

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH SESSION

OF THE

EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT MONCTON

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, July 11th, 13th & 14th

WITH THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

N. B. B. H. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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MINUTES

MONCTON, July 11th, 1857.

The Ministers and Delegates composing the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association convened with the first Baptist Church in Moncton, and after about three hours spent in social conference, the Association was organized by the appointment of—

Elder JAMES NEWCOMBE, Moderator,
Brother WILLIAM L. PRINCE, Clerk,
“ I. W. GOUCHER, Assistant Clerk,
“ JOSEPH CRANDALL, Treasurer,
“ WILLIAM STEADMAN, Assistant Treasurer.

Resolved Unanimously, That the Delegates and Visiting Brethren from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick be invited to take a seat with us, and participate in the deliberations. The following Brethren then took their seats as members of this Association, viz:—

Elder David Lawson, Delegate Eastern N. S. Baptist Association.

Elder Isaiah Wallace, Delegate Western N. B. Baptist Association.

Elder I. E. Bill, Editor *Christian Visitor* and *Family Casket*.

“ Stephen March, Pastor Baptist Church, St. Francis.

“ Edwin Clay, “ “ “ Carleton.

“ E. B. Demill, Amherst, N. S.

Brother Peter Knight, French Missionary.

Brethren Samuel Spencet, E. H. Duval, John Fisher, T. H. Porter, T. P. Davies, John March, and Elder W. Jackson.

The following Committees were then appointed, viz:—

To *Examine and Read Letters*. — Elders Isaiah Wallace, David Lawson, and brother E. H. Duval.

To Examine Circular Letters.—Elder W. A. Coleman, and brother E. H. Duval.

On Colportage and Home Missions.—Elders Isaiah Wallace, J. A. Smith, J. Trimble, I. E. Bill, Stephen March, James Wallace, and brother John Fisher.

On Special Business.—The whole Association.

On Arrangements.—Elders R. H. Emerson, G. F. Miles, and David Crandall.

On Bible Cause.—Elders I. E. Bill, J. Marsters, G. F. Miles, brethren Ammon Fowler, John S. Trites, Jeremiah Lutes, Woden Fowler, Judson Blakney, W. Stackhouse, and W. Gremley.

On Christian Visitor and Family Casket.—Elders R. H. Emerson, James Hewett, Isaiah Wallace, Joseph Crandall, Stephen March, brethren R. E. Steeves, and John S. Trites.

On Sabbath Schools.—Bro. E. H. Duval, Elders James Blakney, Merritt Keith, brethren Caleb Spragg, Solomon Thorn, John Scott, T. C. Gallagher, John March, T. P. Davies, and R. E. Steeves.

On Education.—Bro. E. H. Duval, Elders George Burns, Isaiah Wallace, Patrick Duffy, David Lawson, W. A. Coleman, Levi H. Marshall, Merritt Keith, D. McPhail, A. D. Thompson, and brother F. A. Wilson.

On New Churches.—Elders David Crandall, E. Kierstead, brethren W. Blakney, John Sears, and George Steeves.

On Temperance.—Elders W. A. Coleman, G. F. Miles, brethren John Fisher, Frederick Sears, R. E. Steeves, Jordan Crandall, John S. Trites, W. D. Harris, F. Wilson, W. Correy, Samuel Correy, and William Wallace.

The Committee on Arrangements submit the following, which on motion, was received, and ordered to be printed in the minutes:—

PREACHING STATIONS ON THE SABBATH.

Bend,	at 10 o'clock, A. M.,	Elder I. E. Bill.
Wesleyan Chapel,	"	" Edwin Clay.
Creek Baptist Chapel,	"	" Jos. Crandall.
Bend,	3 P. M.,	" David Lawson.
Creek Baptist Chapel,	3	" L. H. Marshall.
Bend,	6 1/2	" James Blakney.

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Wesleyan Chapel, at 6 1/2 o'clock, P. M., Elder J. A. Smith.
 Creek Baptist Chapel, " " " " J. Marsters.
 Mountain Bapt. Chapel, 10 " A. M., " J. Trimble.
 " " 3 " P. M., " Elias Kierstead.

Prayer Meetings, Bend and Creek Baptist Chapels, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

Brother J. Marsters preached for brother Blakney, and brother J. W. Goucher for brother J. Marsters.

Adjourned to meet on Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
 Prayer by Father Crandall.

MONDAY, July 13th, 1857.

FORENOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Introductory Sermon was preached by our venerable father Crandall, by request, in consequence of the absence of Elder John Rowe, and illness of his alternate Elder W. M. Edwards, from 1 Cor. chap. 4th, and verse 20th, "The Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."

The Letters from the following Churches were then read, and the Delegates took their seats as members of the Association:—

FIRST MONCTON.—Elder R. H. Emerson, deacons Peter Mills, William Steadman, T. C. Gallagher, W. L. Prince, and brother Abraham Stults.

CALEDONIA.—Brother Manning Starratt.

1ST JOHNSON.—Elder Elias Kierstead.

NEW CANAAN.—Elder James Wallace, brethren Samuel Thorn, William Correy, and Gardiner Correy.

1ST SACKVILLE.—Elder G. F. Miles, deacons F. Sears, John Sears, J. Cahill, and Joseph Sears.

1ST SALISBURY.—Elder W. A. Coleman, brethren J. Crandall, John S. Trites, and M. D. Harris.

4TH SPRINGFIELD.—Elder James Trimble.

2ND GRAND LAKE.—Elder J. Trimble.

2ND MONCTON.—Deacons Jacob Trites, Jeremiah Lutes, and brother A. Lutes.

NORTON.—Elder David Crandall.

- 2ND SACKVILLE.—Elder G. F. Miles, Deacons J. Thompson, and F. Ford.
- BUTTERNUTT RIDGE.—Elder James Wallace, Deacons Daniel Keith, and J. F. Allward.
- 1ST SAINT MARTINS.—Elder J. A. Smith, brother T. H. Black.
- 1ST CAMBRIDGE.—
- 2ND WICKHAM.—Deacon John Caldwell.
- HOPEWELL.—Elder J. Crandall, brethren W. Calhoun, J. Calhoun, R. Wright, and B. Woodworth.
- GERMANTOWN.—Brother J. C. Calhoun.
- 2ND COVERDALE.—Elder J. Herritt, Deacons E. Steeves, W. T. Steeves, F. Steeves, and Andrew Steeves.
- KINGSTON.—Elder D. Crandall.
- 2ND SALISBURY.—Elder J. Herritt, Deacons Joseph Blakney, Israel Steeves, William Robertson, and brother William Steeves.
- MILL COVE.—Elder George Burns, brethren R. Wright, and William Ferris.
- SUSSEX.—Elder William Pulcifer, and brother Jas. Teacles.
- 2ND CAMBRIDGE.—Elder G. Burns and brethren Henry Todd, F. E. Wilson and Samuel Black.
- 1ST JEMSEG.—Elder Merritt Keith, brethren William Caldwell and John Caldwell.
- 2ND JOHNSON.—Elder Merritt Keith.
- 1ST HAMPTON.—Elder John Masters, Deacon William Snow.
- 1ST HILLSBOROUGH.—Elder J. Crandall, brethren R. E. Steeves, William Wallace, and George Steeves.
- HARVEY.—Elder L. H. Marshall, and brother J. Walters.
- 2ND UPH' M.—Brother J. W. Goucher, deacons Ammon Fowler, J. Tabor, brother Weeden Fowier, and L. Tabor.
- 1ST ELGIN.—Brethren Caleb Spragg, and Solomon Smith.
- 2ND SAINT MARTINS.—Brother J. W. Goucher.
- 1ST COVERDALE.—Brethren Caleb Spragg, Edward Berry, J. E. Fillmore, and Peter Jonah.
- 2ND DOCHESTER.—Elder James Newcombe.
- SHEDIAC.—Elders Jas. Newcombe, and deacon N. M. Walker.
- 3RD UPHAN.—Elder W. Edwards, and brethren W. Titus, and J. Titus.
- 4TH HILLSBOROUGH.—Brethren James Irving, and J. Milton, Jr.
- 2ND ELGIN.—Elder William Pulcifer, Deacons R. Smith, and S. Smith.

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The Committee on New Churches submit their report, and recommend the following Churches be received into the Association, viz:—3rd Upham, 4th Hillsborough, and 2nd Elgin.
D. CRANDALL, *Chairman*.

Unanimously adopted.

The Letters read, and on motion, The Moderator on behalf of the Association presented the right Hand of Fellowship to the Delegates from the New Churches, who took their seats as members of this Association.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.
Prayer by Brother Bill.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.
Prayer by brother Isaiah Wallace.

The Association in Committee of the whole on Special Business:—

The Committee appointed by the Eastern Baptist Association to visit the Church in Hillsborough, and inquire into the difficulties existing in said Church, beg leave to report, that they attended to that duty last winter.

We endeavoured to get the church and the seceding brethren to meet us in Conference, but the latter refused to attend. A number of the church attended with us at the Meeting house, who, in a spirit of christian kindness, gave us a relation of the manner in which the disaffected members had withdrawn, and the course pursued by the Church.

After obtaining all the information we could, we agreed to recommend the church to labour with seceding brethren individually, and in the event of their not succeeding to reclaim them to their fellowship, to exclude them from the Church.

We exceedingly regret that the dissatisfied brethren did not give us an opportunity to hear and consult with them, and give them our advice. All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID NUTTER, *Chairman*.

After some discussion by the brethren, it was unanimously adopted.

