

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

*HELD AT HILLSBURG, DIGBY Co.,  
Saturday, Monday & Tuesday, June 9, 11 & 12, 1860.*

TOGETHER WITH  
THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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

HILLSBURG, JUNE 9th, 1860.

THE Association met according to appointment, with the First Hillsburg Church, at 2 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator of last Session. After singing, and prayer by Rev. W. Burton, the Association made choice of Rev. Willard G. Parker, Moderator; Rev. H. Angell, Secretary; Rev. J. H. Saunders, Assistant Secretary; Brother William Churchill, Treasurer; and Brother S. Brown, Assistant Treasurer.

After reading the Rules of Order, the following Committees were appointed.

TO EXAMINE THE LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES:—Revds. W. Burton, Dr. Tupper and G. Armstrong.

TO READ THE LETTERS:—Revds. E. N. Harris, Dr. Cramp, and A. Martell.

The Letters from the Churches were then read, from which the list of the Delegates and the Statistics following were obtained.

**LIST OF DELEGATES.**

*Annapolis and Upper Granville.*—Rev. George Armstrong, Deacon Isaac Healey, Brother J. A. Morse.

*Argyle.*—Rev. A. Martell.

*Brookfield.*—Revds. Thos. Keilor and T. Delong; Deacon T. Christopher; Brother Uriah Johnston and L. Ledbetter.

*Barrington.*—Rev. A. Martell.

*Beaver River.*—Rev. A. Cogswell and Deacon Wm. Raymond.

*Clements.*—Rev. A. Cogswell; Brethren A. Chute, J. Potter, J. A. Purdy, J. D. Potter and J. E. Potter.

*Digby Jiggins.*—Brother W. H. Marshall and S. T. Bacon.

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- First Hillsbury.*—Rev. Obed Parker; Deacons J. Troop, T. Miller, R. Clark, W. Dunn, and Brother W. Nicholl.
- Second Hillsbury.*—Rev. O. Parker; Deacons B. Hardy, J. Marshall and J. S. Thomas.
- Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.*—Revds. Dr. Tupper and A. Stronach; Deacons G. Tufts, Z. Roach, S. Welton, J. Neily, and Brotherer H. Goucher.
- Liverpool.*—Rev. Thomas A. Higgins.
- Long Island.*—Rev. H. Achilles.
- Lower Granville.*—Rev. James Spencer and Deacon Ryder.
- Middlefield.*—Rev. J. McKinnon and Brother J. Freeman.
- Kempt.*—Rev. T. Keilor; Brethren J. Douglass, L. Telfer, J. Rawding and Thomas Kempton.
- New Albany.*—Brother Asaph Whitman.
- New Tusket.*—Rev. C. Randall and Brother P. Knowlan.
- Nictaux.*—Rev. Willard G. Parker; Deacon S. Wheelock; Brethren P. Vidito, and A. Parker, Licentiate.
- Greenfield.*—Rev. J. McKinnon and Brother R. Harlow.
- Jordan Bay.*—Rev. A. W. Barss.
- Jordan River.*—Rev. A. W. Barss.
- Ohio.*—Rev. J. H. Saunders.
- Lake George.*—Rev. J. A. Stubbart.
- Port George.*—Rev. J. A. Moore.
- Port Medway.*—Rev. R. R. Philp and Brother Enoch Steadman.
- Parker's Cove.*—Rev. J. Spencer.
- Ragged Islands.*—Rev. A. W. Barss.
- Sissiboo.*—Rev. C. Randall; Deacon D. W. Sabean and C. Newcomb.
- St. Mary's Bay.*—Rev. C. Randall; Brother J. Spurr and Charles McNeil.
- Tusket.*—Rev. A. Martell.
- Tusket Lakes.*—Rev. J. A. Stubbart.
- Wilmot.*—Rev. N. Vidito; Brethren W. H. Balcom, C. Rumsey, H. Morse, H. Banks and C. Marshall.
- First Yarmouth.*—Rev. H. Angell; Deacon Samuel Brown; Brethren Wm. Churchill and Joseph Shaw.
- Second Yarmouth.*—Rev. E. N. Harris; Deacons Joseph Rogers and C. Strickland; Brethren Wm. Harris, J. Trask, and Thomas Blackader, Licentiate.
- Third Yarmouth.*—Rev. J. A. Stubbart.
- First Digby Neck.*—Rev. J. C. Morse; Brethren E. Denton, and J. W. Cornwell.
- Second Digby Neck.*—Rev. J. C. Morse.
- Milton.*—Rev. E. F. Foshay.
- Sherbrooke.*—Brethren T. A. Wilson and J. P. Saunders.
- Westport.*—Brother James Peters.
- West Yarmouth.*—Rev. J. H. Saunders; Deacons N. Corning and E. Rose; Brother John Tooker, Licentiate.
- South Yarmouth.*—Rev. Wm. Burton.

## DELEGATES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

*Central Association.*—Revds. Dr. Cramp, D. Freeman, Professor Sawyer, W. H. Humphrey, S. W. deBlois, E. M. Saunders, A. H. Munro, James L. Read, James Parker, and E. O. Read, and Brother S. Selden.

*Eastern Association.*—Rev. J. E. Balcom.

*Western Association, New Brunswick.*—Rev. I. Wallace.

The following brethren were invited to a seat with the Association :—Revds. W. G. Goucher, R. S. Morton, R. Walker, Z. Morton from Maine, M. Normondy, French Missionary, Brethren M. Parker and W. L. Parker, Licentiate.

The following Committee of Nomination was appointed, viz : Revds. George Armstrong, H. Angell, James Parker, T. A. Higgins, and C. Randall, who nominated the following brethren on Committees, viz :

## ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS :—

Revds. Dr. Tupper, N. Vidito, James Parker, T. C. Delong, C. Randall, G. Armstrong.

## ON THE CIRCULAR LETTER :—

Revds. Dr. Cramp, T. C. Delong, and H. Angell.

## ON TEMPERANCE :—

Revds. E. M. Saunders and R. R. Philp ; Brethren Samuel Brown, Nelson Corning, Wm. Nichol, John A. Morse.

## ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS :—

Revds. S. W. deBlois, E. N. Harris and Wm. Burton ; Brethren Thos. Christopher and Caleb Shaffner.

## ON SABBATH SCHOOLS :—

Revds. T. A. Higgins, A. W. Barss, J. E. Balcom and Isa. Wallace ; Brethren Enoch Steadman, Uriah Johnston, Joseph Rogers, Saml. Brown.

## ON EDUCATION :—

Revds. D. Freeman, James Parker, Dr. Cramp, W. H. Humphrey, James Spencer, A. W. Sawyer and G. Armstrong ; Brethren Joseph Ha, Harding Morse and S. Selden.

## ON FOREIGN MISSIONS :—

Revds. E. F. Foshay, J. A. Stubbart, John McKinnon, Dr. Tupper, A. H. Munro and H. Achilles ; Brethren Wm. Churchill, C. Strickland, John Trask and Samuel Wheelock.

## ON THE BIBLE CAUSE :—

Revds. A. Martell, A. Stronach, H. Angell, T. Keilor, James Read, O. Parker, R. S. Morton and N. Vidito ; Brethren L. Ledbetter, Saml. Wheelock, Andrew Parker, Wm. Gavel, Jacob Neiley and Joseph Rogers.

## ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH :—

Revds. J. C. Morse and R. R. Philp ; Brethren Sydney Welton, Z. Roach, L. Telfer, D. F. Higgins and John Douglas.

## ON ACCOUNTS :—

Brethren Joseph Shaw, Charles Ramsey and Melburne Parker.

The Report of Committee on Nomination was adopted.

The Church at Sherbrooke was received by letter from Central Association. The hand of fellowship was presented by the Moderator to Brother Thomas A. Wilson, the Delegate of the Church. On motion, adjourned to meet on Monday, at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Balcom. Benediction by the Moderator.

On Lord's-day there was preaching in the Baptist Meeting-house at Hillsburgh, also in several adjacent places of worship.

*Monday, ten o'clock, A. M.*

The Association met agreeably to adjournment. After singing, and Prayer by the Rev. Charles Randall, Rev. T. A. Higgins preached the Introductory Sermon from Isaiah 1. 4. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper. Business resumed.

Committee on Circular Letter reported. Report adopted, and the Letter read by the author, Rev. A. H. Munro.

*Resolved*, That the Circular Letter be adopted, and be printed in the Minutes; and, by request, also in the *Christian Messenger*.

Report of Home Mission Board adopted. (See Appendix A.)

*Resolved*, That all ordained ministers in connexion with the Association be considered members of the Board, and that the locality and officers of the Board be the same as last year; also, that Deacon Isaac Haley be a member of the Board.

Adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. James Parker.

*Monday, half past two, P. M.*

Opened with prayer by Rev. Professor Sawyer.

*Resolved*, That at the commencement of each Session, the Minutes of the preceeding Session be read.

Report on Questions in Letters adopted. (See Appendix B.)

*Resolved*, That the meeting of this Association be held, next year, on the third Saturday in June, on condition that the Central Association hold its meeting in that year at a time that will not interfere.

It was agreed to hold the next Session of the body with the church at Beaver River, that Rev. Dr. Tupper preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. N. Vidito be his alternate, and Rev. J. A. Stubbart write the Circular Letter.

*Resolved*, That Rev. E. N. Harris be our delegate to the Central Association, and that he receive £1 for his expenses; also, that the Central and Eastern Associations, if visited by other members of this, be hereby requested to regard such as Delegates from this Association.

*Voted*, That Revs. N. Vidito, E. F. Foshay, Willard Parker and Deacon John Douglass be our delegates to the Convention.

Report on Religious Publications read. Address by Rev. Dr. Tupper. Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Report on Bible Cause read. Addresses by Rev. A. Martell, Rev. N. Vidito, and Rev. Dr. Tupper. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Report on Sabbath Schools read. Report adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Rev. T. A. Higgins and Rev. E. N. Harris were appointed a Committee with the Committees appointed by the Central and Eastern Associations to call a Provincial Sabbath School Convention, and that all members of the Association attending the Convention act as Delegates from this body.

*Resolved*, That the French Mission Board be the same as last year, with the addition of the Rev. Wm. Burton.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. S. W. deBlois.

*Monday Evening, half past seven o'clock.*

MISSIONARY MEETING. After singing, prayer by Rev. E. F. Foshay. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, and of the French Mission Board were read and adopted. (See Appendix F. & G.)

Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Tupper, E. N. Harris, M. Normondy, Dr. Cramp, W. A. Humphrey, Professor Sawyer, H. Angell, N. Vidito, W. Parker and W. Burton. Collection, £16. The meeting was of a highly interesting character. Closed with the Missionary hymn, and prayer by the Moderator.

*Tuesday, ten o'clock, A. M.*

After singing, prayer by the Rev. N. Vidito.

*Resolved*, That the names of the French Mission Board be inserted in the Minutes of the body.

Report of the Committee on Education read. Addresses by Revs. D. Freeman, Dr. Cramp, R. R. Philp, J. E. Balcom, G. Armstrong. Report adopted. (See Appendix H.)

## CENTENARY RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were moved by Rev. Dr. Cramp, and unanimously adopted :

Whereas one hundred years have now elapsed since the introduction of Baptist principles into Nova Scotia ;—

And whereas God has remarkably blessed the labours of his servants in this Province, so that there are 135 Churches established therein, containing upwards of 13,000 members :

*Therefore Resolved*,—1. That this Association hereby place on record the expression of their gratitude to Almighty God for the abundant manifestations of his mercy and grace in connection with the efforts of our Denomination, and especially for the gifts bestowed from time to time on so many of his servants, qualifying them for the work of the ministry.

2. That cherishing affectionate regard to the memory of the great and good men by whose instrumentality the work was carried on amidst difficulties which no longer exist, the brethren now present declare their firm attachment to the principles taught and advocated by those departed worthies, and their determination, in the strength of divine grace, to maintain them steadfastly to the end.

3. That the Institutions organised amongst us for Home and Foreign Missions and for Education, and in sustaining which our venerable fathers heartily co-operated, are closely identified with our denominational welfare, and conducive to its advancement, and that the members of this Association do hereby declare their fixed purpose to uphold and extend those Institutions, and thus make provision, by God's blessing, for a prosperous future.

*Resolved*, That Rev. Dr. Cramp be requested to publish his Discourse on Denominational History in a pamphlet ; also that Rev. T. A. Higgins be requested to publish his Introductory Sermon on Ministerial Education.

Reports of Committee upon Temperance and Tobacco read.  
Addresses by Revds. Edward M. Saunders and N. Vidito.  
Reports adopted. (See Appendix I.)

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to pay over the monies to the Treasurers authorized to receive them, and that the sum raised for Gaelic Mission be forwarded to the Treasurer of the N. S. Home Missionary Society.

*Resolved*, That as a Committee was appointed at the last Session of the Convention to take charge of monies contributed in aid of young men studying for the Christian ministry at our Institutions in Wolfville, the sums remitted to this Association for Ministerial Education be forwarded to that Committee.

*Resolved*, That Brother Selden receive £2 for printing minutes of last year.

*Resolved*, That eight hundred copies of the Minutes be published by Brother Selden, and that he receive £12 10s.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Tupper.

*Tuesday, two o'clock, P. M.*

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Stubbert.

Mr. Ezekiel Marsters requested to be recognised as a minister of the Baptist Denomination.

The following resolution was passed unanimously :

*Resolved*, That under existing circumstances, this Association cannot recognise Ezekiel Marsters as a minister of the gospel,

Treasurer's Report received.

Report of the Infirm Ministers fund read and adopted.

*Resolved*, That £10 be given to the widow of Rev. R. W. Cunningham from the Infirm Ministers fund.

*Resolved*, That the Pastors and Churches be requested to take up a collection for the French Mission on the first Sabbath in September.

Report on Sabbath Observance read. Address by Rev. J. E. Balcom. Report adopted. (See Appendix J.)

*Resolved*, That the Infirm Ministers' Board continue as last year.

*Resolved*, That the Churches be recommended to revive the Union Societies where they have fallen into decay, and make every necessary exertion to secure their successful operation.

*Resolved*, That the Infirm Minister's Board be empowered to negotiate with the other Associations with respect to the support of Brother W. Jackson, and if they will pay their proportion that our Board be authorised to do the same.

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks of this body be tendered to the Baptist Church and congregation in this place for their very liberal and generous provision made for the personal comfort of the Association, also to our Methodist brethren for the use of the Chapel on Sabbath, and for kindly accommodating many of the Delegates.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Beaver River on the third Saturday in June, at 2 o'clock.

