harbour church,		4 71
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" " Shag Harbour church,		2 94½
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To Briden & Letson's bill for printing Minutes,		\$35 00
" Rev. T. H. Crowell, delegate to N. B.,		25 00
" Rev. W. M. Knollin, for sending despatch to States,		1 44
" Rev. J. I. Porter, Clerk, for preparing Minutes for press,		10 00
and getting printed, &c.,		0 75
" Stationery and postage,		\$72 19
		\$25 46
Amount in the Fund,		

* We have not printed the list of names of contributors, as we find it costs quite a large amount to do so (costing about eight dollars last year), and the sums are so small it seems to us to be quite unnecessary. We think if we do so, the Minutes will be unnecessarily large and costly this year.

J. I. PORTER, Treasurer.

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OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

This Meeting was convened at Port Medway F. B. Meeting House, Friday evening, Sept. 9th.

The President, Rev. J. I. Porter, was in the Chair.

After opening the meeting in the usual manner, the Constitution of the Society was read.

The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:

President.

Rev. W. DOWNEY.

Vice Presidents.

Rev. W. M. KNOLLIN,

" E. SULLIVAN,

" D. ORAM.

Rev. T. H. CROWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

" J. I. PORTER, *Recording Secretary.*

" I. H. CROWELL, *Treasurer.*

J. C. SMITH, Esq., *Auditor.*

Executive Committee.

Rev. T. H. CROWELL,

" J. I. PORTER,

" D. ORAM,

ASA McGRAY, Esq.,

T. W. WILSON, Esq.,

Rev. W. M. KNOLLIN,

" W. DOWNEY,

" E. SULLIVAN,

J. H. HAMILTON, Esq.,

J. C. SMITH, Esq.,

W. S. PORTER.

After which the newly appointed President took the Chair, made a few appropriate remarks, called for the reading of the report of the Executive Committee, and the Treasurer's account.

After appropriate singing by the choir, the Report of the Corresponding Secretary was called for and read, as follows:

REPORT:

The Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Society, in his report for 1866, asks:—"If he is called a benefactor who makes two spires of grass grow where only one grew before, what is he who, under the blessing of God, makes two graces spring up where only one previously existed; or he who causes a pure morality to prevail where only immorality has reigned; or he who makes a growing Christian out of a dark and degraded heathen—sowing the seeds of knowledge and truth in the minds of hundreds of youths, who were destined to a life of ignorance, degradation, and sin?"

He then goes on to say:—

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Christian nation are being laid, through the prayer and self-denying labours of the patient toilers in Orissa. Every prayer, every sermon, every discussion, and every lesson taught, is aiding to bring about this great result. This result must follow. The line of policy already adopted will inevitably lead to the establishment of a noble Christian nation where heathenism now prevails. It may take long years to reach that point, but 'fighting it out on this line' leads to ultimate success and victory, as surely as it has in the case of nations now Christian; all of which have been redeemed from heathenism at some stage in their progress."

Now, Brethren and Friends of this Society, if that mission is doing so much—such a good work, with such glorious results in view,—then in proportion to our zeal and activity, we are doing the same, being part and parcel of it. What an exalted privilege we enjoy in assisting in such an enterprise for such an object. How worthy the attention and aspiration of those who expect to share eternal glory with the redeemed through Christ; that when we look upon the ransomed host of the different nations, kindred and people of earth, we may know that we have done something to bring some of them at least, under the power of that Gospel which has saved them to life eternal.

The reports from the mission field since our last annual report have, on the whole, been very encouraging.

The Sabbath-school, Zenana work, Bazar preaching, and the other departments of the mission work, are all proving efficient means of Christianizing that dark land. The press, it is said, has been doing a good work, and its usefulness in the mission is important. There were 497,800 pages printed during the year ending March, 1869, in four different languages.

