

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
Eastern Baptist Association

OF
NOVA SCOTIA :

HELD AT TRURO.

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, July 2, 4, & 5, 1864.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER:

ALSO, THE

STATISTICS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION,

The Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Baptist
Education Society,

AND

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

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TRURO, JULY 2ND, 1864.

The Association convened in the Baptist meeting house at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Moderator of last year, Rev. J. Davis, called the meeting to order, giving out the 788th hymn, and reading the 35th Chapter of Isaiah. Rev. T. A. Higgins offered prayer.

The following officers were then duly elected :—

Moderator—Rev. J. E. Balcom.
Secretary—Rev. T. H. Porter.
Assistant Secy.—Wm. Boggs.
Treasurer—Wm. Faulkner, Esqr.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to examine and read the Letters from the Churches :—Bro. S. Selden, Revds. T. A. Higgins, and W. H. Porter.

The letters having been read, the annexed list of Delegates was prepared :—

Amherst.—Brethren Hilbert Black, Lic.; James M. Layton, F. Quigly, and B. Douglas.

Antigonishe.—Bro. Burpe Lynds.

Bedeque, P. E. I.—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Brookfield—Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr.; Deacons Archibald Hamilton, and Jacob Stevens, and Brethren James G. Carter, and William Carter.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis, and Bro. Geo. Davies.

Earltown.—Rev. S. Thompson, and Brethren Alexander Conkey, and Daniel Fields.

East Point, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis.

Glenville.—Rev. J. E. Balcom.

Grand River, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis.

Great Village.—Rev. J. E. Balcom, and Brethren Ezra Layton, Henry C. Upham and T. B. Layton.

Greenville.—Rev. J. E. Balcom, and Bro. John Hunter.

Isaac's Harbor.—Rev. H. Eagles.

Lot 49, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis.

Lower Steviacke.—Deacon E. C. Banks, and Brethren J. W. Stevens, and Benjamin Woodworth.

Maccan.—Bro. Amos Atkinson.

Mira, C. B.—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

North River, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis.

Onslow.—Rev. B. Scott; Brethren James Morrison, Lic.; John King, and Wilson Lynds.

Parrsboro.—Rev. D. McKeen, and Bro. Francis Jenks.

Portauipique.—Rev. James Reid, and Deacons George Davison, Thomas Fulton, and Jehiel Carr.

Pugwash.—Brethren John Bigelow, and Angus McDonnell

River John.—Rev. A. Chipman, and Brethren Charles Sutherland, N. Sutherland, and Robt. Allan.

St. Mary's 1st.—Rev. H. Eagles.

St. Mary's 2nd.—Rev. H. Eagles.

St. Peter's Road, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis.

Sydney, C. B.—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Tracadie.—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Truro.—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock: Deacons Page and Nelson, and Brethren Wm. Faulkner, J. Walker and Wm. Cummings.

Upper Londonderry.—Rev. S. Thomson; Deacons Wm. McKinlay, and John Carter, and Brethren Robt. Higgins, and Wm. McCully.

Upper Stewiacke.—Rev. O. Chute, and Brethren Jacob Layton, Charles Cox and Wm. Bently.

Wentworth.—Rev. J. E. Balcom, and Bro. G. Hurd.

Westbrook.—Deacon E. Taylor, and Bro. Joseph Atkinson.

The following brethren then reported themselves as Delegates from the Western Association:—

Revds. Dr. Tupper, W. H. Porter, Samuel Richardson, and Wm. Hall; and from the Central—Revds. T. A. Higgins, S. W. deBlois, John Chase, S. T. Rand, Wm. Chipman, Geo. Weathers, and Bro. S. Selden.

Rev. A. D. Thompson, College Agent, and Brethren J. W. Barss, Richard King, Edwin King, and Dea. Blenkhorn were invited to seats with the Association.

Resolved, That all Ministering Brethren, and Licentiates present be invited to seats with us.

Revds. B. Scott, D. W. C. Dimock, John Chase, M. P. Freeman, Joseph Kempton, and Bro. J. W. Stevens were appointed a Committee of Nomination and Arrangement.

Bro. Henry C. Upham was elected Secretary of the Sabbath School Board for this Session of the Association.

Some discussion having arisen respecting the record to be made in the case of those reported "added by experience" &c., and "removed" it was resolved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on "Questions in Letters."

The following report was then presented by the Nominating Committee and adopted clause by clause; the first clause embracing the Committees.

ON THE CIRCULAR LETTER:—Revds. J. Davis and Samuel Richardson.

ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER:—Revds. J. Reid and J. F. Kempton; and Brethren James Layton, E. C. Banks, L. J. Walker, and Wm. McKinlay.

ON MISSIONS:—Revds. John Davis, D. W. C. Dimock, Dr. Tupper, S. Thompson, H. Eagles, and Brethren W. Cummings, J. W. Stevens, and D. Page.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS AND SPECIAL BUSINESS:—Rev. Wm. Chipman, and Brethren John King, R. Nelson, G. Davison, and Ezra Layton.

ON EDUCATION:—Revds. T. A. Higgins, S. W. deBlois, M. P. Freeman, John Chase, D. McKeen, A. D. Thompson, and Brethren J. W. Barss, Charles Cox, and Jacob Layton.

UNION SOCIETIES:—Revds. A. Chipman, W. H. Porter, B. Scott, and Bro. Wilson Lynds.

2. That all Committees meet in this house on Monday morning, at 8 o'clock.

3. That the Morning Sessions commence at 10 o'clock, and close at 12; and the Afternoon Sitzings at 2, and close at 6 o'clock.

4. That the subject of Missions be taken up on Monday at 3 o'clock, P. M.

5. That the Educational Question be considered on Tuesday morning.

6. That the Sabbath School Convention hold its meeting on Monday evening at 7.30.

Resolved, That 800 copies of the Minutes be printed, and that Bro. S. Selden publish them, and be paid the sum of \$44.

The following brethren were then appointed Delegates to the Convention: Wm. Cummings, John King, W. F. Cutten, Jacob Layton, and E. C. Banks.

Revds. S. T. Rand, and H. Eagles, and Brethren A. Blenkhorn, and Wm. Cummings were appointed a Committee to report on Temperance.

A half hour was then spent in Devotional Exercises, and the Session adjourned until Monday morning.

On Lord's Day the following services were held:—In Truro at 11 A. M., preaching by Rev. Wm. Chipman; 3 P. M., Rev. Dr. Tupper, and 7, Rev. J. Davis.

Lower Village, at 3 P. M., Rev. S. Richardson, and Rev. D. McKeen, at 7.

Onslow, at 11 A. M., Rev. S. W. deBlois; Enon Chapel, Rev. J. F. Kempton; at 4 P. M., Rev. H. Eagles, at Union School-house.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE			DECREASE			TOTAL.
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	
1. Amherst	34	4	..	4	3	2	235
2. Antigonishe	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
3. Bedeque, P. E. I.	7	3	..	..	1	..	95
4. Brookfield	7	2	..	*1	..	..	53
5. Canso	..	..	..	..	..	..	84
6. Charlottetown, P. E. I.	..	..	..	..	..	1	40
7. Diligent River	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
8. Earltown	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
9. East Point P. E. I.	10	..	..	..	..	..	87
10. Glenville	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
11. Grand River, P. E. I.	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
12. Great Village	8	8	..	1	..	1	100
13. Greenville	..	..	..	2	3	..	77
14. Guysboro	..	..	..	..	..	..	146
15. Hawksbury, or Strait of Canso	..	..	..	..	1	..	9
16. Isaac's Harbor	..	..	..	..	..	..	65
17. Lot 49, P. E. I.	..	..	..	2	1	..	10
18. Lower Stewiacke	1	1	..	..	..	..	65
19. Maccan	2	..	..	..	1	..	109
20. Merigomish	3	1	..	..	..	..	19
21. Mira, C. B.	1	..	..	..	4	1	130
22. North River, P. E. I.	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
23. Onslow	10	..	..	2	..	4	162
24. Parsboro Village	2	1	..	1	1	..	50
25. Pictou	2	2	..	..	1	..	17
26. Portanpique	..	..	..	1	..	3	115
27. Pugwash	..	..	..	..	..	..	117
28. River John	4	..	..	1	1	2	15
29. St. Mary's 1st	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
30. St. Mary's 2nd	..	..	..	..	..	1	32
31. St. Peter's Road	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
32. Sydney, C. B.	4	4	..	..	..	..	38
33. Three Rivers	..	..	..	..	1	2	32
34. Tracadie	..	..	..	..	1	..	55
35. Truro	3	1	..	5	..	..	101
36. Uigg or Belfast, P. E. I.	2	..	..	..	..	..	60
37. Upper Londonderry	8	1	..	1	1	1	96
38. Upper Stewiacke	..	..	..	3	2	5	44
39. Wentworth	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
40. Westbrook	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
Total in Churches sending no letter	108	28	..	31	19	27	2550
							936

Total in Churches sending no letter.....

3486

*Last year.

The following twenty-two churches sent no letter to the Association. The number of members appended is that given in last year's Minutes.

Advocate Harbor, 31. Amherst shore, 34. Coddle Harbor, 18. Crow Harbor, 33. Five Islands, 30. Goose River, 44. Goshen, 31. Grand Mira, C. B., 21. Indian Harbor, 75. Little River, 53. Mabou, C. B., 18. Margaree, C. B., 57. New Harbor, 38. North Sydney, C. B., 163. Parrsboro, 35. Salmon River, C. B., 19. Sand Point, 23. Schooner Pond, C. B., 10. Tatamagouche, 30. Tryon, P. E. I., 43. Wallace River, 82. West and Clyde Rivers, P. E. I., 48. Total number of members, 936.

[By comparing the number of members in each of the churches with those given in last year's Minutes it will be perceived that slight mistakes have occurred in several of them. This will account for the whole number being less than the additions to the several Churches added to last year's total would have given.—S. S.]

Monday Morning, July 4.

The Association re-assembled at 10 o'clock. In the absence of Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev. M. P. Freeman, his alternate, preached the Introductory Sermon from 1 Cor. iii. 9. "Ye are God's building." After prayer by Dr. Tupper, a collection was taken up in behalf of Domestic Missions.

Business meeting opened with prayer by Rev. H. Eagles. Minutes of the previous Session were then read and approved.

Revds. Dr. Pryor, and R. R. Philp reported themselves as Delegates from the Central Association.

Voted, That Dr. Pryor be added to the Committee on Education.

Letters were read from the Antigonishe and Upper Stewiacke Churches, these not having come to hand before.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be read. Some discussion having followed the reading of the Letter, it was recommitted.

Meeting then adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Pryor.

Afternoon Session, July 4.

Meeting called to order at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. R. R. Philp.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That all ministering brethren, belonging to the Association, who may attend the meetings of the New Brunswick or Nova Scotia Associations be our Delegates.

Resolved, That all unappropriated monies be devoted to Domestic Missions.

That the next meeting of this Association be held with the Amherst Church. That Rev. A. Chipman preach the Introductory Sermon, that Rev. B. Scott be his alternate, and that Rev. J. Davis write the Circular Letter.

