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MINUTES
OF THE
NINETEENTH SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN
Baptist Association,
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD AT ONSLOW WEST, COLOCHESTER CO.
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd, 5th & 6th, 1869.
TOGETHER WITH
THE CIRCULAR LETTER,
AND
REPORT OF N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

HALIFAX, N. S
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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association, and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council, none but Delegates being entitled to vote, and such only as represent churches being eligible to office, or to vote for officers.

ART. 2nd.—Each church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual Godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over the Churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any Church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk, who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the moneys contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—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. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history

for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending any Letter, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be handed to the clerk, who shall retire and make out a list of the delegates—the Moderator meanwhile shall conduct devotional exercises.

2nd.—From the list so prepared the Moderator shall be chosen by ballot—no brother shall be chosen two years in succession.

3rd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

4th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

5th.—When any Church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last before the final adjournment.

7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered by the Association.

8th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

9th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

10th.—The Committee of Arrangement shall, in addition to the provision for the “order of business,” provide also for the discussion of the more prominent topics, Education and Missions, by appointing one or more persons to speak upon them. Said Committee shall further recommend the place for the succeeding Association, the preacher of the Associational Sermon, and the writer of the Circular Letter.

11th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

12th.—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of each annual session of the Association.

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MINUTES.

ONSLow WEST, Saturday, July 3rd, 1869.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock, A. M., and according to custom, two hours were spent in devotional exercises—conducted by Rev. Wm. George, while the clerk prepared from the letters the following list of

DELEGATES.

Advocate Harbor.—Rev. D. McKeen.

Amherst.—Revds. D. A. Steele, and G. F. Miles, Brethren B. Douglass, and Maynard Freeman.

Antigonish.—Rev. R. R. Philp.

Brookfield.—Rev. O. Chute, Deacons Archibald Hamilton, Jacob Stevens.

Cape Canco.—Rev. A. W. Barss.

Five Islands and Lower Economy.—Revds. D. McKeen, S. Thompson, Deacon Josiah Soley, Brethren D. P. Soley, J. D. McCart, C. M. Soley.

Glenville and River Philip.—Bro. Elisha C. Corey, (Lic.,) Deacon Wm. Mackinlay.

Goose River.—Rev. J. Murray, Brethren Thomas Anderson, Charles Hunter.

Grand Mira, C. B.—Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Great Village.—Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Deacon James Gourley, Brethren H. C. Upham, T. B. Layton, Archibald Morrison.

Greenville.—Bro. C. Kennedy, (Lic.,) Josiah Eagles.

Guysboro and Manchester.—Rev. R. R. Philp.

Hawkesbury, C. B.—Rev. J. W. Manning.

Indian Harbor.—Rev. H. Eagles.

Isaacs Harbor.—Rev. James Meadows.

Little River.—Rev. E. C. Corey.

Lower Stewiacke.—Rev. A. Chipman, Brethren J. W. Stevens, J. B. Banks, B. Woodworth, and M. Sibley.

Mabou.—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Maccan.—Brethren John Stubbett, (Lic.,) Hance Mills, Amos Atkinson.

Margaree, C. B.—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Mira Bay.—Rev. E. C. Spinney.

North Sydney.—Rev. T. H. Porter, Dea. Alex. Moore.

Onslow East.—Rev. B. Scott, Deacons J. W. Lynds, and John Smith, Brethren John King, Edward Douglas, and Robert Nelson.

Onslow West.—Rev. S. Thompson, Deacons David Blair, Thomas Soley, and Turner Blair, Brethren James Morrison, (Lic.,) Charles M. Dickson.

Parrsboro.—Rev. D. McKeen.

Portaupique.—Bro. C. F. Myers, (Lic.,) Deacons Geo. Davison, Thomas Fulton, and Jehiel Carr, Brethren Archibald Davison, Robert Fulton.

Pugwash.—Rev. Joseph Murray, Deacons Wm. Seaman, and Alex. McKenzie, Brethren John Bigelow, James Horton.

St. Mary's 1st.—Rev. H. Eagles.

St. Mary's 2nd.—Rev. H. Eagles.

Sydney.—Rev. W. B. Boggs, Brethren Thomas Armstrong, H. C. Creed, and J. C. Dumaresq.

Truro.—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Deacons David Page, Robert Nelson, Brethren Wm. Faulkner, L. J. Walker, Cyrus Eaton.

Upper Londonderry.—Rev. S. Thompson, Deacon Carter, Bro. Wm. McCully, 4th.

Upper Stewiacke.—Rev. O. Chute Deacons Wm. Bently, Charles F. Cox, Bro. Charles Cox, Jun.

Wallace River.—Rev. J. Murray, Bro. James Higgins.

Wentworth.—Rev. T. A. Blackadar.

West Brook.—Rev. D. McKeen, Deacon Eliazar Taylor, Brethren Jos. Atkinson, Nathan Taylor.

FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Central.—Revds. James Newcomb, John Chase, T. A. Higgins, Wm. George, J. E. Balcom, J. E. Goucher, E. M. Saunders, S. T. Rand, Brethren S. Selden, and Prof. D. F. Higgins.

Western.—Rev. P. F. Murray.

P. E. I.—Revds. M. P. Freeman, E. N. Archibald.

INVITED.

Brethren H. E. Morrow, (Lic.,) G. M. Ballantyne, (Lic.,) Wm. Cummings, A. W. Masters, Dimock Archibald, Francis Webber.

OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Association were then chosen as follows:

Moderator.—Rev. T. H. Porter.

Clerk.—Rev. E. C. Spinney.

Assistant Clerk.—Rev. J. W. Manning.

Treasurer.—Bro. Wm. Faulkner.

Assistant Treasurer.—Deacon Alex. McKenzie.

The rules of order were read by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton. The Committee of Nomination and Arrangement was chosen, consisting of the following brethren:—Revds. S. Thompson, B. Scott, D. W. C. Dimock, A. Chipman, Brethren James Morrison, (Lic.,) Wm. McCully, John King, J. B. McNutt, and David Page.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.

Saturday Afternoon Session, July 3rd.

Prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangement presented their report which was adopted.

COMMITTEES.

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. G. F. Miles, A. Chipman, Bro. Prof. D. F. Higgins.

MISSIONS.—Revds. J. Murray, J. F. Kempton, E. C. Spinney, H. Eagles, T. A. Blackadar, Bro. Wm. Faulkner.

EDUCATION.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, R. R. Philp, John Chase, Brethren Thomas Fulton, John Carter.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS AND SPECIAL BUSINESS.—Revds. D. A. Steele, J. F. Kempton, G. F. Miles, A. W. Barss, Brethren Prof. D. F. Higgins, Wm. H. Seaman, John King, J. W. Lynds, D. Page, S. Selden.

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.—Revds. B. Scott, D. W. C. Dimock, Brethren Charles Dickson, Cyrus Eaton, J. W. Stevens, A. Hamilton.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Brother S. Selden, T. B. Layton, Revds. James Newcomb, S. Thompson, E. N. Archibald.

That the morning sessions commence at 10 o'clock A. M. and close at 12. Afternoon sessions commence at 2½ P. M. and adjourn at 6 o'clock.

That the subject of missions be taken up immediately after the preaching of the Associational Sermon on Monday; and the subject of Education at the commencement of the afternoon session.

That a sermon be preached on Tuesday at 10 o'clock by Bro. E. C. Corey—and that the subject of Sabbath Schools follow immediately.

That the Lord's Day services be as follows:—

Onslow West,—At 11 A. M. Rev. D. McKeen; 3 P. M. Rev. J. F. Kempton; 6½ P. M. Rev. T. H. Porter.

Hemlock Grove,—3 P. M. Rev. James Meadows.

Union Hall,—3 P. M. Rev. A. W. Barss.

Anon Chapel,—11 A. M. Rev. J. W. Manning; 7 P. M. Rev. E. C. Spinney.

Bethel, East Mountain,—3 P. M. Rev. P. F. Murray.

North River School House,—3 P. M. Rev. H. Eagles.

Truro,—11 A. M. Rev. M. P. Freeman; 7 P. M. Rev. D. A. Steele.

Lower Village, Truro,—3 P. M. Rev. J. Murray.

Reyds. G. S. Miles, D. A. Steele, and Brother S. Selden were appointed the Committee to Examine and Read the Letters.

The Letters from the Churches were then read.

Prayer by Bro. G. M. Ballantyne, Licentiate.

Resolved, That Brethren B. Douglas, D. Page, S. Selden, W. H. Seaman, Alex. McKenzie, John King, Revds. T. H. Porter, and D. W. C. Dimock be a Committee to take the subject of the "Infirm Ministers' Fund" into consideration.

The following Resolution was then moved:—

Whereas, This body has from time to time expressed its firm conviction that the common use of intoxicating drinks for beverage purposes is productive of most injurious consequences, presenting, as such practice does, an example, which in numberless instances has resulted in drunkenness with all its connected evils—

Therefore Resolved, That we hereby repeat this conviction, and still, as formerly, urge upon all the members of our churches entire abstinence from such drinks as beverages, and to use all proper means to prevent the spread of intemperance, which is the cause of untold miseries to society, and a great sin against God.

Speeches were made on the above Resolution by Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, G. F. Miles, Joseph Murray, William George, Bros. C. F. Myers, and John Stubbert, Licentiates.

Resolved, That the Rules of Order be amended as follows:—

Rule 1st.—At each annual meeting the letters from the Churches shall be handed to the clerk, who shall retire and make out a list of the delegates—the Moderator meanwhile shall conduct devotional exercises.

2nd.—From the list so prepared the Moderator shall be chosen by ballot—no brother shall be chosen two years in succession.

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th.—As at present.

10th.—The Committee of Arrangement shall, in addition to the provision for the "order of business," provide also for the discussion of the more prominent topics, Education and Missions, by appointing one or more persons to speak upon them. Said Committee shall further recommend the place for the succeeding Association, the preacher of the Associational Sermon and the writer of the Circular Letter.

11th.—No delegate, &c. as the present 10th.

12th.—Same as present 11th.

Resolved, That all Ministers belonging to this Association who may attend Corresponding Associations, shall be our delegates to the same.

Resolved, That Bro. Selden be requested to publish 1250 copies of the Minutes, at the same rate as hitherto; that the additional sum of \$3.00 be paid for postage, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the next annual session of the Association.

Resolved, That the following Brethren be appointed Delegates to the Convention:—A. S. Blenkhorn, Alex. McKenzie, R. Upham, H. Mills, and E. C. Banks.

Prayer by Bro. John Stubbett.

Resolved, That all the moneys be paid to the Treasurer. and that he hand over the various amounts to the respective representatives of the different Benevolent Funds.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.

Monday, Morning Session, July 6th.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Boggs, from Acts i. 8. Prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Several letters not received on Saturday were now read.

Rev. J. Murray, Chairman of Committee on Missions, presented his report, which was laid over until the afternoon session.

Resolved, That the time be extended to allow Rev. W. George to present the claims of the Foreign Mission.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. N. Archibald.

Afternoon Session, July 5th.

Prayer by Rev. H. Eagles. Singing. Prayer by Bro. A. Morrow.

Resolved, That Rev. W. B. Boggs be requested to furnish the Sermon preached before this Association, for publication in the *Christian Messenger*, and that the Editor be requested to publish the same.

The subject of Home Missions was then taken up—and after remarks by Revds. J. F. Kempton, Bro. John Stubbett, Revds. T. A. Blackadar, W. Scott, and Bro. Selden the report was adopted. (Appendix A.)

Report on Education was presented by Rev. T. A. Higgins, chairman of committee. After remarks from Revds. D. A. Steele, W. B. Boggs, E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, D. McKeen, and Bro. Selden, it was adopted. (Appendix B.)

