

# MINUTES

OF THE

## FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT PRINCE WILLIAM,  
SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 4th, 6th, and 7th.

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relating to the Western N. B. Baptist Association, and  
Letters of General Correspondence, may be directed  
to the Rev. I. E. Bill, and R. Thompson,  
St. John, N. B.

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The following minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the [illegible] Association, held on the [illegible] day of [illegible] 185[illegible], at [illegible], are hereby published for the information of the members of the Association.

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THE Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, convened in the Baptist Chapel, in the Parish of Prince William, September the 4th, 1852, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Two hours were spent delightfully in a Ministerial Conference, at the close of which the Association was called to Order by B. Todd, of Woodstock, the only surviving Officer of the past year. The following Officers were chosen :

Rev. S. Robinson, of St. John, Moderator,

“ I. E. Bill, “ Secretary,

“ T. Todd, Assistant Secretary,

Bro. G. A. Garrison, Treasurer.

Bro. Clay, Messenger from Eastern N. S. Association, and other visiting Brethren were invited to take seats, and participate in the deliberations of the Session.

The following Committees were appointed :

*Committee of Arrangement*, Brethren Saunders, W. Harris, Rigby, and M'Adams.

*Committee to prepare the Circular Letter of the present year, in place of Brether Very, to whom this duty had been assigned*, T. Magee, Thomson, Wallace, Maclay, Miles,

*On Special Business*, Dr. Maclay, E. N. Harris, Keeth, Knight, P. Seelye, Colwell, M'Leod.

*On Domestic Missions*, D. Crandall, A. D. Thomson, Hughes, Wallace, Estabrooks, Dea. L. Churchill, T. Todd, Why,

*On Foreign Missions*, Spurden, Clay, Garrison, Cramp, Ballentine, Gooldrup, Charles Steward.

- On *Bible Societies*, D. Cramp, T. Magee, Thomson, Bill, Miles, E. N. Harris, Deacon Locky, J. Tozer, Day, W. Harris, J. Walker, Garrison, J. Crandall.
- On *Sabbath Schools*, T. Todd, Wallace, Rideout, Chaloner, Copperthwaite, How, More.
- On *the Christian Visitor*, Wallace, Spurden, Reid, Dea. Everitt, Miles, Cramp, Robinson.
- On *New Churches*, J. Crandall, T. Magee, J. Walker, Low, Saunders, Watson, Boyne, Rideout.
- On *Colportage*, E. N. Harris, P. Knight, Tozer, Keith, More, J. Reid, Colwell, Viditoe, Day, H. Shafner, Estabrooks, Geo. Campbell.
- On *Union Societies*, M. Leod, Scully, George Curry, G. F. Miles, Dea. B. Churchill, George Campbell, Jesse Estabrooks, Copperthwaite, Dumphy.
- On *the French Mission*, Hughs, Emmerson, Magee, Knight, D. Crandall, J. Crandall.
- On *Education, general and ministerial*, J. Crandall, Cramp, Spurden, Maclay, Ballentine, C. Tupper, Thomson, Walker, Bill, Dea. J. Churchill, Clay, Phillips.
- To *examine and read Letters*, Wallace, Miles, Ballentine, Thomson.
- On *the Claims of Seamen*, E. N. Harris, Clay, Walker, Deacon Maclay.
- On *Temperance*, R. H. Emmerson, Hughes, Spinney, Watson, Dea. Everitt, Clark, W. Harris, S. Estabrook, J. H. Tupper, T. Todd, W. D. Fitch.
- On *the use of Tobacco*, I. E. Bill, Todd, Robinson, Dea. Maclay, Chaloner, W. Harris, J. Crandall, T. Magee, J. Walker, T. W. Saunders.

The Committee of Arrangement, reported appointments for preaching, as follows :

Bro. Clay, Messenger from Eastern N. S., this evening ; Father Crandall, on Sabbath morning ; Bro. Bill, in the afternoon ; and Dr. Maclay, of New York, at 6, Sabbath evening.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Preaching by Bro. Clay, Messenger from Eastern N. S. Baptist Association, on Saturday evening. Meetings on Lord's day, were very numerously attended, and were seasons of deep religious interest.

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Met according to adjournment.

The Committee to prepare the Circular Letter for the present year, recommend that Bro. I. E. Bill write it, and publish it in the Visitor.—  
Adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Association be held next year, at ST. GEORGE, the 1st Saturday in September.

*Resolved*, That Bro. Bill, of St. John, preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Bro. Spurden be his alternate.

*Resolved*, That Bro. Robinson, of St. John, prepare the Circular Letter for next year.

*Voted*, That the expenses of the Delegates of this Association to the Convention be paid.

*Voted*, That the following Brethren be our Delegates to the Convention in Sackville, A. D. Thomson, William Harris, Thos. Magee, and M. Rideout.

*Voted*, That Bro. Robinson be our Delegate to the Eastern Association of New Brunswick, and that his expenses be paid.

*Voted*, That Bro. Bill be our Delegate to the Western Association of Nova Scotia; Bro. Rideout, to the Central; and, Brother Miles, to the Eastern.

*Resolved*, That Bro. Hopkins be our Delegate to the Washington Association, in the State of Maine.

*Voted*, That the Editors of the Christian Visitor superintend the Printing of the Minutes, and that 1000 copies be published.

*Resolved*, That Brethren Tupper, Robinson, and Bill be a Committee to consider the propriety of revising the Declaration of our Faith, and to suggest for consideration any correction which they may deem important.

*Voted*, That the following names be added to the Committee on the Visitor, A. D. Thompson, Sanders, Crandall, and Pond.

Bro. A. Host, to the Committee on Union Societies, and Bro. J. Tupper, on Temperance.

