

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT
Saint Martins, St. John Co.,
ON
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY,
July 9, 10, and 11, 1878.

WITH THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society.

RULES OF ORDER

SAINT JOHN, N. B.:
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Constitution and Rules of Order

OF THE

Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall consist of Delegates, representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, and shall be styled "The Eastern N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the Churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, the promotion of individual godliness, and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock P.M., on the second Tuesday in July, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which, the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator, by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance, lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on Arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, on behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 8.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship, without sufficient reason from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 10.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. That each meeting be opened by prayer.
2. That motions be made and seconded, according to parliamentary usage.
3. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
4. That every resolution be written out and handed to the Clerk.
5. That motions which are lost be not recorded.
6. That invited members enjoy all the privileges of Delegates, except voting.
7. That these regulations be read at each session.

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ST. MARTINS, JULY 9, 1878.

The thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association opened its Session with the Baptist Church at St. Martins, on Tuesday, July 9th, at 2 o'clock P.M. About two hours were spent in earnest prayer and conference. During this service the Secretary prepared a list of the names of the delegates from the Churches.

The following is a list of the Churches represented at this Session of the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association, and their respective delegates for 1878:

- Cambridge, 2nd.—Rev. A. B. MacDonald.
- Coverdale, 2nd.—Rev. E. Hopper.
- Dorchester.—Rev. D. S. Carpenter; Brethren Alpheus Palmer, C. E. Knapp and Albert Hicks.
- Elgin, 1st.—Rev. J. C. Steadman; Brethren P. Collicutt, and J. A. Collicut.
- Forest Glen.—Bros. H. B. Fletcher, Ralph Colpitts, Rev. J. C. Steadman, Rev. J. Coombes.
- Hampton.—Revs. W. A. Corey, A. A. Mabec.
- Hammond Vale.—Deacon W. Fowler, J. S. Titus, Jesse Tabor, Isaac Titus.
- Harvey 1st.—Rev. J. A. Blackadar, Bro. Minor Cleveland.
- Hopewell.—Bro. N. Peck.
- Johnston, 2nd.—Rev. E. H. Howe.
- Moncton, 1st.—Bro. T. Todd, Bro. William Wertman.
- Moncton, 2nd.—Revs. J. E. Fillmore, John Gammon; Brethren Jackson Steeves, Jacob Trites.
- Mill Cove.—Bro. Archibald McLean.
- Norton.—Rev. W. A. Corey, Dea. A. B. Hayes; Brethren G. J. Burnett, Stephen Wiggins.
- North River.—Rev. John Gammon, Bro. Grafton Ayer.
- Pollett River.—Brethren John Steeves, J. L. Gildart, J. C. Marter.
- Rothesay.—Rev. R. Mutch; Brethren S. W. Kierstead, Lewis Trites.
- Salisbury, 1st.—Rev. W. W. Corey; Brethren E. M. Elliott, W. A. Wheaton, M. D. Harris.

- Salt Springs.*—Dea. J. Alleby, Bro. D. Mackenzie.
- Springfield, 1st.*—Rev. W. A. Corey, Bro. J. A. S. Kierstead.
- Springfield, 2nd.*—Deas. J. Kierstead, Hiram Kierstead; Bro. Kierstead.
- St. Martins, 1st.*—Bro. I. E. Bill; Brethren J. M. Bradshaw Brown, G. R. White, M. Kelly, Y. S. Crandall.
- Shediac.*—Rev. J. M. Currie, Bro. J. A. Kierstead.
- Sussex, Upper.*—Rev. E. C. Corey; Brethren Wm. Stowe, J. McCready.
- Sussex.*—Bro. T. P. Davis.
- Upham.*—Rev. S. W. Kierstead; Deas. Wm. Titus, J. Bittle, Titus.
- Willow Grove.*—Bro. William Cuthbert.

The Rev. I. E. Bill, Moderator of last year, filled the
Voted, That the Association now proceed to the election of
 for the current year, which resulted in the choice of

REV. W. A. COREY.....	Moderator
REV. T. A. BLACKADAR.....	Secretary
BRO. J. E. B. MCCREADY.....	Fin. Sec.
BRO. T. P. DAVIES.....	Treasurer
BRO. G. R. WHITE.....	Assist. Treas.

These brethren having taken their places, Rev. I. E. Bill
 offered prayer.

The Moderator read the rules of order.

Voted, That the Committee on Arrangements and Nominations
 appointed

The Committee on Arrangements were Revs. I. E. Bill,
 Todd, E. C. Corey; Bro. T. Crandall and W. Stowe.

Voted, That visiting Brothers be invited to take seats with
 following persons accepted the invitation:

Revs. W. F. Everett, J. H. Hughes, J. Spencer, W. B. Todd,
 Armstrong, G. M. W. Carey, G. E. Good; Brethren
 and Amos Tingley.

Committee on Nominations.—Rev. J. M. Cramp, John
 W. Kierstead, W. M. Corey and T. Todd.

The Committee on Arrangements reported in part

That we recommend that each afternoon Session close
 That there be a prayer meeting each morning at 6 o'clock
 the Morning Session commence at 9½ o'clock. That the
 E. C. Corey and Bro. T. P. Davies be a Committee to
 read letters, and that the Rev. G. M. W. Carey preach at
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SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 9.

The Association assembled again at 7½ o'clock, P.M. Prayer by the Rev. G. E. Good. Minutes of first Session read and approved. A thrilling and powerful sermon was then preached by the Rev. G. M. W. Carey, from Gal. ii. 20: "I live by the death of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY 9½ A. M., JULY 10.

The Moderator being absent, the Pastor, Rev. I. E. Bill, was called to the chair. The Rev. J. H. Hughes offered prayer. Minutes of last Session read and approved. The reading of letters from the Churches was commenced. The hour being arrived (10½ o'clock) for the annual Sermon of the Association, the Rev. W. A. Corey preached from Phil. iii. 13, after which a collection of \$10.07 for Home Missions was taken.

The Committee on Arrangements reported in full. Report read. Nominated the following Committees:

Circular Letter.—Revs. T. Todd, John Gammon and Dea. W. Stowe.

Education.—Rev. Messrs. Bill, Carey, E. C. Corey, Hughes, Todd, Carey, Currie, Armstrong, Everett, and Bro. J. H. Harding.

Special Business.—Rev. Messrs. Todd, McDonald, Kierstead and Bro. N. N. Stowe, N. Floyd.

Foreign Missions.—Bro. T. P. Davies, Rev. Messrs. E. C. Corey, Todd, Everett, Good and Bro. W. Fowler and W. Stowe.