The Session closed with prayer by Rev. Charles Randall and Benediction by the Moderator.

WILLARD G. PARKER, Moderator.  
HENRY ANGELL, } Secretaries.  
J. H. SAUNDERS, }



## STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Total.	Sabbath Schools.	Scholars.	Teachers.
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.				
Annapolis and Upper Granville,....	0	4	0	2	0	3	183	3	0	0
Argyle,.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	48	2	0	0
Brookfield,.....	5	3	0	7	0	0	95	1	65	0
Barrington,.....	8	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0
Beaver River,.....	66	2	0	2	0	0	184	0	0	0
1st. Digby Neck,.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	134	0	0	0
2nd Digby Neck,.....	0	0	0	0	8	3	104	0	0	0
Dalhousie,.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0
Digby (no Letter),.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0
Digby Joggins,.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	43	0	0	0
Greenfield,.....	0	3	0	0	0	3	76	1	0	0
2nd Hillsburg,.....	5	1	2	1	0	0	137	1	0	0
1st. Hillsburg,.....	0	0	0	0	2	1	96	0	0	0
Jordan Bay,.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0
Jordan River,.....	7	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0
Kempt,.....	5	0	0	9	0	3	177	0	0	0
Lake George,.....	1	2	0	4	4	3	164	1	60	12
Liverpool,.....	7	0	0	5	13	5	185	0	0	0
Lower Aylesford & Upper Wilmot,	2	6	2	4	6	7	538	5	300	40
Lower Granville,.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	233	0	0	0
Long Island,.....	3	1	1	4	27	7	175	0	0	0
Lewis Head (no Letter),.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0
Milton,.....	7	3	0	3	7	1	193	0	0	0
Middlefield,.....	0	1	0	0	2	0	26	0	0	0
Nictaux,.....	28	6	1	1	11	7	512	3	0	0
New Albany,.....	0	2	1	1	0	1	65	0	0	0
New Tusket,.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	99	0	0	0
Ohio,.....	2	2	0	1	0	0	122	0	0	0
Port George,.....	13	4	0	0	0	2	112	0	0	0
Port Medway,.....	30	2	1	0	3	1	163	0	0	0
Parkers Cove,.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	1	20	0
Pubnico (no Letter),.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0
Ragged Islands,.....	1	10	0	0	2	0	90	0	0	0
Sissaboo,.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	0	0	0
Springfield,.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	30	0
St. Mary's Bay,.....	4	2	1	0	0	0	104	0	0	0
Sable River, (No letter),.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0
Tusket,.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	90	0	0	0
Tusket Lakes,.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Wilmot,.....	3	5	0	0	6	1	371	0	0	0
Wilmot Mountain,.....	1	5	0	0	0	2	155	2	80	0
Westport,.....	4	2	0	0	2	3	99	0	0	0
1st Yarmouth, (Town),.....	6	4	1	25	7	10	390	3	300	45
2nd Yarmouth, (Hebron),.....	30	4	2	3	0	3	280	0	0	0
3rd Yarmouth, (Deerfield),.....	13	1	0	0	0	2	172	1	70	12
South Yarmouth, (Chebogue),.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	167	0	0	0
West Yarmouth, (Chegogan),.....	4	1	0	0	1	1	131	0	0	0
Clements,.....	47	0	4	5	2	7	318	0	0	0
Chute's Cove,.....	0	2	0	0	0	1	96	0	0	0
Sherbrooke,*.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0
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\* Received by letter from the Central Association.

## Circular Letter.

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The subject we propose for consideration is, How can our Churches be made more efficient for the accomplishment of the divine purpose ?

Remembering whom we are addressing, we must regard out of place any attempt to prove that the divine purpose here referred to is the conversion of souls to God, and the maintenance of true piety ; or that it is the duty of every believer to give all the help he can towards rendering the Church as efficient as possible for that end. Nor can we presume that any intelligent christian requires to be convinced that, much as the church of Christ has accomplished, it is capable of doing far greater things for the glory of God, that there is in it a latent power mighty to the pulling down of the strongholds of sin as yet only partially developed and occasionally manifested ; and that this divine energy would be productive of far more glorious results were there more faith and zeal in the professed followers of Christ. We are not about to dwell upon the sad deficiency presented by the church as a whole as regards unity, charity, sanctity, and earnestness, nor even to discuss how nearly we as a body come up to the New Testament idea of " a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people," but simply to consider in what way our Churches may be made better adapted to fulfil their appointed mission in the towns, villages and rural districts of this province. To secure this desirable result then we would suggest in the first place.

1. We should aim at a more elevated piety in both ministers and people.

Every child of God should realise in his daily life that his existence on earth is continued simply that he may promote the interests of the Kingdom of Christ. A profession of religion, if it means anything, signifies the acceptance of this truth and a resolution to act upon it, by presenting the life to God a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, not in word only but in deed,—deeds of Christian love, and zeal to bring souls to Jesus, to make his name honoured and loved, his cause supreme and progressive. As laborers for Christ our power with men is fixed by our power with God. Through Him, as far as he identifies himself with it, not by might nor by power but by his Spirit will any effort, any life, any church do great things for God. Without him we can do nothing. But need we be without Him? In our closets and daily life, in our fellowship and religious services may we not claim his promises to be with us unto the end of the world, to show himself unto us as not unto the world, to meet with us and bless us? Has he not made plain the conditions upon which he is willing to manifest his presence and power? "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. 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." God shuts himself out from no church, no heart. How powerful the influence of the every day life of one who habitually walks with God. A church composed of such would indeed be a light shining for God. A city set upon a hill. A church is efficient for bearing witness to the truth in proportion as it is distinguished by spirituality and holy living. The aggregate of the piety of its members, not their numbers nor their wealth, not the gifts nor the popularity of its minister, is the measure of its power for good. The word of life is God's instrument for turning the hearts of men to himself, and in the degree in which a church is a living

embodied presentation of that word does it hold its faith efficiently. Sterling integrity, sincere deep piety and christian love, speak for God as nothing else can. Whatever will materially elevate the piety of our churches will do much for the cause of God. Is the importance of this duty estimated among us? Is reference made to it as frequently as needful? Is the standard of piety at which we aim that of the New Testament or of the conventional tone of sentiment around us? Are the high principles of integrity, christian love, heavenly-mindedness and zeal for Christ developed among us to a cheerful and hopeful degree? Are deep-toned piety and earnestness esteemed as essential to ministerial usefulness as talent and amiability! Do we value the spirituality and activity of our churches more than numbers or wealth? Is not the devotion of piety among us a theme requiring our thoughts, our earnest prayers?

2. By cultivating more of a missionary spirit.

The cause of Missions, home or foreign but specially the latter, has far too feeble a hold upon the hearts of our people. The contributions for these objects can be referred to only with pain. It is not our wish to treat this subject by reference to the past or to other denominations. Such comparisons are already too common and productive of no good. No one who loves the cause of Christ can reflect upon the number of Baptists in this province, the amount of wealth in their possession and the small sum annually contributed by them to the mission fund with shame and grief that the latter should bear such insignificant proportions to the two former. We are well aware that the language we are using may be employed by our enemies for taunt and insult, but that is unworthy of consideration compared with the sin of silence and concealment in connection with what is so offensive to God and injurious to his cause. Can we expect the blessing of God to rest upon our churches while money is so highly valued and the salvation of souls so lightly esteemed. Brethren this is a great sin that

we have to confess, a great wrong to rectify. Our love for the cause of God is no more than is indicated by what we are willing to do for it.

