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OF THE

NEW BRUNSWICK

BAPTIST CONVENTION,

FOR THE SESSION

HELD AT

JEMSEG, QUEEN'S COUNTY,

September 8-11, 1894.

WITH

ACT OF INCORPORATION,

AND ALSO

The Constitution of the Baptist Annuity Association.

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## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This Organization shall be called the NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II.—The object of this Convention shall be to promote Home Missions in this Province, to assist the N. B. Seminary, and the Baptist Annuity Association, and generally to foster all interests that immediately pertain to the welfare of the Baptist Denomination in New Brunswick.

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ARTICLE IV.—This Convention shall meet annually, the second Saturday in September, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and at such other times as it shall direct. Special meetings may be called by the President upon written request of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V.—The Officers of this Convention shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor. There shall be a Board of Directors, composed of twenty-one persons, seven of whom shall be elected annually. The duties of this Board shall be the supervision and conduct of the work of the Convention between the times of meeting. The Officers of the Convention shall be *ex officio* members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI.—The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all Delegates present at an annual meeting, notice of change having been given one year previous.

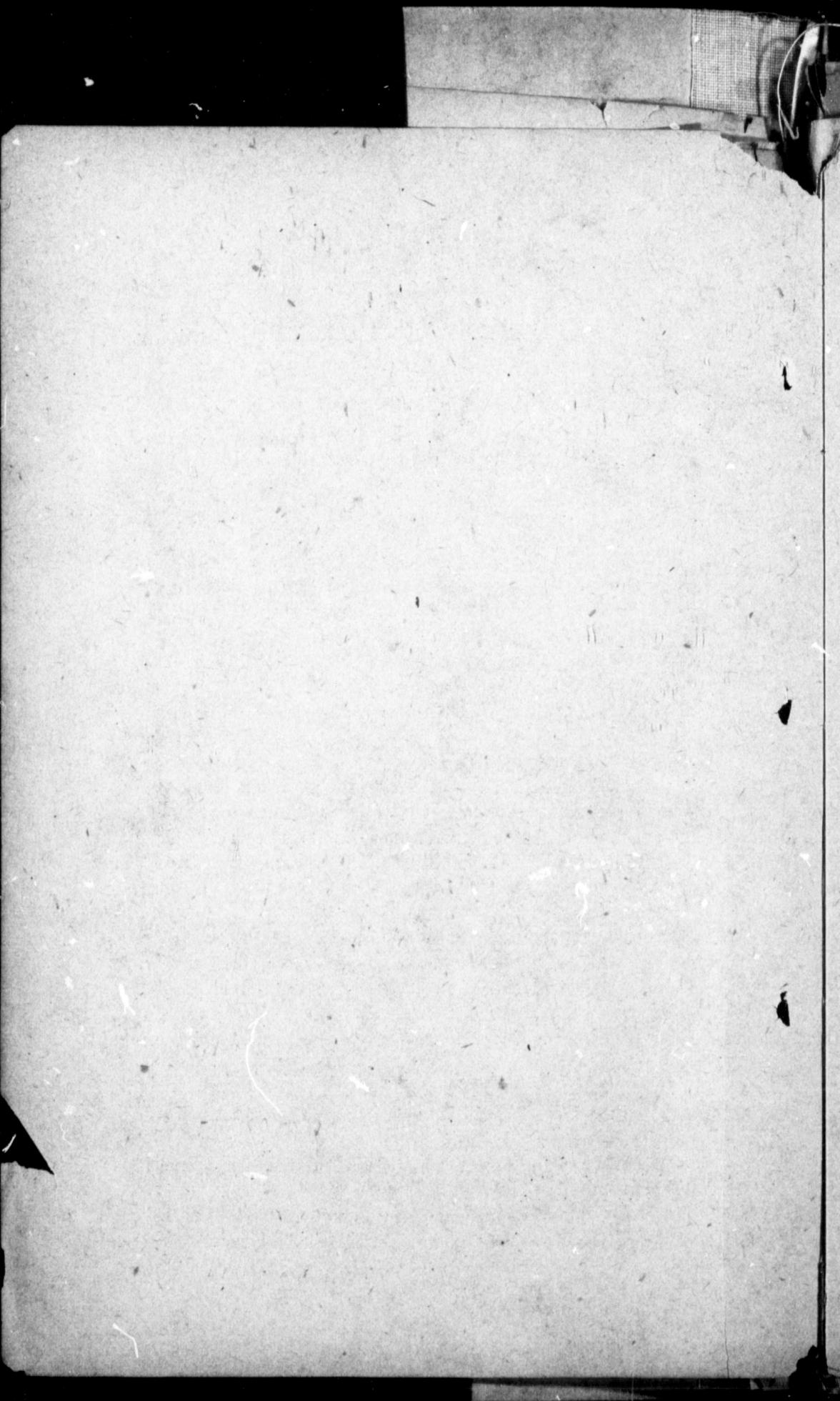
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## BYE-LAWS.