Home Missions.—Rev. Messrs. McDonald, Gammon, Carey, and Dea. D. Kierstead and Bro. Isaac Titus.

Religious Literature.—Revs. Messrs. Blackadar, Steadman, Armstrong and Bro. J. E. B. McCready.

Temperance.—Rev. J. M. Currie; Brethren M. Kelly, E. Elliot, and Wheatman, Jesse Tabor.

Publications.—Revs. Messrs. Bill, Todd, Currie and Hughes.

Sabbath Schools.—Brethren T. Wiggins, E. M. Elliot, T. Kierstead, G. Brunnett, P. Collicutt, D. McKenzie.

Evangelical Churches.—Revs. Messrs. Gammon, Todd, and Bro. Alex. Stowe.

To Revise List of Ordained Ministers.—Rev. T. A. Blackadar, and Bro. J. E. B. McCready.

To Name Preacher of Associational Sermon and Circular Letter.—Revs. Messrs. Gammon, W. M. Corey and Kierstead.

After reading the letter from First St. Martins Church, the meeting adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. M. W. Carey.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 10.

The Association resumed business at 2½ o'clock, Moderator in the chair. Prayer offered by Rev. James Spencer.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

Reading of letters resumed.

Committee on Education read their report.

This year of grace 1878 is the jubilee year of the educational work of the Baptists of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In June, 1828, our fathers laid the corner stone of our institutions of learning at Wolfville, Nova Scotia. It was laid broad and deep in strong faith and in earnest prayer. The God of our Fathers placed the divine seal of his approval upon this grand enterprise, and crowned the work with his richest blessings.

The hearts of thousands were made sad by the destruction of the College buildings by fire in December last, but even this painful visitation is being overruled for good.

Thanks to the munificent offerings of our people, the corner stone of a new and much more imposing and spacious edifice was laid near the site of the burnt buildings, the very day that this Association assembled. Let all pray in active faith and in earnest effort that "the glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former."

Your Committee rejoice to hear that Professor Welton, who has spent the last two years of his life in hard study in the University of Leipzig, Germany, is engaged by the Governors of Acadia College to devote his entire energies for the coming College year to the Theological department. Such an accession to the valuable services of Dr. Crawley, ought to induce our young men, who are contemplating Christian ministry as their life work, to take a complete Theological course of instruction at Acadia.

We heartily commend all our institutions of learning, both male and female, and especially the Theological department of Acadia, to your confidence, prayers, and co-operation of all ministers and churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Able and fervent speeches were made by the Revs. I. E. Bill, G. M. W. Carey, G. E. Good, and W. P. Everett on the report, which on motion, was adopted.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to select a place for the Association for the coming year.

Voted, That Bro. T. P. Davies, Revs. W. A. Corey and T. Todd be that Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of five brethren be appointed to confer with a similar Committee recently appointed by the Western Association to consider the feasibility and propriety of re-distributing the churches of the two Associations, so as to accomodate the Association-al relationship of the churches to the existing modes and facilities of travel, and also to provide for the more full development and strength of the denomination.

The resolution was adopted.

The following brethren were appointed that Committee: Revs. T. Todd, W. A. Corey, I. E. Bill, A. B. McDonald and T. A. Blackadar.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The Western N. B. Baptist Association requested that an annual meeting of the N. B. Baptist Educational Society be held with this Association,

And Whereas, No such meeting has been called;

Therefore Resolved, That this Association request the President of Educational Society to call a meeting at as early a period as possible, for the transaction of such business as is requisite to be attended in connection with said society.

Voted, That the Minutes be printed at the *Christian Visitor* Office, and that the number be according to the money contributed for that purpose, and distributed among the churches contributing.

Voted, That the Moderator be requested to prepare a copy of his sermon preached this morning, for publication in the *Christian Visitor*.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to prepare blank forms for church letters and statistics.

The Rev. T. Todd was appointed as such committee.

Voted, That the following brethren be delegates to the Convention: Stone, J. E. B. McCready, Isaac Tingley, John McKenzie and L. Harris.

Resolved, That Revs. T. Todd and E. Hickson be a committee to arrange with railway and steamboat proprietors for passages to and from the next Association.

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The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report:

Your Committee on Home Missions report that we regard the Home Missionary work as equal in importance to any other enterprise carried on by our denomination. The Gospel, as preached by us, ought to be carried, through the instrumentality of our churches, to every community in New Brunswick. We regret that our efforts in this direction have been by no means equal to the demands of the field. It gives us sorrow to learn that the Treasury of the H. M. Society was largely overdrawn at the end of the fiscal year. Even after the contributions of the Western Association have been paid into the Treasury, there still remains a balance due the Treasurer. We recommend that our churches respond liberally to any appeal which may be made by the Board to liquidate the debt, and to provide for the replenishing of the Treasury, and for enlarging the sphere of our operations. We learn with pleasure that the North River Church has voted to send out their pastor at their own expense, to labor for one month as missionary, under the direction of the H. M. Board, and we cordially recommend other churches to follow their example. We recommend the Association to provide for a session of the H. M. Board, to be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A. B. MACDONALD.

Voted, That the report be received, and laid on the table for discussion this evening.

The time having arrived for adjournment, prayer was offered by the Rev. John Coombes.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 10.

The Moderator having taken the chair at 7½ o'clock, the Rev. S. W. Kierstead offered prayer.

The minutes of last session were read and approved.

Voted, That the report on Home Missions be taken from the table and spoken to.

The report was then read. It was spoken to by the Revs. I. E. Bill, A. B. McDonald, Bro. J. H. Harding and Rev. J. H. Hughes, earnestly, warmly and affectionately, after which a collection was then taken up for Home Missions, amounting to \$19.54. Rev. W. P. Everett was called for, who delivered

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an address, and was followed by Revs. G. E. Good, John Gammon and Thomas Todd.

On motion the report was unanimously adopted.

The time having arrived for adjournment, the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 11.

Moderator in the chair. This session opened at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. A. B. McDonald.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

A few remaining letters were then read. The letter from New Canaan was found to contain \$5.95 instead of \$9.00 as reported in the letter.

Voted, That the Secretary advise the Clerk of New Canaan Church of the facts, and send a copy of the Post Master's statement concerning the money.

The Committee on Temperance read their report as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following. We believe the well thinking in every Province in our wide Dominion, have cause for profound gratitude to the Giver of every good gift for the great success which has crowned the efforts of temperance workers, especially during the present year.

