MINUTES

SIXTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

western new Brunswick Baptist Association,

HELD AT KINGSCLEAR,

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY,

September 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1863.

WITH THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

N. B. B. H. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and other Documents relating to the Western N. B. Baptist Association, and letters of General Correspondence may be directed to the REV. I. E. BILL, Saint John, N. B.

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CONSTITUTION AND BULES OF ORDER

Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

Article 1.-This Association, composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall members of the Churches which they represent, shall be styled "The Western

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which the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjourn-ment from time to time during the Session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by Prayer. Article 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. Article 4.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the yote for a Moderator, and the person who shall be chesen by a majority of the mebers present, shall, upon his deceptance, 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, non-inate 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 the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press. Article 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 properity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes. Mitcle 6.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application and as one 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 followahlp: Article 6.—When a Church shall desire to make any communication to the Association of the association, give to one of their Messengers, if any be present, the right hand of followahlp.

Association, give to one of their Messengers, if any no present, at the second state of the Association, give to one of their Messengers, if any no present, if any no present of the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from clation for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from clation for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Minntes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to inquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association. Article 8/--Although, as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, Article 8/--Although, as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, or far privilege to judge for eurselves the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connection, which, to us, shall appear to be unscriptural in principle or irregular in practices. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason from any Church or Minister against whom a compliant in make by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint as Committee to investigate the points of compliant, and report the result of their in-quiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear. Article 9.--Alterstions and amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time, such as experience may diotate.

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- That each meeting be opened by prayer.
 That motions be made and sconded according to parliamentary usage.
 That no delegate speak more than twice on the same motion.
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 That motions which are lost be not recorded.
 That these regulations be read at each session.

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KINGSCLEAR, 17th September, 1863. THE Western New Brunswick Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment, at 12 o'clock, P. M. After the usual religious exercises, the Association was organised by the appointment of the following officers :--

REV. SAMUEL ROBINSON, Moderator. " C. SPURDEN, D. D., Secretary.

" E. C. CADY, A. M., Assistant Secretary.

" E. HICKSON, A. B., Treasurer. J. H. DYKEMAN, Assistant Treasurer. RESOLVED,-That visiting brethren be invited to take a seat with us. The following brethren responded to the invitation :--

Rev. W. A. Corey, A. B. M'Donald, T. Lockey, and Brother Peter M'Leod. "I'm Bizamiae and Linai

DELEGATES.

1st Kingsclear .- Geo. Burns, William Estey, David Curry, J. Camber, A. Palmer.

2nd Kingsclear.-Demons Holyoke, Barker, and M'Nally. 2nd Falls St. George.-B. Hughes.

Woodstock .- Deacon Churchill. Ruiness .- James "Pores, 18

Macknaquack.-Geo. Burns, J. Dykeman, Palmer Woodworth, Nehemiah Estey, and James Smith.

Newcastle, Grand Laks .- Isaac Lawrence, A. Bailey, and David Flowers. New Jerusalem .- H. Charlton, D. Moore, Geo. A. S. Tripp, John Brown.

St. John, Germain Street .- H. Vaughan, I. E. Bill, J. R. Durland, David Curry, and Geo. D. Godsoe. St. John, Brussels Street. S. Robinson, W. Hayward, J. J. Akerley,

Estabrooks, T. P. Davis, and S. D. Miller. St. John, Leinster Street .- J. R. Calhoun, J. F. Masters, Descon Kineman. . CORDERATE STORED L

Portland .- E. O. Cady, J. S. May.

Carlton .-- J. C. Blakeney, John Chrystopher, John Strange and James Colwell.

North Esk.-Edward Hickson.

Douglas African Church.—George Wheary. Canning.—Jarvis Estabrooks, A. Cowperthwaite, Charles Estabrooks. Jacksonville.—Samuel Burt, George E. Good. Nashwaak .-- W. Harris, Calvin Goodspeed, J. Carter, and W. D. Manzer.

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Queensbury .-- W. Clark, Geo. Jewett, and G. Clark. Canterbury .- David Pattison, Enoch Dow, and C. Hartley. Middle Simonds .- J. G. Harvey. Prince William .- T. W. Sanders, W. Harris, B. Jewett. Blackville, Blissfield, and Ludlow.—W. M. Edwards, F. Weaver. Upper Gagelown.—W. J. Blakeney, John Curry, W. Estabrooks, T. Turney, R. Hoben, and T. A. Turney. Hodgson and Richmond .- D. Outhouse, John Marshall. Simonds .- John Williams. 1st Keswick.-W. W. Corey, Thomas Allen. Fredericton.-J. C. Hurd, C. Spurden, B. F. Rattray, W. S. Estey, J. Guiou, Richard H. Phillips. Lower Woodstock .- O. Akerley. Cardigan .--- W. Harris, B. Richards. Richmond.-J. M. Currey, T. E. Henderson. 2nd Keswick .- W. W. Corey and A.D. Yerxa. Jacksontown .- James Walker. St. Andrews .- A. D. Thompson. Maugerville .-- P. O. Rees. 2nd St. George .- G. P. Godsoe. The following Committees were then appointed :---Committee of Arrangement.-G. Burns, W. Harris, J. C. Hurd, T. W. Sanders, W. W. Corey, and the Deacons of the Kingsclear Church. To Examine and Read Letters .- S. D. Miller, J. G. Harvey, and T. P. To Examine Circular Letter .- A. D. Thompson and E. C. Cady. Davis. On Home Missions .- E. F. Rattray, Jas. Walker, E. C. Cady, E. Hickson, A. D. Yerxa, A. Bailey, W. S. Estey, John J. Akerley, W. M. Special Business .- James Tozer, B. Hughes, Joseph C. Blakeney, D. Edwards. Curry, J. F. Marsters, John Christopher, John Strange. Foreign Missions .- I. E. Bill, John Williams, W. A. Corey, T. Lockey, P. M. Leod, W. Thompkins, D. Dow, O. Akerley. Sabbath Schools .- T. P. Davis, A. B. M. Donald, J. Carter, Joseph Reid, John Guiou, B. Jewett, Geo. Good, J. S. May. Christian Visitor .-- J. C. Hurd, C. Goodspeed, W. Harris, Israel Smith,

B. Richards, J. H. Dykeman, F. Weaver, and D. Moore. *Education.*—I. E. Bill, A. D. Thompson, J. C. Hurd, E. C. Cady, C. Spurden, E. Hicken, Richard H. Phillips, A. Bailey, T. W. Sanders, Judson Blakeney.

