

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

*Baptist Church, Liverpool, N. S., Saturday, Monday,
and Tuesday, June 16th, 18th, and 19th.*

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CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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LIVERPOOL, N. S.,
Saturday Morning, June 16th, 1877.

The Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association held its Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting at Liverpool, according to appointment.

An hour was spent in Social Worship, during which time the Clerks made out the following

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Liverpool—Rev. Geo. O. Gates, Deas. Charles Bill, Thomas Nicker-son, Bros. M. McNutt, G. S. Parker, Alexander G. West.

Hillsburg—Deas. Richard Clark, H. H. Chute, Bro. T. H. Miller.

Westport—Rev. L. B. Gates.

Mills Village—Rev. A. H. Lavers, Deas. E. Steadman, E. H. Freeman, Bros. James Hendry, William Read.

Shelburne—Rev. Thomas Trotter, Bros. Stedman Harlow, Edgar McKay.

Brookfield—Rev. F. O. Weeks, Deas. F. Freeman, James Dailey, Bros. Uriah Johnston, G. E. Murray, William Burke.

Ohio—Bros. James Allen, George Crosby.

Milton, Queens Co.—Rev. John Brown, Deas. Stephen Kempton, Edward Kempton, James Ford, Joseph B. Wyman, Samuel Freeman.

Port Medway—Rev. A. H. Lavers, Deas. George Manthorn, Charles Atkins, Samuel Atkins, Bros. John Cooney, William Dailey, C. Manthorn.

1st Ragged Islands—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

Upper Wilmot—Rev. W. E. Hall, Bros. Prof. C. E. Gates, Eldridge Miller.

Jordan River—Rev. E. N. Archibald, Deas. David Dunlop, Charles Hardy.

St. Mary's Bay—Rev. E. H. Goudy.

Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot—Rev. E. O. Read, Deas. J. Neiley, Gardner Tufts, Bro. C. Neiley.

Caledonia—Rev. F. O. Weeks, Bro. G. A. Cleveland.

Clements—Dea. James E. Potter.

French Mission Church—Rev. M. Normanday.

Lockeport—Rev. Edward Whitman, Bros. Clifford Locke, Martin Ringer, Isaac Lloyd.

Pine Grove—Rev. W. G. Parker.

Lower Granville—Rev. P. R. Foster, Bro. W. E. Armstrong.

Hill Grove—Rev. G. H. Goudy.

Tusket—Rev. A. P. Shields.

Arcadia—Bro. J. W. Weeks, (Licentiate).

Hebron—Rev. A. Cohoon, Dea. W. Durkee.

Wilmot—Bro. L. W. Elliott.

Temple—Rev. W. H. Warren, Bro. J. C. Anderson.

Tusket Lakes—Rev. A. Cogswell.
Barrington—Rev. W. H. Richan, Bro. B. H. Porter.
Nictaux—Rev. James Blakeney, Bros. B. H. Parker, Jas. Crocker.
Port Williams—Rev. James Blakeney.
Wood's Harbour—Rev. W. H. Richan.
Annapolis and Upper Granville—Revds. John Clark, P. F. Murray,
 Bros. Ainsley Brown, Charles Cornwell.
Weymouth—Rev. J. W. Bancroft.
West Yarmouth—Bros. J. W. Weeks, (Licentiate), Joseph Studley.
Digby—Rev. Joseph H. Saunders.
Hillsbury 2nd—Rev. J. H. Saunders.
Kempt—Rev. L. M. Weeks, Bros. Joseph Roudy, Abial Harlow.
Springfield—Bros. S. Saunders, J. C. Roper.
Milton, Yarmouth—Bros. E. C. Corning, H. Lavers, E. C. Crowell.
Annapolis Royal—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Dea. T. Harding Randall.
Lawrencetown—Dea. Isaac Healy.
Greenfield—Rev. A. J. Cogswell.
Middlefield—Rev. A. J. Cogswell, Bro. Elkanah Freeman.
Hampton—Rev. James E. Blakeney.
Wilmot Mountain—Rev. J. E. Blakeney.

The Association was organized by the appointment of its

OFFICERS.

REV. W. H. RICHAN, *Moderator.*
 REVDS. W. H. WARREN and E. WHITMAN, *Secretaries.*
 BROTHER SAMUEL FREEMAN, *Treasurer.*
 " GEORGE S. PARKER, *Assistant Treasurer.*
 " B. H. PARKER, *Auditor.*

The following Committees were appointed:—

ON ARRANGEMENT.—Revds. G. O. Gates, J. Brown, A. H. Lavers,
 Thos. Nickerson, J. H. Saunders, and A. Cohoon.

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. W. G. Parker, P. A. Shields, and
 Bro. S. Selden.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. Thos. Trotter, E. O. Read, and J. Clark.

INVITED TO SEATS.—Rev. P. Gallaher, Rowley, Mass., Brethren
 Nathan Crosby, J. F. L. Parsons, W. M. McVicar, S. Selden, and
 Revds. Jos. Murray, and E. Anderson, (colored).

Letters from a number of the Churches to our Association were
 read by the Committee.

The Committee on Arrangement reported in part as follows:—
 That the hours of meeting and closing be: *Morning Session*—open
 10 a. m., close 12, noon. *Afternoon Session*—open 2 p. m., close
 5 p. m. *Evening Session*—open 7.30 p. m. They also recommend
 that meetings for prayer be held each morning during the Sessions
 of the Association at 6 o'clock, a. m.; and further, that a public

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Temperance Meeting be held this evening under the auspices of the Association.

The Session closed with prayer by Rev. P. Gallaher.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

Prayer was offered by Rev. P. F. Murray.

The Committee on Arrangement reported further, nominating the following

COMMITTEES.

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. J. W. Bancroft and J. H. Saunders.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Revds. J. Brown, P. R. Foster, E. O. Read, Edward Whitman, and Bro. W. M. McVicar.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. P. F. Murray, W. J. Blakeney, L. B. Gates, with Brethren J. C. Anderson and G. Tufts.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. E. N. Archibald, F. O. Weeks, G. H. Goudey, and Brethren S. Atkins, and J. Neiley.

MISSIONS.—Revds. A. Cohoon, W. H. Warren, M. Normonday, W. E. Hall, L. M. Weeks, and Bro. Chas. Bill.

EDUCATION.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, W. H. Warren, E. Blakeney, and Brethren S. Selden and L. W. Elliott.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revds. J. Clark, Thos. Trotter, A. H. Lavers, A. J. Cogswell, W. E. Armstrong.

OBITUARIES.—Revds. W. G. Parker, A. Cogswell.

TEMPERANCE.—Bro. J. F. L. Parsons, Revds. P. A. Shields, J. W. Weeks, with Brethren Samuel Freeman, Clifford Locke, Harding Randall, and W. Durkee.

BENEVOLENCE.—Revds. W. E. Hall, P. R. Foster, A. Cohoon, E. N. Archibald, with Brethren E. J. Freeman, G. S. Baker, and Edward Kempton.

The Committee recommended that the Circular Letter be read on Monday morning after the Sermon; that the Session of the afternoon be devoted to a consideration of the Reports on Questions in Letters, Benevolent Funds, and Missions; and that a public Missionary Meeting be held in the evening. They further suggested that the first Session on Tuesday be given to a discussion on the Reports on Education, Religious Literature, and Sabbath Schools; that Reports on Sabbath Observance, Obituaries, Temperance, and general matters be submitted on Tuesday afternoon; and that a devotional meeting be held in the evening.

SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

Liverpool, Baptist—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. Clark.

7.00 P. M. Rev. J. H. Saunders.

" *Wesleyan*—10.30 A. M. Rev. W. H. Richan.

7.00 P. M. Rev. E. O. Read.

" *Congregational*—10.30 A. M. Rev. W. H. Warren.

7.00 P. M. Rev. A. Cohoon.

Milton, Baptist—10.30 A. M. Rev. T. A. Higgins.

6.30 P. M. Rev. W. G. Parker.

- " *Disciples*—10.30 A. M. Rev. P. R. Foster.
6.30 P. M. Rev. L. B. Gates.
- " *Wesleyan*—3.00 P. M. Rev. G. H. Goudey.
- Brooklin, Congregational*—10.30 A. M. Rev. F. O. Weeks.
" *Baptist*—3.30 P. M. Rev. T. Trotter.
- " *Congregational*—7.30 P. M. Rev. W. E. Hall.
- Mount Pleasant, (colored)*—3.00 P. M. Rev. A. J. Cogswell.
7.30 P. M. Rev. L. M. Weeks.
- Port Medway*—10.30 A. M. Rev. Edward Whitman.
7.30 P. M. " "
- Ministers' Cove*—3.00 P. M. J. W. Weeks, Lic.
- Mill Village*—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. E. Blakeney.
7.30 P. M. Rev. E. N. Archibald.

It was recommended that collections be taken at each of the services for Home Missions.

The Committee to prepare a draft Act of Incorporation for the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia reported progress.

After the reading of the remainder of the Letters a short time was spent in prayer and praise.

Closed with prayer by Rev. P. Gallaher.

SATURDAY—Evening Session.

An interesting Temperance Meeting was held this evening. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. R. Foster. Addresses were delivered by Revds. W. H. Richan, A. Cohoon, J. H. Saunders, W. E. Hall, Edward Anderson, with Brethren J. N. Freeman and J. F. L. Parsons. The report on Temperance was read and approved. (See Appendix A.) Closed with prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

MONDAY MORNING, June 18th.

The Association assembled at 10 o'clock. After preliminary exercises participated in by Revds. E. O. Read, J. H. Saunders and W. G. Parker, the Sermon was preached by Rev. P. Gallaher from John vi. 37.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the Minutes of the last Session read and approved.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending the reading of the Letter.

The Circular Letter was accordingly read by the writer, Rev. W. H. Warren; subject, "Unsuccessful Churches."

On motion, the Letter was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes, and also in the *Christian Messenger*.

On motion, Rev. P. Gallaher was requested to furnish for publication his sermon of this morning; and it was resolved that the Editors of the *Christian Messenger* and *Visitor* be requested to publish the same.

Closed with singing, and prayer by Rev. W. E. Hall.

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MONDAY—Afternoon Session.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. M. Normonday. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

A letter addressed by Rev. R. S. Morton to our Association was read, and ordered to be filed among the other letters, and suitably acknowledged in the Minutes.

The report on Benevolent Funds was submitted. After remarks had been made by Revs. F. O. Weeks, A. Cohoon, Edw. Whitman, W. H. Warren, A. Cogswell, and J. Brown, it was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The Committee on Missions reported. Spoken to by Revs. J. H. Saunders, A. Cohoon, W. H. Warren, T. A. Higgins, and others. The report was, on motion, laid on the table till the evening session.