Brethren Scott, and Balcom, two of a Committee appointed last year, to visit certain churches which had not corresponded with the Association for three years, reported respecting Mabou and West Chester. Rev. D. McKeen gave information concerning the churches at Advocate Harbor and Lakeland.

Resolved, That the Westchester Church, having for three years neglected to correspond with the Association, be dropped from the Minutes; it being apparent that it has lost its visibility.

Also Resolved, That the name of the Lakeland Church be erased from the Minutes.

Voted, That the Board of the Infirm Minister's Fund be instructed to pay to Bro. Palmer, of Advocate Harbor, the sum of \$20 when the funds shall admit of such expenditure.

The Committee on Union Societies (Appendix C) reported, and after remarks by Drs. Pryor and Tupper, Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, and A. Chipman, and Brethren S. Selden, J. W. Stevens, H. C. Upham, and J. W. Barss; the report was adopted.

Resolved, That the Home Mission Board be requested to urge the Missionaries, employed by them within the precincts of this Association, to give their influence, as far as can consistently be done, to revive the Union Societies in the Churches they visit.

At 3 o'clock the Committee on Missions (Appendix B) reported. The Report of the H. M. Board was read by Bro. Selden, and remarks were made by Revds. A. Chipman and J. Davis, respecting the Pictou Mission; Rev. W. Hall, the French Mission; Rev. J. F. Kempton, missionary operations on the Island of Cape Breton; and

Revds. Dr. Tupper, A. D. Thompson, J. F. Kempton, and Brethren W. Cummings, S. Selden, W. Faulkner, J. W. Barss, and Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, D. McKeen, J. Reid, and Bro. H. Black on Foreign Missions. The report was then recommitted for the purpose of making some additions thereto.

Brethren E. Taylor, G. Davis, T. Fulton, and F. Quigly obtained leave of absence.

After prayer by Bro. Hall, the meeting adjourned.

According to arrangement the meeting of the Sabbath School Convention was held at 7.30 P. M.

Tuesday Morning, July 5.

Meeting opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Letter from the Guysboro Church, having arrived since the previous Session, was read.

It was then *Resolved*, That Brethren B. Douglas, J. King, and William Faulkner be Trustees to receive and invest any monies that may come into the possession of this Association, for the benefit of Infirm Ministers.

Bro. T. H. Rand was invited to take a seat with the Association.

The Report on Education (Appendix A) in connection with the following Resolution was read.

Whereas, The last Thursday in February, in each year, is very generally observed as a day of prayer for Colleges,

Therefore Resolved, That this Association hereby earnestly present the subject to the notice of the Churches, and recommend that some part of that day be devoted to prayer on this behalf, especially for our own Institutions of learning.

Remarks were then made by Rev. Dr. Pryor, and Brethren J. W. Barss, and Wm. Cummings.

Brethren Amos Atkinson, and Ezra Layton were granted leave of absence.

Prayer by Rev. S. Thompson, after which the meeting adjourned till 1.30. P. M.

Afternoon Session, July 5.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. B. Scott. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Temperance (Appendix D) reported. After remarks by Revds. J. Davis, S. T. Rand, and Bro. S. Selden, the report was recommitted for certain amendments.

The Committee on the Circular Letter again reported, when, some alterations having been made, it was resolved that the Letter as amended, be adopted, and published in the Minutes.

The Committee on Missions again presented their report, with the proposed additional resolutions annexed. After remarks by Dr. Tupper, Bro. Selden, and Revds. J. F. Kempton, D. McKeen, and J. Davis, the report was adopted.

At 2.30 o'clock the Question of Education was resumed. After remarks by Bro. Selden, Revds. M. P. Freeman, S. T. Rand, J. Davis, Dr. Pryor, H. Eagles, and Samuel Richardson, the report was adopted.

The Committee on the "Christian Messenger" (Appendix F) then reported. After brief remark, the report was adopted.

Resolved, That all brethren who are obliged to leave by the afternoon train, be granted leave of absence.

The Committee on Questions in Letters (Appendix F) presented their report. After a full discussion of the subjects embraced, the report was amended and passed in connection with the following resolution.

Resolved, That those reported this year as "added by experience" be placed in the column of baptized, and those "removed" be returned as members, until the church so reporting shall otherwise dispose of them.

The following resolution was then unanimously adopted.

Whereas, by the Baptist Convention, at its last Session, the Governors of Acadia College were instructed to adopt such measures with reference to the "Act for the regulation and support of Dalhousie College," as might seem to be required.

Therefore Resolved, That this Association highly approve of the action of the Governors of Acadia College in petitioning the Legislature for the amendment of the Dalhousie College Act, and recommend them to adopt such further measures as may be deemed necessary for securing a just and equitable arrangement respecting higher education.

The Committee on Temperance again reported. After some further remarks, the report, in its amended form, passed.

Resolved, That Revs. J. E. Balcom, B. Scott, and G. F. Miles, be a Committee to revise the whole list of churches as they appear in our Minutes, and report at the next Association.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Bro. H. C. Upham.

Resolved, That after deducting necessary expenses, the Treasurer place the balance in the hands of the respective Treasurers.

Bro. Douglas presented the report of the Infirm Ministers' Fund, which was adopted.

Voted, That Bro. Douglas be authorized to make any necessary inquiries with reference to this fund; and that the churches be requested to make an earnest effort to increase the funds of this Board, previous to the next Association.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the members of the Baptist church and congregation in Truro, and also to friends of other Denominations, for their kind hospitalities to the Delegates, and those accompanying them.

Resolved, That this Association do now adjourn to meet next year with the church at Amherst.

The Union Hymn was then sung, and Prayer offered by Bro. Hall.

J. E. BALCOM, *Moderator*.

T. H. PORTER, Jr., *Secretary*.

WM. BOGGS, *Assistant Sec'y*.

Truro, July 5th, 1864.

Circular Letter.

The Pastors and Delegates of the Eastern Baptist Association to the Members of the Churches which they represent,
GREETING.

BELOVED IN THE LORD,—

In compliance with established custom, we address to you such counsels and advice as we hope will be profitable to you as Churches and individual believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Various topics have been proposed for your consideration, in former Letters, all of which were intended to promote the stability, harmony, and christian intelligence of the churches; especially their *piety*, developed in the spirit and conduct of each member separately. Being now desirous of promoting and perpetuating like results, in all your hearts and lives, and that you may enjoy much consolation in the Lord, we adopt, as our present theme,

THE CONSTITUENTS AND DUTY OF A CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

A Christian Church in the New Testament sense of the term, is a company of disciples, who have received the grace of God by faith in the Lord Jesus; and by baptism, have been admitted into the fellowship of the body, and one with another. It is, moreover, *essential* to a Christian Church that they maintain the worship of God, the holy communion of the Lord's body and blood; that they watch over each other in love, and faithfulness, and maintain that government and discipline in the body, for which our Lord instituted an

executive ministry, and every necessary law, in the gospel and letters apostolic to the churches. In practically giving effect to each and all of these obligations, so indispensable to the peace and prosperity of the churches, it is of great importance that all the members be firmly united and compacted together, in a sound faith and fervent love to each other, and that they "obey them that have the rule over them," while faithfully applying and executing the laws, which their great Head has enacted for their government. By such regard to the laws of Christ, promptly executed, as occasions arise, the unity, peace, and prosperity of the churches will be preserved.

Such being the **ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS** of the Church and her government, the question naturally arises: Can those bodies professing to be churches of Christ, be regarded as such, while they fail to assemble for the worship of God, to commune at the Lord's table, to be faithful to each other in love, to meet for prayer and conference, and labor not to reclaim the wandering or exscind the incorrigible, who, by their litigious spirit, endanger the peace of the Church? A candid answer to these enquiries, must, we think, be given in the negative, because they are deficient of what is **ESSENTIAL** to a Church state. The same is true of those bodies, which are also deficient in paying, what, by union of action, they might pay to sustain the preaching of the Word, and the diffusion of the gospel throughout the world. How can they expect to prosper when they adopt such a course?

We do not suppose that every small church, however liberally inclined, has the ability wholly to support a pastor; but we do suppose that every church is sacredly bound by the word of God, "To lay by in store as God had prospered them," to pay, "cheerfully," as they obtain means, for preaching in their own church, and for the cause of their Lord and Master, abroad. And

we are confident that if christians were systematic and regular in "laying by in store" they might easily increase their gifts for missionary and other benevolent objects, much above what they are accustomed to do, and be twice blessed, in what they receive and what they give. We are aware that churches may be very few in their numbers, talents, and pecuniary means, and so widely scattered from each other, that they cannot meet frequently, without inconvenience. All such churches have a just claim upon our sympathies, upon our prayers and aid. But may we not ask, brethren, if meetings for serving Him who suffered trials, and toils, and death, for us, should be prevented by a little inconvenience, which would not prevent attention, to politics, or scenes of earthly pleasure; which cost both time and money?

In view of these facts, would it not be well that such feeble bodies should be united as branches to some neighbouring churches, which enjoy a constant pastorate, and thereby become entitled to a measure of visitation and supervision, from time to time? Branch churches might enjoy monthly or bi-monthly the benefits of pastoral visitation, of the Conference, meetings for preaching and the Lord's Supper, and report, annually, through the visiting pastor or by letter, to the parent church, their condition and statistics. By contributing, also, in their proportion towards the support of the supervising pastor, and by aiding the cause of Missions and kindred objects, they might, though few and feeble, maintain such regularity of order and action, as would redound to the credit and honor of the cause, and secure to themselves privileges and assistance, not otherwise to be enjoyed, in their weak state, and until they should acquire strength to carry out the designs of a church embodiment. The tendency of this course would be to keep alive the flame of *love*, the power of *faith*, and the energy of pious *zeal* in Christian efforts

for the promotion of good morals, the conversion of sinners, the upbuilding of the church, and the salvation of numerous millions who yet remain in ignorance of Jesus Christ and the Bible, who are spell-bound in their superstitions, and fast sinking into an awful eternity. The question naturally arises cannot these weak churches be strengthened and these small ones increased. It is hoped they possess the elements of strength if there were sufficient cohesion among the members, and if they would put forth the energy of united faith and prayer, and "revive the stones out of the rubbish," as christians who feel the object to be gained is sufficiently important to demand their strongest and holiest endeavors. Let the piety of the churches rise, from its low temperature, to a degree which shall warm into life and energy, the whole phalanx of the elect; then shall "he that is feeble among them, in that day, be as David, and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them." The power of the church is not to be estimated numerically; but by the degree of her *piety*. If this be frigid and sluggish, and her love and union cold, and slow in action, every exertion will be made with reluctance; and covenant obligations, though they be not denied, will appear to such professors as indistinct as an object in the distance, and their most sacred obligations be violated with impunity.

Let the times of refreshing come from the presence of the Lord," and the church be revived in all her graces, then will her members appreciate their religious privileges and obligations, as no longer to be contented without the stated means of grace and will say, "Why do we sit still?" Then both the heart and the hand will be opened and the faithful will "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." This is the great secret of every church and every christian. 'Tis *piety* that gives unity; and unity gives strength.