At 10 o'clock, a. m., the introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. Todd, of Woodstock, from Hebrews xii, 21; the Sermon was replete with sound doctrine, and was listened to with solemn attention.

After the Sermon the Letters from the Churches were read.

The following appear from the Letters as Delegates from the Churches :

- Aroostook*, Alfred Todd.  
*Brighton*, Joseph Rideout.  
*Canning*, Elder Keith, Bros. S. P. Estabrook, G. W. Currey.  
*Carleton*, Deacon W. Colwell.  
*Douglas*, Daniel Clark.  
*Do. African*, Brother H. Mires.  
*Fredericton*, Rev. C. Spurden, J. Wallace, J. H. Hughes, J. C. Watson, C. Stewart.  
*Jacksontown*, Deacon Churchill.  
*Keswick*, Elder J. H. Tupper, Thomas Staples, A. Dumphy, C. E. Dumphy.  
*Kingsclear*, Elder Rigby, Aaron Hart.  
*Maugerville*, Elder Emmersoh, J. G. Day, R. Copperthwaite.  
*Nashwaak*, Elder John M'Gee, James Manger, Lambert Pond.  
*Portland*, Thomas Boyne.  
*Prince William*, Elder T. W. Saunders, Wm. McAdam, Manager Atherton, Charles Slood.  
*Simonds*, Edward Wheeler.  
*St. Andrews*, Elder Thomson.  
*1st St. George*, Elder G. F. Miles, Deacon Philo Seelye.  
*2d St. George*, Elder Walker.  
*St. John*, Elder Robinson, Deacons T. Lockey, J. F. Gooldrup, W. Howe.  
*St. John*, Germain Street, Elder I. E. Bill, Deacon Garrison, J. Chaloner.  
*1st St. Patrick*, Elder Thomson.  
*2d Do.* Their Pastor.  
*St. David*, Elder A. D. Thompson.  
*1st St. Stephen's Ledge*, Elder Rideout.  
*Tobique*, Elder Wm. Harris.  
*2d Falls, St. George (New Church)*, Elder G. F. Miles, Brother J. McLeod.  
*Woodstock*, Elder Todd, James Everitt, Isaac Churchill.

Adjourned until half-past three o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. E. N. Harris.

As no business was in readiness for discussion, the Association adjourned for fifteen minutes.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Silas Viditoe.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their Report, which reads thus—

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report :

That it is very gratifying to them to witness the onward march of Sabbath Schools, deeming it, as they do, a most powerful auxiliary for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom in the world, and the dissemination of evangelical religion. We would urge the claims of the Sabbath Schools upon every Pastor and Parent in our Churches ; and as a great means of promoting the interest, and giving influence to this institution, they recommend each School to be supplied with a well selected Library, and also the establishment and continuation of Bible Classes for the thorough instruction of the Teachers. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. TODD, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Report on the Bible Cause reads as follows—

The Committee on the Bible Cause, beg to report, that on the formation of the Union Society of this Province, it was agreed that one of its objects should be to aid Baptist Missionaries to the heathen, in translating and circulating the Sacred Scriptures. Considerable sums of money have been raised from year to year, by the Union Society, and by Agents from the United States, for this important object.

It is hoped by your Committee that the Churches will continue to evince a laudable zeal in the cause by contributing liberally to the Union Society funds. Believing also that it is the duty of the people of God to supply all nations with the Word of Life, faithfully translated into their respective languages, the Committee trust that the Churches composing this Association will conscientiously discharge that duty by rendering such aid to comprehensive Bible efforts, as may be in their power, in harmony with the just claims of the local objects and institutions to which they are already pledged.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

Remarks by Brethren Cromb, Tupper, and Dr. Maclay. Unanimously adopted.

The Report on Colportage reads as follows—

The past history of the fruitful and happy results of Colportage, warrant your Committee in pronouncing it second only to the Gospel of Jesus, as an agency for good.

We are happy to know that the labors of your Colporteurs, hitherto employed in this Province, furnish the most satisfactory encouragement to go on with increased interest, and enlargement in this branch of Christian benevolence.

We are happy, in referring to your Depository, to know that it is not only rich in Books and materials for Colportage, but that it also abounds with a great variety of School, Theological and other good Books, which may be had at low prices.

EDWARD N. HARRIS, Chairman.

Spoken to by several of the Bretheren and adopted.

Report on the Claims of Seamen—

The Committee to whom was referred this most interesting subject beg leave to report, That they are struck with its magnitude numerically, for the waters of the globe now teem with about three millions of souls, three hundred thousand of whom are identified with the British Nation ; and as these hardy sons of the deep have to do with people of all nations, they present to the Christian Philanthropist an ocean field of labor, that promises more than any other ; inasmuch as every converted sailor becomes a missionary for good. Hence, we recommend that seamen be especially remembered at a Throne of Grace, that opportunity be improved on rivers, in ports, and at sea, for their instruction and salvation. We rejoice at what is being done for them in trans-atlantic ports, and in the United States of America. We trust that the promise of our God will soon be realized, which declares that the abundance of the Sea shall be converted unto Christ.

EDWARD N. HARRIS, Chairman.

Address by Dr. Maclay, and Brethren Walker and E. N. Harris. Adopted.

*Resolved*, That Brethren Bill and Cramp prepare a Memorial for the late E. D. Very, and S. Elder, for insertion in the Minutes.

*Voted*, That the Pastor of the Church in St. George, H. E. Seeley, and Deacon Mann, be a Committee to make arrangement for the next Association.

Adjourned until half past Seven o'clock this evening. Prayer by Bro. Rideout.

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Evening Session:

Met according to adjournment. Services commenced by singing, reading the Scriptures and Prayer by Bro. Spurden.