3. A more general and deep interest in our denominational institutions of learning.

We are not about to advocate the cause of education nor to plead for our local institutions. We do not intend to say anything respecting vacant professorships or financial deficiencies, but to allude to a fact upon which we will all agree, whatever may be the merits or demerits of our educational institutions, the saddest circumstance in connection with them is the indifference with which they are regarded by many among us, for that indifference every excuse is pleaded. The errors and mistakes of the past and existing defects and deficiencies and the discouraging prospects of the future, are urged as reasons for caring nothing about these institutions and doing nothing for them. Now admitting all that is said to be true, does it justify indifference? Ought it not rather to render it impossible? To whom do these institutions belong, who has the power to remedy any existing evil or deficiency in connection with them? Our churches! Upon them the responsibility rests and in no way can they rid themselves of it. An enlightened zeal for the cause of God must include educational interests. Who can doubt that our future as a denomination must be largely influenced by the efficiency of our schools and colleges. If these are permitted to linger in their present state or to gradually diminish and die we must cease to occupy even our present position. But if new life be infused into them and enlarged opportunity for usefulness afforded them immeasurable good must result. This never will be the case till our churches take a more general and wise interests in the subject.

4. Greater care in selecting young men for the ministry.

Not a pulpit now filled but will soon be vacant, not a ministerial head now raised in our ranks but will soon be laid



low. Not a voice that now speaks for God but will soon be silent in death. Brethren, when we are gone who shall supply our places? Shall successors to whom will then be entrusted such solemn responsibilities be men of lofty piety and superior intelligence, or the opposite? Our churches are determining that question to-day, by the encouragement, or discouragement they offer to these who present themselves as candidates for the ministry. A church may do much for the cause of God by the judicious selection of young men adapted for preaching the gospel, and a firm and wise discouragement of those not endowed with the necessary qualifications. But what are those qualifications? What should a church regard as essential in any young man who asks its sanction for his engaging in preaching the gospel? We would answer: 1. Deep toned piety. 2. An earnest desire to do good. 3. A good degree of plain common sense. 4. An average amount of physical energy. 5. An aptitude for acquiring knowledge and facility in imparting it. Other qualities may be very desirable but these we regard as absolutely essential. He who is deficient in them is not called to preach, and whoever has them is leaving a great duty undone so long as he refrains from engaging in the work of the ministry. The writer had noted down a number of other topics upon which to dwell, but on consideration he has limited himself to the foregoing. Not because the others are not important but because these demand immediate attention. May they receive that attention in a prayerful, earnest and humble spirit. That our piety may be more complete, our zeal more manifest and productive, our regard for the future welfare of our denomination more general and wise and our successors more holy and earnest than ourselves.

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## APPENDIX.

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## REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

*Dear Brethren,*—The D. M. Board is called upon to lay before you a statement of what has been done during the year in the department of Christian effort, the oversight and management of which you have entrusted to us. Several missionary appointments have been made since the last Association, amounting in all to *one hundred and eight weeks*, of which seventy-two weeks and 5-7ths have been performed, as exhibited in the following table:—

Missionaries.	No. of weeks.	WHERE PERFORMED.	No. of sermons.	Other Meetings.	No. of families visited.	Received in aid.			No. of persons baptized.
						£	s.	d.	
T. C. Delong,	15*	Tatamagouche & River John,	54	10	*	3	15	9	8
A. Martell,...	4	Barrington & Wood's Harbor,	15	4	*	3	0	0	1
A. Cogswell,...	5	do. do.	22	11	45	3	5	0	7
W.G. Goucher	2	East and West Dalhousie,....	10	1	*				0
R. E. Philp,...	8	Barrington and Pubnico,....	28	6	70	5	17	14	0
And. Parker,...	12	Dalhousie West, Annapolis Cape, Perot, & Lake Leroze,	46	4	132	2	12	0	0
J.F. Kempton,	8	Sable River and Lewis Head,	28	7		6	10	5	0
A. W. Barss,...	12	Shelburne Town, Jordan Riv- er and Bay, Sand Point,...	53	14	*	22	3	74	7
J. McKinnon,	10	Sable River and Lewis Head,	32	10	70	11	8	94	0
Obed Parker,...	1	Springfield and New Albany,	6	1	80	1	0	0	0
Total, .....	72*		294	68	347	58	10	64	22

\* Not reported.

It is with satisfaction we report that through other organizations your Board has helped to support and extend the cause of Home Missions;—one of which, though younger than our own, is setting an example of faith, zeal and enterprize, which it would be well for us to follow; and the other the child of this Association. To the former the N. S. Baptist Home Mission Society, has, with your sanction, been appropriated the sum of *thirty pounds* to aid in evangelizing the immense field in which the operations of that body are carried on. The assistance thus rendered was needed and timely, as we learn by the following communication from the Chairman of the Board of that Society, and which it is proper should be laid before you:—

“At a Meeting of the Missionary Board held at Halifax, Jan. 16th, 1860. On the report that a letter was received from the Rev. George Armstrong, with thirty pounds enclosed from the Western Association, as a grant to the Central and Eastern Board,—it was resolved that a vote of thanks be forwarded to the Board of the Western Association, and those whom they represent, for this prompt remittance in the time of need.”

RICHARD McLEARN, *Chairman of Board.*

On application from the other,—the Board of the French Mission,—we, from a conviction of its necessity and propriety, and believing our action would meet your views, and secure your approval, have appropriated *thirty pounds* towards carrying on that important and promising Mission. Thus has the Board aided our brethren, east and west, in the good work of home evangelization.

Notwithstanding the good effected and aimed at, the Board is convinced that the members of the churches in our Association generally do not feel, as deeply as they ought, their duty in respect to the Home Mission, and do not therefore contribute to its support and extension as systematically and as liberally as they ought. The importance of such missions, carried on in the love of Christ, cannot be over estimated. The object is to preach Christ crucified to those who seldom or never hear the Gospel, in order that their souls may be converted and saved. It is, in short, to subjugate men everywhere to Christ and his truth, for there is an element in Home Missions, when prosecuted in the right spirit, and in accordance with the doctrine and design of our blessed Saviour, which prompts to extension. The knowledge and love of Christ produces expansion as a necessary and invariable consequence in

the heart and in society. The soul illuminated and quickened by a Christian experience,—one wrought by the Holy Spirit through the truth,—pant and agonizes for the salvation of sinners. Can any object be more worthy of the attention, labours, prayers, contributions, self-denial and sacrifices, it requires of the disciples of Christ? It is most intimately connected with the highest glory of God and his Son, as well as the greatest and best interests of men for time and eternity.

A Church that is destitute of a true missionary spirit fails to represent our Blessed Lord; whose personal ministry, while it laid deeply and surely the principles out of which Foreign Missions, were in due time to emerge at His bidding, was an example and illustration of God's design to employ Home Missions not only as a means to enlighten and save those who are near, but as preparatory, and indeed necessary to reach those who are afar off. There is no country in what is called Christendom that does not employ or at all events need them. Even England and America need and must have them. We also must maintain and extend ours.