And we express hope, that no one will relax effort in his or her determination to suppress and finally rid this fair earth, so full of sunshine and of glory, of the darkening, withering, blighting curse of intemperance. While wives continue to be ill-treated by husbands, infuriated by strong drink, and widows continue to weep, and the orphan's piteous wail, continues to roll up in waves of distress before God, can we, as Christians professing the grand principles which seek the alleviation of human woe, cease our utmost endeavors to banish the curse of all nations, the curse of intemperance, from city and village and hamlet, yea, and from the mansions of the rich, and kings palaces, for it is from these high places that this fountain of iniquity, of burning shame, send forth its streams of fiery lava, which destroys annually beneath the avenging wrath of God, hundreds of thousands of the noblest of the Creator's work.

It is written, no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God. Temperance friends, and friends of humanity, let us take courage because we have succeeded in stirring up sluggish legislators and tardy statesmen to give attention to suppliant petition in behalf of millions,

enslaved in galling fetters of vice, whose wail of despair pierces the heavens. Our Permissive Bill is the precursor of an effective Prohibitory law, and we hope every County in the Dominion will avail itself of the advantages it affords. When this is done we will see if we cannot prevent the rumseller from cursing humanity by his shameful traffic. We suggest that the moral standard of our churches be raised, that intemperance may not stain their record.

We need the whole force of Bible Christianity to be brought into action, to resist the mighty forces of King Alcohol. He is a general of no mean ability, who marshals a force armed to the teeth, and their motto is no surrender. If we gain the victory which will place the olive leaf of peace and the busy hum of sober industry, into tens of thousands of families; we must continue the conflict with great enthusiasm, trusting in God for the victor's wreath.

I may add it is a matter of congratulation that the Dominion Parliament has made it a violation of law to sell liquor on Dominion election days.

Submitted in behalf of the Committee.

J. M. CURRY, *Chairman.*

The report, after being spoken to by Bros. Kelly and J. E. B. McCready, was unanimously adopted.

The time having arrived for Bro. Boggs to preach, he occupied the pulpit, and gave us an admirable and stirring address on Foreign Missions: Rev. Messrs. Corey and Curry following.

The Committee on Foreign Missions then read their report as follows:

We believe the grand work of sending the Gospel to the heathen to be in perfect sympathy with the great commission given by our Blessed Master to His followers, and all such attempts must meet His approval and receive His blessing.

This should encourage us. True, the work is of great magnitude, and we are led to inquire "Who is sufficient for these things," but we answer that the One who gave the commission has also said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

As a body we should fully realize the greatness and grandeur of the work we have undertaken, and so come up manfully with our money, our sympathies and prayers, to the help of the Lord against the mighty; and let each church and each individual in it vie with each other for the honor of doing their part in this glorious enterprise. The work will go on until the whole earth shall be filled with His glory. If we are indolent the honor will be given to those more worthy.

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Our brethren in the field are quite encouraged. Brother Sanford has purchased suitable sites for a residence and Mission Schools, and has commenced building. Brother Armstrong has recently been able to procure at a reasonable rate a commodious building, which at a small outlay can be made suitable for Mission premises at Chicago, an important, healthy and populous town near the sea shore. Brother Churchill will soon be located at Bobbili; another central point surrounded by thousands of those perishing for the lack of knowledge, and is probably by this time commencing to erect temporary buildings. You will see by this the extent of the work, and you cannot fail to see that it means money.

What the Board have now in reserve will soon be required to be expended.

The Mission at Bimlipatam has suffered a severe loss by the death of Edwin Lazarus, an efficient native helper, but the Master called him up higher.

A circular letter relating to the appointment of Brother Boggs to the Foreign field has been sent to this Association, and we recommend that action be taken upon it.

Your Committee are glad that the W. M. Aid Societies are soon to have a representative in the field in the person of Miss C. A. Hammond, lately appointed by the Board, and we believe she will prove an efficient worker.

We recommend that all the Pastors preach special sermons, setting forth the claims of Foreign Missions, and take up collections prior to the Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. P. DAVIES, *Chairman.*

After the report was spoken to by Rev. Messrs. Everett and Corey, the question being called for, the report was unanimously adopted.

A collection was taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$25.45.

The following resolution was then unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Foreign Missionary Board has submitted the question of the return of Bro. Boggs to the Foreign field to the consideration of this Association,

Therefore Resolved, That this whole question be submitted to the decision of the approaching Convention at Fredericton, and if that body shall deem it advisable to re-appoint our Brother to Foreign work, this Association will cordially concur in such arrangements, and

cheerfully co-operate in contributing to his support in connection with the other missionaries in the field.

After prayer by Rev. George Armstrong, the Association adjourned.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 11.

Session opened at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock; Moderator in the chair.

Prayer by the Rev. E. C. Corey.

The Treasurer then presented the following report:

The Treasurer begt to report the following sums having been received for the various objects as stated below:

Foreign Missions.....	\$102 52	
Collection after Brother Boggs' sermon.....	25 45	
		\$127 97
Home Missions.....	\$47 43	
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Collection during evening session of Home Missionary meeting.....	19 34	
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Minutes.....	28 81	
Union Society.....	33 39	
Infirm Ministers.....	2 40	
		\$270 41
Bill for Stationery.....	48	
		\$269 93

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. P. DAVIES, Treasurer.

On motion it was adopted, and ordered that the respective amounts for Home and Foreign Missions and Minutes be paid over to their respective Treasurers.

The Committee on Special Business submitted the following report.

Your Committee on Special business report: That they have examined the letter from the First Sackville Church, and after careful consideration, find no sufficient reasons for rescinding the Resolution of last year, or for instituting further investigation, as asked to do in that letter, holding as we do that all investigation for which our Polity provides has been made by the Moneton Church.

We have also examined the letter from the First Salisbury Church, and recommend as a final settlement of these difficulties, that the bal-

ance of their late Pastor's salary be paid, and that all parties in that church immediately come together and unite in the election of another brother as pastor. We further recommend that if an honest effort for such a settlement fail, then as a last resort, that the two parties unite in calling a council to deliberate concerning the propriety of dividing the First Salisbury Church.

The report of the Committee to revise the list of ordained ministers was submitted, and adopted.

A. B. MACDONALD.

The Committee to nominate the preacher of the Annual Sermon, and the writer of the Circular Letter for next year, submitted the following report:

That Rev. T. Todd preach the Annual sermon, and Rev. E. C. Corey be his alternate, and that the Rev. I. E. Bill write the circular letter.

The report was adopted.

The Association adjourned after prayer by the Rev. I. E. Bill.

EIGHTH SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 11.

The Association opened its session at 7½ o'clock, Moderator in the chair.

The Rev. T. Todd offered prayer.