Report on the French Mission reads as follows :

The Committee on French Mission, beg leave to report, that they feel great pleasure in presenting the claims of that long neglected though interesting people. We rejoice to learn that a wide and effectual door is opened among them for Christian effort, inasmuch as they cordially receive your beloved Missionary, and are anxious to hear from him the truth as it is in Jesus, notwithstanding the opposition of their oppressive priests.

We are happy also to state that the Churches and friends generally have contributed nobly to the Mission : and we still recommend the Missionary and his benighted hearers to your prayers and contributions, believing that God will own and bless the efforts of his people, to promote his glory in the conversion of souls. All which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. HUGHES, Chairman.

Interesting addresses were delivered on the subject of the Mission, by Brethren Knight, D. Crandall, Maclay, and Miles. Report adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Committee appointed by the Eastern Association, to take charge of the French Mission, be regarded as acting in that department for this Association also.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, a. m.

Met according to appointment. Prayer by Bro. Cramp.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows :

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report :  
That they are much gratified with the success that has hitherto

attended the efforts of the friends of Temperance in this Province, and believing it to be a cause demanding the sympathies of every true friend of man, would earnestly recommend that all our Churches, particularly our Missionaries, lend their united co-operation in forwarding the important object of our Temperance institutions, viz : the abolishment of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, from our Province.

Your Committee are happy to learn that the principles of the so called, Maine Law, have been brought before the Legislatures of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. Although the enemies of this good cause may retard its progress for a little, by their united effort, yet your Committee feel confident that victory will ultimately be proclaimed on our side, and that the day will soon dawn when (questionable) legal permission to vend the means of drunkenness, temptation, misery, and crime, will be deemed as inconsistent with British liberty, as would be permission to rob, to murder, and to sell into hopeless slavery the bodies and the souls of men ; let us then go forward, believing that the God of heaven, who has hitherto helped us will continue to be with us. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. EMMERSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on the use of Tobacco reported—

The Committee on the use of Tobacco, beg to report :

Whereas the Lord's people are solemnly exhorted to shun the *very appearance of evil*, and whereas the prevalent use of Tobacco by the people of these Provinces, is believed to be an evil of *great magnitude*, inasmuch as the use of this poisonous weed is deliterious in its effect upon property, health, morals, and religion, and frequently leads the young to habits of dissipation and vice, in their most direful forms, therefore

*Resolved*, that all Gospel ministers, and Christian people, should exert themselves to the utmost, both by *precept* and *example*, to check the progress of a practice, so destructive in its present influence and final results.

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on the Declaration of the Faith, and Practice of our Churches, reported in favor of a thorough revision, at the same time carefully preserving every sentiment, which the Declaration now contains. After some discussion it was judged advisable not to revise, but to publish as

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Report on Union Societies read, as follows—

The Committee of the Union Society, beg to report :

That while they recognize and would desire to be impressed with a profound sense of the Omnipotence and sufficiency of Divine grace, to accomplish all the purposes of God's mercy in redeeming a lost world, and in building up his people in their holy faith ; they are constrained to express their sincere belief that habits of Christian benevolence and liberality, or in other words, a desire to contribute of our worldly substance, according as God hath prospered us, for the promotion of those objects which make for the glory of God and the furtherance of his cause ; should ever be held to be the imperative duty of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, and should be regarded as a necessary result of God's grace, when implanted in the heart of the believer. In regard to the propriety of adopting and being regulated in our contributions to religious and benevolent objects, by the principles of Union Societies, they would by no means desire to restrict the liberality of those whose hearts the Lord hath opened, and to whom he has given abundantly of the Bounties of his Providence, to the scale of contribution established by the Unions ; yet they can conceive of no method better calculated to impress on all a sense of their obligation to contribute to the cause of Christ.

They would only further remark that taking into account the expense necessarily attending the employment of a special agent for the object of the Union, they would strongly recommend the formation of Union Societies in connexion with all our churches, to be under the particular supervision of the Pastor and other officers of the churches, with which they are connected. On behalf of the Committee.

J. McLEOD, Convener.

Discussed, and then adopted.

Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial of deceased Brethren, was read and unanimously adopted. [ It will be found embodied in the Circular Letter.]

Report on Foreign Missions reads as follows :

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following Report :

That this Association stands pledged to the Foreign Missionary work in connection with the Brethren in Nova Scotia, and though God in his Providence has interrupted their labor in the foreign

field, by the illness of their beloved Brother Burpe, they are animated by the same spirit of devotedness as ever, to a service which is in entire harmony with the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. While therefore, they learn with regret, that the health of Brother Burpe is not restored sufficiently to allow of his returning to the scene of his ministrations abroad, it affords them great satisfaction to know that the Board accepted the services of their esteemed Brother Arthur Crawley, and they trust soon to hear that the arrangements for his departure are completed: unless it should be deemed advisable for him first to become acquainted with the churches at home, by visiting among them.

CHARLES SPURDEN, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Domestic Missions reads thus—

The Committee on Domestic Missions, having investigated this very important part of our Christian enterprize, find on examination, that many parts of our Province are destitute of the Preaching of the glorious Gospel of Christ, recommend that the services of some of our ministering brethren be secured as soon as possible, in order that this great want may be supplied; your Committee would also recommend, that misisters thus employed should do all in their power to increase the Domestic Funds. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. CRANDALL, Chairman.

Discussed and adopted.

Report of the Charlotte County, Home Missionary Board, was read and accepted.

*Resolved*, That Brethren A. Hartt, S. Estabrooks, Everett, and Macadams be a Committee to examine the Reports of Delegates to corresponding Associations, and report.

Sermon by Dr. Cramp.

Report on Education reads as follows :

The Committee on Education are assured that the Churches feel deeply interested in the diffusion of knowledge, and the prosperity of our Educational Institutions.

