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FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS
OF
NEW BRUNSWICK.

HELD AT FREDERICTON, YORK COUNTY,

July 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

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FREDERICTON, York County, July 2, 1864.

This day the Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Free Christian Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick met with the Church in Fredericton, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The forenoon meeting was the Social General Conference Meeting. It was very largely attended, and was a meeting of much blessing. The Lord's people felt it good to be present. Very many spoke of their hopes and religious experiences. All hearts seemed to be deeply impressed with the Spirit of God. Both brethren and sisters took part, and spake to each other of the blessings of religion and their love for Christ. Many will long remember this meeting.

At half-past 2 o'clock, met again for the transaction of business. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer; after which Elder E. McLeod was elected Chairman.

After the Chairman had made some appropriate remarks of a denominational character, the following names of the members of General Conference present were called:—

REV. E. MCLEOD, CHAIRMAN.

REV. SAMUEL HARTT,

REV. F. BABCOCK,

" WM. E. PENNINGTON,

" E. SIPRELL,

" CHARLES McMULLIN,

" JOHN PERRY,

" EDWARD WAYMAN,

" G. A. HARTLEY,

" JOSEPH NOBLE,

" WM. DOWNEY,

" JACOB GUNTER,

" WM. M. KNOLLIN,

" ALEXANDER TAYLOR,

" J. T. PARSONS,

" WILLIAM KINGHORN,

" R. DOBSON,

" JOHN WALLACE,

" J. N. BARNES,

" YERXA WHITE,

" STEPHEN E. CURRY.

THOMAS VANWART,

Licentiates.

SAMUEL DOWNEY,

JARVIS SHAW,

WILLIAM BROWN,

ARTHUR MARSH,

JOHN E. RUDE.

Delegate from Nova Scotia General Conference.

REV. CHARLES KNOWLES.

Visitors.

REV. C. O. LIBBY, from New Hampshire,

D. M. GRAHAM, D. D., from Portland, Me.

J. L. PHILLIPS, from New York,

} Free Will
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Delegates.

FIRST DISTRICT

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E. R. PARSONS, CLERK.THIRD DISTRICT... { THOMAS GALLOP,
MICHAEL WHITE.FOURTH DISTRICT.. { THOMAS E. SMITH,
DAVID HOWARD, CLERK.
SOLOMON SMITH, CLERK.

FIFTH DISTRICT.... THOMAS W. CARPENTER.

SIXTH DISTRICT... { ROBERT McLEOD,
A. W. LEEMAN.SEVENTH DISTRICT. { D. W. CLARK,
WM. PETERS, CLERK.

B. J. UNDERHILL, Esquire, Recording Secretary.

Mr. E. M. TRUESDALE, Assistant

Treasurer.

WILLIAM PETERS.

The Chairman called upon the Corresponding Secretary to read his Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT.

BRETHREN, HONOURED AND BELOVED IN CHRIST—

Allow me to unite with you in offering thanks to God our Saviour, for his mercies towards us during the year just closed. We have been tenderly cared for and mercifully preserved, while many with whom we were acquainted have been called away to experience the solemn realities of death and the spirit world. We live to meet again in another Annual Conference, and to greet each other as fellow-labourers in the vineyard of the Lord. May the presence of the Master be sensibly felt by each. I am now reminded that it is my duty, as your Corresponding Secretary, to lay before you some account of the labours and success of our Churches during the year. Years are short, hurried periods of time. Very much is crowded into each: each is burdened with events of solemn and weighty importance, both to the world and the Church. While cruel and wicked wars have raged, carrying, during the last year, pungent sorrow to the hearts of nations, and thousands upon thousands of precious souls into eternity; the gentle and saving principles of our holy Christianity have been steadily gaining and increasing their hold upon the heart of the world, carrying to many souls the true elements of comfort and purity. Again, we may exclaim, Thanks be to God that the "lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places, yea, that we have a goodly heritage." Our homes and our country have been saved from the fearful and demoralizing scourge of war: pestilence and famine have not been suffered to fall upon us. We have enjoyed social and national peace, and plenty; and in many places have been signally blessed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and seasons of refreshing coming down from the presence of the Lord.

True, we are conscious of many imperfections, and should feel deeply humbled under a sense of our coldness and half-heartedness in the great work of saving souls, and are often reminded of the saying of the Blessed Saviour, that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of

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All whose names were recorded on our ministerial roll at our last General Conference, still live, for which we again express thanksgiving to God our preserver. But with painful feelings do we state that, one who entered the work of the ministry in the early part of the year, and one who seemed highly qualified for usefulness, and bade fair to be an able and successful labourer in the Lord's vineyard, has been suddenly called away. Death has entered our ministerial circle. Our beloved and justly lamented brother, Nobles Downey, lives with us no more. He is gone. He has entered his rest. Absent from the body and present with the Lord. Strange as this afflictive Providence may now appear unto us, we nevertheless bow before the wisdom of God, and exclaim, "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight." We are thus impressively reminded of the uncertainty of life, and that all we can do for the good of the world must be done quickly. May it not be that some name that is now fondly and familiarly known among our churches may be thus chronicled in our next Annual Report.

In proceeding to speak of the state and prosperity of our churches, I shall refer as formerly, to each district separately.

The First District embraces nine churches, which are scattered over a large portion of the upper part of the Saint John River. These churches have suffered much from the want of regular pastoral labour. A number of them are small, and at quite long distances apart, so that they have not been in a position to receive such labour as has really been necessary for their growth. Last year the Conference sent to their aid one of its missionaries, Elder Taylor, who has moved from Campbell, and settled at Andover; and has spent the year labouring with these churches, and in the Second District. God has owned and blessed his labours. I cannot do better than to give some extracts from a letter received from the Clerk of the District. He says, "Our District Meeting is held so long before the General Conference, that it is quite difficult to send you a Report that will be of service to you. A year ago, the state of this District was low, and much discouragement existed among the churches, but by the aid of the Missionary labour sent to us by the Conference, we have been strengthened and much encouraged. Much blessing was enjoyed at our last District Meeting. Seven of the nine churches were reported, and the prospect for our future was better. The great want of this District is regular pastoral labour, and until we can have something of this kind, the revivals that we have occasionally will be very little permanent good to us. Elder Curry lives here; but labours elsewhere. Elder Taylor has moved amongst us, and is doing all the good he can, and we expect, through his labours, two, if not three churches will be added to the District at its next Annual Session. Indeed, had it not been for his help last year, we do not know what the consequence would have been." The churches that have been blessed with revival, are those in the Gallop neighbourhood, California Settlement, Lime Stone, and Andover. Bro. Taylor has baptized twenty-six.

The Second District continues on down the St. John River, from the lower end of the First, as far as to Woodstock, embracing all the churches on both sides of the River. Several of our ministering brethren live within its limits; but do not expend all their labours with these churches. Elder Hartt, who, with Elder Taylor, was employed as a General Conference Missionary, visited some of them; but as his intention was to spend the most of the year in the lower and easterly part of the Province, he did not labour as much there as in former years. He spent some time in Gordonsville, and saw some revival; when he baptized five. This church had been organized during the year, by Elder Curry, who baptized seven in connection with young Bro. Shaw's labours. Others of the resident elders have laboured to some extent in the District. Elder Parsons has spent the whole year in pastoral labour with the first and second Woodstock Churches. These churches are in an efficient state, and exerting a good influence in the District. Some revival was enjoyed during the spring,

when eight were baptized by Bro. Parsons, and added to the First Church. Elder Pennington has been engaged during the year with the First and Second Churches in Wakefield. These are large bodies; and we trust the labours of our brother have been blessed to their advancement in purity, union, and usefulness. Elder White laboured some there, and with other churches in the District. Elder Curry has laboured with the churches at Presquille, and the Cory Settlement. Some blessing has been enjoyed during the year. At the Cory Settlement he baptized nine, and three at Presquille. Elder McMullen laboured some among these churches, and baptized four. Elder Taylor has also visited several churches in this district with much profit. Bro. Orser has laboured and baptized a number in connection with these churches. Bro. Siprell has baptized several.

The Third District extends on down from Woodstock to this city, embracing fourteen churches. At the last Annual Meeting of this District nearly all these churches were reported in a low state, and much in need of ministerial help. The church worshipping in this house has been blessed with the constant labours of Elder McLeod, and is in a good state of union and prosperity. Four have been baptized, one of whom has been licensed by the church to preach. Elder Perry has laboured some with the church at Douglas, but recently gave up his charge there. Elder Vanwart, who has been ordained to the work of the ministry since our last Annual Conference, has been engaged the most of the year with the churches on the Nashwaak and Lower Southampton, where he has laboured with acceptance and profit. In the Staples Settlement some revival interest was enjoyed under the labours of Bro. Marsh, a licentiate from the church in Fredericton, in which Elders Vanwart and Kinghorn took part. They baptized nine. A meeting-house has been built, and a church of twenty members organized. Elder Babcock spent some time with the churches at Southampton, Campbell Settlement, and Kingsclear, and saw much good effected in the name of the Lord. At Southampton he baptized nine, and eight at Kingsclear. Elder Kinghorn also laboured at Kingsclear in pastoral engagement, and shared in the revival there. He has also visited several other churches. The Bear Island church has had some encouragement and help. Bro. Vanwart baptized three at this place. Elder Curry, who has travelled and laboured with a number of these churches, was blessed to see good done in the Caverhill Settlement. God blessed his labours to the conversion of a number of souls. He baptized eight. Labour is much needed in this District, and we hope the Lord of the harvest will direct some additional labourers to assist them.

The Fourth District extends down the river from Fredericton as far as Upper Hampstead, including the churches on the North and South branches of the Oromocto. Last year these churches were reported as being very low, and much in need of ministerial labour. This year we rejoice to be able to tell of the great things God has done for them. They have been blessed with revivals and large accessions. Our young brother Marsh has laboured indefatigably and successfully a good part of the year with these churches. The Lord has owned and blessed his efforts. In the early part of the winter he united with Elder White, holding meetings on the south branch of the Oromocto. The Lord blessed their efforts. Elder White continued with them several weeks. The work continued to increase. Just as a number were waiting to go forward in the ordinance of baptism, Elder Johnston came to their assistance, and has continued to labour with them until now. This work extended over the Settlements of both branches, and resulted in the conversion to God of very many souls. Elder Johnston laboured principally alone on the north branch. The whole appearance and state of the communities were changed. Elder Johnston baptized one hundred and two. He also baptized eleven at Geary. At the Rushagonish, the Lord blessed the labours of Bro. Marsh, by giving them to see a powerful work of grace. Elder McLeod rendered them valuable assistance, and baptized forty-eight. This was truly a refreshing season from the presence of the Lord. The church had become low and much discouraged, but now it is in a flourishing state. At Lincoln, where our interest had become very low

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and scattered, our late brother, N. Downey, laboured for some months, and sowed good seed. Bro. Marsh, feeling impressed to go and make them a visit, did so. When he began his labours there were but little hopes on the part of many of seeing much accomplished. But knowing "it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord" the work is done, he entered the field. It was evident at once that God had a blessing in store for Lincoln; and in a few days a powerful work of grace was in progress. Many wanderers were reclaimed, and a large number of wicked persons converted. Elder McLeod made them several visits during the revival, and administered the ordinances to them. He baptized thirty.

Bro. Marsh has continued labouring there—organizing Sabbath Schools, and building up the cause until now. The church at Upper Hampstead had the labours of Elder Perry a part of the time. During the Spring Elder Hartt, in his care and labour as a missionary, made them a visit. He found them in heavy trials, and continued to labour amongst them until union was to a great extent restored, and much good accomplished. The Spirit of the Lord moved powerfully upon the hearts of the people. Many who had wandered far away were restored, and a number of others converted. He baptized thirteen, and left the church in a good state of peace and prosperity. At the mouth of the Oromocto, where our interest had become almost extinct, our late brother, N. Downey, laboured with much profit. The meeting-house was repaired, and a good congregation gathered, with an increasing interest, until his death. Good social meetings are still continued, with a prospect of enlargement if labour can be expended amongst them.

The Fifth District embraces the churches from Upper Hampstead down to St. John,—not including those of the city. The Annual Meeting of this District, was held with the church at Jerusalem in February last. The churches were reported in a low state at that time. Elders Merritt, French, Connor and McKenzie, live within its limits; but have not held pastoral engagements with the churches, excepting Elder French at the Narrows, Johnston, and Elder McKenzie at Bellisle. We trust, however, that the labours of all these brethren have been profitable, and that the truth preached by them will yet bring forth much fruit. Elder Hartt has visited some of these churches. Also Elders Orser and McMullin. The latter has spent considerable time during the winter and spring in that part of the country, and the Lord has been with him, effecting good among the people. In the Bald Hill Church the Lord worked powerfully, and blessed the people with a good revival under his labours. He baptized twenty-four, and Bro. Connor baptized four. Bro. McMullin also baptized five at Tenant's Cove. A good revival was also enjoyed in the Shannon Settlement, under the labours of Elders Connor and Merritt. They baptized thirteen. Bro. Connor also baptized three at Lewis's Cove. Some of these churches are very low, and we fear will lose their visibility unless they receive help soon.

The Sixth District embraces our most easterly churches, extending from Middleland to Taylor Village. Immediately after last General Conference, Elder Downey moved to Salisbury, and has spent the year in faithful labour in this District. He has had the pastoral charge of the churches at Upper Sussex, Portage, Coverdale, Dover, and Taylor Village, dividing his time among them, with other preaching stations. At the Portage the blessing of God was added to his efforts in a very especial manner. A few brethren had been holding up worship, but were almost ready to faint, when, in answer to their prayers, the Lord of the Harvest gave his servant a cry in his heart for the people. A powerful revival was enjoyed, and a number of souls converted, which bid fair for usefulness in the cause of God. Bro. Downey baptized fifteen in that place. The work extended to the church at Havelock Settlement, where quite a good season was experienced. He baptized fifteen in connection with this church. Elder Dobson has laboured with the churches at Middleland and Lower Studholm. Elder Wallace has spent some time with the church at North River. Some revival was experienced there in the winter, under labours of Elder Doucett, who made them a short visit. Elder Wallace also saw some revival after that, and bap-

tized twelve. At the Snider and Castard Mountains, Studholm, he has laboured with success. A good season has been enjoyed; and he baptized twenty-two, in connection with the churches in that place. He also laboured with the church at Irishtown. Elder Knollin has had the pastoral care of the churches in the Millstream, at the Norton School House, and a portion of the time at Douglas Valley. He has laboured profitably during the year. Elder Wayman is still unable to preach, and cannot labour as formerly. The Missionary Society in connection with this District, employed Bro. Samuel Downey for two or three months, which time he spent in labour among a number of these churches with acceptance and profit. Elder Hartt visited several of the churches in the District in the early part of the year, and saw some coming up and reviving among them. At Dutch Valley he spent a few days to good advantage. It was his intention to have spent the fall and winter in that part of our denominational vineyard; but, as many of us know, was hindered by a very serious illness, which laid him by from labour nearly three months. As soon as he was able to leave home, he sat out again, intending to carry out his plans as far as he could with these churches, but ere he reached there, was called home to pass through a scene of severe affliction, to which he had hitherto been a stranger, and one that caused many of us to feel sadly. He just reached home a few days before the death of his devoted and truly christian partner in life. Sister Hartt, with several others of the prominent members of our churches, have, during the year, passed away into the presence of the Lord, where there is fullness of joy, and pleasures for evermore. Bro. Hartt has just returned from another visit of a few weeks to that section of the country.