When *converts* offer themselves to the churches,

let them, first be duly instructed in the doctrine and commands of Jesus; and then be received into the fellowship of the church, under a full view of covenant obligations, that they may not soon forget their vows, and compel the church to discipline and exclude them. Let faithfulness be mingled with a large share of fervent love, and pastors and churches, instead of neglecting cases of backsliding and offence, till not a few require church action, be prompt and impartial to restore the straying and expel the irreclaimable. Then will the churches be as, "cities built on hills," and their members as "burning and shining lights" amid darkness, which can be dispelled only by the light of life, and many, convinced by what they behold in the faithful, shall glorify God and say, "We will go with you for we have heard that God is with you."

May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance, and every christian soldier gird himself in the panoply divine for the fight against sin, till by faith he gains the victory, and receives a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge will give to all them who love his appearing.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

The Committee on Education report as follows :—

Education in a denominational point of view, at this time especially, claims the attention of the Baptist denomination. Noble exertions have been made in the past, and although there have been times of great discouragement, and much opposition to meet, success in no mean measure has crowned our efforts. Our Institutions at Horton stand as a monument to the praise of many who are no longer among us. Let the sons, while they revere the memory of the fathers, show their appreciation of their labors by giving perpetuity to their work.

The financial condition of the College is in a hopeful state. The ready response of many of the Churches, when appealed to for aid, is a source of great encouragement to those who feel the responsibility.

Your Committee are pleased to believe that there is, upon the part of the young men and women among us, a growing desire for information. The attendance at Horton during the past year has been very encouraging. This increased desire for education shows us that there is a loud call for increased accommodations. There is not room now for the students who come to the Institutions.

The number of matriculated students in College last year, was about 30. Two graduated last June, but it is expected that a class of 15 will enter upon College studies in September next, which will make the attendance in College larger than usual. We are happy also to state that an addition has been made to the College staff. Mr. Robert Jones, whose teaching ability has been well tested, has been appointed Professor in Acadia College. With such provision we think we may justly claim for Acadia College a position equal to that of any other College in

these provinces. There is a pleasing feature in connection with our Institutions at Horton that your Committee, especially at this time, would wish to call to mind—Education and Religion are blended in all the exercises. By all the Professors and Teachers, and also by a large majority of the students God is daily acknowledged, both in public and in private, Education and Religion must go hand in hand.—United they stand. If it cannot with equal truthfulness be said, “divided they fall” it can be justly said divided they can neither of them secure their highest and most glorious results. Some things have occurred of late which have caused the educational pulse to beat quicker than usual.—Some think a fatal blow has been given to denominational education. It remains to be seen whether the Baptist Churches of these provinces will falter and fail or arise in the strength of truth, holy principle and noble zeal, and show the world that their Institutions shall be in the future peers to any in the land.

The celebration at Horton a few days ago, spoke in loud and eloquent tones, saying, “Excelsior” is on our own banners, “Forward” the watchword. To stand still in this day of hurry, bustle, and progress is to recede with fearful strides. One or two years of inaction now may lose for us ground which 50 years may not recover. In many minor matters we may agree to differ, and love each other none the less because we see not eye to eye, but here there should be union and large hearted benevolence, that our foes may not laugh at our weakness caused by divided strength, and enjoy the plunder. Let us go forward having God for our strength, and Acadia shall continue in the future to send forth her sons to the world’s work, and the children will not blush to acknowledge their “Alma Mater.”

T. A. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The report of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, presented at its late annual meeting, supplies full

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information as to the existing state of our Domestic Missions. That report tells of good done, good attempted, and a ministerial destitution as yet unsupplied. Your Committee would recommend, that portions of it be read to the Association. It is a document which will make its own impression, that impression being deepened, as we may hope, by the appeals of brethren now about to speak on the topic to which this paragraph refers.

The French Mission, sustained immediately by our brethren of the Western Association, claims a brief notice. It is good to know that, after a long season of patient labour, and apparently barren results, fruits at length begin to present themselves. We remember what nearly all Christendom, so called, once was. We turn our eyes towards Canada, and see what has been wrought there by the Grand Ligne Mission. And so we "thank God" for what he has already done on behalf of our French Catholic neighbours in these Lower Provinces, and "take courage" for the future. We thus commend the Nova Scotia French Mission to the practical and prayerful consideration of our brethren of this Association.

In regard to our Foreign Missions, it is pleasant to report, that present prospects are increasingly favourable. Besides general contributions to our funds, generous bequests have been made for their enlargement; and several churches, or individuals in combination, are now engaged in the support of native preachers. Of these there are now a considerable number, labouring faithfully and successfully. The Mission School, also sustained by contributions from these provinces, is evidently doing much good. Moreover, there is among us an esteemed brother whose mind has long been exercised upon the subject of going forth as a Missionary to Burmah, and who has now decided so to do, provided the way be opened before him. Should it appear, that this brother be indeed fitted for the work to which he proposes to devote himself, we think that his demand for support will meet with a hearty response from the Baptists of these Lower Provinces. It has long been felt that, if an interest in the cause of Foreign Missions were indeed to be kept alive, it must be by means of a direct representation in the Missionary field. And if God be about at last to endow us with such a representa-

tive, it may be accepted as an auspicious omen, and as a voice from heaven, saying to us, "Go up and possess the land in the name of the Lord."

The current year is the Jubilee year of the American Baptist Missionary Union. They have recently held their fifteenth anniversary in Philadelphia. They have set \$150,000 as the amount to be raised by them for foreign missions in the course of the current year. Besides this sum, however, they propose to raise a sum of \$50,000 as their Jubilee offering. Which sum they propose to employ in sending forth new missionaries, to reinforce positions already occupied, and to take up new ones. The Lord abundantly prosper them in the great things which they thus "devise." This movement will pledge our brethren to the support of a much larger foreign missionary staff than they have heretofore had in the field, and constrain them to consecrate their means much more fully than they have yet done to the business of giving the Gospel to the world. Some of our churches have manifested their interest in the Jubilee of the American Baptist Missionary Union by direct contribution to their Jubilee Fund. If others of them should be led to do likewise, they would thus display a commendable zeal. And yet, perhaps, in the circumstances in which we this day find ourselves happily placed, we should best co-operate with our American brethren by our acceptance of the proposal made by our brother J. F. Kempton to go forth to the work of the Lord in Burmah. Our American brethren want more men, and more means. And here, while maintaining our own independent organization in all its entirety, here is one man at least. And here is the money with the man. And surely it were no unworthy Jubilee offering on the part of these Lower Provinces—a fitting entrance upon the new and enlarged series of missionary enterprise now opening before the Baptists of North America. With reference to which state of things we beg to suggest the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:—

Whereas our brother J. F. Kempton has offered to go forth, on behalf of the Baptists of these Lower Provinces, to labour for the salvation of souls in Burmah;

And Whereas, It is understood that our Foreign Missionary Board and Convention will, in all probability, accept his proposal.

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Resolved, I. That having seen and heard Brother Kempton for ourselves, we are strongly inclined to regard him as well fitted for the work to which he proposes to devote himself; and should be highly gratified, therefore, to learn that our Foreign Missionary Board had accepted of his overtures.

II. In anticipation of the result here indicated at an early day, we would recommend that our brother be disengaged, as soon as possible, from regular ministerial occupation among ourselves, and enter upon a tour throughout our provinces so as to enable our churches to form a personal acquaintance with him, and enlist their sympathies, their prayers, and their enlarged contributions on behalf both of himself and his work. Then,

III. We farther recommend, that our Foreign Missionary Board, as soon as their plans in this respect are matured, should issue an appeal to our churches throughout these Lower Provinces for such aid as may be required on the occasion; in which case we, as an Association, do heartily and solemnly, as in the presence of Christ himself, the Lord of Missions, pledge ourselves, not only to take part in furnishing such aid, but also to stand by our brethren in the future and continued prosecution of our Foreign Missionary work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. DAVIS, *Chairman*.

(C)

UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies report substantially as reported by a similar Committee two years ago: That they are impressed with the belief that our denomination in these Provinces yet greatly need to *realize*, in its bearing on our benevolent enterprises, the well-established truth that "Union is strength," the importance, also, of practical, voluntary, systematic division of labor and pecuniary benevolence; in a word, still greatly need to feel the force of the Pauline injunction: "Upon the first day of the week let each, &c.," also the Saviour's touching command: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Your Committee respectfully, but earnestly, recommend the churches—not here and there one—but all the churches within this Association *to revive, during the present year*, the Union Societies, established among us a little more than twenty years ago, and for a time most successfully worked: now, however, it is to be regretted, known chiefly as a thing of the past.

They further suggest the following improvements on the

original scheme, viz., that the objects of Christian benevolence thus comprised be *four* instead of *six*,—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education and Infirm Ministers; that the annual subscriptions for these be paid quarterly; and that the collectors be *sisters* in our churches.

In conclusion, your Committee urge on the *deacons* and *pastors* a new consideration and charge of this subject. And as one aid in this direction, your Committee modestly suggest that this report, if deemed worthy, be thus somewhat prominently brought before our churches during this coming year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. CHIPMAN.

(D)

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg to Report:—

It is often said that Temperance is not religion, but it may be a "handmaid," or aid to religion. This is not strictly true, for Temperance is an essential part of religion. See Gal. v. 22, 23, 24. "The fruit of the spirit is, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, TEMPERANCE. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." There can be no more expressive designation of pure and undefiled religion than the words, "The fruits of the Spirit." Temperance is one of these fruits, and, therefore, an essential part of religion.

Your Committee deem it very proper for a Baptist Association to discuss the subject, to practice and recommend the virtue, and to foster every scriptural method for promoting it.

Temperance, in the broadest acceptance of the term, means, "self control." As a religious exercise, it is the conscientious subjugation and control of the appetites and passions, prompted and aided by the Holy Spirit, and with direct reference to the glory of God, and the honor of Christ. According to the scripture already quoted, Gal. v.

24, and as Paul expresses it in another place, "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection," 1. Cor. x. 27.

As applied to eating and drinking, temperance implies "Total abstinence from all things injurious to the health of the body or the mind; and the moderate use of such kinds of food and drink as are nourishing and wholesome." To indulge the appetite at the expense of health or devotion is intemperance; is irreligious; is a violation of the law of God.

We recommend that high scriptural ground be taken in the cause of Temperance. We think that it would be easy to show that this has not yet been generally done, and that here lies one signal reason for the slow progress which has been made in ridding the country of alcoholic drinks. To a lamentable extent we have been 'carnal and have walked as men.' Human motives, worldly weapons, even measures of doubtful propriety, as well as argument, moral suasion, and legal coercion, have been resorted to and relied on; and there has not been enough of prayer, of faith, and of dependance upon God.

Christians must awake in this as in every part of their work, to the "spiritual weapons, MIGHTY THROUGH GOD," which are prepared for their warfare. Let them awaken the power that awaits their call.

In contending against drunkenness, and the habitual use of intoxicating liquors, *and other kindred indulgences*, the word of the Lord in Ephes. vi. 12, is applicable, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." "Therefore" we should take unto us "the whole armor of God," that we may be able to "stand against the wiles of the Devil."

Christians should pray more about temperance; they should *fast* as well as pray, [see Mark, ix. 29,] and practising the virtue in this way, as well as in all others, follow the example of Christ, of the prophets, of the apostles, and of holy men of all ages. They should "abstain from all appearance of evil"—they should practice the most rigid self-denial—conscience, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit—should control us, not appetite, not passion, not worldly motives, not "fleshy lusts, which war against the soul."