The N. B. Home Missionary Society was then called to

order, and Elder D. Crandall, Vice President took the chair. After some conversation by the brethren present, preparatory to the meeting of said society in the evening, the V. P. left the chair, the Moderator having resumed his seat, and brother A. D. Thompson, travelling agent of Acadia College having just arrived, was invited to take a seat with us.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock, A. M. Prayer by brother A. D. Thompson.

In the evening at 7½ o'clock, the N. B. B. Home Missionary Society was called to order, Elder D. Crandall, V. P. in the chair, and after singing, and prayer by brother Trimble, the Secretary read the report of the Society's operations for the past year; interesting and thrilling addresses were delivered by brethren Lawson, Thompson, Smith, Davies, March, Duval, and Miles. The report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Prayer by brother Newcombe, and the meeting adjourned,

TUESDAY, JULY 14th, 1857.

FORENOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by brother Coleman.

The following Committees were appointed, viz—

To prepare a correct list of ordained Ministers and Licentiates in connection with this Association—Elders R. H. Emerson, Smith, Coleman, Trimble, and Newcombe.

On Foreign and Australion Missions—Elders A. D. Thompson, L. H. Marshall, D. McPhail, P. Duffy, W. Jackson, W. A. Coleman, D. Crandall, Merritt Keith, brethren Knight, Spencer, and T. P. Davies.

On Seamen—Elders G. F. Miles, W. Jackson, brethren T. P. Davies, B. E. Steeves, T. O. Gallagher, Peter Mills, Jeremiah Lutes, Jacob Trites, Wm. Calhoun, J. C. Calhoun.

On Sabbath Desecration—Elders W. A. Coleman, W. Jackson, W. Pulcifer, E. Kierstead, S. March, James Blakney, brethren Ammon Fowler, Weeden Fowler, Andrew Steeves, Ezra Steeves, Wm. Steeves, J. C. Calhoun, S. Black, and F. A. Wilson.

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On motion, *Resolved*, that brother D. McKeen, be invited to take a seat with us.

On motion, *Resolved*, That ministers present give their names to the Convenor of the Committee appointed to prepare a correct list of Ministers and Licentiates in connection with this Association.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Association, believing it to be exceedingly desirable that where Ministers take the Pastoral charge of churches, they become Members of said Churches, and where they are Pastors of more than one church, that they become a member of one of said Churches, do therefore recommend to all the ministers in connection with this body the adoption of such a procedure.

The Committee to examine Circular Letter, submit their report:—

Your Committee having examined the Circular Letter as prepared by brother Trimble recommend that it be read by its author before the Association, and printed in the Minutes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. COLEMAN, *Chairman*.

Unanimously adopted.

The Circular Letter was then read, by its author, Brother Trimble.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Association be held next year, with the First Baptist Church in Springfield.

The Committee on Temperance submit their report:—

That this Association feel that they are laid under the greatest obligation to acknowledge the manifestations of the hand of Almighty God, in carrying forward the great Temperance reform, and still committing it to that hand, believe it shall eventually triumph.

We are happy to record the prosperity that has attended the efforts put forth by the Sons of Temperance organizations, and do recommend to all our churches that they in no case countenance the use of spiritous liquors as a beverage. We can but deeply regret that some that hail to be disciples of Christ indulge in moderate drinking so called, and would lift up our voice warning them against a practice so contradictory to their christian profession, and call upon all friends of God and humanity to engage manfully and energetically in carrying forward this noble work, and never leave their post until the banner of prohibition wave over our thrice happy Province.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. COLEMAN, *Chairman*.

Interesting addresses were delivered by brethren Smith, Gremley, and Miles, and the Report unanimously adopted.

The Education Society was called to order. Father Crandall presiding in the chair. Brother Bill in the absence of brother Spurden, read the Society's Report, and after interesting addresses were delivered by brethren Wallace, Lawson, Bill, Father Crandall, and A. D. Thompson, it was unanimously adopted. (See Appendix.)

Moderator resumed the Chair.

The Committee on Education submit their report which was adopted paragraph by paragraph, until the last clause, and on the question being taken there appeared—yeas 19, nays 12, and so it passed in the affirmative:—

Your Committee are happy in being able to report that the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton has prospered during the past year, under the efficient superintendence of the valued Principal, Rev. Charles Spurden. At the same time they deeply regret that, for a season, at least, they are deprived of his services in consequence of repeated domestic afflictions which render it imperative that he and his family sojourn for a season in their fatherland. This circumstance is adverted to at large in the Report of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, and, therefore, does not require a more extended notice here. But your Committee rejoice in being able to report that the Rev. Isaiak Wallace has been invited to supply the place during the temporary absence of the Principal, and hope that he will feel it to be his duty to comply with the invitation. This brother is so well known to, and so highly esteemed by, the whole denomination of the Province, that not one word is needed to commend him to their favourable regard, while his educational attainments will inspire confidence that the great object of the institution will be carried out fully under his superintendence.

It is gratifying to know that this valuable institution has received from our denomination an enlarged share of sympathy, but still our Committee would urge that it is an incumbent duty to support that institution, founded by our fathers in benevolence and hope, and sustained by their careful efforts and earnest prayers. The debt that so long has pressed so heavily upon the Seminary has, by the liberality of some of our churches, been considerably reduced; your committee would earnestly press upon those churches that have not yet sent their contributions to do so without delay, that this desirable object may be satisfactorily accomplished.

Your Committee rejoice that Acadia College continues to progress so satisfactorily. Last year this institution, and the Academy attached to it, were favoured with an extensive revival. Several young men of good natural talent have obtained a saving knowledge of divine truth, and have submitted themselves to the claims of the Redeemer upon them and consecrated themselves to his ser-

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It is, perhaps, quite unnecessary to urge the claims of these institutions upon our churches, it is hoped that they are alive to their importance. Education cannot make our young men ministers. Unless they are called and qualified by the Holy Spirit they can never be truly ministers of Christ, but education may greatly assist those who believe themselves called in the efficient discharge of their responsible and arduous duties. We live in an age when the world is advancing by rapid strides in every branch of knowledge, and, unless our churches and especially our ministers keep pace with the growing intelligence of the age, we cannot expect to hold that position to which, by the providence and grace of God, we, as a denomination, have attained.

In concluding their report, your Committee would again call attention to the fact that our denomination in this Province is yet without an efficient public seminary for the instruction of our daughters. The importance of Female Education is universally admitted—no great difficulty exists to prevent the establishment of an efficient institution, and yet our daughters have to be sent to the United States and other places to obtain an education which our own Province does not supply. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. It is time we were up and doing. A great want is pressingly felt, and we have the means for supplying that want in our own hands. May this reproach be speedily removed.

Your Committee further report:

That this Association regard most favorably the Board for ministerial Education recently instituted within this and the Western Association.—They learn with pleasure that three worthy young brethren have been studying during the past year successfully in connexion with said Board, and your Committee most earnestly recommend this object to the benevolent consideration of the churches. They suggest that the pastors and friends generally do all that they conscientiously can in their respective churches to fill up the blanks from the stocks to constitute its funds. Several excellent young brethren, in addition to those already studying under the auspices of said Board, have made application for aid, but the Board are unable to receive them as beneficiaries until the stock be filled up. This fact renders the claims of this object all the more imperative. All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. H. DUVAL, *Chairman.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That Elder R. H. Emerson preach the Introductory Sermon next year, and that Elder James Newcombe be his alternate.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Elder G. F. Miles write the Circular Letter.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.
Prayer by brother James Wallace.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.
Prayer by brother McPhail.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submit their report:—

The Committee on Sabbath Schools have noticed, with great pleasure the fact that in most of the letters, the churches have reported favourably of the state of their schools; many of them being in a very flourishing condition, well supplied, with scholars, teachers, and libraries.

Your Committee would recommend to all the churches to furnish their sabbath schools with sufficient libraries, believing that religious books are calculated to be very useful, not only to the pupils, but also to the adult members of the families to which they belong, and thus to become an important means of diffusing religious instruction and prove a powerful auxiliary to the pastor's labours. Where suitable persons can be found to conduct Bible classes for the more mature members of our churches and congregations, your committee recommend that they be established and thereby promote the extension of knowledge in the great truths of God's holy word.

Your committee would urge upon the members of churches generally the duty of supporting heartily these institutions which often furnish only the means of religious instruction to children who are not favored with parents influenced by piety to train them up in the ways of the Lord. Multitudes of young persons have by this means been brought to the feet of Jesus. They would also call attention to the duty of aiming directly at the conversion of the pupil's soul. Experience has abundantly proved that no age is too early for a child to receive saving impressions of divine truth we should therefore seek not merely to acquaint them with the literal meaning of the sacred text, but more especially to press home upon the youthful conscience the claims of the divine word for immediate and unconditional obedience.

The encouragement to teachers is great. No one will ever work for God without his reward.—While watering the souls of others our own souls will be abundantly watered. It may sometimes involve weariness and toil, but the satisfaction of doing good and the immediate personal benefits derived by the teacher from his employment will amply compensate the teacher for all his cares and labours.

In conclusion your committee would call attention to the "Family Casket," which, by the recent improvements, has become highly

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attractive in its appearance as well as a means of valuable instruction, and they would earnestly recommend it as deserving a widely extended circulation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDMUND HILLIER DUVAL, *Chairman.*

Unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause, beg to report :—

That the American and Foreign Bible Society, in addition to its extended labours in diffusing widely at home and in the Foreign field the blessed word of life, is doing an excellent work in the colportage department. Their colporteurs, who are multiplying in the cities of the American Union, have been signally blessed in the conversion of souls especially in New York, during the past year.