Rev. D. A. Steele moved and Rev. W. B. Boggs seconded the following resolution, which passed unanimously by the delegates rising:—

Resolved, That this Association have heard with deep feelings of regret that the Rev. J. M. CRAMP, D. D. has concluded to retire from the Presidency of the College, they cannot permit this occasion to pass without recording its deep sense of the manifold obligations of the Baptists in these Provinces to our honored Brother, not only for the singularly successful manner in which the duties of Presi-

dent have been discharged—and also for the aid uniformly rendered in various ways by his learning, experience and piety, to the cause of truth and righteousness—they express the hope that his last years may be years of unabated Christian vigor. and that the repose thus obtained may yield large results to our denominational literature.

Rev. B. Scott, Chairman of Committee on *C. Messenger*, presented his report—which, after remarks by Rev. J. E. Balcom, was adopted. (Appendix C.)

Bro. S. Selden expressed his acknowledgments and thanks for the expressions of confidence by the brethren.

Resolved, That Article 1st of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the words “or to vote for officers” after the word “office.”

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. A. Chipman.

Tuesday Morning Session, July 7th.

Prayer by Rev. J. Chase. Singing. Prayer by Rev. A. W. Barss. Minutes of the last two sessions read and approved.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangements recommend that the next annual meeting of the Association be held with the Amherst Church on the first Saturday in July, 1870; that Rev. J. F. Kempton be appointed to preach the Association Sermon next year; that Rev. R. R. Philp be his alternate; and that Rev. D. A. Steele write the Circular Letter—which was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on the “Infirm Ministers’ Fund” (Appendix D) was presented by the Chairman, Bro. S. Selden.

After remarks by Bro. S. Selden, Revds. G. F. Miles, D. W. C. Dimock, S. T. Rand, J. Murray, B. Scott, E. M. Saunders, Brethren William Faulkner, H. C. Upham, B. Douglas, John King and A. W. Masters—the Report was adopted.

The Treasurer of the “Infirm Ministers’ Fund” presented his Report—which was adopted.

The following Resolution was then moved by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock and seconded by Rev. E. M. Saunders, and passed unanimously:—

Whereas, at the last Session, a Resolution was introduced into the House of Assembly, to the effect, that “no grant from the Provincial Treasury shall be given in aid of any department of Education except Common Schools, and that the moneys, arising from such saving, shall be added to the Common School fund.”

Therefore Resolved, That the passage of said Resolution, in the opinion of this Association, would obstruct the operations of the higher departments of Education, and react unfavourably on the Common Schools, thereby damaging their growing efficiency.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Association be directed to forward copies of the said Resolution to the Provincial Secretary, and to D. C. Landers, Esq. M. P. P.

Resolved, That Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, T. H. Porter, and Bro. B. Douglas be a committee to communicate with committees from sister Associations to take the subject of the "Infirm Ministers' Fund" into consideration.

Resolved, That Brethren B. Douglas, J. King, Moses Lowe, A. S. Blenkhorn, Alex. McKenzie, Revds. D. A. Steele and G. F. Miles, constitute the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be read to the Association. It was then read by the writer.

Resolved, That the Circular Letter be printed with the Minutes, and that the *Editor of the Messenger* be requested to give the same a place in his columns.

Resolved That a Committee be appointed to prepare Extracts from the Letters of the Churches, to be published in the *Messenger*, also with the Minutes, and that Revds. T. H. Porter and W. B. Boggs be said Committee.

The Treasurer presented his Report, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was submitted by Bro. T. B. Layton, Chairman. Remarks were made by Brethren T. B. Layton, and William Cummings, after which the report was adopted. (Appendix E.)

It was then moved by Bro. John Stubbart and seconded by Rev. E. M. Saunders—

Whereas, Inebriate Asylums have proved ever useful in reforming drunkards, and the necessity for such an Institution being felt in this Province—

Therefore Resolved, That this Association petition the Dominion and Local Parliaments for grants of money to erect and sustain such an Institution.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to carry out the above Resolution; and that Bro. S. Selden and Revds. E. M. Saunders and G. F. Miles be the Committee.

The time for adjournment having arrived, it was resolved that the time be extended until the business be completed.

Resolved, That blanks for Letters be again supplied to the Churches, and that the expenses be met in the usual way.

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to obtain, for the use of this body, the Minutes of the Eastern Association from the date of its formation, and to get the first ten years' bound in one volume, for preservation and reference,—to be held by the Clerk for the time being.

The following Resolution was then moved by Rev. J. Murray and seconded by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock :—

Be it Resolved, That in view of the increased demand for moneys to carry forward our denominational purposes, we endeavor as individuals and Churches to act as far as consistently during the ensuing year upon the former recommendations of this Association, respecting systematic beneficence.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Delegates to this Association are hereby tendered to the Baptist Church and Congregation at West Bnslow, and other friends in the vicinity, for their kind hospitalities during the present Session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Presbyterian Church at Onslow, for the use of their house of worship.

Minutes read and approved.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Amherst Church the First Saturday in July, 1870, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

T. H. PORTER, *Moderator*.

E. C. SPINNEY, *Clerk*.

J. W. MANNING, *Assistant Clerk*.

Onslow West, July 6th, 1869.

MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
✓ Rev. A. W. Barss.....	Cape Canso.....	June, 6, 1855	Lunenburg.
x " M. A. Bigelow..	Antigonishe—	Sep. 14, 1859	Guysboro.
" T. A. Blackadar..	Great Village...	Sep. 5, 1865	Parrsboro.
" Wm. B. Boggs..	Sydney, C. B....	Sep. 24, 1865	Sydney.
x " Obed Chute.....	Upper Stewiacke	Feb. 7, 1850	Wentworth.
" A. Chipman.....	Lower Stewiacke	Nov. 16, 1862	River Philip.
x " Edwin Clay.....	Pugwash.....	.....	Pugwash.
" E. C. Corey.....	River Philip.....	Oct. —, 1867	Canterbury.
x " D. W. C. Dimock	Truro.....	Dec. 6, 1841	Chester. [N.B.
x " H. Eagles.....	St. Mary's.....	Aug. 1842	Kempton, Hants.
x " J. F. Kempton..	Margaree, C. B.	June 5, 1864	Mira, C. B.
" J. W. Manning..	Hawkesbury	Mar 31, 1868	Hawkesbury.
x " Geo. F. Miles... Amherst.....	Aug. 1846	1846	Newcastle, N.B.
— " Joseph Murray..	Pugwash.....	Oct. 29, 1865	Guysboro.
x " D. McKeen.....	L. Forks, Maccan	Sep. 13, 1854	Margaree, C.B.
x " R. McDonald ...	Margaree, C. B..	Aug. 23, 1853	River Hebert.
" W. McPhee.....	Baddeck, C. B..	July 10, 1863	Guysboro.
x " R. R. Philip.....	Guysboro.....	Oct. 12, 1856	Margaree, C.B.
x " T. H. Porter	N. Sydney, C. B.	Nov. 6, 1861	Lr. Stewiacke.
x " Hugh Ross.....	Sydney, C. B....	Sep. 1847	Mira Bay, C.B.
x " G. Richardson..	Sydney, C. B....	Mar. 25, 1822	Hmds. Plains.
x " E. C. Spinney... Mira, C. B.....	Nov. 7, 1868	1868	Mira, C. B.
x " Benj. Scott.....	Onslow.....	Sep. 18, 1832	P. E. Island.
" D. A. Steele.....	Amherst.....	June 20, 1865	Wolfville.
x " S. Thompson....	Economy.....	Sep. 1852	Westbrook.

LICENTIATES.

W. F. Armstrong,	" North Sydney.
C. F. Myers,	" Guysboro.
B. Spencer,	" Mira Bay, C. B.
J. B. McQuillan,	" Mira, C. B.
James Morrison,	" Onslow West.

21 Isaac's Harbor	James Meadows.	1863	Allen MacMillan 2nd, Isaac's Harbor...	20	1	1	1	1	4	31
22 Little River	E. C. Corey	1869	James H. Reid, Little River	...	...	...	...	...	2	64
23 Lower Stewiacke	1832 A. Chipman	1866	Ingram B. Banks, Lower Stewiacke...	22	1	1	1	1	2	87
24 Mabon, C. B.	1828 J. F. Kempton	1866	William Frizzle, Mabon	10	2	1	1	1	2	20
25 Maccan	1844	1844	Amos Atkinson, Hoeg's W. O., Maccan...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
26 Margaree, C. B.	1835 J. F. Kempton	1866	Joseph Tingley, Margaree, N. E.	5	2	2	2	2	1	82
27 Mira Bay	1838 E. C. Spinney	1868	J. B. McQuillan, Mira Gut	27	1	5	2	2	1	154
28 Merigomish .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
29 New Harbor .....	.....	.....	James S. Nickerson, New Harbor, Guys...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
30 North Sydney, C. B.	1832 T. H. Porter	1864	John T. Moffat, Little Bras d'Or, C. B.	...	...	...	...	...	1	162
31 Onslow West	1791 S. Thompson	1868	Charles M. Dickson, Onslow	3	1	3	6	5	1	76
32 Onslow East .....	.....	.....	C. Y. Snel, Parrashoro Village	2	1	1	1	2	2	87
33 Parrsboro	D. McKeen .....	.....	John P. McDonald, Pictou	...	...	...	...	...	1	13
34 Pictou .....	.....	.....	Arch. Davison, Fortaupique Mountain...	1	...	...	4	1	1	90
35 Fortaupique	1842	1868	George Horton, Pugwash	43	3	3	5	2	2	151
36 Pugwash	1827 J. Murray .....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	15	15
37 *River John .....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	24	24
38 *Sand Point .....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	29	29
39 St. Mary's, Ist.	1846 H. Eagles	1847	Z. H. Hewitt, St. Mary's, Sherbrooke...	...	...	...	...	...	1	29
40 St. Mary's, 2nd. ....	" .....	.....	John Stewart, Loch Harbor, St. Mary's...	...	...	...	...	...	1	32
41 Sydney	{ G. Richardson.	1846	H. E. Meloney	...	...	...	...	...	1	64
42 *Tatamagouche	{ W. H. Boggs	1865	.....	15	3	1	1	1	...	30
43 Tracadie .....	.....	.....	Edward H. Jordan, Tracadie	...	...	...	8	6	104	104
44 Truro	1822	1858	William Faulkner, Truro, Box 75	20	8	1	1	1	146	146
45 Upper Londonderry	1851 S. Thompson	1867	Wm. McNully 1st, Debert River	5	...	...	1	1	95	95
46 Upper Stewiacke	1851 O. Chute	1868	E. N. Bentley, Upper Stewiacke	1	...	...	3	1	40	40
47 Wallace River	1849 J. Murray	1868	David Higgins, Angwin's W. O., Wallace...	57	8	6	1	5	3	147
48 Wentworth	1838 T. A. Blackadar	1869	Wm. Smith, Wentworth, Cumberland...	...	...	...	1	1	...	43
49 West Brook	D. McKeen		Nathan Taylor, West Brook	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
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Circular Letter.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE EASTERN NOVA
SCOTIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF
WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.—

Dear Brethren,—

In considering our necessities as a Denomination we would respectfully invite your attention in this our annual Letter to the lack of the organizing element in our churches.

By organizing element is meant the arranging and applying of the gifts and powers of a church so as to perform in the best manner the greatest amount of labor for God. Or in the words of the Apostle to the church at Ephesus, "The whole body, fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in every part, maketh increase of the body, unto the edifying of itself in love."

And we are led to speak on this subject at present from the fact that such a desideratum is becoming more and more apparent.

Christians are aiming at the practical part of religion ; at the Missionary work enjoined upon the disciples in the commission, but do not fully understand how it is to be performed. Earnest men of God are spending less time in silent studies, writing huge volumes for future controversies, and more in seriously pondering the question, "How can we morally and spiritually elevate the masses by which we are surrounded? In what way shall we most rapidly advance the Saviour's kingdom?" We have arrived in fact, at an intensely earnest working age. When "the salt of the earth" is no longer to be left "en masse" in solitary churches, but thoroughly dissolved, and placed in close contact with diseased and dying humanity. And that is the highest style of a

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church which so directs its abilities as to execute the greatest amount of Christian labor.