The Seventh District extends from St. John down to the island of Grand Manan, including the churches in the city. Elder Gunter has laboured in pastoral care with the first church in St. John, and has been blessed to see some increase of interest and general encouragement. Some revival has been enjoyed. He has baptized during the year, ten; which, with ten others, were added to this church. He also labours a part of the time at Indiantown. We have no church there; but have a number of members in that locality. He has a large congregation, and there is the prospect of good being done. Your Corresponding Secretary has spent the year in Carleton. No revival has been experienced, but the cause has been sustained, and we hope yet to see the fruit of our labours. The Church at Beaver Harbour has had but little labour. Elders Taylor and Johnston made them one visit each.

The church at Campobello has been without pastoral care; but has had visits from brethren Taylor, Babcock, Barnes, and others. Two have been baptized. This is a large church, and a good field for labour. We hope some faithful brother may be directed to that island.

Elder Barnes has spent the year on the Island of Grand Manan, and has seen the power of God displayed gloriously. A large harvest of souls has been gathered on that island of the sea. Our brother has laboured incessantly—almost beyond what his health would justify. God has been with him. The last Annual Meeting of the District was held at Northern Head in November, when a good degree of encouragement was enjoyed. About January, Elder Barnes began holding special services, which he continued until he left to attend this Conference. Very many precious souls have been converted. At Northern Head he baptized twenty-seven. At Woodard's Cove he baptized twenty-seven, and organized a branch church. A meeting house that is now in course of erection, will be completed in the early part of the winter. At Grand Harbour he baptized forty-one, and organized a church of fifty-three members. A meeting-house has been nearly finished in this place. At Seal Cove the blessed work was in progress when he left. He had baptized thirteen there. A fine meeting-house has been finished on that part of the Island, and will be dedicated next month. Our denominational interest is rapidly spreading over the whole Island.

Bro. Brown was employed by the Second District Missionary Board, and sent to a small Island called White Head. After spending one month in missionary labour, the people engaged him for one-half his time for a year. His labours

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have been much blessed to the people. Elder Barnes has baptized nineteen there. A church was organized last April of twelve members. Fifteen have been added since, with good prospects of further accessions to its membership. Bro. Brown has also spent some labour on the main island. A young brother has been licensed to preach by the church at Northern Head, whom we are glad to see with us to-day. No doubt but there have been additions, and some revival interest besides these I have mentioned. But from the want of reports from some of the clerks of a number of the Districts, and knowledge that might have been communicated to me, I am unable to give you as full a report as I would be pleased to do. In retrospecting the past, truly we should with humble and loving spirits "thank God and take courage." The spirit of revival has been enjoyed by quite a large number of our churches; and in several respects there are evident manifestations of prosperity. The whole number baptized during the year was FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY. So long as we live humbly and faithfully, and rely entirely upon the Lord for help, we shall see good accomplished; but a departure from this will be a departure from the only help we, his servants and people, can have in this great work of saving souls and extending the Redeemer's Kingdom. Our work is the most important, both in its relation to God and our fellow men, that has ever engaged the attention of man—the work of serving God and saving sinners. That a vast responsibility rests upon us, and much remains to be done, I need scarcely remind you. As ministers of the Gospel, we need to be more zealous and devoted to our work. There is danger of sloth and covetousness destroying our usefulness. As churches, we have much to do. Our means and our influence should be cheerfully given to forward this great work. It is not my place in this Report to lay out the work to be done in this Conference; but I may be permitted to say, that this is an important period in our denominational history, and I hope all the matters engaged in during this Session, will be done with the utmost christian union, and with proper deliberation and prayer.

Our Sabbath Schools will be reported by a Committee to be appointed to attend to that duty. I may just say, however, that in connection with the eighty-eight churches which compose this Conference, there are fifty-six Sabbath Schools.

G. A. HARTLEY, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

FREDERICTON, July 2, 1864.

The reception of the Report was moved by Elder S. Hartt, and seconded by Elder A. Taylor; and supported by Elders Downey, Barnes, Curry, Hartley, and brethren D. W. Clark and Israel Atherton; all of whom spoke with much zeal and appropriateness. It was unanimously adopted, and requested to be published in the Minutes.

Elder Charles Knowles, the delegate from the Free Christian Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, gave a verbal report of the state of the cause amongst the churches in connection with their Conference in that Province. He spoke of some things that had been discouraging among them; and their encouragements. During the last year they have enjoyed some unmistakable evidences of God's favour. Their hope is still in the Lord of Hosts. They need more ministerial labour.

Adjourned to meet again on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

THE SABBATH.

The Sabbath was a good day. The Lord met with his people. Prayer-meetings were held in the vestry at 6 and 9 o'clock, A. M.

Besides the preaching in the city in our own meeting-house, we supplied the pulpits of the Methodist and Baptist churches. A large number of our ministers spent the day with churches in the country, and preached to them the word of Life. The congregations were large; and we have no doubt but the blessing of God will follow the faithful proclamation of His truth.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met at the Meeting House according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer.

VOTED—That visiting brethren be allowed to take a seat with us during Conference.

VOTED—That Elders Hartley, Hartt, Wayman, and brethren D. W. Clark, and T. W. Carpenter, be a Committee to nominate Committees to report on the several subjects on which reports are required to be brought before this Conference.

The following Committees, whom they nominated, were approved by Conference:—

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. W. Kinghorn, and brethren D. W. Clark, and E. R. Parsons.

ON TEMPERANCE—Rev. W. Downey, T. Vanwart, and W. M. Knollin.

ON FINANCES—Brethren E. M. Truesdale, T. W. Carpenter, and D. W. Clark.

ON ABSENT BROTHERS—Elders E. McLeod, R. Wayman, and J. Noble.

ON LICENTIATES—Elders G. A. Hartley, S. Hartt, and brother Robert McLeod.

ON THE SABBATH—Revs. C. Knowles, J. N. Barnes, and C. McMullin.

ON MISSIONS—Revs. J. T. Parsons, A. Taylor, and F. Babcock.

ON LETTERS—Rev. J. Perry, Y. White, and brother A. W. Leeman.

VOTED—That Bro. E. C. Freeze have an opportunity to present the subject, and read a paper on Education, to-morrow at half-past two o'clock.

Whereas—Elder J. S. Johnston, formerly an ordained minister in connection with the "Maine Eastern Christian Conference" in the United States, has applied for admission into this denomination; and has been recommended by the Seventh District Meeting, and examined and approved of by the Elders' Conference,

Therefore Resolved—That Elder J. S. Johnston be received as an ordained Elder, in full connection with this General Conference.

VOTED—That Elders Parsons, Hartt, and Noble, be a Committee to report on the application of Bro. Walsh to admission as an Elder into this Conference.

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VOTED—That W. Peters, J. T. Parsons, and G. A. Hartley, be a Committee to report on the best way to publish the amounts of money remitted to Conference.

Adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows:—

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, the Committee appointed to consider the cause of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report that we have had the subject under consideration. We believe this cause should be carefully cherished, and fostered by our ministering brethren, as well as by every sincere and devoted church member, in order that the children of our families and friends may be early instructed in the things of God and religion. While we should feel thankful for what has already been done, yet we believe much more might, and doubtless could be done, in the Sabbath School, for the benefit of society and the cause of Christ. We would suggest that our Missionaries be requested especially to look after Sabbath Schools; and that our Ministering brethren be enjoined to seek to build up the cause. We regret to report that several of our schools are languishing for the want of more zeal, while others have been allowed to die out. In the eighty eight churches in our connection, only fifty-six Sabbath Schools exist. We would further suggest that a Committee of three brethren be appointed to prepare a paper for our next Annual Meeting, pointing out the best means for the promotion of this good cause.

E. R. PARSONS,
D. W. CLARK,
WM. KINGHORN.

TEMPERANCE.

The following is the Report of the Committee on Temperance:

We rejoice that the principles of Temperance have a deep hold on the heart of our denomination; and that all of our ministers and a large portion of the members of our churches are strictly Temperance men; and very many of our churches have regularly organized Temperance Societies, which are wielding a powerful influence in their respective communities. But notwithstanding all that has been done, much yet remains to be accomplished. In many portions of our Province, intemperance is still lifting up its deformed head, unblushingly invading many happy homes, carrying sorrow, suffering, widowhood and orphanage to many families. We therefore consider it is the bounden duty of this denomination, and especially of its ministers, to continue to exert their influence in propagating the principles of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks; not only in our churches, but also in the communities within the range of their influence.

And though we believe moral suasion has done much for the suppression of the traffic in the use of intoxicating drink, yet we are firm in the belief that legal prohibition is the only effective remedy for this God-dishonouring trade, and soul-destroying habit. We therefore recommend each member of our denomination to use his and her influence in every laudable way, to revolutionize public opinion, so that the people will from a conviction of right, ask for such an enactment as will prohibit the sale and habitual use of intoxicating liquors; and when obtained, see that it is faithfully enforced.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

WM. DOWNEY, Chairman.

LICENTIATES.

The Committee on Licentiates submitted the following Report, which was passed in sections:—

Your Committee on Licentiates beg to state that we find six licentiate brethren present—three of whom now hold licenses from this Conference: the others have been licensed by the churches to which they belong. We recommend that those now licensed by the Conference, viz., Samuel Downey, Wm. Brown, and Jarvis Shaw, have their licenses renewed for another year; and that Arthur Marsh, and John E. Rude, be each, licensed for one year by the Conference; and that John Welsh be requested to get his license from the church renewed when the present term expires, and labour on that until next General Conference.

G. A. HARTLEY,
S. HARTT,
R. McLEOD.

ABSENT BRETHREN.

The Committee appointed to report on absent brethren, submitted:—

The constitution of our General Conference is such that the attendance of the Ministers belonging to the denomination is necessary, in order not only to the conducting of the business of the body, but also as evidence of their interest in the cause. We regret that some of our brethren do not seem to regard it as obligatory on them to attend Conference: and several are now absent.

The absence of our worthy and esteemed brother Merritt, is caused by the illness and death of his son. To him in his affliction we tender our christian sympathy.

Brother T. Conner, we regret to say, did not make arrangements to attend. Brother John McKenzie has not attended General Conference more than twice since his ordination. We deem his repeated absence sufficient cause for severe rebuke, especially as he manifests much indifference to the interests of the body.

Brother Orser is frequently absent all or a part of the sessions, and also seems indifferent to the prosperity of the body.

We regret to learn that Brother C. Doucett started on a tour to Grand Manan, just a few days previous to the meeting of the General Conference, and during the absence of the pastor of the church on the Island. We think this imprudent; not only because the people of the island are much better supplied with labourers than many other places, but also because he should have regarded his covenant to attend this Session. The absence of Bro. Doucett from this Annual Conference especially, we regret, as some things of importance required his presence among us. Elder E. Sisson not only fails to attend Conference, but we learn does not attend to the office of his ministry. We recommend that some action in his case relative to his not fulfilling his ministerial office be taken. Elder Mollock's age and long distance to travel, we consider a sufficient excuse for his non attendance.

The unnecessary absence of brethren from the Conference without just cause, and this, repeated year after year, is deserving of sharp rebuke, and is calculated to destroy our confidence in their attachment to the interests and prosperity of our body. We regret also that some of those whose absence is frequent, not unfrequently express dissatisfaction at the doings of the body, and disaffect other brethren by their influence, to the denomination. The Conference should severely censure these brethren who do not attend our Annual Sessions. We regret also that notwithstanding a solemn covenant to attend the Elders' Conference, several brethren seldom arrive until the following day.

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THE SABBATH.

Your Committee, appointed to report on the Sabbath, beg leave to submit the following:—

The Sabbath is of Divine appointment. God rested on the seventh day, and sanctified it, and commanded that it be observed by all people throughout all time. *Morally*, as a matter of obedience to the injunction: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The careful observance of the Sabbath, as divinely appointed, lies at the foundation of all morals. A neglect of this same command leads to many immoralities.

PHYSICALLY, man is so constituted that he requires labour and periodical rest, to invigorate and refresh his frail system. In this arrangement, the wisdom of God is clearly revealed, and his goodness richly displayed. Wisdom, in making that arrangement best calculated for man's health; *Goodness*, in setting the example for man to follow; *Work* six days, and *rest* the Seventh.

SPIRITUALLY, it is a sign between God and us, to worship Him and advance His cause in the earth. The religion of any people, as well as their morals, is measurably known by the way in which they observe the Sabbath. Alas, how many waste much of their precious Sabbaths, by either sleeping and visiting, or by talking and thinking of worldly matters and save, perhaps, only a small portion, and that *miserably saved*.

Yet we rejoice that much effort is being put forth by both Governments and Churches to make people feel, as well as believe, that the whole Sabbath belongs to God, and that it is the appointed day on which his people are to worship, and attend to these means of grace, best calculated to extend His cause in the world.

In closing, we would remark, that God will hold every Christian personally accountable for every Sabbath he has given him, and that even sinners are called upon to obey his voice, and keep the Sabbath day holy.

C. KNOWLES,
C. McMULLIN,
J. N. BARNES.

ON LETTERS.

The Committee on Letters beg to report that only two letters have been laid before us; the first from Seth Erb, requesting the payment of the balance due him from this Conference. We recommend that it be paid as soon as practicable. The other is from the Clerk of the Church at Calais, but contains no business matters nor request beyond a desire to be remembered in our prayers, and that our ministering brethren will visit them as soon as they can. We hope they may be thus remembered and visited.

JOHN PERRY, Chairman of Committee.

ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee are deeply impressed that never in the history of our denomination was it more necessary for this Conference to turn its attention to this important field of Christian labour than at the present time.

We have only to glance within the limits of our own Province, to be convinced of this. Great as are our privileges, glorious as is the light that illumines our pathway in these more favoured portions of our Province; yet from fields that have come under our notice, there are hundreds, and it may be thousands, of our fellows, who seldom, if ever, have listened to the pure soul-stirring doctrines of our holy Christianity, and are to day sitting in almost heathenish darkness, perishing for want of the Bread of Life. Shall we, can we separate from this annual gathering, without making an earnest effort to send the water of life to these thirsty portions of our beloved land. Your Committee are of opinion that gratitude to God for favors we have received in the past, demand a cheerful obedience to the injunction, "freely ye have received, freely give."