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II. Notice shall be given by the President in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, for at least two weeks, of any special meeting of the Convention or Corporation called by the requisition of the Board of Directors.

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JEMSEG, Q. C., SEPT. 8, 1894.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING of the New Brunswick Baptist Convention took place in the Baptist house of worship, this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M., President G. G. King in the Chair.

After prayer by Rev. D. N. Hughes, the minutes of the last special meeting held at Brussels Street Church, Saint John, June 20th, 1894, were read and approved.

On calling for the representation of the Churches, Delegates to the number of ninety-six were enrolled as members of Convention. It was then moved by Rev. F. C. Wright, and seconded by Rev. Thos. Todd, that all visiting brethren and sisters present, in good standing in their churches, be invited to seats in the Convention. The following, among others, were thus invited :

Rev. John Perry, F. C. Baptist ; Rev. A. J. Hughes, of Pennsylvania ; Rev. H. G. Mellick of Manitoba, and Rev. H. N. Wiggins of Stratham, N. H.

The following brethren were appointed on the Committee of Arrangements :—Rev. A. B. McDonald, Dea. Benj. Titus, Rev. Thos. Todd, L. P. Farris, M. P. P., Rev. E. C. Corey, J. C. Bleskney and W. C. King.

It was moved by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, and seconded by Rev. B. N. Hughes, that in view of the fact that the larger portion of the Delegates cannot be present until the arrival of steamers at noon, the election of officers be deferred until the afternoon session. Carried.

The Committee of Arrangements made a partial report, which was adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks was at this point tendered to Mr. Chas. T. Bailey, Mr. Havelock Coy, and Rev. Thos. Todd, for the work

performed in drafting the Act of Incorporation, and bringing it before the Legislature. The thanks of the body were also tendered A. T. Dibblee, Esq., M. P. P., for his assistance in conducting the Bill through the House.

Adjourned, after Prayer by Rev. A. B. McDonald.

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### SATURDAY AETERNOON.

Convention resumed business at 2 P. M.

Minutes of the Morning Session read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we now proceed to the election of Officers.

The following were then chosen to serve for the ensuing year :

*President*—G. G. King.

*Vice-Presidents*—Revs. T. Todd, Geo. Howard, and W. Camp.

*Secretary*—Rev. W. E. McIntyre.

*Statistical Secretary*—Rev. F. C. Wright.

*Treasurer*—Jacob S. Titus.

*Auditor*—N. B. Cottle.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Revs. A. B. McDonald, J. A. Cahill, J. E. Hopper, D. D., T. W. Kierstead, J. H. Hughes, M. Gross, A. F. Brown, and E. K. Ganong, and Brethren Thos. Bridges, Wm. Swim, T. L. Hay, J. A. Estey, G. W. Titus, T. H. Hall, G. A. Coonan, S. E. Frost, D. W. Estabrooks, M. S. Hall, C. W. Pierce, J. W. Toole, LeBaron Goddard.

The following brethren were then appointed on the Nominating Committee :—N. B. Cottle, Thos. Todd, Wm. Lewis, B. N. Hughes, M. S. Hall, E. C. Corey, O. N. Keith, Wm. Allwood, and J. S. Titus.

After report from Committee of Arrangements, adjourned.

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### SATURDAY EVENING.

Evening Session opened with Prayer by Rev. Geo. Howard.

Minutes of Afternoon Session read and approved.

