

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-First Session

OF THE

WESTERN

Baptist Association,

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH AT NICTAUX,

Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Sept. 30th, Oct. 2d, 3d, 1871.

TOGETHER WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTER.

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Minutes.

NICTAUX, Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1871.

The Western Baptist Association, convened, according to appointment, with the Baptist Church at Nictaux, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its 21st Anniversary.

The Association was called to order by Rev. James Parker, Moderator.

Rev. J. H. Saunders was appointed clerk, and Rev. I. Wallace, Assistant Clerk, pro. tem.

Devotional exercises were engaged in, while the Clerk prepared the following

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Nictaux*,—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Deacons S. L. Chipman, C. Felch, S. Wheelock, Wm. Gates, and Brother S. Fitz Randolph.
Argyle,—Rev. P. R. Foster.
Brookfield,—Deacon Peleg Murray, Brethren H. Johnston, U. Johnston, M. Harlow, Jabez Burke.
West Yarmouth,—Rev. W. G. Parker.
Freeport,—Rev. John H. Hughes, Brethren James Eldridge, and S. Lent.
Middlefield,—Rev. H. Achilles, Deacons E. Morton, Samuel Hunt.
1st. Digby Neck,—Deacon Jacob Denton, Brother C. H. Denton.
Tusket Lakes,—Rev. W. L. Parker.
Hillgrove,—Brother Robert Reid.
Milton,—Rev. W. G. Parker, Deacons S. Freeman, S. Kempton, Brethren I. Freeman, S. Freeman, J. B. Freeman and T. Burnaby.
Westport,—Rev. J. H. Hughes.
Kempt,—Rev. H. Achilles, Deacons Jacob Kempton, D. Delong, A. Harlow, bro. L. Delong.
Digby,—Rev. D. W. Crandall, Brother J. S. Hawksworth.
Clements,—Rev. John Williams, Deacons J. D. Potter, D. D. Potter, Brethren A. Potter, G. Hicks, Jos. Potter.
Jordan Bay,—Rev. J. H. Saunders.
New Tusket,—Rev. C. Randall, dea. C. Sabean, bro. P. Nowlen.
Sissaboo,—Rev. C. Randall, dea. D. W. Sabean, bro. A. Grant.
Lake George,—Deacon B. B. Moses.
South Yarmouth,—Rev. J. A. Moore, dea. Benjamin Cleaveland, N. Holmes.
Lower Granville,—Brother E. Sprowle.
Litchfield,—Rev. E. Sprowle.
New Albany,—Deacon Whitman, bro. A. Oaks.
1st Yarmouth,—Revds. G. E. Day, Isa. Wallace, Brethren C. Pinkney, S. F. Raymond.
3rd Yarmouth,—Brother T. H. Uhlman.
Tusket,—Rev. P. R. Foster.
Liverpool,—Rev. Joseph Jones, Brethren Wm. Starratt, T. Nickerson, T. A. Dexter.

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- French Mission Church*,—Rev. M. Normonday.
Greenfield,—Rev. H. Achilles, Brother G. Freeman, Jr.
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot,—Revds. C. Tupper, D. D., H. Saunders, A. Stronach, O. Parker; Deacons S. Welton, A. T. Baker, G. Tufts, Brethren J. P. Roach and W. Nichols.
Annapolis and Upper Granville,—Revds. G. Armstrong, P. F. Murray; Deacons J. Haley, John Rice, Brethren A. M. Gidney, W. Miller.
Pine Grove,—Rev. T. Burditt, Deacons M. Wheelock, George Dodge, Brethren John McEwan, C. Neily, C. Armstrong.
St. Mary's Bay,—Rev. A. Cogswell, Brethren John Spurr, Wm. Haines, J. Andrews, J. McNeil.
Mills Village,—Rev. J. M. Parker, Deacon T. Munro.
Caledonia,—Brethren Samuel Minard, W. S. Parker,
2nd Hillsburgh,—Deacon John S. Sulis, Rev. D. W. Crandall.
2nd Yarmouth,—Rev. John Rowe, Deacons W. R. Doty, W. Durkee, James Crosby, Brethren John Rose, B. B. Moses, C. P. Doty.
Wilmot Mountain,—Rev. L. B. Gates, Deacons H. Johnston, P. Graves, C. Marshall, Brother J. Graves.
Springfield,—Rev. O. Parker, Deacons I McNayr, E. Roop.
1st Hillsburgh,—Rev. G. D. Cox, Deacon Wm. Dunn, Brethren I Dunn, J. D. Harris.
Milford and Greywood,—Brethren Benj. Miller, Lic., Deacons A. Thomas, David McLellan.
Dalhousie West,—Rev. P. F. Murray.
Port Medway,—Rev. J. M. Parker, Brother A. Cahoon, Lic.
Ohio, Yarmouth,—Deacons J. W. Patten, Brother Geo. Crosby.
Temple Church, Yarmouth,—Rev. W. H. Porter, Deacons S. Brown, J. B. Kenney.
Arcadia, Yarmouth,—Rev. Isa. Wallace.
Wilmot,—Rev. N. Vidito, Deacons S. Jackson, Hicks Chesley, Brethren W. H. Balcom, A. Longley.
Wood's Harbor,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
Barrington,—Rev. W. H. Richan, Brethren E. S. Goudey.

The Association was organized by the election of Rev. Dr. Day as *Moderator*; who took the chair and read the Rules of Order.

Rev. Isa. Wallace was appointed *Clerk*, and Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, *Assistant Clerk*.

Brother Hardy Parker was chosen *Treasurer*, and Bro. Saml. Freeman, *Assistant Treasurer*.

The following brethren were invited to seats with us:—
 Revds. Z. Morton of Maine, U. S., S. T. Rand, Micmac Missionary, and Brethren Hardy Parker, D. C. Landers, W. H. Goudy, Jno. Whitman, B. Daniels and Cornelius Kenedy, (Lic.), Rev. R. D. Porter, Deacon W. Chipman, Jas. Wright, Jas. Caldwell, W. F. Armstrong, (Lic.).
 Johnston Armstrong, John E. Armstrong, James Messenger, Caleb C. Spidle, Deacon Fellows, L. B. Page of New York, J. H. Robbins, (Lic.), S. Selden, Edward

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Gates, Wallace Phinney, Wm. Brown, Joel Slocumb, Chas. Elliot, Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. T. Harley, St. John, and J. W. Longley.

N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—Revds. J. F. Kempton, S. B. Kempton, E. O. Read, D. Freeman, Jas. Parker, J. Chase, and Dr. Cramp.

The following Committees were appointed :—

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. M. P. Freeman, T. Burditt, N. Vidite, O. Parker, Dr. Tupper, W. G. Parker, W. H. Porter, G. Armstrong, and Deacon S. L. Chipman.

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. D. W. Crandal, J. H. Hughes, and L. B. Gates.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. Jos. Jones, S. T. Rand, and Brethren A. M. Gidney, and Samuel Brown.

While the Committee of Arrangements were preparing to report, some time was spent in religious exercises.

Several letters from the Churches were read.

The Committee of Arrangement reported in part :

That the time of meeting and adjournment be as follows :—Meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 at 2 P. M., adjourn at 5 P. M.

Adjourned by Prayer by Bro. Armstrong.

Afternoon Session, Sept. 30th.

Prayer by Rev. Z. Morton.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Reading of the letters was resumed

The Committee on Arrangements further reported as follows :—

Nictaux,—At 10½, Rev. I. E. Bill; 7, P. M., Dr. G. E. Day.

Canaan,—At 10½ A. M., Rev. I. Wallace; 3, P. M., Rev. Jno. Rowe.

Bloomington,—At 7, P. M., Rev. H. Charlton.

Cleveland,—At 3, P. M., Rev. A. Cogswell.

Valley West,—At 10½, A. M., Rev. S. B. Kempton; 3, P. M. Rev. Jos. Jones.