We are told by one of our aged elders in General Conference, that we owe our present position to the faithful labours of God's appointed missionaries, "who went everywhere preaching the Word." This is an undoubted fact; we are the product of missionary enterprise—we are reaping the fruit of seed sown by the hand, watered by the tears, and consecrated by the prayers, of those noble hearted, self-sacrificing, and often self-sustained missionaries, who, amid powerful opposition, malignant persecution, and circumstances the most disheartening, succeeded, under God, in planting our denomination amid the wilds of New Brunswick. And your Committee would earnestly recommend that the wisdom of this Conference devise some scheme, by which this important field may be supplied with one or more faithful labourers for the ensuing year, believing that an appeal to our churches would not be in vain, to procure the necessary pecuniary aid for their support.

Your Committee are also deeply impressed with the importance of us as a denomination identifying ourselves with the Foreign Mission enterprise. True, we cannot do much; our number is small, and our means limited, yet if we can do no more, we can at least exhibit our sympathy for, and co-operation with, those noble, devoted servants of God, who, with faith and practice identical with our own, have unfurled the Gospel banner amid the darkness and superstition of our own India.

We would therefore beg to recommend, that an Auxiliary Foreign Mission Society be organized in connection with this Conference, to co-operate with our brethren of the same faith, who have already established a mission in Orissa, and that contributions be solicited to aid in sending the Gospel to those benighted heathen; who claim, with us, the protection of England's flag, and acknowledge the authority of the same Sovereign.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. PARSONS,
A. TAYLOR,
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FINANCE REPORT.

Your Committee on Finances report that we find there was a balance due last July, on old debts,	\$201 09
Amounts since received by Treasurer on that account,	96 60
We also find the amount received by the Treasurer, with balance on hand last July, for the Conference fund,	\$336 44
Also, find the amounts collected by Missionaries Hartt and Taylor to be as follows,—S. Hartt,	\$ 79 81
A. Taylor,	171 08
Amount in Treasurer's hands,	20 80
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E. M. TRUSDALE, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Tuesday.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Opened by singing and prayer.

The following report of the Committee appointed to consider the application of Bro. Walsh to admission amongst us, was received:—

The Committee appointed to examine Bro. Walsh in reference to his admission as an Elder amongst us, beg leave to report:—That they have examined him, and find that he has not complied with the recommendation of the First

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District Meeting, in procuring a recommendation from his own denomination, previous to his applying for admission with us. Therefore, while we recognize him as a Christian and a brother, and feel assured he is labouring for the best interests of our common Master, yet, taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, we do not feel that his reception as an Elder would be either beneficial to him or of service to us.

J. T. PARSONS,
JOSEPH NOBLE,
S. HARTT.

The following Report was received from the Committee appointed by the General Conference last year, to visit the Second Church in Wakefield :—

The Committee appointed by the last General Conference, to visit the Second Church in Wakefield, and investigate the cause of disunion give the following decision :—After hearing the case on both sides, we are unanimously of opinion that James Mallory, John Dewitt, and James York, were set aside from the Church in an unscriptural manner; they having not been called before a regular church meeting, and given an opportunity to defend themselves. And that W. Mallory and Josiah Mallory were improperly prohibited from exercising their gifts in the church. And that the meeting, in which action was taken in the expulsion and prohibition of the persons before referred to, was illegal; and that the paper dated Nov. 11, 1859, drawn by Elder Hartt, was uncalled for, from the fact that they had a church covenant which bound them to be governed by the Word of the Lord. And that those who acted in the matter were not justified in excluding those persons who did not sign the writing, without their having had a previous trial according to the Word of the Lord, and the common usage among us. We therefore decide that the church be placed in the same position it was immediately before that paper was written. We regret to say from the evidence presented, that much that is improper and unchristianlike has been done by individuals on both sides. And while we are willing to accord to Elder Hartt the intention and aim to labour for the best good of the people, yet we cannot resist the conclusion that he has erred in judgment in his acting among them.

We are pleased to know that those on the 2d tier have conceded to the request of the 3d tier, to have the land measured about which they have been in difference; thus removing a hitherto great barrier to a union among the church. We earnestly hope and pray that all minor differences may be dropped, that the entire church will come together, secure the labours of some man of God, and with him rally around the standard of the Cross, and unitedly with him sustain the cause of religion in the land.

Signed by the Committee.

BENJAMIN MERRITT,
THOMAS CONNOR,
LEONARD G. SLIP,
E. R. PARSONS,
BENJAMIN S. PALMER.

WAKEFIELD, July 10, 1863.

The Committee appointed to present to Conference some plan of publishing the Treasurer's Accounts, submitted the following :—

Whereas—The present mode of publishing the Treasurer's Accounts does not fully meet the wishes of the contributors to the funds,

Therefore Resolved—That in future all the names of contributors be published under the head of the churches to which they belong.

W. PETERS,
J. T. PARSONS,
G. A. HARTLEY.

The Committee appointed at our last Annual Meeting to inquire into certain rumours affecting the character of Charles E. Bell, one of our Elders, after a careful investigation of all the circumstances of which they could get knowledge, beg leave to report: That while they find many of the rumours and stories in circulation, charging him with gross immorality, to be slanderous and without foundation in truth; and doubtless propagated by his enemies for malicious purposes; yet they are pained to admit that there were facts, with which they became apprised, of which they can give no solution consistent with his character as a Christian minister, that compelled them to recommend his suspension, until satisfactorily explained. They therefore, after mature consideration, and by order of the Chairman of Conference, forwarded to the *Intelligencer* the following:—"This certifies that Charles E. Bell is from this date suspended from exercising the functions of an Elder in connection with the Free Christian Baptist Conference, until imputations respecting his moral character be removed,"

(Signed) "B. MERRITT, Chairman of Conference."

"July 14, 1863."

We therefore submit this Report, hoping that Conference, in the consideration of this matter, will exercise all that Christian charity consistent with truth and righteousness, while, at the same time, they uncompromisingly contend for the utter extermination of all immoral practices that would tarnish our reputation, or militate against our usefulness.

SAMUEL HARTT,
CHARLES McMULLIN,
J. T. PARSONS.

FREDERICTON, July 4, 1864.

After the reception of the foregoing Report, it was

VOTED—That Charles E. Bell be expelled from this Conference.

Adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer.

VOTED—That Elders Hartt, McLeod, Hartley, Wayman, and Knollin, be a Committee to revise our Constitution, and submit the same before this session of Conference.

VOTED—That C. O. Libby, W. Peters, and E. R. Parsons, be a Committee to prepare a form of bequests, by which persons wishing to do so, could leave gifts or bequests to the denomination.

VOTED—That Wm. Peters, C. O. Libby, and E. R. Parsons, be a Committee to prepare a constitution for a Foreign Missionary Society.

The death of the son of our former Chairman, Elder Merritt, having just been announced in our Meeting,

Therefore Resolved—That this General Conference do sympathize with our brother and his family in their affliction.

After Bro. E. C. Freeze had read a paper prepared by him on the subject of Education, which was spoken to by a number of brethren, it was

Resolved—That we heartily approve of the paper read by Bro. Freeze, and recommend it to the candid consideration of our people; and further

Resolved—That this Conference recommend that an Educational Society be formed among our people, to build a Literary Institution

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The Committee appointed to draft a Constitution for a Foreign Missionary Society, submitted said Constitution, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. Much interest was manifested in this work; while many of the brethren spoke of its importance, and thought the time had come when we should be doing something for the heathen. A Foreign Missionary Society was organized, and pledges and donations received for that fund, when it was agreed that this Society should undertake to support the Rev. J. L. Phillips as a missionary in Orissa.

VOTED—That the Committee recommended to be appointed in the Report on Sabbath Schools, to prepare a paper for next Conference, on the best means for the promotion of Sabbath Schools, be E. C. Freeze, D. W. Clark, and Wm. Peters.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened by singing and prayer.

After some discussion on the propriety of discontinuing our District Meetings, it was

VOTED—That this Conference do not at present see cause for change.

The Treasurer submitted his account, which was placed in the hands of the Finance Committee.

VOTED—That we recommend our churches to adopt the "Psalmody" in the place of Watts' Hymn Book, now in use amongst them.

The Committee appointed last year to investigate matters that were reported to that Conference, with which Elders Dobson and Wallace stood connected, submitted their report, which gave rise to several inquiries, &c. &c. Elder Wallace complied with the requirements of the Conference, which were received as satisfactory.

VOTED—That Elders J. T. Parsons and W. Downey be delegates to attend the next General Conference of the F. C. Baptists in Nova Scotia.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer.

Whereas—This Conference feels that as a denomination we are not doing all that we should do in our Home Missionary work, and are of the opinion that the work might be more successfully forwarded by forming a Home Missionary Society.

Therefore Resolved—That this Conference recommend the members present to form a Home Missionary Society; and proceed at once to raise a fund, and send out missionaries.

VOTED—That Elders Hartley, Parsons, and Downey, with Brethren Peters and Truesdale, be a committee to prepare a Constitution and Rules for a Home Missionary Society, to be presented to Conference to-morrow morning.

VOTED—That the Treasurer be required to write to those parties, indebted to the General Conference by notes or pledges for the liquidation of Conference debt, and urge them to immediate payment.

Whereas—Brother Robert McLeod, deeply sympathising with the brethren at Middleland in their present state of trial, although fully aware of the difficulty of the undertaking, offers to engage, if accompanied by Bro. Seth McLeod, who may be solicited to unite with him and Elder Dobson, to undertake to settle the difficulty existing there;

Therefore Resolved—That this Conference do recommend these brethren to undertake this work immediately after their return from this Session, with our prayers for their success.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Opened by singing and prayer.

VOTED—That the accounts of our Missionaries, as rendered, are satisfactory, and that the balances due them be paid, as far as there are means on hand for that purpose.

Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Constitution for a Home Missionary Society, was presented and accepted, with request to be published in the Minutes. A Home Missionary Society was at once organized, and pledges for that fund received. A deep interest was felt in this important part of our work. It was

VOTED—That we recommend our District Missionary Societies to unite with the Home Missionary Society, and have one general treasury.

Whereas—We feel the need of God's blessing upon all our efforts to do good, and, believing that God will answer prayer,

Therefore Resolved—That the second Tuesday in November next be kept by our churches as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, for the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon our churches and ministers, especially upon our Home and Foreign Missionaries, that during the year very many sinners may be converted to God.

VOTED—That the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries be a Committee to prepare for the press, and circulate amongst the churches, 1500 copies of the Minutes of this Conference.

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AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer.

VOTED—That the Treasurer pay Elder Taylor \$130 on account as missionary.

VOTED—That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, after paying the amounts already drawn, be paid to Elder Hartt on his account as missionary.

The report of the Committee appointed to revise our Constitution, was submitted, and adopted section by section, and ordered to be published in the Minutes, with the treatise of faith.

The following are the names of the new Board of Managers appointed under this revised Constitution:—

ROBERT McLEOD,

G. A. HARTLEY,

E. M. TRUESDALE,

T. W. CARPENTER,

THOS. E. SMITH,

D. W. CLARK.

VOTED—That the next Session of this Conference be held with the church at "Five Points," Coverdale.

VOTED—That we tender our sincere thanks to the people of Fredericton, for their hospitality and kindness to the large number of persons who have attended this Conference.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

1ST DISTRICT—To be held with the church in Perth, the first Saturday in October, 1864. To attend, all the Elders living or labouring in the District, with Elders S. Hartt and Licentiate Shaw.

2ND DISTRICT—To be held with the First Church in Wakefield, the last Saturday in September, 1864. To attend, Elders Perry, Taylor, and Curry.

3RD DISTRICT—To be held with the church in Douglas, the second Saturday in October, 1864. To attend, Elders Parsons, Taylor, Hartley, Perry, and White.

4TH DISTRICT—To be held with the church at Upper Hampstead, the third Saturday in October, 1864. To attend, Elders Hartt, Gunter, Hartley, and French.

5TH DISTRICT—To be held with the church at Bellisle, "Lake Meeting House," the last Saturday in October, 1864. To attend, Elders Vanwart, Downey, and Curry.

6TH DISTRICT—To be held with the church known as the "River Church," Studholm, the fourth Saturday in February, 1865. To attend, Elders Gunter and French.

7TH DISTRICT—To be held with the first church, St. John, the fourth Saturday in October, 1864. To attend, Elders Downey, Kinghorn, and Taylor.

VOTED—That this Conference adjourn, to meet with the church at "Five Points," Coverdale, the first Saturday in July, 1865.

B. J. UNDERHILL, Recording Secretary.

Free Christian Baptist General Conference in account with William Peters, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE DEBT.

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Oct. 28. By cash from L. Dewitt, \$20.00 1864.

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July. Cash from Rev. W. Downey, 20.00	July, Cash from R. Armstrong, per
" Jarvis Shaw, 2.00	Rev. A. Taylor, \$20.00
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" Rev. R. Dobson, 10.00	" Samuel J. Holder, 8.00
	\$104.50

By paid order of Disbursement Committee in favor of creditors, \$96.00.

NOTE.—The balance still due creditors is \$96.50.

Free Christian Baptist General Conference in account with William Peters, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE FUND.