The success which has attended the Missionary labours of our Denomination in this province ought to encourage us to more abundant efforts in a cause on which God has set the seal of his approval. A large proportion of the Ministers of our Churches east and west are the fruit of Home Missions; while very many of the members, particularly in the eastern part of our Province, have been brought to Christ by the same instrumentality. Much fruit remains to be gathered in from the same field, and the Lord of the harvest will give us the increase if we labour faithfully and perseveringly in the work committed to us. Churches should be willing to allow their Pastors to go forth for a few weeks into destitute places to preach the glorious Gospel to those who are perishing for the bread of life, and should accompany their labours with earnest prayer, and as far as possible, co-operate with them.

The fields are white to harvest, and call for labour; God calls us to it; Christ shows us his wounded side and tells us to go and proclaim salvation through his blood to sinners lost and ruined by the fall. Let us awake to our responsibilities and duties to Home Missions, and we shall act in a manner and to an extent more near and commensurate with the wants of those in our Province who have not a preached Gospel, or but seldom,—and more in accordance with the example, doc-

trine and spirit of Him "who came to seek and to save the lost,"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Board,

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Secretary*,

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### COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee on Questions, respectfully propose answers as follows:—

1. *Hillsburgh*. If a member of a Church in regular standing, reside in the neighbourhood of another Church, and request a dismission to join the latter, we recommend that the request be at once granted; and in case of its continued refusal, that the latter receive him without such dismission.

2. *West Yarmouth*. We regard it as desirable to unite with all Christians so far as we are satisfied that they walk in accordance with the Word of God; but as we conceive it to be unscriptural, and consequently disorderly, to commune at the Lord's table with unbaptized persons, we deem it not consistent for us to invite those who do so to our communion.

3. In cases of personal offense occurring between brethren belonging to different Churches, we recommend the offended brother to proceed as if both were in the same Church, according to the Saviour's direction, Matth. xviii. 15—17, taking with him Members of the Church to which the alleged offender belongs, and, if needful, bringing the matter before that Church.

4. *Milton*. Members removed are to be regarded as still in the Church, and they should be inquired after, addressed by letter, and admonished to join another Church of the same order, if there be one near them, or if not, to correspond with their own Church. Your Committee recommend that the column marked "Removal," be struck from the Minutes.

5. That the next session of the Association be held with the Baptist Church at Beaver River.

Respectfully submitted,<sup>1</sup>

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman*.

## RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Religious Publications, beg leave to report as follows:—

We feel increased confidence in the *Christian Messenger*. As the organ of our denomination in these provinces it occupies an indispensable position. Compared with other papers, for general information, both secular and religious, we can safely recommend it,—and in reference to all disputed matters we feel much gratified at the independent and manly, yet mild and courteous spirit which pervades it. We cordially recommend it to the increased patronage of our body, believing that if a larger number of subscribers were obtained the publisher would be enabled to give more reading matter in proportion to the advertisements.

Your Committee would also recommend that the periodicals for the young, many of which are so useful and so good, should be more generally circulated in the Sabbath Schools.

For Denominational Literature your Committee would call your attention to the issues of the American Baptist Publication Society, and the New England Sabbath School Union.

All which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, *Chairman*.

## BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg to report, that we consider the circulation of the Bible one of the most important Christian engagements of the present age.

The Bible is the only book that can guide our feet through this dark world of sin and woe, to the cloudless region of felicity and joy. How dark, gloomy, and degraded that land where the Bible has not shed its heavenly light! How sad and hopeless that death-bed, where the Bible has not poured its divine and heavenly comfort! How dark the prospect of that dying heathen where the Bible has not shone on the scene, nor opened up the prospects of a heaven, and a home with the Saviour! Dark! Dark in the extreme will be the



future of those who have not learned the salvation of the Bible. Then the importance of the Bible Cause is very evident.

The call for effort in this department of christian enterprise is very great at the present time. Many countries on the continent of Europe hitherto closed against this book, have within the past few years received many volumes of the sacred record, and the call is urgent for more.

From nearly every country and kingdom in the world there is now a call for the Book of God.

We would recommend to our Churches to become more alive to this important work, and to contribute liberally towards the support of those Societies which have been formed for the purpose of supplying the destitute with pure versions of the Word of life.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MARTELL, *Chairman.*

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### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report :—That it is with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain they view the present aspect of Sabbath Schools. It affords pleasure to think of the design of the Sabbath School and the influence it is calculated to exert over the youthful mind, but it is painful to think of the apathy of many of our Churches towards it. It has often been called "The Nursery of the Church." Admitting this to be true, then it may safely be affirmed that in it all the children and youth of our congregations and neighborhoods should be nursed; to accomplish this each Church should have its Sabbath School, to which parents should bring their children from Sabbath to Sabbath to be religiously instructed.

We would recommend 1st. That each Pastor preach at least one sermon a year, calling up the attention of the Church to the importance of sustaining the Sabbath School, and that the Delegates from the Churches second the endeavours of their Pastors in promoting this object.

2nd. That Teacher's Meetings be held weekly, if possible, for mutual improvement and to stimulate each other to persevering effort.



3rd. We would heartily approve of the establishment of Sabbath School Conventions, and would recommend this Association to appoint a Committee to co-operate with the Committee appointed by the Central and Eastern Associations, at the meeting to be held in Windsor on the 19th inst., to consider the propriety of organizing a Provincial Sabbath School Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Never in the history of the church of Christ did the work of evangelizing the heathen occupy so important a position, and demand so much prayerful effort as at the present time.

The work in which our churches are at present engaged in Burmah, is peculiarly interesting in many respects. The accounts received from Brother A. R. R. Crawley, shew that he is more than ever hopeful of a speedy and more general spread of the gospel amongst the Burmese. A letter dated March 14, 1860, received by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper, May 19, 1860, says:—

“I am spending a few days here where an assistant has recently been stationed. I am pleased to find him hard at work sowing the seed carefully and over a wide space—and in a manner which encourages the hope that the blessing of him who “giveth the increase” will not be withheld, Ko Choke is the name of the preacher now here.

Exclusive of one supported by the Brussel St. Juvenile Missionary Society, there are six native preachers in the employ of your Foreign Missionary Board. And I think your churches have reason to congratulate themselves that they have taken a part in the discipling of Burmah just at this time when—nor am I alone in this conviction—in various parts of the field, signs of advancement and hopeful indications are so manifest that it is impossible to resist the conviction that christianity is about to achieve new triumphs among the Burmese.”

The example of the Brussel Street Sabbath School in St. John, N. B., in supporting a native preacher is well worthy

of imitation in other Sabbath Schools. The employment of native preachers in Burmah, appears to your committee a highly appropriate application of the funds of the Foreign Missionary Society.

The view of the Mission given in the last number of the *Christian Messenger* that the interior of China may be more effectually reached by this means, appears to your Committee a reason for continuing and increasing our labours in that country.

The attention of the Christian world being drawn to this important field, renders it an object worthy of the prayers, contributions and efforts of the churches in this Association, and in these Provinces.

E. F. FOSHAY, *Chairman.*

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#### REPORT OF THE FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

In presenting their annual report, the Board, would gratefully acknowledge the continued tokens of divine favor, which have attended the labors of our esteemed missionary during the past year. Our brother, amid many discouragements and much opposition has toiled on, scattering the good seed of gospel truth, and, laboring to disperse the darkness that everywhere enshrouds the minds of our Acadian French, and although the apparent success thus far is comparatively small, yet we trust that the period is at hand, when churches of baptized believers will be gathered among that people.