The Committee on Obituaries read their Report:

This Association deeply deplors the departure of Rev. James Irving, pastor of the Baptist Church at Baltimore, Albert County. He died at his own home, July 5th inst., in the full assurance of resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some 30 years ago our departed brother was baptized upon a profession of his faith by Rev. John Francis.

In 1800 he was ordained to the pastorate of the Baptist Church of Baltimore, and continued to preside with fidelity over that people until his death. He was highly esteemed by them in love as a wise counselor, as a faithful under-shepherd, and as an able minister of the New Testament. He ministered also to other Baptist Churches and performed occasional missionary tours to preach the gospel to regions beyond. God made his ministry a blessing to many precious souls that will shine as stars in his crown of rejoicing.

His funeral service was preached by Rev. John Hughes, Sunday July 7th, to a very large congregation assembled to indicate their sympathy with their bereaved, and their respect for departed worth. The sermon was a clear and forcible exposition of the passage "We have fought the good fight." It was a season of deep solemnity and impressive interest.

This Association sympathize deeply with the bereaved widow and fatherless children of our brother, who has gone to his heavenly

home, and pray God to sustain and guide them henceforth and forever. Amen.

Resolved, that a copy of this report be enclosed by the Secretary to the bereaved family at an early date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

Voiced, That the report be adopted, and that the Secretary forward a copy of the report to Sister Irving as soon as possible.

The Committee on Religious Literature presented their report, which was spoken to by the Revs. I. E. Bill and G. M. W. Carey:

The Committee on Religious Literature have considered the important subject referred to them, and have to report that in their opinion, sufficient interest and care have not been taken to circulate a pure literature among the people, and that Baptist families and Sabbath Schools are sometimes found scantily supplied with Christian and Denominational books and publications. It is highly important to supply right teaching and suitable reading to all whom we may be able to reach. Thus may we seek to influence, to embrace, and obey the gospel and serve Christ and His kingdom, with knowledge and faith and zeal.

Much of the Literature that finds circulation and patronage is not of refining, elevating and wholesome character—novels and other light reading are widely scattered among the people, and sometimes found in the homes of professors of religion. The influence of such publications are highly detrimental to spiritual culture and growth, and must also retard serious enquiry and thought among the careless and unconverted. Every parent and every friend of true religion should do his utmost to discourage the use of such books and publications, and to encourage the dissemination of true Christian literature as widely as possible in every community; and moreover, Baptists should take especial pains not only to provide and circulate books and papers that teach clearly and strikingly the doctrines of the Gospel, but also to present a faithful portrait of the Church and Kingdom of Christ, and likewise of the ordinances which he has established in his Church, and commanded us to obey to the end of time. A wise use of the press in this direction would prove a powerful help in spreading abroad the truth.

The *Christian Visitor*, the denominational organ, continues to be a faithful and unflinching advocate of the principles and interests of the denomination. Your committee believe it to be a well conducted Christian and denominational journal, and should have a wider circulation, and no Baptist parent or family in our land should neglect to receive weekly visits of this paper.

Your Committee also wait with pleasure the return of Rev. J. E. Hopper to his native province, and believe that his connexion with the *Visitor* as co-editor and proprietor greatly help to give increased interest and vitality to our denominational organ. Your Committee is also pleased to know that the *Visitor* is now issued from the press and office owned and conducted by the editor. Connected with this office is a Book Room from which can be had all kinds of Baptist Literature. This enterprise deserves the patronage of the denomination.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. BLACKADAR, Chairman.

On motion, the report was unanimously adopted.

Voted. That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered by a rising vote to the church and congregation of St. Martins, for their kind hospitality in entertaining the delegates and visitors in attendance.

Bro. G. E. Good, a graduate of Newton Theological Seminary, gave us an excellent discourse founded on the words: "He cannot be hid."

The minutes of the closing session read and approved.

Voted, That this Association adjourn to meet on the second Thursday in July, 1879, according to arrangements, which shall be made by the Committee appointed to locate the Association for the coming year.

"The Home over There" was sung with great spirit, after which the Rev. I. E. Bill pronounced the benediction.

W. A. COREY, MODERATOR.

T. A. BLACKADAR, SECRETARY.

List of Ordained Ministers

IN THE EASTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Beckwith, Geo.	Havelock,	Dec. 1874	Elgin.
Bill, I. E.	St. Martins,	Mar. 1829	Nictaux, N. S.
Blackadar, T. A.	Harvey,	Sept. 1865	Mill Village, N.S.
Crandall, David	Springfield,	Jan. 1831	
Corey, W. T.	Havelock,		Grand Lake.
Corey, W. A.	Springfield,	Dec. 1859	Kars.
Corey, W. W.	Salisbury,	Jan. 1868	Keswick.
Corey, E. C.	Penobscuis,	Oct. 1867	Canterbury.
Curry, J. M.	Hillsboro,	July, 1864	Norton.
Carpenter, D. L.	Point Midgie,	July, 1868	Bayside.
Carpenter, W. J.	New Horton,	Feb. 1871	Bayside.
Duffy, Patrick	Hillsboro',	May, 1849	Hillsboro'.
Fillmore, J. E.	L. Turtle Ck.	Feb. 1857	Pollett River.
Goldrup, James	Coverdale,	Oct. 1860	Pollett River.
Herrett, James	Havelock,	Aug. 1849	Havelock.
Harris, Hezekiah		Aug. 1864	Cumberland Bay.
Howe, E. H.	Johnston,	1876	Johnston.
Hopper, E.	Coverdale,	Feb. 1875	Pollett River.
Hughes, J. H.	Havelock,	Jan. 1854	Baltimore.
Kierstead, E.	Collina Corner	Oct. 1840	Studholm.
Kierstead, S.	Hillsdale,	1876	Hillsdale.
Keith, O.	Spring Hill,	Sept. 1872	Studholm.
Lewis, Milledge		June, 1873	Albert.
McDonald, A. B.	Narrows,		Narrows.
Moore, S. C.	Hillsboro',		
Mutch, R.	Rothsay,		
Smith, J. A.	St. Martins,	Feb. 1842	Wickham.
Steadman, J. C.			
Smith, Sol.	Mapleton,	Mar. 1874	Alma.
Todd, T.	Moncton,	Oct. 1849	Woodstock.
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APPENDIX.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1878.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

Your Board during the past year labored under disadvantages hitherto unknown. The fire of Saint John, a year ago, deprived us of a convenient place of meeting in the office of Messrs. C. & E. Everett, to which we were so kindly made welcome. For some months we met in the office of our Treasurer, Bro. John H. Harding, in the vestry of Brussels Street Church, and in November we were invited to the new bookstore of Bro. T. H. Hall, where we have since enjoyed his hospitality. For several months we were deprived of the presence of our President, Rev. J. D. Pope, and with regret we learn that he has left our province and returned to the United States.