After engaging heartily in the singing of "Coronation," Bro. H. G. Mellick gave a stirring address on the work of Missions in the Northwest. The speaker accompanied his address with con-

stant reference to a large map, pointing out each place mentioned, and thereby enlisting the deepest attention of all throughout his address. The occasion was one long to be remembered.

Then followed an appeal by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, on behalf of Academic Education in New Brunswick. An enthusiastic interest was here aroused, and in response \$390 was subscribed towards the opening fund for repairs, &c., of which amount \$309 were paid in cash.

On motion, adjourned, after prayer by Rev. John Perry.

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#### LORD'S DAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH.

At 10.30 A. M. the Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Hughes, from Matthew xvi. : 18.

In the afternoon Rev. A. J. Hughes, of Pennsylvania, preached from Romans vii. : 9, an able and instructive discourse.

The evening service was devoted to missionary addresses. Rev. J. W. Manning, Secretary of the F. M. Board, spoke on Foreign Missions, and Rev. S. McCully Black on Grand Ligne Mission.

Overflow services were conducted during the day in the Temperance Hall, near by, and also in the open air. Large audiences attended, and listened with profit to the addresses given. Among the speakers at these services were Revs. Geo. Howard, J. D. Wetmore, S. D. Ervine, M. Addison, F. C. Wright, J. W. S. Young, Capt. S. Brayman, and others.

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#### MONDAY FORENOON, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Session opened at 9 A. M. with Prayer by Rev. J. Coombs.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

While awaiting the report of the Nominating Committee, the needs of the Home Mission fields were presented by the following brethren :—Wm. Swim, N. E. Herman, Revs. J. A. Porter, Isaiah Wallace, F. C. Wright, S. D. Ervine, T. Todd.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. J. H. Hughes, and seconded by Rev. A. B. McDonald :

*Whereas*, There is an impression in the minds of many of our brethren that the promoters of the New Brunswick Baptist Con-

vention are seeking to divide the denomination by taking the churches of this Province out of the Maritime Convention ; and

*Whereas*, The Committee of the Maritime Convention seem to take this view in their report which was adopted by that body in the following language : "That we recommend the churches in New Brunswick be left at liberty to unite with the New Brunswick Convention or remain with the Maritime Convention, as at present." Therefore

*Resolved*, That this Convention does not contemplate the separation of our churches from the Maritime Convention ; but we ask the churches of this Province to adhere to the basis of organization agreed upon by the Maritime Convention at St. Martins last year, namely that we take charge of the management and control of Academic Education, Home Missions, and other local interests, for the especial care of which this Convention has been called into existence ; and further

*Resolved*, That we advise all our churches to continue their loyal support to the Maritime Convention in the care of Acadia University, Foreign Missions, and other interests of a general character which that Convention may see fit to promote.

Adopted.

The Nominating Committee reported through their Chairman as follows :

*Committee on Correspondence*.—Revs. W. E. McIntyre, J. H. Hughes, and T. Todd.

*Committee on Home Missions*.—Revs. W. Carup, and S. D. Ervine, and Bro. T. Hall.

*Committee on Education*.—Rev. W. W. Weeks, L. P. Farris, M. P. P., G. G. King, Mont. McDonald, G. W. Titus, Rev. T. Todd, and Rev. M. P. King.

*Committee on Sabbath Schools*.—Revs. M. Addison, J. C. Bleakney, C. Currie, I. B. Colwell, O. N. Keith, and brethren J. A. Estey, W. Cross, G. M. Peck, J. S. Titus.

*Committee on Temperance*.—Revs. F. C. Wright, Geo. Howard, B. N. Hughes, and brethren Wm. Lewis, D. Vaughan, D. W. Estabrooks, M. S. Hall, R. T. Babbitt, and W. J. Bridges.

*Committee on Systematic Beneficence*.—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, D. D., E. C. Corey, and brethren R. E. Steeves, T. L. Hay, S. E. Frost, John McLaughlin, W. C. King, and Wm. Swinn.

*Committee on Obituaries*.—Rev. A. B. McDonald, and brethren Thos. Hetherington, and Wm. Allwood.