They have perused with much pleasure the Report of the Education Society, and rejoice in the continued success of the Institution at Fredericton, under the able superintendence of the Rev. Charles Spurden. That seminary, they cannot but believe will continue to be encouraged and sustained by the members of our Churches.

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Referring for further information to the statements which have been published in the *Christian Visitor*, respecting Acadia College, its condition, progress, and prospects, the Committee have to express their deep sympathy with the friends of the College on the recent distressing calamity, by which so many valuable lives were suddenly swept away; may that dark and mysterious affliction be sanctified to all concerned!

The effort to procure the endowment for the Acadia College, your Committee regard as eminently judicious, and *absolutely necessary*. Without an endowment the College cannot be successfully carried on. Should the present effort fail, the institution must wither and decay, and its existence be hereafter known only as matter of history. Such a catastrophe would be calamitous and disgraceful in the highest degree, to the Baptist denomination. Your Committee trust it will not be permitted to occur.

The Committee beg to recommend that the following Resolution be passed:

*Resolved*, That the Churches of this Association be earnestly recommended to encourage the efforts to endow Acadia College, by contributing liberally to the endowment fund, and thus manifesting an enlightened zeal in the cause of Education.

Entertaining also a strong conviction of the importance of Education to Christian Ministers, the Committee conclude by suggesting to the Churches the desirableness of adopting measures to secure to candidates for the ministry, the opportunity of gaining instruction on the various branches of knowledge.

CHARLES TUPPER, Chairman.

Addresses by Brethren Tupper, Cramp, Clay, Thomson, and Walker: Report Adopted.

Report on the *Christian Visitor* reads thus—

The Committee on the *Christian Visitor*, report that they desire to submit to the solemn dispensation that has deprived them of the labours of the late Editor of their religious Journal, Elder E. D. Very, and feel thankful to God that they were permitted to enjoy his valuable services so long.

They would give expression to the satisfaction they feel with the appointment of Elders I. E. Bill and R. Thomson, to succeed our departed Brother, as associate Editors of the *Christian Visitor*, and hope they may have the confidence and co-operation of the Ministers and Brethren throughout the Province in discharging their arduous duties.

They rejoice at the success that has attended the labors of Bro. Wallace, the Travelling Agent of the *Visitor*, in increasing its circulation. We learn from his statement, that since June last he has added upwards of 200 Subscribers to the list, besides collecting about £120 of subscriptions.

We are pleased to learn that arrangements have been entered into for enlarging and improving the paper, at the end of the present quarter, and we truly hope that the Christian Visitor, founded as it is upon purely Christian principles, may continue to increase in its circulation ; to this end they ask the prayers and assistance of all who love the Saviour. In behalf of the Committee.

CHARLES SPURDEN, Chairman.

**Report Adopted.**

Report of the Seminary in Fredericton was read, accepted, and Ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

*Voted,* That Brother Todd's expenses as a Delegate to the N. S. Association, be paid.

*Resolved.* That this Association rejoice in the presence of our highly esteemed Bro. the Rev. Dr. Maclay, that we offer grateful acknowledgements to Almighty God for the preservation of his valuable life, amid manifold dangers since he last visited us ; and that we present our earnest prayers, that his useful life may long be continued to the militant Church, and when his race on earth shall have terminated, that he may receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not away.

*Resolved,* That this Association being deeply interested in the completion of the endowment plan, in behalf of Acadia College, and feeling assured, that the co-operation of Dr. Maclay, at the present time, would be of immense advantage in securing this object, we respectfully recommend to the Board of Governors to engage our esteemed Brother, if possible, to labor in conjunction with Dr. Cramp, for a few weeks, in this cause.

*Resolved,* That the cordial thanks of this Association be given to the people of Prince William, for their kindness and hospitality, as expressed during the present Session.

Adjourned, to meet in the Baptist Chapel in St. George, the First Saturday in September, 1853, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Prayer and Benediction by the Moderator.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER

*Of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.*

DEAR BRETHREN, The esteemed Brother appointed to prepare this Circular, is resting *quietly* in his *grave* at Wolfville. Mysterious Providence! Dear Brother Elder appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, *slumbers* also in *death*. *How unfathomable are the ways of God!* Be still, oh my soul, and know that Jehovah reigns! In these events we clearly see that man's arrangements, are, at best dubious: and that they are dependant upon the supremacy of the *Infinite mind*, to give them fulfilment and efficiency. To that supremacy we must all humbly bow, praying that these painful visitations may be sanctified to the good of all.

The Association having appointed me, to perform the duty that was assigned to Bro. Very, and that would have been so well fulfilled by him, had his valuable life been spared. I feel that I cannot do better, than just to embody in this Circular, as its soul, the following *Memorial*, expressing the united sentiment of the Association, in relation to these dear Brethren, and deducing some practical inferences from the facts there recorded:

"The Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial of deceased Brethren, present the following Report:

The Rev. SAMUEL ELDER, late Pastor of the Church in Fredericton, died in Philadelphia, on the 23d May last. He had been Pastor of that Church six years. As a laborious student and independent thinker he had few equals. He was ever gathering up knowledge, though not for himself only, but that he might scatter it abroad among his fellow creatures. His observations on men and affairs displayed singular shrewdness and sound judgment, amiable and lovely in his temper, he was universally beloved. In the pastoral relation he showed a practical regard to the apostolic injunction: "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation to doctrine," and "his profiting appeared unto all." His bereaved flock will cherish his memory, with grateful and affectionate regard.