Inglesville,—At 7, P. M., Cornelius Kennedy.

Pine Grove,—At 10½, A. M., Rev. W. H. Porter.

Paradise,—At 10½, A. M., Rev. G. D. Cox.

Lawrencetown,—At 6½, A. M., Rev. G. D. Cox.

Tremont,—At 11, A. M., Rev. J. H. Saunders.

Greenwood Square,—At 3, P. M., Rev. J. H. Saunders.

Melvern Square,—At 11, A. M., Rev. J. M. Parker; 3, P. M., W. L. Parker.

Temperance Hall, (Aylesford),—At 11, A. M., Rev. M. Normandy.

Stronach Mountain,—At 11, A. M., Rev. D. W. Crandal.

Prince Albert Street,—At 3, P. M., W. F. Armatrong.

Granville Ferry and Annapolis Royal,—Rev. W. H. Richan.

Salem Hall,—At 3, P. M., Rev. P. R. Foster.

Port George,—At 11, A. M., Rev. Zechariah Morton.

Handley Mountain.—At 3, P. M., Rev. W. H. Porter.

New Albany.—Rev. Jas. Parker.

Bridgetown.—At 11, A. M., and 7, P. M., Rev. J. Hughes.

Farmington.—At 7, P. M., Rev. P. F. Murray.

Nictaur Falls, Methodist.—At 11, A. M., Rev. S. T. Rand.

Middleton, Methodist.—At 3, P. M., Rev. J. A. Moore.

Your Committee recommend the following Committees :

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. Chas. Tupper, D. D., Geo. Armstrong, W. G. Parker.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, Chas. Randall, G. Armstrong, Jno. Rowe, and Perez F. Murray.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Chas. Tupper, D. D., G. Armstrong, O. Parker, A. Gidney, W. H. Goudy, Jno. D. Potter, S. Lent, Jas. Eldridge.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. Thos. Burditt, I. Wallace, S. T. Rand, Jos. Jones, S. B. Kempton, Deacon S. L. Chipman, Isaac McNayer, Obidiah Dodge.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revds. Jos. F. Kempton, J. A. Moore, A. Cogswell, and S. March.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Revds. G. D. Cox, W. H. Porter, J. H. Hughes, H. Achilles, D. W. Crandall, Jas. Parker, Deacons W. Gates, Jno. S. Sulis, T. B. Moses, Jno. Rose, and Jas. Crossby.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Dea. S. Brown, Revds. J. M. Parker, L. B. Gntes, W. L. Parker, Brethren J. B. Kinney, William Dunn, M. Wheelock, and John E. Armstrong.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—Deacons Samuel Brown, and Samuel Wheelock.

They also recommend, that as usual, collections be taken at all the Sabbath Services toward the Home Mission Fund, and also at the Associational Sermon on Monday morning.

Further recommend that a *Missionary Meeting* be held in this place on Monday evening at 7 o'clock, for Foreign Missions.

Committee of Arrangements further reported :—

ON OBITUARIES.—Bros. A. Gidney, and S. T. Rand.

That the first in order in the afternoon session of Monday be the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of Home Missionary Board.

That Brethren G. Armstrong and J. H. Saunders be requested to address the Association on Home Missions.

That Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, as delegate from the Eastern Nova Scotia Baptist Association be requested to address the meeting after the above brethren have spoken.

They recommend that Bros. Jos. F. Kempton, S. March, Wm. Doty and Wm. Durkee, address the Association on the presentation of the Report on Sabbath Schools.

That Rev. Dr. Cramp deliver the opening address on the subject of Education, on the submitting of the Report on Education.

That Revds. W. H. Porter, and M. Normondy deliver the opening addresses on the subject of French Missions.

That Rev. I. E. Bill, deliver the opening address on the subject of Foreign Missions on the presentation of the

Report of the Chairman of Committee on Foreign Missions.

That the opening addresses of the Missionary meeting of Monday evening be delivered by Revds. Dr. Tupper, T. Burditt and David Freeman.

That the speakers be limited to 10 minutes.

The reading of letters from the Churches was resumed.

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported, recommending that the letters from the Arcadia and Temple Churches be read, and that these new Churches be received into this body. Report adopted.

These letters were accordingly read and the hand of Fellowship given by the Moderator to Rev. W. H. Porter and Isa. Wallace, in behalf of these churches.

After singing the Doxology. Adjourned by prayer by Rev. J. Rowe.

Monday Morning Session, Oct. 2nd.

Association met at 10 o'clock.

Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. George Armstrong, A. M. Text Rev. ii. 10. Theme: Fidelity to Christ.

The Association resumed business.

Prayer by Rev. S. March.

The Minutes were read and approved. Additions were made to Committees.

Several letters since received from the Churches were read.

Prayer by Bro. W. F. Armstrong.

Afternoon Session, Oct. 2nd.

Prayer by Rev. Jno. Williams.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

The Secretary of the Home Mission Board read his Report; which was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock being called upon, presented, in behalf of the Eastern Nova Scotia Baptist Association the fraternal christian greetings of that body, and in the course of a deeply interesting speech, which met a most hearty response, urged a closer affiliation in Home Missionary efforts between the Churches of the Eastern and Western portions of the Province.

An earnest and effective discussion then followed upon the general question of combination of effort in carrying forward our Home Mission enterprise in the Province, in which the following brethren took part:—Revds. J. H. Saunders

Dr. Cramp, G. Armstrong, J. H. Hughes, Dr. Day, I. E. Bill, Isa. Wallace, W. H. Porter, J. Rowe, W. G. Parker, J. F. Kempton, M. P. Freeman, and Brother L. B. Page.

At the close of this discussion the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Having heard brother Dimock's interesting report of the operations of the Home Mission in the Eastern Association, the brethren present hereby affectionately express their warm sympathy with the trials and labours of that Association,

And Resolve, That the following brethren be appointed a Committee to consider in what way a more intimate and effective union of the Baptists of this Province for Home Mission and other purposes can be accomplished.

Adjourned by Prayer by Rev. W. H. Porter.

Evening Session, Oct. 2nd.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved. In accordance with the Resolution passed at the close of last Session, the following Committee was appointed:—Revs. Dr. Day, Dr. Tupper, Isa. Wallace, John Rowe, J. H. Saunders, W. H. Porter, Geo. Armstrong, W. G. Parker, and Jos. Jones, and brethren S. Brown, A. M. Gidney, W. Miller, and Hardy Parker.

The French Mission Board presented their Report which was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and their report was unanimously adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Interesting addresses then followed. Revs. M. Normanday, I. E. Bill, D. W. C. Dimock, John Rowe, and W. G. Parker, spoke in behalf of the French Mission. A collection was then taken up for this object amounting to \$92.33. Rev. Dr. Tupper addressed the meeting on the claims of Foreign Missions.

Adjourned by Prayer by Rev. T. Harley.

Tuesday Morning Session, Oct. 3rd.

Prayer by Rev. J. Williams.

The Minutes of last Session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Circular Letter having reported recommending the reading of that document before the body, it was accordingly read by its author Rev. Joseph Jones.

Voted, That the Circular Letter be adopted and printed in the Minutes and the *Christian Messenger*.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Revs. I. E. Bill and T. Harley having been appointed as

a delegation from the Western Association of New Brunswick to this body on the subject of a Mission to Newfoundland, presented the fraternal greetings of that body, and laid before the Association the claims of the Island of Newfoundland, as an important and inviting mission field.

Voted, That Revds. N. Vidito, W. G. Parker and Bro. W. Miller be added to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

Resolved,—That this Association having listened with pleasure to the delegation from the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association most heartily reciprocate their fraternal greetings and appoint a committee to consider the desirableness of embracing Newfoundland as a Mission field.