It appears that in many things, of late, there has been advance and success, which heretofore seemed to promise but little more than failure. For instance; we are told that a successful effort has been made to have the converts reside, after conversion, in the community where they previously lived. Previously it has been necessary for their safety to move them to the station or some Christian village. Consequently they have a greater influence for good. While allowed to live among their old neighbors they have shown to them the effect of Christianity, which has a greater tendency to undermine heathenism.

From the report of last year, we learn that there has been quite an increase in the church membership, and that there is increasing desire manifested, and a greater effort made on the part of the native people to attend upon the means of grace, and for the salvation of their fellow countrymen, who are yet walking in idolatry. At the Midnapore station, where our Missionary resides, with the Missionaries of New Brunswick, there have been seven added to the church by baptism, and about eighty new pupils gathered into the Sabbath-school. The membership of the Sabbath-school, however, is very fluctuating, which is a serious drawback. Notwithstanding this, very encouraging progress is being made. They have succeeded in having the weekly lessons committed to memory so well, that sometimes nearly the whole school rises and repeats it in concert. They have a Teacher's class, which holds weekly meetings for mutual improvement, and for the invocation of the Divine blessing upon their labours. And then they have monthly concerts, similar to those held in America, in which old and young take part, for the general improvement and interest of the school.

Rev. J. L. Phillips, in his report from this station, says:—
"On one point we can surely report some progress. Our church members are all regularly contributing to the maintenance of the means of grace among ourselves, and to the spread of the gospel, by giving at least, one-tenth of their income into the treasury of the Lord. This year, upwards of five hundred rupees have been thus realized.... Not a single member of the church is an

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Bro. C. O. Libby, referring to this point, says that it is an "interesting feature in the Mission;" remarking in language something like this—that educating the converts and christians up to the gospel rule of beneficence, not only make them a benefit to others, but it leads to a very happy influence upon their own temporal affairs; proving the truth of the promise, "the liberal soul shall be made fat."

Through continued zealous efforts, the earnest appeals to the friends of the Mission, and the cheerful, hearty responses of many, the Parent Society is still in a comparatively healthy and hopeful condition, financially; although it is reported some in debt, the total receipts last year being considerably less than the year before. The present year is one of hope and discouragement. The field is widening, more laborers are needed; the funds at times come in slowly, and many seem to stand aloof and look on with careless indifference. But with "work, work, work, the year round," (as sister Crawford says), on the part of the working force, no doubt the Society will take firmer footing, rise above surrounding difficulties, and exert a greater influence than ever upon the heathen work.

We have referred at considerable length to the Mission field and the Parent Society, that we may not lose sight of the object for which we are aiming, and that we may remember the interests with which the interests of our society are identified.

With regard to our Society, we regret to say, that it has done so little during the three years of its existence, to promote the glorious cause of Missions. The failure does not appear to be on account of fault in the constitution of the Society, or on account of the inability of the people to sustain it, or on account of unwillingness on the part of the people to contribute to its funds, but for the want of some *more systematic plan* for bringing the subject before the minds of the people, reminding them often of the object and demands of the Society, taking collections and collecting old subscriptions.

The collections and pledges at our annual meetings have always been good, and if proportionate effort had been made during the interim of those meetings to take other collections and pledges, and to collect the amount already pledged, the Society would be in a more prosperous condition. For the want of something of that kind, but little has been done since our last annual meeting.

The Treasurer's account will show the state of our finances.

Although we find some cause for regret and complaint, yet we find nothing to discourage. We believe that although, hitherto, our missionary operations have moved rather slowly, they have moved surely, and that now we have better learned our position, our weak points, and our strength, and the demands of the enterprise, we are prepared to move forward in the future with more rapidity and earnestness, and to greater success.

We have undertaken to support a Missionary in the Foreign field, and we can do it. We have strength, ability, means, and true Christianity enough in our churches to do more. God is on our side. He honors the enterprise with His blessing.

We have not received any direct communications from our Missionary since our last report, though we have written her and requested it. Perhaps a letter is just at hand. Through other channels we learn that she is at present in the same department of labor as heretofore. The Lord has preserved to her a good degree of health and strength, and assisted her to do efficient labor for Him.