In uniting with worldly people for the suppression of intemperance, which we may lawfully do, we must never lose sight of the apostolic injunction—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Christian principle and Christian practice must be always scrupulously maintained.

Finally, we recommend more reflection, more effort, more prayer, more dependence upon God, more faith, more consistency, and more Christian self-denial, in this great work; and we doubt not we should soon witness more decided success.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. T. RAND, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* report, "That in their opinion this paper is still worthy of the warmest support of our denomination; that at no period has it been more ably conducted, and more efficient than at the present time. Your Committee approve of the Editorials and religious matter which is contained in the paper. And we would suggest, that not only does our beloved Editor deserve to be thanked and commended for the warm interest which he manifests for the prosperity of the cause of Christ; but also that every Baptist family in our Province, should take the paper, and pay for it, that they may be instructed concerning the affairs both of the church and of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES REID.

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ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee on Questions in Letters beg leave to report, that in answer to the letter from the Baptist Church at Pictou, in reference to the propriety of receiving mem-

bers by the relation of their experience, who have been previously immersed on the profession of their faith in Christ, and who have heretofore been connected with other denominations of professing christians; that they see no impropriety in receiving such on the relation of their christian experience, provided that the church is fully satisfied of their piety and the soundness of their doctrinal views and discipline in accordance with the principles of our own denomination. And also where members have removed from the district of the church where such church is located, into any part of this province, without being regularly dismissed, that in such case the pastor of said church, or some leading member of such church who have no pastor, should be advised to make inquiry into their state, and to recommend to them to unite with some church of the same faith and order, if there be such church reasonably contiguous to them, and if not, to state to the applicant their true state.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. CHIPMAN, *Chairman.*

EASTERN ASSOCIATION in account with WM. FAULKNER.

To paid J. W. Barss for Acadia College,.....	\$15 00
Dr. Tupper, Foreign Mission,.....	216 50
B. Douglas, Infirm Ministers' Fund,.....	16 73½
S. Selden, Home Mission,.....	\$341 57½
Expenses,.....	44 00
	297 57½
W. Churchill, French Mission,.....	12 00
S. Selden, Ministerial Education,.....	3 00
S. Selden for Minutes,.....	44 00
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**INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND in account with B. DOUGLAS,
Treasurer.**

July 1864.	Amount paid Rev. Mr. Hull,.....	\$20 03
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	By bal. of account rendered July 1863,....	\$ 0 78
Feb'y. 1864.	Cash from R. D. Eaton,	10 00
" "	Rev. G. F. Miles,	3 30
June 20.	" " Treasurer of Western Association,	20 00 34 08
	Amount in Treasurer's hands,.....	\$14 05
<i>Amherst, July 1864.</i>		

MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION, 1864.

Names.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. Balcom,.....	Great Village,...	March 26 1853	Long Island.
" M. A. Bigelow,...	Antigonishe,....	Sep. 14, 1859	Guysboro.
" Obed Chute,....	Up. Stewiacke,...	Feb. 7, 1850	Westchester.
" A. Chipman,....	Pictou,.....	Nov. 16, 1862	River Philip.
" D. W. C. Dimock	Truro,.....	Dec. 6, 1841	Chester.
" J. Davis,.....	Ch. Town, P. E. I.	June, 1829	Southsea, G.B.
" W. Dobson,....	Wallace River,...	July 15, 1859	Little River
" H. Eagles,.....	St. Mary's,.....	Aug. 1842	Kempt, Hants.
" M. P. Freeman,	Bedeque, P. E. I.	July 5, 1863	Bedeque.
" Geo. F. Miles,...	Amherst,.....	.....	.....
" D. McKeen,....	L. Forks, Maccan	Sep. 13, 1854	River Hebert.
" R. McDonald,...	Margaree, C. B.,	Aug. 23, 1853	Margaree, C.B.
" Saml. McLeod,...	Uigg, P. E. I.,...	.....	.....
" W. McPhee,....	Baddeck, C. B.,	July 10, 1863	Guysboro.
" D. P. McQuillan,	Mira Bay, C. B.,	July, 1836	Baddeck, C. B.
" A. F. Porter,....	Guysborough,...	July 19, 1858	Billtown.
" T. H. Porter, Jr.,	Brookfield,.....	Nov. 6, 1861	Lr. Stewiacke.
" Malcom Ross, ..	Bedeque, P. E. I.	June 3, 1843	N. River, P. E. I.
" Hugh Ross,.....	N. Sydney, C. B.	Sep. 1847	Mira Bay, C.B.
" Geo. Richardson	Sydney, C. B.,...	March 5, 1822	Hmds. Plains.
" James Reid,....	Bass River,.....	June, 1840	Onslow.
" John Shaw,....	East Point, P. E. I.	Oct. 14, 1832	Three Rivers.
" Benj. Scott,....	Onslow,.....	Sep. 18, 1832	P. E. Island.
" S. Thompson,...	Economy,.....	Sep. 1852	Westbrook.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those churches, together with Delegates from corresponding Associations, and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—Each church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over the Churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any Church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk, who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the monies contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office till their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending letters, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

ACCOUNT OF MONIES RECEIVED AT THE EASTERN NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD
AT TRURO, JULY, 1864.

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.		Foreign Mission.		French Mission.		Ministerial Education.		Acadial College.		Infirm Ministers.		Totals.		Remarks.
	\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts	
Amherst.....	38	00	32	00	1	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	00	+\$12.00 for Female School in Burmah.
Cape Canso.....	3	00	55	00	1	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	00	+\$5.00 for female Burman School, \$50.00 for Native Burman preacher.
Antigonish*.....	11	25	5	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	00	.....	.....	21	25	
Bedeque, P. E. I.....	2	61	2	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	61	
Brookfield.....	3	50	10	00	.....	.....	2	50	.....	.....	3	00	16	00	
Great Village.....	20	00	8	00	4	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	67	3	67	
Greenville.....	3	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	12	
Lower Stewiacke.....	9	50	7	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	00	
Maccan.....	18	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	51	37	00	
Onslow.....	20	09	11	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	Paid Rev. J. Reid, \$11 65.
Portique.....	3	20	3	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	05	12	55	
Hawkesbury or Strait of Canso.	7	00	3	00	1	00	0	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	80	
St. Mary's Ist.....	2	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107	46	\$50 00 for Native preacher in Burmah.
Truro.....	57	46	50	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	50	.....	.....	18	05	
Upper Londonderry.....	13	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	00	
West and Clyde Rivers.....	10	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	37	
Westbrook.....	0	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	25	
Glenville.....	0	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	08	
Mira, C. B.....	2	61	18	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	00	
Sydney, C. B.....	10	00	3	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	00	.....	.....	

Upper Stewiacke	7 02½	.....	.....	.....	7 02½
Fairbro Village	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1 25
St. Mary's 2nd.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Isaac's Harbour.....	2 80	.....	.....	.....	2 80
Uiggs, P. E. I.....	0 80	.....	.....	.....	0 80
Guyaboro	12 00	8 00	7 00	.....	34 00
Collectors	40 50	.....	.....	2 50	40 50
Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	0 50	.....	.....	.....	0 50
North River, P. E. I.....	0 50	.....	.....	.....	0 50
St. Peter's Road.....	0 50	.....	.....	.....	0 50
Lot 49	0 50	.....	.....	.....	0 50
Diligent River.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
DONATIONS.					
Jacob Layton, Esq.....	4 00	1 00	.....	.....	5 00
Miss Downing.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
M. D. Newcomb.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00
F. Layton, Esq., Musquodoboit.	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	4 00
Totals	841 57½	216 50	12 00	15 00	16 73½
Deducted for expenses.....	44 00				44 00
Sums paid to Treasurers.....	297 57½	216 50	12 00	3 00	10 73½
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*The Treasurer received the above in two sums, \$11 25 and \$10 00, and understood them to be both from the Antigonish Church.

Provincial Sabbath School Convention.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial S. S. Convention was held with Western Association at Paradise, June 14, 1864.

The President, S. Selden, in the Chair, read the Constitution of the Convention.

A Report of the Statistics, &c., from the Sabbath Schools in the Western Association was presented by the Rev. Jos. H. Saunders.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. Weaver, on "The influence of S. Schools on the rising generation;" and by Rev. W. Hall on "The S. School in relation to the family." Short addresses by Brethren Jackson and Dr. Tupper. The Officers of last year were reappointed, and the Convention adjourned:

GENERAL BOARD FOR THE PROVINCE:—S. Selden, President; Rev. A. H. Munro, Secretary; Dr. Pryor, Treasurer.

WESTERN BOARD:—Rev. H. Angell, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Saunders, Secretary; S. Brown, Treasurer.

CENTRAL BOARD:—J. W. Barss, Chairman; Rev. D. Freeman, Secretary; Rupert Eaton, Treasurer.

EASTERN BOARD:—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Chairman; T. H. Rand, Secretary; David Page, Treasurer.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—A Meeting of the Convention was also held with the Central Association, at Chester, on Monday, June 20th. The President in the Chair. The Report was presented by Rev. D. Freeman.

Addresses were given as follows:—"The importance of early religious instruction," by Rev. E. M. Saunders.—"Sabbath Schools in relation to the State, and improvement of society," by Professor J. deMill. "Who should be Teachers in Sabbath Schools?" by Rev. D. M. Welton.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—The Session of the S. S. Convention with the Eastern Association was held at Truro on Monday evening July 4th. The President occupied the chair. Bro. H. C. Upham having been requested by the Association to take charge of the Returns presented them to the Convention.

The following questions were ably spoken to :—

1. Should we expect that the instruction given in Sabbath Schools will be the means of converting those who receive it? If so, Why? by the Rev. T. A. Higgins.
2. Are Sabbath Schools beneficial to a community? If they are what are, the benefits conferred? by the Rev. D. McKeen.
3. How may Teachers most effectually reach the hearts of the young, and bring them under the influence of religious truth? by Rev. S. W. DeBlois.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE
NOVA SCOTIA

BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Article 1. This society shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

2. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the aim and interests of Sabbath Schools within this Province.

3. The Convention shall be composed of Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers, and any Church members delegated by their respective schools, together with as many others present at its meetings as may be invited by the Convention to take part in its deliberations.

4. The officers of this body shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be the General Board for the Province for publishing the Statistics of the Schools, &c.; and also a Board of three persons—Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, from each of the three Associations; to be chosen annually; who, together, or as many of them as may be present at each Association, shall be a general Committee for making arrangements for meetings of the Convention.

5. There shall be three meetings of this Convention, held in connection with the three Associations, one of which according to turn among the Associations from year to year, shall be considered the Annual Meeting, at which the Officers shall be chosen, the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer presented and any other appropriate business transacted.

6. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Members present.