Voted, That Revds. D. Freeman, W. G. Parker, W. H. Porter, J. F. Kempton, D. W. Crandal, T. Burditt, and G. D. Cox, constitute said Committee.

The following brethren addressed the meeting upon Newfoundland as a mission field:—Revds. G. Armstrong, D. W. Crandal, W. H. Porter, J. Rowe and Bro. Selden.

The Committee on Education presented their report.

Rev. Dr. Cramp addressed the Association on the Report which was adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Adjourned by prayer by Rev. Charles Randal.

Afternoon Session, Oct. 3rd.

Prayer by Bro. J. H. Hughes.

Resolved,—That the following Brethren constitute the French Mission Board,

Revds. G. E. Day, I. Wallace, J. A. Stubbert, W. H. Porter, W. L. Parker, J. Rowe, A. Cogswell, P. R. Foster, J. H. Saunders, C. Randal, J. C. Morse, Brethren C. Sabean, S. Brown, W. Churchill, W. B. Moses, W. R. Dobb, E. Crosby, N. Corning, W. S. Raymond, Geo. Crosby, A. C. Robbins, J. H. Healey, J. B. Kinney, N. Holmes, Jno. Rose, R. Crosby, and W. Patten.

The Committee on Obituaries Reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Voted, That the following brethren constitute the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund. Revds. C. Randal, J. C. Morse, G. D. Cox, D. W. Crandal, and J. Williams, Brethren W. Aymar, Chas. Sabean, Jacob Denton, and Harding Chute.

The Committee appointed on Union in Home Mission work reported as follows—and the report was adopted.

Your Committee appointed to consider in what way a more intimate and effective union of the Baptists of this Province may be accomplished,—beg to recommend the formation of a N. S. Provincial Baptist Convention for the better prosecution of Home Missions; and that for this purpose each Church in this Province be requested to send a

delegate to meet at Berwick, the day before the meeting of the Central Association in A. D., 1872, at 10 o'clock. A. M.

And we further recommend, that the Chairman, and Secretary of our Home Mission Board be requested to correspond with the Board of the N. S. Home Missionary Society on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

C. TUPPER, *Chairman.*

The Auditing Committee reported on the Infirm Ministers Fund in account with Rev. Chas. Randall, Treasurer, also the French Mission and Home Mission Treasurers accounts; these Reports were adopted.

Voted, That \$80 be paid to Rev. Robert Morton from the Infirm Ministers' Fund. Also that \$80 be paid to Rev. H. Sanders, also that \$20 be paid toward expenses incurred by the late Mrs. W. Jackson.

Voted, That other applications be referred to the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Committee appointed on the contemplated Mission to Newfoundland reported as follows. Report adopted:—

The Committee on the proposed Newfoundland Mission beg leave to report.

That we recommend the Home Mission Boards of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island and New Brunswick to take immediate and united action for establishing a mission in Newfoundland; and that they severally correspond with the Standing Committee of the Western Baptist Association of New Brunswick.

D. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their report which was adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Addresses by Revds. T. Burditt, J. H. Hughes, G. D. Cox, J. F. Kempton.

Voted, That 1000 copies of the Minutes of this Association be printed at the *Christian Messenger* office, at the same rate as last year and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association.

Voted, That the Ministers of this body attending the Central and Eastern Associations of this Province or those of P. E. Island and New Brunswick be our delegates.

Voted, That the Treasurer of this Association be, and as hereby instructed, to pay the sums appropriated, to the Treasurers of the different Funds, respectively, or to persons authorised to receive them.

After a cheerful discussion it was unanimously resolved,

That the next Annual Meeting of this Association be held on the third Saturday in the month of June, instead of September.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to provide a place of meeting for this body, and that the following brethren be the Committee:—Revs. Jos. Jones, W. G. Parker, H. Achilles, N. D. Cox, A. Cogswell, and J. M. Parker.

Voted, That Rev. T. Burditt be the preacher of the Introductory Sermon next year, and Rev. W. H. Porter be his alternate.

Voted, That Rev. G. E. Day write the Circular Letter.

Voted, That the Home Mission Board be as last year, with the addition of W. H. Balcom, Samuel Wheelock, M. Wheelock, Jacob Neily, and L. B. Page, and that it be located at Nictaux.

The following resolution was moved by Bro. Charles Pinkney and spoken to by himself, G. D. Cox and L. B. Page, and unanimously adopted :

Whereas the amount of moneys received are altogether inadequate to the successful carrying out of the different objects of this Association

Therefore Resolved,—That this Association recommend that a better and more efficient system be adopted by the Churches in order that the needed funds for those objects may be obtained.

And further Resolved,—That the Pastors and Delegates of each Church be a Committee to devise the best plan which in their judgment may be adopted to that end.

Resolved,—That we tender our hearty thanks to the members of the Church and Congregation of Nictaux, for the kind and hospitable entertainment they have extended to us during the Session of this body.

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported. After a lengthened discussion the Report was amended and adopted, as follows:—

Your Committee are of opinion that no church can legitimately call a pastor, except by a majority of the members present at a regular church meeting, regularly called for that purpose. Nor can it be consistent with Baptist principles and usages, for any Regular Baptist Minister to take charge of a minority or portion of a church to the rejection or neglect of any its branches, willing to co-operate with other brethren in the support and advance of the kingdom of Jesus. Nor can it be admitted that any pastor of a neighbouring Church, has the right to enter the field of labour of another pastor of the same faith and order, without his consent.

JOHN ROWE, *Chairman*.

Adjourned after Prayer by Rev. M. Normandy.

Evening Session, Oct. 3rd.

Prayer by Rev. Jos. F. Kempton.

Rev. J. H. Hughes presented the claims of the American Bible Union. In response to his very interesting address, a collection was taken up in its behalf.

After engaging in devotional exercises of a very interesting character, the Association adjourned until the third Saturday in June, 1872, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GEO. E. DAY, Moderator.

ISA. WALLACE, } Secretaries.
J. H. SAUNDERS, }

MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles	Greenfield.	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong.....	Bridgetown.	Dec. 30, 1848	Port Medway.
" T. Burditt.....	Pine Grove	1842	Sutton, St. Mary's QB
" A. Cogswell.....	St. Mary's Bay.	Jan. —, 1843	Chute's Cove.
" G. D. Cox.....	Bear River.....	Jan. 4, 1865	Clements.
" D. W. Crandall.....	Digby.....	Aug. 29, 1864	Carridock, Ontario.
" George E. Day.....	Yarmouth.....	June 26, 1868	Yarmouth.
" M. F. Freeman.....	Nictaux.....	July 5, 1863	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" P. R. Foster.....	Tusket.....	Sept. 9, 1869	Kempt, Queen's Co.
" L. B. Gates.....	Wilmot Mont.	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" John H. Hughes.....	Freeport.....	March —, 1854	Hillsboro, N. B.
" Jos. Jones.....	Liverpool.....	Nov. 26, 1860	Digby.
" J. C. Morse.....	Digby Neck.....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" J. A. Moore.....	Arcadia Yar.....	Aug. 5, 1837	Fort George.
" P. F. Murray.....	Granville.....	Mar. 14, 1848	Westport.
" B. S. Morton.....	Nictaux.....	Feb. —, 1832	Nictaux.
" J. McKenne.....	Ragged Islands.	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normondy.....	Saulterville.....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" J. Melbourne Parker	Port Medway.....	Oct. 5, 1865	Springfield.
" W. H. Porter.....	Yarmouth.....	Sept. 5, 1862	Wilmot.
" Obed Parker.....	Aylesford.....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilmot.
" W. G. Parker.....	Milton.....	Jan. 20, 1843	New Albany.
" W. L. Parker.....	Tusket Lakes.....	Sept. 20, 1863	Upper Aylesford.
" Chas. Randall.....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" W. H. Richan.....	Barrington.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe.....	Hebron.....	.....	Maccan.
" J. H. Saunders.....	Ohio, Yarmouth	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stubbart.....	Deerfield, do.	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" A. Stronach.....	Aylesford.....	Oct. 6, 1836	Bill Town.
" C. Fupper, D. D.....	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" N. Vidito.....	Wilmot.....	May 10, 1832	Wilmot.
" Isaiah Wallace.....	Yarmouth.....	April 3, 1856	Scotch Town, N. B.
" John Williams.....	Clements.....	Jan. —, 1862	Centreville, N. B.