The Rev. E. D. VERY, was drowned in the Bay of Minas, with Bro. Chipman, and four of the students of Acadia College, on the 7th June last. He was a man greatly beloved, and held in high honor among his brethren. The intelligence of his sudden removal, under circumstances so wonderful and affecting, called forth expressions of sorrow and sympathy, from every part of these Provinces.

Brother Very's mental characteristics were, deepness of conception, and massiveness of thought. He was bold, manly, and

decided, firmly holding the truth, and fearlessly exposing error, yet ever cultivating benevolence and love toward the brethren, and toward all men.

The services he rendered our denomination, will cause his name to be held in lasting remembrance. By his judicious management of the Christian Visitor, and the zeal and skill with which he conducted the Colportage and Book Depository departments, he spread useful knowledge, excited a love of literature, stimulated inquiry, and contributed, in an eminent degree, to the intellectual progress of the people, and to their spiritual improvement. Succeeding years will show the wisdom of his plans, and the far-reaching sagacity of his arrangements.

As a Christian pastor, our departed Brother was truly exemplary. He fed the church with knowledge and understanding, and "rightly divided the word of truth." Although so much of his time was necessarily occupied in the public duties above alluded to, he attended the flock as a watchful and wise shepherd, and provided for all its wants. The best evidence of his efficiency, is the profound grief that has been manifested on account of his death, and the general conviction of the difficulty which will be encountered in seeking a suitable successor.

God has removed our brethren. It is *his* act—and it is righteous, wise, and good, notwithstanding the mystery in which it is shrouded. Let us humbly bow before him, in the meekness of resignation, and pray for sanctifying grace. Let us also follow our beloved brethren, as they followed Christ.

J. M. CRAMP.  
I. E. BILL."

The places of these dear Brethren, whose characters are thus briefly sketched, are vacant. We see them not in our solemn assemblies; and we hear not their voices, and enjoy not their councils, when we meet to deliberate upon measures relative to the spread of truth, and the salvation of the world. Their tongues and their pens, that were wont to be employed so actively and vigorously in defence of the truth, are *silenced forever* by the *awful power of death*; and their sun, that has shown so brightly upon us, has gone to shine in heaven. But, brethren, this righteous Providence speaks loudly to us who survive. Those tongues that were once so powerful and eloquent, when they talked of Christ, and summoned the Church to action, are still; but in that very stillness God utters his voice, and addresses to us an *awfully solemn message*. What does he say? "*Be ye also ready.*"

Again, the departure of our brethren reminds us of an augmented responsibility resting upon ourselves. As Ministers and Churches we have a great work to do in this growing country. This work is accumulating upon our hands every day, and every hour. It demands of us enlightened judgment, united sentiment, and combined effort. A number of our Churches, as appears from our statistics,

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are exceedingly feeble, and are all but twice dead, "plucked up by the roots." They need resuscitating. Vast tracts of country are, in respect to religion, lying waste. These must be cultivated. Thriving villages are springing up that demand an enlightened ministry. Sabbath Schools, Tract distribution, and Colportage, are recognized as powerful auxiliaries in advancing truth; but they exist with us only in infancy, and require additional vigor and expansion. Periodicals, conducted on sound principles; and a healthful religious literature, should be widely diffused. General and ministerial education, has increasingly pressing claims. And the present lamentable destitution in relation to pastoral labor, in many of our large Churches forbids us to rest until they are supplied. Now just add to all this, the urgent calls upon our benevolence, from perishing millions in distant climes, and we begin to form some faint conception of what we have to do.

Our Brethren departed, felt the magnitude of all these interests, and performed well their part, but they are gone, leaving the work to other hearts and to other hands. The trust these fellow-laborers have committed to us, is one of *overwhelming import*. It is so, because it gathers about it all the solemnities of an eternal reckoning. Let us therefore be cautious how we deal with it.

We shall be aided no more, in this work, by the *amiability, piety, and eloquence of SAMUEL ELDER*; or by the *discernment, decision, integrity, and energy of E. D. VERY*, but if faithful to our trust, our *ever-living Saviour* will be with us; and will condescend to use us, as humble instruments in his hand, of greatly increasing the number of the faithful upon the earth, and of multiplying, ultimately, happy spirits before the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The claims then of earth and of heaven, of time and of eternity, blend in delightful harmony with the *solemn Providence* which sent a chariot of love for Brethren Elder and Very, to take them to the heavenly world, demanding of us, in God's name, *that we work while the day lasts*.

May we so live, that every passing moment may find us in readiness to depart and to be with Christ, and may we so die, as to be able to say, in the retrospect of the past, and in the anticipation of the future, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." *Amen.*

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*Amount of Monies paid in to the Treasurer of the Association, viz:*

From Churches for Minute Money	£10 15 1
James Murphy, for Amr. Foreign Bible Society	1 5 0
Received for the Union Society, viz:	
From 1st St. George Church	£20 7 6
2d St. George	5 17 6
St. George, 2d Falls	7 16 3
Canning Church	7 1 7
Fredericton	7 14 0
Nashwaak	3 5 0
Maugerville	4 10 1
Woodstock	4 11 10
Prince William	2 9 0
New Jerusalem	1 5 0
1st St. Patrick's	1 0 0
2d St. Patrick's	0 16 0
St. Andrew's	0 15 0
King's Clear	0 5 0
Douglas (African Church)	0 8 3
Penfield Church	0 5 0
Dunfries (donation)	0 10 0
Brighton Church (donation)	0 12 5
Dea. Thomas Loakey	0 5 7½
Elder George Rigby	
	<u>£69 6 17</u>

*Amount of Collection at the Association*

*Received for French Missions, viz:*

From 1st St. George Church	£4 2 6
St. George, 2d Falls	2 2 3
Maugerville Church	1 0 0
Keawick	0 10 0
Canning Church, by S. P. Estabrooks	0 10 0
Chipman Church	0 10 0
Nashwaak	0 7 6
Thomas Bridges	2 0 0
Elijah Miles	1 0 0
John Magee	0 7 0
Mrs. J. Smith	0 5 0
Miss M. Copperthwaite	0 2 5
Miss Joseph Read	0 5 0
Amount of Collection for French Mission	2 10 5
	<u>£15 12 1</u>

Total amount received £103 15 9

GEORGE A. GARRISON,  
Treasurer.