July 31, 1863,	Stephen Smith,	\$25
By bal. on hand,	George Patterson,	25
Oct. 20, 1864.	Samuel Short,	25
By Church at Campbell Settlement,	Mary J. Redstone,	25
Church, Upper Gagetown,	Andrew Hamilton, jr.,	25
" Seal Cove, G. Manan,	Catherine Redstone, jr.,	25
" power to incorporate,	Wm. Short,	25
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Beamford Colpitts and Miss Taylor,	A. Machum, sen.,	31
CHURCH, MONCTON AND COVERDALE.	Thos Patterson,	25
Peter Steeves,	Phoebe Vanwart,	24
Abel Steeves,		45
Mrs. Leeman,		25
W. Henderson,	Mrs. David Taylor,	2.00
A. W. Leeman,	Church Lower Studholm,	2.00
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CHURCH AT JERUSALEM.	Thos. London, sen.,	25
Peleg Smith,	Isaiah London, sen.,	10
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Mark Short,	P. Ducey,	25
Rhoda Smith,	George Tucker,	25
Robert Smith,	Robt. White,	23
Catherine Redstone, sen.,	Isaiah London, jr.,	25
A. Machum, jr.,	Hugh London,	25
Samuel Machum,	Coles London,	25
Daniel Douglass,	Sinthe Richards,	25
Keziah Short,	John London,	25
John Hamilton,	Silvenas London,	25
Wm. Hamilton,	Sarah A. White,	25
Nancy Becket,	Rebecca Tucker,	25
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Richard Hutchinson,	Catherine London,	20
John Hamilton,	Catherine Montenth,	25
Elizabeth A. Hamilton,	Jane McCray,	20
Wm. Vanwart,	Asa Smith,	25
Marcus Golding,	John Foster,	25

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John London,	\$0.25	Hannah Boone,	\$0.25
Wm. Lake,		25 Murry Brown and wife,	50
Jared Smith,		25 Elmirah Hartt,	30
James White,		25 Elizabeth Hartt,	30
Robt. Vanwart,		26 Michael McLauchlan,	25
John McCray,		25 J. W. Alexander,	25
John Duey,		25 Levinia Nason,	25
Russell London,		25 David Dupley and wife,	38
Wm. Duey,		25 David P. Harrise,	60
George London,		20 John Buckley,	25
Sarah T. Lake,		25 Ann Feroe,	25
Jemima Smith,		25 Phoebe Ann Scott,	29
Orr McCay,		25 T. O Harris,	25
Susanna Foster,		25 Jonathan Harris,	24
Mary McCray,		25 Linus Tracy,	25
Victory London,		20 Mrs. A. Hartt,	25

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4th Church, Wickham,	\$8.88	Jeremiah Tracy,	25
1st Church, Greenwich,	1.00	George Tracy and wife,	50
George J. Worden,	2.70	Israel Tracy and family,	50
T. J. Worden,	25	James Tracy and wife,	50
CHURCH, CARPENTER SETTLEMENT.		Mrs. George Nason,	12
Daniel Carpenter,		25 Martha Nason,	12
Timothy Carpenter,		David Nason,	12
Abraham Vanwart,		25 A. L. Smith and family,	75
David Fowler,		25 Daniel Nason and wife,	37
Rebecca Carpenter,		25 Mrs. Samuel Mersereau,	25
Eleanor Vanwart,		25 James Boone and wife,	50
Eleanor Ann Carpenter,		25 Mrs. H. D. Curry and daughter,	50
Thos W. Carpenter,		25 C. E. Dupley,	25
Elizabeth Carpenter,		25 Dell Tracy,	25
Mrs. Nevers,		25 G. Burt and family,	60
Church at Middleland,	\$2.25	25 Charles Mott and family,	50
CHURCH, N. B. OROMOCTO,		25 Mrs. Charles Tracy,	25
Richardson Webb and family,	75	Miss H. S. Nason,	12
John Alexander and family,	1.00	Mrs. John Harris and daughter,	25
Mrs. Kelly and family,	1.00	75 H. D. Curry,	25
Amanda Kelly,	20		
Daniel Davis,	24	Church, South Branch Oromocto,	20.44
Charles Tracy,	25	Church, Patterson Settlement,	2.65
John E. Boone and wife,	45	20 William A. White, Esq.,	46
Jonas Boone,	25	James Starkey,	1.00
Richardson Tracy and wife,	50	25 Church at Lincoln,	5.75
Maria Smith,	12	45 Church, mouth Presquille,	3.00
Saphronia Tracy,	12	25 1st church, Presquille,	5.00
John Webb and family,	62	50 Louis Bloodworth and wife,	50
Joshua Dupley and wife,	50	12 Church, Fitzherbit Settlement,	1.00
Everitt Boone and wife,	37	12 Church, North River, per Deacon	
Lydia Tracy,	24	Louis, for 1863,	2.00
Mary Harrison,	25	CHURCH AT CARLETON,	
Emery Webb,	25	37 Mrs. Reed,	25
Chas. Pheasant and wife,	37	24 John Golder,	25
Wm. Crockmore and wife,	50	25 Miss Emma Lomaneaux,	25
Jeremiah Webb,	25	25 James T. Peters and wife,	50
George Bunker,	25	37 Mrs. Wilson,	25
Rachel Boone,	25	50 D. W. Clark and family,	2.00
		25 Collection,	4.06
		25 Mrs. D. McLeod,	25
		25 Jacob Bacon and wife,	40

Geo. Holder,	20.25	Esther Siprell,	20.25
Mrs. H. Clark,	25	Horace Rockwell,	25
Miss M. Spragg,	25	Stephen Shaw,	25
Mrs. E. Spragg, sen.,	25	Miriam Rocknell,	25
Mrs. Ward,	25	Lavinia Siprell,	25
Mrs. Harding,	25	Catherine McNinch,	25
Elizabeth Spragg,	24	Richard Curry,	25
Malkiah Spragg,	30	Ludlow Esty,	25
Abraham Bradshaw and wife,	60	Sarah Boyer,	25
James Segee,	25	Sundry persons whose names were	
Levi Theal,	25	not given,	3.66
George Jones and wife,	50		
Saunders Clark and wife,	50		
Hugh Jones,	25		

FIRST CHURCH, KINGSTON.

Maggie Vail,	25	Samuel Holder and wife,	50
Mrs. Ellis and mother,	50	Thos. Fowler and family,	50
Wm. Porter and wife,	50	Wm. Whittaker,	25
Elizabeth Thomas,	25	John Kimble and wife,	50
Mrs. Hutton,	25	Mrs. Jacob Lasky,	25
O. J. Smith and wife,	50	Wm. Kimble and wife,	50
Matilda Thomas,	30		
Seth Chase and wife,	50		
Daniel Mullin and wife,	52		
			\$2.50

CHURCH, RUSHIGONISH.

Elizabeth Nason,	25		
James Foster,	25		
Sarah Davis,	25		
John Davis,	25		
Samuel Jones,	20		
Unis A. Phillips,	20		
Samuel Peabody,	60		
Thos. H. Smith,	60		
John Smith,	50		
Solomon Smith,	1.00		
Reuben Smith,	1.00		
Wm. St. Clair,	1.00		
Samuel Nason,	50		
Andrew Kerr,	50		
			\$7.10

WASSAR BRANCH CHURCH.

James Boyer,	25	Warren Nason,	20
Cyrus Sharp and wife,	25	Jacob Howlan,	25
Wilford Siprell,	25	Samuel Nason,	25
William Boyer and wife,	50	George McFarlan, jr.,	07
Widow Burningham,	25	Allery Gross,	30
Susan McGee,	25	George Gross, sen.,	50
Catherine Phillips,	25	Allen McFarlane,	25
David and Israel Merritt,	1.00	Zophar Grass,	10
Abraham Rideout,	25		
Lucy Rideout,	25		
Susan P. Boyer,	50		
John Cadell,	25	James Knollin,	1.00
Elijah Shaw and family,	75		
Hathia Burt,	20		
Eliza Boyer,	25		
Elizabeth Shaw,	25		
Richard Holmes and wife,	50		
R. Boyer and wife,	50		
Caroline Orser,	25		
Abner Siprell,	25		

CHURCH, UPPER SUSSEX.

Robert McLeod and wife,	75		
C. Freeze and wife,	50		
Sarah Morton,	25		
George L. Slipp and wife,	50		
Mrs. McKenzie,	25		
George McCully and wife,	50		
Gideon McLeod,	25		

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John Cameron
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Margaret L. Mc
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Jeremiah Gaunc
John Gaunce,
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William Fox and
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Abraham Fox,
John Carr,
David Ebbitt,
Wm. T. Robinson
Mrs. Pennery,
Rachel Pennery,
Joseph Pennery,
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Mrs. Susan Slip,
Reuben Fox and
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James McAlphie

Samuel McCready,	\$0.30	John McAlpine,	\$0.25
Mary Jane McLeod,		25 James McAlpine, jr.,	25
Mrs. Nelson Freeze,		25 Mrs. James McAlpine,	25
Loretta Morton,		25 Leonard Slip and wife,	50
Caleb Seacord,	1.00	Mrs. Gilbert R. Smith,	25
Winslow McLeod,		25 John E. Slip,	25
Mrs. Mary McLeod,		25 John McAlpine, sen.,	25
		Charles Leonard and wife,	50
Church, Bear Island,	\$5.55	Robert Slip and wife,	50
CHURCH, PRINCE WILLIAM,	1.00	Sarah Vail,	25
Wm. Vanwart,		John Gaunce, sen.,	25
Coles Vanwart,	60	John Gaunce, jr.,	25
John G. Vanwart,	50	Sarah Gaunce,	25
	50	Jesse Fox,	25
	\$1.60		
CHURCH, PORTAGE, SUSSEX,			\$11.80
Rodney McLeod,		25 Assa Robinson and wife,	50
Mary F. McLeod,		25 Charles Richardson,	25
James Dunfield,		25 Sarah Richardson,	25
Sarah Dunfield,		25 Richard Dickinson,	25
George Dunfield,		25 T. H. Noble,	25
Thos. Dunfield,		25 Jesse Shaw,	25
Alfred Dunfield,			
W. S. Teakles,			\$1.75
Isabella Teakles,			
H. B. Teakles,		CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON,	
L. L. Teakles,		25 Stephen Lenrentine,	50
A. C. Teakles,		25 Charles Bartlett,	50
		25 Thos. C. Atherton,	1.00
		Mrs. John C. Grant,	25
CHURCH, UPPER HAMPSTEAD,	\$3.00	George Clynick,	50
John Cameron and wife,		Alfred Patterson,	25
Emily Cameron,	50	George Shaw,	25
Joseph H. McAlpine,	25	George Borks,	25
Chas. H. McAlpine,	25	John N. Grant,	25
Margaret L. McAlpine,	25	D. L. Grant,	25
Elizabeth McAlpine,	25		
John Slip,	30		\$4.00
Jeremiah Gaunce,		SECOND CHURCH, NASHUA,	
John Gaunce,	25	Wm. White and wife,	50
Joseph Ebbitt,	35	Hannah Collins,	25
William Fox and wife,	25	Hannah White,	25
Louisa Fox,	50	Elias White,	25
Abraham Fox,	25	Densimore Pond,	25
John Carr,	25	Mary Titus,	25
David Ebbitt,	25	James Collins and wife,	50
Wm. T. Robinson,	25	Moses Peterson and wife,	50
Mrs. Penney,	25	Michael White and wife,	50
Rachel Penney,	25	Charles Clayton,	25
Joseph Penney,	25	Dorcas Cochran,	25
Mrs. Phebe Ebbitt,	25	A Friend,	20
Elisha Slip,	50	Allen Havey and wife,	50
Sarah Slip,	25	Elizabeth Estabrooks,	25
Mrs. Elvira Slip,	25	Mary Jane Titus,	25
Mrs. Susan Slip,	25	Sylvanus Rideout,	25
Reuben Fox and wife,	50		
Louinea Fox,	50		\$5.20
James McAlpine,	25	Church, Fredericton,	10.92
		25 First church, Beckagumae,	1.80

FIRST CHURCH, ST. JOHN,

Mrs. Coulard,
Robert Williams,
Mrs. Stanton,
Wm. Dunham and family,
Mrs. E. W. Flager,
Mrs. Evans,
Wm. Peters and family,
B. J. Underhill and wife,
O. H. Peters and wife,
Mrs. Vanwart,
Leah Golding,
Mrs. Wm. Cleveland,
Charles Day and wife,
Mrs. Mary Rodgers,
John Ricker,
Matilda Finley,
Mrs. Parker,
David Hatfield,
W. Wilson and wife,
Abigail London,
M. T. Brewer and wife,
John Vanwart,
Hettie Austin,
Mary Perry,
Rev. J. Gunter and family,

Second church, Wakefield,	\$5.00
28 Church, Williamstown,	4.00
25 CHURCH, UPPER BRIGHTON.	
28 T. J. C. Siprell and wife,	50
50 John Bubar and wife,	1.25
80 Mary J. Nevers,	25
80 Charlotte A. Bubar,	25
2.00 Emerenza Bubar,	25
1.00 Chas. Bubar,	25
2.00 Samuel Clark,	25
25 Joseph Hallett	25
25 James Clark and wife,	25
25 Mark Alexander and wife,	50
50 Charles Chase and wife,	50
25 George Stickney and wife,	50
25 Charles Rideout and wife,	50
60 Abram Harman and wife,	50
40 Mrs. E. Day,	25
50 Samuel E. Campbell,	25
50 John Day,	25
52 Henry Day,	25
20.00 Samuel Rideout,	25
25 G. J. F. Nevers,	25
25 Bashaba Rideout,	25
25 George Bubar,	25
1.00	
\$44.27	\$8.00
Total,	\$336.44

HOME MISSIONARY FUND,

To amount in hand,	\$20.00	Reed Slip,	\$1.00
Amount collected by Elder Hartt, Missionary, from the following persons.		Mrs. Mitchell Linen,	1.00
Reuben Abott,	4.00	— Vanwart, "Prince William,"	2.00
George McCully,	2.00	Benjamin Cliff,	1.00
George McCready,	60	Daniel Palmer,	2.00
Jesse Mires,	1.00	William Rupert,	1.00
— Mires,	60	And. Renton,	1.00
Mrs. Wm. Pennington,	1.00	Church, Lute Mountain,	2.14
Collection Upper Sussex,	4.00	— Harris,	26
Robert McLeod,	5.00	— Leeman,	60
C. Freeze,	1.00	Mrs. Greenslade,	1.00
— Freeze,	1.00	— Hatch,	1.12
A Lady in the Cars,	1.00	Church, Upper Hampstead,	16.00
James Mitchell,	1.00	Mrs. Leonard Slip	25
Collection, Williamstown,	1.57	Mrs. James McAlpine,	25
Collection, Gallop neighbourhood,	1.06	Abel Steves,	25
George Knox,	50	Collection, Middleland,	4.45
David Ebbitt,	1.00	Albert Sherwood,	1.00
Joseph Ebbitt,	1.00	Mrs. Wm. Crandlenire,	25
Garrett Vanwart and three sons,	4.00	Mrs. William Tompkins,	25
District Meeting collection,	1.46		
T. W. Carpenter,	1.00		\$79.81
Leonard Slip,	3.00	Collected by Elder Taylor, Missionary,	
Robert Slip,	3.00	from Church at Andover.	
Leonard Dunphy,	1.00	John Hartt,	\$8.31
Jeremiah Gaunce,	1.00	Thomas Lovely,	1.00
Mrs. Wood,	1.00	Charles McKenzie,	25

Collection in
John Brown,
James Bishop
Charles Wright
Mrs. Ellen Smith
Almira Wright
John Henderson

CHURCH, GALLOP

Samuel Gibers
Nathan Milber
Westley Milber
Collection,
Richard Barker
George Squires
E. R. Squires,
R. Longstaff,
Theodore Esty,
Newman Esty,
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John Montgomery
Wm. Bubar,
Mary J. Dundey,
George Wright, jr.
John Wright,
Wellington Wright,
Ceselia Hartt,