New Churches.-W. Harris, P. O. Rees, W. A. Estabrooks, T. Allen, Isaac Lawrence, W. Hayward.

Temperance.—B. Hughes, W. Estabrooks, G. Wheary, W. D. Manzer, C. Goodspeed, Charles Hartley, A. D. Yerxa, John Guiou.

Union Society.-J. E. Cady, H. Charlton, J. R. Calhoun, A. Bailey, Joel Everett, M. M'Nally, W. W. Manzer, D. Estabrooks.

Departed Brethren.-I. E. Bill, J. F. Marsters, H. Vaughan, A. D. Thompson, W. Harris, J. R. Calhoun.

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The committee of arrangement submitted the following report :---

Thursday, at 72, P. M. Preaching by Rev. W. A. Corey.

Friday, at 10, A. M. Introductory Sermon by Rev. P. O. Recs. " at 7, P. M. Missionary Meeting.

Saturday, at 10, A. M. Preaching by Rev. S. Robinson. Sabbath, at 11, A. M. " at 3, P. M. " at 7, P. M. 66

by Rev. E. C. Cady. by Rev. E. Hickson. "

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Report adopted.

Adjourned till 71 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. Tozer.

THURSDAY EVENING.

A Sermon was Preached by Rev. W. A. Corey, from Psalm 51 and 12-13.

The Letters from the Churches were then read.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

The Introductory Sermon was Preached by Rev. P. O. Rees, from 2 Cor. X.4: "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

The Committee on the Circular Letter recommended that it be received and read.

It was accordingly read by its Author, Dr. J. C. Hurd.

RESOLVED,-That the Letter be adopted as the Letter of this Association to the Churches, and also that it be published in the Minutes and in the

The reading of the Letters was then resumed. Adjourned till 3 P. M. Prayer by Brother B. Hughes.

Rrayer by Brother Gilbert Spurr.

FRIDAY, 3 P. M.

RESOLVED,-That the Association meet next year with the Church at St. Andrews.

That Rev. E. Hickson, A. B., Preach the Introductory Sermon, and that the Rev. B. Hughes be his alternate. That the Rev. H. Vaughan, A. M., write the Circular Letter. That C. Spurden, J. C. Hurd, and E. C. Cady, be a Committee to

superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that each Church receive the number of copies proportioned to the sum sent for that purpose.

The Committee of Foreign Missions presented the following report :----

Hundreds of Millions of our race are perishing in heathen darkness, and are emphatically without God and without hope in the world. How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? How can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent? The Head of the Church commands us, his people, to send forth the glad tidings of his grace. Have we not in this matter been sadly delinquent? Will not the blad of the heather be required of we at the last day? not the blood of the heathen be required of us at the last day? The Baptist Convention of the three Provinces has resolved to commence,

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great Burman Empire, and one or two brethren have offered themselves for this service. If accepted, a large increase of funds will be required to sustain them. This Association therefore commends this important subject anew to the prayers and contributions of our Churches.

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

Remarks by I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, and A. D. Thompson. Report adopted.

The Committee on the Christian Visitor submitted the following report :

The value of a sound religious periodical, in which the Baptists of this Province can place entire confidence, is an acquisition to the strength of our denomination which we are by no means likely to over estimate. We need it as an exponent of our distinctive principles ; as a means of preserving the history of our Churches, our Ministers and their labors of love ; as an instructor in the family, in the Sabbath School, and the Church ; and as an auxiliary in every good and benevolent work. It is needed also to defend us against the attacks of prejudice and envy, and the wilful misrepresentations of unscrupulous bigotry. In every department of Christian labor it becomes a power for good, and in nothing can it be dispensed with without serious embarrassment and loss.

Such a paper, in the judgment of your Committee, is the Christian Visitor, now so well and ably conducted by its well known, and highly esteemed editor and proprietor, the Rev. I. E. Bill. We congratulate the denomination on the success which has hitherto attended the efforts of our Brother to furnish a paper, in every way so well adapted to its wants, and sincerely hope that he may continue to receive in return such sympathy and encouragement, as will ensure the still further enlargement of its efficiency and success.

Your Committee are firmly of the opinion that such a paper as the Christian Visitor now is, cannot be published, without serious loss to the proprietor, for less than two dollars a year in advance; and even at that rate, the list of subscribers should be greatly increased to place it on an adequate financial basis. The friends of the Visitor should not rest, or its publisher be satisfied until its issue shall have reached at least three thousand. There are Baptists enough in New Brunswick to do this without feeling it, they would be all the better of doing it, and the editor would be placed in circumstances far more satisfactory to himself, and creditable to those on whose patronage he is dependent for support. The paper, so far as your Committee have been able to learn, has up to the present time given very general satisfaction, and they have very great pleasure in commending it to the earnest and hearty support of the whole denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HURD, Chairman.

The report was advocated by James Walker, A. D. Thompson, S. Robinson, J. C. Hurd, C. Spurden, and adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported :---

The letters show the following statistics :- No. of Schools 29, Teachers 159, Scholars 1106, Vols. in Libraries 3431. No improvement on last year. Your Committee urge the necessity of a more thorough report from the we give

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the various Churches. Let the Pastor see that Particulars are given, for if we give statistics at all, it is very desirable that a full and accurate one be

METHOD OF CONDUCTING SCHOOLS.

We would recommend as much variety as possible, and a style of Teaching suitable to the youthful mind. Superintendents that have been very successful find that singing is one of the most attractive phases in Sab-bath School instruction, and therefore we would recommend for use of Schools the "Sabbath School Bell No. 1," of the "Golden Chain." And to attract the Children, get a monthly paper, and the Reaper being a Baptist paper, one of the best and cheapest, only \$8.00 for 100 copies per annum, to be obtained ot Brother John F. Marsters, St. John.