The strength of a church is not so much owing to locality—social advantages—numbers or wealth, as to consecrated and active membership. A working church, according to natural laws, is a strong church. Strength and vigor are sequences of healthy exercise. And no enduring spiritual power can be enjoyed by any church without regular healthy action. The pastor may visit from house to house, warning, rebuking, and exhorting with tenderness and tears. On the Sabbath he may ascend the sacred desk with oil finely beaten for the sanctuary, and dispense it with a holy discrimination, yet without a corresponding effort on the part of his hearers, all his endeavours to edify or comfort will be unavailing.—We will take an instance from the experience of the Rev. Andrew Fuller. He states that at one time his people were much depressed, and all his efforts to arouse them failed. In vain he labored among them during the week; and on the Sabbath taxed himself to the utmost to lead their minds up to God. About this time, however, he had become greatly concerned respecting the heathen world, and laid their condition before his people. He began to preach with new zeal, and hold special meetings on the subject of Foreign Missions. The church began to pray and make liberal collections. From that moment all tokens of sadness disappeared.

Such is the effect of useful activity. Jesus follows all his laborers with the encouraging promise, "Whatsoever is right I will give you."

A working church is comparatively a safe church. Jealousies—divisions and strifes, for the most part, flourish among those who are at ease in Zion. When the all absorbing aim is "to work for God," there is no time to stay for evil purposes, no desire to harbor them. If more time were spent in planning special labor in the Master's vineyard, less would be required for calling councils and settling.

difficulties. Here, then, we have strong reasons for organization. But where is it to begin.

It is evident that the strength of our denomination does not lie entirely in her Institutions of learning, nor in a few wealthy members, nor wealthy churches, but in all her Churches and Institutions combined. The little churches located in obscure portions of our province form an essential part of the strength of our denomination. And it is utterly impossible for it to make any marked advancement while they remain in their present torpid condition. Before we can sustain Acadia College in the noble position it has lately assumed; and send out men to the Foreign Mission field; and hold our position in the van of the professing Christian world, our churches must bring into exercise those powers which now lie dormant. Organization must be the watchword. Our Pastors must be organizers! Deacons of Churches and Superintendents of Sabbath Schools must become organizers; until the brothers and sisters in our land shall become one united band of Christian laborers, until our effort shall echo our prayer, "Thy kingdom come;" and every layman, as well as minister shall say, "Here am I, send me."

We have no desire to leave the plain teaching of the Bible for the diverging paths of fancy and scepticism, but God demands that we develop those principles of Christian activity with which the Scripture abounds.

It is not for us to plan work for our brethren, but point out some objects towards which their attention ought to be directed.

The first we shall notice is the Sabbath School. This field is open to all who are anxious to do some good for the Master. It is easy of access, and yields an abundant harvest. The most delicate and sensitive female may organize and carry forward a Sabbath School. Yet while such is the case, there are scores of churches and neighbourhoods entirely destitute of Bible training. And it is painfully evident, that of the many in operation, few are accomplishing what they

ought, from the lack of the organizing spirit. Bright little faces and palpitating hearts, are in the school, looking in vain for something animative, attractive, and instructive. Dull routine often takes the place of cheerful work, and the pupils fail to be interested in the glorious truths of the Bible. Nor ought we to gather the children into schools, and neglect the more advanced in life. We might well imitate our brethren of the United States in forming "Church Bible Schools" which embrace the whole church, and as many others as will attend. Such a school would become a vast power in elevating, strengthening, and establishing the church in christian principles.

The raising of monies for Benevolent purposes is another work which requires the wisdom and skill of zealous christians. No one doubts but the means to endow our Institutions of Learning, replenish our Mission Treasuries, pay Pastor's salaries, purchase Sabbath School libraries, &c., are to be obtained, had we machinery adapted to the purpose. A great mistake is made in collecting monies, by endeavouring to obtain large sums at long intervals, whereas, the true principle is, "*Little and often.*" Systematic and liberal giving is one of the main sources of a church's prosperity. And on this point there is great need of training, so that a complete system of individual liberality may be developed.

The last instance we shall note, is that of small churches unable to support a pastor. A large number of these are scattered over our Province; and by their local position cannot join with another of the same order in procuring preaching for even a portion of the time. The result is, the conference meetings are discontinued; the Lord's Supper is never dispensed, except by some travelling preacher; the Sabbath School dwindles, the prayer meetings are neglected, and the church dies. And this sad case of extinction furthermore takes place not far from some more fortunate church which enjoys the preaching of the word throughout the year. Now it is possible for churches as well as individuals to act the

part of the Priest and Levite. The word of God is "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Let our large churches allow their Pastor to labor two or three months of the year with small destitute churches or neighbourhoods, and meantime, let them call in some young man to supply his pulpit. The advantages of such a course are many and apparent. The Pastors themselves are greatly benefitted by the change, the church too is more interested in the Missionary work. The weak little churches have for a season the wisdom and experience necessary to their depressed condition, and our young men, by laboring for a time in an influential position, are strengthened, established, and encouraged in their life-work.

And another point in connection, which seems in weight to overbalance all the rest, is the immediate relief of the H. M. Board, by supplying, in a measure, other importunate demands for assistance. The cry for help would not only be answered, but the monies now spent on Home Missions might be poured into our Foreign Mission treasury, thus lifting off a portion of the responsibilities which are now lying so heavily upon us.

Other cases might be enumerated which call loudly for the organizing skill of earnest Christians. We would not underestimate the noble works which are being performed, but would urge to greater advancement.

Brethren, the work is in your hands. Why should the world in its secular callings have the ripe skill and wisdom of the age in devising new and superior modes of progress, and the church of God be left to follow slowly in the rear?—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Tithes of faith, wisdom, skill, and zeal for God. Jesus is scanning the field and the workmen. Let us so deport ourselves that he shall say of us, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

APPENDIX.

(A)

MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions are of opinion that Missionary work is the work of the Church. By that means the world is to be brought to God. And as He especially blesses those engaged in such labor, your Committee recommend more attention to this matter.

Your Committee desire to feel grateful for the blessings which have rested upon our Home Mission labors, and think it desirable that greater efforts be made in that direction. As they increase and are blessed, our Foreign Missions will advance.

Your Committee congratulate our Foreign Mission Board in obtaining the services of Brother William George for the foreign field. Brother George is now visiting our Churches and taking collections. Let us sustain him by our prayers and offerings. As some time has elapsed since we have had a man of our own in Burmah, we desire to praise God for this particular mark of His favor.

It is to be regretted that Sister DeWolf has been compelled by disease to discontinue her labors for a time; and we request that earnest prayer be made on her behalf. It is the work of our Father—let us not complain.

The French Mission also claims our attention—Brother Normandy is instrumental in doing a great work among those people—and your Committee beg leave to recommend that the pastors of our churches urge its claims upon our people.

Respectfully submitted.

J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

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EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report :

That an encouraging measure of success has attended our educational efforts. The Academy has been in active operation during the year, and with a larger attendance than that of the previous year. About 60 pupils have been entered upon the book; 40 were present during the last quarter. The Examining Committee reported that the examinations were very satisfactory, and the school in an efficient condition. A good work has been performed in the Female Seminary; five young ladies having completed the three years' course of study, received the Certificates usually given in such cases: but owing to certain difficulties it is feared that it may be found necessary for the present to discontinue that very important branch of our educational work.

About forty students have been in attendance at the College during the past year—a number greater than that of any former period; and the professors have labored with commendable zeal and ability to secure the highest possible results in the various departments of study. Seven young men—three of whom contemplate the Gospel Ministry, having completed the course—received at the Anniversary in June the degree of Bachelor of Arts; at which time the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Messrs. Herbert C. Creed, Albert J. Hill, William Elder, and Thomas R. Patillo.

A number of the pupils of the Academy have passed the necessary examinations and have been admitted into the College, others expect to be admitted, so that there is a prospect of a large and promising Freshmen class next year.

Your Committee have learned with deep regret, that the Rev. Dr. Cramp, who has so long and so ably presided over Acadia College, has again urged upon the Governors the acceptance of his resignation, and that the Board have felt themselves compelled to take measures to secure a successor. The Rev. Dr. Sawyer, well known to many in this province, and much esteemed, as well for his literary attainments as for the elevated tone of his moral and religious character, has been invited to accept the position. The Rev. Dr. Crawley has been appointed Principal of the Theological Department.

These changes involve considerable additional expense, and it is hoped that the Churches will respond generously to these reasonable demands. By special subscription, commenced at the Convention last year, provision was made for the support of a Professor of Natural Science. Mr. William Elder, A. M. has been appointed to that Chair, and he is expected to enter upon his duties at the opening of the College year.

Your Committee would gratefully call to mind the many special marks of Divine favor in the past toward our Institutions at Horton, and invite the friends of the Baptist denomination in this Association to unite heartily in prayer and effort, that the future may be characterised by still greater success and usefulness.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. HIGGINS, *Chairman of Com.*

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THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* report :

That they have great pleasure in stating, as their belief, that the *Christian Messenger* continues to enjoy the confidence of the Baptist denomination of this province. That the manly, independent, yet mild and courteous course which the Editor preserves, especially with regard to disputed matters, is a source of great gratification.

Your Committee would therefore most cordially recommend it to the increased patronage of our people and Churches, as a faithful exponent of Baptist principles, and a truthful record of passing events, believing that by an increase of good paying subscribers, not only would a greater number of readers be benefitted, but would enable the publisher to give more reading matter, instead of being obliged to fill so large a space in its columns with advertisements.

Respectfully submitted.

B. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

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INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Committee on the Infirm Ministers' Fund report :

That they regard it highly important that some provision be made by which a more permanent and reliable Fund may be established, for the purpose of aiding Baptist Ministers, when disabled by sickness or age from performing ministerial labor, and in the event of their death for assisting their surviving widows.

Your Committee are of opinion that it is very desirable for Ministers themselves to contribute annually to such fund—their contributions being made a basis of their claim to a participation in such fund when required for themselves or their widows.

Your Committee regard it as advisable, that a uniform plan be adopted by all the Associations in this Province. A Committee having been appointed by the Central Association for the purpose of preparing a plan for the securing of this object, your Committee would recommend that a committee of three brethren be appointed to correspond, and act with said Committee in the preparation of such plan for raising, investing and appropriating such fund.

Your Committee further recommend that subscriptions and donations be forthwith solicited, and a special collection taken in all the Churches of this Association, for this object, in the month of November, and that the amounts be forwarded to the Board having this fund in charge. And that all subscriptions, donations, collections and legacies, of upwards of five dollars, be invested by the Board in good and sufficient real estate, or equally satisfactory, security.

Your Committee would further advise that the Board for the ensuing year be elected, and the names of the brethren composing the Board be inserted every year in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Association. Also that an Act of Incorporation be obtained to enable the Board to legally hold property.

S. SELDEN, *Chairman of Committee.*

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, in acct. with B. DOUGLAS,
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1868.		
July 3.	To balance of account rendered.....	\$ 1.67
Oct. 1869.	„ Cash to widow of Rev. Mr. Hull	7.50
Feb. 23.	„ Cash per order of Association to Rev. G. Richardson.....	30 00
May 24.	„ Expenses Mrs. Hull's funeral.....	23.56
		—\$ 62.73

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1868.		
July 8.	By Cash from Treasurer Association for 1867-8	\$23.51
Aug. 10.	„ Cash Miss Mills.....	1.00
1869.		
Jan. 29.	„ Cash.....	42.20
„ 30.	„ Cash.....	40 00
Apr. 29.	„ Cash, special collection Amherst.....	6.20
„	„ Balance Interest.....	2.65
		—\$115.56
	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$52 83
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Amherst, N. S. 29th June, 1869.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools have much pleasure in reporting progress in this important part of Christian labor. Last year the No. of Schools reported was 28; this year there were 43. Last year the whole No. of Scholars was 1175; this year there are 1500.