Collection in Sabbath School,	\$1.87	John Kearney,	\$0.25
John Brown,	1.50	Jephtha Rideout,	25
James Bishop,	2.50		
Charles Wright and wife,	2.00		
Mrs. Ellen Smith,	25	Two col. at Limestone, Me., in	\$7.00
Almira Wright,	25	Am. Currency,	\$8.50
John Henderson,	48	FIRST CHURCH, KENT.	\$5.37
		Moses Holmes,	25
	\$18.41	Abigail Cox,	10
CHURCH, GALLOP NEIGHBOURHOOD, WICKLOW.		A Friend,	25
Samuel Giberson,	\$4.50	do do	20
Nathan Milberry,	3.00		
Westley Milberry,	2.00		80
Collection,	1.50	SECOND CHURCH, KENT.	
Richard Barker,	1.20	Lewis Bloodwith,	25
George Squires,	2.00	J. B. Rideout,	25
E. R. Squires,	1.00	Joseph Fitzherbit,	81
R. Longstaff,	80	Rachel Kearney,	20
Theodore Esty,	1.10	Jonas Fitzherbit,	50
Newman Esty,	1.30	Burt. Rideout,	4.00
Frederick Whited,	8.00		
Hamilton Giberson,	1.00		\$5.21
		CHURCH, GORDON, TOBIQUE RIVER.	
		Collection,	\$2.50
CHURCH, AROOSTOOK RIVER.	\$27.40	Mrs Ann T. Brown,	25
Wm. Bishop,	1.75	Tamberlane Campbell,	25
Col. church, Williamstown,	1.66	Mrs. T. Campbell,	25
Col. church, Presquille,	2.00	John A. Brown,	25
M. Tracy,	50	Josh. D. Giberson,	31
Mrs. Ira Miller,	25	Mrs. Lucy A. Giberson,	2.31
Coll. at Second District Meeting,	1.00	Aaron Giberson,	25
		Collection for, and received from	
	\$7.06	Rev. J. T. Parsons,	3.60
			\$9.37
AMOUNT COLLECTED AT PERTH.		CHURCH, BRAVER HARBOUR.	
B. Armstrong, Esq. and family,	\$9.25	James Elderidge and wife,	50
Samuel Bishop and family,	5.25	George Elderidge and wife,	50
Wm. Hallett, Esq., and wife,	50	John Best and wife,	50
Elijah Larlie and wife,	8.00	Jesse Wright and wife,	50
Mrs. Samuel Bishop,	1.75	William Ash and wife,	50
Mrs. E. Larlie,	2.25	Aaron Cross,	25
Amos Larlie and wife,	4.50	Christopher Cross,	25
		Matilda Elderidge,	10
	\$31.50		
CHURCH, CALIFORNIA SETTLEMENT.			\$3.10
Three col. Am. Currency, \$18.00			
Less 25 per cent. dis.	4.50	THIRD CHURCH, KENT.	
George Wright and wife,	1.00	Collection at Dis. Meeting,	\$1.27
Edward Montgomery and wife,	1.00	Joseph Crane,	30
George Brown and wife,	50	George Demerchant,	25
James Hartt and wife,	50	William M. Cox,	25
Isaac Morris and wife,	50	Collected by Church,	2.22
Z. Dundey and wife,	50	Robert Demerchant,	50
Richard Colpits and wife,	50	Mrs. Sarah Demerchant,	25
John Montgomery and wife,	50	Nathaniel Churchill,	1.00
Wm. Bubar,	25		
Mary J. Dundey,	25		\$6.04
George Wright, jr.	25	Rev. C. Siprell,	3.25
John Wright,	25	CHURCH, WILSON'S BEACH, CAMPORELLO.	
Wellington Wright,	25	Joseph M. Barker,	25
Ceselia Hartt,	25	Jer. Wilson,	25

Margaret J. Wilson,
Thomas Lake,
Mrs. Susan Wilson,
Dolley Wilson,
Rev. A. Taylor's family,
Two collections,
Mrs. Mary Wilson,
Thomas Williams,

\$0.25 Cyrus Benson and wife, \$0.50
25 Henry McDonnal, 25
25 George McDonnal, 25
25 Mrs. Ezra Foster, 25
50 Andrew Gilmore and wife, 50
2.50 Wm. Thomas and wife, 50
25 Rodney Flagg and wife, 50
25 Magnus Green and wife, 50
— Wm. Watt and wife, 62½
\$5.00 Mrs. J. N. Barnes, 25
Collection 7th Dis. Meeting, 1.50

American Currency.

Wm. Tinker, \$0 25
George Tinker, 25
Nathaniel Phinney, 25
Mrs. Dolley Phinney, 25
David Griffin, 25
Mrs. Mary A. Griffin, 25
Nath. Sirles, 25
Mrs. Mary Sirles, 25
Robert Henderson, 25
Daniel Hildyard, 25
John Fish, 25
James Brown, jr., 25
Mrs. D. Brown, 25
Mary J. Brown, 25
Two collections, 7.75
Lorenzo Wilson and family, 1.75
Jos. Bassitt, 50
John Snell, 50
Mary Young, 25
Leonard Newman, 25
Wm. Newman, 25
John Fitchjerald, 25
Onslow Ludlow, 25
Mrs. Sophia Ludlow, 25
Emma Pezanson, 25
Charles Clark, 25
Rebecca Young, 25
Prudence Rannels, 25
Charles Savage, 25
Mrs. Hannah Savage, 25
Mrs. Sarah Ludlow, 25
Jacob Sirles and wife, 50
Charles Sirles, 25
Branch church, \$1.00

\$19.00

Less 25 per cent off, 4.75 \$14.25

CHURCH, GRAND MANAN.

Walter McLaughlin and wife, 50
Henry McLaughlin and wife, 50
Samuel Harvey and wife, 50

Dr.

For paid Elder S. Hartt on account for missionary labor, \$144 31
" Elder A. Taylor " " " 381 03

\$475 34

NOTE.—Balance due S. Hartt, \$155 69
" " A. Taylor, 68 97

American Currency.

Collection Dis. Meeting, \$4.30
Wm. Kendrick, 30
Nelson Small and wife, 50
\$5.10
Less 25 per cent. discount 1.27 \$3.83
CHURCH, SALMON RIVER.
James Hitchcock and wife, \$1.00
Ben. Hitchcock, 1.50
\$2.50

SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION AT GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Rev. W. E. Pennington, \$4.00
" Wm. Kinghorn, 2.00
Wm. Peters, 4.00
E. C. Freeze, 2.00
Rev. J. Gunter, 1.00
T. E. Smith, 1.00
Rev. G. A. Hartley, 2.00
D. W. Clark, 4.00
Rev. A. Taylor, 1.00
" E. McLeod, 1.00
B. J. Underhill, Esq., 4.00
Rev. E. Wayman, 1.00
" T. Vanwart, 1.00
T. W. Carpenter, Esq., 1.00
R. McLeod, 3.00
Rev. J. T. Parsons, 1.50
E. M. Truesdale, 1.00
G. R. Atherton, 1.00

\$35.50

By donation from Con. fund, 149.00

" Loan from Conference,
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Total, \$475.34

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NOTE.—The Foreign and Home Mission Societies formed at our last General Conference, by recommendation and approval of that body, have no claims upon the finances of the Conference, but it is hoped they may receive a liberal support from our churches and friends.

The following portion of the Treasurer's account of the "Conference Fund" was inadvertently omitted on page 24.

Cr. By amount received,	Dr.	\$386.44
For paid Barnes & Co., bill of Minutes, 1863,		
" " Delegates expenses to N. S. Conference,	\$36.25	
" " Conference order, donation to Home Mission Fund,	24.00	
" " Loan to Mission fund, B. Armstrong's pledge,	149.00	
	20.00	
		\$229.25
Balance on hand, to meet expenses of Minutes, Delegates to Nova Scotia, &c. &c.,	\$107.19	

WILLIAM PETERS,

TREASURER.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT MEETINGS OF FREE CHRISTIAN
BAPTISTS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

[Revised July, 1864.]

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, All Christians in their individual capacity have a right to adopt the rules and plans which God has given in His Word to carry forward the work to which he has called them;

And Whereas, What they have a right to do in their individual capacity, they have a right to do in their associated capacity, and that parties scripturally associated are true and proper churches of Jesus Christ;

And Whereas, Ministers and such other members, as churches properly organized, according to the Gospel, see fit to appoint, have a right to assemble to arrange and carry into effect their work, as Ministers and members of Christ, and such assemblies are SCRIPTURAL CONFERENCES;

Therefore,—We, the members of the Free Christian Baptist Churches of New Brunswick, in order to secure a uniform mode of action in faith and practice, and to carry out the full labour of the gospel, as also to define the powers and business of General Conferences and District Meetings, as recognized by us, do ordain the following ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLES.

Free Christian Baptists ARTICLE I. *General Conference*

Sec. 1. This Association shall be called the General Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick.

Sec. 2. The General Conference shall be composed of ordained Ministers and Licentiates (being members of Free Christian Baptist Churches), Messengers from District Meetings, and Clerks of the same, the Secretaries and Treasurer of the General Conference, with such other brethren, in good standing with their respective churches, as may be unanimously admitted to be members of Conference by the Conference.

Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting of the General Conference shall commence on the first Saturday in July of each year, at such place as shall be appointed by the preceding Conference, and shall continue daily until the business of the session is accomplished.

Sec. 4. The General Conference shall have a Chairman, to be elected annually; a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and Assistant, and a Treasurer; all of the latter to hold office during the pleasure of Conference.

Sec. 5. Seven ordained Ministers, and six Messengers from District Meetings shall constitute a quorum for business. A less number may adjourn.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. The business of this Conference shall be: 1st. To deliberate on all such points of doctrine and practice as the welfare of the churches may require, and give such decision thereon as they believe the Scriptures warrant. 2d. To devise any measures, not inconsistent with the Word of God, that they may consider for the general interest and benefit of the denomination.

Sec. 2. This Conference has no power to form any rule or devise any plan contrary to the Bible.

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ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. Each District Meeting shall be composed of all the ordained Ministers and Licentiates residing, or engaged by any church or churches to expend labor, within its limits; and by such other ordained Ministers as may be appointed to attend by the Chairman of General Conference, and by two Messengers from each church belonging to the district, with a Clerk chosen by the meeting, and such other brethren and elders in good standing with their respective churches as may be unanimously elected members by the meeting.

Sec. 2. Each District Meeting shall hold its annual session at such time and place as it may itself appoint.

Sec. 3. The officers of each District Meeting shall be a Chairman, to be elected annually, a Clerk and a Treasurer; to hold office during the pleasure of the Meeting.

Sec. 4. Two ordained Ministers and six Delegates from churches, shall constitute a quorum for business; a less number may adjourn.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. Each District Meeting shall send two Messengers to the General Conference; such Messengers to be chosen by the two-thirds voice of the Meeting, and to be furnished with a copy of the record of such vote by the Clerk, and by them handed to the Chairman of the General Conference.

Sec. 2. The Messengers from churches to District Meetings to be appointed by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the male members present, and to be furnished with a copy of the record of their appointment by the Clerk of the Church, and which shall be handed by them to the Moderator of the District Meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1. The Clerk of each District Meeting shall furnish the Recording Secretary of the General Conference with a statistical report of the churches comprising the district, according to the Rules of General Conference and District Meetings annexed.

Sec. 2. The Clerk, Deacons or Pastor of each church shall furnish the Clerk of the District Meeting to which it belongs with a statistical report of its members, according to the form referred to in the foregoing section.

ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. For the safety of the denomination and to secure an efficient ministry, the right of ordination is vested with the General Conference only.

Sec. 2. Any person professing to be called of God to the work of the ministry, and being in good standing with a church, may receive a license to preach for one year only from said church, with the vote of two-thirds of its male members.

Sec. 3. Such Licentiate shall be examined in the next session of the District Meeting to which the church giving him license belongs, or in the General Conference, in relation to his call to the ministry, qualifications for the work, soundness of doctrine, &c., and, if approved, his license shall be confirmed and be renewed annually as long as the District Meeting or General Conference is satisfied with his labor and standing.

Sec. 4. No brother shall be ordained to the work of the ministry until he has been licensed and proved to the satisfaction of the General Conference.

Sec. 5. Any Minister having received ordination in any other denomination shall not be received as a member by any church belonging to this Conference until he is first approved by a vote of the General Conference.

ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. The General Conference shall, at each Annual Meeting, choose six brethren, all being members of Free C. Baptist Churches, who shall be a BOARD

OF MANAGERS, to whom shall be entrusted the control and management of all property and business of the General Conference not entrusted to any other Board, Committee or Agent, by the Conference; said Board of Managers to hold office during one year, or until others are elected in their place.

Sec. 2. The Board of Managers shall be governed by the Rules for that purpose, annexed to this Constitution.

Sec. 3. All leases, deeds, conveyances, bonds, contracts, or other written documents, executed under the sanction of the Board of Managers, and having the signature of the Chairman of the General Conference, with the seal of the Conference annexed, and the signature of the Recording Secretary of Conference, shall be considered valid.

Sec. 4. All notes of hand drawn in the form prescribed in the rules of this Conference, and signed by the Chairman of the Board of Managers, by the recorded vote of the Board, shall be valid.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Session of the General Conference by the two-thirds vote of the Conference.

RULES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT MEETINGS.

1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to appoint the time of opening and closing of all the Meetings—to preserve order, and to conduct all business before the Conference to a speedy and proper result.

2. The Chairman shall have charge of the meetings for worship during the Session of the Conference, and appoint brethren to preach in them, if *expedient*.

3. The Recording Secretary and Assistant shall keep a true and faithful record of all meetings, and business transacted in them, and furnish a copy of the same for publication, when required.

4. The Treasurer shall receive all money forwarded or paid to him for the General Conference—shall pay to the order of the Conference such sums as may be drawn for, and shall render at each Annual Meeting a just and proper account of all money received and paid—including from whom amount received, and to whom paid.

5. All business Meetings shall be opened and closed by prayer.

BUSINESS.

6. In the first day of Conference, the Chairman for the preceding year shall take charge of the Meeting, until another is appointed in his place, and after one meeting for religious services, shall ascertain what members of Conference are present; when the meeting for business shall be considered organized by the appointment of a new Chairman or the re-election of the former one, which shall be by the two-thirds vote of the members present.

7. The Meeting being organized, the Chairman shall appoint the Business Meetings, at such times as he may deem expedient, having proper reference to dispatch.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall read his Report of the state of religion in the Churches in the first business session. Any verbal report may be given in addition to this by any member of Conference, which may be deemed expedient.

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9. After the reading of the Reports, the Chairman shall call on the further business of the Conference in such order as he may deem best.

10. All motions before being put to vote from the Chair shall be committed to writing, and distinctly read before the Conference.

11. No motion shall be considered as carried without a two-thirds vote.

12. The Chairman shall sedulously suppress all levity and everything that might injure the harmony of the Conference, and prevent any member from interruption, while standing and speaking in order on any motion before the meeting.

13. No member shall be allowed to speak to a motion in a sitting posture.

DISTRICT MEETING.

14. The foregoing Rules for the Conference shall govern each District Meeting. Any additional Rule, not affecting these, which any District Meeting may require, it shall have power to make for itself.