The Secretary of the Board having supervision over the Infirm Ministers' Fund reported as below:—

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June 20.—Balance in favor of last year's account less Rev. J. C. Morse's note.....		\$154 88
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30.—“ Rev. Chas. Randall.....		50 00
Dec. 3.—“ Rev. Henry Saunders.....		50 00
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W. H. WARREN, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

The Committee on Arrangement reported further, naming speakers for the Missionary Meeting in the evening. Each address to be limited to ten minutes.

A hymn was sung, and the session closed with prayer by Rev. G. H. Goudey.

MONDAY—Evening Session.

A public Missionary Meeting was held this evening. The attendance was very large. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. B. Gates. Addresses, interspersed with music by the Choir, were delivered by Revs. W. H. Richan, W. H. Warren, W. G. Parker, A. Cohoon, M. Normonday, Edw. Whitman, and Bro. S. Selden

on Home Missions; Revds. T. A. Higgins, J. Clark, J. W. Bancroft, F. O. Weeks on Foreign Missions.

A collection was taken up for French Missions. The report on Missions was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. Clark.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 19th.

The Session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. W. Bancroft. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

A bill for printing was presented by Bro. S. Selden. Ordered that it be paid.

The Committee on Religious Literature reported. Spoken to by Revds. J. Brown, P. R. Foster, J. H. Saunders, L. M. Weeks, P. Gallaher, G. O. Gates, Brethren S. Selden, and W. Daly. The report was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The Committee on Education reported. Spoken to by Revds. T. A. Higgins, J. Clark, E. N. Archibald, G. O. Gates, J. H. Saunders, J. W. Bancroft, G. H. Goudey, and Bro. J. F. L. Parsons. Report adopted. (See Appendix E.)

The following resolution was adopted:—

Whereas, It has pleased the Lord to lay upon a bed of suffering our beloved brother, Rev. G. D. Cox, the pastor of the 1st Hillsburg Church;

Resolved, That we hereby express our sympathy with our dear brother and his church in this hour of trial; and as we so much miss him in our present gathering our prayers shall abound for his recovery and comfort in the Holy Ghost.

Resolved further, That we send fraternal greetings to our aged and infirm brethren, Revds. C. Tupper, D. D., Charles Randall, Henry Saunders, and R. S. Morton, and record our pleasant recollections of past associations and our sincere desires for their welfare and a happy reunion in the better land.

The following brethren were appointed to constitute the Board of Infirm Ministers:—Revds. G. E. Day, W. H. Warren, J. A. Stubbert, A. Cohoon, E. M. Keirstead, and Brethren J. C. Anderson, and W. R. Doty.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. G. H. Goudey.

TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

Rev. A. P. Shields offered the opening prayer. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance submitted their report. Remarks were made by Revds. J. Brown, P. Gallaher, G. H. Goudey, and others. The report was then adopted. (See App. F.)

The report on Sabbath Schools was received and considered. It was spoken to by Revds. E. N. Archibald, P. Gallaher, G. H. Goudey, W. H. Richan, after which it was adopted. (See App. G.)

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The Committee on Temperance reported. Addresses were given by Revds: P. R. Foster, P. Gallaher, J. H. Saunders, John Brown, W. H. Warren, T. Trotter, Bro. J. F. L. Parsons, and others. The report was adopted in a slightly amended form. (See App. A.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to pay over the various sums in his hands to the several persons authorized to receive them.

Resolved, That all monies not otherwise designated be equally divided between Home, Foreign, and French Missions.

Resolved, That Bro. Selden be requested to publish 1500 copies of the Minutes of the Association at the same rate as last year. Also to insert the Report of the Home Mission Board, and the Minutes of the N. M. Union, and reserve 50 copies for the use of the Association.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

That the hearty thanks of this body be tendered to the kind friends of Liverpool for the hospitality and good will shown the delegates and friends of the Association during its sessions.

The Revds. J. H. Saunders, Edw. Whitman, W. H. Warren and G. O. Gates were appointed a Committee to consider the matter of securing suitable provision for the relief of superannuated ministers, and to report to the Convention.

On motion the following brethren were nominated Delegates to other Associations:—

TO THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—Revds. Edw. Whitman, Thos. Trotter, P. R. Foster, and W. E. Hall.

TO THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—Revds. A. Cohoon, W. H. Warren, G. N. Ballentine, G. E. Day, P. R. Foster.

TO THE P. E. ISLAND ASSOCIATION.—Revds. W. B. Bradshaw and W. H. Warren.

The Committee on Arrangement reported finally, recommending that Rev. T. A. Higgins preach the Sermon next year, Rev. E. Whitman being his alternative; and that Rev. J. H. Saunders prepare the Circular Letter. The report was adopted.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting for social worship in the evening.

The Minutes of the session having been read, on motion, it was

Resolved, That in compliance with the invitation of the Baptist Church at Pine Grove, this Association adjourn to meet with that Church on the third Saturday in June, 1878, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

These sessions throughout were characterized by marked expressions of brotherly love and unanimity of sentiment. The social service in the evening was one of interest and power. The brethren parted with earnest prayer for the future prosperity of our denomination, the salvation of precious souls, and the universal extension of our Master's Kingdom.

W. H. RICHAN, *Moderator*.

W. H. WARREN, } *Secretaries*.

EDW. WHITMAN, }

Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Western Association, held in Liverpool, June, 1877.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement	CLASS, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.			Present Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.		Died.
1 Acadia French Mission.....	1870	M. Normonday	1870	Simon Bolser, North Range, Bigby Co.	0	0	0	0	0	32
2 Annapolis Royal.....	1874	T. A. Higgins	1874	J. C. Britton	0	0	0	0	0	74
3 Annapolis and Upper Granville.....	1861	John Clark	1874	John Rice	64	12	0	0	0	149
4 Argyle.....	1830	W. H. Bradshaw	1874	Heman Nickerson	1	1	1	1	1	102
5 Arvadia.....	1871	J. K. Weeks, (Lic).	1876	Geo. Robbins	1	0	0	0	0	223
6 Barrington.....	1854	W. H. Richan.	1863	Josiah Smith	0	0	0	0	0	167
7 Beaver River.....	1846	.....	1876	A. J. Leadbetter	0	1	0	0	0	54
8 Brookfield.....	1828	F. O. Weeks	1876	G. H. Cleveland	5	4	0	0	0	369
9 Caladonia.....	1864	F. O. Weeks	1874	Jamies Porter	0	0	0	0	0	26
10 Clements.....	1810	J. M. Parker	1874	John Hauman	22	13	0	0	0	123
11 Dalhousie West.....	1836	.....	1874	J. S. Parker	0	0	0	0	0	83
12 Digby.....	1840	J. H. Saunders	1842	W. C. Denton	0	0	0	0	0	164
13 Digby Neck Ist.....	1809	J. C. Morse	1842	J. W. Denton	38	0	0	0	0	244
14 Digby Neck 2nd.....	1806	J. C. Morse	1873	Nathan J. Thurber	0	1	0	0	0	139
15 Freeport.....	1874	W. L. Parker	1875	Robert Harlow	0	0	0	0	0	8
16 Greenfield.....	1855	A. J. Cogswell	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	45
17 Forest Glen*.....	1874	.....	.....	.....	76	0	0	0	0	171
18 Greywood and Milford*.....	1891	T. A. Higgins	1874	Jacob Chute	0	7	0	0	0	357
19 Hampton.....	1824	J. A. Blakeney	1876	James Crosby	0	0	0	0	0	319
20 Hebron.....	1837	A. Cothorn	1870	T. H. Miller	0	0	0	0	0	104
21 Hillsburgh Ist.....	1823	G. D. Cox	1876	John S. Thomas	1	1	0	0	0	119
22 Hillsburgh 2nd.....	1843	G. H. Cooley	1876	S. T. Bacon	0	0	0	0	0	53
23 Hill Grove.....	1848	G. H. Cooley	1874	J. W. Dall	0	0	0	0	0	49
24 Jordan Bay and Sand Point.....	.....	Thomas Trotter	1874	Charles Hayden	0	0	0	0	0	17
25 Lake George.....	.....	.....	1874	Thos. DeLong	0	0	0	0	0	302
26 Lockport.....	.....	.....	1871	G. S. Parker	0	0	0	0	0	92
27 Liverpool.....	.....	.....	1871	Clifford Locke	14	17	0	0	0	136
28 Lower Caledonia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	1	0	0	0	138
29 Lower Caledonia and South Wilnot	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	27	4	0	0	444
30 Lower Caledonia and South Wilnot	1	0	0	0	0	5
31 Lower Caledonia and South Wilnot	0	0	0	0	0	5
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27 Liverpool.....	0	0	302
28 Lower Caledonia.....	14	17	92
29 Lower Caledonia and South Wilnot	16	1	136
30 Lower Caledonia and South Wilnot	38	27	138
31 Lower Caledonia and South Wilnot	1	0	5
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34 Lower Caledonia and South Wilnot	0	0	5

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 23 Hill Grove
 24 Jordan Bay and Sand Point
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27 Liverpool	1871 G. S. Parker	14	4	4	1	5	302
28 Lockport	1871 Clifford Locke	17	1	1	1	1	92
29 Lake George	1871 Wm. McInt.	16	1	1	1	1	136
30 Lawrenceville	1873 G. N. Ballantyne	16	1	1	1	1	138
31 Lower Ayresford and South Wilmot	1879 E. O. Read	38	27	4	5	9	444
32 Lower Sablayville	1800 P. R. Foster	1	1	1	1	1	250
33 Lower Sablay River	1847 J. F. McKenne	11	1	1	1	1	17
34 Lewis Head	1841 Thos. D. Giffin	1	1	1	1	1	52
35 Liebfield	1862 David Sprute	6	3	3	3	3	31
36 Milton, Yarmouth	1876 Benjamin Cook	1	4	1	1	1	120
37 Mill Village	1875 W. A. Reid	1	4	1	1	1	116
38 Milton, Queens	1875 G. W. Freeman	1	4	1	1	1	288
39 Middlefield	1875 S. F. Waterman	1	1	1	1	1	27
40 Nictaux	1809 F. Chipman	1	1	1	1	1	310
41 New Albany	Jess. Oakes	1	1	1	1	1	86
42 New Tusket	J. G. Nowlan	1	1	1	1	1	181
43 Ohio	1871 Jas. E. Allen	1	1	1	1	1	299
44 Parker's Cove*	1852 J. A. Stubbert	1	1	1	1	1	61
45 Pine Grove	1861 W. G. Parker	1	1	1	1	1	278
46 Port Medway	1822 A. H. Lavers	12	6	2	6	3	51
47 Public Co.	1856 W. H. Richan	6	6	4	4	3	108
48 Ragged Islands Ist.	1856 E. N. Archibald	7	1	3	1	2	69
49 Ragged Islands 2nd	1865 J. F. McKenne	6	4	4	4	3	41
50 Sable River	1865 J. F. McKenne	6	4	4	4	3	41
51 Shelburne	1869 James Dunlap	7	1	3	1	2	99
52 Sherbrooke West	1876 E. D. Taylor	7	1	3	1	2	69
53 Weymouth	1876 Thos. A. Wilson	6	4	4	4	3	41
54 Springfield	1876 W. C. Hankinson	6	4	4	4	3	41
55 St. Mary's Bay	1876 N. R. Westcott	24	2	2	2	1	232
56 Tusket	Kensel McNayr	22	2	2	2	1	111
57 Temple, Yarmouth	W. H. Gavel	10	6	1	1	1	109
58 Tusket Lakes	1873 J. B. Kinney	5	1	1	1	1	293
59 Wilnot	1870 A. S. Lent	5	1	1	1	1	177
60 Tyveron	1870 A. Longley	6	1	1	1	1	92
61 Upper Wilnot	1873 Chas. Fyne	6	1	1	1	1	325
62 Wilnot Mountain	1876 Dimock Gates	98	19	4	6	1	78
63 Woodport	1874 Joseph Harris	88	2	2	2	1	388
64 Woods Harbor	1863 Henry Chute	6	2	2	2	1	360
65 Yarmouth Ist.	1868 C. W. Saunders	6	2	2	2	1	154
66 Yarmouth 3rd.	1863 E. S. Crosby	6	2	2	2	1	61
67 Yarmouth South	1875 J. R. Robbins	28	3	3	3	2	229
68 Yarmouth West	1876 Nathan Pitman	28	3	3	3	2	196