Your Committee beg leave to notice the fact that more than one third of these are in the County of Colchester, where a Convention meets quarterly. We would express our regret that no other county convention has been organised, as was recommended last year. We hope efforts may be put forth to advance this work which is of so much importance, until we shall have a Sabbath School in every district in connection with our Association. And to secure this result we would recommend the appointment of local or general agents, who would assist those who need assistance and encouragement to carry on small schools, and organise new ones, wherever even a few children might be gathered together and taught the truths that make wise the simple.

T. B. LAYTON, *Secretary.*

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Eastern Baptist Association, July 3rd, 1869.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Ch'rch in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended the year	during
		Total.	Female.	Male.	Total.	Female.	Male.					
Amherst, (3).....	W. M. Sleep.....	180	.....	10	17	13	250	102	00			
Antigonish.....	T. M. King.....	9	8	17	1	3	100	.....	.....			
Advocate Harbor.....	Arch. McLellan....	12	8	20	2	1	3	14	7	60		
Apple River.....	.....	.....	.....	26	20	2	1	3	.....	.....		
Brookfield, (2).....	{ James Scott. { Jacob Stephens. { James Dimock. { James Rogers.	15	15	30	2	2	4	.....	8	.....		
Glenville and River Philip, (2).....	H. B. Hunter.....	.....	.....	45	3	2	5	5	7	4		
Goose River.....	Josiah Eagles.....	18	12	30	3	2	5	.....	13	.....		
Greenville.....	Wm. Huntington....	.....	7	25	20	1	2	.....	.....	.....		
Grand Mira, C. B.....	Ezra Layton.....	7	14	21	1	1	2	.....	8	.....		
Great Village.....	T. B. Layton.....	19	20	39	4	5	9			82		
Do. Folly Village.....		6	10	16	1	2	3			20		
Do. Folly Lake.....		10	11	21			2			40		
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Indian Harbor..... James Hingley.....
 Isaac's Harbor..... F. J. Giffard.....

Do.	Folly Lake.....	10	11	21	20		2	2		40	2 00
Indian Harbor.....	James Hingley.....	20	30	50	....	3	3	1	3	....	....
Isaac's Harbor.....	E. J. Giffin.....	12	12	24	20	2	2	1	3	....	....
Lower Economy.....	J. D. McCart.....	16	17	33	23	2	2	2	4	....	3 00
Little River.....	Levi Johnson.....	....	....	40	....	....	....	....	5	....	....
Lower Stewiacke, (2).....	{ E. C. Banks. }	40	22	62	50	3	3	3	6	21	16 500 1 25
Mira Bay, C. B.....	{ C. Sibley. }	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Do. South Head.....	Philip Spenser.....	20	30	50	40	3	3	5	8	....	25 60 16 00
Macan, Lower.....	Charles Peters.....	12	13	25	20	2	2	2	4	....	13 50
Margaree, C. B.....	Amos Atkinson.....	15	15	30	....	2	2	2	4	....	100
(Onslow East, (2).....	L. McDonald.....	55	47	102	65	7	7	3	10	12	15 120 3 00
Onslow West.....	Chas. and J. Douglas	....	....	70	....	....	....	....	10	12	140 12 00
Portauisque.....	Daniel Blair.....	12	14	26	25	4	1	5	5	....	....
Pugwash.....	George Davison.....	11	9	20	3	3	....	3	3	....	100 2 00
Do. Eel Brook.....	Wm. Seaman.....	12	15	27	25	5	5	10	7	....	20 00
St. Mary's, 1st.....	Jeremiah Angus.....	18	16	34	30	3	3	3	6	....	....
St. Mary's, 2nd.....	George Dixon.....	22	17	39	....	2	2	2	4	....	....
Sydney, C. B.....	Mr. Young.....	10	15	25	20	3	2	5	....	....	....
Do. South Bar.....	Thos. Armstrong.....	21	28	49	28	2	4	6	8	11	30 00
Strait of Canso.....	John Peters Sen'r....	23	22	45	40	3	6	9	15	14	....
		14	13	27	....	2	2	4	11	6	9 00
Truro, (4).....	{ L. J. Walker, C }	....	181	118	13	19	32	60	59	380	35 00
	{ H. Blair, J. P. }	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Upper Londonderry.....	{ Moore, D. Page }	19	21	40	40	3	2	5	8	....	100
Wallace.....	Wm. McCully 4th....	20	18	38	30	3	1	4	20	....	30
	Joseph Fisher.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
		1500	202								

Statement of Contributions received at the Session of
the N. S. E. Bapt. Association, held at Onslow, July
3rd, 5th, and 6th, 1869.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Ministerial Education	Acadia College.	Infirm Ministers.	TOTALS.
North Sydney.....	20 00	.....	2 50	.....	10 00	2 50	35 00
Goose River.....	2 50	3 70	.....	1 63	4 00	2 00	13 83
Cape Canso.....	7 25	31 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 55
Wentworth.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	4 50
Greenville.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25
Antigonish.....	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	4 25	3 25	12 50
Brookfield.....	3 25	2 75	.....	.....	75	.....	6 75
Isaac's Harbor.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Little River.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Glenville and River Philip }	1 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 55
*Truro.....	62 50	119 55	1 00	.....	.....	.....	183 05
1st St. Mary's.....	6 00	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 45
Traccadie.....	1 37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 37
Portaupique.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Amherst.....	50 00	40 00	.....	7 69	.....	12 00	109 69
Margaree, C. B.....	.....	12 20	.....	.....	2 25	.....	14 45
Mabou, C. B.....	5 00	8 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 40
Advocate Harbor.....	4 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 41
2nd St. Mary's.....	3 00	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25
Maccan.....	6 43	3 87	1 00	1 70	1 00	.....	14 00
Guysboro & Manch'r.....	9 78	11 75	.....	6 05	8 05	5 37	41 00
Pugwash.....	6 00	10 00	1 52	1 00	1 10	3 00	22 62
Lower Economy.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	10 00
Upper Stewiacke.....	.....	6 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 14
Parrsboro Village.....	3 50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Onslow East.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	.....	75	2 00	18 75
Onslow West.....	18 00	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 10
Upper Londonderry.....	14 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 03
Indian Harbor.....	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 20
Hawkesbury.....	8 55	13 66	1 25	.....	7 68	50	31 62
Mira Bay.....	9 03	5 00	6 00	.....	15 07	7 28	42 38
Great Village.....	18 00	9 00	.....	.....	4 18	.....	31 18
Wallace.....	6 75	6 24	.....	2 50	1 65	5 10	22 24
Pictou.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Stewiacke.....	10 00	5 50	1 25	.....	.....	50	17 25
Joseph Atkinson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	75
Nathan Taylor.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Maitland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
Sydney.....	8 50	6 20	1 00	1 25	1 00	2 25	20 20
Grand Mira.....	2 50	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	6 50
Miss Rachel Downing.....	7 00	7 00	1 00	.....	.....	75	15 75
Dimock Archibald.....	2 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 12
Jacob Layton.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	5 00
Miss Isabel Dodge.....		10 00					10 00
Mrs. Johnston, Onslow.....	2 00	2 00					4 00
Collections.....	24 50	18 50					43 00
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WILLIAM FAULKNER, Treasurer.

*\$50 for a native preacher in Burmah, and \$40 for do. from a sister in Truro.

EXTRACTS OF THE LETTERS FROM THE
CHURCHES TO THE EASTERN N. S.
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Advocate Harbor.—Pastor, D. McKeen. The attendance at all the meetings is good, and attention solemn. The little branch at Apple River still holds on the way, and has its Conferences, Prayer meetings, and Sabbath School principally under the direction of members of the church.

Amherst.—Pastor, D. A. Steele. Our stated meetings have been pretty well attended, and the preaching of the word has been enjoyed by the church and congregation, judging from the large attendance at the house of God on the Sabbath. The church has under her charge three Sabbath Schools. Three baptized.

Antigonishe.—Pastor, R. R. Philp. We have engaged the services of Bro. Philp for one fourth of his time, whose labors are acceptable. Our meetings are still sustained, and our prayer is that the Most High will yet pour out a blessing upon us. A Sabbath School was organized on the second Sabbath of May. One baptized.

Brookfield.—Pastor, O. Chute. We were successful in the effort to finish our place of worship last winter, which will comfortably seat two hundred, and all paid for.

Cape Canso.—Pastor, A. W. Barss. We have enjoyed the faithful ministrations of the word for the past year, and trust that they have been blessed to the quickening and awakening of many, and that in due time the fruits will be more apparently manifested.

Glenville and River Philip.—Pastor, E. C. Corey. We have been able by Divine assistance to sustain our Conference meetings in three sections of our church, and have commenced a fourth. And a few mercy drops have fallen upon us. Seven baptized.

Goose River.—Pastor, J. Murray. There has been no special revival among us during the year, but we have enjoyed some tokens of God's presence and favor. We have a Sabbath School in operation since the first of May with good attendance. Eight baptized.

Grand Mira, C. B.—During the past year Bro. Boggs of Sydney has visited us several times and preached. We trust that a blessing may follow. We endeavour to continue the worship of God in the absence of ministerial help. We trust that you will remember us in your prayers, and still regard us as a part of the Home Mission field.

Great Village.—Pastor, T. A. Blackadar. Our pastor labors on in word and doctrine for the edification of the church and the salvation of perishing souls, and not without some tokens for good. Our prayer and social meetings are interesting and profitable. Four baptized.

Greenville.—Bro. C. Kenedy; Licentiate, has labored among us one quarter of the time for the last five months. Rev. T. A. Blackadar has visited us several times during the year—also Rev. E. Corey once. We trust that their labors have been blessed. One baptized.

Guysboro and Manchester.—Pastor, R. R. Philp. The past year has been one of unusual depression with us both commercially and spiritually. We earnestly pray for better days. One baptized.

Indian Harbor.—Pastor, H. Eagles. We feel encouraged. Our Conference meetings are more largely attended and interesting, and our communion seasons have been soul-cheering. Our prayer meetings on the Sabbath are maintained with interest. We have also an interesting Sabbath School; the Superintendent is taking a great interest in the spiritual welfare of our youth.

Isaac's Harbor.—Pastor, J. Meadows. During the Spring of 1868 a gracious revival rejoiced our hearts. We are endeavouring to build a meeting house, and a good substantial collection from our wealthy sister churches will be gladly and thankfully received. Twenty baptized.

Little River.—We have had Rev. E. C. Corey laboring with us once a month till April, but we feel the need of having more preaching. We are trying to secure the labors of Rev. E. C. Corey. Our Sabbath Prayer meetings are quite well attended. Conferences very small, but we are trying to hold on our way.

Lower Economy and Five Islands.—Pastor, D. McKeen. We have obtained the labors of a pastor, one quarter of his time, who is zealous in the good cause. We have a Sabbath School now in operation which we hope will prove a blessing to all connected with it. Our prayer meetings seem interesting and profitable.

Lower Stewiacke.—Pastor, A. Chipman. The Lord has in wrath remembered mercy, and His Holy Spirit has been poured out upon us during the few months past in a remarkable manner. We feel that the faithful labors of our beloved pastor have been blessed; prayer has been answered; and God's name glorified. A number have come out from other denominations and united with us in the face of opposition. The good work still appears to be going on. Our Sabbath Schools too are better attended and more interesting than formerly, and many of the young appear thoughtful. Twenty-two baptized.

Mabou, C. B.—Pastor, J. F. Kempton. We rejoice to inform you that during the last year God has vouchsafed us a blessing.