That the nature of her employment may be better understood by all, and that a greater interest may be awakened with regard to her support, we give

her last report of the "Zenana work" of the Midnapore station, in which she is engaged. The "Zenana work" is the labors of the Female Missionaries in the homes and with the wives of the wealthy and better class of Hindoos. She says :—

"We have now closed our third year in this particular department of work, and can still report a good degree of interest on the part of most of the Babus' wives in reading the Bible. Although this has been a year of interruptions from one cause and another, still we cannot but hope that some good seed have been dropped, which will bring forth fruit in due season. The number of families we have visited the last year, has been twenty-six; nine of which has been added to our list during the year. For want of time and help, we have neglected visiting several families which live at some distance from us, but we intend, if possible, to go to them again. A portion of the year we have had one of our native christian young women assist us in teaching the Babus' wives. We have much reason to thank God, for giving us one at least from among our christian women, who has both the ability and desire to carry the true light into the homes of her sisters sitting in heathenish darkness. As far as we can judge, she has been fearless and faithful in speaking to them of 'Christ and Him crucified,' even though that blessed name, at least in one instance, was openly denied by them. A pious native teacher has a great advantage over a foreigner, for, they being well acquainted with the tastes and fancies of their own countrymen, speak directly to the heart. Besides this, the women are more free with them and talk as they feel; while with us, I fear that they say many things simply to please us. We greatly need more native teachers in this work.

We have had some discouragements during the past twelve months; for, aside from the removal of several families, others have become listless and care but little for their reading. This is trying at the time, still we cannot be disheartened, but rather must expect this, for they cannot see what advantage they are to gain by studying the Bible.

We are most happy however, to say, that it is not by any means all dark, for there is much, yes, very much, to cheer us. One of our women, whom we reported last year, as requesting us to discontinue our visits to her on account of her aged mother-in-law, who was living with her, sent for us a short time since, wishing us to call on her again, as her mother-in-law had returned home. On conversing with her about what she had read a year or more ago, I was surprised to find she had retained very much of the history of Christ. It was interesting to see how clear an idea she had of the true service of God, which must consist in purity of heart, and not simply in the outward actions. Oh, if they would but follow in the footsteps of the great Master as far as they have light, we should, ere long, see many coming into the fold of Christ.

There is one of our Zenana women, I am free to say, who explains her Bible lesson as well, if not better, than any native woman I have ever met, christian or heathen. Her answers would do credit to many a Bible Class at home.

She spent several months in Calcutta a short time ago, in her father's and husband's families, and, on her return, she said there had been so much confusion, that she had not read the Testament, but she had taken it with her, and showed it to her friends who were greatly pleased with it, and commended her for having studied it so well.

She often, with a bright, beaming countenance, speaks of some beautiful passage she had found in her lesson. We yet hope to see her, as well as others, walking in the narrow way. If they would but accept the blessed Word as their rule of life, the door which now confines them so closely would very soon be thrown open. But while they are thus unconsciously famishing for heavenly food, we will work on, remembering the precious promise, 'Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.' "

In the report of Miss Crawford, one of the Missionaries at the Jellapore sta-

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tion, in speaking of a sickness which prevailed among her scholars for some time, and which carried off six of those little ones, we find the following:

"It would be ungrateful to fail to mention here that, during our greatest suffering, Miss Phillips, of Midnapore, was with us, and rendered efficient service in caring for the sick, and not less service by speaking words of comfort to one who was nearly worn down with long watching, anxiety and sorrow. May the Lord reward her a hundred fold."

We learn that subsequently, while Miss Crawford was herself worn down and sick, nigh unto death, many fearing that she had finished her work on earth, sister Phillips, leaving her own field of labor, came to her aid, and with sympathy and effort did for her what a missionary sister best could.

Thus we find that our Missionary is ready for "every good word and work," and that "whatever her hands find to do, she does with all her might."