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Ministers in the N. S. Western Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles.....	Parker's Cove.....	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" E. N. Archibald.....	Osborne.....	1865	Alexandra, P. E. I.
" W. A. J. Blakeney.....	Nictaux.....	1860	Cambridge, N. B.
" J. W. Bancroft.....	Weymouth.....	April 17, 1875	Windsor.
" W. B. Bradshaw.....	Argyle.....	1872	North River, P. E. I.
" G. N. Ballentine.....	Lawrencetown.....	Oct. 3, 1872	Brookfield.
" John Brown.....	Milton, Queens.....	April 7, 1870	Sodbury, Glo., G. B.
" John Clark.....	Bridgetown.....	1866	Godmanchester, G. B.
" A. Cohoon.....	Hebron.....	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" A. Cogswell.....	Tusket Lakes.....	Jan. —, 1843	St. Mary's Bay.
" A. J. Cogswell.....	Greenfield.....	1874	Tusket Lakes.
" G. E. Day, M. D.....	Yarmouth.....	Jan. 26, 1868	Yarmouth.
" J. A. Durkee.....	Paradise.....	Oct. 23, 1873	Milton.
" P. R. Foster.....	Lower Granville.....	Sept. 9, 1868	Kempt, Queens Co.
" L. B. Gates.....	Westport.....	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" G. O. Gates.....	Liverpool.....	Oct. 22, 1873	Liverpool.
" G. H. Goudy.....	St. Mary's Bay.....	June 7, 1877	St. Mary's Bay.
" A. H. Lavers.....	Port Medway.....	Sept. 21, 1876	Port Medway.
" T. A. Higgins.....	Annapolis.....	1867	Liverpool.
" W. E. Hall.....	Melvorn.....	Sept. 23, 1864	New Germany.
" E. M. Keirstead.....	Milton, Yarmouth Co.....	1877	Milton, Yarmouth Co.
" J. C. Morse.....	Digby Neck.....	Nov. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" P. F. Murray.....	Bridgetown.....	March 14, 1848	Westport.
" J. F. McKenna.....	Ragged Islands.....	Oct. 20, 1869	Greenfield.
" M. Normonday.....	Saultnierville.....	July 20, 1850	Yarmouth.
" W. G. Parker.....	Lawrencetown.....	Jan. 20, 1843	New Albany.
" Obed Parker.....	Melvorn.....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilmot.
" W. L. Parker.....	Freeport.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Upper Aylesford.
" J. M. Parker.....	Clements.....	Oct. 5, 1865	Springfield.
" C. Randall.....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" W. H. Richan.....	Barrington.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe.....	Chebogoe.....		Maacan.
" E. O. Read.....	Tremont.....	Jan. 8, 1858	Gaspereaux.
" P. A. Shields.....	Tusket.....	July 13, 1852	Hantsport.
" J. H. Sanders.....	Digby.....	Aug. 11, 1856	Ohio, Yarmouth Co.
" J. A. Stubbert.....	Deerfield.....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" J. D. Skinner.....	Beaver River.....	April 21, 1875	Beaver River.
" Charles Tupper, D.D.....	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" Thomas Trotter.....	Shelburne.....	1877	Shelburne.
" G. B. Titus.....	Beaver River.....	March 26, 1874	Osborne.
" Edward Whitman.....	Lockeport.....	Aug. 13, 1872	Caveport.
" W. H. Warren.....	Yarmouth.....	Feb. 8, 1872	Cavendish, P. E. I.
" L. M. Weeks.....	Kempt, Queens Co.....	Sept. 26, 1874	Issac's Harbor.
" F. O. Weeks.....	Brookfield.....	Nov. 15, 1876	Brookfield.

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Benjamin Miller.
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Circular Letter.

UNSUCCESSFUL CHURCHES.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

The original design of our annual Circular Letter was, we presume, to convey to the members of our churches not only expressions of fraternal greeting and kindly encouragement but also thoughts and suggestions of a practical character in relation to matters that are of present and vital importance to our Denomination. With this end in view the topic under consideration has been selected.

At such a time as this it is proper for us to enquire whether all the churches belonging to our Association have been successful in their evangelical efforts during the past year; and, if they have not, what has been the cause of their failure? It might fairly be assumed at the outset that the specific purpose for which Christ has called his churches into existence on earth is generally understood by intelligent believers. And yet this assumption may be altogether too favorable and flattering to ourselves. It is, indeed, quite possible that many, even in the ranks of Baptist church-members need more definite and correct views than they now entertain as to the primary object for which the Master has called them into his service. It is surely unnecessary to say that this object was not simply to secure for us an hour's entertainment in the sanctuary a certain number of times during the week, in listening to the best musical and literary performances at the least possible expense, such as men are accustomed to expect at a theatre or place of public amusement. It is feared, however, that not a few professors of religion have no higher idea of church-membership than is here implied. How completely is this at variance with the scriptural idea! According to the New Testament model we are not expected to take into consideration for one moment our own comfort or convenience in our relationship to the church, and our labors for the promotion of our Savior's kingdom. The very pledge with which we enter upon our spiritual career is that we shall "not henceforth live unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again." The grand purpose in view of which the christian church was constituted is concisely and explicitly stated by Paul in his brief pastoral letter to Titus, in which it is affirmed of our blessed Redeemer that he "gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." From this statement we learn that the constituent elements of true religion are personal holiness and spiritual activity.

Such of our churches as earnestly strive to conform to the scrip-

tural pattern here indicated are faithfully fulfilling the obligations imposed upon them by their glorious Founder. And we have reason to be profoundly grateful to God that there are not wanting worthy examples of this kind. But how few, alas! can claim to have attained to this exalted position! A much larger proportion have abundant cause for lamentation over their leanness, their lack of success and their alarming retrogression. The care of these churches demands our careful study and our earnest prayers.

In explaining the inactivity and spiritual darkness which unhappily prevail in too many christian communities, it has been heretofore the almost invariable custom among us to sum up all our ecclesiastical failures under the heading of "unsuccessful ministers." There have been doubtless just grounds in too many instances for adopting this method of explanation. It may, nevertheless, be both wise and profitable to consider whether an equally satisfactory and reasonable solution of the problem may not possibly be found under the heading of *Unsuccessful Churches*. The suggestion is perfectly orthodox. In turning over the pages of the New Testament we are not a little surprised to observe that whilst bishops and elders are seldom or never reprov'd for unfaithfulness, the churches are often brought to task on account of their lack of zeal, declension from "first love," worldliness, etc. This is noticeable chiefly from the fact that it stands out in such striking contrast with the modern custom of loading our ministers with blame and sending scores of them adrift annually on account of failures for which the churches themselves are largely if not wholly responsible. We shall not claim either that ministers are now as faithful as they were in apostolic times, or that the churches of the nineteenth century are as prone to apostasy as were their primitive predecessors; but it is quite evident that there is enough similarity between the former and the latter days to give appropriateness and value to our present meditations.

THE FACT STATED.

That a large proportion of our churches are comparatively unsuccessful in accomplishing the work or exerting the salutary influence for which they were designed is painfully apparent. Viewed either in reference to the spirituality of their members, the efforts put forth by them in their respective localities, or the degree of aid they have rendered in the support of our denominational interests, it is obvious that success is oftener the exception than the rule. From the statistical returns which are forwarded annually to our Associations it appears that many of our churches have for a long time had no increase in their numbers. From the same source we find that many are giving either very little or absolutely nothing in the way of assisting the great enterprises for evangelizing and educating the world. Who among us was not surprised, astounded and humiliated when the statement appeared in the public prints over the signature of our Home Secretary of Foreign Missions that *one hundred and sixty Baptist Churches in the Maritime Provinces*

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contributed not one cent during the past fiscal year for the purpose of carrying out the Master's sacred commission—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"! A much larger number of churches have contributed nothing towards the promotion of home evangelization. As a necessary result of this lamentable inactivity and illiberality a sort of religious stagnation, a spiritual nightmare, supervenes, Sunday Schools are neglected and allowed to die out, pulpits become permanently vacant, the regular meetings for religious worship are gradually forsaken, until nothing remains but empty houses, a few stray, gaunt mice, and frowning spires pointing silently and ominously toward heaven admonishing the observer that a day of reckoning is at hand. Might not such churches with great propriety be kindly invited to resign their position and quietly step down and out under the charge of being unsuccessful?

THE CAUSES ASSIGNED.

It would be impossible to review, within the narrow limits of a brief circular, the various causes which tend to hinder the Lord's work among our churches. These causes are both numerous and complicated. We may, however, advert to a few of the more prominent ones.

There can be no doubt that the primary and controlling source of the evil under consideration is simply the lack of genuine spirituality. If our hearts are not right in the sight of God, our words and deeds will scarcely be found to harmonize with the teachings of inspired truth. Paul gave a satisfactory account of the motives by which he and his co-laborers were actuated in their zealous and self-sacrificing toils when he declared that "the love of Christ constraineth us." So long as men continue to pay more attention and a larger tribute of affection to their farms, their warehouses or their fishing smacks than to their God, they will persist, as in the days of Amos, in "sacrificing unto their net and burning incense unto their drag." A sense of the goodness and mercy of our heavenly Father must become so dominant in our minds as to subordinate all worldly considerations to the higher claims of our spiritual life before we shall be willing cheerfully to consecrate all our talents, our possessions and ourselves to His service.