He has cheered our hearts by converting sinners and quickening saints. Ten baptized.

Maccan.—The church being so long without a pastor is very much scattered. Discipline, without which no church can prosper, has been entirely neglected; consequently our present state is so deplorable that we fear the candlestick is almost removed. During the past year we have had preaching half the time. Bro. Stubbart, who is now with us, labored here three months last summer, and Bro. Rees the same portion of time last winter.

Margaree, C. B.—Pastor, J. F. Kempton. We cannot report a large increase, but we believe that more have been enabled to trust in Christ than have united with the church. We hope soon to welcome them and others to church fellowship. The church have, during the year, secured land, and erected and partly completed a mission house and barn. We have therefore felt gratitude to God for aid sent us by the Home Missionary Board, and by a brother in Massachusetts. Five baptized.

Mira Bay, C. B.—E. C. Spinney. Soon after the meeting of the Association of last year, Bro. E. C. Spinney, who had been appointed by the Home Mission Board to a year's mission at Gowrie Mines and vicinity, came among us, and therefore we have enjoyed during the past year the stated ministry of God's word. His labors have been peculiarly blessed by God to the building up of His cause and the salvation of sinners. Twenty-seven baptized.

New Harbor.—We are, through many trials and difficulties, endeavouring to keep up our Prayer meeting. We wish to be remembered by the Mission Board. Great spiritual destitution prevails all along these shores. We greatly need some faithful labor among us.

North Sydney, C. B.—Pastor, T. H. Porter. The Quarterly meeting was held with us in February, and the exercises were of such a nature that the church deemed it unwise to discontinue special services. These have, with the blessing of God, to whom we give all the praise, effected great good, although the work has been very gentle, very gradual, and not at all general. The good work still goes on. The young converts are holding on their way, and rendering efficient aid in our regular services; while some of them give promise of great usefulness, and we hope to see more brought in. Twenty-one baptized.

Onslow East.—Pastor, B. Scott. The church is steadily increasing in interest. Our meetings are well attended, and good heed is given to the word preached. There are two Sabbath Schools under the direction of the church. We have recently, at some expense, finished the interior of the Bethel, one of the two chapels owned and occupied by us. Two baptized.

Onslow West.—Pastor, S. Thompson. Two Prayer meetings are held in the most central parts of the church when there is no preaching. Our Conference meetings and communion seasons, are regular, interesting and reviving. There is one Sabbath School under the direction of the church. A successful effort has been made for an increase of the services of our endeared pastor. Three baptized.

Parrsboro.—Pastor, D. McKeen. In the winter very solemn and interesting special services were held. The church was revived, and several were apparently very anxious, but none were fully persuaded to openly profess attachment to the Saviour. Our esteemed pastor still preaches to us every fourth Sabbath. The attendance is generally large, and much interest is manifested. Our Prayer meetings are held regularly.

Pictou.—The cause here is in a low state. We have had no meetings and no minister during the year.

Portauipique.—We are destitute of the stated preaching of the gospel. We have, however, praying souls who are longing for fresh manifestations of God's love and power. Our Conferences are kept up. We also have two weekly Prayer meetings, which are well attended, and considerable interest is manifested. We have been encouraged and in some degree strengthened by visits from some of the ministering brethren, and our prayer is that the Chief Shepherd may send us a pastor. Bro. C. F. Myers has been laboring with us for a few Sabbaths. The church have invited him to remain a few weeks longer. One baptized.

Pugwash.—Pastor, J. Murray. As the result of the meeting of the Association with us much life and power were manifested in our meetings for prayer and exhortation, and in answer to united prayer God sent us our esteemed pastor. His labors have been blessed of God; the church has been revived, backsliders restored, and many sinners have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and been baptized. Forty three baptized.

St. Mary's 1st.—Pastor, H. Eagles. Our meetings for prayer and preaching have been somewhat interesting and still continue so, and we trust that a good degree of union prevails in our church. Our Sabbath School is promising, and we trust, with God's blessing, will result in great good to our youth and church.

St Mary's 2nd.—Pastor, H. Eagles. Our little church is very much scattered. We have had very little preaching, not being able to give much toward the support of the Gospel, but we hope to do more this year. Our meetings for prayer have been very well kept up, and well attended for the most part. We have a Sabbath School under way, in connection with the church, which promises fair.

Strait of Canso, C. B.—Pastor, J. W. Manning. Whereas the Providence of God has called upon us to part with our beloved pastor, who has so faithfully labored with us during the last two years, sorrow has filled our hearts. We would dare still entertain the hope that when the period of study for which he leaves us is completed, God in His good Providence may again direct him to us. Since his coming among us the church has been built up in the faith, and sinners converted. Two baptized.

Sydney, C. E.—Pastor, G. Richardson, and W. B. Boggs. This year we have special mercies to record. A precious revival has occurred in one section of our church, which, though it did not result in the addition of a large number, nevertheless has produced a marked and blessed change in the community where it was experienced. A flourishing Sabbath School is one of the fruits of this work of grace. Though few in number and weak in resources we trust we shall still be able to uphold the public worship of God. Fifteen baptized.

Tracadie.—During the past year we have had many special and interesting meetings, but no conversions. We have had no preaching for the last twelve months. "And how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent." Our Prayer and Conference meetings are still kept up with a good attendance at the three stations.

Truro.—Pastor, D. W. C. Dimock. Notwithstanding our luke-warmness some drops from the cloud of mercy have fallen upon us; some souls we trust have been quickened into new life, and have put on Christ. Increased congregations have rendered our present place of worship inconvenient. We are therefore engaged in erecting a new building. Twenty baptized.

Upper Londonderry.—Pastor, S. Thompson. We enjoy the labors of our pastor one fourth of the time, whose preaching is highly appreciated by the church and congregation. Five baptized.

Upper Stewiacke.—Pastor, O. Chute. Our Zion languishes. Yet while we may well mourn, still we trust the Lord has not wholly forsaken us. Our pastor labors earnestly in the work.

Wallace.—Pastor, J. Murray. The past year has been marked by special favors from God. Last Autumn we were visited by a gracious revival of religion. Nay more, it was a reformation. Wanderers for many years returned with contrite hearts: sinners turned to God: and for miles around, the family altar was erected in nearly every home. Many, we trust, from whom we did not hear, received impressions that will not pass away like the early cloud. We have had the services of Bro. Murray a quarter of the time, which are highly appreciated by us, and the community generally. Fifty seven baptized.

Wentworth.—Pastor, T. A. Blackadar. Our Conference meetings are poorly attended. Our Pastor has been laboring faithfully with us for some months; we hope his labors may be accompanied by the Spirit of God. Our meeting-house is in a forward state: we expect to have it completed this season.

Westbrook.—Pastor, D. McKeen. Our meeting house is not yet finished. We hope to have it done some time next month. We had some very interesting meetings in January and some good was done.

THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, *in acct. with*
WILLIAM FAULKNER, *Treasurer.*

1869.

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July 6.	To amount paid the Treasurer of the Home	
	Missionary Society.....	\$235 98
	„ amount paid to Foreign Missions.....	351 06
	„ „ „ Treasurer French Mission,	
	per S. Selden	21 52½
	„ „ „ Treas. Ministerial Education	21 92
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	Minutes, (1250 copies),...	66 00
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	„ „ „ Rev. J. Chase for Acadia College	76 23
	„ „ „ Treasurer Infirm Ministers' fund	48 25½
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July 6, 1869. By total amount received, as per statement,
(see page 28,)..... \$878 97

WM. FAULKNER, *Treasurer.*

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

U. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society held its Twelfth Annual Meeting in the Baptist Meeting House, at New Germany, on Monday, June 14th, 1869.

Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., in the chair.

The Annual report was read and adopted, and the Officers and Board of Managers for the ensuing year were appointed.

Officers of the Society.

S. Selden, *President*.

John W. Barss, } *Vice-Presidents*.

John King,

Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D., *Treasurer*.

R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary*.

John Steele, *Auditor*.

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" T. H. Rand.

" E. M. Saunders,

" Alex. Robinson.

" I. J. Skinner,

" David Thompson.

" D. M. Welton,

" Francis Webber.

Adjourned to meet with the Eastern Association in July, 1870.

E. M. SAUNDERS, *Secretary pro. tem.*

REPORT.

The Board of Managers of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society beg to present their Twelfth Annual Report.

Twelve missionaries have been employed during the year, *two* of whom have been engaged for the entire year, the others for shorter periods, as will be seen by the accompanying statement.

Upon comparing the returns, with those of the preceeding year, it will be seen that there has been a large increase in the social gatherings for Prayer and Conference, as well as in Family Visitation, and Tract distribution. The Board regard these as encouraging features in connection with missionary work, and recommend the continuance of effort in this direction.

The number of those who have put on Christ by Baptism is not so large as during the past year, but more than in any previous year, since the organization of this Society. These marks of the divine favour are causes for encouragement and continued labor in the good cause.

It is to be regretted, however, that there does not appear to have been as much attention given to *organizing* and *sustaining* Sabbath Schools as heretofore. This deficiency, may be more *apparent* than *real*, but shews the importance of the returns that are sent in *exhibiting* an increased interest in this department, where such interest is maintained.

The Treasurer's report shows that there has been a falling off in the receipts, from the various sources during the year. There was received from the Central Association \$69.29 less than the year preceeding, and \$42.07 less from the Eastern Association. The donations from other sources have also been diminished shewing the total receipts to be \$170 less than was sent in last year. This may be accounted for in part by the general depression prevailing, but it is to be feared that it indicates also either a flagging of interest in Home Missionary operations, or a lack of systematic effort on the part of those whose duty it is to direct the contributions. Perhaps it may be attributed to all of these causes combined.

With the increasing population of this province, the desire and effort to supply their spiritual necessities, should certainly not be diminished, but ought rather to be increased.

The Board have again to make honorable mention of the liberality of D. R. DeWolfe, Esq., of New York, who has guaranteed the support of a Missionary at Cow Bay Mines, Cape Breton, for a year. Through this means one of our most efficient laborers has been sustained in a very important field throughout the entire year.

The Board are sensible of the great advantages to be derived from *continuous* and *concentrated* effort, but have been prevented from *generally* adopting such a course, when making appointments, from the fact that so small an amount is annually placed at their disposal, and urgent requests coming from so many destitute localities for missionary labor, that they have frequently been compelled by circumstances, to grant missions for short periods, when they are convinced that much greater benefits would result from more *extended* periods of labor.

The cost of supporting a missionary in this Province varies from \$200 to \$300 per annum, according as he may be sent among those who are more or less able to contribute towards defraying the expenses of the mission. There are at the present time earnest and successful Missionaries who are desirous of devoting all their *time* and *talents* to the work of saving souls, and are anxious to go out into the more destitute fields and labor for God, but have been hitherto hindered from so doing, by the want of the means necessary to support their families, and have been obliged to work their farms, and prosecute their ministerial labors as they are best able to do under the trying circumstances in which they are found.

Are there not some of our more wealthy brethren who have it in their hearts to work for God, and yet who do not feel that they are called upon to leave their various spheres in life, to engage *personally* in a Ministerial capacity, yet who are ready and desirous, to guarantee the support of one or more of these brethren who are *prepared* to enter the field? Where it is not practicable for one person to assume such a responsibility, let two or more together, or it may be as a Church collectively, undertake it, and send in their names to the Board, specifying the particular locality, in

which they wish their money expended, if they have a preference, and their wishes will be faithfully carried out by the Board.

The Statistics from the Churches, as obtained from the Minutes of the two Associations (Central and Eastern), shew a membership of more than *nine thousand*.

The total receipts by the Treasurer including the amounts collected by the Missionaries are \$1316, which is less than *fifteen cents* from each member for the purpose of carrying on our Home Missionary operations for the year, but when it is remembered that a considerable portion of the receipts comes from those who are not church members, the small amount given by those who profess to be the Lord's stewards is made even lower than the above average. This state of things calls for serious enquiry on the part of every professing child of God, and should lead to *greater sacrifices* being made, and more *earnest prayer* and *effort* put forth, that the amounts sent in to the treasury of the Board may be *largely increased*.