LICENTIATES.

- Brother Johnston Nelly of Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot Church.
 " George O. Gates, " "
 " Benjamin Miller, Bridgetown Church. " "
 " Atwood Cohoon, Port Medway Church.

Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Western Association, 1871.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE		DECREASE			Present Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.		Died.
1 Acadian French Mission.....	1870	M. Normondy.....	1870	S. P. Bolser, St. Mary's Bay.....	6	1	1	41	2	171
2 Annapolis & Upper Granville.....	1830	Geo. Armstrong.....	1860	John Rice, Bridgetown.....	4	4	3	89	3	89
3 Argyle.....	1871	P. R. Foster.....	1869	H. E. Nickerson, Argyle.....	7	1	1	40	1	40
4 Arcadia.....	1871	Isa. Wallace.....	1871	Geo. Robbins, Arcadia, Yarmouth Co.....	2	3	4	103	4	208
5 Brookfield.....	1823	.....	.....	A. J. Leadbetter, Arbovale.....	1	1	4	36	3	36
6 Beaver River*.....	1846	W. H. Ritchan.....	1863	Josiah Smith, Barrington.....	9	1	6	334	1	334
7 Barrington.....	.....	John Williams.....	.....	James Foster, Clementsfort.....	1	1	1	30	1	30
8 Clements.....	1817	.....	.....	B. H. Telfer, Caledonia Queen's.....	5	1	2	71	1	71
9 Caledonia.....	.....	.....	.....	John Hannan.....	18	10	2	125	2	125
10 Dalhousie West.....	1840	D. W. Crandall.....	1870	Albert Casswell, Digby P. O., Box 32.....	18	2	4	129	3	129
11 Digby.....	1809	J. C. Morse.....	1842	W. C. Denton, Waterford.....	10	5	1	238	2	238
12 Digby Neck, 1st.....	.....	J. C. Morse.....	.....	Joseph W. Denton, Little River.....	1	1	2	89	1	89
13 Digby Neck, 2nd.....	1834	J. H. Hughes.....	1870	John Israel, Freeport, Digby Co.....	1	1	2	57	2	57
14 Freeport.....	.....	.....	.....	Nathaniel Freeman, Greenfield, Queen's Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 Greenfield.....	1835	H. Achilles.....	1870	D. McLellan, Annapolis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16 Greywood & Milford.....	1861	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17 Hampton*.....	1824	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18 Hebron.....	1837	John Rowe.....	1863	James Crosby, Hebron.....	21	6	4	278	5	278
19 Hill Grove.....	1843	.....	.....	S. T. Bacon, Hillgrove, Digby Co.....	6	.....	.....	88	1	88
20 Hillsburg, 1st.....	.....	G. D. Cox.....	1870	William Dunn, Hillsburg.....	12	12	3	251	3	251
21 Hillsburg, 2nd.....	1842	.....	.....	John S. Thomas, Hillsburg.....	31	2	4	107	3	107
22 Jordan Bay.....	1856	J. H. Saunders.....	1871	J. G. W. Dall, Shelburne.....	.....	.....	.....	62	.....	62
23 Jordan River*.....	1851	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	18
24 Kempt.....	1856	H. Achilles.....	1871	Thomas DeLong, Kempt, Queen's Co.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	138
25 Liverpool.....	1851	Joseph Jones.....	1870	George S. Parker, Liverpool.....	4	5	7	241	3	241

26 Lake George..... 1849
 27 L. Aylesford & Up. Wilmot..... 1839
 28 Lower Granville..... 1851
 Charles Crosby, Yarmouth.
 Charles Tupper, D. D.

Circular Letter.

INDOCTRINATION.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED, 1871.

Dear Brethren,—

Denominationalism has its root in the mental faculty, or in an appetency of the mind for a specific mode of thought, and form of belief. But the human mind is governed, in its actions by doctrines that impress its consciousness; hence to direct it into any denominational channel, it has only to be brought in contact with those doctrines that give distinctiveness to the particular sect. We should recognize this truth, and bind its power to our purposes of progress. For, if, as a denomination, we expect to make those rapid advances that the correctness of our principles give us the right to expect, we *must* give to our people a thorough training in the distinctive tenets of our faith. We trace the origin of our principles back to a "Thus saith the Lord;" therefore we stand on *firm* ground, and have the *highest* authority, when we urge for them a thorough and intelligent study.

While we recognize the necessity for a denominational training, we have to confess that it does not exist so generally as it should. With very many, there is a lamentable amount of ignorance concerning the very doctrines that warrant our existence as a denomination. The sad results of such inexcusable and even criminal ignorance, is that such individuals have no ardent love for our principles, and put forth no strenuous efforts to advance them; nor do they seek to impress the minds of those naturally dependent on them for religious instruction, with those truths that every intelligent Baptist holds so dear. Many of our children, besides those more advanced in years, are permitted to grow up in ignorance of what we believe, and more or less of these every year go to swell the ranks of other sects. This would rarely, if ever occur, if they were acquainted with the doctrines of the Bible as we apprehend them. An intelligent knowledge of our principles, reveals so clearly their harmony with the Inspired Record, that it proves an all-sufficient protection against every pseudo-belief. The intelligent and established Baptist ever remains true to his faith.

The question may be asked who is responsible for this doctrinal training? It is evident the Preacher has a work to perform here, one which is too generally neglected. Paul's

advice to Timothy was, "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." He urges as a reason for this that "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but they will turn away their ears from the truth." Let the great massive truths of the gospel, in all their comprehensive relations to both belief and practice, be faithfully and fearlessly "held forth," and there will soon be seen a healthier activity in our Churches, and a more uncompromising adherence to our principles.

This work of indoctrination cannot be wholly done by the Pastor; it is the work of all, but more especially of the parent. The latter has means of influencing the mind of the child, that neither the Pastor nor the Sabbath School Teacher possesses. Permit us, Baptist parents, to urge upon you, your duty in this respect. Train up your children, doctrinally, in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it. This duty you have not discharged by merely sending them to the Sabbath School. It is a work largely to be done at home, where the teaching will be made pleasant by home associations, and impressive by parental affection. Do this and you will not have the various denominations represented in your families.

If this work of indoctrination be so important, the best means for securing it should be resorted to. Assuming that this is the work of the pastor, the Sabbath School teacher and the parent, in short, of all who have themselves been taught, we unhesitatingly affirm that as far as our youth are concerned, it can best be secured through catechising. Our reasons for this belief cannot be given in this letter, hence it only remains to shew how it may be carried out, and some of its happy results secured.

Let an approved Catechism, one that gives sufficient prominence to our "Articles of Faith and Practice," be universally introduced into our Sabbath Schools, and all, sufficiently advanced, be encouraged to learn a portion each week. Let there be a review of the lessons, say every month, by the Pastor or Superintendent, and such comments and explanations made as will make the subject of the lessons apprehensible even to the youngest minds; these explanations and comments, together with the *viva voce* instructions of the Teachers of the infant classes, will give, to even those unable to read, an amount of doctrinal instruction that will prove the living germ of a healthy and vigorous growth. The advantages of such Sabbath School instruction to our denomination would be incalculable.