The lack of brotherly love and especially of denominational love, so often apparent in our communities, are fruitful causes of spiritual inactivity and religious declension. When a man ceases to manifest true affection toward the members of the household of faith, when he takes no longer an honest pride in the welfare of the church with which he is providentially connected, or in the prosperity of the denomination to whose articles of faith and practice he has subscribed, it will make comparatively little difference to him how soon either that church or that denomination shall become extinct. The death and burial of either, will be an occasion of few tears and little grief.

The absence of success in our churches is often directly traceable

to the inadequacy with which pastors are sustained. This is true in relation to financial matters : but we allude more particularly to the moral support that is given to ministers. It is not infrequently the case that a pastor is called upon to bear the whole burden of a church both in its religious services and its business management. Instead of finding an Aaron and a Hur to uphold his trembling hands, he too often finds a Nadab and an Abihu offering strange fire and rendering nugatory what little influence for good he has endeavoured to exert. As a result of this, both the character and office of the christian minister are by many held in light esteem, and ministerial itinerancy is becoming as common as that of the troubadours or minstrels of by-gone days who roamed about from place to place singing songs and telling stories for the purpose of obtaining their daily bread. It is not our intention in these remarks to exonerate pastors in the slightest degree from any blame of which they may be justly deserving ; but we aim to show that they are not entitled to a monopoly of that blame which is generally placed exclusively upon their shoulders.

THE REMEDY SUGGESTED

The speedy and entire removal of these causes of declension is the important and practical matter which demands our best wisdom and most earnest prayers.

How may a better state of things be brought about ?

The reply to this question has been to some extent anticipated by the foregoing considerations.

It is obvious that personal holiness must necessarily receive our first attention. Unless our hearts are filled with love to Christ it will be folly to expect either enjoyment or success in our religious efforts. To how many churches and individuals might be addressed the withering rebuke : " I know thy works that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead ! " We need the constant presence and guiding influence of the Holy Spirit. Our sufficiency is of God, and nothing of permanent benefit or value can be accomplished without His gracious assistance. The voice of the Master is heard to-day uttering the solemn injunction to each of the churches : " Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works ; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. "

It is also necessary that, as members of the church of Christ, we should have just conceptions of the duties and responsibilities which belong to this relationship. We are not called to a life of idleness, but to one of constant activity and self-sacrifice. The more clearly we understand the glorious mission of the church on earth, the more grateful we feel for the honor we have received in being permitted to participate in its blessings and share in its toils, and the more zealously we labor to secure its universal extension. Saved ourselves, the chief joy of our lives will be to become instrumental in the salvation of others. To this end our fervent prayers will often ascend

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to God, our means will be cheerfully and liberally contributed, and no sacrifice will be thought too great in carrying on the Master's work. The emotions of our hearts will find appropriate expression in the familiar and beautiful words,—

“Were all the realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

In fine, we have need to offer constant and fervent prayer to our God that the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit may be graciously vouchsafed unto us. Enlightened and animated by that indwelling Spirit we shall form correct ideas of the character and magnitude of the work in which we are engaged, we shall have a just appreciation of the priceless value of immortal souls, and, above all, we shall have a sincere desire for the universal reign of our risen and glorified Lord. Under such influences no church can be unsuccessful, no pastor can labor in vain. The theme suggested for our Association by our esteemed brother in Christ, Deacon Samuel Brown, may well be adopted by each of the churches as a fitting and precious motto;—“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

APPENDIX.

(A)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

(1). Within the bounds of this Association, including the Counties of Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne and Queens, no licenses are granted for the sale of intoxicating beverages. It is gratifying to state in connection with the foregoing that the Baptists in these five counties are more numerous than the adherents of any other denomination.

(2). The progress of the Temperance Reform in its various departments, during the past year, has been satisfactory. In the different sections of country known to this Committee the temperance cause is in a better position now than it was one year ago. The various temperance organizations have increased in numbers and efficiency, and have been able to contend more successfully with the drink traffic and its attendant evils. Legislation has been advanced; the law to-day is more stringent than ever before, and were it strictly enforced the blessings of prohibition would be brought to all our homes. Already there are several towns and many rural districts within our borders where, owing to the efforts of the people to enforce the law, no intoxicating liquors are permitted to be sold. The same public spirit and determination to uphold the law and sustain the officers in the discharge of their duty, if manifested in every town, would speedily bring in the day of freedom from the curse of strong drink. Christians are recreant to duty if they remain inactive while the laws of God and of man continue to be violated. The efforts of the church, while not equal to what the magnitude of this evil demands, have been greater than during previous years. At the present time it is not the tippling church member only, but also the inactive christian refusing to aid this work who is proving an obstruction in this way of the Lord.

(3). As the use of alcoholic beverages is the crowning evil of the times, being the chief cause of poverty, crime, disease and premature death; as it is oftentime the occasion of discipline throughout the churches, and presents a formidable obstacle at all times to the spread of the Gospel, it is incumbent upon pastors and people to engage in continuous and active efforts for its discontinuance. We, therefore, cordially commend the DOMINION ALLIANCE for the TOTAL SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The principles on which this Alliance is founded are these:—

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increase crime, to waste the resources of the Dominion, to corrupt the social habits, and to destroy the health and lives of the people.

2. That the traffic in intoxicating liquors as common beverages is inimical to the true interest of individuals, and destructive of the order and welfare of society, and ought, therefore, to be prohibited.

3. That the history and results of all legislation in regard to the liquor traffic abundantly prove that it is impossible satisfactorily to limit or regulate a system so essentially mischievous in its tendencies.

4. That no consideration of private gain or public revenue can justify the upholding of a system so utterly wrong in principle, suicidal in policy, and disastrous in results, as the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

5. That the Legislative Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic is perfectly compatible with national liberty, and with the claims of justice and legitimate commerce.

6. That the Legislative Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic would be highly conducive to the development of a progressive civilization.

7. That, rising above sectarian and party considerations, all good citizens should combine to procure an enactment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages, as affording most efficient aid in removing the appalling evils of intemperance.

(4). The effort to reclaim those fallen through strong drink have only been partially successful; the labors for temperance among the youth of our land, though not very extensive, have been most abundant in good results; the majority of the workers in this cause received these principles in the days of their youth. The example and training of home are the most potent teachers; if these are strongly in favor of temperance, morality and religion, good fruits shall be produced. Sabbath School instruction might contain more total abstinence teaching; or a pledge could be prepared for the Sabbath School, and once a month a few minutes could be taken from the regular work and devoted to temperance. There are upwards of a hundred fine Sabbath School books already published which make temperance a leading topic; every library should possess some of these. Such quiet influences, aided by the active sympathy of parents, teachers, and church members will surely produce most beneficial results. If the next generation shall be sober our country will be indeed prosperous.

(5). We beg to commend the churches which discard the use of commercial wine for communion purposes, and urge the use of the fruit of the vine for commemorating the death of our blessed Lord.

(6). In regard to christians using strong drinks for beverage purposes we are pleased to report that, so far as known, very few Baptist Christians in Nova Scotia are in such an unfortunate and harmful condition. The Christian Church in all its branches and in all countries will be more powerful when this "Spirit of Evil" shall be utterly cast out. We beg to suggest that this Association hereby advise the churches to be exceedingly careful to guard

against the baneful influences resulting from the use of alcoholic beverages; and recommend that persons who persist in using the same as beverages be not received into the church or retained in full communion therewith.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. PARSONS, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

In view of the work which God has given to us as a denomination to do for Him your committee feel that the contributions of our churches to benevolent objects are far too small. They are not in keeping with the requirements of God's word to honor the Lord with our substance and the first fruit of all our increase "They do not comport with our profession of loving God with zeal so great that we would give Him all."

True, the present financial depression common to all circles would in some measure affect the contributions of our churches, but the treasury of God ought not to be the greatest sufferer. Retrenchment should begin elsewhere. It appears to your committee that there are two great needs in our churches, viz., a plan of united systematic effort that will reach every member of our churches; and a spirit of honest conscientious giving.

The first is supplied by God's own word. There can be no better rule: upon each first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. But if the giving is to be as God has prospered, each member's conscience must be his guide. In educating that conscience and in working out systematic effort, very much depends on the pastor. Your Committee believe that not only should he carefully teach his people on this matter, but he should see that some suitable system is adopted and worked by his church by which every member is invited to contribute. Your committee also feel that the time has come for, at least a half-yearly collection instead of yearly.

Neither should we forget that Jesus still "stands over against the treasury and sees how the people cast in," and we are not to call our pittance the widow's mite unless like her hers it is all our living.

W. E. HALL, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions are glad to be able to report that both the Home and Foreign missions are in a prosperous condition.

In our Foreign work we have cause for gratitude in the restoration of Brother Churchill's health—the organization of the little

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church in the Jaypoor district and in the general encouraging state of the mission. Your committee would call attention however, to the decrease in the amount of contributions as noticed in a late number of the *Messenger*, and urge the churches of this Association to endeavour to exceed, instead of falling below the amount of last year.

The Home Mission work though somewhat crippled by the debt of last year, now largely reduced, is still being prosecuted with vigour. The board having this work in charge are earnest in their efforts to plant the truth as we believe it in every section of the province. They should have the fullest sympathies and financial support from our pastors and churches. Your committee regard with great satisfaction the employment of Rev. J. H. Robbins as general missionary as also the endeavor of the Board to occupy stations permanently. They also notice with pleasure the action of the pastors of Annapolis Co. to supply the destitute sections of that county and trust the churches will sustain their action and that other counties will follow their example.

The French Mission department of our home work deserves and we trust will receive increased attention. The staff of workers should be increased at once. If we do not intend to work this field more faithfully we should abandon it to others. Your committee believe that decided action should be taken in reference to this matter at the approaching meeting of the Home Mission Union.

Respectfully submitted.

A. COHOON, *Chairman.*

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RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee beg to report that in their opinion the press is one of the mightiest powers in the world, either for good or evil, and that the church should therefore avail herself of its power to the utmost possible extent to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. They consider that pastors should seek to impress upon their hearers, and the church in particular, the high importance of avoiding every kind of literature that in any way whatever militates against religion and good morals; and of reading only such as will be helpful thereto, and as will tend to elevate and improve the mind. Also, that Sunday School teachers should take care to warn their schools against the reading of pernicious literature, which is leading so many of our youth astray; but it will be necessary, at the same time, to direct them to such productions as will both interest and profit. Also that parents keep a very careful oversight of their families in this matter. Homes are the training schools of society, and next to the direct teaching of the parents comes that of what the children read; and your Committee are of the very decided opinion that money invested in providing an

abundant supply of good literature for their families is one of the best and wisest investments parents can make. Your Committee also give it as their opinion that every Baptist family should, (if in their power), take their denominational paper. It is difficult to see how they are to know the progress of the denomination if they do not, and no less difficult to see how they can be interested in it at all. A much wider circulation of the paper would be the result; a deeper interest would be awakened in the progress of our section of Christ's army, and would tend to raise the standard of our denominational paper still higher, for as circulation increases must the standard rise.