The Monthly Concerts are also found to be very beneficial, details of carrying out which will be found from time to time in the Visitor. And now, in conclusion, the sum of the whole matter is this :-Getting a flourishing School is all right and commendable, but the grand object should be

ADVICE TO TEACHERS.

Therefore your Committee would urge every Teacher to aim directly at bringing those under their charge to the saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. To this end let the Teacher be fully prepared with his lesson, and let the Children be assured by kindliness of manner of the Teacher's affectionate interest in their welfare. And also make a rule to take each one individually to the throne of grace and there wrestle with God for his blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. DAVIES, Chairman.

A. D. Thompson, E. C. Cady, and J. F. Marsters, spoke on the subject. The question of recommending the use of a Catechism in the Schools was discussed, but the report of the Committee was adopted without amendment. Adjourned till 71. Prayer by Brother B. F. Rattray.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother James Walker. The Committee on Home Missions made the following report :-----

From the earliest period of the history of the Church of Christ we have abundant evidence of the satisfactory and glorious results of the Missionary enterprise; and no lover of God can but believe that many souls have been converted, and Churches planted in sections of our Country through the instrumentality of the devoted evangelist, which must have remained in utter destitution of spiritual life and knowledge had it not been for this efficient medium. We therefore hail with joy the opportunity of again urging the claims and demands of our Home Mission upon this Association, fully believing that these hearts which have been enlightened from above will make use of more strenuous efforts to send the Lamp of Life to those in the gloom of moral darkness; and not only so, but also see to it that the fields already possessed by the victories of the cross be not abandoned for want of precuniary assistance.

Your Committee would also state with much delight that they confidently believe the dear brethren occupying our Missionary fields to be in the possession of that very desirable qualification of the Missionary, viz : A relish for the work. Men who love God and precious souls. Men whose zeal for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom increases with the increase of their labor and toil in the work whereunto the Lord of the Vineyard hath called them.

In reviewing the distribution of Divine Truth by our denomination in this Province, we find Gloucester at the present time the only County overlooked, and a County too fully prepared for its reception. In its shire town a new and commodious Chapel will soon be completed, thus furnishing an opportunity to hold forth the light of life, which, by God's blessing, will enlighten the region round about.

In conclusion, therefore, we would say that as every year is crowned with renewed tokens of God's love to you all as his redeemed Children, so let every year be added new proofs of your love to the Saviour by giving as you have been prospered, ever bearing in mind that an impartial account must ultimately be rendered up to Him, who judgeth righteously, of our stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

B. FRANKLIN RATTRAY, Chairman of Committee.

Rev. I. E. Bill, one of the Vice Presidents of the Home Missionary Society, took the chair.

The report of the Home Missionary Board was read by the corresponding

Secretary. Speeches were delivered by B. F. Rattray, E. C. Cady, J. Walker, E. Hickson, H. Vaughan, W. Harris, B. Hughes.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator of the Association took the chair.

RESOLVED,-That this Association recommend the Home Missionary Board to send a Missionary to Gloucester County next spring, and that in the mean time they look out for the man, and for the means to support him.

Prayer by Brother I. E. Bill.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Preaching by Rev. S. Robinson, from John VIII., 32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The Committee on Education presented the following report :---

Your Committee have taken into serious consideration the claims of Education upon our Ministers and Churches in this age of progress, and suggest the following resolutions :---

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2. That the progressive spirit of the age especially demands that our young men, called of God to devote their lives to the weighty responsibilities of the sacred ministry, should be provided as far as possible with the means of mental culture.

3. That, as our Institution at Fredericton is designed to nourish and extend the education of the rising youth and the growing ministry of our denomination, it has therefore special claims upon the prayers and contributions of our Churches.

4. That this Association highly approves of the action of the Committee in placing the boarding department of our Seminary under the direct superintendence of its esteemed Principal. This arrangement cannot but give it an additional claim upon the confidence of our people.

5. That as the attempt to pay off the debt by collecting twenty-five cents each from our Church members has failed, therefore this Association approve of the recommendation of the Eastern Association to appoint an efficient agent to raise the required amount by general subscriptions, and it is highly desirable that this should be done without further delay.

6. That the growing necessities of our denomination call for an increase in the staff of teachers in the Institution, and we would therefore recommend our Educational Committee to take such action as shall furnish Dr. Spurden with such assistance as shall fully meet the reasonable demands of our people.

In conclusion, your Committee have only to add that they rejoice at the indications of progress and efficiency of Acadia College. Surely God hath done great things for this school of the prophets whereof we are glad. May success still more brilliant mark its onward course.

Respectfully submitted,

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

The subject of education was advocated by A. D. Thompson, I. E. Bill, J. Walker, B. Hughes, and H. Vaughan. The report was adopted.

That the Rev. A. D. Thompson be earnestly requested to undertake the task of raising the amount required to pay the debt, and further, that he be requested to continue this agency until the whole amount, together with the expense of the agency, be obtained.

That the sums received be placed in responsible hands, and, if possible, put out to interest until the whole be raised.

That the Governors of Acadia College be requested to release Elder Thompson from the agency on behalf of the College, for a limited time, in order that he may engage with the Baptist Education Society in New Brunswick for the above object.

After addresses by the above named brethren, several donations were handed in and the resolutions were adopted. The Moderator resumed the Chair.

RESOLVED,-That the proceedings of the Education Society be printed in the Minutes.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Burnham.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Charlton.