15. The Reports of each District Meeting shall be forwarded by the Clerk of each Meeting, as soon after the meeting closes as may be possible, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, who shall arrange and compile from these reports, and from such other information as he may obtain, a true report of the state of religion in connection with this Conference, and which shall be read before the General Conference according to Rule 8.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

16. The Board of Managers shall appoint from among their number a Chairman and Secretary. The Chairman to preside in all meetings of the Board; the Secretary to keep a true and faithful record of all meetings, business, &c., of the Board, and render a correct report of the same to each General Conference.

17. The Board of Managers shall hold a regular annual meeting for the transaction of business at the time and place of the holding of General Conference; three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for business; a less number may adjourn.

18. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the Chairman, by giving two weeks notice in the *Religious Intelligencer*.

19. The Board shall have authority to appoint such agent or agents for the current year, for the transaction of business under their control, as they think fit, and to pay them a reasonable salary for their services.

20. The following shall be the form of all notes of hand signed by the Chairman of the Board for the General Conference, according to Article VII. Sec. 4:

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21. The Board of Managers shall make any additional rule for their own regulation, provided it is not contrary to the Constitution nor any rule herein prescribed.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

22. Any agent or agencies, committee or committees, appointed for any special object or objects, by the General Conference, shall render a written report of their labor to the Conference.

23. Any alteration or addition to these rules, which may be deemed necessary by the Conference, may be made at any session of the Conference.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and accept him as our Saviour, and believing that the interest of His kingdom require our united efforts, we do therefore give ourselves up to Him, and agree with each other to walk together in him with brotherly love, seeking our duty to God, to one another, and to the world: and in view of these we adopt the following as our Church Covenant:—

1. That we will exercise a mutual care, as members, one of another—striving to keep the unity of Spirit in the bonds of peace—to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness and comfort; and to labor together by prayer, precept and example, for the salvation of sinners.

2. We agree to exert our influence for the constant maintenance of the public and social worship of God and the ordinances of His house, holding constant communion with each other therein; and we will also contribute of our substance, according to our ability and circumstances, for the support of a faithful ministry and all other necessary expenses of the church.

3. We who are heads of families will maintain constant prayer in our households; we will also maintain secret prayer, and to the utmost of our ability we will endeavor to train our children and those under us for usefulness in the world, in the service of Christ, and the enjoyment of Heaven.

4. We agree to attend, to the utmost of our power, the Sabbath, Conference, Prayer and other meetings of the church. In every Conference meeting we attend, we will report ourselves to the church, and in no meeting will we wilfully grieve the Holy Spirit of God; we will labor for the prosperity of the church and its up-building in the most holy faith—not forsaking it in adversity, but bear each others burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

5. We will attend to the ordinance of the Lord's Supper as we may have opportunity, or as it may be administered by those over us in the Lord.

6. We will not use intoxicating drinks ourselves nor allow them to be used in our families, nor furnish them for persons in our employment, except for medical, chemical or mechanical purposes. We will not buy nor sell these articles, nor give our influence for the traffic in them, only for the purpose above named.

7. We will frequently exhort, and if occasion require, admonish each other according to Matt. xviii—in the spirit of meekness; we will walk circumspectly in the world that we may win souls; we will have a general interest for the cause of God, and will strive to promote those enterprises which have for their object its advancement, among which are Sabbath Schools, Bible Societies, Missions, &c. We will co-operate with our overseers in the promotion of every good work, and to the utmost of our power seek the eternal well-being of all mankind.

8. We agree to the annexed directory of principles and rules as guiding to our faith in doctrine, and our practice in matters of church government. And, finally, we commit ourselves to God and to the word of his grace, and may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will; building us up also upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom the whole building, fitly framed together, shall grow unto an holy temple in the Lord, that we may be builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.—Amen.

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DIRECTORY

I.—DENOMINATION.

This Church shall be known as the Free Christian Baptist Church, in connection with the General Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick.

II.—DOCTRINE.

The leading doctrines held by this Church are those set forth in the Treatise of Faith of Free Christian Baptists of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and which we consider in harmony with God's Word.

III.—CHURCH POLITY.

All the affairs of this Church shall be under the decision of Church Meetings publicly convened. It is amenable to District Meetings and General Conferences for the general prosperity of the cause. At all Church Meetings the Pastor shall preside, and in case of not having a Pastor, the senior Deacon.

IV.—THE OFFICERS.

1. The Pastor, to be chosen by the Church.
2. The Deacons, similarly elected.
3. Helps, to assist the Deacons and Pastor in their duty, who shall be chosen annually.

4. A Clerk, whose duty it is to keep a good and faithful record of the Church. The Pastor, Deacons, Helps and Clerk to meet quarterly, or oftener if necessary, to arrange and digest any business to be brought before a Church Meeting, and for other purposes when expedient. All business of the Church shall be done by a two-thirds vote, except the reception of members.

V.—TERMS OF FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNION.

This Church recognizes only the immersion of *believers* as Christian Baptism, and hence admits only such as are immersed to full fellowship; but admits to communion and equal privilege in worship, any who are in good standing with any other Evangelical Church, and give evidence of spiritual life; and also takes under its care any who desire spiritual instruction and the benefit of Christian intercourse.

VI.—QUALIFICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Persons desirous of admission to this Church shall give satisfactory evidence to the Church of being born of God.

VII.—CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Cases of discipline, after private admonition and counsel by the Pastor or some other officer of the Church, shall be brought before the Officers' Meeting, and the parties shall be considered suspended from church privileges until reclaimed, but sentence of excommunication shall be the act of the Church Meeting only.

VIII.—FUNDS.

Whatever mode for obtaining means to defray the expenditures of the Church shall be deemed prudent by the officers of the Church, the members will co-operate in, each contributing as God prospers him.

IX.—READING OF COVENANT.

This Covenant and Directory shall be read at every Monthly Conference Meeting, and as much oftener as may be practicable.

X.—FURTHER RULES.

The Church may adopt any rule, not contrary to God's Word, which may be necessary for its interest, and by which the members agree to be governed.

Note

ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

Rev. G. A. HARTLEY, Moderator.

Rev. E. McLEOD, Secretary.

PREAMBLE AND RULES.

Whereas We believe the agreement of all associations of men is absolutely necessary in order to their efficiency in whatever work they are engaged; and whereas the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, viewed in relation to the eternal interest of mankind, is the most important office on earth, hence those engaged in the sacred calling should seek every means for their purity and unity, We, therefore, the Elders and Licentiates of the Free Christian Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, do hereby agree to the following Constitution for an Elders Conference among us, having for its object our union in matters of doctrine and sentiment, and purity from all bickerings, jealousies or contentions which might arise among us, and mar our work in the Lord; and also to enable us to aid each other in the removal of all trials which may arise between preachers and churches, as well as to enable us in a judicious manner to exercise proper disciplinary care toward each other in all matters which may require it. And we do solemnly covenant to set before our people an example of truth, in the inviolable fulfilment of the rule of this Conference, to the full extent which God may place in our power.

I. This Conference shall be composed *only* of ordained Elders and Licentiates in full and regular standing with the General Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, and it shall bear the name of the Elders Conference of Free Christian Baptists.

II. The officers of the Conference shall be a Moderator and Secretary; the former to be appointed annually, and to continue during the year; the latter to continue during the pleasure of the Conference.

III. The duties of the Moderator shall be to preside over all meetings; to preserve order; and to appoint special meetings when necessary. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a faithful and true record of all meetings, record all reports, correspond on matters connected with the Conference, and give notice for meetings by the direction of the Moderator.

IV. This Conference shall convene its annual meeting one day before the meeting of the General Conference, and in the same place; at which meeting every ordained preacher and every Licentiate shall hold himself bound to attend, according to the covenant contained in this Constitution.

V. Ten members beside the Moderator shall be required to constitute an Annual Conference to transact business; a less number may adjourn.

VI. The business of this Conference shall be:

1. To cultivate harmony in doctrine and practice.
2. To remove all matters of trial which may exist among any of its members.
3. To investigate the moral character of its members where it may be necessary.
4. To aid in the removal of difficulties which may exist between preachers and people.
5. To labour in any matter which may affect the prosperity of the churches under their care.

VII. Special meetings may be called by the Moderator, with the concurrence of any two ordained Elders beside.

VIII. Notice of the time and place of any special meeting shall be given in the "Religious Intelligencer," and be continued therein weekly, at least four weeks prior thereto.

IX. No Elder shall be held under bond to attend a special Meeting unless notified in writing by the Secretary at least two weeks prior thereto.

X. Six elders shall constitute a quorum for business at any Special Meeting.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN BODIES CONNECTED WITH THE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

- Section 1. Corporation of Conference, how constituted.
 " 2. First Meeting, where held.
 " 3. Corporation of Meeting Houses, how constituted.
 " 4. Election of Trustees.
 " 5. Who to vote at such election.
 " 6. Board of Trustees, how to act.
 " 7. Lands, how to be held.
 " 8. To whom conveyance to be made.
 " 9. Annual Revenue, to what amount.

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WHEREAS a number of persons in this Province are associated together in Churches constituting a religious community, known as "The Free Christian Baptist Church of New Brunswick," in connection with and under the supervision of "The Free Christian Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick," constituted and governed by the rules made by the said Conference, composed of all the ordained Elders and Licentiates of the said Church in New Brunswick, and two Lay Delegates from each District Meeting into which the Province may at any time be divided by the said Conference, with the Clerk of every meeting, and the Treasurer and Clerk of the Conference, and such other persons in connection with the said Church as the Conference may invite to attend, and the business of which Conference is presided over by a Moderator annually elected from the ordained Elders; And whereas a Newspaper is published under the authority of the said Conference, and it is also possessed of considerable other property, real and personal, and various parcels of Land have been conveyed in trust for the said Church, and Meeting Houses have been built thereon, and serious inconveniences have arisen in the building and transmission of the said Lands, and the management of their property, from the difficulty of appointing new Trustees on the occurrence of vacancies, and it is believed that the incor-

poration of the said Conference and the several Churches respectively would greatly simplify the management of their temporal concerns, and advance the several benevolent and religious objects of the said Church, and promote its spiritual interest ;

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

1. That Elders Samuel Hartt, Edward Wayman, Joseph Noble, Elijah Sisson, Charles McMullin, John G. Flanders, George Orser, Alexander Taylor, Benjamin Merritt, Jacob Gunter, John Perry, Ezekiel Sippril, Ezekiel McLeod, John Wallace, William E. Pennington, Robert Colpitts, Jonathan Shaw, Robert French, and Peter Malloch ; Licentiate Robert Dobson ; and Jonas Fitzherbert, Daniel Turner, George Maxon, William Slipp, jr., Daniel Clark, William Peters, Edwin R. Parsons, James Jones, Nathaniel Gray, Solomon Smith, David Ebbitt, John S. Colpitts, John Machum, George M'Cready, and Benjamin J. Underhill, now constituting "The Free Christian Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick," their associates and successors, shall by that name be a body politic and corporate in deed and in name, with full power to sue and be sued, to purchase, receive, and hold grants of real and personal estate, and to improve the same, and sell, assign, and dispose thereof, and receive the rents and profits for the use of the said Church and Conference according to the intention of the donors, and to have a common seal, with power to break or renew the same at pleasure, and to make bye laws and appoint officers for the management of any funds, institutions, and objects connected with the said Church, and to regulate the mode of constituting and the government of the said Conference.

2. The first meeting of the said Corporation shall be held on the first Saturday in July next, at the Long Island Church, in the Parish of Hampstead, in the County of Queens, when the Corporation shall be deemed organized ; seven ordained Elders, and six Lay Delegates from the different Districts, shall be a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Conference, but any less number may adjourn.

3. The Trustees of every Meeting House in connection with the said Conference, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Free Christian Baptist Church of _____," according to the particular designation thereof, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal, with power to break or renew the same at pleasure, power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and improve, sell, or assign the same, and make bye-laws, and exercise all the corporate power conferred by law, for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of such Meeting House.

4. Every Church may annually, at such time as the Conference shall prescribe, elect any number not less than three nor exceeding five Trustees, being members of the said Church, which shall continue in office for one year, or until others are elected in their stead.

5. Every male person of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, being a communicant of such Church, or a regular attendant at the worship in the Meeting House where such Church is organized, who contributes towards the funds of the church such sum as the Conference shall prescribe, shall be entitled to vote at the election of Trustees.

6. Every Board of Trustees incorporated under the authority of this Act, shall exercise their powers and privileges according to the usage and rule prescribed by the Conference ; but at least three Trustees shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and no bye law shall be made repugnant to law.

7. All lands conveyed in trust to the Free Christian Baptist Church and buildings erected thereon, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same is elected in the manner herein provided ; and a conveyance of the same shall be executed by the then existing Trustees, and the title thereto shall be held by them in the same manner as conveyed by the original deed ; this provision shall not interfere with the right of the Conference to the exclusive control of any land conveyed to the Conference.

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8. No conveyance, gift, or bequest made to the Free Christian Baptist Church, shall be deemed to be made to the Conference, unless such Conference is expressly named on the instrument of transfer.

9. The annual revenue derived from the rent of lands held by the Conference, shall not exceed six thousand pounds, and of any Board of Trustees five hundred pounds.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN BODIES CONNECTED WITH THE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Passed 11th April, 1864.

WHEREAS by an Act made and passed in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to incorporate certain Bodies connected with the Free Baptist Church of New Brunswick," the Free Christian Baptist Church of New Brunswick was vested with certain powers therein set forth;

And whereas it is desirable to give to such church, in addition to the powers given to them by said Act, power to convey real estate held by them by way of mortgage, and to encumber the same;

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That in addition to the powers given by the third section of the said Act to the said Church and the Trustees therein mentioned, or either of them, they shall have full power to convey, by way of mortgage, and encumber real estate held by them, in a similar manner as it is set forth, in the said third section for the sale of real estate.

A TREATISE ON THE FAITH

OF THE FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHAPTER I. Being and Attributes of God.

The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is a Spirit, self-existent, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful; the Creator, Preserver, Governor of the universe; the Redeemer, Saviour, Sanctifier, and Judge of man; and the only proper object of divine worship. The mode of his existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man. Finite beings cannot comprehend him.

CHAPTER II. Creation, Primitive State of Man, and his Fall.

SECTION I.—CREATION.—*Of the World.* God created the world, and all things that it contains, for his own pleasure and glory, and the enjoyment of his creatures.

2. *Of the Angels.* The Angels were created by God to glorify him, and obey his commandments. Those who have kept their first estate, he employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation, and in executing his judgments upon the world.

3. *Of Man.* God created man, consisting of a corporeal body, and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the similitude of God to glorify his Maker.

SECTION II.—PRIMITIVE STATE OF MAN AND HIS FALL.—Our first parents, in their original state of probation, were perfectly righteous; but in consequence of the first transgression, the nature of their descendants is so unholy, that none by virtue of any natural goodness can become the holy children of God; but they are all dependant for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto holiness through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam.

CHAPTER III. Of Christ.