Your Committee would also suggest that some decided step be taken towards the establishment of a Baptist Book Agency in this Province. There is a need for it, and the sooner it is established the better. We feel the importance of giving due prominence to the circulation of such literature as clearly set forth our distinctive principles. Allegiance to Christ, who is the truth, demands that we should. As Baptists we have not only a fort to hold, but a fort to storm, and we consider that an Agency of the kind named would be most helpful for both, and therefore strongly recommend that at the earliest possible moment it should be established.

J. BROWN, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report :

That a gratifying measure of success has attended all our educational efforts during the past year. There has been a good attendance both in the Academy and the College; and the examinations recently held convinced the friends of our institutions that efficient and thorough work is being accomplished at Horton in training our young people for future usefulness.

The graduating class in the College this year was small, composed of only two; both, however, are looking forward to the work of the ministry.

Two young ladies, having completed the three years' course in the Academical department, also received certificates to that effect, and may be styled graduates from the Institutions at Horton.

Your Committee would call attention to one fact with reference to the graduating class in the College of this year. It came out only two, although it entered in 1873 a large and interesting class. It was stated by the President on Anniversary Day that the want of means with which to pay bills was one of the principal things which had so reduced this class; and those who are able to render assistance are asked to remember worthy young men anxious to fit themselves for the great work of preaching Christ to the people.

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affiliation with the Halifax University has proved to be generally acceptable to the Churches of this Association. The determination to stand aloof from all other institutions of learning and to do our own work in our own way, makes it indispensable, however, largely to increase the funds of the College; and your Committee would heartily commend to the Churches of this Association the effort now being made to add \$100,000 to the College Endowment Fund. If all will work together, and pray earnestly while they work, we need not doubt that the divine blessing will rest upon our institutions in the future as it has in the past.

T. A. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We desire to recognize the goodness of God in setting apart one day out of every seven for the benefit of our race. It is necessary, however, that there should be a clear understanding concerning the nature and design of the Christian Sabbath. That holy day is given to us, not for recreation, but for rest; not for work, but for worship; not for seeking worldly pleasures, but for gaining spiritual and eternal good. Everything, therefore, which is calculated to lead our hearts away from holy things should be carefully and conscientiously avoided. We take the opportunity of suggesting that those who are the heads of families should exercise their influence and authority, affectionately and judiciously, over all the members of their households in order that the Sabbath may be kept in harmony with God's requirements.

Your Committee would further recommend that, wherever it is practicable, Sabbath funerals should be dispensed with; because on the one hand they frequently interfere with a minister's preaching appointments in other parts of his field of labor; and because on the other hand they involve a large amount of manual labor on the part of those who attend upon them. We mention this, not because we have reason to believe that the practice is a common, or a growing one, but because we think that sometimes it might be prevented.

Those who spend the Sabbath in fellowship with Christ are sure to spend it well.

Respectfully submitted,
J. CLARK, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee express their gratitude to God that the Sabbath School is everywhere among us recognized as an essential means for the religious culture of the rising generation. But they feel that the full idea of a Church Sabbath School for all ages, where the entire congregation may join in pleasant worship and the study of God's Word, is only as yet laid hold of by the few. Your Committee feel that the success of the School depends, under God, most on the Pastor. His presence in the School as far as possible, but especially his inspiration wherever he moves among his flock, (if he is indeed inspired with the spirit of his work), will do more to make the School a power than all other agencies.

Your Committee would warn parents against the abuse of the School by making the work done there a pretext for the neglect of home training. They are impressed that at best it is but a help to parents in their God-given work.

Your Committee urge upon all the importance of supplying the best helps to the teachers and scholars; and recommend the "Baptist Teacher," and Lesson Papers of "The International Series."

Your Committee, in view of the difficulties that our Schools and our people labor under to obtain the best kind of Baptist literature, would again call the attention of our denomination to the importance of immediate action in opening a Book Room for these Maritime Provinces.

And, finally, they would suggest that while everything ought to be done to make the School an illuminator of mind, it should be our chief care and prayer to make every lesson reach the heart and win it for Jesus.

E. N. ARCHIBALD, *Chairman.*

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NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Mission.	Ministerial Education.	Academy College.	Infirmary Ministers.	Total.
1 Milton, Queens Co.	\$10 00	\$21 70	\$2 00	.....	.....	.....	\$33 70
2 New Albany	6 05	2 20	0 50	.....	.....	\$0 25	9 00
3 Ohio, Yarmouth	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
4 Kempt, Queens Co.	2 50	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	4 25
5 Lower Aylesford	12 97	13 55	1 60	.....	.....	1 45	29 57
6 Hillgrove	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	9 00
7 West Port	5 42	10 00	.....	.....	\$5 00	5 00	25 42
8 Freeport	6 00	6 00	8 00	.....	4 00	6 00	30 00
9 Tiverton	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	6 00
10 Clements	9 00	5 00	9 00	.....	7 00	.....	30 00
11 Woods Harbor	4 00	2 00	1 00	.....	2 62	.....	9 62
12 Upper Wilmot	20 00	7 00	2 00	.....	5 00	1 00	35 00
13 Digby .....	.....	.....	1 69	.....	.....	.....	1 69
14 2nd Digby Neck	2 00	1 98	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 98
15 1st Digby Neck	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 35	7 35
16 Temple Church, Yarmouth	52 25	45 80	12 71	\$12 10	12 47	15 97	151 30
17 Lower Granville	12 24	6 95	4 00	1 25	1 00	1 75	27 19
18 Wilmot Mountain	2 00	10 00	3 00	.....	.....	3 00	18 00
19 Hampton	1 65	12 01	2 34	.....	.....	1 00	17 00
20 2nd Hillsburg	2 32	3 56	5 50	.....	.....	.....	11 38
21 Weymouth	7 75	9 39	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 14
22 Hebron, Yarmouth Co.*	30 00	40 90	8 00	6 00	10 00	6 60	100 60
23 Wilmot	50 00	40 90	15 00	7 06	18 63	7 00	187 63
24 Nictaux	12 00	10 00	9 44	.....	.....	.....	31 44
25 Annapolis and Upper Granville	30 77	5 75	13 18	1 00	4 73	3 72	59 20
26 Brookfield, Queens Co.	12 57	8 32	.....	.....	0 75	1 38	23 02
27 Springfield	8 50	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 25
28 Mill Village	6 00	2 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 32
29 Arcadia	6 60	4 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 50
30 West Yarmouth	3 05	5 44	1 60	.....	0 70	0 25	11 04
31 South Yarmouth .....	.....	6 00	.....	1 64	1 30	1 30	11 24
32 Shelburne .....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
33 Jordan Bay & Sand Point .....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
34 Caledonia	3 55	2 25	1 00	.....	0 50	0 25	7 55
35 Sabie River	3 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 65
36 1st Hillsburg	20 00	15 00	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00	50 00
37 Middlefield	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
38 Greenfield	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
39 Tusket Lake .....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	1 25	2 00	7 25
40 Port Medway	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 25
41 Liverpool	22 50	17 50	7 91	.....	10 00	7 50	65 41
42 Lawrence Town	8 00	2 00	2 50	0 25	0 25	0 50	13 50
43 1st Ragged Island .....	.....	7 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 30
44 Jordan River .....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
45 2nd East Ragged Islands	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
46 Tusket	5 75	2 25	.....	.....	1 00	.....	9 00
47 Pine Grove	11 00	3 80	12 00	0 75	0 75	2 00	30 30
48 1st Yarmouth	28 90	32 58	10 00	7 25	7 25	11 75	147 73
49 Deerfield Yarmouth Co.	15 00	15 00
50 Milton, Yarmouth Co.	0 25	5 30	5 55
51 Lockport	22 45	20 00	42 45
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53 Collections—Liverpool Church	28 43	28 43
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Monies reported by Churches and appropriated during the year.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	French Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Academy College.	Tuition Ministers.	Total.
1 Annapolis and Upper Granville.....	\$ 5 82					\$ 5 82
2 Brookfield.....	4 40					4 40
3 Barrington.....		4 00	12 26			16 26
4 Caledonia.....		1 60				1 60
5 Annapolis Royal.....	16 00	5 00	16 00			37 00
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10 Lower Aylesford.....	15 64	20 00	20 15			55 79
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12 Liverpool.....	10 31		20 00			30 31
13 Lower Sable River.....	3 25					3 25
14 New Tusket.....		5 62				5 62
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18 Pine Grove.....	39 08	8 30				47 38
20 Shelburne.....		8 00	7 00			15 00
21 Springfield.....	8 50		1 75			10 25
22 Ohio.....		24 83				24 83
23 South Yarmouth.....	13 05	1 80				14 85
24 Temple.....	20 00		17 76	20 00		57 76
25 Upper Wilmot.....	19 00	20 00	5 00	5 00		49 00
26 Wilmot Mountain.....	3 10					3 10
27 Westport.....		10 00	32 48			42 48
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CONSTITUTION

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N. S. Western Baptist Association.

ART. 1.—This body shall be called the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

3.—The objects of the Association shall be, the collection of statistical and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; the promotion of individual godliness and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

4.—The Association shall meet annually on the 3rd Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock. A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastor.

5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for; take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition. The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the vote of the Association.

6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed, by dismission, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, 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.

7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

8.—The Association shall not in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

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RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of a Moderator shall be made by ballot.

3rd.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

4th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

5th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

6th.—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

7th.—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

8th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

9th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

10th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

11th.—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

12th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.

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MINUTES

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

PORTAUIPQUE MOUNTAIN,

Friday, July 13th, 1877.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union convened in Temperance Hall, Portauipque Mountain, July 13th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents Rev. S. March was called to the chair.

Union opened with prayer by Rev. D. W. Crandall. Secretaries appointed, J. F. Kempton and G. N. Ballentine.

The following list of delegates was then arranged, viz. :—

Amherst—Revds. D. A. Steele, G. F. Miles, Bro. B. L. Douglass.

Parrsboro'—Deacon Samuel Spencer.

Advocate Harbor—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Maccan—Brother W. B. Blenkhorn.

River John—Brethren Nelson Sutherland, Robert Allan.

Onslow West—Rev. S. March, Deacon Samuel McKinlay.

Onslow East—Rev. S. March, Bro. J. W. Lyons.

Lower Economy—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Deacon Josiah Soley.

Upper Economy and Portauipque—Deacons George Davison, J. Carr, and Thomas Fulton.

Great Village—Deacon Ezra Layton, Brother Archibald Thompson.

New Glasgow—C. H. Martell, (Lic).