The Bible Union in addition to its contributions to the Oncken Mission is steadily and hopefully pursuing its appropriate work of revising the English Scriptures. Dr. Conant, of Rochester University, and Professor Hackett, of Newton Theological Institute, having been employed as principal revisers of the Old and New Testaments, are inspiring the friends of the cause everywhere with renewed confidence in the ultimate success of this movement. These gentlemen are extensively known, both in the old and new world, as biblical scholars of a very high order, and as eminently qualified in all respects for the work in which they are engaged. The book of Job as revised by Dr. Conant is acknowledged on all hands to be a manifest improvement on the old version. This association would therefore recommend to the churches to contribute to either, or to both, of these societies as far as they can do so in harmony with the more pressing claims of our domestic institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

I. E. BULL, *Chairman.*

Unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Desecration, beg to report :—

Your committee rejoice that this association has ever regarded the Christian Sabbath as a most glorious and holy institution, set apart and consecrated by the Creator, for the advancement of his glory, and man's best interest, and believe it cannot be desecrated without incurring the displeasure of God. Your committee would earnestly urge upon all people the necessity of keeping the Sabbath day, and that they not only refrain from all manual labor on that day, also, from the God-dishonoring practice of making social calls and visits, and indulging in idle conversation and jeating, which are not convenient, and would recommend our friends to look into the bible for direction on this and all other matters, and carefully read the

circular letter in the minutes of this session, which afford valuable instruction on this subject.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. COLEMAN, *Chairman.*

Unanimously adopted.

The N. B. B. Home Missionary Society was again called to order; a number of resolutions were adopted, and the officers appointed.

The Committee on Colportage and Home Missions, beg to report:—

That they learn that the Depository formerly kept by Brother Marsters has been recently merged into the "Colonial Book Store," under the proprietorship of Messrs. DeMill & Fillmore, situated at Foster's Corner, on King Street.—That they are happy to learn that this establishment is meeting with encouraging success, and from their knowledge of these brethren they have no hesitation in recommending them and their operations to the favourable consideration of our brethren as well as to the public generally.—Your committee learn with pleasure that these brethren are doing considerable in sending out colporteurs richly furnished with excellent religious and other useful books, and in these praise-worthy efforts they bespeak for them and the colporteurs laboring under their auspices, the sympathies and encouragement of our churches.

That they are pleased to know, as will be seen by the Report of the N. B. Baptist Home Mission Society, that the work of Home Mission has been vigorously carried forward during the past year. Especial blessing has attended the labours of several of our Missionaries.

Your Committee recommend that the contributions toward this all-important object be increased so as to enable the Board to meet the increasing missionary wants of our country.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ISAIAH WALLACE, *Chairman.*

Unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Foreign and Australian Missions, beg to report:—

Your committee beg leave to report that they consider the Foreign Missionary cause as originating in the purpose of God in the evangelizing of the world of mankind. Paul so understood it when he was commissioned to go far hence to the Gentiles.

And that although our efforts heretofore have not met our anxious expectation, yet we hope the seed has been in some cases sown on good ground, and will be found after many days.

There is yet much land to be possessed in the fruitful fields of Australia as well as Burmah, and we should be on the alert to have a much larger portion of this great moral wilderness ceded to Emanuel, and use our best efforts to accomplish so desirable an object.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

Address by Brother A. D. Thompson, and unanimously adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, that brethren G. F. Miles, J. A. Smith, W. A. Coleman, L. H. Marshall, and R. H. Emerson, be the Delegates from this Association to the Convention.

The Committee on *Christian Visitor* and *Family Casket*, beg to report:—

That they look with increasing satisfaction on the work which is being accomplished through the medium of these important and deeply interesting publications, and by means of the indefatigable labors of the esteemed Editor, the Rev. I. E. Bill, and would strongly recommend the importance of the subscribers in all sections of the Provinces, making their subscriptions *in advance*,—thus relieving the mind of its conductor from anxiety, and making more easy his arduous undertaking in this department of Christian labor.

Your committee, also, beg to recommend that the Ministers and Agents of the *Christian Visitor* use their utmost efforts to collect the *outstanding payments*, and likewise to extend the influence of this valuable adjunct to our denomination; so will they be helping on the cause of Christ and spreading that knowledge, which alone maketh truly wise.

Your committee would also express their satisfaction at the improvement made in the "*Family Casket*" at the commencement of the present year and strongly advise the superintendents of Sabbath Schools to avail themselves of this periodical to aid them in gaining an influence over the minds of the young, and make them acquainted with those truths which are essential to their well being on earth, and their everlasting felicity.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. EMERSON, *Chairman.*

After interesting and soul-stirring addresses were delivered by brethren T. P. Davies, Isa. Wallace, G. F. Miles, J. Trimble, D. McPhail, W. A. Coleman, A. D. Thompson, J. Blakney, J. A. Smith, I. E. Bill, and W. Pulcifer, it was unanimously adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That 700 copies of the Minutes be printed under the superintendence of brother Bill.

The Committee on Seamen, beg to report —

That they are aware of the importance of looking well to the Sons of the Deep and putting forth such efforts as shall be instrumental in the hand of God of leading them to the House of God, and away from those haunts of vice and infamy where they are too often led by wicked and designing men.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. MILKS, Chairman.

Unanimously adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That brother L. H. Marshall, be appointed to an agency of three months for the purpose of obtaining funds to liquidate the debt against the Fredericton Seminary, and that he be paid for his services at the rate of \$100 per annum, and travelling expenses.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any Ministering Brother, in regular standing, presenting a copy of the Minutes of Sister Associations in the Provinces, with his name in the same, be admitted as a Delegate to this body, to sit in council with us.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of Moncton, for their marked hospitality and christian courtesy to the Ministers and Delegates composing this body.

On motion, Adjourned to meet on the second Saturday in July, 1858, at 2 o'clock, P. M. with the First Baptist Church in Springfield.

Doxology sung. Prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

JAMES NEWCOMBE, Moderator.

WILLIAM L. PRINCE, Clerk.

J. W. GOUCHER, Assistant Clerk.

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CIRCULAR LETTER,

To the Churches composing the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

Dear Brethren:—In presenting you this, our annual epistle, we would impress on you the necessity of activity in the cause of God.

Christian Brethren—useful activity is the medicine of life. It is adapted to benefit the agent himself, as much as the objects of his benevolent attention. No idle man can be either healthful, happy, or morally prosperous. To be stagnant, is to be miserable, as well as useless. This is a law of our being, as invariable as it is unavoidable. And the principle which applies so universally and essentially to our intellectual and physical structure, is no less applicable to our spiritual life. A torpid, inactive Christian cannot be a prosperous one. The disciple of Christ cannot, if he would, live to himself without injuring his own soul. He must go out of himself if he would attain moral health and comfort. He must take a deep interest in his Master's kingdom, and desire to promote it. He must love his fellow men, pray for them, labour to promote their holiness and happiness, in a word he must be daily employed in doing good. This is necessary not merely for the benefit of Society, but for the spiritual health of the individual himself. Wherein consists the real health of the soul, but in spiritual sensibility, and in the daily exercise of all appropriate and commanded graces toward our Father in Heaven, toward the Saviour, and his kingdom, and toward all our fellow creatures. What is true of individuals, is true of communities. A torpid, prayerless, inactive Church, however large, wealthy, or splendid, cannot be a prosperous church. Nay, however rich, extended, and outwardly flourishing it may be, if the spirit of active well-doing be extinct in it, it is a dead Church, and cannot fail of speedily becoming a mass of spiritual putrefaction. But, on the other hand, that Church which in her collective capacity is constantly employed in planning and labouring for the promotion of the great interests of knowledge, virtue, evangelical holiness, and salvation, is taking the most direct method to secure her own enjoyment, growth, and prosperity. The great design of infinite wisdom in the institution of the church was that she might be everywhere instrumental in promoting the reign of truth and holiness among men. It was no doubt intended that she should constantly seek the spiritual improvement and welfare of her own members, but it was also intended that she should labour to communicate the blessings of salvation to every part of the human family within her reach, with all the zeal and efficacy of united effort. And in all ages the church of God has invariably flourished, in regard to her best interests, just in proportion to the degree in which she has devoted

herself to the hallowed work of active Christian benevolence. It ought to be the unceasing care of every church of Christ not only to have light, purity, and order ever shining in her own dwelling, but also to hold forth the Word of Life for the benefit of those who are without, and to send it forth far and wide to every creature within her reach. If this be so, then every church ought to consider it as equally her duty and her interest not merely to support within her own bosom all the divinely instituted ordinances of religion, not merely to watch with fidelity over the purity and edification of her own members, but also to be indefatigably active in extending as widely as possible to others the true religion, with all its blessed concomitants and benefits. She ought to regard it at once as a primary duty and precious privilege to be constantly employed in spreading the glorious gospel from the rising to the setting of the sun. Then each church should pray for, and cultivate a missionary spirit. If such questions as the following would constantly arise, viz: What can be done to promote the reign of pure and undefiled religion in the midst of us? What to secure the best interests of our children and youth? What to render our Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes more extensive? What to promote the cause of Temperance? What to rouse among the people a spirit of active Christian benevolence? What for contributing our portion of means according as the Lord has prospered us toward the evangelizing of the world? Animated with this spirit and intent on such objects, every Baptist Church in our Province would be engaged in sending the Word of Life, and the herald of salvation to the destitute and the perishing, and every one who united himself with such a Church would feel that he was becoming a member for life of a body perpetually consecrated in its very nature to the great work of doing good to mankind. Animated with this spirit our hearts would be filled with brotherly love, with enlightened zeal, for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and ready to forego every consideration except those of Scriptural truth and order for the sake of doing good. Such is the picture of the Baptist Church which we have sometimes imagined to ourselves, and which we have often prayed that we might see realized. What a glorious spectacle would such a church be,—how happy in itself! How honourable to the cause of religion! What a blessing to our Province, and to the world. And is it too much to hope that we may one day see it realized! The same grace which crowned the ministrations of the ancient servants of God with success is still treasured up in him whose throne is for ever and ever, and may be manifested in us amidst all our weakness and unworthiness. Under whatever cloud the glory of our Zion may be in a degree obscured for the present, he can cause her to shine forth with more beauty than ever through his own comeliness put upon her. If we would be thus blessed we must pray for and cultivate a missionary spirit. If we wish this great plan of doing good to be completely successful, it is indispensable