But it is evident that even such instruction will not meet every need. There are large numbers of our youth who from various causes do not attend the Sabbath School. How

can *these* be taught? We say teach them at home. *Let the Catechism be introduced into every family circle*, and thoroughly studied and explained. Could we speak to every parent in our Association, we would say: Instruct your children. Teach them *what* you believe, and *why* you believe it. Show them the "good old paths" in which we move. Trust not their indoctrination to even Sabbath School instruction. See to it personally. Lead them yourselves in the right path, and they will grow up *strong* in the faith.

If there be, in the minds of any, conscientious objections to the use of the Catechism, instruct your children by some other means. It is your *imperative* duty to give them a scriptural training, and not permit them to pick up their belief from every accidental source. In a system of belief so obtained, there could be no harmony, hence it would have no power to build up a stable religious character. For many of our people have just such a belief, and they are an injury to us instead of a benefit. Let us strive to purge our denomination from these extraneous and weakening elements. We can best do this by a thorough indoctrination of our youth, who, under the blessing of God, will fill up our denominational ranks.

We are contending for no visionary object, but for one that will accomplish results of the most satisfactory character. This work of indoctrination will have a direct beneficial effect on the mind of the Teacher himself. It will give a clear and exact discrimination of doctrine, and the power of precise and lucid statement. It will give form to those great truths of christianity, which, too often, float across the mind like mist over the mountain's brow,—giving the seeming appearance of almost every thing, but the distinct form of nothing. In a word, it will give positiveness and impregnability to his theological character.

But, passing from the Teacher to the taught, we shall find results none the less salutary. This scriptural knowledge, as we have seen, will be a sure protection against infidelity and spurious belief, and a guarantee that our young people will never wander away beyond the pale of our denomination. Other denominations have perceived this truth;—the Church of Rome perhaps most fully. Well do we know the results. Rome loses but *few* of her children. Baptists need lose *none*. Would we consult our denominational interests we should not hesitate in our mode of action. Viewing this subject in its relation to the soul, we find for it still higher advantages. It is an indisputable fact that those best acquainted with scripture truths, are, on the whole, most moral. Nothing tempers down the levity of youth, like bringing to bear on it the solemn and weighty doctrines of christianity. They *will be felt* in making the

Appendix.

(A)

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

That a careful observance of the Sabbath is a duty solemnly binding upon all, may be seen both by the teachings of the Word of God, and by the demoralizing tendencies of Sabbath desecration.

That this duty is too much neglected in all our communities, and even by some professing godliness, is a lamentable fact.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend a more careful and earnest consideration of this duty in all the churches. Let every Christian employ all the influence he possibly can, both by precept and example against all practices, however profitable pecuniarily, to discountenance and put down every thing that has a tendency to desecrate God's day and, thus, dishonor His "reverend" and "holy name."

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. KEMPTON.

(B)

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE WESTERN N. S. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 1871.

Your Board beg leave to present the following abstract of Missionary labor performed during the year now closing :

Rev. Obed Parker, at the request of the Board, visited New Albany, and spent two Sabbaths with the brethren.—Preached three times, delivered two temperance addresses, attended one conference meeting, and administered the Lord's Supper. He adds "a weekly prayer meeting is established with the prospect of much good."

Bro. Benjamin Miller, Licentiate, labored 7 weeks at Milford and Greywood. Alienation and strife had unhappily separated the brethren, and the public worship of God was much neglected. The labor of the missionary resulted in the restoration of a good degree of union to the church, in bringing wanderers back to the fold, and in creating a desire for the word of life.

Brother Miller visited 31 families, preached 22 sermons, attended 7 prayer, business and conference meetings, and collect \$13.00 in aid of the Mission, pledges in addition to

the amount of \$32.00 were given provided Bro. Miller could visit them again. Your Board therefore gave him a second appointment of 8 weeks, which was duly reported as fully performed with indications of the divine presence and favor—on this second mission 29 sermons were preached, 30 families were visited, 5 conference meetings attended.

Rev. Perez Murray gives the following report of 6 weeks labor in Dalhousie West. "When I visited them they were in a very sad state. * * There had not been any thing like a conference meeting, for more than six years. But the Lord, had preceded me in my visit, by the Holy Spirit, and I found it soon apparent that He was in mercy about to revive his work among the people. Several who had long strayed, returned with weeping and supplication. * * The waste place has been made glad. This people are now doing what they can to secure my labors for one quarter of the time for a year. They are mostly poor, but with your aid they will succeed." In consequence of this statement of Brother Murray's, it was resolved at a meeting of the Board held, April 18th, to appropriate the sum of \$30.00, to aid the church at Dalhousie West, for the year commencing at that date.

Bro. Murray has furnished the following summary of his labors: Sermons preached 37, families visited 46, conference meetings 4, baptized 4. Collected in aid of the Mission \$14.31½.

Rev. Joseph H. Saunders received an appointment from the Board to the town of Shelburne and vicinity; and entered upon his labors the 1st day of Dec. last. We have his Report of nine month's labor performed. Bro. Saunders has devoted himself to the work with zeal and hopefulness. He is kindly received by the people, has good congregations, and increased freedom in preaching the word. He says, "I try to be faithful." Patient and continued labor on this field, will by the divine blessing render it self-sustaining. There are indications that the town of Shelburne will increase in population and importance. Bro. Saunders, with wise forethought, is maturing plans for the building of a new, and more commodious place of worship. The old proves to be too small for the congregation, which would become larger were more ample accommodations provided. Bro. S has spent a portion of his time with the Jordan Bay church, where a Meeting-house is in course of completion through his efforts. This House it is expected will be opened the present season. He has also given a small portion of his time to Lockport, as that church is without a pastor.

The sum of \$300.00 was voted for this mission. Some \$270.00 having been in addition guaranteed by the churches of Shelburne and Jordan Bay. The following summary of

labor has been presented: Sermons preached 102, prayer and conference meetings attended 52, family visits 412, miles travelled 2369, collected in aid of the mission from Sable River Church \$7.05.

Rev. H. Achilles received an appointment of 6 weeks, to New Cornwall and vicinity. Two weeks were spent on the field in October. The first visit of the missionary was blessed in the reviving of God's people, and in the awakening of some to the importance of religion. But a death having occurred it became necessary for him to return home. In consequence of other engagements, he was not able to resume his mission until May. He found the church at New Cornwall much revived, through the labors of Rev. W. E. Hall. As the church at Mahone Bay and North West, were without a pastor, he extended his labors in that direction. At the Bay there is a growing interest, meetings were well attended; and many were inquiring for the bread of life. Our brother says, "Though I cannot report baptisms, yet I believe that good was done, and souls saved through the word preached."

Brother Achilles furnishes the following summary of his labors: Restored 1, received for baptism 1, sermons preached 20, conference and prayer meetings 15, family visits 75, sabbath schools visited and addressed 3, collected in aid of the mission \$20.00.

Rev. I. Wallace at a meeting of the Board at Clements-ville in September last, was requested to give what portion of time he may be able to spare to Annapolis Royal and vicinity. He report a fortnightly service on sabbath evening during two quarters. He has devoted considerable time in addition to this field, but for this he makes no claim upon the Board. The success that has attended bro. Wallace's efforts attests to the wisdom of the appointment. He says in his first quarterly reports, "An increasing interest in Baptist preaching, and Baptist sentiments is apparent," and in his subsequent report he adds, "My congregations have been large and solemn, both in town and Lequille. Our prospects are brightening." A Sewing Circle was organized in the winter, for the purpose of raising funds to build a Baptist Meeting-house in town. A strawberry festival the 1st July, under the auspices of this society, realized the handsome sum of \$500, which has been duly invested. We trust that the work will not cease here; and that we shall soon have, not only a Baptist Meeting-house, but a working gospel church in the ancient capital of Nova Scotia.

\$7.50 were collected in aid of this mission.

Brother Durkee received an appointment to Annapolis Royal for 10 weeks—bro. Wallace relinquishing it, for the

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time. He spent one week only on the field, and reports encouragingly of the prospects there.