SECTION I.—The Son of God possesses all Divine perfections. His Divine perfections are proved from his titles, his attributes and his works.

1. *His Titles.* The Bible ascribes to Christ the title of Saviour, Lord of Hosts, the First and the Last, God, true God, great God, God over all, mighty God, and everlasting Father.

2. *His Attributes.* He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is entitled to divine worship.

3. *His Works.* By Christ the world was created; he preserves and governs it, he has redeemed man, and he will be his final Judge.

SECTION II.—THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST.—The Word which in the beginning was with God, and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in becoming united with a body like ours, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, he took our infirmities, was tempted as we are, but lived our example, and rendered perfect obedience to the divine requirements.

CHAPTER IV. Holy Spirit.

1. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Ghost the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He is said to guide, to know, to move, to give information, to command, to forbid, to send forth, to reprove, and to be sinned against.

2. The attributes of God are applied to the Holy Ghost; such as eternity, omnipresence, omniscience, goodness and truth.

3. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Ghost; creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification.

4. The same acts, which in one part of the Bible are attributed to the Holy Ghost, are in other parts said to be performed by God.

5. The Apostles assert that the Holy Ghost is Lord and God. From the foregoing, the conclusion is that the Holy Ghost is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God, one in essence with the Father. Then in essence these three, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are one.

CHAPTER V. Atonement and Mediation of Christ.

1. *Atonement.* As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never actually wash away sin, Christ gave his life a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men.

2. *Mediation of Christ.* Our Lord not only died for our sins, but he arose for our justification, and ascended to heaven, where as Mediator between God and man, he will make intercession for us till the final judgment.

CHAPTER VI. The Gospel Call.

By virtue of the Atonement, which is designed to counteract the effects of the fall, man is placed in a salvable state; the grace of God, the influences of the Holy Spirit, and the invitations of the Gospel are given to all men, and by these they receive power to repent and obey all the requirements of the Gospel. We mean only to say, that salvation for all men is possible, for though in its provision it is free and absolute, yet in its application it is expressly conditional. Salvation, then, being freely provided, and man being capable, through grace, of obtaining it, if he perish whom can he blame but himself?

CHAPTER VII. Repentance.

The repentance which the Gospel requires is a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of all sin. This repentance, God has enjoined on all men, and without it in this life, the sinner must perish eternally.

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CHAPTER VIII. Faith.

True Faith is an assent of the mind to the great and fundamental truths of revelation; an act of the understanding in giving credit to the gospel through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in the living God. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God; but believing is an act of the creature. Repentance and faith are required as a condition of pardon.

CHAPTER IX. Regeneration.

As God is a holy Being, and heaven a holy place, man must be regenerated before he can enter a state of happiness. This change is a renovation of the soul by the grace and spirit of God, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is enabled to perform spiritual service. It is called being born again, born of the Spirit, &c.

CHAPTER X. Perseverance.

As the regenerate are placed in a state of trial during this life, their future obedience is not determined. Consequently their eternal salvation is depending on their abiding in Christ; it is therefore their duty and privilege to be steadfast in the truth, to grow in grace, persevere in holiness, and make their election sure.

CHAPTER XI. The Church.

A Christian Church is an assembly of persons who believe in Christ and worship the true God, agreeably to his word. In a more general sense it signifies the whole body of real Christians throughout the world. The church being the body of Christ, none but the regenerate, who obey the Gospel, are its real members. Believers are received into a particular church, on their giving evidence of repentance and faith, and being baptized.

SECTION I.—OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.—The officers in the primitive church were apostles, bishops, and deacons. The apostles were the special *Witnesses* of the works and sayings of Christ; and of course this office ceased when their work was accomplished. The *Gifts* perpetuated in the church are evangelists, pastors, teachers, helps and governments. These, however, do not appear to be distinct officers, but they imply different kinds of duties, which are performed by bishops or elders, deacons and others.

1. *Bishops* are overseers, who have the charge of souls—to instruct and rule them by the word. They are called elders, and they perform the duties of pastors, teachers, and evangelists. The qualifications required in a candidate for the office, are as follows:—“He must be guiltless and be the husband of but one wife. He must be watchful, prudent, and have the regular exercise of cool, dispassionate reason. His conduct and manners must be decent, orderly and grave. He must be a lover of hospitality and good men; ready to communicate and able to teach. He must be temperate; not quarrelsome; nor desirous of base gain. He must govern his family well; he must not be a novice, but experienced in the things of God, and have a character not justly liable to reproach. He must be especially called of God to the work, adhere closely to the doctrine of Christ, and be ordained by the laying on of hands.”

The duty of an Elder or Bishop is, 1. To be an example to the flock in all things. To preach the word, baptize, and administer the Lord's Supper. He should assist in ordaining elders and deacons, and, according to his ability, do the work of an evangelist and make full proof of his ministry.

2. *A Deacon* is a regular or stated servant of the church. For the qualifications required in a candidate for this office, see 1 Tim. iii. 8, 12. Acts vi. 1-3.

Duties of a Deacon. 1. He should attend to the temporal wants of the poor members of the church.

2. As the design of his appointment was that the ministry might be freed from temporal care, the inference naturally follows that it is his duty to see that *their* wants also are supplied: 3. There being no other officer in the church to superintend its *temporal affairs*, it is inferred from the nature of his office that the deacon should attend to all the concerns essential to its prosperity, which do not devolve on an Elder. 4. From the important nature of his qualifications, it has been considered his duty to take the lead of religious meetings in the absence of the minister.

SECTION II.—ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH.—The following ordinances or institutions were appointed by Christ, and are obligatory on the church:—

1. *Christian Baptism.* This is the immersion of believers in the water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in which are represented their death to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollutions of sin, their resurrection to newness of life, the burial and resurrection of Christ, their resurrection at the last day, and their engagement to serve God.

2. *The Lord's Supper* is designed to commemorate the sufferings of Christ, and to represent, in the use of bread and wine the communion which saints have with him and with each other. Every true believer in Christ, being a member of his body, and a part of his visible church, has not only a right to partake of his body and his blood in the communion, but is under obligation thus to commemorate his death.*

SECTION III.—DUTIES OF THE CHURCH. The duty of the Church is that obligation which the revelation of God enjoins upon it collectively, or as individuals, for the manifestation of his manifold wisdom, the perfecting of the saints, and the conversion of the world. In this obligation are included the observance of the ten commandments, entire obedience to the influences of the Spirit, to the institutions of the Gospel, and to all the instructions and precepts of the Scriptures. Among the latter are the following particular requirements: Christian fellowship, secret and family prayer, domestic and social duties, watchfulness, administering to the necessities of the poor and afflicted, the support of those that preach the gospel, and the exercise of church discipline.

CHAPTER XII. Death.

The bodies of men, being subject to the calamities of the fall, all have died, or will die, except Enoch, Elijah, and the Saints that will be on the earth at the last day. But the soul survives the dissolution of the body, and immediately after death enters a state of happiness or misery.

CHAPTER XIII. The Resurrection.

As the transgression of Adam secured temporal death to all his posterity, so the obedience and resurrection of Jesus Christ render it certain that the bodies of all men will be raised from the dead. The saints will be raised in the likeness of Christ; but the wicked will awake unto shame and everlasting contempt.

CHAPTER XIV. The General Judgment.

As men do not receive the due reward of all their deeds in this life, there will be a general judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works; the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment.

* At the time of communion, we make it our usual practice to invite all Christians of good standing in any evangelical church, to partake with us; as in general, such persons are only known as true believers.

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FORMULA OF MARRIAGE, USED BY THE FREE C. BAPTISTS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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Divine Revelation, my friends, has declared marriage to be honourable in all. It is an institution of God, established in the time of man's innocency, ere he had yet sinned against his Maker, and been banished from Paradise. It was given in wisdom and in kindness, for the benefit of the race, to increase human happiness, to repress irregular affection, to support social order, and to provide that, through well ordered families, truth and holiness might be transmitted from one to age to another. It lies at the basis of all human society, and all government and law are built upon the household relations.

From the history of our blessed Saviour, we learn that he honoured a marriage festival with his presence, and wrought there the beginning of his miracles; and, by the Holy Spirit speaking in his Apostle, he has selected the relation thus formed, as an apt emblem of the union, endeared and indissoluble, that exists between himself and his church.

An union thus consecrated, should therefore be undertaken, not thoughtlessly and irreverently, but discreetly, advisedly, and in the fear of God, and with a due regard to the purposes for which matrimony was at first ordained.

APPEAL.

And now, as in the sight of God the searcher of hearts, and as you will answer it on that day when the secrets of all hearts shall be made manifest, I charge you to declare, if there be any cause which should prevent your lawful union.

ADDRESS RESUMED.

As the ties now to be assumed should be sundered only by death, it becomes you to consider well the duties enjoined upon you as husband and wife. If duly remem-

bered and faithfully discharged, they will smooth the rugged pathway of life, lightening, by dividing its sorrows, and heightening, by doubling its enjoyments; if neglected and violated, you cannot escape misery and guilt.

It is the duty of the husband to be the friend, counsellor, and guardian of his wife; shielding her from danger, providing for her support, and cherishing for her a manly and unalterable affection; it being required by the Word of God that husbands love their wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it.

It is the duty of the wife to be the friend, companion, and solace of her husband, reverencing and obeying him, and putting on the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price; it being commanded by Scripture, that, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so should wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

It is the duty of both to cherish and ever to manifest mutual affection; to preserve an inviolable fidelity; to delight each in the society of the other; to cultivate a just sense of their respective duties; to train wisely, all who may, in their household, be brought under their influence; to remember that in interest and reputation, as in affection, they are to be henceforth one and indivisible; and to see to it that what God hath joined together, man put not asunder.

(The parties joining hands.)

Do you A. B. take C. D., whom you now hold by the hand, as your true and lawful wife, and will you love, cherish, honour and protect her; in sickness and in health; in prosperity and in adversity; and through every change of condition, forsaking all others, will you cleave only and ever unto her, until God by death shall separate you?

Do you C. D., take A. B., whom you now hold by the hand, as your true and lawful husband, and will you love, cherish, honour and obey him; in sickness and in health; in prosperity and in adversity; and through every change of condition, forsaking all others, will you cleave

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With this ring, I thee wed, with my body I thee honour, with my worldly goods I thee endow, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Prayer then to be offered.)

ADDRESS AFTER PRAYER.

Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

In accordance with your solemn promises, thus made to each other and your God, I do pronounce you husband and wife, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

And may the God, in whose presence you have entered into this solemn covenant, look upon you in mercy, to preserve and protect you, make you blessed and a blessing in the sphere you may be called to occupy, and bringing you through all the troubles and perils of this brief and evil life, grant you a glad and eternal re-union in heaven. Amen.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE F. C. BAPTISTS OF N. B.

[Organized July, 1864.]

I.—NAME OF SOCIETY.

1. This Society shall be known by the name of the *F. C. Baptist Home Missionary Society of New Brunswick*, under the auspices of the F. C. B. G. Conference of New Brunswick.

II.—OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

2. The object of the Society is to assist destitute Churches and send the Gospel to uncared for districts throughout the Province.

III.—MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

3. A male may become a member by paying \$2 into the Treasury yearly; and by paying \$20, at any one time, may become a life member.

4. A female may become an honorary annual member by paying into the treasury \$1, and an honorary life member by paying \$10 at one time.

IV.—OFFICERS.

5. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and an Executive Committee of seven, who shall be appointed annually by the Society: all to be members of F. C. Baptist Churches.

6. The two Secretaries and Treasurer shall be three of the seven members of the Committee. The foregoing officers shall hold their respective offices until others are chosen.

7. It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at each meeting of the Society, and to perform such official acts at any time as the Society shall direct by its rules and votes.

8. In the absence of the President and all the Vice-Presidents, the oldest member present shall call the meeting to order; after which, the presiding officer shall be chosen for the occasion.

9. The Executive Committee shall form its own rules and regulations, appoint its own meetings, fill any vacancy that may occur in its own members, or among the other officers of the Society during the year, and call the Annual meetings of the Society, and also Special meetings when in their opinion the interests of the cause require it.

It shall engage Missionaries and regulate their salaries, and have power to dismiss them before the term of engagement expires, providing circumstances demand it, and institute such agencies as the enterprise may require, and make an annual report of its doings to the Society.

The Executive Committee shall, as soon as practicable after it is chosen, organize by appointing one of its members Chairman and another its Clerk. The Clerk shall be the Recording Secretary of the Society, if there shall be no good reason for appointing some other member of the Committee to that office. The Clerk shall keep a full record of the doings of the Committee and sign all their official acts. The Records of the Committee shall always be open to the inspection of the Society.

Three of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum for the transaction of business at any of its regular meetings.

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He shall invest the funds of the Society in the safest and most productive forms; but no permanent investment shall be made or changed by him without the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

He shall report quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the state of the finances, and pay all orders of the Executive Committee as far as he may have funds on hand.

11. The Auditor shall examine carefully and thoroughly the Treasurer's books at least once a year, and if he shall find the accounts correctly kept and accurately cast, the payments well vouched, the balance satisfactorily stated and accounted for, and the evidence of the property shall be duly exhibited, he shall give his certificate accordingly; which certificate he shall enter at large in the Treasurer's books, and give a duplicate of it to the Recording Secretary; to be by him entered upon his book of records.

12. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to prepare and transmit all communications that may be necessary to promote the best interests of the Society, and to answer those which, in his opinion, require it, and when the nature of the subject demands, he shall ask advice of the Executive Committee in relation thereto, and proceed as they may direct. He shall prepare the annual report of the Society; which report shall be heard and accepted by the Executive Committee, if they shall desire to do so, before it shall be presented to the Society.

13. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Society, which he shall enter in a book of records, and certify that the records of each meeting are true.

V.—ANNUAL MEETING.

14. This Society shall meet annually, at the time and place of the meeting of the F. C. Baptist General Conference; to elect officers, to hear the reports of the Treasurer, Executive Committee and Corresponding Secretary, and to transact all the other necessary business of the Society. On presenting his report, the Corresponding Secretary shall read the whole of it or an abstract, as he shall be directed either by the Executive Committee or the Society.

A quorum of nine members shall be requisite to transact business at all meetings of the Society, but a less number may call to order and adjourn.

VI.—MANNER OF CHOOSING OFFICERS.

15. A Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Society in such manner and consisting of such members as may be thought best, whose duty it shall be to nominate the officers for the ensuing year.

VII.—AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

16. No alteration of the Constitution or Rules of the Society shall be made except on recommendation of the Executive Committee, or the F. C. Baptist General Conference, and by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; or unless the proposed alteration shall have been submitted to the Society in writing at a previous meeting.

VIII.—APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY.

17. All the money received by this Society shall be under the control of the Executive Committee to carry out the objects of the Society.

IX.—MISSIONARIES.