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that it bear two characteristics, viz.—It must be systematic, and must be consecrated with much fervent prayer. We must walk humbly with God even in labouring for him. The more profound then our sense of our utter unworthiness to be employed as fellow workers in Christ's kingdom, the deeper our impression of our utter inability with any amount of men or funds to accomplish any important good by our own wisdom or strength, and the more humble and importunate our continued supplications for the Divine guidance and blessing in all our labours, the more reason we have to hope that those labours will be crowned with success, and that our own souls in pursuing them will be refreshed and edified. In this great work we want co-operation; we plead for the co-operation of practical, whole-hearted Christians, for their co-operation in heart and soul, in prayer, in contributions, in efforts, in toils, in struggles, for the salvation of their fellow-men at home and abroad. If we would labour with success in the cause of God, we must draw all our strength for work and warfare from Christ, and present all our duties to God in Christ's name. In all the actions of life, let us set the Lord always before us. We must spend much time in secret prayer, and converse with God;—let prayer be the key to open the heart to God in the morning, and to lock it against all his enemies at night. We ought to spend every day as if it were to be our last. We have no continuing city, nor certain abode here, therefore let us always be ready to arise and depart. And if we would labour with success in the Lord's vineyard, we must have Christ in our hearts, heaven in our eye, and the world under our feet. We must take God's spirit for our guide, God's word for our rule, God's glory for our end, his name for our guard, his people for our companions, his praise for our recreation, and his promises for our cordials. We must make religion our business, prayer our delight, holiness our way, and heaven our home. Then let Christ be always precious to us, the word sweet, the bitter, the world a wilderness, and death welcome. Let Christ's will be our will; Christ's dishonour our affliction, his cause our concern, his success our joy, his day our delight, his cross our glory, his sufferings our meditation, his wounds our refuge, his blood our balm, his righteousness our clothing, and his presence our heaven. Then let our hearts burn with love to Christ, love to think of Christ, love to hear of Christ, love to read of Christ, love to speak of Christ. If we would be happy and useful we must seek an increase of faith, love, heart, purity, and humility. Whoever is rich in grace now will be rich in glory hereafter, for what is grace but glory begun, and what is glory but grace perfected. Who then would not love grace, and prize it as glory begun and a certain pledge of complete glory. As the professed children of God, it is our duty to testify against what dishonouring to him by abstaining from all known sin, by reproving sin in others, by keeping up family religion even in the midst of persecution, and banishing all known vices from our dwellings, such as drunkenness, rash using of God's name, idle walking or talking

on the Lord's day, backbiting, evil wishes, revengeful actions, and unnecessary pastimes. If we would be useful in the cause of God let us be zealous for Sabbath holiness, be meek and lowly in our carriage, commend Christ to others, speak for the honour of religion before those who disregard it; show special regard to those who are stamped with God's image, though mean or despised; be ready to forgive wrongs, and render good for evil. If we would be happy and useful we must guard against pride, passion, hasty and unguarded words; we must put great respect on God's word and ordinances; we must be concerned for the enlargement of Christ's Kingdom, we must practice self-denial, and never venture on known sin for the sake of worldly gain. We must endeavour to feel the power of godliness in our hearts, and to have our practice in all respects corresponding to our profession. We should remember that Israel cannot conquer while an Achan is in the camp. If we have not a missionary spirit we have reason to fear that we are destitute of union to Christ,—“If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his.” Let us all then, my Christian brethren, with one consent, henceforth address ourselves to this great work of doing good; to this let us daily give our thoughts, our hearts, and our best efforts. Let this be our distinction as Baptists, that we belong to a Church peculiarly and pre-eminently devoted to doing good.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

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NAMES.	RESIDENCES.	DATE OF ORDINATION.
Blakney, James	Gondolo Point,	
Bunting, Joshua	Saint John,	July, 1843
Bancroft, Samuel	Norton,	
Burns, George	Upham,	January, 1851
Crandall, Joseph	Salisbury,	1798
Crandall, David	Springfield,	January, 1831
Cleveland, Nathaniel	Harvey,	
Crandall, D. V.	Elgin,	June, 1851
Coleman, W. A.	Salisbury,	Sept. 1848
Duffy, Patrick	Hillsboro,	May, 1849
Emerson, R. H.	Moncton,	
Merritt, James	Butternutt Ridge,	
Jackson, W.	Saint Martins,	March, 1850
Keith, Merritt	Butternutt Ridge,	August, 1845
McFee, James	Salisbury,	
Miles, G. F.	Sackville,	
Mutch, Alexander	Norton,	July, 1848
Marshall Levi H.	Harvey,	November, 1847
McPhail, D.	Buctouche,	August, 1846
Newcombe, James	Moncton,	May, 1848
Pulcifer, Wm.	Alma,	
Rone, Titus	Sussex,	
Sear, Wm.	Hillsborough,	June, 1834
Skinner, J. C.	Cambridge,	August, 1836
Spragg, Peter	Springfield,	
Smith, J. A.	Saint Martins,	February, 1848
Thorn, Charles	Johnston,	March, 1840
Trimble, James	Springfield,	February, 1845
Wallace, James	Coverdale,	August, 1826
Edwards, W. M.	Hampton,	March, 1856

LICENSED TO PREACH.

John Sears,	Richard G. Barton,	Judson Blakney,
James L. Reed,	William L. Prince,	Charles Abercrombie,
Alpharet Reed,	Hezekiah Haines,	Benjamin Hughes,
A. W. Goucher,	Manning Starratt,	David Blakney,
Solomon Smith,	Caleb Spragg.	

MISSIONARIES.

A. Newcomb,	J. Blakney,	J. Trimble.
	Peter Knight, French Missionary.	

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NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1856.

- President.*—Rev. Samuel Robinson.
Vice Presidents.—Rev. Joseph Crandall, R. v. A. D. Thompson, Rev. Charles Spurden, A. M., Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev. David Crandall, Rev. J. A. Smith, Rev. James Newcomb, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Dr. J. Fitch, Stephen Gerow, and G. H. Hoben, Esquires.
Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. I. E. Bill.
Recording Secretary.—Mr. E. H. Duval.
Treasurer.—Hon. A. McL. Seely.
Auditor.—Mr. Thomas McHenry.
Executive Board.—N. S. Demill, Rev. E. N. Harris, J. F. Masters, John Smith, George Robinson, Joseph Read, Dav'd Roberts, Moses Lawrence, Robert Stephens, Alexander Sime, George Garrison, John Christopher, John Fisher, Asa Coy, John Harding, T. P. Davies, James Brailey, James Masters, M. Francis, C. Barteaux.

REPORT.

Presented to the Society at its Fourth Anniversary, held at Moncton, July 13, 1857.

Your managing Committee having been permitted through another year to give direction to the funds and labors of the Society, appear before you for the purpose of rendering a faithful account of their stewardship.

They would first of all record with unfeigned gratitude the preserving care of the Great Shepherd of Israel, who never slumbers or sleeps for his gracious protection over the officers and missionaries of the Society during the year that is past. They are all the living, the living to praise his name, and to prosecute still on earth the important work committed to their care. With devout thankfulness also would they make mention of the abundant blessings attendant upon the feeble efforts put forth by them to impart to the destitute the treasures of salvation through Jesus Christ. They have endeavored according to the ability given "to sow beside all waters," and the seed sown has already produced its fruit rich and glorious.

NEWCASTLE MISSION.

Rev. B. Scott continued to labor in this field until November 17th, 1856, when he felt that it was his duty to resign his connection with the Board for the purpose of devoting himself to the cause in other connexions. On his retirement the church at Newcastle addressed a letter to the Board, in which they thus speak of the salutary influence resulting from Elder Scott's labors:—"Some," they say, "may have been discouraged in consequence of the cause not having progressed as rapidly as was anticipated, but those who dwell here know that its prosperity, all things considered, is such as to call forth great thankfulness to the head of the Church. We will state a few facts in confirmation of this. Strong prejudices existed against the Baptists as a denomination. They were regarded by many as acting from momentary impulse rather than from fixed Scriptural principles. But the sound doctrinal preaching of Elder Scott, combined with the uniform progress of the Mission in other respects has tended to greatly allay this prejudice so that the people now sit with pleasure and profit under Baptist preaching, and express an earnest desire that it may be continued. A commodious place of worship has been erected, large and attentive congregations assemble to hear the word preached, additions have been made by baptism, and letter to our little church, and altogether a foundation is laid, if duly improved, to produce the most gratifying results."

They add, "We sincerely hope that measures will be taken to supply the vacancy occasioned by Elder Scott's removal, and that a competent man will be chosen to succeed him. We sincerely thank you for past efforts, and earnestly hope that your interest in Miramichi will continue, and that you will be sustained by the co-operation of all who love the Lord and the souls of men." This letter was signed by Jared Tozer, Deacon, and Daniel Bishop, Clerk.