Let us then come up manfully, and rallying around the standard of Missions, be determined by sympathy, money, and prayers, to sustain her in her work for humanity and for God. And may He who has promised to give to His Son the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession, and to give Him the dominion from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth, bless you a hundred fold.

THEO. H. CROWELL,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

September, 1870.

Rev. J. I. Porter moved, and Rev. C. Doucett seconded the adoption of the Report, which was supported by Rev. J. E. Reud, Corresponding Delegate from N. B.

The speeches were all spirited and good, after which a collection was taken, amounting to \$14.26½, and subscriptions to \$65.75—\$11.50 of which was paid. A considerable amount of old subscriptions were paid.

The exercises were interspersed with good music, and at the close all seemed to feel it had been a pleasant and successful meeting.

J. I. PORTER, *Recording Secretary.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Held at the Free Baptist Church, Port Medway, Queen's Co., Sept. 10th, 1870.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President.

REV. J. I. PORTER.

Vice President.

REV. W. M. KNOLLIN.

REV. THEO. H. CROWELL, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Committee.

B. B. WOODWORTH, Esq.,

J. C. SMITH, Esq.,

ELDRED COHOON, Esq.,

ASA McGRAY, Esq.

REV. W. DOWNEY.

The third Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Free Baptist Education Society was held in the Free Baptist Church, in Port Medway, Queen's County, on Saturday, September 10, 1870, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. J. I. Porter.

After an appropriate hymn was sung by the choir and congregation, prayer was offered by Rev. W. Downey.

The President then made some appropriate remarks, and called upon the Secretary to read the Constitution.

Proceeded to the election of Officers.

The Secretary was then called upon to read his Annual Report, which is as follows:—

Three years have now passed since this Society was organized and numbered among the agencies of our denomination, for the dissemination of the principles of our holy Christianity among our fellow men.

During those years great changes have taken place in the world, changes which have in a measure shaped its moral, political and religious destinies. The glorious principles of an unadulterated Gospel have been disseminated in many of the dark corners of the earth, and education and civilization have followed in its track. Although the influence of our little Society has been but small among the influences that have been at work in the world, bringing about the changes that have taken place in it, we are glad to know that such a Society exists, and that it is maturing, taking form, and gaining strength, and promises much more in the future. Already it may have been the means of awakening an interest, or producing a motive, which will lead to some good results in the history of our beloved Zion and for God.

We have heard C. C., at least, whose heart was ~~thus~~ ^{truly} receiving a little from the funds of our Society, at a time when the way was dark and discouraging to him as to his financial affairs. This, we have reason to believe will lead that brother to think more of the interests of Zion in his native Province, and awaken a desire to return, when he leaves school, to preach the everlasting gospel to his fellow-men.

We believe that both a Scientific and Theological education are very valuable helps to an efficient ministry, and that a minister without these helps, to some extent, in these days, will be a cripple. The object of this Society is to encourage and raise funds to assist young men in securing those helps, that they may labor more successfully in the vineyard of the Lord.

We therefore call upon all who prize the Gospel of Christ—all who feel the need of more efficient labourers—all who look upon the whitening fields, and see but few reapers, to help in this enterprise. And may God prosper the work of our hands.

THEO. H. CROWELL.

Port Medway.

After the reading of the Report, Rev. W. Downey moved, and Rev. W. M. Knollin seconded its adoption, with very interesting, stirring and appropriate remarks.

The motion for the adoption of the Report was then supported in a very able manner by Revs. E. Sullivan, C. Doucett and J. E. Reud.

Some remarks were also made by the Secretary and President.

The Report was adopted.

A collection was taken in aid of the funds of the Society, and a handsome amount pledged.

The meeting was a success.

THEO. H. CROWELL,

Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Nova Scotia Free Baptist Education Society in account with Theo. H. Crowell, Treasurer.