Report of Sabbath Schools in connection with the Churches comprising the Eastern Nova Scotia Baptist Association.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.				
No names given in the Manuscript.											
Lower Stewiacke.....		9	4	13	10	1	3	4	13	333	.....
Forest Glen.....		16	18	34	30	2	4	4	25	127	\$5 75
Brookfield.....		25	36	61	48	5	4	9	.....	200	.....
Truro.....		23	29	52	42	5	3	8	.....	250	15 00
Great Village.....				20	20	.....	.....	6	.....	40	.....
Parrsboro				36	28	.....	.....	5	.....	200	22 00
Sydney, C. B.....		20	25	45	35	2	3	5	15	9	.....
Cape Canso.....				25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....
Wentworth.....		17	18	35	35	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....
Tracadie.....				25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville.....				35	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	.....
Parrsboro' Village.....				20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parrsboro				51	51	.....	.....	8	30	6	80 00
Tryon, P. E. I.....		30	36	66	46	4	4	8	.....	200	.....
Bedeque, P. E. I.....				65	65	.....	.....	6	13	25	372 13 33
Mire.....		47	44	91	60	4	2	6	.....	15	200 4 00
East Point, P. E. I.....				30	30	.....	.....	7	14	2	50 6 00
Isaac Harbor.....		37	51	88	53	.....	.....	3	6	.....	.....
Amherst.....		9	24	33	25	3	3	6	.....	250	.....
Charlottetown								15	.....	94	2603
Guysboro		247	310	557	708	36	33	69	96	75	08

East Point, P. E. I.....	37	51	88	53	7	14	15	200
Isaac Harbor.....	9	24	33	25	3	6	50	6 00
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Gaysboro.....	247	310	864	708	36	33	111	96
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE N. S. BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION, HELD IN CON-
 NECTION WITH THE EASTERN N. S. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AT TRURO, JULY 4, 1864.

The Meeting was called to order at 7½ o'clock, P. M., by the President, Bro. S. Selden, and after singing the hymn "By cool Siloam's shady rill," prayer was offered by Rev. S. Richardson. The Secretary, after some introductory remarks by the President, read a portion of the Statistics and some interesting letters from Sabbath Schools. Pleasing and profitable addresses were delivered by Pro-
 fessor Higgins, Rev. D. McKeen, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, on the objects, benefits, and efficient conduct of the Sabbath School, by Dr. Pryor, Rev. W. Hall on catechetical instruction, and by Bro. T. H. Rand, on the proper sphere of Sabbath School Instruction. The meeting, which was exceeding-
 ly interesting, was closed at a late hour by singing the Dextology.

H. C. UPHAM, *Secretary.*

GENERAL SUMMARY OF SABBATH SCHOOLS

CONNECTED WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE THREE ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	No. of Schools	SCHOLARS.			Average Attendance.	TEACHERS.			In Bible Class.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Amount expended.
		Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.				
Western Association.	28	1117	1207	2789	2117	165	173	338	268	396	5103	\$527 78
Central do	25	726	555	2070	1821	76	103	209	141	130	3290	316 00
Eastern do	21	247	310	864	708	36	38	111	96	94	2603	75 08
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REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.

The Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society again present their Annual Report.— They have much satisfaction in being enabled to lay before the friends of Horton Academy, an account of their Institution of the most encouraging character. As an Institution of learning the Academy continues to occupy a high position.

Your Committee believe that the teachers spare no sacrifice of effort or strength in their labor, to render the Academy worthy of the confidence and patronage of the people of Nova Scotia. The following statistics exhibit the working of the Institution during the year past:—

MALE DEPARTMENT:—

The whole number attending has been.....	160
Greatest number in attendance at one time,.....	102
Smallest number,.....	60
Average,.....	81

FEMALE DEPARTMENT:—

Whole number during the year,.....	125
Greatest number in attendance at one time,.....	75
Smallest number,.....	56
Average,.....	69

The branches taught are such as are always taught in Academies and Schools of the highest class. The number engaged in the various studies, were as follows:—

Whole number in Mathematics for the year,—Males 95, Females 75,	
Total 170.	
Number in the Classical Department,—Males 93, Females 40, Total	
133.	
Number in French,—Males 18, Females 29, Total 47.	

Nine of the pupils of the Academy have matriculated to enter upon the course of study in Acadia College. Two of the young ladies of the Seminary have completed the prescribed Course in that Institution, and having passed a creditable examination, received the usual Certificates.— Thus, from both Departments, the Institution is sending forth to the work of life, male and female, to unite their potent influence in all that appertains to moral and religious elevation.

Your Committee continue to repose unwavering confidence in their Teachers, and believe that neither labor or patience will abate, that all placed under their influence, may possess in full measure the advantages they desire. Robert V. Jones, Esq., A. M., having accepted an appointment to a professor's chair in Acadia College, his place will be filled by Mr. Israel Blair, who has been engaged in that important position during the last quarter. The staff of Teachers in both departments, will therefore, with the exception of the above named, be the same as last year.

Your Committee would direct the attention of the denomination to the fact, that the Female Department has, they think, already reached its culminating point, in its present locality, and that soon its movements are likely to retrograde unless some measures are taken to secure commodious and more suitable buildings. As regards accommodations, we compare most unfavorably with institutions of far less worth, and are often put to the blush when such contrasts are presented. We trust the Baptists will not be content to leave the Seminary in this state. Let our friends not forget that other institutions are rising up, with such we hope ever to stand in honorable and christian rivalry, but to do this we must provide for young ladies whose presence and influence we would draw towards Horton, the domestic comforts and conveniences of home. Some plan having a reference to this subject will, we trust, ere long, be presented to the Baptist community, to receive, we hope, that hearty response, accorded in other days, to the educational schemes of our honored Fathers.

It has been suggested that the Academy might be placed under the control of the Governors of Acadia College, and thereby avoid the necessity of two executive bodies at Horton. Your Committee endorse this proposal, and think it advantageous for both Institutions.

A scheme for the above arrangement received the sanction of your Society last year. The Board of Governors also passed a resolution declaring their assent, and it was the purpose of your Committee to have asked from the Legislature an Act authorising the transfer, but as measures were likely to be brought before our Provincial Parliament touching the general question of Colleges, your Committee deemed it prudent, to abstain, for the present, from any act tending in any way to render the subject more complicated, but unless the Society should order otherwise, your Committee will avail themselves of an early opportunity to carry into effect the will of your Society.

Your Committee would again urge the demand of former years, and ask the people for whose benefit the Horton Institution were erected, to send on there sons and there daughters, that we may have the high privilege of furnishing the youthful mind with such instruction as shall fit them for useful and honorable life. Your Committee have to lament that, the Institutions have not during the past year enjoyed a season of religious revival. As a denomination we regret the absence of such tokens of God's favour and pray that ere long the Divine Spirit will come in answer to prayer—and the Institution enjoy again a season of spiritual prosperity.

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary.*

N. S. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY *in account with*
S. SELDEN.

		Dr.	
1863.			
July 14.	To repairs of Seminary building,.....	£25	0 0
Oct. 8.	To Rev. T. A. Higgins, on acct. Teachers' salaries.	82	10 0
1864.			
Jan. 23.	To do do do do do ..	45	0 0
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June	To do do do do do ..	4	10 0
	To 2800 copies of Report bound with Minutes,....	95	18 1
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1863.			
June 20	By balance,.....	£40	8 1
	By Provincial Grant,.....	250	0 0
		£290	8 1

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE.

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society held their Seventh Annual Meeting in the Baptist Meeting house at Chester, on Monday, June 20, 1864.

Rev. James Parker, Vice President in the chair.

The Secretary read the report of the transactions of the Board during the year.

The Report was adopted and ordered to be printed under the direction of the Board.

On motion of Rev. G. F. Miles, seconded by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock,

It was resolved, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to Bro. R. N. Beckwith, for his efficient and gratuitous services as Secretary during the past year.

The following were appointed the officers of the Society and Board of Managers for the ensuing year:—

Officers of the Society.

J. W. Nutting, *President.*
 J. W. Barss, } *Vice Presidents.*
 John King, }
 D. McN. Parker, M. D., *Treasurer.*
 R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary.*
 George Robins, *Auditor.*

Board of Managers.

Rev. J. E. Balcom,	Rev. D. M. Welton,
" J. M. Cramp, D. D.,	" E. M. Saunders.
" S. W. DeBlois,	W. Ackhurst,
" D. W. C. Dimock,	H. R. Cunningham,
" David Freeman,	H. N. Paint,
" A. S. Hunt,	Alex. Robinson,
" G. F. Miles,	S. Selden,
" A. H. Munro,	Francis Webber,
" Jas Parker,	Thomas Wesley,
" R. R. Philp,	D. Thompson,
" John Pryor, D. D.,	L. S. Payzant,
" I. J. Skinner,	J. Steele.

Adjourned to meet next year with the Central Association at Cornwallis.

Report.

In submitting the Seventh Annual Report your Committee would call attention to the fact that Prayer and Conference meetings have not apparently received the consideration they merit from the missionaries. Last year 259 were reported; this year only 86. The diminution is to be seriously regretted. The appointments made by this Board are necessarily, in most cases, for but brief periods, and too often there is reason to fear the religious interest, awakened by the labors of the Missionary, and sustained during his transient stay, in a great measure subsides on his removal. The best possible preventives of such relapses are Prayer and Conference meetings, which, we trust, will hereafter receive from our missionaries a larger share of attention and occupy a more prominent place in their reports than they have hitherto. We also regret that Sabbath Schools seem to be entirely overlooked by the missionaries of this Society. No mention is made of them in any of the reports. We feel it our duty to remind the brethren who go forth as the agents of the Domestic Mission Board, that they can do a work of incalculable value by establishing Sabbath Schools where they do not exist, and endeavoring to make those already founded, more efficient; by urging their importance on the members of the Church, persuading the more intelligent of these members to become teachers, pointing out improved methods of management and instruction, urging the procuring of good libraries and giving addresses to scholars and teachers. Nor is it unimportant or incompatible with their more immediate duties, that the missionaries employed by this Society should do all they can to awaken an active interest in Common School education in the rural districts, and to persuade intelligent youth of both sexes, to avail themselves of the advantages of our Institutions of learning at Wolfville. Our cause is the cause of knowledge as well as of holiness. We do not

believe that ignorance is the mother of devotion but the certain source of superstition and error. The better educated any people are the better will they be prepared to understand and defend the principles of truth we advocate. It is our ardent wish that every agent of this society may possess such devotion to the cause of Christ, and appreciation of whatever tends to spread intelligence and refinement, that while everywhere and always recognized as an earnest minister of the Cross, laboring for the salvation of souls, the influence of his own mental culture and wise public spirit may be powerfully felt and leave unmistakable fruits in the regions he may be sent to visit. That while each may go to his field of labor in the "fulness of the Gospel" he may prove himself in it, "ready for every good word and work," esteeming "whatsoever things are lovely and of good report, if there be any virtue or any praise" they are worthy of his advocacy and exertions.

