

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTH SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD AT GUYSBOROUGH,
SATURDAY, MONDAY, & TUESDAY, 7th 9th, & 10th JULY, 1855.
TOGETHER WITH THE
CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

THE Association met on Saturday, July 7, 1855. After an hour had been spent in Religious Exercises, Rev. Wm. Hall, Moderator for last year, called the meeting to order.

Prayer by Moderator. Rev. Wm. Hobbs was chosen Moderator by ballot. Rev. Wm. Hall, Clerk of Association. Rev. David McKeen, Assistant Clerk.

Committee to examine the Letters previous to reading.—Revds. Francis, Ross, Bentley and Burton.

Committee to read the Letters.—Revd's. P. A. Sheils and Bentley.

MESSENGERS.

Guysborough.—Brethren John Cunningham, Saml. Pyles, John Horton, Lemuel Scott and Christopher Jost.

Earl town.—No Delegate.

Amherst.—Rev. JOHN FRANCIS.

River John.—Rev. WM. HALL.

Mira Bay.—No Delegate.

Upper Stewiacke.—Rev. D. LAWSON, Brother Layton.

Goose River.

North Sydney.

Tracadie.—Revds. P. A. SHEILS, and Hugh Ross and Brother Moses Hull.

Tracadie.—Brother Bowden.

Pugwash.—Rev. WM. HOBBS.

St. Mary's, First.—Rev. HENRY EAGLES.

St. Mary's, Second.—Rev. H. EAGLES; Brethren McKeen, McGrigor and Theodore Nicholls.

Wallace Road.

Onslow.

Tatamagouche.

Three Rivers, P. E. I.—Rev. JOHN SHAW.

Merrigomish.—Rev. WM. HALL.

Parrsboro.—Brother Saml. Spenser, (Licentiate.)

Pictou.—Rev. WM. HALL; Brother Robert Griffith.

Lot 49, P. E. I.—Rev. JOHN SHAW.

East Point, P. E. I.—Rev. JOHN SHAW.

Wallace.—Rev. WM. HOBBS.

Indian Harbour.—Rev. H. EAGLES.

Antigonishe.

Maccan.—Rev. D. McKEEN.

Strait of Canso.—Brother Paint.

The Revs. Wm. Burton, Saml. Bently and Delong, Delegates from Western and Central Associations, were invited to take a seat with us; also Brethren John Burton and Zenas Freeman.

Prayer by Moderator.

Resolved, that Brother Jost be Treasurer, and Brethren Jost and Paint, Auditing Committee.

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CHURCHES.	Restored.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Removed.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Amherst, - - - - -		16	1		3	1	1	127
Antigonish, - - - - -		2					1	32
Maccan, - - - - -		3						95
Wallace Road, - - - - -								118
Goose River, - - - - -								39
Onslow, - - - - -		16	1					139
Pugwash, - - - - -		2						147
Upper Stewiacke, - - - - -		1					2	69
Lower Stewiacke, - - - - -								46
Guysborough and Manchester, -				17		1		92
East Point, P. E. I., - - - - -						1		79
Tryon, do., - - - - -	1	19			3	3		49
Three Rivers, do., - - - - -						1		32
Lot 49, do., - - - - -								26
St. Mary's, First, - - - - -								19
St. Mary's, Second, - - - - -		2			3	1		23
Wallace, - - - - -		16						100
Merrigomishe, - - - - -								14
River John, - - - - -								14
Parrsboro, - - - - -			3				1	33
Tracadie, - - - - -		1				5	1	72
North Sydney, - - - - -	7	45				3		122
Indian Harbour, - - - - -		1		2		1		49
Earl Town, - - - - -						1		36
Mira Bay, - - - - -		22						92
Tatamagouche, - - - - -								30
Canso Strait, - - - - -								9
Economy and Five Islands, -						2		26
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From the following Churches the numbers were not reported:—Bedeque, P. E. I., York River P. E. I., North River P. E. I., River Philip, Canso, Little River, Leicester, Port au Pique, Upper Londonderry, Mabou, Isaac's Harbour and Amherst Shore.

The following Committees were appointed.

On the Bible Cause.—Revds. Wm. Burton and Eagles.

Religious Publications and Colportage.—Revds. Saml. Bentley, Richardson and Hall.

On Temperance and Tobacco.—Revds. Francis, Richardson and Spencer.

On Union Societies.—Revds. John Francis, Lawson and Shaw.

On Sabbath Schools.—Rev. Mr. Delong; Brethren Paint, Nicholls and Zenas Freeman.

On Arrangements.—Brother Jost; Revds. Hugh Ross and Hobbs.

On Christian Messenger.—Revds. John Shaw, Richardson, Bentley and Burton.

On Home Missions.—Revds. Wm. Burton, Ross, Sheils, Francis, and Bro. McGrigor.

On Sabbath Observance.—Revds. John Shaw, Sheils, and Brethren John Burton and Griffith.

On Foreign Missions.—Revds. Saml. Bentley, Francis and Burton.