DeBert River—Brethren Wm. McCully and D. C. Stevens.

Truro—Deacons Lyman Walker and Richard Upham.

Laurencetown—Rev. G. N. Ballentine.

Halifax 1st—Brother S. Selden.

Brookfield—H. B. Shaffner, (Lic).

Acadian Mines—J. D. Cook.

Little River—F. H. Rushton.

Members present in their own right, viz. :—

Revds. J. F. Kempton, H. Cool, P. R. Foster, J. H. Robbins, D. W. Crandall, Isa. Wallace, W. H. Warren, Samuel Thompson, Henry Eagles.

Invited to a seat :—

Deacon A. A. Pineo, Bro. Wm. Cummings, Rev. John Coombs, Bro. D. L. McCurdy.

Voted to close this session at 5 o'clock, P. M., and the evening session to open at 7 P. M.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Union be printed with the Minutes of each of the Associations.

Upon motion, Rev. W. H. Warren, Corresponding Secretary, *pro. tem.*, read the report of the Executive Board, with that of the Treasurer.

Resolved to consider the Report clause by clause.

The Chairman called upon Rev. I. Wallace to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the success attending the efforts and labors of the Union the past year.

Clause by clause of the Report was then taken up; spoken to by several of the brethren, and four clauses were adopted, when the Union adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster.

FRIDAY--Evening Session,

Session opened by singing

"Majestic sweetness sits enthroned,
Upon the Saviour's brow,"

and prayer by Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Report was again taken up, the clauses referring to the French Mission and Book Concern receiving special prominence.

On motion the Report was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

Moved by Dr. Sawyer, seconded and adopted, that:—

Whereas, It appears that the Board have not had any correspondence with the Governors of Acadia College concerning the relation of this Union to the Theological Department of the College, though the last clause of the third paragraph of the Report of the last year, as appears on the 35th page of the Minutes, required such correspondence;

Resolved,—That the Board be instructed to open correspondence with the Governors of the College on the subject referred to, with a view to bringing it to a termination that shall be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

It was voted that the Board be located for the ensuing year at Yarmouth.

It was voted that G. E. Day, A. C. Robbins, A. Cohoon, J. C. Anderson, W. A. C. Randall, E. M. Keirstead, W. R. Doty, P. D. Kinney, W. H. Warren, J. A. Stubbart, J. Rowe, Joshua Huestis, J. W. Weeks be the members of the Board for the ensuing year.

Also voted that the Board be empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year.

It was agreed that we proceed to elect the

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Secretaries—Brethren Ballentine and Kempton.

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Auditor—D. R. Eaton.

Moved by Rev. I. Wallace and seconded by Rev. G. N. Ballantine:—

Whereas, There appears to be much difficulty to secure a sufficiently large or general representation of the churches at the annual meetings of this body;

And whereas, It seems highly desirable that the denomination throughout these Maritime Provinces become more intimately acquainted with its Home Missionary operations;

And whereas, The New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society at its recent annual meeting, expressed itself favorably with regard to reporting its work to the General Convention of these Provinces;

Therefore resolved, That this Union hereby express its opinion favorably as to the desirableness and practicability of holding its annual meetings in connexion with said Convention, and of having its work reviewed by and incorporated with that body.

Voted thanks to the Board for service, and to the people of the community for their kind efforts to accommodate this Union.

Adjourned to meet with the Central Assciation at Canard next year.

J. F. KEMPTON,

G. N. BALLENTINE,

} *Secretaries.*

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

In presenting their fifth Annual Report the Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union desire to make grateful mention of the manifold blessings which an indulgent Father has been pleased to bestow upon our efforts during the past year. It has been a year of comparative prosperity. Difficulties have been overcome, burdens have been removed and an amount of work performed altogether beyond our anticipation. Having entered upon the duties of the year with a heavy debt resting upon our exchequer, we have had occasion for increasing gratitude in witnessing from month to month the gradual diminution of our liabilities, whilst at the same time a fair degree of progress has been made in our missionary operations.

THE LINE OF POLICY PURSUED.

It was deemed expedient by your Board, in enterring upon the responsibilities of the year, not only to adopt the most economical methods of carrying on the work in which we were engaged, but also to pursue the policy of retrenchment so far at least as to ensure the liquidation of all our debts before the close of the year. We are happy to state that this purpose has been well-nigh effected. In pursuing this line of policy however we have necessarily restricted our efforts in evangelization to such a degree that the work performed and the consequent results are small when compared with those of former years. It is by no means a difficult matter so to manage the business of our Board as to be able to report a satisfactory balance in hand. That can be done simply by neglecting helpless fields, turning a deaf ear to the urgent appeals for aid which come to us almost every week, and permitting immortal souls to perish without making any other attempt to secure their salvation. But we are not ambitious for the fame of those societies which boast of solvent treasuries and have nothing else to report.

GENERAL AGENCY.

In following out the course suggested by their own convictions and in agreement with your recommendation of last year, your Board endeavoured to secure at the earliest possible date the services of an efficient General Agent. The task was a difficult one; and for several months our efforts were ineffectual. We were pleased to learn in the early part of last December that Rev. J. H. Robbins was willing to undertake this important work.

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His circumstances were such, however, that he could not enter upon the duties of the agency until about the beginning of February. This left a very short time in which to visit the churches and perform the vast amount of work which was necessary to be done before the close of the fiscal year. We are nevertheless well assured that during the three months of labor spent by Bro. Robbins in the service of the Board a valuable work was done for Home Missions, the results of which must conduce greatly to the future prosperity of our Union. The financial receipts have not hitherto been large; yet they have much exceeded the expense of the agency whilst the labors of our Agent, considered simply in their missionary character, have been vastly greater and more fruitful in good results than those of almost any other missionary connected with our Board. The methods adopted and the work accomplished by Bro. Robbins will be most intelligently understood by a careful perusal of his own Report:

"I herein forward the first quarter's report of my work as General Agent.

I entered upon the work on Jan. 29, and continued until April 23, when I returned to make arrangements for the removal of my family to Yarmouth. I was at home one day on business of my own. The period of my services has thus been about twelve weeks.

During that time I visited 43 churches, delivered 42 lectures on Home Missions, preached 56 sermons, attended 117 meetings and addressed in all 9393 persons. I travelled 1325 miles, baptized 11 converts, and collected \$314.47.

I started subscriptions or circulated cards to gather funds for the Associations in a number of churches, and urged others to press forward as energetically and promptly as possible. From several churches I did not receive returns where some money had actually been collected.

I have as carefully as possible inquired into the circumstances of every church visited by me in relation to Home Missions, in order to ascertain their disposition and ability to contribute, or the need in which they stood of assistance. I also sought to ascertain at what season of the year it would be best to visit each place either to gather funds or to do evangelistic work.

It has been my aim to encourage and help pastors in their work, to increase their interest in Home Missions, and to induce them to visit occasionally destitute fields within their reach.

My constant purpose has been to present the claims of our great work not merely as an appeal from the Board or from man, but as a demand from the Lord to aid in carrying out the lost command, and as an imperative duty resting upon every Christian. Each church is accustomed to say, "We are poor;" but I ask every member of each church to give something, and I endeavour to persuade them to give on principle and intelligently. There is reason to hope that some converts have been gained.

Among other things I have suggested improved systems of raising funds and have introduced these systems in several churches. A good general method is to name an amount such as might reasonably be expected to be raised by a given church, and then show with what ease the money can be obtained on the principle of each member contributing a small sum weekly or monthly.

My strong conviction after three months experience is that an energetic man should be kept constantly employed as a missionary explorer, inspector and reporter, going to the destitute fields and thence to the stronger churches to stir them up with facts such as only a missionary can full understand and describe. I see opportunities for doing much in the way of securing and arranging voluntary missionary work on the part of pastors, and I have already several such projects in view."

It is thus seen that the labors of our Agent are not to be measured, in estimating their utility, by the immediate pecuniary results that have been secured. He has done valuable work as a missionary. He has, after careful personal inspection, given judicious advice to our Board in reference to the allocation of fields, and the appointment of missionaries; and he has been by no means unsuccessful in raising funds. We strongly advise the Board who shall succeed us to continue his services.

MISSIONARY WORK UNDERTAKEN.

As already intimated, your Board have made comparatively few missionary appointments during the year. Earnest and urgent appeals for assistance came to us from many destitute places. A large number of applications for appointments were made by worthy missionaries, both young and old. Every legitimate effort was made to introduce unemployed ministers to unoccupied fields; simply by recommendation, but beyond this it was deemed inexpedient to venture until our treasury should assume a more hopeful appearance. It was thought advisable to disburse the limited funds at our disposal in the form of small subsidies to such missionary churches and stations as we have had reason to fear might be abandoned unless aided by our treasury. Towards the close of the year, however, when our financial prospects seemed to brighten in some degree, we felt constrained to yield to the pressing appeal of several neglected stations, and to send missionaries to labor therein for a few months. Ignoring sectional distinctions, your Board have endeavoured to secure missionary laborers for such fields as appeared to be most in need of assistance. Although aware of the general tendency to dissatisfaction in cases where some missionaries are assisted and others refused, we have had no alternative but simply to exercise our best judgement in sending our funds where they seemed to be most imperatively demanded or where the interests of our cause might be best subserved.

Your Board have been particularly careful to secure the permanent occupancy of our fields in Annapolis, Shelburne and New Glasgow

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believing as we do that these places are rapidly becoming important and efficient centres of Baptist influence. A comparatively small subsidy was granted to each of these places; but it is expected that in the early future they will cease depending upon our Board for aid, and will in their turn become liberal contributors to our funds. At New Glasgow a noble work has been done through the zealous efforts of Rev. David Freeman. A neat and comfortable house of worship has been erected and nearly paid for; and the interests of our denomination have been greatly promoted during the past year.

On the island of Cape Breton Rev. W. C. Rideout has been laboring successfully at Mira, Homeville and Glace Bay. His efforts have been much appreciated, and some encouraging results have already appeared. Rev. E. T. Carbonel has received aid from our treasury whilst laboring at River John and subsequently at Mabou and Margaree.

On Prince Edward Island a fair amount of missionary work has been done. Rev. F. A. Kidson has labored during the year at Dundas, Lower Grand River and St. Peters Bay. A number have been added to the churches in those places through his instrumentality. Rev. D. H. Simpson has been aided by your Board in his pastoral services in connection with the church at Montague. Rev. W. McGregor spent three months at Alberton, Cape Wolfe and vicinity. The opening fields on this important Island have received the most careful attention of your Board; and it has been an occasion of regret that notwithstanding all our efforts to secure permanent missionary labor in the western section, little has been actually performed during the year owing to the unwillingness or inability of missionaries to comply with our appointments. Bro. E. H. Sweet, of Acadia College, is at present laboring in that field. We trust his ministrations will be greatly blessed.