The Committee on Departed Brethren submitted the following Report :---

Since our last report our esteemed Brother the Rev. E. B. DeMill has been called to the service of the upper sanctuary. He is not here for God has taken him. After protracted suffering by consumption, which he bore with christian resignation to the divine decree, he departed this life on Saturday, August the 1st, 1863, in the 34th year of his age. He experienced the grace of the Redeemer while a student-at Acadia College, and under the influence of deep religious feeling resolved to consecrate his life to the duties and responsibilities of the Gospel Ministry. His subsequent studies therefore at Acadia, in Brown University, and in Newton Theological Institution had reference to a thorough preparation for this great work. Having completed his theological studies he accepted the pastorate of the Church at Amherst, N. S., and laboured successfully in this connexion for some three years, when declining health induced him to accept a call to the city of St. John. After one year's service as City Missionary, he became Pastor of the Mars. Bridge Church, and subsequently of the Church in Leinster Street. As a christian pastor our lamented brother was highly esteemed, and was justly regarded as an instructive preacher and an able and faithful minister of the Lord Jesus. His experimental and practical knowledge of the inspired word, combined with his intellectual culture, gave much promise to his church and the denomination of future usefulness in the work of the Lord. But it has pleased the wise Disposer of all events to remove him thus early from the church militant that he might join the church triumphant. We deplore this sad breach made in our Ministerial ranks, but we bow in submission to the will of Him who has said, "Be still and know that I am God." We tender to his bereaved Church, and to his sorrowing widow our deepest religious sympathies, and pray God to enable them to realize the sweetness of the promise, "All things work together for good to them that love Gove, to them that are the called according to his purpose."

Our esteemed brother Peter Knight has also been removed by death during the year.

He was a native of the Island of Guernsey, but for several years resided in this Province. He was baptized by the Rev. G. F. Miles and united with the Church at Newcastle, Grand Lake. His knowledge of the French language, and the sympathy he felt for the people themselves, pointed him out as a suitable Missionary to that interesting race, he was accordingly employed by the Home Missionary Board in that capacity, both in Westmorland County and in the Madawaska Settlement. There is reason to believe that his labour in this field was not without fruit. Although latterly unconnected with the Board, he did not cease exerting himself in the work of the Lord when opportunity offered. Hi Woo He fideli tion o in the

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His death occurred very suddenly, last autumn, at his son's house in Woodstock, as he was on his way to visit his daughter at the Grand Lake.

He was a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and gave himself with fidelity to his Master's work. His kindness of spirit and amiable disposition endeared him to all his associates, and his loss is deeply felt, especially in the upper part of the Province, where the labourers are very few.

Respectfully submitted,

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

After the Report had been received prayer was offered.

The Committee on the Union Society presented the following Report !--That they regard this means of raising funds for benevolent objects the most efficacious which we at present are able to adopt, but even this is of no benefit unless suitable efforts are put forth to keep these agencies in active working order. We therefore express it as our opinion that it is the duty of every minister of the denomination to regard himself as an agent to bring this subject before the people of his charge and elsewhere as opportunity affords, and even if need be to open subscriptions and solicit funds, and in connection with the Church appoint female collectors to carry on the work. We also express the opinion that \$3,000 is the least sum which we should raise for this object during the coming year, believing that it is not unreasonable to ask and expect that this amount should be raised.

We recommend the following resolution :--

That we as Ministers and Delegates pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavours in all reasonable ways to raise the above named sum, and that if it cannot be accomplished without, we recommend to the Home Missionary Board the employment of one or more agents to assist in the work.

We also deem it best for the Churches and Ministers to hold at suitable seasons, public Missionary meetings, at which the claims of these various objects shall be presented and collections and subscriptions taken.

E. C. CADY, Chairman.

The Union Society as an essential auxiliary to all our benevolent operations was advocated by Brethren Bill, Miller, Spurden, Vaughan, Thompson, Burns, Robinson, and Cady. The Report was adopted.

It was resolved to insert into the Covenant the following clause, which had been sanctioned by the Eastern Association, "and if we have any personal difficulty with our brethren we will not cherish enmity, nor speak of our grievances to others."

The Committee on Temperance then reported.

That among the various objects sustained by our denomination none is of more importance than that of Temperance. In watching its progress it is evident that it is doing a great work in promoting peace and happiness where once discord and evil of every description prevailed. The good thus accomplished by such movements is worthy of devout gratitude to the God of Temperance, and although we have asked for assistance from the Legislature to enact a law to assist in carrying out the great objects we have in view, and our petition in that particular has been denied, yet we trust by the efforts of its friends and the blessing of Kind Heaven to teach Lawmakers what is their duty in that respect. We believe in preaching, lecturing, and labouring in every lawful manner to extend the furtherance of our happy principles, hoping that all Church members will be careful to throw their influence on the proper side of the question.

B. N. HUGHES, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Whereas the Southampton Church has complied with the requirement of the Association in making application for the dismissal of members who belonged to the Canterbury Church, and whereas the Moderator of the last Association has already given the right hand of fellowship to the representative of the said Church ; therefore

RESOLVED,-That the Southampton Church be regarded as a member of this body.

RESOLVED,-That the thanks of this Association be given to the Church at Kingsclear and the community at large, for their kind hospitality to delegates and visitors during the Session.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Church at St. Andrews on the third Thursday in September, 1864.

S. ROBINSON, Moderator.

C. SPURDEN, Secretary.

E. C. CADY, Assistant Secretary.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the Western N. B. Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN,—We propose to address you this year on the subject of *Church discipline*. In doing so, we do not pretend to discuss it in its widest sense ; for to do this, instead of a few pages, a volume would require to be written.

"Scriptural church discipline," says an approved writer, " is the regular, vigorous application of the principles, doctrines and rules of divine revelation, in promoting the purity, knowledge, order, peace, and useful efficiency of each of the members, and of the entire body; and is also designed and adapted to increase, concentrate, and direct the agency of Christians in the conversion of the world."

Discipline, according to one of the highest authorities in the English langrage, is a process of education, training, cultivation or improvement, "comprehending instruction in arts, sciences, correct sentiments, manners, and morals, and due subordination to authority." Military discipline comprehends the communication of knowledge, and the regulation of practice, or includes the instruction of the soldiers in all the exercises and evolutions pertaining to the art of war, as also, in order, regularity and subordination. In its exclession the church in the doctrines and duties of the Christian religion, a prompt and regular execution of the laws by which the church is governed, the regulation of the principles and practice of its members, the preservation of their rights and privileges, and the infliction of penalties enjoined against irregularities and disorders.