In July last, the Board called a Council to consider the propriety of setting apart Bro. Normondy to the work of an Evangelist. The Council met at the Mission House, Tusket, and decided to ordain our brother. The services were held in the Baptist Meeting house, Tusket, and were full of interest.

Last year, we stated that four families had left the Romish Church, and identified themselves with the cause of truth. We rejoice to learn that amid the most violent opposition, they continue steadfast. During the present year several others have abandoned Romanism, and have received the word of God. Two persons have been baptized, and have been received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church, St. Mary's Bay. Three others expect to be baptized shortly.

The Board would express their unabated confidence in our missionary. They believe him to be the right man for the work. He has a hard field to cultivate, much opposition to endure, and therefore has an especial claim upon the sympathies and prayers of the churches.

It is very desirable as soon as practicable to have an associate with him in the good work. The field is too extensive for one laborer to cultivate and the constant and vigilant activity of the Romish priests, tends greatly to counteract the good that is done. We regret however to say that we are out of funds, and that we are in arrears to our missionary. Besides this the mission house is still encumbered with debt. Brethren, these things ought not to be.

Again, we would earnestly call upon our churches in the Province, to sustain the mission, by an increase of prayerful sympathy, and pecuniary aid, and thus cheer the heart, and inspire the courage of our missionary, and also infuse new life into the mission. Let us all act in reference to this mission in harmony with the watchword of the immortal Carey, "attempt great things for God, expect great things from God," and great will be our success and reward.

HENRY ANGELL,  
*Secretary.*

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### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Although the Baptists of Nova Scotia have done much for Education, and may contemplate the results with satisfaction and gratitude, it is manifest that the work is far from being complete. There are many deficiencies which ought to be supplied at the earliest possible period.

Your Committee believe that Acadia College, so far as regards its internal condition, is in a prosperous state. Eleven Students received the degree of B. A., at the recent Anniversary, being a larger number than have graduated on any previous occasion. Their performances on that day indicated talent and industry of no ordinary kind, and reflected much credit on their teachers, and on the institution. They leave, but it is probable that their places will be supplied by others at the beginning of the year.

In the Theological Institute twelve young men have received instruction, seven from the College, and five from the Academy.

It is obvious, however, that the existing arrangements do not meet the necessity of the case. The Professors are compelled to undertake too many duties, and consequently feel that their efficiency is seriously affected. The staff of Instructors consists at present of two Professors and a Tutor, and this includes the Theological Institute as well as the College:— but the work to be accomplished requires at least four Professors, nor can the wishes and expectations of the people be fully realised with anything short of that provision.

In addition to what we now have it is judged indispensable immediately to raise at least the sum of £5,000 to be called "The Edward Manning Professorship." We cordially invite each Church to contribute £100, and thus enjoy a scholarship in the College, or that two or more Churches unite for this object, or otherwise contribute to the funds; that quarterly collections be taken in the churches to defray the salary of the Theological Professor: that ministers preach at least one Educational Sermon annually; and that the Day of prayer for Colleges on the last Thursday of February be faithfully observed.

Your Committee are pleased to know that a Society has been instituted and incorporated of the old students and the friends of our Educational Institutions to be entitled the "Associated Alumni of Acadia College," which we trust will prove a valuable auxiliary in promoting the interests of the College.

Your Committee would also state with regard to the Horton Academy, that though it is about to be deprived of the valued services of J. W. Hartt, Esq., the Principal; the Rev. Thos. A. Higgins has consented provisionally to succeed him, and that such thorough modifications and arrangements are about to be made as shall fully realize the design of that excellent Institution.

D. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

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#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance report as follows:—  
Knowing that there is no prospect of obtaining at present

a Prohibitory Liquor-Law from the Legislature, and fearing that but a small part of the population of Nova Scotia is thorough in temperance principles, it is evident that all the friends of the Cause are called upon to use vigorous efforts, and exhibit a greater faithfulness in creating public sentiment, pure and strong in favor of this great enterprise.

Your Committee deeply regret the opposing influences arising from the election of members to the Legislature who trifle with the great subject, and the appointment of Justices of the Peace and other public officers who are intemperate men.

Your Committee recommend the revival of Total Abstinence Societies, the holding of public meetings, and that the Order of the Sons of Temperance be willing to become less exclusive in its operations and extend its aid and influence to other Temperance Organizations.

E. M. SAUNDERS, *Chairman.*

*Resolved,* That in the opinion of this Committee, tobacco should be classed with intemperance and treated in connection with it.

N. VIDITO, *Chairman.*

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is the Divine Command. That this precept is not observed as it should be, by many of our members, is to be deeply regretted. Unnecessary work, visiting, and worldly conversation, characterize, to a very alarming degree, the professed followers of the Lamb.

In this Association we would therefore recommend to the pastors of the Churches to keep continually before the people the important injunction, which forbids them to think their own thoughts, speak their own words, or do their own pleasure on God's holy day.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. MORSE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Accounts report that they have audited the accounts and found them correct.

JOSEPH SHAW, *Chairman.*



Accounts &c**WESTERN N. S. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, in acct.  
with W.M. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.**

1859.

DR.

June 14. To Rev. G. Armstrong, for Home Mission.....	£104 14 4	
Less proportion printing Minutes and Delegates.....	6 16 4	
		£97 18 0
Saml. Wheelock, Esq., Foreign Missions.....	49 3 10	
Less proportion of expense.....	2 10 1	
		46 13 9
Rev. C. Randall for Infirm Ministers, .....	9 3 6	
Less proportion expense &c.....	0 8 6	
		8 15 0
Rev. J. Chase, for Ministerial Education, .....	14 9 3	
Less proportion expense &c.....	0 9 3	
		14 0 0
Treasurer of French Acadian Mission, .....	33 18 5	
Less proportion expense, &c.....	1 5 0	
		32 13 5
Rev. G. Armstrong for Gaelic Mission.....	8 10 7	
Less proportion expense, &c.....	0 10 7	
		8 0 0
Remitted to A. and Foreign Bible Society.....	2 14 0	
Less proportion expense &c.....	0 2 3	
		2 11 9
Remitted Bible Union New York	1 4 10	
		1 4 10
Rev. Mr. Moore, Delegate to Central Association.....	2 0 0	
S. Selden, Esq, printing Minutes,	10 10 0	
		£224 6 9

1859.

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June 14. By Cash received at the Western Ass'n.	£224 6 9
Errors and omissions excepted,	
WILLIAM CHURCHILL, Treasurer.	

Audited and found correct.

CHARLES RUMSEY,  
JOSEPH SHAW.