*Committee on Publication*.—Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Rev. F. C. Wright, and Bro. T. H. Hall.

*Committee on Travelling Arrangements*.—Brethren J. J. Wallace, E. W. Elliott, and J. S. Titus.

*Committee on Denominational Literature.*—T. H. Hall, Rev. J. C. Bleakney, N. B. Cottle, C. W. Pierce, Rev. S. McC. Black, Rev. Benjamin Jewett, Wm. Lewis.

A communication from Rev. E. J. Grant was read by the Secretary, asking of the Convention co-operation with the Maritime Committee in the conduct of Home Missions in this Province during the present year. Discussion deferred till evening session.

Adjourned until evening, to give place to the annual meeting of the Baptist Annuity Association, which was appointed to take place at 2 P. M.

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#### MONDAY EVENING.

Session opened at 7 P. M. with prayer by Rev. O. N. Keith.

Some doubt having been raised as to the constitutionality of the election of officers on Saturday, a Special Committee was appointed to consider the question and report to the Convention. The following brethren were appointed on said Committee:—R. T. Babbitt, W. C. King, and N. B. Cottle.

After due consideration the Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee, appointed to consider the election of the Board of Directors, beg to recommend that the election of the Board of Directors on Saturday be rescinded, and that seven of the Directors elected by this body in June last be retired by lot, and seven persons elected in their stead

R. T. BABBITT,  
W. C. KING,  
N. B. COTTLE.

After the adoption of the report, the following members were then retired by lot:—Thos. Bridges, Wm. Swim, J. A. Cahill, E. K. Ganong, C. W. Pierce, T. L. Hay, and N. B. Cottle. They were then re-elected, by ballot, to serve for three years, according to Article 5 of the Act of Incorporation.

On motion, the communication from Rev. E. J. Grant, Secretary of the Committee appointed by the Maritime Convention on Home Mission work, was then taken up.

The following resolution in reply, after considerable discussion, was passed:

*Resolved*, That this Convention cordially invite the counsel and co-operation of the Committee of twelve appointed by the Maritime Convention, at the regular sessions of our Board, and that the Secretary be authorized to notify said Committee of this fact.

The Committee appointed in June to confer with G. W. Titus, Esq., concerning the purchase of the Seminary property, presented their report, after which the Convention adjourned until Tuesday morning.

Closed with Paayer by Rev. A. B. McDonald.

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TUESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 11TH.

Session opened at 9 A. M. with Prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning.

Moved by Rev. T. Todd, and seconded by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, that the Convention Sermon next year be preached on Lord's Day, at 11 A. M. Rev. B. N. Hughes was appointed to preach the Convention Sermon, with Rev. Geo. Howard as his alternate.

On motion of Rev. J. W. S. Young, seconded by N. B. Cottle, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed by this Convention to confer with the F. C. Baptist Conference at its next session, in October, regarding the joint purchase of the Seminary property; and further

*Resolved*, That said Committee be requested to report to the Board of Directors at its earliest opportunity the result of their deliberations with the F. C. Baptist body.

After some discussion it was

*Resolved*, That this Convention offer to the F. C. Baptist Conference of New Brunswick the following proposition, namely: That of the amount required to purchase St. Martins Seminary we agree to raise two-thirds, provided that the F. C. Baptists raise one-third, taking therewith a proportionate share of the ownership and control of the institution. And further

*Resolved*, That in case the F. C. Baptist Conference should decline a legal partnership in said purchase, then this Convention would respectfully and kindly ask for the continued patronage and good will of our Free Baptist brethren in the support of the school itself.

The Committee on Bye-Laws reported in part as follows :

I. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly at such place and time as they may decide upon, notice of which shall be given by the Secretary to each member of the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting.

II. Notice shall be given by the President in the *Messenger and Visitor* for at least two weeks of any special meeting of the Convention or Corporation called by the requisition of the Board of Directors.

III. The Board of Directors shall have full power to transact all business between the Annual Sessions of the Convention, such transactions to be regarded as done by the Convention or Corporation itself.

Adopted.

Adjourned, with Prayer by Rev. Isaiah Wallace.