THE FRENCH MISSION.

The work of Bro. Normonday differs materially from that of missionaries who labor in other communities, and cannot, therefore, be justly measured by the same standard. The difficulties to be overcome are much more formidable than those of Protestant fields, and the results following are consequently fewer and less apparent. Our missionary has continued laboring, and we have reason to believe that some good has been done. Eight conversions are reported as either directly or indirectly resulting from this mission during the past year. Your Board are not yet fully satisfied, however, with the present state of this mission. Enlargement and improvement in our operations are demanded.

Last autumn it was thought advisable to authorize Bro. Normonday to make some personal effort in the way of collecting funds from our churches. We did not suggest the sending out of circulars appealing for aid; but perhaps that plan has secured as large returns as could have been obtained in any other way.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

In the opinion of your Board there is as much need of Baptist literature in our Sunday-Schools as there is of Baptist preaching in our churches. There would be as much propriety in securing for our pulpits ministers who systematically avoid any reference to our distinctive doctrines, as there is in obtaining books the teachings of which are guided by that principle. The introduction of such books into our Sunday Schools is a concession to other denominations that is operating disastrously against our own interests.

During the past year your Board have distributed upwards of 1540 volumes of such literature as we could heartily recommend. About 13,800 pages of religious and temperance tracts were also gratuitously circulated. The cost of these books and tracts did not exceed \$600.00; whilst the receipts arising from volumes sold amounted to \$630.00. The balance of books on hand may be estimated at about \$200.00 in value. It gives us much satisfaction to state that during the past four years more than \$3,600.00 worth of wholesome Baptist literature has been spread abroad throughout our land by means of our Book Department. In order to lessen the expense of this department it was thought desirable to dispense with the services of colporteurs. Dr. Day has, without any remuneration, and at the cost of much labor, received the books into his own house, unpacked them, re-packed and forwarded them according to order. This has materially lessened our expenditures; and, as a result, the Book Department is not only wholly self-sustained, but it is of some financial advantage to the Home Mission treasury.

Your Board earnestly recommend the immediate establishment of a Book Room for the benefit of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. It will be for the wisdom of our denomination to decide upon the location of such a Room, and upon the most practicable method of conducting and superintending its business arrangements.

FINANCES.

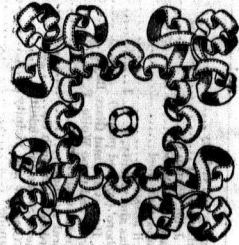
The present condition of our treasury is very satisfactory. The heavy debt of \$3457.44 which encumbered your Board at the beginning of the year has been gradually paid off; and at this date there are funds in hand not only to entirely liquidate that debt, but also to meet all our liabilities up to the present moment, leaving a considerable balance in our favor. This balance will be largely increased by the contributions from the Eastern and P. E. Island Associations. Your Board is thus in a position to commit to the care of their successors the important interests connected with this enterprise, free from all encumbrances and embarrassments.

The total amount of receipts may, at first sight, seem to compare very unfavorably with that of the preceding year. When it is borne in mind, however, that most of our missionaries have received subsidies during the past year, and that under such

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circumstances the donations received by them on their respective fields do not enter into our accounts, it will be at once apparent that the actual work and receipts of the year just closed compare favorably in many respects with those of former years.

The following is a list of the missionaries employed by the Board during the year, and their fields of labor:—



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MISSIONARIES.	PLACES OF LABOR.	Subsidy to May 31.	Weeks.	Sermons.	Other Meetings.	Visits.	Miles.	Pages Tracts.	Books.	Baptisms.	Collections.
1 Rev. E. N. Archibald	Shelburne and vicinity	8	11	9	48	453	300				\$130 00
2 " L. M. Weeks	Fort Hawkesbury	13	33	17	157	372				15	
3 " E. T. Carbonell	Eliver John, Pictou Co.	57	76	23						6	
" " " "	Margaree and Mabou	50	90	122	12						81 56
4 " G. N. Ballentine	Maitland and Noel	11	40	18	106	445	683				121 55
5 " M. Normandy	French Mission	52	169	28	600	3697	6338	23		19	132 36
6 " F. A. Kidson	Dundas and vicinity, P. E. I.	52	181	85	478	311	135			8	
7 " C. I. Graves	Guyaboro' (colored people)	13	27	33	63	552	800	14		4	121 91
8 " W. C. Blount	Mira, Homeville, and Glace Bay	37	152	54	315	1298					
9 " W. McGregor	Alberton and Cape Wolfe, P. E. I.	50	00	13	39	13	220				
10 " Thos. Treves	Shelburne and vicinity	141	67	93	95	142	428	868	152	11	
11 " J. H. Robbins	General Agency	64	56	61	60	1325				5	314 47
12 " P. H. Shields	Riverdale, Yarmouth Co.	74	5	62	315					5	65 90
13 " E. F. Carey	Amherst Shore and vicinity	75	00	207	80	157				19	
14 " D. Fennan	New Glasgow and vicinity	200	00	45	82	154	742	3587			
15 " T. A. Higgins	Annapolis	900	00	52	141	252	744	376	60	5	
16 " W. H. Bradshaw	Argyle and Puhnico	100	00	52	190	70	600	3250			
17 " D. H. Simpson	Montague, P. E. I.	50	00	52						20	
" " W. F. Anderson	New Annan and vicinity	30	00	8	84	22	101	429			
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SUMMARY.

It will be seen from the foregoing table that 18 missionaries and agents have been in commission during the year. They have travelled, in all, 18,098 miles; preached 1,665 sermons; attended 1,078 other meetings; made 4,678 family visits; distributed 13,800 pages of tracts; baptized 101 persons; and performed 553½ weeks of labor.

In addition to their regular missionary appointments your Board have, in many instances, introduced pastors to vacant churches, with much satisfaction to all concerned.

In conclusion, it is the sincere prayer of your Board that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon the efforts of our Union in the future as it has done in the past. The outlook is indeed hopeful. Our chief difficulties have already been overcome. It requires only a little energy, wisdom, and liberality in our denomination, with the blessing of Heaven, to secure glorious results in our evangelistic efforts during the current year. Let us labor in a manner worthy of our exalted vocation and privileges, remembering that our Master is Jesus Christ, and our hire immortal souls. "And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Executive Board,

W. H. WARREN,

Corresponding Secretary, pro tem.

Yarmouth, N. S., July 10, 1877.

LIABILITIES.

Rev. M. Normonday*	\$228 71
" T. A. Higgins*	200 00
" D. Freeman*	200 00
" E. B. Corey*	125 00
" T. Trotter, (probably)†	165 00
" D. H. Simpson	50 00
" F. A. Kidson, (probably)	100 00
" E. T. Carbonell*	57 50
" W. P. Anderson	30 00
" C. I. Graves	80 86
" W. C. Ridesout	188 09
Total, ...	\$1875 16

ASSETS.

HOME MISSION.

In Treasurer's hands	\$ 8 15
P. E. I. Treasury	184 49
good subs., Yar. Co.	145 00
	\$ 337 64

FRENCH MISSION.

Premises at Saulnierville	\$3000 00
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	5000 00

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

Books, etc., in hand	\$200 00
Due from Schools	51 08
	251 08

Total **\$5388 72**

* Paid since the end of the financial year.

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Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.