Brother J. H. Saunders having received \$100.00 for his services rendered to the church at Lockport, and having credited the same to your Board, that amount was voted to aid Bro. W. H. Richan in his self-denying efforts at North East Harbor and Barrington.

The sum of \$10.00 has been paid to bro. Adoniram Cogswell, towards aiding the church at Granville Mountain in his support. The following is a summary of work done, so far as reported to your Board: Sermons preached 213, families visited 636, prayer and conference meetings 84, baptized 4, restored 1, received for baptism 1. \$93 87½ has been collected by the missionaries towards the funds of the Board. For the 67 weeks of labor performed, the sum of \$446.51½ has been paid in addition to the sums collected by the missions, making a total of \$540.41 expended by the Board during the year.

Your Board could wish to have presented a more encouraging report. We have endeavoured to give a plain statement of facts. In reviewing the year, we see causes for thankfulness for what has been done, and tokens of what God will yet do by us as a people. As a denomination we have an important mission to fulfil. We must come to realize more fully that the grand truths we hold are precious beyond comparison, and that in contending for the faith once delivered to the saints we must work with increased zeal, with more fervent prayer, and with a more abundant and cheerful bestowment of the gold and silver which God has placed in our hands to use for the good of man, and for the divine glory. We have much land yet to possess in our own province, and we should not rest until every section of the country accepts the truth, free from human tradition, and learns to obey the commandments of our Lord and Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. FREEMAN, Secretary.

THE WESTERN N. S. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH B. H. PARKER, TREASURER OF HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

	Cr.	
1870.		
Sept.	Cash in hand.....	\$ 1 88
" 29.	Received from the Western Association.....	330 00
1871.		
Jan. 1.	Interest on Debentures.....	30 00
July.	Do. Do.	30 00
Aug. 1.	From a friend of Missions to be appropriated at Annapolis Royal.....	13 50
	From Shelburne Church.....	7 06
		\$412 43

		Dr.	
1870.	Dec.	Paid Rev. Isziah Wallace.....	\$ 10 00
1871.	March.	" Adeniram Cogswell, Licentiate.....	10 00
	April 19.	" Rev. Perez Murray.....	33 65
	" "	" Rev. Isaiah Wallace.....	10 00
	" "	" Benj. Miller, Licentiate.....	23 00
	" "	" Rev. Joseph H. Saunders.....	75 00
	June.	" Rev. Joseph H. Saunders.....	75 00
	" "	Expenses on two Post Office Orders.....	00 86
	Sept. 28.	" Rev. Joseph H. Saunders.....	50 00
	" "	" Rev. Obed Parker.....	10 00
	" "	" Rev. Henry Achilles.....	28 00
	" "	" A. Durkee, Licentiate.....	6 00
	" "	" Benjamin Miller, Licentiate.....	15 00
	" "	" Rev. W. H. Richan.....	100 00
			\$446 51
			412 48

Due the Treasurer..... \$34 08

BENJAMIN H. PARKER.

Examined and found correct.

SAMUEL BROWN.

SAMUEL WHEELOCK.

Nictaux, Sept. 1871.

(C)

REPORT OF THE FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

In the month of October last, Rev. M. Normondy your missionary removed from the French Mission premises of Tusket, to those of Saulnierville. Here as a centre of operation he has since prosecuted his labours with commendable zeal. From his report just presented to this Board, we learn that he has during the year made 293 family visits, travelled 2118 miles, preached 106 sermons, baptized 6 converts (2 French and 4 English), and distributed 36 New Testaments and 8576 pages of Tracts. In addition to these labours your missionary has made considerable necessary improvements on the premises at Saulnierville, of which he has kept no account.

Thus your missionary has gone forth scattering the precious truths of the gospel, and with grateful hearts your Board recognize God's blessing already vouchsafed. The great day of reckoning alone will reveal the full results. "In the morning sow thy seed, in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not which shall profit this or that, or whether both shall be alike good." Your missionary has rejoiced over two hopeful conversions to Christ, of persons who died during the past year. He repeatedly visited them during their illness, and saw them pass away in the triumphs of faith.

Your Board think the time has fully come when the operations of this mission should be enlarged. They regard increased aggressive efforts to scatter the Word of Life among the Acadian French, by the labours of judicious colporteurs as highly desirable. They have recently had correspondence with the Rev. N. Cyr, of Rutland, Vermont, on the subject, which they hope may result in securing the services of one or more suitable colporteurs, at an early date. Meanwhile your present missionary brother Normondy, who has for the last 14 years been pursuing his self-denying labours in this large and difficult field, still toils on in hope, and well deserves the confidence, sympathies and prayers of the churches. Sister Normondy renders considerable assistance in this work. By her friendly and sympathising visits among the people she proves herself a valuable help-meet to her husband in his arduous labours. Miss Ellen Porter who resides at the French Mission premises, Saulnierville, is learning the French language, and impelled by a strong desire to be useful in the mission is doing what she can in teaching a small school and in the distribution of tracts among the people. Your Board cherish the hope that sister Porter may become a valuable acquisition to the Mission. They deem it proper that at least the interest on the \$1000 donated by the late Joseph Shaw, Esq., for a Mission School be paid to her.

In view of the fact that the three Baptist Associations of this province, are all especially interested in this Acadia French Mission your Board beg to suggest to this Western Association, the desirability of taking steps as soon as practicable by which your Board may be merged into a Provincial Board to be constituted for the more vigorous and systematic prosecution of our Home Mission work throughout the entire province.

The Treasurer's Report indicates a debt due your missionary.

Your Board, however, are confident that the benevolent responses given to the appeals made to the churches in behalf of this mission in the past will be continued in the future.

It is with profound regret and sorrow, that your Board are called to record the death of their beloved brother and co-labourer in this cause, the late JOSEPH SHAW, Esq. From the earliest history of the French Mission, he was one of its warmest friends, and decidedly its most generous patron. In his death the mission has sustained a severe loss, but they rejoice that the mission's loss is the eternal gain of the departed brother. We tender to our bereaved sister Shaw, our heartfelt sympathies.

Respectfully submitted,

ISA. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

FRENCH MISSION IN ACCOUNT WITH W. R. DOTY, TREASURER.

1870.		Dr.	
Oct. 13.	To Cash paid Missionary.....		\$255 00
Nov. 2.	“ “ “		40 00
“ “	“ Moving Missionary, Tusket to Saulnierville		80 00
Dec. 23.	“ Paid “		9 25
1871.			
Feb. 2.	“ “ “		4 00
May 16.	“ “ “		25 00
July 28.	“ “ “		84 92
	Collected by Missionary and retained..		116 27
	Amount expended on Premises.....		84 98
	Balance on Missionary's salary.....		357 92 \$1007 34

1870.		Cr.	
Sept. 28.	By bal. acct. rendered.....	\$ 96 87	
	“ Treasurer of Association.....	225 77	
	“ Collected for S. House.....	28 13	
Oct.	“ Friend of Missions, Dr. Tupper...	2 00	
	“ Lake George Church, W. S. P....	9 25	
July.	“ Central Association	84 92	
	“ Interest on cash lent.....	4 75	
	“ Amounts collected by Missionary.		
	“ Mrs. J. Shaw.....	4 00	
	“ J. A. Trefry.....	5 00	
	“ N. Holmes.....	5 00	
	“ S. Cane.....	0 25	
	“ Rev. S. T. Rand.....	15 00	
	“ B. B. Dodge.....	1 00	
	“ Miss Ella Vidito.....	1 00	
	“ J. Messenger.....	1 00	
	“ J. Sabeau.....	20 00	
	“ Deacon Wheelock.....	4 00	
	“ W. H. Gridley.....	20 00	
	“ W. Weddleton.....	10 00	
	“ W. H. Nickerson.....	1 00	
	“ George Wetmore.....	1 00	
	“ C. Frost.....	1 00	
	“ Dr. Parker.....	10 00	
	“ Benj. Brown, Jr.....	4 00	
	“ A. Sime.....	1 00	
	“ Ruben Raymond.....	2 00	
	“ Caledonia Church.....	25 00	
	“ Smith's Cove and Digby.....	17 00	
	“ W. R. Doty.....	5 00	
	“ Rev. H. Morrow.....	1 00	
	“ R. S. Raymond.....	20 00	
	“ Eastern Association, per S. Selden.	8 00	
	“ John Turner.....	4 00	
	“ B. B. Moses.....	10 00	
	“ N. Stronach, Rev. D. W. Crandall.	1 00	\$ 653 95
	Balance due.....		853 39
			<u>\$1007 34</u>

Examined,

SAMUEL BROWN.