We often employ the term, discipline in the church, as confined entirely to the treatment of disorders and offences, but this, as you will perceive by reference to its legitimate definition, is a very restricted view of the subject. The Church of Christ may be considered as a family bound together by laws involving the strongest obligations, on the part of all its members, to labor for each other's good to edification. Such a family cannot exist without discipline, which here evidently includes the entire government, instruction, improvement, order, regularity, subordination, comfort, and happiness of every member, and of the whole body. But how could all this be accomplished if discipline extended only to the treatment of disorders, the administration of "reproof" to delinquents, or "correction" to offenders? The church may be regarded as the school of Christ ; but what would be thought of a school the entire discipline of which consisted in the application of the ferule, or cat-o'-nine-tails to the backs of truants and idlers? The church is also described as the army of Christ ; but the strength and efficiency of an army would not long be maintained if its discipline consisted solely in the holding of courts-martial for the punishment of delinquents, and the banishment of rogues and traitors from the camp. A well disciplined church, then, is one in which every member "does his duty," each in his proper place, watching and labouring for the good of the whole ; that by warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, and by exhorting, reproving, rebuking and admonishing one another in love as occasion may require, they may preserve themselves " blameless and harm-

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less, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Where such discipline as this is faithfully maintained a church will live in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, and " walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost," will be built up a spirital house, and " purified unto God, a peculiar people, zealous of good works," and under such circumstances, censures, trials for offences, and excommunications will be exceedingly rare. While, on the other hand, a church which neglects such discipline will resemble a " garden without walls, or a city without magistrates and laws," open, and exposed to every evil, and must rapidly sink into confusion and decay.

A christian church, in order to preserve the purity, integrity, and growth of its members, must vigorously maintain both preventive and corrective discipline.

Preventive discipline is that to which we have chiefly alluded in the foregoing remarks. Its object is the steady increase of knowledge in the church, that they may be rooted and grounded, or established in the truth as it is in Jesus, "that they henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive ; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." It aims also at the promotion of sound piety, that being "filled with the Spirit," they may be preserved not only from "presumptuous sins," but from all "foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient," and that " henceforth they walk not as other Gentiles, in the vanity of their mind ; but that they put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts ; and be renewed in the spirit of their minds ; putting on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness." It seeks likewise to strengthen the bond of union, and the growth of brotherly love, that they may be kept from strifes and contentions; that "all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from them, with all malice, and that they be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven them." And lastly, to increase the efficiency of the church for the accomplishment of its appropriate work, by bringing into active exercise the energies of all its members in their several places and relations; and as there are "many members, having gifts differing according to the grace given to them," whether they "prophecy," "minister," "teach," "exhort," "rule," "give," or "show mercy," let them do it "according to the proportion of faith," with "cheerfulness," "diligence," and "without dissimulation." The importance of such discipline in the church will now be readily seen ; for "prevention is better than cure." And nothing can be so sure a preventive against error, and ignorance, as the promotion of truth and knowledge ; or against wickedness, as the increase of piety; or against dissensions, as the growth of brotherly love ; or against idleness and inefficiency, as the cultivation of an active, energetic spirit, in the service of God.

Corrective discipline next claims our attention. By this is meant the proper scriptural treatment of irregularities and disorders, or the vigorous application of the law of Christ to offending members. However sound in doctri is imp greate them a "give and co Offenc

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doctrine, or correct in practice a church, or body of disciples may be, "it is impossible but that offences will come;" nothing, therefore, can be of greater importance than to be thoroughly prepared at all times to deal with them according to the rules laid down in the word of God, which being "given by inspiration," are "profitable" as well for "reproof, rebuke, and correction," as for "doctrine" and "instruction in righteousness." Offences may be private or personal, and public.

Private offences are wrong acts committed by one church member to the injury of another. They may consist in the use of unkind or abusive Manguage, the originating or circulating of false and slanderous reports, injustice, or extortion in business transactions, or any real injury done, or attempted by one member of the church against the character or estate of aucher.

How, then, is the aggrieved brother to proceed? What course is he to pursue? In nothing has he been furnished with clearer or more specific rules than those contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, relative to the point in question : "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault, between thee and him alone." This is your first step, a most important and indispensable one, and must be performed in exact accordance with the rule here given by the Great Head of the Church. You are * commence, not by complaining of your offending brother to your pastor, o your brethren, or to the world, but by going to him privately, and telling hum his fault, between thee and him alone. No third person should be informed of the matter ; this should be carefully remembered, for if in any case you depart from this rule, you violate the law of Christ, and make yourself an offender against God. Before going on such an errand, pray for much of the Spirit of wisdom, of meekness, and of love, that the mind may be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, while we were his enemies, laid down his life for us. Go not with a desire to dispute, to irritate, and stir up angry contention. Though you have certain knowledge that he has injured you, he is still your brother, and you are bound to approach him as such, and, in a kind and christian spirit, tell him the injury you believe he has done you, and strive by every proper means to convince him of his fault. "If he shall hear thee, thou has gained thy And what a prize is this? What a triumph of christian love? "For he that converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." If such be the fortunate result of this first step, the affair is henceforth to be dropped, and no further mention is to be made of it to any one; for it is written, "If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him," and there it must end, and be remembered no more forever.