1876.		Dr.	
June 14.	Paid for Stationery, Postage, &c.....	\$ 5 79	
19.	Paid M. W. Brown for Prof. Welton.....	20 00	
20.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....	50 00	
	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mahone Bay.....	30 00	
21.	Rev. J. Brown, Cow Bay.....	24 00	
22.	S. Selden, printing Minutes.....	55 25	
	Rev. P. S. McGregor, Cumberland.....	52 59	
24.	Rev. W. H. Warren, expenses to Central Association.....	16 00	
	Fred. D. Crawley, Pleasantville, Lunenburg.....	41 50	
	Rev. William Spencer, Alton, Kings Co.....	50 00	
July 3.	Rev. Obed Parker, Mountains, Kings Co.....	28 00	
6.	Expense collecting Hon. C. R. Bill's legacy.....	1 12	
7.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....	178 88	
	S. Selden, printing Western Association Minutes.....	77 36	
	Rev. D. Freeman, New Glasgow.....	100 00	
8.	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mahone Bay.....	3 00	
	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....	65 00	
13.	J. C. Plumb, New Albany, P. O. orders, postage, &c., \$2.96.....	22 46	
14.	Rev. G. W. Thomas, near Canseau.....	100 00	
	Rev. J. E. Skinner, Margaree.....	100 00	
Aug. 1.	Rev. F. A. Kidson, Dundas, P. E. Island.....	58 73	
	Rev. D. McDonald, P. E. I., \$118.89. R. H. Bishop, Hants Co., \$34.65.....	157 64	
	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mahone Bay.....	3 50	
4.	Charles Norwood, New Ross and Blue Mountain.....	98 78	
	Rev. M. W. Brown, P. E. Island.....	19 38	
	Rev. F. A. Kidson, Dundas, P. E. Island.....	67 23	
10.	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Shelburne.....	75 00	
21.	Rev. E. T. Carbonell, River John, Pictou.....	29 17	
23.	Rev. D. H. Simpson, P. E. I., \$16.00. P. O. orders, postage, &c., \$0.86.....	16 86	
Sept. 1.	C. I. Graves, Guysboro' and Antigonish.....	30 00	
	D. W. Crandall, Pugwash, \$10.00. D. H. Simpson, P. E. I., \$28.00.....	38 00	
25.	Thomas Trotter, Shelburne.....	10 00	
	Copying Press and materials.....	10 23	
	Postage, &c., \$4.27. Freight of books, \$5.00.....	9 27	
Nov. 1.	Postages, \$1.16. Dec. 7—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis, \$300.00.....	301 16	
Dec. 7.	S. Selden for printing.....	60 00	
11.	Rev. John Brown, Milton, Queens Co.....	75 00	
	Telegrams, &c., \$1.50. Expenses Draft, &c., \$2.86.....	4 46	
14.	E. J. Grant, Port Hawkesbury.....	16 00	
	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Osborne, \$20.00. S. Selden, printing, \$4.75.....	24 75	
	Gardner Tufts, colporteur, \$38.82. D. H. Simpson, P. E. I., \$42.00.....	80 77	
	Rev. John Shaw, P. E. Island.....	50 00	
	Rev. J. E. Skinner, Mabou, C. B.....	34 56	
	Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Maitland, Hants Co.....	28 41	
	G. W. Thomas, Canseau, \$56.00. 15—G. H. Springer, for books, \$100.....	156 00	
15.	Rev. Dr. McDonald, North Sydney, \$40.00. Rev. D. McLeod, \$150.00.....	190 00	
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Jan. 11.	Rev. E. T. Carbonell, River John, Pictou.....	80 00	
	P. O. order, postages, &c.....	3 73	
19.	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Upper Economy, Colchester Co.....	101 86	
	Thos. Trotter, \$25.00. Feb. 5—Geo. H. Springer, books, \$140.66.....	156 66	
Feb. 6.	Rev. David Freeman, \$30.00. G. H. Springer, books, \$50.60.....	80 60	
21.	Rev. J. Brown, Cow Bay.....	34 41	
March 1.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....	24 98	
6.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....	100 00	
9.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....	33 00	
21.	Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. Island.....	78 88	
	Rev. F. A. Gordon, July, 1876.....	13 11	
	Printing Island Association Minutes.....	17 00	
April 6.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....	100 00	
May 1.	Rev. D. Freeman, \$30.00; expenses, \$0.32.....	30 32	
	Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$158.78; expenses, \$0.69.....	159 47	
	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, \$41.00; expenses, \$0.17.....	41 17	
10.	Rev. J. H. Robbins.....	48 98	
	Duties, freight, \$3.85. G. H. Springer, books, \$100.00.....	103 83	
22.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$10.00. Freight and duty, \$7.35.....	17 35	
	Postage, &c., \$3.86. G. H. Springer, books, \$50.00.....	53 86	
	Freight, duty, &c., \$1.62. Rev. E. B. Corey, \$50.00.....	51 62	
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31. G. H. Springer, books, \$106.00. Freight, duty and expenses, \$2.50...	108 50
Telegrams, postage, &c., \$1.79. Rev. Obed Parker, \$95.00.....	96 79
Rev. W. McGregor, P. E. I., \$50.00. Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. I., \$100	150 00
Balance Theological Department account.....	621 66
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June 2. By balance in hand.....	\$ 1 53
16. Received from Truro Church, \$68.00. 19—Dalhousie West Ch., \$4.00	72 00
20. Books sold, \$14.60. Bal. from Rev. P. A. Shields' collections, \$20 82.	35 42
24. Interest legacy Hon. C. R. Bill.....	28 00
27. Western Association, \$567.50. Books sold, \$56.07.....	624 47
30. Windsor Church, \$85.54. Central Association, \$180.00.....	265 54
July 3. Rev. Obed Parker, donation.....	13 00
Upper Wilmot Church, \$3.00. Bridgetown Church, \$1.50.....	4 80
6. Balance Hon. C. R. Bill's legacy, \$273.45. Wolfville Church, \$30.00.	303 43
9. Central Association, balance.....	221 92
14. Rev. A. H. Lavers, collection at Lapland, Lunenburg.....	1 13
Aug. 1. P. E. Island Treasury.....	183 04
Newport Church, per Rev. A. E. Ingram.....	3 00
Eastern Association, balance.....	254 10
Rev. F. A. Kidson, collection P. E. Island.....	61 25
17. Jas. H. Marshall, Hill Grove.....	1 00
19. Chas. Eaton, Cornwallis, \$5.00. Hebron Church, Yarmouth, \$16.00	21 00
D. H. Simpson, P. E. Island, donation.....	16 00
Dec. 7. Debenture Bonds, \$1343.20. Interest on do., \$43.80.....	1387 00
12. Books, \$74.33. 28—"Friend to Missions," \$5.00.....	5 00
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Jan. 8. "Friend to Missions," Billtown.....	5 00
Rev. I. J. Skinner, Chester.....	4 00
29. Rev. J. A. Stevens, Newton Centre.....	0 93
Feb. 2. J. W. Bairs, Wolfville, \$25.00. J. S. Morse, \$4.00.....	29 00
9. Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent.....	25 00
21. Wolfville Baptist Sabbath School.....	28 00
Mrs. S. A. Weber, Ship Harbor.....	1 00
Rev. W. B. Boggs and wife, \$2.00. 23—Lockeport Church, \$100.00...	102 00
26. Rev. J. D. Skinner, Newton Centre.....	1 00
Hebron Church, \$2.00. March 7—Rev. J. H. Robbins, agent, \$50.00.	82 00
Mch. 13. Miss Mary Harper, \$1.00. 15—Rev. J. H. Robbins, agent, \$50.00...	51 00
15. West Bay Church, C. B.....	2 57
21. Rev. E. J. Grant, Port Hawkesbury.....	1 00
31. Berwick Church, \$25.00. April 2—Wolfville Church, \$3.80.....	28 80
April 2. Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. Island, collection on field.....	50 85
P. E. Island Treasury, July.....	61 11
5. Upper Aylesford Church, \$4.00. 12—Books, \$137.79.....	141 79
May 2. Great Village Church, \$7.00. Rev. J. H. Robbins, agent, \$131.93...	138 93
17. Books, \$270.76. 22—Beaver River Ch., per Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$18.00	288 82
22. Lower Granville Church, per Rev. J. H. Robbins.....	1 00
A. H. Scott, per Rev. J. H. Robbins.....	2 00
Chebogue Church, per Rev. J. H. Robbins.....	11 50
Balance from Eastern Association, 1876 account.....	50 00
Mrs. Sarah Weber, Ship Harbor.....	1 00
31. Upper Wilmot Church, \$2.25. P. E. I. Treasury, \$150.53.....	152 78
First Yarmouth Church, \$132.28. Milton Church, Yarmouth, \$35.00	167 28
Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	40 00

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June 1. By balance in hand..... \$64 51

Examined and found correct,

J. C. ANDERSON, }
J. H. HALEY, } Auditors.

Yarmouth, N. S., July 9th, 1877.

Acadian French Mission in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.

1876.		Dr.		
July 3.	Paid Rev. M. Normonday.....			\$114 58
	Books to Rev. M. Normonday.....			4 70
1877.				
May 31.	Paid Rev. M. Normonday at sundry times.....			417 68
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June 27.	By received from Western Association.....			\$114 58
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Aug. 1.	Newport Church, 0.50. 3—Great Village Church, 1.00.....			1 50
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Feb. 21.	J. W. Baras, Esq., 5.00. Mrs. S. A. Weber, Ship Harbor, 1.00.....			6 00
	Rev. W. B. Boggs and wife, 1.00. Noah A. Dimock, Esq., 5.00.....			6 00
March 3.	Rev. Dr. Cramp, 4.00. Miss Cramp, 1.00.....			5 00
6.	George Davies, Esq., Charlottetown, P. E. I.....			10 00
	Archibald McDonald, Vernon River, P. E. I.....			2 00
8.	A friend, Windsor, 5.00. Wolfville Church, 16.75.....			21 75
15.	Port Hawkesbury Church, Cape Breton.....			2 43
28.	Annapolis Church, 5.00. Brookfield Church, 4.40.....			9 40
	Caledonia Church, 1.60. Rev. M. Normonday, collection, 102.32.....			103 92
April 5.	Westport Church, 10.00. 1st Cornwallis Church, 20.00.....			30 00
14.	Upper Wilmot Church, 20.00. Billtown Church, 10.00.....			30 00
	Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Church.....			20 00
28.	Weymouth Church, 8.50. Rev. M. Normonday, collection, 11.72.....			20 22
May 2.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, collected on field.....			27 54
31.	Chebogue Church, 1.80. Ohio Church, Yarmouth, 20.00.....			21 80
	Mrs. A. Cogswell, 1.00. Milton Church, Yarmouth, 15.00.....			16 00
	Balance.....			56 38
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June 1.	To balance.....			\$56 38

Examined and found correct,

J. C. ANDERSON, }
J. H. HALEY, } Auditors.

Yarmouth, N. S., July 9th, 1877.

Theological Department in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.

1876.		Dr.		
June 10.	To paid Professor Welton.....			\$ 20 00
22.	“ “			395 54
1877.				
May 21.	“ “ balance of salary.....			231 12
				\$646 66
1876.		Cr.		
July 13.	By received from Wm. Cummings, Esq.....			\$ 15 00
	Isaac Blair, 5.00. Nathan Archibald, 5.00.....			10 00
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May 31.	Balance transferred to Home Mission account.....			621 66
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Examined and found correct,

J. C. ANDERSON, }
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Yarmouth, N. S. July 9th, 1877.

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Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT.

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Paid travelling Missionaries.....	\$1516 43
Paid stationary missionaries and churches, viz:	
Church at Annapolis and vicinity.....	728 88
" Argyle ".....	165 17
" Shelburne ".....	85 00
" New Glasgow ".....	100 00
Prince Edward Island Mission.....	662 88
Revs. D. Freeman and J. H. Robbins, General Agents.....	278 72
Books.....	672 56
S. Selden, for printing.....	197 36
Theological department.....	621 66
Stationery, expenses collecting and remitting moneys, &c.....	52 75
Balance in hand.....	64 51

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By balance from last account.....	\$ 1 53
Collected by General Agents.....	305 09
Contributions of various churches sent by travelling missionaries and otherwise.....	598 69
Prince Edward Island.....	523 38
Individual donations.....	71 93
Books sold.....	554 45
Western Association.....	567 80
Central ".....	401 92
Eastern ".....	304 10
Balance Hon. C. R. Bill's legacy, and interest.....	301 43
Provincial Debentures and interest.....	1387 00
Wolfville Sabbath School.....	28 00

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SUMMARY.

HOME MISSIONS.

Receipts.....	\$5045 92
Expenditures.....	4981 41
Balance in hand.....	64 51

FRENCH MISSION.

Receipts.....	\$480 57
Expenditures.....	536 93
Balance due Treasurer.....	\$56
Total receipts.....	\$526 49
" expenditures.....	6518 34
Balance in hand.....	

Yarmouth, N. S., June 1st, 1877.

PEARL D. KINNEY, Treasurer.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

1. The consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both English and French, would in the estimation of this Convention, tend to the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this Province;—the French Mission to considered a separate Department, and all gifts bequests, &c., made to the French Mission to go to that Department.

2. This Convention shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

3. The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the gospel throughout the Provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and the Island of Newfoundland; the fostering of feeble Churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature.

4. This Union shall be composed of ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their respective churches in the Province, and delegates appointed by the Churches, each Church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates; together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of the Theological Institute, and the Principal of Horton Academy, the same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

5. The officers of the Union shall be a President, who shall be elected annually by ballot; four Vice-Presidents, one from each Association, two Secretaries, and an Auditor, all of whom shall be appointed by open vote.

6. The Union shall annually appoint and locate an Executive Board of thirteen suitable men, seven of whom shall form a quorum, and every Baptist Pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board, and taking part in its deliberations; but no voting; the officers of the Society named above to be ex-officio members of the Board.

7. The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.

8. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union held in each of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations, in turn, to assemble the day previous to the meeting of the Association with which it is held, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

9. This Union shall appoint annually a Board of Directors to consist of eight from each Association composing the Union, whose duty it shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in cases of emergency, and by the written requisition of eight or more of whom the President shall call a special meeting of the Union.

10. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless by a two-third affirmative vote of the members present at an annual meeting.