On Education.—Revds. Hall, Francis, Shaw, Eagles, Lawson, McKeen, Burton and McDonald.

Committee on Articles.—Revds. Burton, Hall, Richardson and Shaw.

On departed Brethren.—Revds. Wm. Hobbs, Eagles, Lawson and Francis.

Committee to prepare Petition for Maine Law.—Revds. Samuel Bentley, Hall and Hobbs.

Moved and Seconded, that Rev. John Shaw preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. Mr. Richardson be his alternate.

Resolved, that Rev. D. Lawson write the Circular Letter.

Resolved, that the Association meet next year at Amherst.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Doxology.

Brother Shiels preached on Saturday evening followed by exhortation.

On Sabbath morning the Rev. Wm. Burton preached from Heb. vi. 19; afternoon, Rev. John Shaw, Heb. xi. 6; evening Rev. Wm. Hobbs, Deu. xxxii. 11.

Simultaneous services were held in the Wesleyan Chapel at 11 and 6 o'clock, by Rev. John Francis and Bentley; also at Manchester and Cove Head, by Rev. Richardson, Delong, Lawson, Burton, and McKeen. The congregations were large and attentive, and a solemn feeling was manifest on the minds of the hearers.

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MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment, Rev. Wm. Hall proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon from Prov. iv. 2; after prayer by brother Richardson. A collection was taken for Domestic Missions.

The association having resumed its sittings. The moderator prayed.

Report on Sabbath Schools was presented by Brother Paint received and adopted. (See App. A.)

Several interesting addresses were given by Brethren Delong, Lawson, Freeman, Samuel Spencer and Shields.

Moved and Seconded, that we adjourn at 1 o'clock to meet at 3.

Report on Temperance and Tobacco was presented by Brother Francis. Received and adopted. (See App. B.)

Addresses were given by Rev. J. Francis and Bro. Griffith. Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Hall.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. Bentley.

Report on Religious Publications and Colportage was presented by Rev. Samuel Bentley. Received and adopted. (See App. C.)

Interesting remarks were made by Brethren Bentley and McKeen.

Report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. J. Bentley. Received and adopted.

Brother Francis gave a very interesting address on Foreign Missions. (See App. E.)

The Circular Letter was read, ordered that it be printed with the Minutes.

Report on Education was submitted by Brother Burton, who gave various explanations connected with the affairs of the College, and a Resolution was appended to the Report. (See App. F.)

Report on Christian Messenger was presented by Bro. Shaw. Received and adopted. (See App. G.)

Report on Bible Cause was submitted by Bro. Burton. Received and adopted. (See App. H.)

Report on the observance of the Sabbath was presented by Rev. J. Shaw. Received and adopted. (See App. I.)

Resolved, that the application of the Rev. H. Hull be referred to a full board of the Infirm Ministers, Fund for their favourable consideration.

Report on Domestic Mission was presented by Rev. Wm. Burton. Received and adopted. (See App. K.)

Brethren Francis, Lawson and Ross addressed the Association.

Adjourned to meet at 7½ in the evening.

Met according to appointment. Prayer by Bro. Hall.

The services in the evening were of unusual interest.

Missionary Speeches were given by the Brethren Burton, Francis, Hall, Richardson, Shields, McDonald and others.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday Morning at 10 o'clock. Doxology.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Burton.

A short discourse was preached by Rev. D. Lawson, from Eph. v. 25-27.

The business was resumed. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Richardson.

The Missionary cause was again brought before the Association and Brethren Delong and McKeen addressed the meeting. The following Resolution was submitted by Brother Francis.

Resolved, that this Association deem it to be their duty to increase the amount of Missionary labour, English, Scotch and French, and the number of Missionaries to the population of Cape Breton, and that the Board be directed to make the necessary arrangements, and that all monies and appurtenances be placed under the control of the Domestic Missionary Board.

Resolved, that the Revds. John Francis, McKeen, Hobbs and Sheils be delegates from this Association to the Convention at Liverpool, and Brother Hall from the Domestic Missionary Board; Eastern New Brunswick Association, Brother Francis; Central Nova Scotia Association, Rev. John Shaw; Western New Brunswick, Rev. Wm. Hobbs; Western Nova Scotia, Rev. C. I. Burnett.

Resolved, that 500 copies of the Minutes be printed, and also 500 copies of Articles, and that the necessary amount to defray the expenses be paid out of the funds of the Domestic Missionary Board.

Reports on Articles and French Mission were omitted by the Delegate, Rev. Wm. Burton.

Resolved, that the Missionary Board remain the same as last year, with the addition of Brother Wilson, of Truro.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association are hereby presented to the inhabitants of Guysborough for the unsurpassed kindness and hospitality shewn to us during this Association, and also to the Minister and Trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel, for the use of their chapel on the Lord's-day.

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After singing the Union Hymn the Association, marked for much harmony and religious feeling, closed with Prayer by the Rev. Wm. Hall.