Such then is the nature of the work for which we ask the warm sympathy, earnest prayers and liberal aid of our brethren, and for which we can appeal to them as Christians, as Baptists and as patriots. To you who have been enlightened by the truth, taught by spirit, and have sought and found pardon and peace through the Saviour, and now cherish a good hope laid up in heaven, we appeal on behalf of those ready to perish, and with no one to point them out the path of life. To you, to whom the Sabbath is not merely a day of bodily rest but also of religious worship, whose pulpit is always supplied, whose religious life is stimulated by pastoral visitation and edifying social gatherings, all felt by you to be indispensable to your growth in grace; we appeal on behalf of those deprived of all these privileges, only so far as they are created by your Christian generosity, and these at the best only for brief and widely separated periods. Think, we beseech you, of the religious necessities of large regions of our country, as yet unsupplied, by the labors of our own or any other body. Think, we entreat you, of the families and communities growing up without religious instruction, ignorant of the truth, ready for any form of error, and unfortified by sound principles against temptation; think of the great work here undone, of the adaptation of the operations of this society to meet such deplorable religious destitution of how acceptably, and

with what gratifying results, all defects being fully admitted, they have met it, so far as the funds furnished would permit, and decide what obligations you are under to the Saviour and his cause to aid our Domestic Missions.

And while we deprecate all sectarian narrowness and rivalry, while we rejoice at the zeal and success of other evangelical denominations, differing from our own on some grounds, but feeling equally with ourselves the supreme importance of the Salvation of souls, while we heartily congratulate them on what they have done and pray that they may do much more, we nevertheless feel free to urge the claims of this society as a most efficient agency for diffusing and maintaining those principles which distinguish us as a body and which we firmly believe to be both scriptural and important.

There are portions of our Province in some degree less destitute of ministerial labor than those to which we have referred, but which are still missionary ground and at the present time of special interest. Nova Scotia is in a transition state. Changes, the magnitude of which none perhaps fully estimate, are about taking place. Three causes are working to produce them. The civil War in the neighbouring republic, Railways, and Mining operations. Leaving out of consideration the first, with its probable and almost certain effects upon this country, it is obvious beyond all doubt that the two latter will alter materially the character and density of our population in many localities. Districts sparsely settled will soon be thickly peopled, and form the sites of numerous villages and towns. Many a "Sleepy hollow" will exchange its long quietude for stirring life and commercial enterprise. In some regions this has already been largely affected, but as yet what has been done is only the shadow of coming events, for which we will do well to prepare. Other denominations are on the alert. In places where our missionaries have formerly labored and formed churches, or the nucleus of such, and which have recently risen into great importance on account of a large increase of population, we must establish permanent missions or abandon to others ground we could have held and worked with special claims and advantages. No Baptist worthy of the name can hesitate as to which he would recommend and aid.

And if the view we have presented of the labors of this society, the present need and future prospects of our province be correct, patriotism as well as religious principle and denominational feeling will respond to our solicitations for the enlargement of the funds of the Domestic Mission Board. The congregation of large masses of people, the growth of newly formed communities in a state of spiritual destitution, is not only a religious fact every pious person will lament, but a social fact clearly perceived to be pregnant with evil by every one who loves his country wisely and well. We do not need to call in imagination to picture what such a state of things must engender and eventually produce. The recent histories of other countries similarly situated to our own are on record for our instruction. Let not the lesson be lost upon us. But as good men read and lament the sad narratives of the social calamities and appalling immorality in connection with the settlement and developement of the mineral wealth of Australia and California, let them have the consolation of knowing that the warning thus twice given was not without its beneficial effect in this land; that the intelligence, piety, and liberality of Nova Scotia Christians saved their country from a third repetition of the dark drama, by adopting and enlarging their religious enterprises to meet the new demands made upon them. May we rise to a due appreciation of our share of this great work, which we can aid in no way more effectually than by the liberal support of our Domestic Missions.

Your attention is directed to the following particulars of Missionary labour during the year.

Pictou County.

Rev. Alfred Chipman has a 12 months' mission in the above County. The following particulars of the mission have been received and will no doubt be heard with much interest:—

"Whether I can truthfully report progress or not God best knows. Sometimes in some parts of this county I think I discern some favourable indications of the progress of Baptist principles; at other times, and in other places the work and labour of faith appear to be my only hope.—

I had expected to be at least a month this fall at Merrigomish, holding some extra meetings, and visiting constantly from house to house. I was there last Sabbath, had during the trip four rather encouraging meetings. I think, ere long, I shall have the privilege of baptizing three or four interesting persons. But Providence has seemed to direct my steps in another direction for the present, and some weeks past, I have been at River John and vicinity, and expect next week to return there for a time longer holding meetings every evening. Bro. Miles came and sympathized with and assisted me and the cause much, having spent in the county in all 4 Sabbaths, and preached nearly every night during that time. The Lord evidently sent him here especially to River John and back shore where the people flocked to hear him, and never failed to get plain and forcible truth. Some received the Word through the Spirit's power, I had the unspeakable privilege a few Sabbaths since of baptizing one who had previously given most satisfactory evidence "under the gospel by Bro. Miles," as she expressed it. I have also baptized another candidate since dismissed to the Pugwash Church. I may truthfully say there has been a great waking up among the people of that shore of late in respect to their eternal interests. I have had large and attentive crowds at the water side to hear and witness the ordinance.

I solicit an earnest continued interest in your prayers on my needy behalf, and that of perishing souls and God's truth in this County. Send *two* missionaries hither as soon as you can.

The following additional information has been more recently received:—

This Spring I have baptized three more at Merrigomish, two of them heads of families, and so far as I know these all continue to honour their profession. This number, however, does not include all the cases of conversion in this county during the last year. At least half a dozen others I can call up as having apparently been awakened and brought to Christ through similar instrumentalities, who from various causes are as yet only "walking about Zion."

With reference to pecuniary matters, you doubtless recollect that Bro. Griffith of Pictou town promised from the

people some fifty pounds annually, towards the support of a Baptist Missionary in this county. But during this year I have received from that source only about \$100. This falling short is due in part to my not having been in the town much during the year. As a consequence nothing has been received or solicited from that quarter, except from our few Baptist people, nearly all of whom are poor. At River John our own people are also preparing to build a small Baptist church, which brings a large pecuniary burden on them. Taking into account the two foregoing facts, I cannot but think the amount contributed by the people in this region during the year will have been somewhat creditable. In many individual instances their contributions of money have been noble, as my final return will show. Yet I much regret that the pecuniary burden of this Mission has thus far rested so heavily on the funds of the Board.

I still believe that many of the Scotch people of this county will yet, if we are faithful to their souls, become truly converted in heart to Christ, will come in among us and *then* aid materially in the pecuniary support of our mission among them. Have patience brethren, *duty* is ours, results are the Lord's. But his promises are also ours and they are promises of the Almighty and everlasting God.

I may say in a word now that the prospects of the up-building of the cause of Christ in this county *through Baptist instrumentality*, are to my own mind *brighter* far than they appeared to me a year ago. I am not discouraged but want the Board and our Churches generally to redouble their prayers, and pecuniary contributions for the glory of God and the salvation of perishing souls in all this region. Only let us exercise true faith, and we shall "see the glory of God" displayed in the deliverance of this people from error and formalism to "the truth as it is in Jesus."

Now what I am about to announce may in the light of the above mentioned facts, seem strange to you. I wish, *conditionally*, to give up the mission to this county. My first condition is that *you* wish me to give it up; my second, that you desire me to *continue* it for the present. In either case I wish to retire from the field—even *then* however *conditionally*—that is that a substitute be stationed here by your Board the coming year and *thence onward*.—

Do not misunderstand me as having grown tired or disheartened in this field. Errors of doctrine and life are here prevalent and ingrained; the immediate fruits of our labour are not very encouraging; yet we can both very sincerely say we are not discouraged in, or wearied of this field of action. But I am strongly convinced that a *suitable change* of missionaries would be for the glory of God and the good of souls in this county.

In conclusion, if the Board wish me to remain longer in this county, I consent to remain for the next six months; on the condition that the mission shall be given over chiefly for the next year into the *charge of another Missionary*.—Whether my plan for such a consumation will commend itself to the Board and the Associations or not I cannot say, but my proposal for the accomplishment of such object is this: *Extend* the field of your Pictou mission so as to include Antigonish in one direction and Tatamagouche in another, then station one missionary for a year chiefly in Pictou town, another for six months in the rest of the field. I do not think this arrangement would involve a much larger expenditure of the funds of the Board, and would bring forth fruit ultimately sixty and even a hundred fold to the endless praise of Divine Grace.

Lunenburg County.

Bro. William Boggs performed a mission of 10 weeks in the above County.

Preached 29 sermons; held 8 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 35 families; travelled 456 miles; collected \$12 06.

On the 4th Sept., 1863, the following report of his mission was received.

I preached in the following places:—Lunenburg Town, North West, Bridgewater, Newcomb's Settlement, Chelsea, Lapland, Corkum Settlement, Mount Pleasant, and Crouse Town.

There are Baptist Churches in several of these places, and branches of Churches in the others with the exception of Lunenburg. But there seem to be good opportunities for Baptist preaching everywhere throughout the County. Of this, however, a large portion is destitute. The consequence of which is a sad lack of knowledge with regard to the glorious truths of the Gospel, and a great amount of coldness and inactivity in the affairs of the Redeemer's kingdom. Still I hope that through the faithful labours of Bro. March, in and around Bridgewater and others else-

where in the County, much may be done to change this state of affairs. There is one locality in particular to which I would like to call the attention of the brethren,—that is Lunenburg Town. I think it has been neglected, and that it is now time to endeavour to occupy such a promising position, for such I believe it to be. Though there are only two or three individuals professing Baptist principles, there are a good many very desirous of having Baptist preaching in their midst. I only preached once in town. We were obliged to hire a Hall for this purpose, but obtained the use of it for the collection that was taken at the time, and though it was small the Trustees were well satisfied, and offered it again upon the same terms whenever it might be required. If I had remained longer in the County I would have endeavoured to maintain regular preaching in town. Bro. March has preached there once but cannot go regularly. On all occasions the large Hall has been well filled. Upon the whole I think it important to attempt something for Lunenburg. The fact that there were so many places to visit and the round of labour so extensive was rather unfavourable, I being able to visit each place but very seldom. But I trust the seeds of truth have been scattered, and that the Lord may give the increase.

Hants County.

Rev. T. H. Porter, Junr., has been engaged in missionary labour at Maitland and vicinity, 13 weeks.

Preached 52 sermons; made 169 visits; distributed 530 pages of religious tracts; resuscitated one church; travelled 725 miles; baptized 2; attended 2 Conference and Prayer meetings; collected in aid of the mission \$69.07½.

Bro. Porter on the 28th May writes to the Board as follows:—

"I have occupied five different preaching places, extending over a distance of about nine or ten miles, along the western side of the Shubenacadie to the mouth, and two miles down the Bay!—There are the Dimock Settlement, Five mile River, Rockwell, Maitland, and Selmah. The Presbyterian friends at Five mile River kindly opened their meeting house for our use, which we occupied on Sabbath mornings until about the 1st of April.

The Hall in Maitland we have hired, and still worship in it. This having always been our largest congregation, the house being usually pretty well filled. In each of the other three places we occupy the school house.

The friends in Maitland and Selmah have made a beginning for a meeting house, and it is hoped it will go on unto completion. They will need some assistance in building but at the proper time it will, no doubt, be forthcoming.

We can report no Baptisms as yet, but are looking forward

with hope, believing that Baptist principles are to some extent at least, taking root in the hearts of the people, and that eventually a glorious harvest of souls will be gathered in. But there are many adversaries. 1 Cor. xvi. 9.