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#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Afternoon session opened at 2 P. M. with Prayer by Bro. Jas. S. May, of St. John. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The following resolution was also passed :

*Resolved*, That this Convention express its heartfelt sympathy for our beloved brother, Rev. G. W. Springer, in his affliction, and that we hereby convey to him the assurance of our deep regard, praying that the Gospel he has so long preached to others may sustain and comfort him in the present trying hour.

At the suggestion of the President the following resolution concerning the purchase money for the Seminary property, was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Convention recommend the Board of Directors to appoint collectors for soliciting subscriptions to aid in raising the fund required to purchase St. Martins Seminary ; that all money received on said account be handed over to the Treasurer of the Board ; that the Treasurer be required to open an account in the Bank of New Brunswick, and to deposit said money coming into his hands to the credit of this Convention or Corporation ; that all debts contracted by or under authority of the Board connected with the purchase of the Seminary, be paid by cheque drawn on said Bank, signed by the President of the Board and countersigned by the Treasurer.

The question of the purchase of the property having been brought up the following resolution concerning it was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Convention agrees to accept the offer of Mr. G. W. Titus concerning the property at St. Martins, known as the Union Baptist Seminary, to be purchased either by this Convention alone or jointly with the F. C. Baptists, as may be determined, and that we authorize the Board of Directors to proceed on these conditions in effecting the purchase of the same.

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed in connection with each Quarterly Meeting in this Province to present the claims of the objects of this Convention at their various meetings.

The following brethren were accordingly appointed to act on such Committees :

For Carleton, Victoria, and Madawaska Counties—Revs. J. C. Bleakney, C. Currie, and J. W. S. Young.

For York and Sunbury Counties—G. W. Currie, Hiram U. Clark, M. S. Hall, and Rev. A. Freeman.

For Queens County—Revs. S. D. Ervine, A. B. McDonald, and M. P. King.

For King's County—S. E. Frost, Weeden Fowler, and Revs. T. W. Keirstead, and J. D. Wetmore.

For Charlotte County—Rev. F. C. Wright, R. H. Davis, and David Vaughan.

For St. John County—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, D. D., George Howard, and E. K. Ganong.

For Albert County—Revs. B. N. Hughes, I. B. Colwell, and W. Camp.

*Resolved*, That the Convention publish 1200 copies of its Minutes, to include also the Act of Incorporation, and the Constitution of the Baptist Annuity Association.

The Committee of Arrangements presented their final report which was adopted.

The following resolution was also passed :

*Resolved*, That this Convention, while not regarding itself as able at present to meet the past indebtedness of St. Martins Seminary, incurred by the Union Baptist Education Society, now insolvent, is yet of the opinion that we, in connection with the F. C. Baptist body, are morally bound to make every effort to accomplish this end, and we would urge upon the brethren and churches of this Province the duty that lies before us in this direction.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. S. D. Ervine.

## TUESDAY EVENING.

At 7.30 P. M., a public service was held in which Rev. G. M. W. Carey, D. D., preached to a large and attentive audience, on "The Life that now Is."

Several brethren took part in social exercises at the close of the discourse, and the meeting was greatly enjoyed by all present. At 9.30 P. M. the congregation was dismissed and Convention resumed business.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Church and community at Jemseg, for their hospitality in entertaining the Convention.

On motion of Rev. S. D. Ervine, seconded by Bro. Carey Barton, the following was passed :

*Whereas*, The liquor traffic is a moral evil, resulting in great injury to our country, and hindering its advancement in secular, moral and religious development; therefore

*Resolved*, That this New Brunswick Convention, at its first annual meeting, hereby pronounces itself in strong opposition to said traffic; and further

*Resolved*, That we place on record our purpose to wage perpetual warfare with the same until it shall be overthrown by the enactment and enforcement of a prohibitory liquor law; also that we extend fraternal greetings to all societies and persons working toward the accomplishment of this great end.

The Treasurer, Bro. Jacob S. Titus, here presented his report, acknowledging the total receipts during the Convention as amounting to \$81.76. Report adopted.

On motion :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be authorized to issue appeals to the churches throughout the Province urging the propriety of their taking monthly collections in each church in aid of the objects we now have in hand.