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1870.			
By amount in Treasury, according to account of 1869,	\$6 27	Samuel Dolliver,	\$0 50
T. H. Crowell's sub. for 1869,	1 00	Mrs. Sarah A. Bowers,	0 75
Col. taken at meeting of Society at Port Medway,	5 90½	Spencer Cohoon, Esq.,	10 00
E. M. Cox,	0 75	A. Friend,	2 00
B. B. Woodworth, Esq.,	1 00	Miss V. J. Porter, for 1869,	1 00
Joseph Lowden,	0 62½	Theo. H. Crowell,	1 00
Eldred Cohoon, Esq., to constitute himself a life member,	10 00	Edwin Morine,	1 00
Miss Hannah Burke,	0 50	J. I. Porter,	1 00
		Amount in fund,	<u>\$42 80</u>
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The funds on hand will be appropriated to the use for which they were raised as soon as convenient.

THEO. H. CROWELL, *Treasurer.*

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HARMONY QUARTERLY MEETING HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This Society was organized at East Medway, April 3, 1869, under the direction of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting.

The object of this Society is to aid destitute Churches in the Quarterly Meeting, and to spread the Gospel. The Quarterly Meeting Conference controls the business of this Society, through its Executive Committee. The Society holds public meetings in connection with each Session of the Quarterly Meeting. At these meetings addresses are delivered on the subject of Missions, collections taken, and subscriptions solicited in aid of the funds of the Society.

As the Society was very small in its beginning, having but little funds, it was not advisable to engage a Missionary, and there being no missionary to support, there has not been that effort made to gather funds which the enterprise demands. There is, however, a small amount in fund, and considerable pledged on the book, which will be forthcoming when it is needed, and we hope that as soon as the missionary can be found to labour the Society will be prepared to support him.

We trust that the friends of Missions and suffering humanity will co-operate in this good work, and that the little Society will grow and thrive, and under God's blessing be the means of great good.

THEO. H. CROWELL.

Secretary.

Port Medway, Sept. 1870.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Harmony Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Society in account with Theo. H. Crowell, Treasurer.

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April.	By collection taken at M. meeting at East Medway, .	\$0 37½
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Port Medway, September, 1870.

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HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The Treasurer of the Home Mission Society has not made any report this year. We have not any Home Missionary in the field. The following amounts, collected by our late Home Missionary is given here, as his year did not conclude until after the last year's Minutes were printed. We wish all contributors to this Fund to favor us with their contributions as usual, so that we may soon put another Missionary in the field.

List of contributions collected by Rev. Wm. Downey since the last year's Minutes were printed.