This field should not be given up. Within its limits there are some dozen or more Baptist members, an equal number of heads of families, who, we have little reason to suppose, will ever be anything else. On the Eastern side, within about the same limits, we have some half dozen members not connected with any church, and a nice school house that has always been open to Baptist preaching, and has, I believe, never been occupied by any others, and where a good congregation has always been secured. It is true they are so scattered, that it would be difficult for them to be all in one place, even if that place could be found, and consequently at present distinct organization can hardly be thought of, or even a Conference meeting attempted, yet to now give up what has been gained would be worse than suicidal."

Rev. J. Bancroft performed 6 months missionary labour in Walton and vicinity.

Travelled 1036 miles; preached 93 sermons; attended 22 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 95 families; collected \$45.39; Lord's Supper administered twice; organized one Temperance Society.

Halifax County.

Rev. R. R. Philp laboured in the service of the Board 8 weeks in the above County.

Preached 30 sermons: visited 15 families; travelled 120 miles; Baptized 10 persons; collected \$9.86.

The following account of his mission was received on the 10th March, 1864:—

"I have completed the mission assigned me by the Board last year. I preached in the following places:—Waverly, Bedford, and 2nd Hammonds Plains.

Both Waverly and Bedford are important points for missionary exertion. The congregation at Waverly is what may be called a floating congregation, but not the less important on that account, for coming as they do from all parts of the Province, some may upon returning home carry with them the seeds of truth, which will yield a harvest at some future time. Good congregations assemble at both places. At 2nd Hammonds Plains I assisted in the Baptism of 20, and administered the Lord's Supper.

Two years ago the Baptist cause in this County was in a sadly depressed state. The Churches in Halifax were the only churches that had Pastors. I accepted the charge of three small churches,

widely separated from each other, so that my work was very laborious. Under the Divine blessing, these churches are now giving signs of vitality.

Sackville is a good centre for missionary operations. Waverly is only 10 miles distant, Bedford only 5. I think that in a few years this field will be self-sustaining.

Cumberland County.

Rev. David McKeen performed a mission of 6 weeks at River Philip, Granville and vicinity.

Preached 39 sermons; visited about 60 families; collected \$3.90½.

Under date 6th May the following account of the mission was received:—

"The number of miles travelled is large, but I kept no account of them. I found two persons who were partly inclined to be baptized, but for want of a church in the neighborhood, and other causes they have not yet come forward. I endeavoured to preach as often as possible, and to present the word of life as faithfully and affectionately as I could. I sometimes saw tearful eyes and attentive listening, and at times there was a good attendance, but upon the whole the Baptist interest is nearly as low as it can be in these localities. We must leave the result of the mission with God. The great want seems to be unison of heart and action; the need of scriptural discipline is blighting the cause in these regions.

Antigonishe County.

Rev. G. F. Miles performed 4 weeks missionary labour at Antigonishe.

Preached 26 sermons; attended 6 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 80 families; travelled 550 miles; collected \$20.62.

Guysboro County.

Rev. Obed Parker laboured 9 weeks in the above County.

Preached 31 sermons; held 8 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 146 families; travelled 471 miles; distributed 200 pages of tracts and Temple's Morning Exercises to a sea Captain; collected \$38.45; administered the Lord's Supper twice; gave one lecture on Temperance.

He writes to the Board on the 16th Feby., as follows, "I have spent 9 weeks and 2 days in the service of the Board.

Indian, Holland's, and Wine Harbour are connected, and members of the Church reside in all of them. The meeting house is

at Indian Harbour and well adapted to accomodate the congregations that assemble there from those harbours.

This is an important and interesting field of labour, and should not be neglected. I spent six Sabbaths in those places,—preaching, visiting, reading the Scriptures, and praying with the families from house to house, and as there were 74 families connected with the Church I felt it to be my duty to visit them all. I saw indications of good being done. There were a number who gave manifestations of a change of heart. My stay was too short to realize what I fondly hoped to see—a number shewing themselves on the Lord's side.

I spent one week with the Church at the mouth of St. Mary's, by request, and received in aid \$18.81. I spent one Sabbath with the Church at Upper Stewiacke, on my return, and received \$3.75, and one Sabbath with the Church at Lower Stewiacke, as I went on, and received \$1.00.

Cape Breton.

Rev. Benj. Scott spent 6 weeks in the service of the Board on the above Island, also, 2 weeks on P. E. Island.

Preached 27 sermons; addressed 6 Prayer and Conference meetings; visited 96 families; Baptized 1; distributed 200 pages of tracts; travelled 600 miles; collected in aid of the Society \$25.67.

The following report of his mission was received:—

"I left Margaree on the 25th August, and spent one Sabbath at Ship Harbour, where I met with Brethren Gesner and Meser licentiates. Bro. Gesner had been some time in this place labouring to good acceptance. I then travelled to Antigonishe and preached once in company with Elder G. F. Miles, who had just arrived on his mission.

I was cordially received and the word preached was attentively heard. It was in many instances difficult to leave the people; so urgent were they to hear the Gospel.

Rev. Joseph Kempton has performed an 8 weeks mission at Cow Bay and Glace Bay, Cape Breton.

The following extracts are taken from a letter dated 27th May:—

"In reference to the mission granted me I am sorry that I cannot report anything very encouraging. I have been trying to labour, as best I could, for the cause of Christ, but as yet I have seen but little accomplished. I have continued labouring since receiving the mission the same as I did before, on the whole field from Mira Gut to Glace Bay. I have had a good hearing both at Cow Bay and Glace Bay. In the former place the congregation has increased steadily. The great difficulty has been to get a

house sufficiently large to hold the people, there being no public building in the place as yet. The population at the Block House Mines increases very rapidly. There is at present on the two establishments at Cow Bay, between 40 and 50 new buildings being erected, and nearly all of these are dwelling houses.

Glace Bay is not so old an establishment, but the prospect is that it will soon be equal in prosperity and interest. I fear there are *very few* in either of these places who fear God. Wickedness abounds. It is a rare thing to find one who loves to speak and hear of Jesus. Yet there are some who do.

I am preaching three or four times a week, besides attending other religious meetings as often as I think it for the good of the cause. I spend a large portion of the time in visiting among the people. I met with some stubborn, hopeless cases, and some very interesting ones too. I have several individuals in mind who I think are not far from the kingdom. They seem deeply interested, and their hearts appear tender. I found one person at Glace Bay who experienced a hope in Christ two years ago; and she is now exercised in mind on the subject of making a public profession of religion by immersion. May the Spirit of God teach her the path of duty and enable her to follow it in the face of a frowning world.

And now brethren I do not know that I can tell you anything more at present that would be of interest, only that I am quite happy in hope of the glory of God. Jesus is precious to my heart. I hope the Board will remember me in their approaches to the throne of God's grace.

Travelled 300 miles; preached 25 sermons; attended 16 Conference and Prayer Meetings; Visited 99 families; Distributed 96 pages of religious tracts; collected \$14.01.

Rev. Roland McDonald laboured in the service of the Board 8 weeks at Big Intervale and vicinity.

Under date 28th Feby., 1864, the following report was received.

I have fulfilled the mission assigned me; preached 44 sermons; visited and revisited 36 families; travelled 192 miles; collected \$9.86½.

I left home on the 12th Dec., 1862, and finished the mission on the 6th Feby., 1863. I preached from house to house where they were sufficiently large to contain the people who came to hear, I visited others and read the Scriptures, and prayed with the inmates. I took delight in relating to the unconverted what the people of God felt in their souls, and do still rejoice in the same work. I hope my labour among them was not spent in vain, I believe there was good done, some backsliders were restored.—Missionaries of other denominations are in the field. Let the Baptists maintain their ground, there is room enough. "The harvest is great."

Oh what a happy day it will be when the thousands of Scotch settlers who took up their abode on this Island, will embrace the Gospel of Jesus as it is revealed in the Bible.

Prince Edward Island.

Rev. Wm. Dobson spent 4 weeks at Tignish, and Cascumpecque. Preached 15 sermons; held 5 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 80 families; baptized 10 persons; organized 1 church; travelled 340 miles; collected \$3.25.

The following report of his labour was received dated 28th of Aug., 1863.

I returned home on the 18th Aug., having spent about 7 weeks on the Island. My preaching was mostly from house to house, as I found that was the most effectual way of imparting instruction to the people. I found several Baptists in the region of Kildare, who having moved there from different places, thought there was none of the same faith within fifty miles of them, and hearing that a missionary had organized a Church, on meeting with me at their house, they gave thanks to God for his great mercy. I visited a great number of families sometimes conversing until near morning with them upon the subject of religion. The brethren at Cascumpecque are intending to commence building a meeting house this winter. A friend who was a faithful attendant at the meetings there, has kindly offered a beautiful site for the purpose.— This field bids fair to be a place of note, having a nice harbour and good fishing ground.

At Lot 7 I spent a week during the Summer of 1861, and baptized one. There were then a number holding Baptist views, wishing to see a Church organized. This place is about 15 miles from Cascumpecque, and if looked after in connection with Tignish, Kildare, and Cascumpecque, would soon support a missionary.

Rev. Malcom Ross spent 2 weeks at Belfast and White Sands.

Preached 8 sermons; visited 13 families; baptized 2 persons, heads of families; administered the Lord's Supper twice; travelled 80 miles. This mission was self-sustained.

Rev. John Shaw laboured 6 weeks in the service of the Board on the above Island.

Preached 26 sermons; collected \$39.63 Nova Scotia currency.

The following account of his mission was received, written on the 10th May, 1863:—

"I endeavoured to preach at Dundas, Grand River, Montague River, Clyde River, Long Creek, Bedeque, Cavendish, Lot 49, and Bonshaw. Since the first mission I endeavoured to perform on this Island, I have not met with more kindness, my meetings in general were large and solemn.

**Condensed Account of Missionary labour performed
during the Year.**

No. of Missionaries employed, of whom all but one were ordained	14
Weeks services.....	163
Sermons reported.....	596
Prayer and Conference Meetings held.....	86
Family Visits.....	911
Baptisms.....	25
Miles travelled.....	4564
Tracts distributed, (pages) by four.....	1026
Lord's Supper administered 6 times.	
1 Church and 1 Temperance Society organized.	

Gross Receipts and Expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1st, 1863.....	\$443 67
Received during the year.....	639 44
Collected by Missionaries.....	252 66
	<u>\$1335 77</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Collected and retained by Missionaries, including their Travelling Expenses.....	\$252 66
Disbursed by Treasurer for labour performed to May 31, 1863.....	272 23
do. do. to May 31, 1864.....	565 55
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	245 33
	<u>\$1335 77</u>
Present Liabilities of the Board about.....	<u>\$650 00</u>

Contributions.

PICTOU COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. A. Chipman.

	s.	d.
Mrs. T. Harris.....	5	0
Mrs. J. Fullerton.....	7	6
Mrs. J. McKinnon.....	22	6
J. P. McDonald, (in work.)	20	0
Mrs. Reoton.....	5	0
R. G. Griffith.....	40	0
Collections.....	12	0
Rev. E. F. Foshay, Amherst	50	0
Pugwash Church.....	7	6

MERIGOMISH.