"But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." You have now reached the second step, which is to be taken only when the first has failed. See now that you proceed in a proper manner, and in every way worthy of a christian. Do not proceed as though you regarded the case as a hopeless one, but rather as if you were certain of success. Let the brethren selected to accompany you be men of sound judgment, candor, and piety. Make out a written statement of the injury done you, and be careful to do it with scrupulous accuracy, avoiding everything like exag-

The brethren " taken with you" are to geration or excess in language. act first as mediators. If they have ascertained that the brother against whom the charge is preferred has actually committed an offence, they must endeavour by calin, and affectionate remonstrance to convince him of his fault, and point out the danger and sintulness of persisting in it. And secondly, they are to act as "witnesses." They may, or they may not have been witnesses of the original offence ; but if the offender " will not hear them," they become witnesses of his obstinacy, his bad spirit, and his determination to persevere in wrong-doing. If the expostulations of the witnesses prove unavailing, and the offender refuse to retract or give satisfaction for the injury he has committed, then you must prepare for the third step according to the direction of our Lord : " If he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church." When all efforts, first in private, and then in the presence of the "witnesses" have failed, the aggrieved brother is to lay the matter before the church, and leave it in their hands for final action. When he has taken this last step, he has done his duty; he has acted towards his offending brother as a christian should act, and has done everything in the matter that the word of God requires him to do. The manner, however, of proceeding with this last step is important. . He should give the offending brother due notice of his intention ; then at the proper time he should in the church meeting ask leave to introduce a case of private grievance. Neither the name of the offender, nor the nature of the offence should be mentioned. The Moderator should proceed immediately to make the following enquiries : Have you taken the first and second steps in the matter to which you refer, as enjoined by the Saviour in the 18th chapter of Matthew? Are you prepared to lay the facts and testimony of the witnesses before this meeting ? and has due notice been given to the offending party ? If the complainant be not prepared to answer these questions satisfactorily, his movement must be adjudged out of order; nor should the matter be allowed to come before the church in any form till the rules respecting the first and second step be complied with. But if it be made to appear that the scriptural rules have been observed, and strictly carried out, the charge shall be called for and read, with the testimony of the witnesses, proving not only the correctness of the charge itself, but also the refusal of the accused to give satisfaction when repeatedly called upon and entreated so to do. The brethren then take the matter in hand, and faithfully labor with the erring one, as, in a more private manner, the witnesses had done before. He may even yet be convinced of his fault, and induced to acknowledge it ; but if in spite of the kind and earnest admonitions and advice of the church, he persist in adhering to his evil course, then there is but one more step to be taken in the matter : "If he neglect to hear the church, let him be to thee as a heathen man and a publican," that is, withdraw from him the fellowship and communion of saints. If the accused brother will not attend the meeting, the church may proceed to consider the charge as if he were present, and his contempt of its authority should be dealt with as an additional offence.

Public offences must now be referred to very briefly. These are distinguished from private offences, because they are committed, not against any one individual more than another, but against morality and religion in general, and consequently against the whole church. They include immorali-

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It will at once be seen that these cannot be brought before the church in the same manner as private offences ; because having been committed against the whole church, and not against any individual in particular, no one can make them personal matters. Still, they are not to be overlooked. They must be taken up and dealt with promptly, that the purity of the church may be preserved, and that iniquity may be put away from amongst its members. If, therefore, any brother know of a member being guilty of offences requiring church action, he is bound to enquire into the facts of the case, and bring the matter before the church as early as possible. If, after due investigation, the charge be sustained on the testimony of witnesses, every effort should be put forth to "convert" the accused "from the error of his way," but if this should fail, you should withdraw fellowship from him precisely in the same way, and on the same authority as already considered in the last step in the treatment of private offences. As soon as a charge is preferred against a brother for any disorderly or improper conduct, he must be considered suspended from all church privileges till the disciplinary proceedings are stayed; but to suspend a member from such privileges for any offence, as is sometimes done, for six months or a year, is highly improper, and destitute of the shadow of authority from the word of God. A church has full power to investigate any charge preferred against any of its members, and if such charge be found not sustained, it must be dismissed, and the brother restored to his original standing : between exclusion and restoration there is no middle course which you can adopt. A wote for exclusion should be unanimous if possible, but it is not \checkmark necessary to its validity ; a majority vote is always decisive. For a member to turn his back on the Lord's table, forsake the communion of saints, or relinquish any other duty pertaining to the church on account of the existence of difficulties, irregularities, or offences, whether of a public or private nature, is not only improper, but a direct violation of the most sacred obligation. It is the duty of each member to labor with all the rest for the removal, as far as possible, of whatever difficulties may exist, but the settlement of them can have nothing to do with communion at the Lord's table, and should never deprive those not implicated therein of any of the privileges of church membership. Much more might be written on this subject, but we must apologise for the length to which this letter has already grown, and pray that it may be blessed to the good of the churches to whom it is

Kingsclear, September 18th, 1863.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

OF THE WESTERN NEW RRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF ORDINATION.		
	St. John,	March,	1839	
Bill, I. E	Macnaquack,	January,	1851	
Burns, George	Upper Gagetown,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1859	
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Cady, E. C., A. M	St. Andrew's,		1856	
Crawley, T. W., A. M			1857	
Campbell, G. R	Lower Woodstock,	January,	1855	
Charlton, Henry	Kars,	July,	1847	
Estabrooks, G	Simonds,	March,	1855	
Edwards, Wm. M	Blissfield,	February,	1830	
Harris, William	Keswick,	November,	1845	
Hopkins, W. L	Pennfield,	August,	1853	
Hurd, J. C., M. D	Fredericton,	February,	1858	
Harvey, J. G	Woodstock,	October,	1858	
Hughes, Benjamin	St. George,	0000001,	1862	
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Rattray, B. F	Jacksontown,	'	1833	
Saunders, T. W	Prince William,	July,	185	
Spurden, Charles, D. D	Fredericton,	April,	182	
Tozer, James	Blissville,	March,	183	
Thompson, A. D	St. Andrews,	May,	1844	
Tupper, J. H	Queensborough,	March,		
Vaughan, Henry, A. M	St. John,		186	
Walker, James		January,	183	
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With the Officers of the Society and Ministers connected with the two Associations.

REPORT.