**ACADIAN MISSION in acct. with W. CHURCHILL,**  
Treasurer.

		DR.	£ s. d.
1859.			
June 7.	To bal. as per acct. ren'd. Association.....		11 4 2
28.	Rev. Henry Angell, for postage, &c.....		0 1 0
	Pd. postage .....		0 1 1
1860.			
June	Pd. the Missionary on this year's salary....		108 7 2
			£119 13 5½
		CR.	£. s. d.
1859.			
June 18.	By Central Association for 1858.....		11 13 5
	Western Association for 1859.....		32 13 5
	William John Weymouth.....		0 10 0
July 15.	Eastern N. S. Association, C. Black, Esq.....		1 0 0
16.	Mrs. Lockhart Dimock.....		1 0 0
	Granville St. Sabbath School Halifax.....		1 10 0
Aug. 29.	Eastern Association for 1858, J. Walker Esq.....		3 2 5
Sept. 1.	Joseph Freeman Esq.....		1 0 0
5.	3rd Yarmouth Church Col.....		1 5 4½
Oct. 3.	Lake George Church Col.....		0 12 4½
5.	West Yarmouth Church Col.....		0 8 3
15.	Ohio Church Col.....		1 0 9½
	Chute's Cove Church Col.....		0 16 10½
	Port William Church Col.....		0 8 1½
17.	Weymouth Church Col.....		1 9 3
	St. Mary's Bay Church.....		1 10 10
	New Tusket Church.....		2 13 6
18.	Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilnot Church		2 5 0
Nov 17.	Rev. G. Armstrong per H. Mission Board....		20 0 0
	John Gossom 2s 6d, Miss Doane, Bar. 2s 6d....		0 5 0
	South Range Church Col.....		0 4 8½
Dec. 12.	First Yarmouth Church Col.....		1 19 1
23.	Friend at Hillsburg.....		1 0 0
1860.			
Feb. 1.	1st Hillsburg Church.....		2 12 5
	2nd Hillsburg Church.....		1 2 8½
1.	Clarence Church Col.....		1 8 6
	Charles Pinkey, don.....		1 0 0
	Miss Cunningham, don.....		0 2 6
	Mrs. Charles Randall, don.....		0 5 0
	B. Taylor Esq.....		0 5 0
18.	Thos. Bew, Esq.....		0 10 0
22.	Rev. G. Armstrong, per H. Mission Board....		10 0 0
May 10	Rev. Dr. Cramp, don.....		1 0 0
19.	House rent per Rev. A. Martell.....		4 8 11
June 6.	Treasury overdrawn.....		£111 3 5½
			8 10 0
			£119 13 5½

E. &amp; O. E.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

CHARLES RUMSEY.  
JOSEPH SHAW.

**INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND in acct. with CHAS.  
RANDALL, Treasurer.**

1859		DR.	
June 20.	To paid Mrs. Cunningham, as ordered by the Association,.....		£ s d 10 0 0
	To paid Mrs. Harding.....do.....		10 0 0
	To paid Rev. I. E. Bill, for the support of Rev. W. Jackson, as ordered by the Association,.....		15 0 0
	Total,.....		£35 0 0
1859.		CR.	
June 13.	By cash in hand, as per acct. rendered,.....		92 11 10½
15.	Received of Wm. Churchill, Esq., Treasurer of the Association,.....		8 15 0
1860.			
June 11.	Interest on note,.....		1 4 0
	do. do. ....		4 7 6
30.	Received of the Association Treasurer, .....		13 17 6
	Total,.....		£120 15 10½
	In hand,.....		£85 15 10½

CHARLES RANDALL, *Treasurer.*

Hillsburg, June 12th, 1860.

**GEO. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer, in account with the  
DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE  
W. B.A.P. ASSOCIATION, for the year  
ending June 11, 1860.**

1859.		DR.	
June 14.	Bal. from old account,.....		£83 18 11
	Less bal paid on Rev. A. W. Barss' Mission in Shelburne Co.....		5 2 9
			£78 16 2
25.	Wm. Churchill Esq, Treasurer of the Association, the amount contributed by the Churches for Domestic Missions.....		104 14 4
	Less proportion A. W. Barss' order, .....		2 7 5½
			102 6 10
1860.			
March 7.	Brother Enoch Gates, Melvern Square, bal of collection at last Association, retained by him through mistake,.....		0 8 4½
June 11	Rev. Thos. C. Delong, contributed by people at River John and Tatamagouche, in aid of his mission.....		1 0 0
			£182 11 4½

1859.		Cr.	£ s. d.
July 16.	Telegram to Rev. Wm. Burton on Mission.....		0 1 3
23.	Rev. T. C. Delong on account of mission to Tatamagouche &c.....		5 0 0
Aug 30.	Jos F. Kempton, Licentiate, bal due on eight weeks Mission to Sable River and Lewis Head, at 30s.....		6 11 9
Nov 2.	Rev T. C. Delong on acct of Mission to Tatamagouche &c.....		10 0 0
9.	A. W. Parker, Licentiate, bal on eight weeks mission to Dalhousie West, Perot Settlement and Lake Lerosé, at 30s.....		10 10 0
Dec 5.	Rev. R. R. Philp, bal due on six weeks mission to Barrington and Pubnico at 40s.....		8 2 10½
10.	Rev. R. McLearn, Chairman of the Nova Scotia Home Mission Society.....		30 0 0
	Wm. Churchill, Treasurer of Acadian French Mission.....		20 0 0
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Jan'y 28.	Rev. A. Cogswell, on acct of mission to Barrington &c.....		0 5 0
30.	Andrew Parker, Licentiate, bal on four weeks mission to Dalhousie West, Perot Settlement and Lake Lerosé, at 30s.....		4 18 0
Feb 4.	Rev. A. Cogswell, bal due on five weeks mission to Barrington and Woods' Harbour, at 40s.....		6 10 0
6.	Rev. W. G. Goucher, two weeks mission to East and West Dalhousie at 40s.....		4 0 0
15.	Rev. Henry Angell, in aid of the Acadian French Mission.....		10 0 0
April 30.	Rev. T. C. Delong, bal due on 13 5-7 weeks mission to River John, Tatamagouche, Earltown, &c., at 40s.....		10 12 10
May	Rev. A. Martell, bal due on four weeks mission to Barrington and Woods Harbour.....		5 0 0
	Postage and registry.....		0 9 6
June 11.	Bal. due on Rev. A. W. Barss' mission of twelve weeks in Shelburne, &c.....		1 9 1½
	Rev. R. R. Philp, bal on mission to Barrington and Woods Harbour.....		2 0 0
	Rev. O. Parker, bal on mission to New Albany and Springfield.....		1 0 0
	Rev. John McKinnon.....		8 11 2½
	Balance in Treas'r. hands.....		£145 1 6½
			37 9 10
			<u>£182 11 4½</u>

Audited and found correct.

JOSEPH SHAW, Chairman of Com.