Mrs. Nathaniel Perry,	\$1 00	Don'n. by number young ladies,	\$2 50
Chas. Cann,	2 50	Daniel Porter,	1 00
Capt. J. Sanders,	2 50	John Durkee,	1 00
Mrs. Ansley Porter,	1 25	Henry Durkee,	0 50
Julia Porter,	1 00	Benjamin Ellis,	0 50
Helen M. Cann,	2 00	E. Porter,	0 35
Master Jacob Cann,	0 50	Almina Porter,	0 15
Mrs. Thos. Currey,	1 00	Mrs. Reeves,	0 20
Mrs. R. McHenry,	1 00	Mrs. Miner Perry,	1 35
Mrs. Wm. McKenzie,	0 25	Mrs. Abijah Ellis,	1 25
Capt. Thomas Perry,	8 00	Mrs. Isaac Porter,	1 00
Mrs. Corning Burns,	2 00	Mrs. Elk. Porter,	0 75
Thos. Burns,	1 00	Wm. Hall,	0 25
Jesse Sanders,	1 00	Samuel Corning,	2 00
Edgar Porter,	1 00	Mrs. Thomas Corning,	0 50
Walter Sallows,	2 50	Mrs. Thomas Perry, sen.,	0 25
Abijah Ellis,	1 00	Mrs. Wm. Hall,	1 50
Mrs. Josiah Crosby,	0 50	Cedar Lake Sewing Circle,	1 00
J. McCormic,	0 50	Gilbert Sanders,	0 50
John Perry, sen.,	0 25	Sarah Sanders,	1 00
John Perry, jun.,	0 10	Clement Perry,	0 75
Mrs. Atwood,	0 25	Norman Perry,	1 00
Eliza Perry,	0 50	Master George Jenkins,	0 20
Ansley Perry,	0 10	Mrs. C. Perry,	0 40
E. A. Perry,	0 07	Alice Perry,	1 50
G. Bathune,	0 25	Mrs. German and daughter,	2 60
Hannah J. Porter,	0 25	Mrs. Charles Cann,	1 25
Elizabeth Porter,	0 25	Mrs. C. Sallows,	0 80
Master Benjamin Moses,	0 03	Mrs. Edgar Porter,	2 00
James Pearis,	0 50	Sisters at Green Cove,	1 00
Jacob Bathune,	50	Mrs. David P. Corning,	1 00
John Wetmore,	1 00	Capt. James Raymond,	0 07
Stephen Wetmore,	1 00	Miner Perry, sen.,	1 50
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Last collection at Bear River,	3 50	Benjamin Goodwin,	0 50
Dr. Harris,	5 00	D. C. Weston,	3 00
Josiah Elles,	0 50	Mrs. Moses Harris,	0 62½
Mrs. Manning Peters,	1 00	William Larkin,	0 25
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Mrs. Thos. Currey,	0 30	Bradford Hilton,	1 00
Mrs. Lois Sanders,	1 50	Augusta Hilton,	0 50
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Mrs. Joseph Gowdy,	1 00	Joseph Roberts,	0 50
Wm. Churchill,	0 50	Mrs. Wm. Allen,	0 25
Isaac Brannen,	0 50	A Friend,	0 50
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Solomon Smith,	1 00	Col. at Barrington by Miss Mary	
Israel Chatwind and wife,	0 50	A. Hopkins, (list lost)	3 50
Mrs. Washington Smith,	0 25	Col. at Argyle, (no list)	3 62½
Miss Freeman Nickerson,	0 25	Capt. James Robbins and wife,	1 50
Collected, per Mrs. J. M. Brannen,		Col. at Barrington Q. M.,	8 86½
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AN ACT

To Incorporate certain Bodies in connection with the Free Baptist Church of Nova Scotia.

Passed the 18th day of April, A. D., 1869.

Section.

1. Incorporation.
2. First Meeting.
3. Powers of Trustees.
4. Vesting of Real and Personal Property.
5. Conference.
6. Investment of Money.
7. Church may elect Trustees.

Section.

8. Voting at election of Trustees.
9. Quorum.
10. Trust Lands to, subject to the provisions of this Act.
11. No Conveyance to a Free Baptist Church to be deemed a Conveyance to Free Baptist Conference, unless expressed.
12. Revenue.

Whereas a number of persons in this Province associated together in Churches constituting two religious communities, known respectively as the "Free-Will Baptists" and the "Free Christian Baptists" of Nova Scotia, did call a Convention of Delegates from the several Churches of such two Denominations at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne, on Thursday the twenty ninth day of November, A. D., 1867 who then and there unanimously formed themselves into an Association, by the name of the "Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia;"

And Whereas this religious community now exists, governed by rules made by the said Conference, composed of all the ordained Elders, Licentiates, Deacons and Delegates from the Quarterly Meetings of the said Church in Nova Scotia; and the business of such Conference is presided over by a Moderator elected annually from the ordained Elders;

And Whereas such Conference is possessed of considerable property, real and personal;