Your Board in presenting their annual Report to the Society feel that they could more justly refer to what they have failed to do than to what

We have accomplished but little, simply from the want of funds. For nearly two years we have been looking to our Union Societies to replenish the treasury, but this they have done so poorly that we have only been able to pay our Missionaries what was pledged to them two years ago,

rather than employ new ones or make new promises to those already in the field. But this we can say with pleasure, we are now out of debt, and hope immediately to enter upon a new and more prosperous career. most of those who were our missionaries two years ago are toiling on in their respective fields with unabated zeal and increased self-denial. With a few exceptions, they still need our aid. Brother Hickson, at Newcastle, Miramichi, Brother W. A. Crandall, in the Restigouche County, Brother Washburn, in Loch Lomond and the country round about, Brother Edwards, and others, have all shown by their continuance in the same field the esteem in which they are held by the people, and their worthiness of renewed assistance. The seed formerly sown in Shediac has not been lost ; God caused it to spring up, and during the past winter a glorious harvest has been gathered in. But the cry from that field is still " Come over and

Your Board have, of late, engaged to assist Brother Alex. Estabrooks, help us. who has for some years past been teaching and preaching in St. Francis. His labors have been much blessed, and he feels at home among the people, and desires to continue his efforts there to build up the cause of Christ. There are other fields, and many of them, where missionaries Shall we have the means to support them ? should be sent.

In view of the slowness and entire neglect of some of our Churches to contribute anything for our benevolent objects, your Board thought it necessary that an Agent should be employed to visit the Churches of the Eastern Association before their Annual Meeting, and see if it was possible to raise any funds. Brethren David Crandall and E. C. Cady were requested to act as Agents to do this work. Brother Cady complied with the request of the Board to spend twenty-one days as our agent. The result of his labors will be seen by referring to his Report, and by looking at the amounts handed in by the Churches at the Association.

At the last meeting of the Board assistance was voted to be given to Brother Hopper, in Shediac, for six months from 1st of May, and to Brethren E. Hickson, W. A. Crandall, and H. Washburn, for six months from the 1st of June.

E. C. CADY, Cor. Sec.

BAPTIST CHURCH, FREDERICTON, G. C. HUNT, SR. SEC. TREAS.

Miss E. Phillips, Collector .- Mrs. Cummings 53c., Mr. Z. R. Everett 50c., Mr. Haines \$1, Mr. Cooper 50c., Mrs. Winters 50c., Mrs. Mills 20c., Mrs. Goff 24c., George C. Hunt \$1. Total \$4.47.

Miss E. Estey, Collector .- J. Steadman \$1, H. S. Estey 50c., Joseph George \$1, James Sandals 50c. Total \$3.00

Miss A. Currie, Collector .- C. Spurden \$4, George Shaw 20c., Israel Parent 45c., A. F. Randolph \$1, Mrs. John Pagan 20c., Mrs. Gordon 50c.,

Anna E. Currie \$1. Total 7.35.

BAPTIST CHURCH, MAUGERVILLE.

Mrs. Fanney Bent, Collector .- Mr. Caleb Foster \$1.00, C. M. Bridges \$1, George Stewart \$1, U. Cowperthwait 50c., Charlotte A. Cowperthwait 50c., Mrs. McGowan \$1, James H. Bailey \$1, Mrs. James H. Bailey 50c., Miss Lizzie Upton 26c., A Friend 40c., Fanny E. Bent 50c., J. T. Miles 40c., Geo. C. Miles \$1, Mrs. Geo. C. Miles \$1. Total \$10.06. .

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Mrs. Geo. Treadwell Collector.-G. A. Treadwell \$1, Maria J. Treadwell 50c., Daniel McKay 50c., David C. Dykman 50c., Phebe A. Perley 60c., Geo. H. N. Harding 50c., G. Clowes Miles 30c. Total \$3.40. Miss Hannah Day, Collector .- James Wasson \$1.24, Ann Wasson 20c., Susan Wasson 20c., Mrs. Garrison 35c., Frederick Miles 24c., Walter Per-ley 24c., Mrs. Joseph Lunt 50c., Sarah Day 20c. Total \$4.10.

BAPTIST CHURCH, PENNFIELD, ENOS TOOLE, SEC. TREAS.

Huldah A. Toole, Annie Bucknam, Joanna Hanson, Collectors.-Huldah A. Toole \$1, Catherine M. Toole 25c., William Shaw 25c., Susan C. Prescott 40c., Annie Justason 25c., Mrs. Sarah Prescott 25c., Abigail Prescott 20c., Jesse Prescott 624c., Daniel Hunter 50c., John F. Miller 25., Mary A. Miller 25c., Mrs. John Riordan 25c., A. M. Mealy 25c., Mrs. Malcoim Mealy 25c., Mary J. Woodbery 25c., Mrs. Timothy Riordan 50c., Mrs. James Gillispie 25c., James Gillispie 25c., James McGill 25c., James Mann 25c., Johnston Berry 25c, Robert Boyd 25c, Simon Boyd 25c., Mrs. Thomas Spear 25c., Mrs. Robert Hunter 25c., Mrs. D. Justason 25c., Rosanna Mealy 25c., Mrs. C. Trynor 25c., Joshua Prescott \$1, Miss Mary Riordan 50c. John Best 25c., George Wright 25c., Jesse Wright 15c., William Ash 25c., Barna-bas Bucknam \$1, Enos Toole \$1, William A. Bucknam 25c., Mrs. Elizabeth Bucknam 25c., Mrs. T. C. Justason 25c., W. H. Justason 25c., Justus Justason 30c., Caleb Justason 25c., Catherine Justason 25c., Gideon Justason 50c., Thomas Justason 25c., Hannah L. Toole 25c., T. C. Justason 50c., Theodore Bucknam 80c., John Jackson 50c., Andrew Munroe, Jr. 50c., Reuben Munroe 624c., D. H. Justason 25c., James Jackson 80c., Delbert C. Toole 10c. Collected by Miss Hanson \$2.-Total \$22.00.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. GEORGE.

Collected by Miss Annie Mann .- Deacon John Mann \$1.00, Captain John Anderson \$1, James Anderson \$1, James Sherrard \$1, Duncan Dewar 50c., John Dewar 45c., John McDougall 50c., Seelye Spofford 50c., Miss E. Mann \$1, Annie McLeod \$1, Jane McLeod 50c., Grace Mann 50., Annie Mann 50c., Hannah Mann 50c., John S. Mann 25c. Total \$10.20. Collected by Miss Annie Kelly.—R. S. Plumner 75c., Philo Kelly \$1.50, A Young \$1, Mrs. A. Young 50c., Joseph Kelly 75c, Nicholas Meating 50c, Mrs. Dora Smith 25c, J. C. Skinner \$1, Deacon Robert Sparks 50c, Rev. B. Hughes \$1, John Dewar, Jr. \$1. Total \$8.75.

BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. ANDREWS Collected by Miss Henrietta Rigby, \$2.25. Collected by O. B. Rideout, E.g., \$3.75.

APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BABTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D., 1836.

OFFICERS FOR 1863-64.

President-Rev. I. E. Bill. Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Rev. Samuel Robinson, and Vice Presidents-

A. D. Thompson.

Treasurer-S. Hersey, Esq.

Secretary-Rev. J. C. Hurd, M. D. Committee-Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., Messrs. W. S. Estey, John T. Smith, W. Sewell, C. L. Hartt, Asa Coy, Richard H. Phillips, A. D. Yerxa, John Ferris, M. P. P., G. W. Hoben, E. Lunt, T. McHenry, C. D. Everett, Hon. J. Steadman, Hon. W. H. Steeves, Hon. A. McL. Seely, A. U. Oliner, M. D. D. N. S. D. Mill Pare, D. O. Pare, T. W. Constead H. Gillmor, M. P. P., N. S. DeMill, Revs. P. O. Rees, T. W. Crawley, A. M., E. C. Cady, A. M., and E. Clay, M. D., together with the Officers of the Society.

REPORT.

The past year has been one of varied experience in relation to the Seminary at Fredericton, but your Committee are thankful to say that encouragement has prevailed, and that they can now look forward to the future with some degree of confidence.

The number of pupils admitted into the Institution during the year, has been 83, and the average attendance each week 41; had the attendance for the two terms before Christmas equalled that of the two terms since, the average would have been much higher.

The attention paid by the pupils to their studies has been very commendable, and the progress they had made became apparent at the recent examination, which was highly satisfactory.

In September last, Mr. Gideon Freeman entered the University of New Brunswick. Mr. P. McLeod has spent nearly two terms at the Seminary, in preparation for the work of the ministry, under the auspices of the Board of the Union Society.

At the Meeting of the Western Association last year, the Committee on Education recommended the calling together of the Managing Committee. to deliberate on the means best adapted to advance the interests of the Institution.

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In fulfillment of these instructions the Committee met several times in St. John, and a sub-committee, composed of Revs. I. E. Bill, and E. C. Cady, the Hon. W. H. Steves, and John Fisher, Esq., was appointed to visit Fredericton and make inquiries ; another meeting was held at Fredericton on the 2nd of April, during the sitting of the Legislature, and after deliberation it was unanimously agreed that the boarding department ought to be placed under more responsible supervision than it was at present. The Committee then placed the matter before the Principal, expressing the wish that he would undertake the entire care of the Boarders in the Institution, provided satisfactory arrangements could be made. At an adjourned meeting held the following week, the Principal intimated his willingness to accede to the wishes of the Committee, and the following terms were then agreed upon :

That the arrangements be, as nearly as possible, the same as those adopted in his own family.

That his parlor be used for learning lessons, and the dining room in the basement for meals.

That the Boarders take their meals with the Principal and his family.

That the terms include every expense of general education, board, bed, washing, fuel, and light, and be as follows :

Between 10 and 14 years,	•	-	\$128 a year
Above 14 years, -	-		132 "
Above 14 years of age, -	-		136 "

of the above the Principal engage to pay the Committee respectively the sum of \$12, \$16, or \$20 a year. That all payments be made quarterly, in advance.

That all the privileges now enjoyed by the Steward be granted to the Principal, with the exception of the use of the garden.

That the land now used as a garden be appropriated as a play ground for the use of the pupils.

That in case additional land should hereafter be purchased, the Principal be entitled to use a portion of it for a garden.

In adopting these changes, the Committee think it due to Mrs. Babbitt to state that no dissatisfaction is felt with regard to her management ; on the contrary, they desire to express their sense of the diligence and fidelity with which she has, for the last eight years, discharged the duties of the Steward's Office.

The plan proposed at the last Association for the liquidation of part of the debt has not succeeded ; about \$76 has been paid, up to this date. The Committee refer the matter to the consideration of the Delegates of the Churches. They are decidedly of opinion that an Agent ought to be employed to raise the amount forthwith. At the last meeting of the Committee it was resolved to take measures for obtaining another teacher, but the carrying out of this resolution must be contingent upon the payment of the debt, as they do not feel justified in assuming fresh responsibilities, while the present debt is pressing upon them.

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	Sundries	14	
	Postage and Stationery		25
	Extra Cleaning	5	40
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	Steward attending School Rooms	32	00
	Principal's Salary	800	00
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Baptist Missionary Society of New Brunswick, in account with C. D. Everett, Treasurer.

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St. John, N. B., July 7, 1863.

C. D. EVERETT, TREASURER.

I have examined the above account, and compared the vouchers with the charges on the debit side, except three items, marked with a *; for which no vouchers were furnished. With that exception, I find all correct. The Audit side of the account I have no vouchers for, and therefore cannot report as to the correctness of the amounts credited. The additions are correct.

St. John, N. B., July 8, 1863.

A. McL. SEELY, AUDITOR.

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	July.	To paid General Expenses from this Fund-Postages \$6 00		July
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Baptist Missionary Society of New Brunswick, in account with C. D. Everett, Treasurer.

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	27.			W. Pulcifer, "	10	00
Sept.				W. A. Crandall,	10	00
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	10.			Charlotte County, S. S. F.,	Э	00
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cash of Thomas Bradshaw, St. Martin, 16 00
" subscribers to U. S. of L. Cambridge, 13 00
" Rev. E. C. Cady, Agent, 146 27
" Rev. I. E. Bill, Agent, 15 73
" Rev. E. C. Cady, Agent, 38 57
" Prince, 1 00
" collectors of Brussels Street Church, 77 32
subscriptions for Leinster Street Church, 25 66

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Per C. D. EVERETT, TREASURER. CHAS. A. EVERETT.

St. John, N. B., 16th Sept., 1863.

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