Several brethren here mentioned the necessity of taking steps toward the conduct of Home Missions in this Province, and the assignment of grants to needy fields.

It was on motion :

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. W. S. Young be appointed general Missionary of this body for the present year; also

*Resolved*, That Rev. T. Todd superintend the grouping of Home Mission fields.

By resolution the following grants were ordered :

To Newcastle, Miramichi—\$150.00 ; to Tabernacle Church, St John—\$150.00.

On motion :

*Resolved*, That this Convention ask Rev. J. D. Wetmore to act as general Missionary for the coming year.

The following Districts were, by resolution, to be urged upon the attention of the Board of Directors as early as possible :—St. Francis, Grand Falls, Tobique, Rockland, Canterbury, Queensbury, Boiestown and Miramichi Valley, Nashwaak, Charlotte County, Musquash, 2nd St. Martins, Port Elgin, Shediac, and Harcourt Station. The desirability of manning all these fields was strongly advocated by various brethren, hoping that the funds would be forthcoming to carry on so important a work.

A motion was also passed, tendering thanks to all Railway and Steamboat lines for the courtesies extended to our Delegates.

Notice having been called to the excellent work recently prepared by Dr. Hopper, it was moved by Rev. A. B. McDonald, and seconded by Rev. J. W. S. Young, That this Convention highly commends the BAPTIST MANUAL, prepared by Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., and expresses the desire that it be placed in every Baptist family.

After warm tributes paid to our esteemed brother, the author of the work, who has, with failing health, labored on until his Manual is now completed, the resolution was unanimously carried.

On motion, adjourned to meet next year, on the second Saturday in September, 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

**57th VICTORIÆ, A. D. 1894.****AN ACT to Incorporate the New Brunswick Baptist Convention.**

PASSED 21ST APRIL, 1894.

WHEREAS, It is represented that at the Forty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, convened in the Assembly Hall of the Union Baptist Seminary, at St. Martins, in the Province of New Brunswick, on the nineteenth day of August, A. D. 1893, a Report of a Committee appointed by said Convention in joint session with a Committee appointed at a meeting held in Brussels Street Church in the City of St. John, in the said Province, in the month of May, A. D. 1893, was submitted and adopted, which Report is as follows:—  
“ In order to preserve the unity and harmony of the Denomination, and also to meet the desires of many in the several Provinces to manage independently their own Provincial concerns, we submit the following Basis of Organization :

“ 1. That the Maritime Convention continue to manage Acadia University and Foreign Missions ;

“ 2. That each Province shall by separate Convention, or in any other way it may elect, care for Home Missions, Academic Education, and the other local interests, as may be most acceptable to the churches ;” and

WHEREAS, It has been deemed advisable in pursuance of the terms of said Report, to organize a separate Convention for the Province of New Brunswick, for the purposes set out in the last paragraph of the said Report, and it is advisable that such Convention should be a duly incorporated body ;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Assembly, as follows :

1. That George G. King, Calvin Currie, John H. Hughes, Alexander B. McDonald, George Howard, John E. Hopper, D. D., Thomas H. Hall, Samuel E. Frost, Jacob S. Titus, Nathaniel B. Cottle, Moses S. Hall, David Weston, Malcolm C. MacDonald, William J. Bridges, David W. Estabrooks, Charles Titus, William C. King, Thomas Hetherington, Thomas Todd, Joseph A. Cahill, Willard E. McIntyre, James S. May, and all the Delegates of the Baptist Churches in the Province which contribute to the support of the objects for which this Convention cares, their associates, successors and assigns, be and they are hereby declared to be a body

politic and corporate, by the name of "The New Brunswick Baptist Convention," and by that name shall have succession and a common corporate seal, may sue and be sued in its corporate name, and have, exercise and enjoy all and singular the power and privileges incident to a corporation incorporated for the purposes herein stated, and may accept, receive and take over from the said Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, or any corporation or corporations, person or persons, any moneys, funds, legacies, donations, trusts, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, estate, and property, and purchase, hold, possess, and enjoy lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, estate and property, and may sell, mortgage and convey the same, or any part thereof, at pleasure, and with power to invest any moneys or other property which may come into their hands in such ways as they may deem most advantageous.