Your Board lost no time in their endeavours to find a suitable Missionary to succeed Elder Scott, and extended an invitation to Rev. John Magee, of Nashwaak, to spend three months in that district. He complied with the wishes of the Board, and his labors were highly acceptable to the people.

In his report to the Board he says: "I preached thirty-three sermons, held ten prayer-meetings, four Conferences, and visited between fifty and sixty families." As his mission was performed during the winter months, he had to contend with stormy weather and very bad roads, having to travel from ten to fifteen miles, through storm, and drift, to meet his appointments in the different sections, but, notwithstanding, there is reason to hope that much good was done. On the eve of his leaving, a letter was addressed to the Board by the church at Newcastle, from which we make the following extract, as illustrative of the interest which our brethren there cherish in the administrations of the gospel. This letter was dated Newcastle, May 4th, 1857:—

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the Baptist Home Missionary Society, being about to return to his former field of labor, we have again earnestly, but respectfully to solicit your continued liberality and exertions to supply this portion of your missionary field with the stated ministration of the word of God. With reference to the past operations of our missionaries in this place, we can safely and truly say that much good has been accomplished. Where, a few years ago, Baptist principles were unknown, and Baptists generally, were regarded as a poor, deluded, and despicable people, Baptist principles and sentiments are now becoming rife, and the cause is looked upon with favor and sympathy. Our worthy brother Magee is well received by the people generally, and could he be induced to continue his labors among us, we have no doubt the cause would prosper and the church be built up so that it would shortly become self-sustaining, or nearly so.

The following sums collected in aid of the Mission in the different stations, shew pretty clearly with what favor the cause is regarded by the people. When we consider how few there are connected with our body, and the unfavorable season of the year, while business is slack and money tight, we think we have cause to thank God and take courage at the prospect it affords us.

The following is a statement of the sums collected by voluntary contributions in aid of the Mission during brother Magee's incumbency:—

At Newcastle,	£11 5 6
“ Northesk,	4 9 4
“ Little South-west,	2 6 10
Total,	£18 1 8

The prospects at Northesk and Little South-west are encouraging, and if a suitable successor to our present missionary be obtained, one who will take well with the people—we hope to see numbers flocking to the standard of truth, and openly professing their faith in Christ and obedience to Him, while at Newcastle, there is a serious attendance on the public ministrations of the word of God. We trust, therefore, that the Board will endeavour to supply this field with a competent labourer, possessed of a good degree of talent and energy, and willing to spend and be spent in his Master's cause, and every exertion will be made on the part of the church here to aid in supporting the Minister, and to make it as light as possible on the Board. Much ignorance exists respecting religious matters, and spiritual destitution prevails to a great and lamentable extent, and loudly and earnestly do we repeat the Macedonian cry,—“Come over and help us.”

Signed on behalf of the churches in these stations.

I. McLeon, Clerk of Newcastle Church.

Rev. I. E. Bill, Secretary of the Board.

A letter was addressed to the Board also by the church at Little South-west, expressive of their gratitude for the labors of bro Magee,

and pledging fifteen pounds per annum, towards the support of any man that the Board might select for the field. With these facts before them your Board feel that the success of the mission in New-castle and its vicinity, is such as to inspire with the brightest hopes in relation to the future. Hearing that Rev. George Seely was about to leave Woodstock, they extended a cordial invitation to him to take charge of this mission. He has the subject under prayerful consideration. If he should decide not to enter the field the Board will use their best efforts to secure the services of some one competent for the station.

REV. J. BLEAKNEY'S MISSION.

Six weeks labor were expended by this valued missionary, commencing the 6th of August, 1856, at Oranecto, Rushagornish, and the adjoining settlements. During this time he travelled three hundred and forty-one miles, held fifty-seven meetings, made many visits, administered the Lord's Supper twice, distributed 2,644 pages of tracts, and baptized seven persons.

Rev. J. Tozer, having resigned his mission at Boiestown, Harvey Settlement, Blissville, and Blackville, Mimramichi, for the purpose of taking charge of the Baptist Church at Keswick, the Board appointed Elder Bleakeney to succeed him in that extended and destitute district. He entered upon the work with a prayerful heart, and God has crowned his labours with the most cheering success. Under date of Feb. 26, he writes:—

“The work of the Lord is progressing here; ten have been added to the church by baptism, and we expect to baptize more next Lord's Day, D. V., and there are many anxiously inquiring the way to Zion. In some of our meetings three-fourths of the congregation have desired the prayers of God's people. The work has commenced also in Blackville, thirteen miles lower down the river. Backsliders there have been reclaimed from the error of their way—and have confessed their sins with broken hearts,—returned to their first love, and are doing their first works, and there is a prospect of a general in gathering of souls to Christ.”

In May he writes:—“Some are crying for mercy, and I trust will soon be born into the kingdom. The good work is spreading. I have baptized five in one family; all the household, excepting two little children. Please request the prayers of all the brethren on my behalf, that God would enable me to be faithful in declaring his word, that I may not cry peace where he has not spoken peace.”

The 17th of June our brother writes:—“The eternal Spirit is working powerfully here in the hearts of sinners; the work is gradual, no particular earthquake or whirlwind. I think I never realized a revival to be more the sole work of the Spirit through the Divine word, than the present.”

In giving the results of his labours up to June 24th, he reports 138 meetings, 1,420 miles travelled, 11,792 pages of religious and tempe-

rance tracts distributed, and 44 persons baptized, and the amount contributed by the people towards his mission, £36.

Under date of April 5th, '57, the church at Blissfield writes to the Board as follows:—

"We feel desirous to embrace this opportunity to tender our sincere gratitude to the beloved Missionary Board, for sending us timely assistance. Through the recent labors of our much esteemed Elder J. Bleakeney, the little band of professors in this region, have been enlarged, encouraged, and strengthened. He leaves us with deep apparent regret on his part. On our part, we hardly know how to live, without having some one to walk in and out before us, as a preacher of the Cross of Christ, holding our sentiments. Fears are felt that for the want of regular meetings and discipline to increase the strength and growth in grace of the younger professors, the Church will suffer. We fear that we have not supported the Mission to that extent; as to hope for his proposed return. Yet, we are aware that it is not consistent to be partakers of that of which we have no moral right. We would remember the scripture injunction and feel disposed, should he return, to double our diligence in rendering the burden as light as possible to the Missionary Board. We have reason to believe that several more are now waiting to embrace the ordinance of Baptism. Every one, as head of a family, in our little prayer meeting to-day, expressed his decision to be on the Lord's side for the first time. How wonderfully strong is the love of God in putting it into the hearts of his dear children to give of their substance for the support of the Ministers abroad.

Yours in the best of bonds,

In behalf of the Church of Blissfield and Blackville.

BURKE ARCHIBALD.

What Christian heart can listen to such cheering tidings, and earnest appeals for the precious word of life and not be filled with thankgivings to the God of grace for being permitted in any degree, however humble, to aid an institution so signally blessed, in saving souls from death?

SHEDIAC, BUCTOUCHE, DORCHESTER CORNER, AND RICHIBUCTO.

Rev. James Newcomb has occupied this extended field a portion of his time during the year, under the direction of the Board. The expense of his mission for 3 months was borne by the Juvenile Society of Brussels-street church. At Shediac he writes: the cause has been impeded by the heavy debt still remaining upon the chapel, and by other untoward circumstances, meetings at Richibucto were encouraging, and at Dorchester Corner services were numerous attended, and the prospect for good brightening.

HAMPTON FERRY, GUNDALO POINT, AND KINGSTON.

Your Board have been deeply impressed with the importance of having a permanent missionary in this inviting district, but hitherto have not been able to accomplish this desirable object. Rev. David Crandal has given a temporary supply, by spending ten weeks in the

service of the Board. He reports having preached in that time 38 sermons, 8 conference meetings, 4 prayer meetings, 2 temperance meetings, 50 missionary visits, 1,200 pages of religious tracts and papers circulated. He adds;—"The attention of the people has increased meetings deeply solemn, hopeful impressions on the minds of the uncontroverted, and the Lord's people edified. Our brother wishes to visit other sections of the Province, and would be glad to have the ground occupied by his successor immediately. The call for the permanent labours of a missionary in this district is loud and urgent.

REV. J. TREMBLE'S MISSION.

This Bro. has spent eight months of the past year in the service of the Board. He says "in that time I have preached 158 Sermons, attended 27 prayer and conference meetings, made 290 ministerial visits, organized two Sabbath schools, circulated 1500 pages of tracts and numbers of the *Family Casket*, travelled 735 miles, collected £20, and baptized 25 persons." He adds;—"A part of this labor was spent with the 4th Baptist church in Springfield, visited a district in the Parish of Waterboro, and made three missionary tours in the County of Albert. Breaches in Zion have been healed, backsliders reclaimed, sinners converted, believers baptized, and the Lord's people made happy in his will." Who that loves the Saviour would not rejoice to be engaged in such a work. Let us pray for our Brother that God may continue to prosper his way.

REV. JAMES WALKER'S MISSION.

In mid winter this Brother received an appointment from the Board to labor three months at Kingsclear, Prince William, and surrounding settlements. He labored indefatigably, and the good seed sown by him was watered from on high. At the close of his mission he reports as below.

"I have just returned to my home after serving the Board thirteen weeks, and I thank my Heavenly Father I have been in good health. I have travelled 525 miles, preached 67 sermons, and attended other religious meetings, lectured on temperance, made many visits from house to house, and took fifteen pounds for the Board. I baptized five willing converts which is better than all. Glory to God for his kindness to me.