Mrs. J. McMillan.....	1	3
Mrs. Magee.....	7	6
Alex. Meldrum.....	5	0
Mrs. Meldrum.....	2	6
J. McMillan.....	5	0
N. Turner.....	5	0
Jane Olding.....	3	1½
P. McEwen.....	5	7½
John Olding.....	10	0
A Friend.....	40	0
R. Lowden.....	25	0
H. Cunningham.....	10	0
W. Cunningham.....	20	0
Collections.....	10	6

RIVER JOHN.

C. Sutherland.....	60	0
R. Allan.....	45	0
A. McDonald.....	5	0
do. Family, (in socks.)	2	6
N. McKinnon.....	5	0
do. Family, (in socks.)	1	3
A. Henderson.....	4	6
Jno. Henderson.....	3	0
Mrs. Jno. Hamilton, Senr..	2	6
Ditto (in flour.).....	5	0
Wm. Hamilton, (in work.)	5	0
B. Gammon, (in oats.)...	5	3
N. Sutherland.....	20	0
Jno. Hamilton, Junr.....	20	0
F. Perrin.....	10	0
Collections.....	13	6

£26 15 0

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Collected by Mr. W. Boggs.

Mr. Misner.....	\$0	37½
William Corkum.....	0	37½
James Crouse.....	0	50
James Johnston.....	1	00
John Andrews.....	0	50
Wm. Faulkner.....	0	12½
Mary Kedy.....	0	25
Eliza Kedy.....	0	25
Coll. at Bridgewater.....	1	12½
" Corkum Settlement.....	1	25½
" Mount Pleasant.....	1	93
" Crouse Town.....	0	61
" Chelsea.....	2	17
" Lapland.....	0	42½
" North West.....	1	17

\$12 06

HANTS COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr.

SELMAR.

George Smith, Esq.....	\$6	75
John Welder.....	3	00
Alexander Grey.....	2	00
David Pratt.....	2	00
Judith Smith.....	1	00
Archibald Smith.....	1	00
Benjamin Smith.....	1	00
Mrs. Matthew Murphy....	1	00
Mrs. Eunice Smith.....	0	50
Archibald Frame.....	0	50
Collection.....	0	60

MAITLAND.

Alexander Gillis.....	\$4	00
Mrs. A. Gillis.....	1	00
Mrs. William Murray.....	2	00
Simon Macdonald.....	2	00
Mrs. Monteith.....	1	00
Mrs. Monteith.....	1	00
George Gillis.....	1	00
William Dickie.....	1	00
James Green.....	1	00
T. H. Porter, Jr.....	5	00

ROCKVILLE.

John Graham.....	\$2	00
James White.....	1	00
John White.....	0	50
William Ellis.....	0	50
Collection.....	0	70

FIVE-MILE RIVER, AND THE DIMOCK SETTLEMENT.

James Burgess.....	\$5 00
Albert Burgess.....	1 00
Mrs. John Dow.....	0 50
D. Skaling and wife.....	1 00
D. Barbrick and family....	1 25
Daniel Dimock.....	1 00
Benjamin Dimock.....	1 00
Margaret Dimock.....	0 50

TRURO AND JOHNSON'S CROSSING.

Collection at Crossing.....	\$9 27½
Robert Chambers, Esq.....	4 50
Mrs. D. Wilson.....	2 00

\$69 07½

Collected by Rev. J. Bancroft.

WALTON.

Francis Parker, Esq.....	\$12 00
Collection at Walton.....	8 11
" at School House	
West of Walton.....	0 63½
" Tennecape Wes.	
Chapel.....	0 75
William Stephens.....	1 25
Francis Parker, Esq.....	3 50
Catherine Stephens.....	0 62½
John Morris.....	2 00
Jacob O'Brien.....	1 00
Mrs. Francis Parker.....	2 50
Collections at Walton.....	11 18½
" Tennecape.....	0 37½
" School House on	
road to Rennie Cove.	1 47

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. D. McKen.

Collection at River Philip	
head of the tide.....	2 30
" at School House....	0 87½
J. W. Johnston, Glenville..	0 80

\$3 90½

GUYSBORO COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. O. Parker.

INDIAN HARBOUR.

Collections.....	\$7 22
Isaac Willet.....	1 67
Allen Cannady.....	2 50
Capt. Rude.....	1 25
Mrs. Huitt.....	1 25

Mr. Kelly..... 1 00

ST. MARY'S.

John Hewit.....	5 00
Mrs. John Hewit.....	2 50
John Hewit's family.....	1 31
George Hewit, Senr.....	5 00
Zeb. Hewit.....	5 00

UPPER STEWIACKE.

Collections..... 3 75

LOWER STEWIACKE.

Ezekial C. Banks..... 1 00

\$38 45

CAPE BRETON COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. R. McDonald.

Murdoch McLean.....	\$2 00
Murdoch McDonald.....	0 50
Malcom McLeod, Esq.....	0 45
James Marple.....	0 45
Wm. MacKay.....	0 45
Richard Marple.....	0 50
Allan Stewart.....	0 50
Angus MacKinnon.....	0 50
Roderick MacLeod.....	0 45
Angus Ross.....	0 45
Donald MacKenzie.....	0 22½
Torkill MacLeod.....	0 22½
Malcom D. MacLeod.....	0 22½
Rodk. MacKenzie.....	0 22½
John MacLeod.....	0 55
Joseph Tingly.....	0 50
Eben. Ledbeatter.....	0 45
Catherine MacLean.....	0 25
Mary MacKinnon.....	0 22½
Farquhar MacRae.....	0 25
Collection.....	0 29

\$9 66½

Collected by the Rev. B. Scott.

Coll. Lot 49, P. E. Island..	\$5 25
Ship Harbor, Canso.....	3 08½
Mauboo Coll.....	2 28½
Rachel Potter.....	0 62½
John Macdonald.....	0 62½
William Inghram.....	1 00
John Benton.....	0 62½
Murdoch McLean.....	0 25
Murdoch Macdonald.....	0 75
Catherine Fraser.....	0 25
Lanchlan Macdonald.....	0 90
Donald Macdonald.....	0 87½

William Hart.....	0 60
Porthood Coll.....	2 50
Ship Harbor Coll. Canso..	2 05
Peter Paint.....	2 00
B. Scott.....	2 00

\$25 66

Collected by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Mr. Kagan and son.....	\$1 00
A Friend.....	1 00
J. Bohanan.....	0 75
Collection at Cow Bay.....	2 64
Collection at Mira Gut....	2 87½
Collection at Cow Bay.....	2 04
Collection at Glace Bay....	2 44
Jas. McKeen.....	0 80
A little boy.....	0 14
Collection at Cow Bay.....	1 12½

\$14 01

P. E. ISLAND.

Collected by Rev. John Shaw.

DUNDAS.

	s.	d.
Donald Nicholson.....	5	0
Mrs. Burdett.....	10	0
Sister Martin.....	1	6
" Nicholson.....	1	6
Mrs. C. Clay.....	5	0
Miss Harris.....	3	0
Robert Wise.....	1	6
James Wise.....	1	6
Deacon Burhoe.....	4	0

£1 13 0

MONTAGUE RIVER.

Murdoch MacLean.....	10	0
Mr. MacBeth.....	5	0
Mr. MacLean.....	3	0
A Collection.....	29	2½

£2 7 2½

CLYDE RIVER.

Donald Livingston.....	5	0
Mr. Darrach.....	5	0

Collection.....	22	1½
	£1	12 1½

LOT 49.

	s.	d.
Bro. J. Wood.....	3	9
" Thos. Wood.....	1	6
	£0	5 3

BEDEQUE.

Deacon Schureman.....	5	0
Sister Palmer.....	3	0
Collection.....	33	0
	£2	1 3

CAVENDISH.

From the Treasurer of the little Band.....	30	0
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LONG CREEK.

Widow MacNiel.....	5	0
Sister MacCannel.....	3	0
Bro. John Darrach.....	5	0
Mr. John Currie.....	3	0
Bro. Lamont.....	5	0
Sister S. MacNiell.....	2	3
Collection.....	24	9
" Long Creek.....	48	0
" Dundas.....	33	0
" Montague River.....	47	2½
" Clyde River.....	32	2½
" Lot 49.....	5	3
" Bedeque and Ca- vendish.....	71	3

Island Currency.....	£11	17 10
N. S. Currency.....	£9	17 4½

CASCOMPEQUE.

Collected by Rev. William Dobson.

Collection.....	4	6
James Simpson.....	6	0
George Lewis.....	6	0
Mr. Ashly.....	3	0

P. E. I. Currency.....	£19	6
N. S. Currency.....	16	3

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NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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Aug. 1.	To Rev. A. Chipman.....	\$143 18
	Sydney Church.....	25 90
	Rev. Jas. Palmer.....	30 95
	Secretary, Expenses to Annual Meeting.....	20 00
	“ Postages, &c.....	3 10
Sept. 25.	Savings' Bank.....	200 00
Oct. 5.	Savings' Bank.....	200 00
23.	W. Boggs.....	43 74
	Rev. J. Bancroft.....	40 00
Nov. 12.	Rev. R. R. Philp.....	40 00
	Rev. Wm. Dobson.....	20 00
	Rev. A. Chipman.....	100 00
Decr. 5.	Rev. Benj. Scott.....	47 90
	Rev. G. F. Miles.....	14 38
	Rev. M. A. Bigelow.....	30 00

1864.

Jany. 22.	Rev. Wm. Dobson.....	8 75
	Rev. M. A. Bigelow.....	20 00
Febry. 12.	Rev. J. Bancroft.....	34 50
March 12.	Rev. Obed. Parker.....	35 80
April 16.	Rev. Ronald McDonald.....	54 34
	Rev. R. R. Philp.....	6 14
	Rev. T. H. Porter.....	20 00
May 10.	Rev. Alfred Chipman.....	100 00
June 6.	Balance.....	45 33

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May 19.	By Balance.....	\$143 67
June 4.	Upper Stewiacke Home Missionary Society..	8 00
24.	W. Churchill, Yarmouth, for Gaelic Mission..	17 68
July 1.	Central Association.....	212 62½
Augt. 1.	Eastern Association.....	244 27
Sept. 21.	Central Association.....	46 36½
28.	3 month's Interest on £100.....	6 00
Decr. 11.	Portapique Church.....	4 00
23.	Domestic Missions, from "R. A. B.".....	4 00

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Jany. 4.	Windsor Church.....	30 00
23.	Miss Bishop (Horton).....	1 00
29.	J. W. Barss.....	20 00
Febry. 5.	Upper Stewiacke Church.....	7 50
12.	J. L. Tremain, (Port Hood).....	6 00
22.	Granville Street Church (H. Paint).....	32 00
April 14.	Savings' Bank.....	100 00
May 10.	Savings' Bank.....	100 00

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G. ROBINS, Auditor

June 14, 1884.

RULES OF ORDER
OF THE
EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

RULE 1st.—At each Annual Meeting the letters from the Churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

RULE 2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of the Moderator shall be made by ballot. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession.

RULE 3rd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

RULE 4th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

RULE 5th.—When any church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

RULE 6th.—At the commencement of each sitting, the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last sitting, before the final adjournment.

RULE 7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered by the Association.

RULE 8th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 9th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

RULE 10th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

RULE 11th.—These rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of every annual session of the Association.