In our last report it was suggested that the more highly favoured Churches relinquish the services of their Pastors for a season, that they may engage in missionary work, under the direction of this Board, their pulpits being supplied for the time by younger men. This suggestion we understand was approved of at the Annual Meeting, but has not been carried out, at least so far as this Board has knowledge. The Board would therefore repeat the suggestion in the hope that there may be no delay in putting it into practice, and that those Ministering brethren, whose hearts respond to the call, will send in their names as soon as possible, that their field of labor may be assigned to them.

Interesting extracts from the Missionaries letters are appended :

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MISSIONARY LABOR PERFORMED DURING THE YEAR.

No. of Missionaries employed.....	12
" Weeks services.....	195
" Sermons reported.....	534
" Prayer and Conference meetings held.....	447
" Family Visits.....	1643
" Baptisms.....	41
" Restored (by one missionary).....	5
" Tracts distributed.....	pages 6877
" Miles travelled.....	7557

GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1st, 1868.....	\$673 26
Received during the year.....	845 03
Collected by the Missionaries.....	471 72
	<u>\$1990 01</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Collected and Retained by Missionaries.....	\$394 37
Travelling expenses of do	77 35
Disbursed by Treasurer for Missionaries.....	995 00
Printing Reports, &c., &c.....	55 00
Returned to delegates to P. E. L. Association, } as authorized by vote at Eastern Association. }	7 42½
Treasurer for Postage.....	0 17
Balance in hand.....	425 60½
	<u>\$1990 01</u>

NOTE.—The present liabilities of the Board slightly exceed the amount in hand.

Halifax and Hants Counties.

Rev. James Meadows by appointment spent 13 weeks at Jeddore and Bay of Island on the Eastern shore.

Preached 43 sermons, attended 11 Prayer and Conference Meetings, made 66 family visits, distributed 518 pages of tracts, travelled 150 miles. Collected \$11.36.

Bro. Meadows reports a low state of religion at Bay of Islands, yet they seem anxious to hear the Gospel of Christ preached. The school houses are well filled every meeting, whether on the Sabbath or week day. Missionary labour is much needed in this locality. Have endeavoured to preach the simple truths of the gospel leaving the result in the hands of God.

Three weeks of the above mission were spent at Isaac's Harbour, Country Harbour, and New Harbour, Guysboro Co.

Country Harbour is navigable over 12 miles. At the head of this Harbour there is a fine growing settlement which should not be neglected.

Rev. A. Chipman, on the 4th Nov., 1868, received an appointment of 3 months at Musquodoboit, and 3 months at Renfrew to be performed within 12 months.

Bro. Chipman has sent in a report of 5 months of the above mission.

Preached 38 sermons, made 148 family visits, 5 Conference meetings held, travelled 1140 miles.

On the 29th Jany., Bro. C. wrote to the Board as follows:—

"As regards my Sabbath meetings both at Musquodoboit and Renfrew, the attendance is encouraging. My stations in the former place are chiefly two. I accordingly make an occasional weekly visit to Little River, hold an evening service and visit our Church members, and families residing in that part; and on every fourth Sabbath preach twice in other places where I get a large congregation. At one of these places particularly I am much interested and encouraged by the regularity and other character of the attendance. In connection with that congregation I have found, especially when visiting from house to house, cases of serious soul concern, and in one instance during the last few months I trust a real conversion to Christ.

I may state that I am well received at the houses wherever I go, and I endeavour to make my visits as general and frequent as seems expedient or adapted to usefulness. On the Mountain of Upper Musquodoboit quite a number are favourable to our views of the ordinances.

In Renfrew Gold Diggings I have become far more interested and encouraged than I at first anticipated. The place for worship is a large and commodious hall. The congregation at our Sabbath morning service is small varying thus far from 80 to 200, principally owing to Saturday night work in the mines. In the evenings we are favoured with the largest congregations that assemble there. There are at present residing at Renfrew Diggings about 30 Baptist adherents, about 12 of whom are church members.

On the 7th June Bro. C. adds: "While Christian labor in such a place as Renfrew must mainly have a present aspect, yet it is very important to cast in gospel influences as a check to the many which are so untoward. Preaching and Pastoral labor at such a place has also an important future bearing. Many may receive good impressions at those Gold Diggings which they may not have courage to make known before the world while there, but which may afterward produce precious fruit unto holiness and the end be eternal life."

Rev. Benjamin Vaughan has spent 8 weeks at Waterville.

Preached 24 sermons, made 25 family visits, travelled 150 miles. Collected \$32.00.

Bro. Vaughan reports as follows:—"Labour is much needed here for the quickening of the church and the salvation of sinners. Although the weather was quite unfavourable, we had service twice on Sabbath and several times during the week. I visited most of the families and read the word and prayed with them."

Lunenburg County,

Rev. Stephen March by appointment spent 6 weeks in the above County, and reports as follows :

"I have preached the gospel in the following places, Chelsea, Lapland, Camperdown, Pleasantville, New Cumberland, Ritcey's Cove, North West and Somerville. I had the happiness of seeing three young persons avow their willingness to serve the Lord, and cast in their lot with his people. Although I had not the privilege of baptizing any during the period of my mission, still I believe the hearts of Christians have been encouraged, and I trust that many have set themselves more earnestly to seek the Lord."

Preached 22 sermons, attended 22 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 75 family visits, (in most instances reading the Scriptures and offering Prayer), travelled 235 miles. Collected \$7.62½.

Rev. I. J. Skinner has been in the service of the Board 8 weeks, and reports as follows :—

"I visited the 2 Tancooks, Ironbound, Hubbert's Cove, and the Card Settlement between Chester and Windsor. The meetings were generally very well attended and I trust with the Lord's blessing on the use of the means of grace they will prove to have been not altogether in vain. I enjoyed some precious seasons with the warm hearted people of Tancook, both in the sanctuary and at their homes.

Bro. P. R. Foster arrived on the Island about the time my mission was finished. I learn that he has baptized several believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. A settled Pastor on this Island is very desirable.

Preached 25 sermons, attended 10 Prayer and Conference Meetings, made 31 family visits, distributed 200 pages of tracts. Collected \$48.23½.

Brother R. Sanford by appointment spent 10 weeks at New Cornwall and Northfield in the above country.

The following report has been received by the Board :—

"This field is an encouraging one but stands greatly in need of missionary labor. We generally hold two or three meetings during the week and service twice on the Sabbath day. The remaining time is spent in visitation from house to house and tract distribution. Our Prayer meetings have been very interesting though not numerously attended. On Sabbath days the congregations are large and attentive. Have met with much encouragement. There is a manifest seriousness on the part of some.

At New Cornwall religious declension was manifest, many had shrunk from duty. There has not been any preaching with the Baptist Church here for some months. I made it a point to visit all families within a range of several miles from the different preaching

stations. They received me kindly and expressed thankfulness that a Missionary had been sent among them.

On Sabbath morning, August 30th, one willing convert followed the Saviour in the ordinance of Baptism. Others are anxiously looking towards Zion desirous to go with the people of God."

Preached 23 sermons, attended 25 Prayer and Conference Meetings, made 206 family visits, visited 110 other persons, distributed 859 pages of tracts, travelled 315 miles. Collected \$9.06. Baptized 1, by Rev. W. E. Hall.

Cumberland and Colchester Co.

Bro. Horatio Morrow, Lic., has laboured 10 weeks in the service of the Board in the northern parts of the above counties.

Preached 24 Sermons, attended 4 Conference and Prayer-meetings, made 95 Family Visits, distributed 800 pages of Tracts, travelled 180 miles. Collected \$13.00.

On the 15th September, the following report was received: "I preached at Wallace River, North Wallace, Tatamagouche, and New Annan. In all those places the congregations were large and attentive, and I trust some seed has been sown that will bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God."

The Churches at Tatamagouche and New Annan, are without stated preaching, they with River John, not distant, present an inviting field for missionary labor and demand the attention of the Board. They have all comfortable places of worship, and would do their utmost to aid in supporting a missionary if one could be sent to them, but they are unable wholly to sustain a minister."

Bro. W. F. Armstrong, Lic., spent 11 weeks in the service of the Board, principally at Amherst Shore and Goose River. Bro. A. says: "At the former of the places there is a *feeble* church. I commenced my labors here amid discouragements, but God clothed with power the word spoken in weakness and sent it home to the hearts of some. One or two I trust, have been made savingly acquainted with Jesus, and several are enquiring the way to Zion. At Goose River there is also a small church. Here too we received a few mercy drops. On Sept. 13th two happy converts were baptized by Bro. Murray, and more are expected to come soon. This whole field seems "white ready to harvest."

Preached 27 sermons, attended 35 Conference and Prayer-meetings, made 173 family visits, baptized 2, by Bro. Murray, distributed 1600 pages of Tracts, travelled 746 miles, collected \$17.65.

Guysborough and Antigonishe Counties.

Rev. D. G. Shaw has spent 14 weeks in the service of the Board the above counties.

Preached 42 sermons, attended 3 Prayer and Conference meetings,

made 146 family visits, distributed 850 pages of Tracts, travelled 800 miles, collected \$10.62½.

The following extracts have been taken from Bro. Shaw's report :
 "I left home on the 23rd April direct for Guysborough, where I arrived on the 2nd May, after spending a few days, and preaching at different outstations in the neighbourhood of the Town, I proceeded along the shore to the Strait of Canso. On my way I spent a few days at Clam Harbour, preached and visited among the people, they gave good attention to the word spoken, proceeding to Oyster Pond, a small settlement principally Episcopalian, a door was opened for us. At Sand Point, and Red Head, I tarried between *three and four* weeks, preaching and visiting from house to house. There is a feeble church here, organized by Rev. M. A. Bigelow some six years ago, they complain much of being sadly neglected, having been refreshed and encouraged by our coming among them, "they rejoiced at your remembrance of them in their low estate." Passing up the Strait I crossed through to Tracadie, spent from *two to three* weeks with the Church there, and then returned by the same route to Red Head, from thence crossing the bay I went to Crow Harbour, preached twice on Sabbath, and then went to White Head. I got passage down the river in a boat, and preached to the people on the Sabbath. The people gave good attention and manifested much friendship both toward myself and the cause I advocated. I next returned to Half Island Cove, made a few visits, then went to Crow Harbour, and there tarried until my return home, where I arrived on the 31st July."

Cape Breton.

Rev. William McPhee has performed 13 weeks labor under the direction of the Board in destitute parts of this Island.

Respecting St. Ann's and vicinity Bro. McPhee writes as follows

"Dark as these parts are the blessed Lord does not forget us altogether. I baptized one convert, a middle aged man, who with joy related in the hearing of a large number of persons assembled at the river, how he was led to find consolation in resting on Jesus for righteousness, also quoted passages of the word of God that convinced him of his duty to be baptized. It was a solemn season. The effect was salutary. Three more are received for baptism, one of whom is my mother, seventy years of age. Some in these parts who were heretofore nominally friends, are becoming bitter enemies on seeing poor sinners conforming to the commands of Jesus; but the word of God cannot be bound.

I feel more and more convinced that the Lord has a work for us to do in this locality and hope that this field may have a claim on the sympathies and prayers of God's people. It is good to work for the Lord Jesus."

Rev. Joseph F. Kempton received an appointment of 12 months at Margaree and Mabou.

39 weeks of this mission have been performed, during which time

93 sermons were preached, 119 Prayer and Conference meetings attended, 4 baptized, 1448 miles travelled. Collected in aid of the Society \$155.22½.

Sept. 30th, Bro. K. reports as follows:

"I have tried to labor faithfully for the Master; but feel that I have not accomplished nearly what I might and ought have done.