I thank God I saw a shaking among the dry bones, some came that had not been to meeting for a long time, and Mr. Wet Eyes began to make his appearance among them, and I bade him welcome. He came again and again, until five willing converts came forward and owned their Lord, before a frowning world."

The people at Prince William were so much interested in the visit of Bro. Walker, that they sent an earnest request to the Board to re-appoint him to the field for three months longer, with an assurance that they would defray the expense of the mission. We need hardly say that the Board felt very great pleasure in complying with such request.

REV. THOMAS TODD'S MISSION.

This esteemed Brother was appointed early in January last, to devote one quarter of his time in destitute settlements in Carleton County. Three places have been especially selected, viz., Upper Woodstock, Lower Jacksontown, and what is called the 7th tier. He reports,

"At Upper Woodstock we have a very interesting Sunday School, the number of scholars in regular standing are about 60. The congregation is very large for the place. No special movement, but meetings full. Lower Jacksontown is another field selected. Here the congregation is very large, and no house in this locality which we have any claim upon is sufficient to hold it. The people, therefore, have resolved to build a new meeting house. Building committee selected, land obtained, trustees appointed, and £150 already signed for its erection; in a few weeks the people are to meet to get out the frame. I have not been able to visit the Seventh Tier so often as the two former places, because they have been the most interesting. Nineteen have been added to the church in Jacksontown since the association, five of whom may be regarded from the field of my Mission."

It is expected that this Mission will be nearly if not quite self-sustaining. The field is one of growing interest and our brother seems determined by the grace of God to devote to it his best energies.—May God prosper his way!

Rev. George Rigby was appointed to labor one quarter of his time at the Grand Falls, and Bro. Springer was appointed for three months to the destitute districts in the County of Carleton, to labor under the direction of the Baptist ministers of the County, but as neither of these brethren have furnished details of their labors, your Board cannot report particulars.

LAY AGENCY.

This Agency has been continued through the year by gifted brethren of Germain and Brussell Street Churches, in whom the Board have implicit confidence. The labors of these valued brethren have been confined principally to Loch Lomond, Milkish, Grand and South Bays. In all these places there are christians who highly value the instructions given and are much edified thereby. The unconverted attend in considerable numbers, and listen respectfully, and we hope profitably to the word preached. The example set by these worthy brethren who without fee or reward go out on the Sabbath day ten or twelve miles to declare Jesus Christ to the destitute, is worthy of being followed by the gifted members of our churches all over the land. Such agency is Apostolic in its origin and may always be employed with the happiest results. Would that all the Lords servants were prophets, or teachers of the christian faith.

FRENCH MISSION.

In accordance with the decision of the Society at its last Anniversary the Board have continued the services of Bro. Knight as a Mis-

sionary to the French people during the year. In his report for the year he says:—"I meet with increasing encouragement from the French population. I find the more I visit them the more favorably impressed they seem to be. The Word of God is more esteemed and the Sabbath more revered than it was. Card playing and dancing do not prevail on the Sabbath as formerly. Morality is progressing and an increasing desire is felt among the young for education.

But the Priests do all they can to keep the Bible from them, persuading them that it is not true, and that they being the successors of the Apostles have as much right to write an epistle as Peter and Paul had, and that the traditions of the church are to be authoritively received."

It is indeed distressing to know that probably as many as 30,000 of the population of this Province are French Catholics, and that with scarcely an exception they are in this state of darkness and superstition. Our Bro. needs courage of no ordinary kind to contend with the power of the Priesthood thrown like a shield of brass over the understanding and the conscience of these deluded people. May a brighter day dawn upon our brother's pathway and upon the interesting mission in which he is engaged!

AUXILIARIES.

Your Board are happy to report the organization of several Auxiliaries to the Parent Society during the year that promises much good. They have been established in connection with Quarterly Meetings, in the following places, viz:—In Carleton and Victoria Counties, in the County of York, and in the Counties of Sunbury and Queen's. Under date of February 17th, Elder Todd, in reporting the proceedings of the quarterly meeting of York, says:—

"At the ministerial conference an auxiliary to the N. B. B. H. Missionary society was formed, by choosing the Rev. T. Saunders, President, Rev. J. Tozer, Vice-President, and Brother B. Hughes, Secretary. Arrangements were then made to hold a public meeting on Tuesday morning. Appropriate resolutions were prepared for the occasion, and most touchingly moved and seconded by those to whom they were intrusted, the wants of the spiritually destitute, and their claims on the church of God being presented, produced many deep emotions, and numerous tears, nor did it result in feelings and tears only, for between collections and donations, nearly £18 were raised in a few minutes. Another remarkable fact, (and not so remarkable either, for it is just like the Eternal,) God had a young brother there, a member of the Jacksontown Church, who felt the Word as a fire in his bones, willing to leave his happy home, and beloved family, to answer the "Macedonian Cry" from Caverhill, Springfield New Zealand, and Ainsworth, back settlements contiguous to Mactnaquack.

"Joseph Harvey is a worthy person, and of much promise, the Board, we believe, has made a wise choice. He will go to his new field of labor with the prayers and best wishes of Ministers and peo-

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ple for abundant success. This is a glorious move in the right direction. May every church and county in the Province follow the example, "than shall the solitary places be glad, and the desert shall blossom as the rose." We are ready to ask if the first movements of this infant auxiliary are so strong, what will its power be, when it comes to maturity? May the people among whom it has had its birth, supply their heavenly child with means for ample development."

Brother B. Hughes in reporting the proceedings of this Auxiliary up to June 28th, says:—

"Since this Auxiliary was organized it has, under God, been the means of sending the gospel to the poor in districts where they were not able to support it, and the success attending Brother Harvey's Mission at Springfield and Caverhill, together with the earnest appeal from the newly organized church in that place, induced the Board to continue the labours of Brother Harvey for two months in the same field. Bro. Saunders is appointed to a four weeks mission at Bear Island. This is a field that has long been neglected by the Baptists. We feel it our duty to supply such places with the Gospel. Brother Tozer is also appointed to Upper Keswick and Cardigan for a term of four weeks. These interesting fields have been crying come over and help us. Many destitute settlements far back in the wilderness, are eager to hear the Gospel, and will do what they can to support it among them. We feel deeply anxious for their well-fare, and hope the word proclaimed may lead many to repentance."

Elder Todd in giving an account of a recent a Quarterly Meeting held in Presque-Isle, says:—

"A very interesting missionary meeting, in which much feeling was awakened in behalf of the destitute, the sum of £5 14s. 5d. was collected, we then appointed bro. Rigby one month's mission at Presque Isle, which place appears white and ready for harvest, we trust that God will very abundantly bless his labours."

At the quarterly meeting of Sunbury and Queen's recently held at Canning, an Auxiliary to the Parent Society was formed. Rev.

l. Wallace as the secretary of the meeting thus reports:—

"I should not omit to state that in our ministerial conference, on Monday morning, after mature deliberation, it was thought advisable to form a "Queen's and Sunbury Auxiliary to the N. B.

Baptist H. M. Society, officers:

Rev. N. D. Fitch, President;

E. Keirs, Vice President;

N. S. Howe, do do;

Isiah Wallace, Secretary;

Brother S. T. Estabrook, Treasurer.

In the evening the following resolutions were moved, seconded, and unanimously passed, viz.:

1. That this Auxiliary cherish feelings of the deepest regard for

the Parent Society, and will do all in its power to co-operate with that excellent institution in its praiseworthy efforts.

2. That it is the duty of the churches connected with the "Queen's and Sunbury Quarterly meetings," to do all they possibly can to supply the destitute within their limits with the word of life.

3. That in the opinion of this auxiliary, the prosperity of our churches is intimately connected with their efforts to promote the cause of Home Missions.

Collections to the amount of £3 or £4 were given for the cause of Home Mission, and further contributions are to be handed over to the Treasurer.

Bro. Keith was appointed missionary to the North Branch, Ormococto, for four weeks. He is to enter upon his mission immediately after the session of the Eastern Association.

Not long since a Juvenile Missioner Society was formed in the Germain Street Baptist Sabbath School auxiliary to the Parent Society which promises well. Thus it is that the original idea of the N. B. B. H. M. Society is taking deep root in the hearts of the people. That idea was to unite all the Baptist ministers and churches of New Brunswick in one noble Missionary Association having a central direction, and at the same time allowing through all its various branches and sections the most perfect freedom of thought and action: so that every part should be thoroughly represented and cared for. To succeed in a movement of this sort there must be unity of design combined with that love of voluntarism so deeply imbedded in the baptist heart. Any attempt to exercise undue control in any quarter would meet with a repulse that would destroy the very existence of the Society. But while this is readily conceded, your Board feels that great care should be taken on the part of all concerned to so blend the lesser associations with the larger in spirit and in action that they shall present a firm and energetic combination for carrying forward the great work for which the Saviour died.

COLPORTAGE.

Your Board regret to state that but little has been done in this department during the past year for the reason mainly that the funds were well nigh exhausted in the labors of the past year. They deeply feel that there is a great work to do in this direction, and they venture to express the hope that some arrangement may be made through Messrs DeMill and Fillmore, who have opened an extensive book establishment in the City, to carry forward this work more efficiently. Mr. Masters who formerly had charge of the Depository has passed his books into their hands, and it is understood that they will employ such men as the denomination may select to go into the field without drawing upon the funds of the Society.—The labors of Bro. Mutch and Bleakeney were doubtless very useful while they continued to travel, and now that they have retired others of kindred spirit should be found to enter into their labors.

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GENERAL AGENCY.