Notwithstanding the scattered state of the city churches, the sacrifices which some of the members of the Board had to make, and the multiplicity of untoward events, the Board persevered in the discharge of duty, and allowed no interest to suffer that they could relieve. It is true that applications for aid were presented from time to time by churches and students, which could not safely be entertained because of previous engagements, and the very limited state of the funds. And now we find by the Treasurer's Report that the funds are largely overdrawn. Had it not been for the sum of \$250 paid the Treasurer by the Trustees of the Estabrook bequest, the Board could not meet its demands; but thus far payments have been promptly made to our Missionaries.

SAINT GEORGE.—On application of the Second Falls Church \$50 were granted to aid in obtaining the services of Rev. W. J. Stewart. In his quarterly report of September he says—"I have labored three months with said church, preaching every Lord's Day once, and more than half of the time, twice each Sabbath. I have also held weekly prayer meetings." In December he reports having preached 28 sermons, and held 14 prayer meetings. There have been several conversions of late. Three persons have been baptized. In March he reports 18 sermons preached, and prayer meetings held twice each week for the past three months. A number have professed faith in Christ.

SAINT ANDREWS.—Rev. T. W. Crawley still occupies St. Andrews. He also labored in Bayside, Oak Bay, Bartlett's Mills and Bocabec. He reports—"Interest at Bocabec continues good and promising; Bayside not so good; St. Andrews still breathes. The community is decidedly anti-Baptist." The following statistics for three-quarters are all furnished the Board: Miles travelled, 423; sermons preached, 87; prayer and conference meetings held, 4; funerals attended, 3. This Mission receives from the Board \$150 per annum.

BLOOMFIELD, CARLETON COUNTY.—On application of Bro. Levi Everett a grant of \$50 was made to the Mission in Bloomfield for one year. Rev. George Rigby labored on this Mission for three months and reports: Miles travelled, 400; prayer and conference meetings attended, 16; visits made, 75; sermons preached, 27. The meetings were very interesting. Some professed religion, and on account of their being no church in Bloomfield, were baptized and joined the Centreville Church." Rev. J. G. Harvey has labored on this field since the middle of January, but his report has not yet been received.

TOBIQUE.—Rev. I. R. Skinner commenced labor on the Tobique one year ago, and applied to the Board for aid to the amount of \$90, which was granted. On the 4th of March he reported nine months labor performed, and stated that he purposed leaving the field for a short time. He says—"I preached 34 sermons, attended prayer and conference meetings as often as I could. I made it a point to visit all families and read the scriptures and lead in prayer. I am not able to report any additions to the churches on the River, but there is in the hearts of those who do pray an anxious desire to hold fast their profession."

BLISSFIELD AND LUDLOW.—Rev. William M. Edwards labors on nobly in this important field. He writes Aug. 6th:—"God is doing a great work in this land. Victory has come at last!" He asked on behalf of the Mission a grant of \$100, but the Board thought that one half of that amount was all that the funds at present would allow. His quarterly report of September 1st shows: Miles travelled, 525; prayer and conference meetings attended, 8; religious visits made, 190; sermons preached, 48; Lord's Supper administered 3 times; baptized 24; organized 1 Sabbath School. He says—"It must be a source of gratitude to you to know that God has crowned your efforts with success in giving the Gospel to the poor. Sixty-seven have been baptized up to date." His reports of December and March show: Miles travelled, 906; prayer and conference meetings attended, 22; religious visits made, 232; sermons preached, 69; Lord's Supper administered 7 times; baptized, 5; funeral attended, 1. He says—"God has been pleased to bless us with an increase in all these churches. This quarter we baptized five at Ludlow. Our meetings have been seasons of deep spiritual enjoyment. Our expectations brighten. Peace and prosperity continue."

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NORTH ESK AND LITTLE SOUTH WEST.—Bro. Wm. P. Anderson, Licentiate, is laboring with these churches. His reports show that he is abundant in labors and hopeful with regard to ultimate success. "The Spirit," he says, "is evidently at work in the hearts of the people." The church in the Little South West has commenced the erection of a chapel. These churches had a grant from the Board last year of \$200, but one-half of this was paid by Robert P. Whitney, Esq., a member of North Esk church, as a donation to the H. M. Board. Miles travelled, 2430; prayer and conference meetings attended, 50; religious visits made, 231; sermons preached, 153; funerals attended, 3; baptized 2; organized one Sabbath school; attended 11 sessions of Sabbath School; pages of tracts distributed, 78.

NEWCASTLE AND CHATHAM.—Rev. T. M. Munro commenced labor in this field about one year ago, with the understanding that the towns of Newcastle and Chatham and certain surrounding stations should enjoy his ministrations, for which he was to receive from the Board for the first year \$300, the church in Newcastle pledging him an equal amount. After some visits to Chatham he did not feel sufficiently encouraged to continue his labors there, and turned his attention to the stations in the vicinity of Newcastle. In December he reports having ordained one Deacon and baptized seven believers. "The church in Newcastle," he says, "is in a good working condition, our congregation is increasing and our prayer and conference meetings are well sustained. Our communion seasons are especially interesting." At Douglstown, Derby and Nelson he reports large statistics: Miles travelled, 1267; prayer and conference meetings attended, 108; religious visits made, 194; sermons preached, 138; Lord's Supper administered, 8; baptized, 10; funerals attended, 1; pages of tracts distributed, 500; hymn books distributed, 100. The church in Newcastle informs the Board that it has fulfilled its engagement for the past year; but cannot carry out the arrangement for the second year, as the expectations concerning Chatham have not been realized, and will still need \$300 from the Board.

SECOND ALMA, ALBERT Co.—Rev. Solomon Smith has been laboring in connection with the Second Alma Church. He says—"Our meetings are well attended, and good attention is given to the word preached." At the beginning of this year he reports preaching at the Bennett Settlement, Shepody Road, Mechanic's Settlement, and occasionally at Hasting's School House. In his report, Jan. 30th, 1878, he says—"During the year God has blessed us. Our church has increased one half." Miles travelled, 270; sermons preached, 54; prayer and conference meetings attended, 22; religious visits, 168; Lord's Supper administered twice.