2. The principal objects of the said Corporation shall be to promote and care for Home Mission work and Academic Education in the Province of New Brunswick in connection with the Baptist Denomination, to assist the Union Baptist Education Society, and the Baptist Annuity Association, and to assume control and conduct any and all other local interests of the Baptist Denomination in New Brunswick which may be properly delegated to the said Corporation, and generally to foster all interests that immediately pertain to the welfare of the Baptist Denomination in the said Province.

3. The members of the said Corporation shall consist of the persons named in the first section of this Act, with delegates from Baptist Churches in the Province contributing to the support of any or all of the objects for which it cares. Each of such Baptist Churches may send three delegates, including its Pastor. Any Church having a membership of over one hundred may send one additional delegate for each additional hundred members it may have.

4. The officers of the said Corporation shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Statistical Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, and such officers shall be elected annually, at the annual meeting, by ballot of members of the Corporation. In case of the death, removal from the Province, or resignation of any of such officers, others may be elected in their stead at any general or special meeting of the Corporation.

5. There shall be a Board of Directors composed of twenty-one persons, to be elected in manner specified in the preceding section for the election of officers. Seven members of the Board of Directors, to be determined on by lot, shall retire each year at the annual meeting, and seven persons shall be elected in their stead, and such persons so elected shall serve for three years; any retiring member shall be eligible for re-election. In case of the

death, removal from the Province, or resignation of any Director or Directors, another or others may be elected at any general or special meeting of the Corporation to fill such vacancies for the remainder of the term of the person in whose stead they are elected. The officers of the Convention shall be *ex officio* members of the Board of Directors; such *ex officio* members shall be in addition to the twenty-one members of the Board above referred to.

6. The said Corporation shall meet annually, on the second Saturday in September, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, or on such other day or time as the Corporation may, by bye-law, appoint for the election of officers, seven Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President upon request, in writing, of a majority of the Board of Directors. Notice of the time and place of meetings shall be given as, and when, the said Corporation by bye-law, rule or regulation may determine.

7. If from any cause the election of officers or Directors should not take place, as provided in the fourth and fifth sections of this Act, the Officers and Directors then in office shall continue until others are elected in their stead.

8. The said Corporation shall have power to make, ordain, establish, alter and amend, all necessary bye-laws, rules and regulations consistent with the laws of this Province, for its own government and the due and orderly conducting of its affairs, the management of its property, defining duties of Officers and Directors, and the accomplishment of the objects of the said Corporation.

9. The said Thomas Todd and Willard E. McIntyre, or either of them, are and is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the said corporation hereby created for organization under this Act by notice published in the "Messenger and Visitor" for at least two weeks before the time of holding such meeting, which notice shall specify the time and place at which such meeting shall be held, and the purpose for which the same shall be called.

## BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION.

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### OFFICERS :

PRESIDENT—A. D. Yerxa.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, D. D., Thos. Todd,  
W. E. McIntyre, and A. B. McDonald.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Havelock Coy.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER—A. F. Randolph.

### DIRECTORS :

M. S. Hall, J. G. McNally, J. W. Spurden, H. C. Creed, Jas. Steadman, W. C. King, J. W. Tabor, Geo. A. Hughes, L. P. Farris, M. P. P., T. H. Hall, and Revs. Geo. Howard, W. Camp, J. H. Hughes, J. C. Bleakney, and S. D. Ervine.

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### CONSTITUTION OF THE BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, Jacob Bradshaw, of Hampton, N. B., has offered to donate the capital sum of ten thousand dollars as a basis for an Annuity Association for the relief of Disabled Baptist Ministers of this Province, and their Widows and Orphans ;

AND WHEREAS, It is desirable to accept this generous offer, and to increase the Capital Fund so as to apply to other Provinces on an equitable basis,

IT IS RESOLVED, That such an organization be hereby constituted as follows :

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as "The Baptist Annuity Association," the object of which shall be to make provision for the support of disabled and aged Baptist Ministers of the Province of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, but the benefits of this Association may be hereafter extended to the Baptist Ministers of other Provinces, should equitable arrangements be made to that end.