St. John, Sept. 9, 1852.

Churches by their Letters report as follows:

Brussel Street Church, St. John for Union Society	£12 8 2
Foreign Missions	2 10 0
Domestic Missions	2 10 0
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Germain Street Church, St. John, for the Union Soc.	£17 8 2
Portland Church, St. John, for the Union Society	26 8 8
Missionary,	10 11 3 1/2
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Woodstock Church, for the Union Society	£6 1 8
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For Foreign Missions, paid R. E. Burpe,	£5 8 6 1/2
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GEORGE A. GARRISON,  
Treasurer.

Charlotte County Missionary Board, in Account with Henry E. Seelye.

Dr.		
To Paid Elder A. D. Thomson, 3 weeks' Mission	£4 10 0	
do. Thomas Magee, 4 ditto	6 0 0	
Balance on hand	5 14 9	
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By Dividend from Central Board, including old Bal.	£14 4 9	
Cash collected by Elder Thomson	1 0 0	
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## ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	Date of Formation.	Additions.		Removed.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Money for Praying the Minutes.		
		By Baptism.	By Letter.								
† Aroostook.	1843	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	£0 5 0		
* Andover,	1832	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	0 5 0		
Brighton,	1833	1	—	—	—	2	1	20	0 0 0		
* Blissville,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	132	0 0 0		
Canning.	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	37	0 7 4		
* Cardigan,	1820	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	0 0 0		
Carleton,	1841	1	2	—	1	1	3	95	0 10 0		
Chipman.	1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	0 5 0		
* Dipper Harbour,	1847	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	0 0 0		
Douglas,	1844	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	0 3 9		
Douglas, (African,)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	0 2 2		
Dumfries,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63	0 0 0		
Fredericton,	1814	—	2	—	—	3	1	74	0 10 6		
* Grand Manan,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	0 0 0		
* Greenwich,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	0 0 0		
Jacksontown,	1833	1	—	—	—	1	1	50	0 5 7½		
Keswick,	—	4	1	1	—	—	—	57	0 5 0		
Kingsclear,	1825	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	0 5 0		
* Little South West,	1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	0 0 0		
Maugerville	1839	1	—	—	—	—	—	69	0 8 6		
* Northesk,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0 0 0		
Nashwaak,	1804	1	—	—	—	—	—	26	0 5 9		
* Newcastle,	1846	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	0 0 0		
New Jerusalem,	1848	1	1	—	—	—	—	26	0 3 6		
Pennfield,	1819	1	—	—	—	—	—	59	0 2 6		
Portland,	1842	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	0 10 0		
Prince William,	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	142	0 5 0		
* Rushagornish,	1846	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	0 0 0		
Simonds,	1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	0 5 0		
St. Andrews	1806	3	—	—	—	—	1	23	0 5 0		
St. David,	1806	1	—	—	—	—	—	30	0 3 9		
1st St. George,	1806	47	4	—	37	69	—	143	0 15 0		
2nd St. George,	1845	30	—	—	—	—	2	5	145	0 5 0	
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1st St. Patrick,	—	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	0 5 0
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Woodstock,	1842	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	61	0 6 5
† 2nd Falls, St. Geo.	1851	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	73	0 5 7
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\*No Letters received.

† Received this Session.

**LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS**  
**IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DATE ORDINATION.
James Tozer,	Ludlow,	March, 1826.
William Harris,	Pobique,	February, 1830.
Thomas Magee,	Saint James,	March, 1831.
Thos. W. Saunders,	Prince William,	July, 1832.
Samuel Robinson,	Saint John,	August, 1832.
A. D. Thompson,	Saint Andrews,	May, 1834.
James Walker,	Saint George,	January, 1839.
John Magee,	Nashwaak,	January, 1840.
Charles Spurden,	Fredericton,	April, 1841.
George Rigby,	Kingsclear,	March, 1842.
James H. Tupper,	Keswick,	March, 1844.
William L. Hopkins,	Penfield,	November, 1845.
William D. Fitch,	Salmon River,	January, 1845.
R. H. Emerson,	Maugerville,	August, 1852.
George F. Miles,	St. George,	October, 1844.
Gideon Estabrooks,	Simonds,	July, 1847.
William A. Coleman,	Sackville,	October, 1848.
Thomas Todd,	Woodstock,	October, 1848.
Ebenezer Webb,	New Jerusalem,	1850.
Edmund McInnis,	Grand Manan,	1850.
I. E. Bill,	St. John,	March, 1829.
R. Thorson,	St. John,	May, 1826.

**LICENSED TO PREACH.**

Wm. Grenley, Joseph Catharine, Isaiah Wallace, Rich'd. Wells.

**NOTE.—Whole number of Churches composing this Association, 42; Ordained Ministers, 22; Licentiates, 4.**

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LIST OF ORGANIZED MINISTERS  
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## NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D., 1836.

*President*, Elder Joseph Crandal.  
*Vice Presidents*, Elder Samuel Robinson and  
 Hon. W. B. Kinnear.  
*Treasurer*, Solomon Hersey, Esq.  
*Secretaries*, Elder I. E. Bill and Asa Coy.  
*Principal*, Elder Charles Spurden.  
*Assistant Teacher*, Mr. Thomas B. Smith.  
 Every Minister of the Denomination is a Member of the Board  
 of Directors.  
*Managing Committee*, for the ensuing year, Charles Spurden,  
 Samuel W. Babbit, James P. A. Phillips, W. S. Estey,  
 and William Sewell.