Your Board from the first have felt that a general Missionary and Financial Agent, wholly devoted to the interests of the Society, is indispensable to enlarged success, and the truthfulness of this conviction is more and more manifest every day. It will be seen by the treasurer's report that the funds of the Society are considerably less this year than they were last, and this is principally owing to the fact that last year we had an efficient Agent in the field a good portion of the time, and this year with the exception of a few weeks agency performed by Rev. J. Herriot and Rev. J. Newcomb, this important post has not been filled. Your Board thought at one time, that in the absence of such an Agent, they might induce the Pastors of the Churches to divide the work among themselves, and wrote them to that effect, but with the exception of Brother Herriot, none of them could leave their Churches to do so. He spent two or three weeks in visiting certain districts, and was very happy in his work. Early in March your Board extended a call to Rev. J. Newcomb, to enter upon the work provisionally until the Association meet. He accepted the appointment, and has visited Hillsborough, Hopewell, Botternut Ridge, and New Canaan, and in those places he found the people ready to contribute freely to the cause. Whether he will be induced to continue longer in this work or not, your Board is not prepared to say, but one thing is certain the appointment of a permanent agent cannot longer be delayed without serious detriment to the cause.

A RETROSPECT.

In reviewing the work done in the last year. Your Board would acknowledge with gratitude, that while the funds have come short of what they were in preceding years, and while the number of Missionaries in the field has been considerably less; in no year since the society came into existence has it recorded as many conversions to Christ, or as many added by baptism to the churches. In regard to this, the efforts of the Society as far as they have extended, have been signally blessed of God. Let us then seize hold of this as a ground of encouragement for doubling our diligence in this good and great work.

The future of the Society is fraught with necessity and hope. Shall we not then one and all gird on anew the armour of faith and prayer, and "work!" "work!" "work!" until our Master shall say: "Well done good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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List of Subscriptions to the N. B. B. H. Missions in 1856 AND 1857.

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Elisha Turner,	0	5	0
John A. Reid,	0	4	4
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Mrs Barnaby Newcomb,	0	2	6
James Newcomb,	0	1	3
William Fillmore,	0	2	6
James Kinne,	0	1	3
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Miss C. A. Robinson,	0	5	0
Miss E. Robinson,	0	5	0
Samuel Shaw, M. B.,	0	2	6
Mrs. Isabella Rodgers,	0	7	6
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Albert Peck,	0	5	0
John Peck,	0	7	6
Mrs. Reuben Peck,	0	2	6
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George Calhoun, Esq.,	0	5	7 1/2

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John Perry,	0 1 3	Mrs. James Sheridan,	0 2 6
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Daniel Keith,	0 5 0	Miss Mary McPhail,	0 3 14
Stephen Allward,	0 1 3	George Smith,	0 1 5 0
John Keith,	0 2 6	Malcom McPhail,	0 2 6
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Eliza Price,	0 1 3	Deacon N. M. Walker,	2 0 0
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John F. Price,	0 2 6	Amos Hunt,	0 5 0
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Thomas Trueman,	0 2 6		
John Charters,	0 5 0		

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New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in Account
with A. McL. Seely.

		Dr.	
1856.			
Aug. 12.	Paid James Newcomb,		£16 3 0
19.	" P. Knight,		15 0 0
Sept. 5.	" James Trimble, £15; 13th £10 16 8,		25 16 8
16.	" Mr. Mareh per order,		5 0 0
18.	" James Bleakney,		12 9 0
20.	" B. Scott,		15 12 0
23.	" I. Wallace,		2 0 0
"	" John Rowe,		15 0 0
"	" Jas. Newcomb,		14 11 7
25.	" P. Knight,		18 12 4
30.	" S. Bancroft,		5 15 0
"	" I. Wallace,		14 11 0
Oct. 4.	" Printing Minutes		12 10 0
31.	" D. Crandall,		2 6 2
"	" Horse-hire,		9 0 0
Dec. 10.	" J. Blakney,		16 0 0
19.	" E. McInnis,		5 0 0
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Jan. 17.	" James Trimble,		10 0 0
M'ch 23.	" Mr. Rowe,		4 0 0
April 7.	" J. Blakney, £27 13 4, Horse-hire, £1 10; 30 13 4		30 13 4
May 5.	" E. McInnis, £5; (6) P. Knight, £25;		30 0 0
8.	" J. Trimble,		5 0 0
June 9.	" J. Magee,		6 12 2
15.	" Horse-hire, £8; (25) E. McInnis £3;		11 0 0
July 16.	" Jas. Newcomb, (collected),		8 0 0
22.	" D. Crandall, £1 2 6; J. Walker, £10;		11 2 6
27.	" E. H. Duval, £3 10; P. Knight, £7 10;		11 0 0
"	" James Newcomb, (collected),		14 17 6
"	" D. Crandall, (collected),		13 12 7
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Aug. 11.	" J. Trimble, in ac't. £1 12 6; (16) £3 10;		15 2 6
18.	" D. Crandall, in ac't.		2 10 0
Sept. 1.	" Printing Minutes,		12 10 0
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Aug. 7.	By balance, per acct, this date,	£34 10 0	
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the "New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society."

Article 2. The designs of this Society shall be to promote the faithful preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and to spread Bible Christianity throughout the destitute sections of New Brunswick.

Article 3.—Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing 5s. or upwards annually to its funds. Seven pounds ten shillings paid at any one time shall constitute a life member; and any person paying a sum, which in addition to previous contributions shall amount to twenty-five pounds, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one delegate for every five pounds so contributed.

Article 4.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

Article 5.—The Society shall appoint an Executive Committee, exclusive of the officers above named, residing in the City of Saint John and its vicinity. The officers above named shall be members ex officio of the Executive Committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to call its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint Missionaries, and instruct them as to their sphere of labours; shall expend the funds for the objects of their sphere of labours; shall be faithful in the application of the funds for any specific object, as far as possible, in accordance with the wish of the donors; shall employ such agency or agencies for the collection of funds, and for all such purposes as the interests of the Society may demand, and shall make an Annual Report of their proceedings to the Society.

Article 6.—Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive missionary labour in such field as it may designate to an amount at least equal to its contributions; provided such designation be made at the time of appointment.

Article 7.—The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex officio* Directors of this society, and their members shall be members of this society.

Article 8.—The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous annual meeting.

Article 9.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, at an annual meeting.

Form for the Constitution of the Auxiliary.

Article 1.—This Society shall be called the ~~the~~ **Missionary Society—Auxiliary** to the "New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society."

Article 2.—The object of this Society shall be to aid in supplying the destitute with the blessing of the Gospel.

Article 3.—All persons contributing 5s. per annum shall be members of the Society, and every person paying £2 10s. at any one time, shall be a member for life.

Article 4.—The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Board consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Managing Committee, seven of whom shall form a quorum to do business.

Article 5.—The Society shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be agreed upon at a previous meeting, when the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, and such other business transacted as the requirements of the Society may demand.

Article 6.—The Secretary shall keep up such correspondence with the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society as the general interests of the Missionary cause may require.

Rules to be Observed by Missionaries.

Rule 1.—The Missionaries of the Board are expected to communicate with the Corresponding Secretary monthly, and often if necessary; giving a condensed sketch of their labors and such items of intelligence relating to their Mission as may be useful to the Board, or of general interest to the denomination.

2. Each Missionary shall be instructed to form Auxiliaries to the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in the field of his labour, for the purpose of raising funds for the Society, to take collections publicly and privately whenever he can do so with propriety, and in every way he can consistently replenish the funds of the Society.

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things shall be transmitted through the Corresponding Secretary to the Board, and no money shall be paid him by the Treasurer without an order signed by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, or in their absence by three of the members of the Board.

4. Each Missionary shall keep a faithful record of the places visited, the number of sermons preached, of converts baptized, of churches formed, of visits made, of meetings held, of Sabbath Schools established, of Temperance Societies formed, of Tracts distributed, &c., in the course of the year, and report the same to the Corresponding Secretary, at the close of the year.

5. When Missionaries are employed permanently, in case of their wishing to retire from the service of the Board, they must give three months notice to that effect, and no Missionary shall change his field of labour without consent of the Board.

6.—The Missionaries of this Board shall be amenable to the Board for a faithful performance of their duty as Christian Missionaries, and shall be liable to be dismissed at any time for dereliction of duty, or immorality of conduct, or for preaching sentiments in opposition to God's Word.

Regulations of the Board.

Rule 1.—There shall be a meeting of this Board for the transaction of business on the first Monday in every month.

2.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the transactions of the Board.

3.—The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare a faithful report annually of the operations of the Society, which, if judged advisable, shall be printed under the direction of the Society.

4.—No man shall be employed by the Board who cannot furnish satisfactory evidence of good moral and religious character, of consecration under divine influence to the work of the Ministry, and of such mental attainments as shall enable him, with the Divine blessing, faithfully and successfully to fulfil its responsible duties.

5.—In case of wishing to dismiss a Missionary permanently employed, on account of incompetency on his part to fulfil the duties of his calling, or on account of inability on the part of the Board to pay his salary, three months notice shall be given to such Missionary.

Salaries of Missionaries.

The salaries of Missionaries shall be governed by their circumstances and by their field of labor. In every case strict economy shall be observed.

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APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D., 1836.

President, Elder Joseph Crandal.

Vice Presidents, } Elder Samuel Robinson.

 } Hon. W. B. Kinneer.

Treasurer, Solomon Hersey, Esq.

Secretaries, Elder I. E. Bill, and Asa Coy, Esq.

Principal, Elder Isaiah Wallace.

Assistant Teacher, Mr. A. H. Munro.

Every Minister of the denomination is a member of the Board of Directors.