And Whereas parcels of land have been conveyed in trust for such Conference, and Meeting Houses have been built thereon, and serious inconveniences have arisen in the holding and transmission of such lands, and the management of their property, from the difficulty of appointing new Trustees on the occurrence of vacancies, and it is believed that the Incorporation of such Conference, and the several Churches respectively, would greatly simplify the management of their temporal concerns and advance the several benevolent and religious objects of the said Church, and promote its spiritual interests:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. Elders C. Knowles, A. Swim, D. Oram, W. C. Weston, S. K. West, J. I. Porter, E. Sullivan, C. Cann, W. M. Knollin, T. H. Crowell, W. Downey, B. Minard, Z. Churchill, J. Lowden, C. Cushing, sen., B. Banks, B. Cowell, J. Newell, T. Pitman, G. Bower, D. B. Porter, W. Sollows, S. Crowell, J. Robbins, E. Crowell, L. Minard, C. Cushing, jun., P. Smith, S. W. Nickerson, A. E. Gaten, A. Pitman, S. Hamilton, J. Terfry, D. P. Corning, M. McGray, J. Kenny, E. W. Perry, A. McGray, W. Sims, A. Robbins, T. Brown, and E. Perry and others, now constituting "The Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia," and may purchase, receive and hold grants of real and personal estate, and sell, assign, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, and the rents and profits, for the use of such Conference and Churches, according to the intention of the donors, and may appoint officers for the management of any funds, institutions and objects connected with such Conference and Church, and may regulate the mode of constituting and government of such Conference.

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2. The first meeting of the Corporation shall be held at Port Medway, in Queen's County, on Thursday, the eighth day of September next. When the Corporation shall be deemed organized, thirteen members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; but any less number may adjourn.

3. The Trustees of every Meeting House in connection with such Conference shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Trustees of the Free Baptist Church of —," according to the particular designation thereof, at pleasure, with power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and may mortgage, sell, assign and convey the same, and make such Bye-Laws as may be necessary, and exercise all the corporate powers conferred by Law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of such Meeting House.

4. Every conveyance, grant, bequest, devise or gift of any lands, goods, chattels, or real or personal estate whatever, that may have been made to any Free-Will Baptist or Free Christian Baptist Society or Body, or may hereafter be made to any Free Baptist Society or Body other than Trustees of any Meeting House organized by or constituted under the authority of "The Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia," shall be deemed to be made to and vested in such Conference by operation of law in the same manner and as fully in all intents and purposes as if specially given, granted, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to the Conference by its proper title, and such Conference shall have full power and authority to sue for and recover the same either at law or in equity, and to assign, transfer, sell, incur, charge, or otherwise dispose thereof, but shall appropriate the sum or proceeds thereof to and for the Society and Body for which it was specially given or intended to be given by the donors or grantors; and in all cases of doubt as to the specific object of such gift or grant the Conference shall settle such doubt, and finally determine the same in such manner and according to such rule as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. All property or estate, real or personal, to which any Society or Body in connection with such Conference, other than Trustees of any Meeting House constituted under the authority of the said Conference, shall be entitled in any way, shall be held by such Conference for the benefit of and in trust for any such Society or Body, and the Conference shall, by such rules as they shall from time to time make, define the mode of investing the same and accounting therefor.

6. The Conference may invest any money they may have from time to time, either in Government securities or the security on Bond of any Corporation, or on Bond or Mortgage.

7. Every Church may annually at such time as the Conference shall prescribe, elect any number not less than three nor exceeding five Trustees, being members of such Church, who shall continue in office one year or until others are elected in their stead.

8. Every male of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, being a communicant of such Church, or a regular attendant at the worship in the Meeting House where such Church is organized, who contributes towards the funds of the Church such sum as the Conference shall prescribe, shall be entitled to vote at the election of Trustees.

9. Every Board of Trustees incorporated under the authority of this Act shall exercise their powers and privileges according to the usages and rules prescribed by the Conference, but not less than three Trustees shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and no Bye-Law shall be made repugnant to Law.

10. All lands conveyed in trust to the late Free-Will Baptists, or late Free Christian Baptists, or Free Baptists, and buildings erected thereon, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same is elected in the manner herein prescribed, provided always that this provision shall not interfere with the right of the Conference to the exclusive control of any land conveyed to such Conference.

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11. No conveyance, gift or bequest made to the Free Baptist Church shall be deemed to be made to "The Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia," unless such Conference is expressly named in the instrument of transfer.

12. The annual revenue derived from the rent of lands held by such Conference shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars, nor of any Board of Trustees, Two Thousand Dollars.