I have spent the quarter laboring between Margaree and Mabou, nearly equally dividing the time between the two churches. The Church at Margaree is just now busily engaged in building a *mission house*. Though the undertaking is a very heavy tax on the little *weak* church here, yet it was a necessity. Our Sabbath School is *very* interesting, several of the members of the school, I hope, are serious; and are seeking Christ. I devote a considerable time and attention to the school.

As regards the Mabou Church I suppose you are aware that it had well nigh become extinct. But the Lord has once again smiled upon it and added *ten* to its numbers by baptism and *two* by letter. *Seven* of these were immersed by your missionary, and *three* by Rev. Wm. McPhee, of St. Ann's.

I have done a large amount of family visitation, generally two or three days per week, but I have not kept a full account of visits made. "The day will reveal them."

Bro. Lauchlan McDonald, of Margaree, in writing to the *Ch. Messenger* in March, says, as follows: "Bro. Kempton's coming here we believe, was from the Lord. Before he came we did not know where to loo for a man of God to go out and in before us. His labors have been abundantly owned of God in the conversion of sinners.

Over twenty members have been added to the church by baptism, since he came here. Mrs. Kempton to whom we are largely indebted for the erection of the Mission house is of a kindred spirit with our minister. They are both doing all that lies in their power for the good of souls. They both labor hard in the Sunday School, which has been gathered and set in operation through their instrumentality.

Rev. E. C. Spinney has been engaged in the service of the Board. 41 weeks at Cow Bay Mines and neighbourhood.

Preached 124 sermons, attended 197 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 603 family visits, distributed 2000 pages of Tracts, travelled 1643 miles. Collected \$118.48½.

The following extracts have been taken from Bro. Spinney's letters, which have been received monthly:

"We have three public services on each Lord's day. On every alternate sabbath, the third service is a Social prayer-meeting. During the week I attended *four* prayer-meetings, one in each of the following places, viz.: Mira, Homeville, Cow Bay Mines, and South Head; at last mentioned place preaching is sometimes substituted for the prayer-meeting for females held weekly a

Homeville. We have our regular Conference meetings. We are putting forth every effort to build a house in which to worship, at Cow Bay Mines.

On the 25th March, 1869 the following was received :

"The Lord hath done great things for us ; whereof we are glad. Since the first of October last, we have had *seven* Conference meetings, at each one of which save one, more or less have offered themselves for baptism. Others are waiting to follow Christ in all his appointed ways.

Dec. 28th.—Circumstances seemed to demand a laborer amongst this people qualified to administer the ordinances of God's house, hence the Mira and Cow Bay church requested my ordination, to which, after consideration and prayer, I consented. May God grant that this movement may be for His declarative glory in the salvation of many precious souls.

Yesterday, (Sunday), morning at Homeville, it was my privilege to baptize and receive into the church *three* happy converts, also to extend the hand of fellowship to two more restored brethren. In the afternoon, at Cow Bay Mines, I administered the same sacred ordinance to one other, head of a family. This was the first Scriptural baptism ever performed in this place. Some hundreds assembled to witness the scene. The emblematic dove hovered over us, so we felt strong and happy in obeying God's command. A few passages from the Scriptures were read, showing that our authority for baptizing came not from men. but from the court of high heaven. The large assembly gave us good attention.

We meet with some opposition, but we are not disheartened, feeling assured that as our work is of God it will prosper, the whole world to the contrary.

April 26th, 1869. My time has been fully occupied in endeavouring to direct the lost to follow Christ "the way, the truth and the life." As much as my strength would allow I have visited from house to house week after week. The Lord continues to make bare his powerful arm amongst us. Our hearts are frequently gladdened in hearing the cries of returning prodigals. The work is a gradual one. There are no particular manifestations of undue excitement. A deep sense of Divine things seems to pervade the hearts of almost all. Our meetings are well attended. The Baptist interest is slowly but surely gaining ground. Two or three persons baptized since my last letter to you are considered as valuable accessions to our church, and bid fair to be useful in the cause of Christianity. One of them put on Christ by baptism through much opposition.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

HALIFAX CO.

Collected by Rev. J. Meadows.

George Moser.....	\$1 00
Jacob Moser.....	0 50
Mrs. G. Fraser.....	0 37½
Nath. McDonald.....	0 20
Wm. Moser.....	1 00
Joseph Moser.....	0 25
Collection.....	0 79

\$4 11½

LUNENBURG CO.

Collected by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Public collections:

Tancook.....	\$9 03
Windsor Road.....	2 17
Hubbard's Cove.....	1 87½

13 07½

Benjamin Stevens.....	1 50
Edward Stevens.....	0 67½
John Heisler.....	0 50
Mrs. John Heisler.....	0 25
Nathaniel Heisler.....	0 25
Alfred Longille.....	0 25
Mrs. David Longille.....	0 12½
Benjamin Longille.....	0 50
Deacon Henry Hatt.....	2 00
Deacon Caleb Hesler.....	1 00
George Mason.....	0 25
Daniel Mason.....	0 25
John Cross.....	0 50
William Lantz.....	0 25
Albert Pearl.....	0 50
Deacon Alfred Baker.....	0 50
Henry Baker.....	0 25
George A. Baker.....	0 25
Frederick Levy.....	0 60
Jacob Levy.....	0 62½
Mrs. Jacob Levy.....	0 12½
Casper Levy.....	0 62½
Daniel Levy.....	0 50
Wm. Cross.....	1 00
Jacob A. Baker.....	0 50
James Baker.....	0 25
Charles Cross.....	0 25
John Cross.....	0 25
Peter Mason.....	0 62½
Mrs. Peter Mason.....	0 25
David Stevens.....	0 50
Mrs. David Stevens.....	0 25
Joshua Young.....	0 50

Casper Young.....	\$0 75
Mrs. Alexander Wilson....	0 50
Mrs. Matilda Baker.....	0 50
Joseph Heisler.....	0 50
Mrs. Joseph Heisler.....	0 25
Alexander Wilson.....	1 00
John Wilson.....	1 00
George Wilneff.....	0 50
Joseph Thomas.....	0 50
George French.....	0 25
Samuel Wilneff.....	0 30
Mrs. Jacob Baker.....	0 25
Reuben Baker.....	0 50
Philip Baker.....	0 25
David Young.....	0 25
Nelson Wilson.....	0 25
Mrs. David Young.....	0 25
Daniel Slaughenwhite.....	0 50
Andrew Young.....	0 25
Stephen Baker.....	0 50
George Slaughenwhite....	1 50
Edmund Slaughenwhite....	0 25
Mrs. Daniel Slaughenwhite.	0 12½
Mrs. Wm. Young.....	0 25
Walter Pearl.....	0 62½
Mrs. W. Pearl.....	0 50
Wm. Young.....	0 25
Joseph Pearl.....	0 25
Mrs. Daniel Levy.....	0 12½
Nathan Levy.....	0 50
Jeremiah Levy.....	0 25
Joseph Greenlan.....	0 25
Edward Young.....	2 00
Simeon Young.....	0 50
Jacob Cross.....	0 50
David Longille, Sr.....	0 50
Edward Baker.....	0 87½
George Young.....	0 50
Mrs. Caleb Heisler.....	0 25
Margaret Wilneff.....	0 37½
Henry Cross.....	0 40
Mrs. Henry Cross.....	0 50
Mrs. George Cross.....	0 14½
George F. Baker.....	0 50
Nathaniel Baker.....	0 50
Mrs. George F. Baker.....	0 25
Samuel I. Mason.....	0 50
John Stevens.....	0 50
Mrs. John Cross.....	0 37½
Daniel Baker.....	0 37½
Friend.....	0 72½

\$53 92

Collected by Bro. R. Sandford.

Ingram B. Langille.....	\$0 50
Solomon Spide.....	0 50
John Spidle, Sr.....	0 25
Mrs. J. Dauphiney, (widow).....	0 50
Alfred Turner.....	0 25
Miss Sarah Hallimore.....	0 50
Samuel Hallimore, Sen.....	0 50
Contribution at Northfield.....	0 58
Pontus Dauphiney.....	0 25
Jacob Hallimore.....	0 25
Alfred Eisenhaur.....	0 25
Josiah Eisenhaur.....	0 25
Jacob Refuse.....	0 25
Samuel Hallimore, Jr.....	0 25
Willie Hallimore.....	0 12½
Mrs. Saml. Hallimore.....	0 25
Miss Naomi Barkhouse.....	0 25
Contribution at L. Cornwall.....	1 41½
Do. Upper do.....	1 53½
Joshua Venot.....	0 60
Jeffery Dauphiney.....	0 25
Contributed by another....	0 15½

\$9 66

COLCHESTER CO.

Collected by Bro. Horatio Morrow.

Collection at Tatamagouche.....	\$2 85
do. Wallace.....	4 20
do. New Annan.....	3 10
Mrs. Thomas, Wallace.....	0 25
Mrs. Gooden, Tatmagouche.....	0 25
Mrs. McIntosh, do.....	0 50
Mr. Geo. Slade, do.....	0 45
Mr. Jos. Harrington, do.....	0 50
Robt. Patterson, do.....	1 00

\$13 10

CUMBERLAND CO.

GOOSE RIVER.

Collected by Bro. W. F. Armstrong.

Wm. Hunter.....	\$0 75
Amos Hunter.....	0 25
R. Spurgeon Mills.....	0 28
Mrs. Angus Mills.....	0 12½
Mrs. T. Hollis.....	0 25
Collections.....	5 88½

AMHERST SHORE.

Charles Rockwell.....	\$1 00
Nathan Blakeney.....	0 62½
Gideon P. Read.....	0 25
Lucinda Bronnell.....	0 25

Smith Boss.....	\$0 25
Mrs. Aaron Rockwell.....	0 25
Ellen Murray.....	0 62½
A young friend.....	0 10
Collections.....	5 76
Coll. at Mount Pleasant....	1 00

\$17 65

INVERNESS, CAPE BRETON.

Collected by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

John McDona'd.....	\$2 00
Lauchlin McDonald.....	4 91
John Burton.....	1 76½
Murdoch McDonald.....	1 75
Donald McDonald.....	6 75
Farquar McRae.....	1 00
Joseph Tingley.....	4 00
J. G. Crowdis.....	1 77½
William Frizzle.....	5 00
Edward Irish.....	0 50
Samuel McKeen.....	0 50
Rachel Potter.....	1 80
Ellen Ledbetter.....	0 70
Collection at Mabon.....	11 15
Donald McGregor.....	1 00
J. L. Tremain, Esq.....	8 00
Joshua Tingley.....	2 00

\$54 60

NOTE.—Many others contribute to the support of the Mission—who have not paid anything during this quarter. Often 2 or 3 quarters come at one time. The people have to pay when they have it. It is difficult for them to pay regularly.

J. F. K.

MARGAREE.

Mark Ingraham.....	\$8 00
John Codey.....	2 00
Joseph Ingraham.....	2 16
Wm. B. Ingraham.....	5 00
Donald McDonald.....	4 50
Malcolm McLeod.....	1 40
Lauchlin McDonald.....	0 25
Mrs. McLean.....	0 90
Murdock McDonald.....	6 56
Mrs. James Ross.....	2 00
Robert Burton.....	1 00
Joseph Ross.....	0 30

*\$34 07

*Three dollars and Sixty-five cents cash, the remainder in produce.

MABOU.

David Smith.....	\$5 00
Wm. Hunt.....	5 00
James Frizzle.....	2 16½
Mrs. Potter.....	1 00
Alexander Pushie.....	8 06½

†\$21 23

†Six dollars six and one half cents in produce, the remainder in cash.

ST. ANN'S.

Collected by Daniel McLeod, Esq., J.P., Goose Cove..	\$12 00
Col. by Duncan McLeod, North Shore.....	6 50
Col. by Roderick McLeod, Mason South.....	12 75
John Campbell.....	2 00

BADDECK RIVER.