(Signed)

WM. HOBBS, *Moderator.*
WM. HALL, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

[A.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee judging from the few returns of the state of Sabbath Schools in connexion with the churches of this association, are sorry to see so little interest manifested in this important branch of christian effort. We therefore earnestly urge upon parents, and all who wish well to the cause of God and the salvation of their fellow beings, to do their utmost in establishing and sustaining Sabbath Schools by their presence, prayers, and contributions in providing and sustaining suitable libraries and papers—and would recommend the "Youth's Penny Gazette," and "Child's Paper," as best adapted to the above mentioned purpose.

We would also strongly recommend the establishment of Bible classes wherever practicable.

We would further recommend that yearly statistics from every Sabbath School, as full and accurate as possible, be sent with the letters to the Association.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PETER PAINT, *Chairman.*

[B.]

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance and Tobacco, report as follows:—

Your Committee rejoice in the continued progress of genuine Temperance, which they believe consists in the proper use of that which is good, and abstinence from that

which is pernicious, and they are encouraged to hope that the time is fast approaching when all christian people will abandon the use of intoxicating drinks and Tobacco, thus removing and preventing a vast amount of ill health and expense, which has been so detrimental to the interests of the Church of Christ.

JOHN FRANCIS, *Chairmn.*

[C.]

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

The Committee on Religious Publications and Colportage, report as follows:—

That in their opinion the *Christian Messenger* highly merits the esteem and liberal support of the Denomination. Inasmuch as the decease of our beloved and well remembered brother J. Ferguson, affects the continuance of the paper, we would urgently appeal to its friends and patrons, to put forth during the coming year especially, increased efforts for enlarging the list of subscribers and promoting its interests in every way. We record our decided conviction that it cannot, and must not be discontinued, and that the only practical method of sustaining and continuing it, is by securing an able editorship, an energetic agency, and a more liberal patronage.

Your Committee regard the system of Colportage as well suited to supply the extensive destitution which prevails within the bounds of this Association. The publications of the English and American Tract Societies, together with the issues of the American S. School Union, the N. England S. S. Union, and the Am. Baptist Publication Society, are worthy of wide circulation. To the volumes of the latter Society we would call especial attention. We recommend the employment of at least one efficient Colporteur and the raising of funds for the purpose. This may be done in connexion with the "Nova Scotia Tract and Colporteur Society."

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. N. BENTLEY, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report as follows :—

We commend the cause of Foreign Mission to the continued prayerful and pecuniary support of the Churches.

We congratulate our brethren of Cape Breton, that a native of their Island is now laboring on the soil of British Burmah, as a missionary of the cross. It is a pleasant duty to express our sympathy with our dear brother Arthur R. Crawley, and Sister Crawley.

We ask the friends of Missions to bear the Missionary and his companion on their hearts in affectionate remembrance and tender regard. It is highly gratifying to read their letters and learn their prospects of success. The God of missions be their helper!

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. N. BENTLEY, *Chairman.*

[E.]

REPORT ON DEPARTED BRETHREN.

The Committee to prepare a memorial of our departed brethren, Rev. T. S. Harding, Brethren Ferguson, Bentley, Cutten, and Rude, report as follows :—

That in the order of God's providence we are called to mourn the loss of our dear and well beloved Father Harding, one of the first pioneers of the gospel in these provinces. He was more than sixty years engaged in proclaiming salvation : "a standard bearer in the army of Israel has fallen."

"Servant of God well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle's fought, the victory's won,
Enter thy master's joy.

The voice at midnight came,
He started up to hear
A mortal arrow pierced his heart,
He fell, but felt no fear."

We deeply mourn his loss but a voice from Heaven has said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Our dear brother Ferguson, known and beloved by all our denomination as one of the Editors of our denomina-

tional organ, the *Christian Messenger*, and whose pathetic and warm appeals at our last association, cheered and animated our hearts. But that voice is hushed in the silence of the tomb, and the spirit gone to its reward to receive the crown of life.

Brother Bentley, (father of our beloved brother, the Rev. S. N. Bentley), and brothers Cutten and Rude, all highly esteemed as pillars in the church, have gone likewise to meet their reward.

May the God of the fatherless and the widow watch over those whom they have left behind. Our loss we deeply feel but in humble submission exclaim, "Thy will be done." We hope and pray that their mantle may fall on those who still survive; and that we may be followers of those who through faith and patience now inherit the promises.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM HOBBS, *Chairman*.

[F.]

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is matter of gratification to know that our institutions of learning at Horton, are in a higher state of efficiency and prosperity, both as regard the College and the Academy. During the year additional Rooms have been provided for the accommodation of Students, and needful arrangements made for their convenience and comfort. Your Committee rejoice to learn that a large class of young men from the Academy have been examined for Matriculation and will enter the College at the commencement of the next term, so that the number in the College will be greater than at any previous year, from the commencement. Your Committee feel that our devout thanks and gratitude should be given to Almighty God for that it hath pleased him of his infinite mercy to pour out His Spirit in a revival of Religion so copiously on the young men of the institutions, that large numbers of those who have professed conversion to Christ during the year, thus giving us the seal of Heaven's high approbation of our prayers and efforts to advance the cause of enlightened and religious education, on behalf of the youth of our delightful country.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BURTON, *Chairman*.