SOUTH BAY AND GRAND BAY, ST. JOHN COUNTY.—Bro. M. F. King, of Acadia College, spent five weeks of his summer vacation laboring in this field. He reports—"The attendance at the different stations has been remarkably large. Several are anxiously enquiring the way of salvation." Miles travelled, 109; religious visits made, 25; sermons preached, 17; Sabbath Schools attended, 4. The Board contributed \$25 on account of these services. One hundred dollars were granted by the Board to this field for one year; but as a Missionary to follow Bro. King could not be secured for the grant and what could be collected on the field, the work was not prosecuted, except what was done by Brethren from Carleton and Portland churches. Rev. D. McClellan and Bro. L. L. Sharpe kept up meetings pretty regularly in

South Bay during the year. Deacon John Christopher supplied the means of travelling. This field is a very promising and important one and should be permanently occupied. There are three good places of worship open to us. Bro. King is again in the field, but only for a few weeks.

BLACKVILLE, MIRAMICHI.—On application to Bro. Lewis Dunphy a grant of \$25 was made to the Blackville Church on the 3rd Dec., 1877, to be appropriated for the support of a Missionary approved by the Board.

INFIRM MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' FUND.

Rev. G. R. Campbell acknowledges the receipt of \$25 from this fund. Two widows of deceased pastors received \$15 each on Feb. 4th 1878.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

On application of Bro. M. Gross a grant of \$3.00 was made, Aug. 6th, to the Sabbath School at Osburn Settlement, Albert Co., \$10 was granted, Feb. 4th, 1878, to Pitt Street Mission Sabbath School. Goheen Sabbath School was granted \$5.00 worth of books, May 6th, 1878. Middle Simonds was granted \$5.00 worth of books for Sabbath School, June 3rd, 1878; and \$5.00 to Sterritt Landing Sabbath School at the same date.

The Board being aware that there were churches without pastors, and many Mission Stations which may be profitably occupied, and learning through Bro. Geo. E. Good that several students at Newton were free to labor in unoccupied fields, it was therefore resolved to issue the following appeal:—

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN NEW BRUNSWICK REQUIRING MINISTERIAL LABOR.

Dear Brethren.—It has come to the knowledge of the H. M. Board that a large class of ministerial students will graduate at Newton early in June next, some of whom are from the Maritime Provinces and desire to return and labor for the Master. There are others also in Acadia College, who at the same time will be ready for active service during the summer vacation. It was therefore resolved that the Corresponding Secretary publish these facts in the *Christian Visitor* and invite mission fields and churches without pastors, who may desire pastoral or evangelistic labor to report to the Board.

It is our desire to see all the Master's vineyard well supplied with faithful laborers, and no pains will be spared to introduce such, either for permanent settlement or temporary supply.

On behalf of the H. M. Board,

EDWARD HICKSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

Responses to this appeal were received from the church at Point de Bute, Newcastle, C. C., and Chipman, C. C. Pennfield also, through Bro. John March, expressed a desire to obtain a pastor. A correspondence is progressing which it is hoped may lead to the desired results.

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The following appeal for funds was also published in the
Christian Visitor of April 24th, 1878

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NEW BRUNSWICK:

Dear Brethren,—Your Board of Home Missions feeling the responsibility of the work committed to our trust, desire to do all in our power to advance the cause of Christ within our province. During this year eight missionaries have been receiving aid from the funds of the Board. Labor has been performed in Charlotte, Victoria, Northumberland, Albert, and St. John Counties. Other counties need laborers; but we have not the means to supply them. Our means have been very limited for so great a work, and now they are almost exhausted. The churches in the City of St. John, from whom the Board used to obtain liberal donations, have been so affected by that disastrous fire of the 20th of June last, that but little should be expected from them at present. We are now compelled to appeal to the friends of Home Missions generally, and to the pastors of the churches particularly, to make a special effort before the approaching Association, to replenish the funds of the Board, so that we may be able to meet our engagements with our missionaries, and be in a position to employ some of those ministers of Christ who are willing to preach the gospel to the poor, and endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ. Hoping to receive an early and generous response, we remain your humble servants on behalf of the Board,

J. H. HARDING,
 W. P. EVERETT,
 JAMES MASTERS. } Committee.

April 24, 1878.

EDWARD HICKSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

In conclusion as your Board submits its Report and retires from office, it is with the consciousness that the important trust committed to it has not been neglected. Had the Board the means much more could have been accomplished. Our Province to-day presents most fruitful and inviting fields. Shall they lie waste? Brethren, as you pray—"Thy Kingdom come," remember the Home Mission and its work among the poor, neglected and destitute. Let your alms accompany your prayers. Like the wise men of the East, open your treasures and present to Him who is Prophet, Priest and King, your gold with your spices. He is worthy to receive riches as well as honor, and inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. More than ten times the amount expended last year is absolutely necessary to carry on properly and efficiently our Home Missionary operations in this Province. Can twelve thousand consecrated Baptists of this Province see the Treasury overdrawn and our few missionaries withdrawn from their field and withhold their

tithes from the Lord's storehouse? Brethren and sisters bring in the tithes and prove the Master. See if a blessing will not come down upon the churches.

On behalf of the H. M. Board,

EDWARD HICKSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

Summary of Missionary Labor.

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.	FIELDS OF LABOR.	Time.	Sermons Preached.	Visits Made.	Baptisms.	Miles Travelled.	Grants from Board.
Rev. T. W. Crawley,	St. Andrews, etc.,	1 ye'r	87	...	423	\$150.00	
" Wm. J. Stewart,	St. George, 2nd Falls,	6 mos	46	...	3	50.00	
Geo. Rigby,	Bloomfield, C. C.	3 mos	27	...	400	12.50	
" L. E. Skinner,	Tobique,	9 mos	34	45.00	
" Wm. M. Edwards,	Billeshield and Ladlow,	1 ye'r	117	...	1431	56.00	
" T. M. Munro,	Newcastle, Mir.,	1 ye'r	138	...	194	1267	300.00
" Solomon Smith,	Second Alma, A. C.,	1 ye'r	54	...	168	270	30.00
Bro. W. F. Anderson,	Northesk, & L. S. West,	1 ye'r	153	...	331	22430	206.00
" M. P. King,	Grand Bay & South Bay	3 mos	17	...	109	25.00	

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*New Brunswick Baptist Home Mission Society in Account
with J. H. Harding, Treasurer.*

HOME MISSIONS.