**AMOUNT OF MONIES PAID IN AT THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
Convened at Hillsburg, June, 1890.**

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.		Foreign Mission.		Infirm Ministers.		Ministerial Education.		French Mission.		Gaelic Mission.		Am. & Foreign Bible Society.		Bible Union.		TOTAL.				
	£	d.	£	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Annapolis and Upper Granville	4	16	9	3	10	0	1	10	0	0	10	0	0	19	0	1	2	6	13	1	9
Argyle	0	9	0	0	7	3	0	11	8	2	13	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	16	3
Brookfield	2	13	4	2	13	0	0	1	3	3	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	12	11
Beaver River, Yarmouth	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	7
Clemens	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Digby Neck 1st	1	7	6	1	10	5	0	15	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Digby Jogging's	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	6
Hillsburg 1st	1	18	3½	0	15	6	0	3	0	0	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	4
Hillsburg 2nd	1	5	0	0	10	1	0	10	0	0	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	1½
Kempt	10	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1
Liverpool	5	4	2	4	19	8	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	0
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot,	2	6	7½	1	0	7½	0	4	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	17	6
Lower Granville	2	10	0	1	0	0	0	9	4½	0	14	4½	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	0
Long Island	2	10	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Milton	5	0	0	4	0	0	1	16	9	1	16	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	10	3
Middlefield	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0

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Ohio	0 15 1½	0 11 0	.....	.....	0 17 10½	.....	2 4 0
Fort Medway and Mills Village	2 3 0	0 10 0	0 5 6	.....	1 0 0	.....	3 18 6
Ragged Islands	3 17 4½	0 15 0	.....	0 10 0	.....	.....	5 2 4½
Sissaboo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 0 0
Springfield	0 14 4½	.....	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	0 14 4½
St. Mary's Bay	0 9 6	0 7 1½	0 3 7½	.....	3 13 5	.....	4 13 8
Tusket	1 0 6	1 0 0	0 7 0	0 3 9	.....	0 12 6	3 3 9
Tusket Lakes	0 7 5	0 7 5	.....	.....	0 14 10½	.....	1 9 8½
Wilnot	6 0 0	4 0 0	1 8 1½	.....	4 0 0	.....	17 6 1½
Wh'rot Mountain	0 16 0	0 13 0	0 7 0	.....	1 0 0	.....	2 16 0
West Port	1 3 1	1 0 0	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	3 3 1
Yarmouth 1st, Town	8 0 0	8 1 4½	2 0 0	2 10 0	8 2 2½	.....	28 13 7
Yarmouth 2nd, Hebron	1 15 5½	.....	.....	.....	1 15 5½	.....	3 10 11
Yarmouth 3rd, Deerfield	0 2 6	0 12 0	.....	.....	0 11 8½	.....	1 6 2½
Yarmouth, South, Chebogue	1 0 0	.....	0 7 0	.....	1 0 0	.....	2 7 0
Yarmouth, West, Chegogan	1 2 6	0 2 6	0 5 0	.....	0 12 6	.....	2 2 6
West Sherbrooke	1 9 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 9 4
Collected at the Association	12 13 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 13 5
Special Coll'n taken Monday evening	4 10 0	4 15 0	.....	.....	4 15 0	.....	14 5 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>106 12 0</b>	<b>55 8 7</b>	<b>14 5 11</b>	<b>21 8 3</b>	<b>60 17 11½</b>	<b>4 1 7 2 7 6 1 9</b>	<b>267 11 8</b>

\* Add to this sum £3 6s. 3d., remitted previously; making in all £20 3s. 9d.

† Also 20s. for Micmac Mission.

‡ This sum includes £3 1s. 7d. raised by the Juvenile Missionary Society in the Sabbath School of the first Yarmouth Church.

P. S.—The contribution from the Church at Chute's Cove, amounting to £2 17s. 5d., was received after the payments had been made by the Treasurer. It will appear in the Minutes of next year.

W. C.



## MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Where ordained.
Rev. H. Angell.....	Yarmouth.....	Feb. 13, 1853.	Milton.
Rev. H. Achilles....	Long Island.....	Nov. 1, 1854.	Marshall's Cove.
Rev. G. Armstrong..	Bridgetown.....	Dec. 30, 1848.	Port Medway.
Rev. A. W. Barss....	Ragged Islands..	June 6, 1855.	Lunenburg, N. W.
Rev. W. Burton.....	Chebogue.....	July 20, 1828.	Westbrook.
Rev. A. Cogswell....	Clements.....	Jan. —, 1843.	Chute's Cove.
Rev. T. C. Delong...	Barrington.....	Feb. —, 1834.	New Albany.
Rev. E. F. Foshay..	Milton.....	March —, 1850.	Harvey, N. B.
Rev. W. G. Goucher.	Bridgetown.....	May 11, 1853.	Hebron.
Rev. E. N. Harris...	Hebron.....	.....	.....
Rev. J. C. Morse....	Digby Neck.....	March 30, 1842.	Digby Neck.
Rev. A. Martell....	Tusket.....	March 20, 1849.	Antigonish.
Rev. J. A. Moore....	Port George.....	Aug. 5, 1857.	.....
Rev. P. F. Murray..	Chute's Cove....	March 14, 1848.	Westport.
Rev. R. S. Morton...	Nictaux.....	Feb. —, 1852.	Nictaux.
Rev. J. McKenne...	Greenfield.....	.....	Greenfield.
Rev. Obed Parker...	Hillsburgh.....	Feb 21, 1844.	Wilmot.
Rev. W. G. Parker...	Nictaux.....	Jan. 20, 1843.	New Albany.
Rev. R. R. Philip...	Port Medway....	Oct. —, 1856.	Margaree, C. B.
Rev. C. Randall....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833.	Weymouth.
Rev. J. H. Saunders.	Ohio, Yarmouth.	Aug. 11, 1858.	Ohio, Yarmouth.
Rev. J. A. Stubbett.	Deerfield do.	Dec. 17, 1843.	Port Medway.
Rev. James Spencer.	Granville.....	May 17, 1853.	Chester.
Rev. A. Stronach...	Aylesford.....	.....	.....
Rev. C. Tupper, D.D.	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817.	Canard.
Rev. N. Vidito.....	Wilmot.....	May 10, 1832.	Wilmot.
LICENTIATES.			
Samuel B. Kempton.	Wolfville.....	.....	.....
Thomas Blackadar..	Wolfville.....	.....	.....
Andrew Parker.....	Aylesford.....	.....	.....
W. L. Parker.....	Aylesford.....	.....	.....
John Tooker.....	Yarmouth.....	.....	.....

## 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 communication for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

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

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

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

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## 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.

## SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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

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

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

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

*South Rawdon*, Rev. James Stevens, John McLearn.

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

*Sackville*, Rev. S. H. Porter, David Ellis.

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

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

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

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

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

*Falmouth*, Andrew Shaw, C. Bacon.

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

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

*Pereaux*, Walter Witt, B. R. Foster.

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

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

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

*Portapique*, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

*Long Island, Horton*, M. P. Freeman, B. Ward.

*Brooklyn*, W. Porter, ———— Reid, ———— Harris.

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

The meeting was organized by the appointment of Rev. N. Vidito, Chair-man, and Rev. J. E. Balcom, Secretary.

Moved by Rev. S. W. DeBlois, seconded and passed,

That we now proceed to organize ourselves into a Provincial Sabbath School Convention.

Moved, seconded and passed.

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

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

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

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

—Adopted.  
President, S. Selden, Esq.

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

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

Secretary for Western Association, Joseph Rogers, Esq.

Central, T. S. Harding, Esq.

Eastern, Cyrus Black, Esq.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Convention adjourned to meet with the Central Association, at Wolfville, June 8th, 1860.

#### CONSTITUTION OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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



## N. S. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

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

The attendance and the branches taught are as follows:—

#### ATTENDANCE.

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

#### BRANCHES TAUGHT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary.*

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

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Oct 1.	By 1 Qr. Provincial Grant.....		62	10	0
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			£	s.	d.
	To J. W. Hartt, his salary.....		125	0	0
	To 3 years rent Academy Premises.....		60	0	0
	To Tin Box, Postage, &c.....		1	1	3
	To balance in hand.....		1	8	9
			<u>£187 10 0</u>		
Balance in hands Rev. J. Chase, former Treasurer....			£28	11	6