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After hearing a statement from different brethren respecting the investments of a portion of the funds in the United States, it was

Resolved, That this Association feel called upon to express their gratitude to Almighty God for the success which he has been pleased to grant to Acadia College, and prayerfully hope that uninterrupted prosperity will attend its future progress, and hope that the Governors will devise effective measures to that end, with whom, in carrying out which, this Association desire to co-operate.

[G.]

REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* call the attention of the Association to the fact that this valuable periodical is now in the nineteenth year of its existence. The first number was issued in January, 1837,—since that time it has contributed its weekly quota of information and instruction, in so doing has aided the enlightenment of the people and promoted the success of religious and benevolent enterprise.

Established for the benefit of the Baptist churches of these provinces, the *Christian Messenger* has thus far accomplished its mission. It is a welcome guest in our families, whose visits are highly prized, and whose communications are received with pleasure and satisfaction. The suspension or cessation of those visits would be regarded as a calamity deeply to be deplored.

In consequence of the lamented death of brother Ferguson, one of the proprietors and editors, it will become necessary, as your committee are informed, to make important changes at the close of the present year. The property must pass into other hands, and brother Nutting, the surviving proprietor and editor will be unable to assume the entire editorial management under the arrangements which will then be formed.

It is obviously of great importance to the interests of the denomination that those arrangements should be acceptable to the whole body, it is essential to the usefulness and success of the *Christian Messenger* that it should be managed by those in whom confidence can be safely placed.

But no one can be expected to undertake the risk of publication, and to incur the additional expenditure which certain contemplated improvements will render necessary,—unless there be a reasonable hope of remuneration, that

remuneration can only be secured by an enlarged subscription list, and the enlargement cannot be accomplished without such strenuous and persevering effort as will prove that the *Christian Messenger* enjoys the patronage of the denomination at large.

Your Committee therefore in view of the advantages accruing from the *Christian Messenger*, and regarding its continuance as essentially identified with our denominational welfare recommend the appointment by this Association of an Advisory Committee to co-operate with brother Nutting in carrying into effect at the close of the year such alterations as may then be needful.

The Committee recommended further the following Resolution be passed :

Resolved, That the Ministers and Messengers of the Eastern Baptist Association now assembled in annual session, hereby pledge themselves to exert their individual efforts to promote an increased circulation of the *Christian Messenger* in their respective localities.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SHAW, *Chairman*.

The above Report was received and adopted by the Association, and the Resolution therein contained unanimously passed.

The following brethren were appointed an advisory Committee to carry into effect the above object, viz.:

Brethren Cramp, C. Tupper, Hunt, McLearn, and J. W. Barss.

[H.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

We rejoice to learn that God in his providence has opened a wide and extensive field for the circulation of the Holy Bible among the nations of the earth. They are happy to perceive that an increased distribution of the sacred scriptures has been made during the past year beyond any year since the Holy Book has been given to the world. They sincerely urge upon all our churches renewed exertions to aid this great and good work ; to accompany their contributions with earnest prayer, and to continue them until all the families of the earth possess the Word of Life.

WM. BURTON, *Chairman*.

[I.]

REPORT ON OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the observance of the Sabbath beg leave to report:—

That they are fully convinced of the vast importance of its strict observance. Our heavenly Father having finished the work of creation, rested on the Sabbath-day and hallowed it. When we examine the Bible, and the many precepts recorded therein in reference to the claims of this day, (now the day of the Lord.) We have multiplied reasons to mourn over its non-observance and lamentable desecration. We feel that we should be deeply humbled before God on account of our past remissness, and realize the importance, the great importance, of calling upon our brethren to put forth all possible and suitable efforts in order to awaken a more extensive and lively interest in favor of the strict observance of this Hallowed Day!

We would recommend to this Association that every minister in its connection preach a sermon on its strict and due observance in each of their preaching stations during the ensuing year.

JOHN SHAW, *Chairman.*

[K.]

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

It is matter of devout gratitude to God, the God of missions that he has most graciously blessed the efforts of our christian brethren in this department of our work. Large additions have been made to some of the churches by missionary labour, and many have been visited and encouraged on their way by the servants of the Lord who have visited them. The Mission to Cape Breton, both English and Gaelic have been especially successful. Your Committee would urge most affectionately, but earnestly upon all our wealthy churches and friends, to increased efforts to replenish the funds of the society, and aid in spreading more extensively the glorious gospel of the grace of God, the ordained means of the conversion of the world to Christ. Your committee would strongly recommend the importance of the mission to Pictou, and also suggest the desirableness of taking the Gaelic Mission to Cape Breton, under the control of the

Board formed by this Association, to receive annually a portion of its support from the Western and Central Associations, thus affording the Missionary an opportunity to make a regular report to your Board, as well as enabling him to give a regular account of all contributions which he may any where receive in aid of that mission.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BURTON, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

In presenting the fourth annual Report, the Board feels that there is much cause for gratitude to God, and for increased exertions in this department of labour.