SAMUEL WHEELOCK.

W. R. DOTY, Treasurer.

Nictaux, Sept. 1871.

(D)
 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
 MISSIONS.

It is pleasing to know that our sister Norris, who called at the last Meeting of this Association, while on her way to Burmah, was favored with a safe and speedy passage thither; and that she has made such rapid progress in the acquisition of a knowledge of the Sgau Karen language, as to be able already to offer prayer in it, and, to some extent, to impart religious instructions to those who speak it. Through her zealous efforts prior to her departure, and the praise worthy labors of our sisters in those Maritime Provinces, a large amount has been raised by Women's Missionary Aid Societies, not only sufficient for her support but also for that of sister DeWolf. It may be reasonably hoped, that, by the continuance and increase of those benevolent exertions, means may be provided for sustaining an increased number of these highly useful female laborers.

To the faithfulness, earnestness, and highly beneficial effects of the labors of sister DeWolf, pleasing testimony is borne by the Missionaries with whom she has been associated, namely, Brothers Carpenter and Smith, as also by sister Smith, with whom she is boarding.

Besides these diligent workers for Christ, there are 30 native preachers, and 2 Bible women, supported by funds furnished from the Provinces, and employed in diffusing the light of the glorious gospel of Christ among the benighted heathen in Burmah.

There are also two valued brethren, Armstrong and Sanford, who have been accepted as our Missionaries, now pursuing their studies preparatory to going forth to a foreign field, probably to the Karens in Siam.

As it has been decided at the last meeting of Convention by an overwhelming majority—the minority expressing acquiescence—to establish a Mission of *our own*, by which means it is presumed the energies of our people will be much more extensively and largely enlisted, your Committee would affectionately urge upon the members of all the Baptist Churches in these Provinces, and upon the friends of this Mission, the exercise of unstinted liberality, for the furtherance of this great and vastly important undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

C TUPPER, *Chairman.*

(E)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would express their regret, that while the subject of temperance has lost none of its importance; we have had no time to give to this subject during the present Association. That it is a subject in which we should take the deepest interest none—we are assured—will deny for a moment.

It is intimately connected with the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is inseparably identified with the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. It forms an important part of the great gospel message which we as the ministers of Christ are commissioned to proclaim to the world. It was when the Apostle Paul preached of temperance as well as of righteousness and judgment, that Felix the governor trembled. It forms one of the virtues that should ever adorn the christian. We are exhorted in the Word of God to add to our faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance. Viewing it in this light, the light in which we believe God's Holy Word has placed it, and beholding the awful havoc intemperance is making in the world, and we fear in the Church of Christ also, is it not our duty to raise the warning voice, and sound an alarm in God's holy mountain.

With these few remarks your Committee beg leave to recommend that the pastors of our Churches preach temperance sermons to their respective churches and congregations.

All of which is respectively submitted,

G. D. Cox, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In consideration of the loud calls at the present day for increased Educational culture, everything should be done by the members of this denomination to avail themselves of the means so plentifully provided in our Province for this end.

We strongly recommend all our respected ministers to take earnest interest in the secular schools established in their neighborhood, and to aid the teacher by their influence with the families of their flocks. We counsel parents to allow every possible facility to their children not only to secure the primary element of a sound education, but to press forward to the attainment of higher branches of knowledge.

It is matter of congratulation that steps are being taken to found a ladies' seminary in connection with the institutions at Wolfville. which we commend to the patronage and

assistance of those who seek polish and harmonious fullness in the instruction of their daughters.

And contemplating the deplorable scarcity of ministers of the everlasting gospel amongst us, we specially request all our pastors and brethren to make this a matter of devout prayer and distinct appeal throughout all our churches. Whenever hopeful candidates present themselves, endowed with acceptable preaching abilities, to open the way for them by all suitable encouragements, to proceed to our Theological school at Wolfville.

We further respectfully suggest to our influential brethren to lay themselves out to promote Scripture reading and general mental culture by the delivery of occasional Lectures outside the range of ordinary pulpit topics. It was a dogma of the Dark Ages that "Ignorance is the mother of Devotion," but with us, all our movements are essentially and indispensably based on Enlightenment and Truth in every department of knowledge. The completest education which can be obtained for our families, it behoves us to obtain; leaving nothing undone which can be accomplished to raise all our institutions to the highest attainable efficiency.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS BURDITT, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT ON DEPARTED BRETHREN.

Your Committee report that while none of the ordained watchmen on the walls of Zion, connected with the churches represented in this Association, have been stricken down by the hand of death, during the year, we mourn the recent demise of three prominent lay brethren.

The first of these that passed away was MAJOR CHIPMAN, ESQ, who for 59 years was an efficient Deacon of the Annapolis and Upper Granville Church. At the protracted age of fourscore and ten years, his immortal part entered the spirit world. We speak not now of the secular offices which he filled with integrity, but we record our appreciation of the depth of his piety, which was exhibited by a long career of usefulness in the church, as well as by an exemplary and blameless course in all the relations of his life.

His departure was soon followed by that of JOSEPH SHAW, ESQ, who was long a pious and devoted member of the first Yarmouth Church. His love for Christ and his cause was exemplified, not only by profession, but by charities to the poor, and by munificent gifts thrown into the treasury of the Lord. His was a type of christian character, that was illustrated by deeds rather than by words. To

Zion's claims he ever cheerfully responded; and his heart beat in sympathy with every effort that was put forth to enlarge the Redeemer's kingdom. His contributions to the French Mission, from the inception of that evangelical enterprise to his death, were large and continuous. To his brethren, and especially the ministers of Christ, he habitually extended a whole-hearted hospitality. For them, if their necessities required relief, his house, his purse, and his heart were constantly open. His benevolence will not be soon forgotten.

A few weeks after brother Shaw was consigned to the "narrow house," ISRAEL LONGLEY, ESQ., one of the Deacons of Wilmot Church, in the meridian of mature manhood, was also called to exchange worlds. His piety was deep and unremitting—his faith was ardent and vigorous—and his efficiency as an active officer in the church greatly endeared him to his Pastor and his brethren.

These three servants of God were esteemed and loved while they lived, and were sincerely lamented in death.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. GIDNEY, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools present the following Report:—

It is a pleasing fact, that so many of our churches are engaged in Sabbath School operations.

Your Committee are of the opinion that in this department of christian effort, greater efficiency is demanded. In order to this, the pastors and members of the churches should give themselves more unitedly to this work. The Pastors by a general oversight of the school. The members by their active co-operation. The great want of the day is active, zealous, efficient workers, who from love to the master and the souls of the young, are willing to consecrate themselves to this service.

In view of the fact that the Baptists of these Provinces have resolved on an independent Foreign Mission, your Committee would earnestly recommend that a Missionary spirit be fostered in our Sabbath Schools, by frequent reading of Missionary intelligence. And they would recommend the introduction into the families and Sabbath Schools of the Macedonian and Record, as our great means of accomplishing this object.