The Tuition Fees are 10s., 15s., and 20s. a term, according to  
 the age of the Pupil. Fuel 2s. 6d. a Term.  
 Board in the Seminary 8s. 6d. per week. This charge, besides  
 Board, includes the washing of six articles, and necessary attend-  
 ance. Each Student makes his own arrangement for bed and  
 bedding.

The Course of Study includes the usual Branches of a Commer-  
 cial, Classical and Mathematical Education.

### REPORT:

In presenting a Report of their proceedings during the past year,  
 the Committee rejoice to state that the Seminary at Fredericton still  
 continues in a prosperous condition; the number of Students and  
 Pupils has been steadily increasing, and, during the year, has been  
 larger than for many years past; sixty-five having been under in-  
 struction at the Seminary, and the average weekly attendance  
 having been over forty. They cannot but regard the increase in  
 numbers, which has marked the past year, as an indication of pros-  
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the Great Disposer of all things. Convinced as they are that upon the efficiency of our Educational Institutions depends, under God, much of the future welfare and advancement of the Denomination in these Provinces, they are rejoiced at witnessing the slightest evidence of increasing interest on the subject, especially when it presents itself in the form of extending confidence in the Institution whose operations they are employed in directing.

From the statement of the cash account it will be seen that the debt has been reduced full Twenty Pounds this year; and in this way the liabilities of the Society have become limited to the two sums that bear interest, amounting together to £575. The Committee have authorized the outlay of a large sum on repairs and painting, which were absolutely required for the preservation and appearance of the building; and which they would have undertaken earlier, had they felt themselves justified in adding to the debt of the Society; presuming however that they may rely upon their resources being undiminished during the coming year, they have ventured to incur liabilities for most urgent repairs, which they feel convinced the Society will approve and sustain.

The Committee are gratified to learn that a most friendly feeling is entertained towards the Institution in many parts of the Province; and that a disposition extensively prevails to make a united effort to clear off the debt of the Society, which is annually absorbing a large part of income in the shape of interest. This evidence of growing confidence and sympathy affords them much encouragement; and they have only been deterred from attempting to liquidate the debt, by the pressing claims of Acadia College, and the necessity which exists for securing an endowment in order to its efficiency, if not its very existence. They have therefore, for the present, cheerfully abandoned all thought of dividing the interests of the friends of education, and presenting any claim that might in the least interfere with so important and noble an object, as that of placing the College on a footing of permanent security.

The Committee have the mournful duty of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of their esteemed Brother, the late Rev. Samuel Elder, of whose counsel and co-operation they have been deprived by death, since the presentation of their last Report. The intelligent interest which he always took in the prosperity of the Institution; the stimulus afforded by his own high position in mental cultivation; the advantage of his ministerial labours to the young men who attended the Seminary; his fraternal intercourse with those who had contemplated the dedication of their lives to the duties of the Christian Ministry; the salutary and judicious advice which he never failed to give on every occasion of perplexity; all combined to render him a most valuable auxiliary to the Committee and Officers of the Institution. May the Lord who has removed his servant from these ministrations on earth, cause his example and counsels to be beneficially remembered by those who enjoyed his fellowship.

The Committee cannot close their Report without adverting to the painful stroke, by which the Education Society, in common with every other denominational enterprise, has been deprived of the able and powerful advocacy of the late Rev. E. D. Very; while they unite with a sister institution in deploring the untimely end of the late lamented Professor Chipman. The removal of these valued brethren, at the present crisis, appears fraught with momentous consequences to the entire body. They desire to be taught submission under this sad bereavement, and pray that the Lord will be graciously pleased to supply the vacancies, which have thus been made in the churches of Christ, and the schools of the Prophets.

In behalf of the Committee

CHARLES SPURDEN.

*The Baptist Education Society, in account with the Executive Committee.*

1851	DR.		
Dec.	Balance due the Committee,	£8	9 0
	Mrs. S. Smith, Interest,	12	0 0
1852	Stovepipe, &c.	2	0 0
Jan.	Part Kitchen Stove for Stewart's department	3	0 0
	Eight cords Hard Wood, 13s.	5	0 0
	Cutting Wood	0	6 3
	Repairs, Plastering, &c.	1	6 6
	Sundries, Glass, Postage, &c.	1	18 5
	Steward for attending school rooms one year,	0	8 0
June	Principal's salary, one year	200	0 0
	Assistant Teacher's do. do.	70	0 0
	Printing and advertising,	6	8 9
	Central Fire Insurance Company, interest,	22	10 0
	Mrs. S. Smith, interest	12	0 0
	Balance	13	11 5
1851	CR.	£366	14 4
Sept.	Mr. H. Es Seelye, donation,	50	5 0
	Rev. G. F. Miles, do.	5	0 0
Dec.	Treasurer of General Union,	27	7 6
	Tuition Fees in Cash,	82	8 1
	Do. do. in Printing, &c.	6	8 9
	Legislative Grant,	250	0 0
		366	14 4



Statement of debts due by the N. B. Baptist Education Society, July 1st, 1852.

Amount due the Central Fire Insurance Co. in bonds,	£375	0	0
Do. due Mrs. S. Smith on Note,	200	0	0
	<u>£575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The above account has been examined by me and found correct.  
SAMUEL W. BABBIT.

Frederickton, June, 1852.