Some of our Missionaries have been made to rejoice in seeing the fruit of their labours. And if in some cases the same results have not been seen, yet it is a source of consolation to know, that "to the poor the gospel has been preached."

The Mission to North Sydney has proved a great blessing, and many precious souls have been hopefully converted to God. Brother Sheils who succeed Bro. Shaw to this place, has responded to the invitation of the church, and has become its pastor.

Brother Cogswell laboured about three months, between Canso and Guysborough, and baptized two persons.

Brother Hall has laboured about seven months in Pictou during the past year, and has been encouraged in his labors—he has baptized three.

The Mission along the southern shore it was hoped would have been filled during the whole year. The Board however failed in obtaining the labors of the person first appointed to the field, who it was hoped would have taken the Mission.

According to the arrangement of the Board in such cases, the Secretary endeavoured to find a substitute, and after some time engaged Brother Whidden. Along these destitute shores Brother W. laboured, till near the meeting of the Association. Statements relative to the places visited, not being received in time for this report, particulars can not be reported.

Brother Burnett fulfilled the mission assigned him on P. E. Island; his journal shows that his time was fully occupied in preaching and visiting among the people.

Brother J. Moser laboured seven months. Besides the amount received on his mission, he claims from the Board but £13. His labors were chiefly confined to Wallace, Earltown, and New Annan.

It will be seen by the account current that some Anonymous contributions have been made which were indeed very liberal, as well as very timely, may the seeds of gospel truth which by these means have been scattered, produce a harvest to the glory of God, which will also be a reward to those who have contributed.

It is hoped that before long a more effective Missionary organization will be accomplished, when the several Associations will combine in this work. Meanwhile it is our duty to persevere, to increase our zeal and our contributions, to labour without fainting, and in due time we shall reap. Let us mingle more prayer with our exertions, and follow our Missionaries, with earnest and persevering supplication for the influence of the Divine Spirit upon their labors. Paul may plant, Apolls may water—God only giveth the increase.

D. W. C. DIMOCK, *Secretary.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

We purpose to address you this year on a subject of vital importance to our denomination. It is *united prayer* for the increase of gospel ministers.

This is Christ's own instruction. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Ministers are the gift of Christ, and he bestows them in answer to prayer. The experience of the church on this subject is clear and settled, whenever there has prevailed a spirit of prayer for an increase of Ministers, God has heard, and abundantly answered.

There are at present scores and hundreds of young men of talent, connected with our churches, whose purpose is to obtain an education. Why should not the churches set their hearts upon the consecration of these youths to the Ministry? It is not too much to ask of God; nor is it beyond the circle of his promise. They are *all* needed—not one of them can be spared.—Such is the condition of this country and of the world, that unless there be speedily a great addition to the number of our ministers, error and irreligion will become more bold, and will draw down the fierce indignation of the Almighty. It is our settled conviction that the raising up of young men for the ministry should form a prominent topic of remark in prayer, at our monthly concerts. Whilst the number of missionaries both at home and abroad is much smaller than the demand, and the work is greatly retarded for the want of more laborers, the voice of Providence calls upon us when we meet, to pray that the kingdom of God may come, very fervently to supplicate for an adequate increase of ministers.

Parents must consecrate their children to the work of the ministry by solemn prayer. Hannah of old consecrated her infant Samuel to the ministry. The mother of christian Frederic Swartz, on her dying bed, informed her husband and her pastor, that she had dedicated her son to the Lord, and obtained a promise from them, that her infant son should be trained in remembrance for this sacred desti-

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nation. Swartz became the missionary apostle to India, and died about fourscore years old; having been instrumental in the conversion of thousands of souls. The devoted mother of Samuel J. Mills, solemnly dedicated her son to the ministry, her heart was lifted up in prayer to God for this object, and the very hymns she sang over his cradle as she rocked him to sleep, were prayers for this object;—and what nation shall not rejoice that Samuel J. Mills was born and had such a mother? A pious widow on reading the life of Harriet Newell, was filled with grief that she had no wealth to give to the Lord—she resolved to give her children—she solemnly dedicated them all to the Lord—she lived to have one son and two daughters missionaries in Pagan lands, and one son a minister in America. Such facts show that God does regard the consecration which christian parents make of their children to his service. Let this be the burden of their prayers, let this shape their instruction and education.