1877.		Dr.	
June 17.	To paid—	Rev. Mr. Edwards, Supl. Acct.	\$12 50
	"	Goodwin, do. do.	50 00
July.	"	Haynes, do. do.	8 00
Aug. 6.	"	Saml. Burt, do. do.	9 00
	"	Rev. Saml. Smith.	7 50
	"	T. M. Munro.	37 50
Sept. 3.	"	T. W. Crawley.	37 50
	"	W. E. King.	25 00
Oct. 2.	"	W. P. Anderson.	50 00
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Nov. 6.	"	W. J. Stewart.	25 00
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	"	W. P. Anderson.	50 00
March 6.	"	T. M. Crawley.	37 50
	"	W. M. Edwards.	12 50
April 2.	"	I. R. Skinner.	42 00
May 6.	"	T. M. Munro.	87 50
	"	W. P. Anderson.	50 00
	"	T. W. Crawley.	37 50
1877.	By Bal.	Cr.	\$857 00
May 31.		Leinster Street Church.	\$140 82
June 17.		Germain "	36 23
July.		C. D. Everett and wife, Temple Church.	21 00
		East. Ass.—am't specially designated, \$131.01; 50 per cent. Union Fund.	8 00
Aug. 11.		\$38.05, 19.02.	150 03
Sept. 6.		Fredericton Church.	12 03
Dec. 3.		Portland Baptist Church.	21 49
8.		Deacon H. March, Willow Grove Church.	7 00
1878.		Mrs. Alwood, from C. Estabrook fund.	250 00
Feb. 3.		Doaktown and Blissfield West Associa- tion, collected by G. Armstrong.	12 46
		Executors of Estate of A. C. Nobles of Springfield, K. C., part of \$25. amount bequeathed by A. C. Noble to Home Mission Society.	8 00
May 6.		R. P. Whitney, to Anderson, Rev. W. P.	50 00
May 31.		W. P. Anderson, by Robt. P. Whitney.	50 00
		Overdrawn.	89 94
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INFIRM MINISTERS.

1878.	DR.		
Feb. 4.	To paid Widow Robinson		\$ 15 00
	J. Titus		15 00
May 31.	To balance		89 43

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May 31.	By balance		\$ 96 02
June 1.	Germain Street Church		4 20
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Sept. 6.	By Portland Baptist Church		10 00

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

1877.	DR.		
Aug. 6.	To Ashburn Settlement S. S.		\$ 3 00
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Feb. 4.	To Pitt Street Sabbath School		10 00
May 31.	To balance		8 82

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1877.	CR.		
May 31.	By balance		\$15 52
June.	Col. Germain Street Church		4 20
July.	Eastern Association		1 90

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

1877.	DR.		
May 31.	To balance overdrawn		\$162 21
1877.	CR.		
June.	By collection Germain Street Church		\$ 10 50
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Sept. 6.	Portland Baptist Church		10 00
May 31.	balance overdrawn		127 19

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GENERAL EDUCATION.

1877.	DR.		
Nov. 6.	To paid Rev. Mr. Hickson, by order Mission Board for Acadia College		\$ 15 66
Aug. 2.	By cheque		5 80
1877.	CR.		
June.	By Germain Street Church		\$ 2 10
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HOME MISSION IN ACCOUNT WITH J. H. HARDING.

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May 31	To amount overdrawn Home Missions	By balance 31st May	\$89 94
	Ministerial Education		127 19
	General Expenses		3 19
	Dr.	Cr.	\$220 32
	By balance to credit Infirm Ministers		\$ 89 43
	Sabbath Schools		8 62
	due J. H. Harding		122 27
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St. John, N. B., May 31st, 1878.
 I have examined the accounts of J. H. Harding, Esq., Treasurer of the Home Missionary Board, and find the same correct, showing balance due him on the several accounts amounting to \$122.27; vouchers having been produced for all charges.

J. H. HARDING, Treasurer.
 A. McL. SEXTON, Auditor.

Supplementary Account.

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New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in Account with J. H. Harding, Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS.

To balance of account rendered to Western Association
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June 8.	To balance of account rendered to Western Association	\$ 89 94
	" paid Rev. Mr. Edwards	12 50
	Cr.	\$102 44
May 31.	By C. D. Everett	\$ 5 00
June 24.	Col. of congregation at Starrat's Chapel	1 00
29.	German Street Baptist Church	40 00
	Collection Western Baptist Church	40 97
	Proportion Union Fund collected Western Association	5 00
July 8.	Balance	10 47
		\$102 44

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INFIRM MINISTERS.

May 31.	By balance 31st May	\$89 43
June 20.	C. D. Everett	1 00
	Collected Western Association	1 00
	Cr.	\$91 43

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

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By balance 31st May.....	\$8 62
May 31. " C. D. Everett.....	0 50
June 29. " Collected Western Association, Union Fund...	0 50
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MINUTES.

June 29. By Western Association.....	\$50 35
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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To balance overdrawn 31st May.....	\$127 19
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May 31. By C. D. Everett.....	\$ 2 50
June 29. " Collected Western Association.....	2 50
July 8. " Balance.....	122 19
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GENERAL EDUCATION.

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May 31. By C. D. Everett.....	\$1 00
June 29. " Collected Western Association.....	1 00
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RECAPITULATION.

To Home Missions overdrawn.....	\$ 10 47
" Ministerial education overdrawn.....	122 19
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By Infirm Ministers.....	\$91 43
" Sabbath Schools.....	9 62
" General Education.....	2 00
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" Minutes deposited subject to order by Printing Committee.....	\$50 35
To amount overdrawn on all accounts.....	\$29 61
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ACT OF ASSEMBLY

An Act for the Incorporation of certain Bodies in connection with the Eastern and Western Baptist Associations.

PASSED 12TH APRIL, 1855.

Whereas certain persons are associated together in Churches constituting a religious community known as the Baptist Church in connection with the Eastern and Western Baptist Association: And whereas sundry chapels and other buildings have been erected, and such churches in the several Counties of this Province, or for educational or other benevolent objects in connection therewith, and inconveniences have been experienced in managing the same by Trustees, without being incorporated for that purpose:—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Every Board of Trustees of any Chapel or Seminary for education, and land and buildings held therewith, or held for the purpose of erecting any Chapel or Seminary thereon for the use and benefit of any Baptist church in connection with the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, or in connection with any Baptist Education, or other Society, to be hereafter chosen for any Baptist Association, and their successors, shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Baptist Chapel," or other property as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property may be situate, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal renewable at pleasure, power to sue and be sued, real and personal estate, and improve, sell, let, or assign the same, or any part thereof, or any interest in or arising out of the same, and make bye-laws, and exercise such other powers as are conferred by law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of the said chapel, or other property for the benefit of the Church to which the same may belong, or the educational or other objects to which it may be devoted.