STATISTICS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Vols. in Library.	REMARKS.
Canning,	1 60	8	100	8 baptized.
Carleton,	1 60	10		
Frederickton,	1 70	10		
Keswick,	3 150	18	284	Prosperous.
Maugerville,	1 20	10	100	Prosperous.
Nashwank,	1 40	6	100	
Penfield,	1 55	8	150	
Portland,	1 112	20	300	In a very healthy state.
Prince Williams,	1 30	3	100	
St. Andrews,	3 90	18	300	Prosperous.
St. George,	1 100	14	300	Prosperous.
St. James,	1 45	4	125	Very Prosperous.
St. John, B. st.	3 290	31	630	Flourishing. Baptized 4.
St. John, G. st.	1 150	18	300	Prosperous. Baptized 5.
1st St. Patrick,	2 90			Very promising. Good Library.
2nd St. Patrick,				Flourishing.
Woodstock,				In a very prosperous condition.
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## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association, composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall be members of the Churches which they represent, shall be styled 'The Western N. B. Baptist Association.'

ART. 2. The Association shall meet Annually, at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Saturday of September, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The Meeting shall be opened with Social Conference, after which the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ART. 3. Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4. At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for the vote of a Moderator, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator, to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, nominate Committees, and maintain due order among the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during their Session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminution within the last year; and generally of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

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

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

ART. 8. Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of concurring any church or Minister in

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our connexion, which to us shall appear to be *unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice.* In order however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their inquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ART. 9. Alterations or amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time such as experience may dictate.

**A DECLARATION**

**OF THE FAITH, PRACTICE, AND COVENANT OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST, COMPOSING THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

- ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth; Dent. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Psal. lxc. 2; Jer. x. 10; Isa. vi. 3; Exod. xxxiv. 6, 7.
- 2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, who are but one God, the same in substance equal power and glory: 1 John v. 7; Acts v. 3, 4.
- 3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our *only rule of Faith and practice*: Acts xx. 32; 2 Tim. iii. 15—17.
- 4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, hath foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18; Rom. ix. 17—28; Act. ii. 24; Psal. lxxvi. 10.
- 5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power: Exod. xx. 11; Heb. i. 3, Dan. ix. 25.
- 6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen. i. 26—27; Gen. ii. 15, 17; Gal. iii. 12.
- 7. That man being left to himself, soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 12—19.
- 8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly from God: Hos. xiii. 9, Eph. 11, 8; John vi. 44.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and for ever: Rom. viii. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5; John vi. 37—39; Rev. vii. 9; Tit. ii 14; Mark xv. 16; 2 Tim. ii. 10; Mat. xii. 33; Rev. xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God that ever liveth to make intercession for us: Heb. x. 5, 19; Dan. ix 24; Heb. vii. 25.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and he only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement made by Christ to every elect soul: John iii. 5—8; and xvi. 7—16.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefits of this atonement by convincing us of our sinful, lost and miserable condition, and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as he is exhibited in the gospel, in his suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace him with our whole souls, by which he made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption: John xvi. 8; Cor. i. 30.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedience to His holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3; Mat. xxiii. 26; Eph. ii. 10.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him for ever. They have communion with God, and by his Spirit they are united with each other and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces: John iii. 15, 16, and x 28; Rom. viii. 17; Rev. iii. 21; 1 John i. 3; Rom. i. 11; Phil. i. 7.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's day, is the Christian Sabbath: Mat. xxiii. 1—6; John xx. 19; Rev. i. 10; Heb. iv. 8—10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate

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17. That there will be a general resurrection both of the just and unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works; when the wicked shall be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal, John v. 28, 29; Rom. ii. 16; Mat. 27, and 25, 46.

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*Concerning a visible Church of Christ, and its Discipline.*

1. We beleave that a particular and visible Church of Christ is a number of Believers, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth his declarative glory, and for their own edification, 1 Pet. ii. 5; 1 Cor. i. 2; Acts ii. 42, 47.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ, to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter, that is to say, that those are to be admitted to the communion of the Church, and to partake of all his Ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their Faith have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23—26; Acts ii. 42, and ix 18—26, and viii. 12, 36, 39; Mat. iii. 6—16; Rom. 4; Col. ii. 12; John iii. 33; John i. 9, 10; Acts viii. 36—39.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the Ordinances, therefore the door of the Church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ; 1 Cor. xi. 27, 29; Mat. vii. 6, 15—20; Ezek. v. 7, 9; Isai. xxvi. 2; 1 Pet. ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered, hath power to choose, and by Ordain those Officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some such cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of neighbouring Churches of Christ; Acts i. 23—26, and vi. 3—6; Num. i. 10; Mat. ii. 15—18; Acts xv.

5. That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any controversy in the Church than any private brother; yet being, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the

Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place, whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house; Mat. xx. 25—79; 1 Peter v. 3; Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; Acts xx. 20—26, 31.

6. That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the Church, and to minister at the Lord's Table; Acts vi. 1—5; 1 Tim. iii 6—14.

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him, in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the Church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz. : the glory of God and the good of his people; and the Church ought to be subject to such improvements, 1 Peter iv. 10, 11, and v. 5; 1 Tim. iv. 14; 1 Cor. 12th and 14th chapters.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and People—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate to the temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a freewill offering agreeably to the scripture of truth, and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by gospel rule as for any other breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty, 2 Cor. viii. 12—13; Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27, 1 Cor. ix.

**COVENANT.**

We do now, in the presence of the great, all-seeing and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and avouch him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Leader, and receive him as our Portion for ever. We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on him as our Prophet, Priest and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensible obligation to glorify God, by living a holy, righteous and godly life, in this present world, in all our several places and relations, and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength,

talents and advantages to his glory and the good of our fellow men, professing, by divine help, to walk in our houses as become those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those under our care in the ways of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Math. xviii. 15—17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harbored in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary, wordly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his word—expecting that he will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom—applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.