Young men must consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry. At no period in the history of the church of Christ in this province, has there been so large a proportion of members who are *young* men, and at no time have the calls for more ministers been so urgent and imperative. Settlements are multiplying with unparalleled rapidity, and great destitution prevails within the limits of this Eastern Association—almost wholly a missionary field. Almost the whole of the Heathen and Pagan world have thrown open the doors of access, and are in readiness for missionary labor. The churches have signified, by increased benevolence, their willingness to sustain all who are willing to go forth to preach to the destitute. Whilst the heralds of the cross are few, and the wants of the world so great, it is truly painful to notice that so many young men of piety enter secular employments. What a large amount of intellect is now employed in the daily operations of commerce and merchandize, agriculture and the arts, which if educated and devoted to the service of God, in the gospel, would bless many nations with light and salvation. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Millions of our fellow men for whom Christ died are perishing for lack of knowledge. Pious young men possess the gospel and can preach it to them. Their hearts at times burn with love for souls, and the spirit says, "Go preach the preaching I bid you." What can be plainer? What more solemn or more urgent? The destiny of multitudes of immortal souls may hang upon this design. Who can tell the loss that would have been sustained by the church, had David Brainard, or Henry Martyn decided not to enter the ministry? And who can

tell the loss these provinces must have sustained, had our beloved fathers in the ministry, the Hardings, Dimocks, Ainsleys, and Munroes, now in glory, decided not to enter the ministry? Obligations most fearful, press upon young men to go and preach the gospel to all nations. It is recorded that young Napoleon, when dying, grasped the sword of his father, and lamented that he should die so young, and without glory, when that sword caused all Europe to tremble. And is there no hallowed spirit of enterprise amongst the multitudes of young men, consecrated to Jesus Christ? Shall our youth die inglorious, when not a continent, but a world is to be won to God? Finally, "the signs of the times" are distinct and full of hope; they assure us that a new era has commenced.

Look at the political atmosphere of Europe, at this moment. The darkness which for many ages covered the earth is receding. The church is beginning to feel her responsibility respecting the spiritual wants of the human family, so rapid are the revolutions which transpire among the nations, preparing the way for the spread of the everlasting gospel. So decidedly are the systems of old and false religions exhibiting the evidences of decrepitude and decay; so manifest is it that despotism is giving place to more liberal and genial sentiments, that it cannot be long before the company of publishers of the word shall be great, and the voice of universal triumph be heard. "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him who publishes peace; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth."

On behalf of the Association.

WILLIAM HOBBS.

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*Eastern Nova Scotia Baptist Association in account with
C. Jost, Treasurer.*

Dr.				
Antigonish Church—Home Mission		£2	0	0
Goose River, " "		1	16	3
Wallace River, " "		0	4	7½
Parrsboro'—Minutes & Articles 2s.6d.; H. Mission 17s.6d		1	0	0
Amherst,—Home Missions	£25	15	4½	
Foreign Mission	20	14	10½	
Ministerial Education	2	9	9	
Infirm Ministers	1	0	0	
				50 0 0
Canso,—Home Mission	2	0	0	
Foreign Mission	1	0	0	
Infirm Ministers	1	0	0	
Am. & F. Bible Society	1	0	0	
				5 0 0
Guysborough,—Home Missions	6	0	0	
Foreign Mission	2	0	0	
Infirm Ministers	1	0	0	
Am. & F. Bible Society	0	9	9	
				9 9 9
Lower Stewiacke,—Home Mission	5	0	0	
Foreign Mission	0	16	10½	
				5 16 10½
St. Mary's, 1st church,—for Minutes and Articles		0	5	2½
St. Mary's 2nd. do.—Min. & Art. 2s.6d.; H. Mission, 12s.6d		0	15	0
Strait of Canso,—Min. & Art. 2s. 6d.; H. Mission, 27s. 6d.		1	10	0
Upper Stewiacke,—Union Society	£3	9	10	
Home Missions,	6	2	0	
French Missions,	1	13	0	
Gaelic Missions,	1	14	6	
Foreign Missions,	1	15	0	
Minutes,	0	5	0	
				13 19 4½
Tryon Church,—for Minutes,		0	7	6
Tracadie Church,—Home Missions,		1	5	0
Indian Harbour,—Home Missions,		1	10	11½
Margaree,—Home Missions,		0	5	0
River Hebert, and Manudie section of Maccan Church,—Home Missions,	£7	5	0	
Foreign Missions,	0	5	0	
French Missions,	2	10	0	
Infirm Minis. 5s., Minutes, 5s.7½d.	0	10	7½	
				10 10 7½
Maccan Church,—Home Missions,	3	7	6	
Gaelic Missions,	1	0	0	
Min. Edu. 5s., F. Miss. 10s.	0	15	0	
				5 2 6

Mrs. McDonald, Margaree,		0	3	1½
Pugwash,—Home Missions,	£3 10 0			
MicMac Mission,	1 0 0			
French Mission,	0 10 0			

Onslow,		5	0	0
Three Rivers,—Home Missions,		11	6	3
East Point,—H. Mission £1 17 0; printing Art. 7s. 1d.		0	18	10
Col. by B. Shaw, per B. Martell, agent for Do. Missions,		2	4	1
Church Lot 49,—for Domestic Missions		2	2	4½
North Sydney,—H. Mission £4 18; For. Mission 8s. 6d.		2	7	1
Bro. Alex. McVane, for Bro. Oncken's Mission		5	6	6
A Friend for do. do.		1	5	0
Collections at the Association,		1	5	0
A Friend,—French Mission 1s. 3d., Infirm Ministers 5s.		9	4	3
South Sydney Church,—Domestic Missions,		0	6	3
A Friend,—French Mission, by Bro. Shaw,		1	10	1
River Hebert and Manudie section of the Maccan Church for American Bible Union—for Bible distribution in Germany.		0	7	6
A Friend, Strait of Canso, for ditto.		3	0	0
		0	7	6