REPORT.

The close of another year calls upon your Committee for a Report of their proceedings during the last twelve months.

The attendance during the year has been 77, and the attendance each week, all the year round has been 46 on an average. The behaviour of the young men has been such, during the whole year, as to merit the unqualified approbation of the Principal, and there has been manifested, on the part of the students, a commendable spirit of application and attention. Four Ministerial Students have been attending the Seminary, three of whom are sustained by the Board for ministerial education, which was formed at the last Association. This method of supporting young men of piety, who desire to receive mental training, but who cannot command the means of doing so, appears admirably adapted for the purpose, and promises to be of lasting benefit to the rising ministry if adequately encouraged by the denomination.

The winter recitations conducted were in the presence of a crowded and respectable audience, who appeared much gratified with the exhibition. The summer examination, in the usual branches of study, took place in the presence of Rev. H. P. Guilford and other friends.

A larger outlay than usual was absolutely required at the commencement of the year to furnish new desks for the Junior Department, this has rendered it necessary to carry the small balance remaining over after paying part off the debt and interest up to the present year, to the general cash account. It appeared to your

Committee far better to pay off all demands for furniture, which would increase the property of the Society, than to allow this to remain as a debt, and diminish the debt out at interest by so small a sum as £25.

The several items received toward the debt of the Seminary will be found in the cash statements; from which it will appear that the amount collected has been sufficient to pay off a mortgage of £125, and the interest of the remainder of the debt for two years, with a small balance in hand, which has been carried to the general account to meet the extraordinary expenses of the year, but which could be refunded next year by prudent management.

In the month of March the Principal tendered his resignation of the situation which he has filled for upwards of 14 years, but as this was made to the Directors of the Society, and did not come before your Committee in the way of business, it will remain for the Directors themselves to furnish the Society with the information of the action taken thereupon.

The Directors would now bring the Report of the Managing Committee to a close by adding what has occurred since the resignation of the highly valued Principal of the Seminary.

On receiving Mr. Spurden's resignation a meeting was held in St. John on the 29th April, called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Rev. Mr. Bill, by advertisement in the *Visitor*, and after much anxious deliberation they signified to Mr. Spurden their deep regret at the prospect of losing his long and valuable services, and their hope, that after a year's absence, which was cheerfully awarded to him on account of Mrs. Spurden's state of health, he would still return to resume his charge, which they would keep open for him, if the successful management of the Seminary should not require a more permanent arrangement on the part of his successor. Mr. Spurden by letter and personal communication intimated that in all events he should require a year's absence, and if during that time he could see his way clear to return, he would gladly do so, excepting in other respects to our conditions as respects the efficiency of the School.

The Board then at a subsequent meeting chose the Revd. Leath Wallace as a suitable person to fill Mr. Spurden's situation for a year, at a salary of £150 and the use of the house, and requested Mr. Munro to continue his services as assistant, at the rate of £100 a year. No replies have as yet been received from those gentlemen. The Board is also to look out for some zealous individual to collect the debt still due on the Seminary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed by the Board,) E. BILL, Chairman.

9th July, 1857.

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Baptist Education Society in account with the Committee.

1856	Balance due,	£10 8 0
July	Dividing Bed Rooms,	8 2 7
	Furniture,	3 6 0
	Painting and Papering,	9 10 0
	Desks and Benches,	30 0 0
	Repairs,	2 19 5
	Stoves and Pipe,	3 8 10
	Bedding,	1 17 11
1857	Printing and Advertising since 1853,	14 15 4
	Sundries,	4 8 11
	Attendance School Rooms,	8 0 0
	Assistant Teacher's Salary,	100 0 0
	Do. do. Drawing fees,	4 5 0
	Principal's Salary,	200 0 0
	Bricks for chimney,	0 14 6
	Balance,	4 15 4
	Cr.—	£406 11 0
1856	Tuition Fees Carpenter,	£1 15 0
and	" " Painter,	3 7 6
1857	" " Stoves,	0 17 6
	" " Printer,	14 15 4
	" " Cash,	104 11 8
	Received Beds,	1 14 3
	Drawing Materials,	0 9 0
	Drawing Fees,	4 5 0
	Balance of Debt account,	24 5 9
	Received for Wood,	0 10 0
	Legislative Grant,	250 0 0
		£406 11 0

Debts due by the Baptist Education Society, July, 1857.

Central Fire Insurance Company Mortgage,	£250 0 0
Mrs. Smith, Note,	200 0 0
	£450 0 0

Examined the above account, and the vouchers connected therewith, and find all correct.

SAMUEL BABBIT.

Contributions towards the Debt of the Baptist Education Society.

1854. Gilbert Spurr,	£5 0 0
do. Elder T. H. Porter,	1 0 0
do. Thomas Lockey,	1 0 0
	£7 0 0

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		Brought up,	£	s	d
			27	0	0
Oct.	1st Hillsborough Church, by	Elder J. H. Hughes,	15	0	0
Dec.	Harvey	Elder L. H. Marshal,	15	0	0
1855.	Kingsclear,	Dea. A. Hart,	5	0	0
Jan.	Cambridge,	Elder T. H. Porter,	6	0	0
	1st Salisbury	Elder J. Crandal,	5	0	0
March.	Elder Benjamin Scott,		5	15	0
	Cambridge, upper section,	Mr. Amos Corry,	2	5	0
	2nd Dorchester,	Mr. Joseph C. Smith,	3	0	0
April.	Cardigan,	Mr. B. Richards,	1	10	0
	Frederickton,	Elder C. Spurden,	13	0	0
May.	Macknaquack,	Elder J. H. Tupper,	6	0	0
	Gondola Point,	Elder D. Crandal,	1	0	0
	Hopewell,	Elder E. F. Foshay,	12	0	0
June.	Rushagornish,	Elder J. Blakeney,	1	5	0
	Simonds,	Elder W. Harris,	3	0	0
	2nd Johnston,	Elder J. Trimble,	1	0	0
Aug.	New Jerusalem,	Elder E. Webb,	3	0	0
	Newcastle,	Mr. G. D. Bailey,	5	0	0
	Canning,	Mr. S. P. Estabrooks,	11	0	0
	Prince William,	Elder J. H. Tupper,	3	0	0
	Ditto,	Elder Saunders,	2	0	0
Sept.	Maugerville,	Mr. B. Cowperthwaite,	10	0	0
	Elder E. N. Harris,		1	5	0
	Mr. Isaiah Wallace,		1	0	0
1856.	T. H. Harding, Esq.		1	0	0
Feb.	William G. Hoben,		5	15	0
	1st Hillsborough Church, E. Association, 1854,		6	10	0
	Cambridge, upper section,	Elder G. Seely,	0	5	0
Sept.	1st St. George,	Elder J. Davis,	1	15	0
	St. John Germain Street,	Elder I. E. Bill,	30	0	0
	Oak Bay,	Mr. Garcelon,	0	10	0
July.	Collected by Elder J. McGee,		25	12	11
	1st St. George,		1	10	0
	Ditto, A. H. Gilmour, Esq.		0	15	6
	Oak Bay,		4	5	0
	St. Andrews,		1	0	0
	Capt. McPharlen,		5	10	0
	Cathie, Donations,		0	5	0
	Mr. Hanson, Bocabeck,		18	4	7
	Brussels Street, St. John,		1	0	0
	Mr. Purrington, by Elder I. E. Bill,		38	3	0
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1855.	Paid Central Fire Insurance Co.	£75 0 0
1856.	Do. do. cancelling mortgage, dated 15th March, 1844,	50 0 0
1856.	Interest on £450, paid to Central Fire Insurance Company, Mrs. Smith, on Note,	15 0 0
1857.	Interest on £450, paid to Central Fire Insurance Company, Do. to Mrs. Smith,	12 0 0
		15 0 0
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		<u>£179 0 0</u>

Carried to general account.

Balance, £24 5 9

C. SPURDEN,

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Monies received by the Treasurer of the E. N. B.
Baptist Association.

	Home	Missions	Minute	Money
Caledonia,	0	0	6	0 2 6
Hampton,	0	0	0	0 3 11
1st Johnston,	0	17	8	0 6 0
1st Salisbury,	4	7	6	0 10 0
1st St. Martins,	0	0	0	0 10 0
1st Sackville,	0	0	0	0 10 0
1st Moncton,	4	10	0	0 17 6
Norton,	1	2	0	0 7 6
Kingston,	0	0	0	0 2 0
2nd Sackville,	0	0	0	0 15 0
2nd Coverdale,	0	0	0	0 4 1
Mill Cove,	0	0	0	0 4 1
2nd Cambridge,	0	0	0	0 15 0
Sussex,	0	5	0	0 7 6
2nd Moncton,	0	16	0	0 3 4
2nd Johnston,	1	0	0	0 8 0
James McLary,	0	5	0	0 0 0
2nd Cambridge,	0	0	0	0 5 3
Harvey, paid James Newcomb,	3	1	3	0 0 0
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1st Coverdale,	0	0	0	0 4 4½
Elgin,	3	5	0	0 7 6
New Canaan,	0	0	0	0 6 10
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4th Springfield,	0	0	0	0 2 6
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Manoah Steeves,	0	5	0	0 0 0
Ammon Fowler,	0	5	0	0 0 0
Mr. A. Fowler,	0	0	0	0 2 6
Church Shediac,	0	0	0	0 2 6
2nd Dorchester,	0	8	6	0 2 6
	£26	5	0	£11 8 7½
Collections at the Association, Moncton,				- 19 0 2
				26 5 0
				£56 13 9½
Less loss in currency,				0 0 11½
				£56 12 10