2. All Chapels or other property as aforesaid, held in trust as aforesaid in any part of the Province, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned, and a conveyance thereof shall be made to the Corporation by the existing Trustees; and the said Corporation shall then hold the same for the purposes aforesaid with as good a title, legal and equitable, as such Trustees had at the time of the conveyance.

3. Every such Church, together with the congregation regularly attending and contributing to its funds by pew rents or otherwise, may annually at such time and in such manner as each Church shall prescribe by the male members present at any meeting for the purpose, elect any number of Trustees, not less than three nor more than nine, from among the male members of the said Church or congregation, or both, who shall continue in office for one year, or until others are elected in their stead.

4. Every meeting of the Church, or Church and congregation, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall act on notice to be given by the Pastor or Minister presiding over the same, or if there be none, by any Deacon thereof, at any usual meeting of the Church for worship or business.

5. Such Trustees may, on due notice, meet together and manage the temporal affairs of the Chapel for which they are elected, and the property in connection therewith, for the benefit of the church to which it shall belong.

6. Every Educational or other Society as aforesaid, may, at its Annual Meeting to be held at either of the said Associations or elsewhere, on notice by post or otherwise, elect from among its members such number of Trustees as may be deemed necessary for the management of the affairs of any Seminary in connection therewith, who, together with all the ministers of the denomination accredited at such Association, as additional or ex-officio Trustees, may transact its business on due notice to be given as aforesaid, or by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose at the same time by the said Trustees.

7. Whenever by this Act any Board of Trustees or number of persons may require to do any act, a majority of those present at the meeting shall be sufficient for the purpose.

8. The annual revenue derived from the rent of lands belonging to any such Chapel, Seminary, or Society as aforesaid, shall not exceed five hundred pounds.

A DECLARATION

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Church of Christ, Composing the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth: Dent. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Ps. xc. 2; cxviii. 6; James i. 17; Tim. i. 17; Mark x. 27; Isaiah vi. 3; Dent. xxxiii. 4; Ex. xv. 11; xxxiv. 6, 7.

2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: Matt. xxviii. 19; John xv. 26; 1 Cor. xii. 4-6; 2 Cor. xiii. 14; Eph. ii. 18.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which He hath given us our only rule of faith and practice: Luke xvi. 29-31; 2 Tim. iii. 16-17; 1 Thess. ii. 13-2 Peter i. 21, iii. 2; Rom. i. 2; Isa. viii. 16, 19, 20.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, has foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18, ii. 23; Ps. lxxviii. 10, xxxiii. 11; Rom. ix. 17-23; xi. 36.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power: Gen. i.; Ex. xx. 11; Dan. iv. 35; Heb. i. 3.

6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness; and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen. i. 26, 27; ii. 16, 17; Ecc. vii. 29; Gal. iii. 10.

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7. That man being left to himself soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 12-19.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: John vi. 44; Eph. ii. 4, 5, 7-10; 1 John iv. 10.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of Christ's kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever, Rom. viii. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5, 11; John vi. 37-39; Rev. vii. 9; Titus ii. 14; Mark xvi. 15; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Isa. ix. 7; Rev. xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins; and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God, and ever liveth to make intercession for us: John i. 1, 14; Heb. i. 1-3, vii. 26, x. 5-10; Rom. i. 4; Dan. ix. 24.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and he only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement made by Christ to every elect soul; John iii. 5-8, xvi. 7-15; 1 Cor. xii. 3.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefit of this atonement, by convincing us of our sinful, lost, and miserable condition; and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as he is exhibited in the gospel, in his suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace him with our whole souls, by which he is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption: John xvi. 8-11, 13-15; Gal. v. 22-23; 1 Cor. i. 30.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedience to his holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xiii. 3; 1 Cor. x. 31; Eph. ii. 10; Col. iii. 2, 3; Gal. ii. 20; Rom. xii. 1, 2.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him forever. They have communion with God, and by his Spirit they are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces: John vi. 39, x. 28; Rev. iii. 21; John xvii. 1, 11, 21, xiv. 3; Rom. viii. 33, 39; 1 John 2, 3.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's Day, is the Christian Sabbath: John xx. 19; Acts xx. 7; 1 Cor. xvi. 2; Rev. i. 10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ, the great lawgiver and head of his church: Mark xii. 17; Rom. xiii. 1-9; 1 Peter ii. 13-15; Matt. xxii. 10; Rom. xiv. 4.

17. That there will be a general resurrection, both of the just and the unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works; when the wicked will be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal: John v. 28, 29; Acts xvii. 31, xxiv. 15; Rom. ii. 15; Matt. xvi. 29, and 25-46.

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CONCERNING A VISIBLE CHURCH OF CHRIST, AND ITS DISCIPLINE.

1. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of Saints and people, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to shew forth his glory, and for their own edification: 1 Peter, ii. 5; Acts, ii. 42, ix. 31; Hebrews, x. 25; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter—that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their faith have been baptized by Immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. xxviii. 19, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23-26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26; and viii. 12, 35-39; Matt. iii. 6-10 Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; Gal. iii. 27; Matt. xxvi. 26-28; Acts xx. 11; 1 Cor. x. 16.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the ordinances, therefore the door of the church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ: 1 Cor. xi. 27-29; Matt. vii. 6, 15-20; 1 Peter, ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered hath power to choose, and by Elders to ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the Gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of the neighboring Churches of Christ: Acts i. 21-26, vi. 3-6, xiv. 23, and xv. 6-31; 1 Cor. v. 13; 2 Thess. iii. 6, 14, 15; Titus, iii. 10.

That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother, yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place; whose place it is to lead in the meetings of the Church, and to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house: Matt. xx. 25-29; 1 Peter v. 8; Acts xx. 28, 31; Heb. xiii. 17; 1 Thess. v. 12, 13.

6. That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the Church, and to minister at the Lord's Table: Acts vi. 1-5; 1 Tim. iii. 8-14.

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8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and people—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burdened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free-will offering, agreeably to the Scriptures of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by Gospel rule, as for any breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix. 8; Gal. vi. 6.

COVENANT.

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

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligations to glorify God by living a holy, righteous, and godly life, in this present world, in all our several places and relations; and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents, and advantages to his glory and the good of our fellow-men; promising, by Divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those under our care in the ways of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling to others; and if we have any personal difficulty with our brethren, we will not cherish enmity or speak of our grievances to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Matt. xviii. 15, 17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harbored in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain,

unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his word—expecting that He will yet further and more gloriously open his word, and the mysteries of his kingdom; applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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We do now, in the presence of the great all-seeing and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and Holy Ghost, and solemnly promise him to be his people forever. We give ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on him as our Prophet, Priest, and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

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