Brother Ross,—Meeting House Fund	£157 12 2½
	30 0 0

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By amount paid A. Shiels, per order Dom. M. Board	£187 12 2½
paid Brother Hall do.	12 0 0
“ “ Richardson, do.	12 0 0
“ “ Ross, do.	7 0 0
amount in Bro. Dimock's hands,	25 1 6
By Hebert and Manudie Church transmitting to N. York for German Mission,	9 6 3
By Cash paid Bro. Mosher, by the hands of Bro. Francis	3 0 0
“ “ Bro. Francis on acct. of Gaelic M. House	5 0 0
“ “ Bro. Francis for Foreign Mission	30 0 0
“ “ “ “ Ministerial Education	26 10 3
“ “ “ “ Minutes and Articles	2 14 9
“ “ “ “ Infirm Minister's Fund	1 17 10½
“ “ “ “ German Mission	3 10 0
“ “ “ “ French Mission	2 10 0
“ “ “ “ MicMac Mission	5 1 9
“ “ “ “ Am. & Fr. Bible Society	1 0 0
“ “ “ “ Gaelic Mission	1 9 9
“ “ “ “ to be transmitted to the	2 14 6
Treasurer of Domestic Missions	31 15 6
Paid to the Delegate to Eastern N.B. Association	5 0 0
	£187 12 2½

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SUMMARY OF TOTALS.

Home Missions	£106 15 10
Foreign Missions	26 10 3
Minutes and Articles	1 17 10½
Ministerial Education	2 14 9
Infirm Minister's Fund	3 10 0
American and Foreign Bible Society	1 9 9
Gaelic Mission	2 14 6
German Mission	5 17 6
MicMac Mission	1 0 0
French Mission	5 1 9
Brother Ross—Meeting House fund	30 0 0
Total	£187 12 2½

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Guysborough, July 11, 1855.

CHRISTOPHER JOST, } Auditors.
 PETER PAINT, }

Infirm Minister's Fund in account with A. W. Masters.

Dr.

1854.

Dec. 9. To amount paid Rev. H. Hull	£5 0 0
1855.	
April 6. To " " " "	1 0 0
May 29. To " " " "	4 0 0
	10 0 0

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1854.

July 1. By amount on hand to date	£48 17 9½
By amount paid at Association	5 16 8½
1855.	
July 7. By amount paid at Association to be paid to Treasurer.	3 10 0
Anonymous, per D.W. C. Dimock	2 0 0
	60 4 6
By balance in hands of Treasurer.	£50 4 6

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Guysborough, July 11, 1855.

CHRISTOPHER JOST, } Auditors.
 PETER PAINT, }

Domestic Mission Board in account with D. W. C. Dimock

		DR.		
1854.				
July 11	To balance last year		40 14 5	Sept. 1854.
	J. Whidden's receipt charged in account by Treasurer of Association		5 0 0	July 11
" 12	Paid J. Ferguson for printing Minutes		4 0 0	Aug 15
Sept.	" J. Chase, old debt		11 0 0	Sept. 10
Oct. 18	" J. E. Cogswell		1 17 6	
Nov. 23	" J. Whidden		5 0 0	1855.
" 30	" J. E. Cogswell		3 6 1	Jan. 15
"	" J. Whidden		4 14 2	
Oct. 29	" A. Shiels		5 0 0	
Dec. 4	" Coach fare Sec'y. attending meetings Borad		1 10 0	
"	" W. Hall per Central Board		5 0 0	
"	" " cash 7s. 6d.; 20th, do. £8		8 7 6	March 6
20	" R. McDonald, bal. last year pr order to J. Ferguson		0 8 7	July 4
1855.				9
Feb. 19	" J. Shaw		4 16 8	
March 9	" William Hall		13 0 0	
April 13	" do. do.		14 0 0	
" 24	" J. E. Cogswell		9 9 3	
	" R. McDonald per order		10 0 0	
May 11	" J. Moser		3 0 0	
July 3	" A. Martell, per order		3 8 4	
6	" C. I. Burnett per orders		13 0 0	
"	" Wm. Hall per Mr. Lippincott		10 0 0	
9	" do. do. by Treasurer Association		12 0 0	
24	" do. do. cash		2 2 6	
"	" do. do. as per credit viz., River John		5 13 9	
"	" do. do. " Merigomish		1 2 6	
"	" do. do. Scotch Baptists, River John		0 13 9	
10	" A Shiels per C. Jost, Treasurer Association		12 0 0	
"	" J. Francis per do.		5 0 0	
"	" G. Richardson per do.		7 0 0	
"	" H. Ross per do.		25 1 6	
"	" J. Moser per J. Francis		5 0 0	
	Sent to Association in letter		2 0 0	
	Paid freight on Minutes, 2 Telegraph Messages			
	Registration, &c. to date		1 10 6	
"	" J. Whidden for Miss Whidden		2 17 1	
"	" Rent on Hall in Pictou 1½ years		22 10 0	
"	" Gas light do.		3 13 8	
			£289 17 11	