The Committee would also urge upon Superintendents and teachers the great necessity of continuing the schools throughout the year; as in their opinion no surer way to retard their prosperity. could be devised, than closing or discontinuing the schools during the winter months.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL BROWN, *Chairman.*

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH CHARLES RANDALL, TREASURER.

1870.	DR.		
		Forwarded by Dr. Tupper to Rev. H. Saunders as ordered by Association.....	\$ 40 00
		Also by the same and at the same time to Rev. Robert Morton.....	40 00
		To Widow of Jas. Ried.....	20 00
		(All ordered by the Association.)	
1871.			
		May. To Rev. H. Saunders as ordered by the Board....	20 00
		" Rev. G. Richardson, \$20. Postage 15 cts....	20 15
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		To Balance.....	\$140 15
			316 18
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			\$456 33

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		By Cash brought forward as per acct. rendered at Clements vale, Sept. 27, 1870.....	\$294 66
		" Less \$3.00 on S. T. Bacon's note.....	3 00
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			\$291 66
Sept. 27.		Received of D. Potter, Treas. of Association.	88 04
		Interest on Notes—W. Aymar.....	6 00
		" " S. T. Bacon.....	2 10
		" " John Welch.....	9 00
		Col. 1st Yarmouth Church 1st Sunday in Nov.	16 85
		" South Yarmouth Church " ..	2 00
		" New Tusket Church " ..	4 56
		" Sissiboo Church " ..	5 50
		" 3rd Yarmouth Church " ..	4 00
		" Westport & Freeport Church " ..	10 00
		" Hebron Church " ..	5 62
		" Ohio Church " ..	7 00
		" Lake George " ..	4 00
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			\$456 33

Examined.
S. N. BROWN,
SAMUEL WHELOCK.

C. RANDALL, *Treasurer.*

Victaux, Sept. 1871.

18 Greywood and Milford.....	18	17	35	30	3	2	5	7	50	7	69
19 Springfield.....	45	46	91	70	7	4	11	42	41	190	20 00
20 Liverpool.....	55	45	100	80	6	8	14	10	20	200	210 00
21 St. Mary's Bay.....	30	30	60	40	4	4	8	...	14	200	25 00
22 Mill Village.....	47	64	101	24	3	4	7	...	...	...	20 00
23 Freeport.....	41	60	100	80	5	9	14	12	14	200	20 00
24 Argyle.....	61	70	137	105	6	10	16	12	9	275	11 55
25 Clements.....	128	136	269	205	12	14	26	30	53	650	35 00
26 Greenfield.....	23	28	49	40	6	4	10	...	90	158	...
27 Kempf.....	60	40	100	80	5	5	10	8	10	400	...
28 Tusket.....	40	50	90	70	6	1	7	...	13	80	25 00
29 Lake George.....	28	38	63	45	6	4	10	...	29	200	12 00
30 Middlefield.....	1	16	15	30	25	1	3	4	...	80	1 00
31 Caledonia.....	1	35	40	75	60	5	5	10	...	10	150
32 Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.....	5	108	190	358	275	21	18	39	...	50	953
33 Yarmouth Ist.—Central School.....	2	50	110	160	170	11	14	25	...	6	450
34 Temple.....	1	60	82	142	123	10	11	21	...	14	275
35 Hebron.....	1	60	75	135	84	8	6	14	...	150	30 00
36 Tusket Lakes.....	1	15	25	40	30	2	4	...	...	...	...
37 Yarmouth South.....	1	18	27	45	37	2	4	...	...	12	80
38 Arcadia.....	1	49	46	95	77	8	8	9	...	13	375
39 Pine Grove.....	2	44	86	130	95	5	7	12	...	12	103
Totals.....	64	1845	2159	4004	230	241	491	12	20	...	75 00

**Monies paid in at the Western Association at Niagara,
Annapolis Co., September 30th, 1871.**

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Infirm Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	French Mission.	Acadia College.	TOTAL.
1 Acadian French Mission...	\$1 00	\$ 0 79			\$ 6 00		\$ 7 79
2 Annapolis & Up. Granville.	17 09	9 00	2 06	2 00	11 03	7 00	48 06
3 Argyle.....	4 50	4 60	2 50				23 98
4 Brookfield.....	9 00	6 00	4 48	2 00	3 03		14 53
5 Clements.....	8 00	4 00	2 50	2 00	2 50		23 98
6 Digby.....		19 76			8 00	1 50	26 00
7 Digby Neck, 1st.....	5 00	10 70	5 00				19 76
8 Greenfield.....	4 00	4 00			2 00	3 00	25 00
9 Hampton.....	2 00	2 88	2 25	2 25	3 33	4 00	15 33
10 Hillgrove.....	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	10 00	23 38
11 Hillsburgh, 1st.....	20 00	15 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	13 00
12 Hillsburgh, 2nd.....	1 75	10 91			8 00	2 00	50 00
13 Kempt.....	2 00	2 88	2 25	2 25	4 00	10 00	12 66
14 Lake George.....					3 00		23 38
15 Litchfield.....	2 00						3 00
16 Liverpool.....	16 00	10 00					2 00
17 Long Island.....	10 00	5 00			15 75		41 75
18 L. Aylesford & Up. Wilmot.	12 27	20 64	5 28	3 92	2 25		17 25
19 Lower Granville.....	12 00	10 00	5 14	5 00	9 28		51 40
20 Milton.....	40 00	18 25	4 00	4 00	10 00		42 14
21 Middlefield.....	2 00	2 00	1 87		40 00		106 25
22 Mill Village.....	6 25	0 62			1 00		6 87
23 New Albany.....	3 50	3 62	1 00	0 60	3 45	2 62	12 95
24 New Tuskot.....					4 33		13 05
25 Nictaux.....	40 48	14 54	8 50	2 35	5 82		5 82
26 Pine Grove.....	9 50	5 16	2 77		18 32		84 19
27 Port Medway.....	4 00	5 00			5 00	7 62	30 05
28 Sissiboo.....	0 25	1 00			7 60		16 60
29 Springfield.....	8 00	4 20			6 39		7 64
30 St. Mary's Bay.....	10 00	14 00	4 12				12 20
31 Tuskot.....	10 71	12 54	2 00	0 25			28 12
32 Tuskot Lakes.....	3 00	1 00	1 33	0 50	2 50	1 00	26 50
33 Milford and Graywood.....	17 56				1 00	1 00	9 33
34 Temple Church*.....	28 05	135 34	11 00	26 36	24 75		17 56
35 Digby Neck, 2nd.....	2 00	2 00	1 77		2 00		225 50
36 Westport.....	3 89	8 76	4 66				7 77
37 Wilmot.....	1 53	22 46	1 26		15 79		17 31
38 Wilmot Mountain.....	3 00	2 75	2 00	2 00	5 11	2 00	41 04
39 Woods Harbour.....	1 80						16 86
40 Yarmouth, 1st.....	37 67	93 77	19 82	12 71	23 70		1 80
41 Yarmouth, 2nd.....	16 57	17 58	2 50	1 50	15 04		187 76
42 Yarmouth, 3rd.....		5 50			8 76		54 09
43 Yarmouth South.....	4 92	16 85			2 97	5 25	14 26
44 Yarmouth West.....	7 00	6 00	2 00		9 00		30 00
45 Acadia.....	4 00	15 00	1 84	1 80			24 00
46 Ohio, Yarmouth Co.....		2 58			2 53		22 64
47 Collections.....	51 40				46 24		5 11
48 Paid by former Treasurer..	4 50						97 64
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Less expenses of Association.	450 10	548 89	108 90	74 49	347 44	57 00	1586 83
	†68 00						
	382 10						

* Temple Church \$50.00 to support of Native Preacher, and \$40.00 from Sabbath School for Miss DeWolf.

† \$1.00 given to a Native Preacher.

‡ \$60.00 paid for Minutes.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association of N. S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

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

6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed by dismission, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

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

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

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

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

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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