18. Applications for employment as Missionaries must be made to the Corresponding Secretary.

19. The Missionaries laboring in connection with this Society are required to lay the claims of the Society before the people where they may labor.

20. The members of the Executive Committee and the Missionaries laboring

under their direction shall be a committee to receive all money from contributors, who shall pay it over to the Treasurer, taking receipts from him for it.

21. Each Missionary shall report monthly to the Corresponding Secretary.

22. Missionaries are required to report quarterly to the Executive Committee, all collections, donations and gifts received by them, which shall belong to the Society's funds.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

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Vice Presidents.

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" E. McLEOD,

" W. M. KNOLLIN.

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MR. WILLIAM PETERS, Recording Secretary.

MR. D. W. CLARK, Treasurer.

MR. M. T. BREWER, Auditor.

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MR. WM. PETERS, Sec. to Com.

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NOTE.—The above are the amounts that have been pledged to this Society—a small proportion of which has been paid. The missionaries and officers of the Society will gladly receive, in addition to these amounts, any donations for this fund, which will be acknowledged in the *Intelligencer*.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N. B.

[Organized July, 1864.]

I.—NAME AND OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

1. This Society shall be called the Free Christian Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, and shall be auxiliary to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

2. The object of the Society is to diffuse Christian knowledge among the destitute in heathen countries.

II.—MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

3. A male may become an annual member by paying into the treasury yearly, the sum of two dollars; and by paying twenty dollars at one time he may become a life member.

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III.—OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

5. The officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and an Executive Committee of eleven, who shall be appointed annually by the Society. The foregoing officers shall hold their respective offices till others are chosen.

6. It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at each meeting of the Society, and to perform such official acts at any time as the Society shall direct by its rules and votes.

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He shall give bonds annually to the Recording Secretary, with such sureties and for such amounts as shall be satisfactory to the Executive Committee, and shall pay all orders of the Executive Committee as far as he shall have funds in hand.

9. THE AUDITOR shall examine carefully and thoroughly the Treasurer's books at least once a year; and if he shall find the accounts correctly kept and accurately cast, the payments well vouched, the balance satisfactorily stated and accounted for, and the evidence of the property shall be duly exhibited, he shall give his certificate accordingly; which certificate he shall enter at large in the Treasurer's books, and give a duplicate of it to the Recording Secretary, to be by him entered upon his book of records.

10. It shall be the duty of the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY to prepare and transmit all communications that may be necessary to promote the best interests of the Society—to receive all such as are made through him to the Society, and to answer those which, in his opinion, require it; and when the nature of the subject demands, he shall ask advice of the Executive Committee in relation thereto, and proceed as they may direct. He shall prepare the Annual Report of the Society, which Report shall be heard and accepted by the Executive Committee, if they desire to do so, before it shall be presented to the Society; and he shall forward a copy of the Annual Report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Society, by the 18th of August, each year.

11. The RECORDING SECRETARY shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Society, which he shall enter in a book of records, and certify that the records of each meeting are true.

IV.—THE ANNUAL MEETING.

12. This Society shall meet annually, at the time and place of the meeting of the Free Christian Baptist General Conference, to elect officers, to hear the reports of the Treasurer, Executive Committee, and Corresponding Secretary, and to transact all the other necessary business of the Society. On presenting his Annual Report, the Corresponding Secretary shall read the whole of it or an abstract, as he shall be directed either by the Executive Committee or the Society.

A quorum of nine members shall be requisite to transact business at all meetings of the Society; but a less number may call to order and adjourn.

V.—MANNER OF CHOOSING THE OFFICERS.

13. A Committee shall be appointed at each Annual Meeting of the Society, in such manner, and consisting of such members as may be thought best, whose duty it shall be to nominate the officers for the ensuing year.

VI.—AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

14. No alterations of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Society shall be made except on recommendation of the Executive Committee, or the Free Christian Baptist General Conference, and by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; or unless the proposed alteration shall have been submitted to the Society in writing at a previous meeting.

VIII.—DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.

15. Money received by this Society shall be appropriated for the support of the Missionaries of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Society, to be applied by that Society to such stations as may be designated by the Executive Committee of this Society, and to the support of such Missionaries as may be selected by the Executive Committee from among the appointed Missionaries of the Parent Society, as the representatives of this Society in the Foreign field; provided that if the amount paid into the Parent Society shall exceed the allowance made to such designated missionaries, the surplus shall be expended in such way and for such purposes as the Executive Committee of the Parent Society may see fit; and if no Missionaries shall be designated, the whole amount may be thus appropriated by the Parent Society.

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NOTE.—The above is the whole amount *pledged* for the funds of this Society; a portion of which has already been paid. Donations made before the Society was organized were put into the Fredericton collection. Further donations can be forwarded to any of the officers of the Society, and will be acknowledged in the *Intelligencer*.

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DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL.

A PAPER PREPARED AND READ BY E. C. FREEZE, BEFORE THE FREE BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE IN FREDERICTON, JULY 5TH, 1864.

Published by request of the Conference for the information of the Churches.

MR. CHAIRMAN—By your permission, I will now ask the attention of the meeting a short time, while I read an address to the members of the F. C. B. Denomination who are present, on the subject of Education, more especially, *Denominational Education*.

However much I may fail in interesting my audience, certain I am, it will not arise from the want of a subject of importance, or a matter of grave consideration.

Were I to pause just here, to trace the progress and prosperity of the F. C. Baptists as a people, I could refer you, sir, to a period when organization was not known among us, when the fathers in the ministry, (some of whom are with us to-day), were travelling to and fro, preaching the Gospel of Christ, and warning sinners to repent and turn to God with full purpose of heart.

Gradually, as time rolled on, churches were formed and organization was found a necessity. The old maxim was forced upon us with all its power, "Union is Strength." Union took place, and God made it a blessing.

I need not tarry to particularize. Several enterprises have occupied the attention of the Conference and Denomination from time to time.

Among the most prominent were, Home Missionary labour, which received considerable attention, the publication of a Religious Journal, and the opening of a depository of "Religious Books" to supply the wants of our own people, as well as that of others. All of these, to us, were experiments, and the results are now with us.

The first, the missionary cause, does not now exist, I regret to say, in its former efficiency, although a rekindling is being felt, which, I trust, will fully resuscitate that useful department of Christian labor.

All who reflect upon this subject, will admit that, our home missionary department, small though it has been, has done much good, and, I am not without the hope, that the time will soon arrive when we shall not only support several additional home missionaries, but lend our aid and assistance to the foreign missionary cause. The second, the "Religious Journal," although it has had its reverses, still lives, and to day, perhaps, is more firmly established than at any previous period in its history. While it compares favourably with other Denominational Journals, mechanically, it is second to none in influence and usefulness, and is as well grounded in the affections of its readers as any other Journal in the province.

As to the "Book Enterprise," whatever its effect financially, certain it is, that it did much good, by making us a reading people, and conveyed religious instruction into scores of families, the value of which cannot be measured or determined by mere dollars and cents.

I refer to these, to show that we have not been wholly without enterprise; neither do I believe, whatever their results financially, would we, as a Denomination, be now the better, had we refused to engage in them. We may, and doubtless do wish they had been more successful, but, with all their defects, we can scarcely desire their non-existence.

There are few among us, I am confident, who would wish to see our Religious Journal retire from the field for want of sufficient support. Evidences are not wanting that extra funds would be forthcoming, should they be required, for its assistance.

But, allow me to ask, has not the time come when another effort should be made to advance the cause of this Denomination? Has not the time come when our people feel the necessity of an Educational Institution, in which

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their sons and their daughters may be educated without the fear of their returning to the bosom of their families, tainted with principles, differing from those of their parents, if not diametrically opposed.

If we believe that the doctrines and principles of the F. C. Baptist Denomination are correct, why should we not make an effort to preserve them to our children, and extend them as widely as possible: but, if we have no faith in our doctrines, then let us abandon them at once like honest men, and seek a home elsewhere.

If our children are to be educated, and educated they will be, then we must not be surprised, if while we send them among other Denominations to obtain their education, they should imbibe different religious sentiments from that of their parents, and become lost to our own Denomination. The words of the poet are appropriate—

"'Tis education forms the common mind,
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

Now, let us turn and examine for a few moments, what other religious bodies have done in this respect, and are still doing, (for Educational Institutions are on the increase), so that, every religious denomination in this province can point to its educational establishment, except the F. C. Baptists. Our Baptist friends are in the receipt of \$1000 annually from the revenues of this province for their Seminary in Fredericton, besides \$400 to other schools properly belonging to that Body. The Presbyterians receive in all \$1,800. The Congregationalists \$600. The Episcopalians \$2,070. The Methodists receive for the Mount Allison Institutions alone, \$2,400, besides \$400 for the Varley school in the city of St. John; and lastly, but not least, the Roman Catholics receive \$3,590, for ten schools and Institutions.

In this list I would ask where is the F. C. Baptist Church, it is, "non est," it is no where.

But it may be asked, why need we care what other Denominations receive for their Institutions? Now, Sir, I am not an advocate for Denominational grants. I would be glad to see them all swept away, and the people of the province compelled to take a deeper financial interest in our Schools and Institutions; but, I believe, the principle is now so firmly established in this province, that, in all probability, it will be a very long period before a majority will be found in the House of Assembly to revoke these grants. But why need we care? Let us look at the above figures again. The Roman Catholics, \$3,590; Episcopalians, \$2,070; Methodists, \$2,800; Presbyterians, \$1,800; Congregationalists, \$600; and the Baptists, \$1,400. Now, who pays all this sum of \$14,760. Let me tell you, Sir, the F. C. Baptists pay, and have for years paid, their proportion, which, probably is, very little short of \$1000 annually.

We, then, are helping to support all the different Institutions in the province, while we are refusing, or neglecting shall I say, to place ourselves in a position to receive our share of the public funds. Then, there is the amount paid to our University, making as much more, of which we pay our proportion, \$1000 more, from which we have derived, thus far, very little profit directly.

We will now take a glance at the respective Religious Bodies in this province with regard to numbers.

In the Census of 1861 the two Denominations of Baptists, having been taken together, are put down at near 58,000; of this number, we shall be quite safe in claiming for the F. Baptist 20,000. The Methodists claim 25,000; the Presbyterians, 36,000; the Congregationalists, 1,300; Episcopalians, 43,000; and the Roman Catholics, 35,000.

Now let us see what our claim would be when compared with other bodies of Christians. Assuming that we number 20,000, which I believe is within the mark, we would be entitled to over \$700, when compared with, either the Presbyterians or Baptists. Over \$340 compared with the Roman Catholics.

nearly \$1600 compared with the Episcopalians, \$9000 when compared with Congregationalists, and about \$2,200, when compared with our Methodist friends. It is not, however, by population these grants are made, as may be seen by comparing either the Presbyterians with the Catholics, or the Methodists with the Baptists, but, that body of people who establishes a respectable Institution under a Denominational name and influence, has *always* made sure of a Legislative grant.

The different Religious Bodies deserve much credit for the interest they have taken in the cause of Education. Let us hope their zeal may not grow less, and, that ere long we may be found pulling in the same direction.

There is a very common error made, however, in establishing Institutions of this kind, which, I trust, when the F. C. Baptists do build, will be avoided. The error to which I refer is the "Credit System." Experience has shown that to depend upon the credit system to found such Institutions, is equivalent to signing their death warrant. I hope we shall never attempt to build until the funds are made sure.

I am aware some will object and say it can't be done, while others will raise objections of quite a different nature; but I believe it *can* be done, and I believe more, the time has come when it *must* be done, or we will suffer *heavily* in case of failure.

It is a well known fact, that outside of the towns and cities of this province, the F. C. Baptists are as independent, with regard to means, in proportion to their number, as that of any other Religious Body; and, probably, at no time in our history, have we been so well able to establish an Academy as now.

I am aware that, our people are not so fully alive to the importance of this subject as they should be: if they were, we would have little trouble in raising the means.

You will allow me now, as briefly as possible, to suggest a plan, by which I should *hope* this object might be accomplished.

Let there be formed from among the members of this Denomination, an Educational Society, with its appropriate name. By this Society, let a committee be appointed, whose duty shall be to prepare a plan of building, with a careful estimates of cost, and submit the same to the Society.

Divide the estimated amount into shares of twenty or thirty dollars each, and allow every shareholder to have a vote, as well as every member paying annually five dollars, and no others. Any person holding two or more said shares, to be eligible to a directorship, and a member holding twenty or more shares, to own a scholarship. The whole business after the first election, to be under the control of five directors, one of whom, to be chosen annually. The first to retire to be the one having the least number of votes on the first election, and so on till all have retired in succession, eligible however to re-election.

By-Laws and Constitution to be approved previously to election of directors. As before remarked, nothing should be done until the whole amount has been raised, one half at least in cash, the balance by notes of hand, payable in one year from date.

If a united effort should be made, I feel confident that, the means can be procured, and in one year from to-day we will be able to announce publicly our intention to build.

I remember Sir, that two years ago it was found necessary to raise \$2000, to liquidate the liabilities of the Conference, a debt too, not the most popular. What was the result? It was divided into one hundred shares of \$20 each, and the whole was raised in less than one year. The house in which the Conference met that year, was a new one, and had just been completed at a cost of about \$4000, and that by a single church. The house in which we now have the pleasure of meeting, costing nearly \$5000, has been erected by quite a small church; and many other similar instances might be named. If then, a small church, when its zeal has been aroused, can do so much, what should a whole Denomination do, when working in a common cause?

If our people would determine to establish an Academy, there is not the slightest doubt on my mind that, in less than two years we could have it in

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full working order. I might here remark that our brethren in Nova Scotia have intimated their readiness to unite with us at any moment in the erection of a Denominational Institution.

Mr. Chairman—Many other reasons could be urged why we should move in this matter, but I fear to weary you. What has so recently transpired in connection with the appointment of Mr. Hartley to the University Senate, should not only stir the spirit, but the pocket of every devoted F. C. Baptist in the province. I have no hesitation in saying that I shall henceforth use every legitimate and honorable means, to wipe out a stigma that has been heaped upon us by those who are no better than ourselves.

Mr. Chairman—I have no faith in ignorance, neither do I suppose those have who are listening to me. I do not believe it fosters spiritual religion, or ever did, but, on the contrary, it is the mother of error—the handmaid of superstition and bigotry.

In conclusion, I wish to say, that this whole matter should be kept entirely apart from your Conference *as such*, made a separate organization, and all the Conference should be asked for, in its collective capacity, is its good will; and of the individual members their hearty co-operation.

If, sir, there is one subject more than another that should interest us, next to the religion of Christ, that subject is *emphatically Education*.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Free Christian Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick, incorporated May, 1854, \$: the sum, to be paid to the Treasurer of said F. C. B. G. Conference, by my Executors, in days after my decease; to be used for the

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The above blanks can be filled with "General Conference," "Home Missionary Society," or "Foreign Missionary Society," just as the parties bequeathing wish.