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July 11	By amount per A. W. Marsters, Treas. Ass.	£99	6	7½	
Aug 15	Miss Woodman 2s. 6d.; 21st, J. Moore 20s.	1	2	6	
	Legacy, J. Rettier	7	10	0	
40 14 5	Miss McVane	1	5	7½	
	Canso Church, per Miss Bigelow	5	0	0	
5 0 0	Credited to old Mess. debt by Central Board				
4 0 0	per amount paid J. E. Cogswell	2	0	0	
11 0 0	Mrs. J. E. Crowe, 20s.; Anonymous £10	11	0	0	
1 17 6	Collected by Miss Whidden	4	14	2	
5 0 0	1855.				
3 6 1½	Jan. 15	A. McKinlay, N. River, P.E.I.	7	10	0
4 14 2		C B. per W. Hall	10	0	0
5 0 0		Mrs A. Blair 20s., Miss S. Blair 10s.	1	10	0
1 10 0		Miss A. Blair Gaelic Mission	0	10	0
5 0 0		Collected by Miss Bigelow, Canso Church	6	0	0
8 7 6	March 6	per A. Shaw collected P.E.I.	4	16	8½
		Anonymous 20s.; May 28 J. King, don. 20s.	2	0	0
0 8 7½	July 4	Onslow Church, this year's contribution	9	6	3
4 16 8½	9	Amts. paid by C. Jost, Treas. Association, 1855			
13 0 0		viz.:—J. Francis	£5	0	0
14 0 0		A. Shiels	12	0	0
9 9 3		G. Richardson	7	0	0
10 0 0		H. Ross	25	1	6½
3 0 0		J. Moser	5	0	0
3 8 4½		Wm. Hall	12	0	0
13 0 0			66	1	6½
10 0 0		Credit on Mr. Hall's mission charged him	7	10	0
12 0 0		do. paid A. Shiels	4	10	0
2 2 6		do. paid A. Barss	2	10	0
5 13 9		Collected by Miss Whidden, Antigonish	2	17	1½
1 2 6		Credited by W. Hall for rent and Gas light viz.:			
0 13 9		C. H. Harrington	5	0	0
12 0 0		Pugwash Church	4	5	0
5 0 0		Other subscriptions & collections	16	18	8
7 0 0		Balance	7	3	9
25 1 6½			£289	17	11½
5 0 0					
2 0 0					

MONEY FOR UNION SOCIETY.

1 10 6	aniel C. Archibald				£0	6	0
2 17 1½	Charles Cox, senr.				0	6	0
22 10 0	F. Cox				0	6	3
3 13 8	Matthew D. Newcomb				0	6	3
	arah Ann Newcomb				0	5	10
9 17 11½	Richard Upham				0	7	0
	rs. Daniel Upham				0	6	0
	William Upham				0	1	3

Dor, Ann Upham	-	-	-	-	-	0	1
rs. Jacob Layton	-	-	-	-	-	0	6
osanna Layton	-	-	-	-	-	0	6
Ann Layton	-	-	-	-	-	0	6
James Bentley	-	-	-	-	-	0	6

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HOME MISSION.

Seacob S. Layton	-	-	-	-	-	£5	0
Mary Ann Bentley	-	-	-	-	-	0	5
Mrs. Daniel Upham	-	-	-	-	-	0	5
Mrs. Lyman J. Walker	-	-	-	-	-	0	6
Susan Johnson 2s. 6d., Nancy Johnson 1s. 3d.	-	-	-	-	-	0	3
Rosanna Newcomb	-	-	-	-	-	0	2

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FRENCH MISSION.

Daniel C. Archibald	-	-	-	-	-	0	3
Charles Cox, senr.	-	-	-	-	-	0	10
Charles Cox, junr.	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
Jacob S. Layton	-	-	-	-	-	0	5
James Bentley	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
Harriet Bentley	-	-	-	-	-	0	5
John G. Archibald,	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
M. D. Newcomb	-	-	-	-	-	0	2

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GAELIC MISSION.

Jacob S. Layton	-	-	-	-	-	0	10
Charles Cox, senr.	-	-	-	-	-	0	5
John G. Archibald	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
Daniel C. Archibald	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
Mary A. Bentley	-	-	-	-	-	0	10
James Bentley	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
M. D. Newcomb	-	-	-	-	-	0	2

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Anonymous, Foreign Mission	-	-	-	-	-	0	5
Abram Layton, MicMac do.	-	-	-	-	-	0	5
John G. Archibald Foreign Mission	-	-	-	-	-	0	10

Total £13 19