Kenneth McLeod.....	2 00
Niel McMillan.....	2 00
Col. by Donald McPhee...	4 00

BOULARDRIE.

Col. by David Corbit.....	6 50
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\$47 75

Collected by Rev. E. C. Spinney.

GRAND MIRA.

William Huntington.....	\$1 00
Caleb Huntington.....	8 25

MIRA.

Dea. Charles Martell.....	3 00
J. B. McQuillan.....	2 50
Philip Spencer.....	2 14
Edward Spencer.....	1 00
Timothy Spencer.....	3 00
Frank Gildert.....	0 35
Herbert Spencer.....	0 10
John Nicoll.....	1 50
Mrs. D. P. McQuillan.....	0 30
Mrs. C. Spencer, Sr.....	0 50
Laleah Spencer.....	0 50
Mrs. E. Spencer.....	0 25
Priscilla Spencer.....	0 25
Jane Spencer.....	0 25
Mrs. David Phillips.....	0 37½
Margaret McDonald.....	0 25
Mrs. J. Nichell.....	0 25
Sarah Martell.....	0 25
Alice Nicoll.....	0 25
Mrs. E. Peters.....	0 25
Mrs. C. Martell.....	0 50
Emma Martell.....	0 50

Patience Martell.....	\$0 25
Annie J. Holmes.....	0 12½
Mrs. Wm. Phillips.....	0 25
Mrs. Wm. Dickson.....	1 44½
Mrs. Edward Dickson.....	0 50

HOMEVILLE.

Dea. Arnold Holmes.....	6 50
William Holmes.....	6 25
Stetson Holmes.....	10 00
Thomas Holmes.....	3 00
Joseph Holmes.....	3 50
Charles Martell.....	1 50
Joseph Martell, Jr.....	1 00
Philip Martell.....	3 00
Lewis Martell.....	2 00
Theodore Martell.....	3 00
Absalom Martell.....	2 00
George Martell.....	1 00
Thomas Martell.....	1 02
Mrs. Galin Holmes.....	12 00
Mrs. Arnold Holmes.....	2 00
Mrs. Joseph Holmes.....	1 00
Mrs. C. Martell.....	0 50
Rachel Martell.....	1 00
Julia Martell.....	1 50
Jane Martell.....	0 50
Ann Martell.....	0 50
Ruth Martell.....	0 50
Esther Martell.....	0 50
Mrs. George Martell.....	0 25
Leonora Martell.....	1 50
Amelia Holmes.....	1 00
Elvenia Holmes.....	0 50
Elizabeth Holmes.....	0 50
Susie Holmes.....	1 00
Annie E. Holmes.....	4 00
Clorinda Severance.....	0 50
Mary Peach.....	0 25
Jane Wadden.....	1 00
Caroline Martell.....	0 50
Coll. at Mira and Homeville.	10 46½

SOUTH HEAD.

Charles Shepherd.....	3 50
Seth Shepherd.....	1 50
Charles Peters.....	1 50
Nathaniel Spencer.....	1 00
John W. Murrant.....	1 00
Albert Shepherd.....	1 00
William Murrant, Jr.....	1 00
Joel Peters.....	0 75
Wintworth Peters.....	1 00
John D. Murrant.....	1 00
Anthony Murrant, Jr.....	0 12½
Adam Kelly.....	0 25
Bennoni Shepherd.....	1 00
Mrs. Anthony Murrant.....	0 19½
Louisa Murrant.....	0 18

Margaret Murrant.....	\$0 12	R. D. Rice.....	8 00
Mrs. Joel Peters.....	0 37½	John MacPhail.....	5 00
Mrs. Winthorpe Peters.....	0 12	O. J. Spencer.....	6 00
Martha Peters.....	0 21	Walter Carmichael.....	2 50
Mrs. Wm. Murrant.....	0 12	James Davidson.....	2 00
Mrs. Wm. Murrant, Sr.....	0 07	Robert Fletcher.....	1 00
Orilla Murrant.....	0 14	John MacLean.....	3 00
Mrs. Wm. Shepherd.....	0 75	Benjamin Martell.....	4 00
Jane Shepherd.....	0 40	Mrs. R. D. Rice.....	2 00
Mrs. Albert Shepherd.....	0 30	Mrs. S. E. Peters.....	1 00
Ruth Turner.....	0 25	Mrs. Benjamin Martell.....	4 00
Esther Shepherd.....	0 04	Mrs. Davidson.....	0 50
Orilla Murrant.....	0 12	Mrs. D. MacDonald.....	2 00
Ann Murrant.....	0 06	Margaret MacDonald.....	1 00
Rachel Murrant.....	0 25		
Mrs. Visa Shepherd.....	0 25		\$200 00
Caroline Martell.....	0 50		
Mrs. Seth Shepherd.....	1 00		
Parthena Shepherd.....	0 55		
Sophia Shepherd.....	0 12½		
Margaret Peach.....	0 03		
Mrs. George Turner.....	0 12½		
Adeline Turner.....	0 03		
Elizabeth Shepherd.....	0 25		
Mrs. Bennoni Shepherd.....	0 50		
Mrs. Wm. Murrant, Jr.....	0 50		
Mrs. Ormond Peters.....	0 25		

COW BAY MINES.

Samuel E. Peters.....	8 00
David Spencer.....	6 00
D. J. C. MacInnis.....	6 00

R. D. Rice.....	8 00
John MacPhail.....	5 00
O. J. Spencer.....	6 00
Walter Carmichael.....	2 50
James Davidson.....	2 00
Robert Fletcher.....	1 00
John MacLean.....	3 00
Benjamin Martell.....	4 00
Mrs. R. D. Rice.....	2 00
Mrs. S. E. Peters.....	1 00
Mrs. Benjamin Martell.....	4 00
Mrs. Davidson.....	0 50
Mrs. D. MacDonald.....	2 00
Margaret MacDonald.....	1 00

\$200 00

ANTIGONISH AND GUYSBORO.

Collected by Rev. G. D. Shaw.

Collection at Tracadie.....	\$3 25
Mrs. Caroline Summers.....	0 25
Col. at Crow Harbor.....	1 75
John Ehler, do.....	1 00
Col. at White Head.....	0 25
William Muuro.....	0 50
Col. at Crow Harbor.....	2 12½
Mrs. John Ehler.....	1 00
Mrs. Pantha Burnham.....	0 50

\$10 62½

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

in account with D. McN. PARKER, Treasurer.

Halifax, N. S., 31st May, 1869.

1868.	CR.	
July	Postage.....	\$ 0 17
"	Rev. A. F. Porter.....	27 25
Aug.	" D. G. Shaw.....	115 83
Sept. 26.	Horatio Morrow.....	60 55
" "	R. Sandford.....	50 34
" "	N. S. Debentures.....	510 00
Oct. 1.	do. do.....	525 00
" 16.	W. F. Armstrong.....	56 60
" "	E. C. Spinney.....	15 90
" "	Rev. J. F. Kempton.....	68 67
" "	" James Meadows.....	18 75
" "	" Stephen March.....	44 00
Nov. 10.	" I. J. Skinner.....	50 08
" "	" Wm. McPhee.....	57 25
" "	" E. C. Spinney.....	69 00
" 25.	S. Seiden, Printing Reports, &c.....	55 00
Dec. 7.	Rev. James Meadows.....	45 88
" "	" Benj. Vaughan.....	33 00
1869.		
Feb. 17.	Cash returned to Delegates to P.	
	E. I.....	7 42½
Mch. 14.	Rev. E. C. Spinney.....	43 52
May. 11.	" J. F. Kempton.....	54 47
" "	" A. Chipman.....	50 00
" "	" J. F. Kempton.....	49 40
" "	" E. C. Spinney.....	55 00
" 31.	" James Meadows.....	30 00
" "	By Balance.....	425 60½
		\$2518 29
1868.	DR.	
June 1.	To Cash in hand.....	\$ 673 26
July 1.	Central Association per C. F.	
	Eaton.....	236 88
" 3.	Jotham O'Brien, Principal.....	1000 00
" "	" " (interest in full).....	66 90
Aug. 11.	David Lyons.....	1 25
Sept. 23.	D. R. DeWolf, Esq., for Mission	
	at Cow Bay.....	100 00
Nov. 25.	Eastern Association.....	294 01½
" "	Unknown Friend, per Rev. Dr.	
	Tupper.....	1 37½
" "	½ year's Dividend on Debentures.....	30 00

1869.			
Jany. 31.	Rev. I. J. Skinner.....	4 00	
Feby. 17.	Cash per S. Selden.....	2 00	
Mar. 4.	First Horton Church.....	41 00	
" "	Granville Street Church.....	62 61	
May 31.	Dimock Archibald, per Rev. D.		
	W. C. Dimock.....	4 00	
" "	Mr. Rees.....	0 50	
" "	A Friend.....	0 50	
			\$2518 29

E. & O. E.

J. McN. PARKER, *Treasurer.*Audited and found correct,
J. STEELE.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."

II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble Churches, and the planting of new ones.

III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards annually, to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time shall be a Life Member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds so contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall have the privilege of sending a delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds, such church shall be entitled to send one delegate for every five pounds contributed,—*Provided*: That no Association, Auxiliary, or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.

IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.

V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and five shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz.:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such meeting being given; to appoint Missionaries, and assign thier respective spheres of labor; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all amounts contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied, as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the donors; to employ agents for the collection of funds, and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society; and to furnish a report of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.

VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive

Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contribution; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.

VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.

VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present deem expedient.

IX. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an Annual meeting.

BYE LAWS

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD

ARTICLE 1.—This Board shall meet for the dispatch of business at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Wednesday of each month,—Also at such other times as duly called by the Chairman, or Secretary, or two other members of the Board.

ARTICLE 2.—Each meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer, and the minutes of preceding meetings read and approved.

ARTICLE 3.—None but Licentiates from regular Baptist Churches and ordained Ministers, recognized as such by a regular Baptist Association, shall be employed as Missionaries for the Society.

ARTICLE 4.—No Missionary shall be at liberty to change his field of labor or to extend the time of his service beyond appointment without consent of the Board.

ARTICLE 5.—The compensation allowed, generally, for married and ordained Missionaries shall be eight dollars per week, for married licentiates and unmarried ordained Missionaries seven dollars, for unmarried licentiates six dollars, in each case exclusive of travelling expenses.

ARTICLE 6.—All Missionaries of pastors, serving under the Board are empowered and expected to make all reasonable effort during the time, and in the localities of such service, to collect funds in aid of the Treasury, to be transmitted forthwith to the same, or reported to the Board, credited towards labor performed.

ARTICLE 7.—On the expiration of Missions, reports shall be promptly made to the Board, by Missionaries, stating definitely, the number of weeks' service, number of sermons preached, visits made, miles travelled, pages of tracts distributed, baptisms performed, Sabbath Schools visited, other meetings attended, Churches, Sabbath Schools, Temperance Societies and prayer meetings organized; moneys and other contributions, with the names of the donors; and such other facts connected with their labors likely to be of general interest.

ARTICLE 8.—No moneys shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

ARTICLE 9.—The Chairman and Secretary shall sign no orders for moneys from the Treasury unless for accounts checked by the Auditors.

ARTICLE 10.—No accounts shall be audited until ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 11.—The Board shall not accept and submit accounts to the Auditors, unless presenting full particulars of debits and credits, &c., as specified in Article 7.

ARTICLE 12.—The Secretary of this Board, with the consent of the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, shall furnish, monthly, for publication in that paper, the following items, viz;—Letters received [during the month], appointments made, amount of funds in the Treasury, amounts due Missionaries, the names of Missionaries and their fields of labor, members of the Board present at last meeting, and such other particulars as may be ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 13.—A copy of these Bye Laws shall be forwarded by the Secretary to each missionary on his appointment.