ARTICLE II. This Association shall consist of ordinary members, beneficiary members, and life members, all of whom must be

members in good standing in a Baptist Church, and also resident in New Brunswick at the time of admission, Foreign Missionaries alone excepted.

**ARTICLE III.** The officers of this Association shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary-Treasurer, and fifteen Directors. To this Board shall be entrusted the faithful management of the Association, and at all regular meetings five members shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE IV. PRESIDENT.**—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Board of Management and of the Association; to correspond with Ministers, Churches and individuals; to visit personally Associations and Churches, and to use his best endeavors to extend the usefulness of the Annuity Association.

**RECORDING SECRETARY.**—The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Board of Management, and of the Association.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.**—It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary-Treasurer to carry on the financial correspondence of the Board of Management under the direction of the President; to receive and deposit all monies in bank, or to invest the same as directed by the Board; to disburse all monies upon the order of the Board, signed by the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, and countersigned by the Recording Secretary; to keep accurate accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Association, and to report upon its monetary affairs at the regular meetings of the Board, and at the meetings of the Association. He shall give guarantees to the Board for the faithful administration of his duties—such guarantees to be at the expense of the Association.

**ARTICLE V.** The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as may be determined upon by the Association in session, for the reception of the reports of the Board of Management and its officers; for the election of officers; and for the despatch of all necessary business. Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time upon the order of the Board of Management.

The Board of Management shall hold regular quarterly meetings for the transaction of business; and special meetings may be held upon the call of the President and Secretary. Due notice of the meetings of the Board shall be given to all its members. All sessions of the Board of Management, and of the Association, shall be held in New Brunswick.

**ARTICLE VI.** At the annual meeting of the Association the Board of Management shall submit a report of its proceedings

during the previous year for the approval of the Association. Such report shall contain a full account of the receipts and disbursements, the condition of the Capital Fund, and all other particulars necessary to a complete showing of the financial affairs of the Association; together with other information pertaining to the welfare of the Association.

ARTICLE VII. The Capital Fund of This Association shall consist of donations, legacies, quarterly or annual payments of members, and other contributions.

ARTICLE VIII. All donations and bequests of ten dollars and upwards, unless otherwise directed by the donor, shall be added to the capital fund, and surplus money from all sources shall be added in like manner.

ARTICLE IX. Ordinary members shall pay an annual subscription of one dollar to the funds of this Association.

Beneficiary members shall pay the annual fees required by the scale. (See Article X.)

The payment of twenty dollars at one time shall constitute the donor a Life Member of this Association. The payment of one hundred dollars at one time shall constitute the donor a Life Director of the Board of Management.

ARTICLE X. Beneficiary members of this Association shall pay into its treasury according to the following scale :

From	20	to	25	years of age,	\$4.00	per annum.
"	25	"	30	"	4.50	"
"	30	"	35	"	5.00	"
"	35	"	40	"	5.50	"
"	40	"	45	"	6.00	"
"	45	"	50	"	6.50	"
"	50	"	55	"	7.00	"
"	55	"	60	"	7.50	"
"	60	"	65	"	8.00	"

Beneficiary members shall continue to pay the same annual fee as that at the time of admission to membership until they have reached 65 years of age, when they cease to pay.

ARTICLE XI. If any minister having a right to this fund shall leave the denomination he shall forfeit all claims on the fund. If a minister ceases to labor as a minister and engages in a secular calling, except from some physical disqualification for continuing his ministerial work, he shall forfeit his claims on the fund, but shall receive back one half of the amount paid in yearly dues.

ARTICLE XII. The Recording Secretary shall furnish to each beneficiary member a certificate signed by himself and the President, stating that such member has complied with the prescribed

regulations ; and this certificate shall be presented as a voucher to draw the money to which such member may be entitled.

ARTICLE XIII. None but Ordained Ministers in good standing with the Baptist denomination shall become beneficiary members of this Association.

ARTICLE XIV. Any Baptist Missionary in foreign service, supported by the Baptists of Canada, shall be entitled to membership, with equal claims for his widow and orphans as other beneficiary members.

ARTICLE XV. The current expenses of this Association and all annuities shall be paid out of the funds accruing from interest, fees of beneficiary members, annual subscriptions of ordinary members, and donations of less than ten dollars.

ARTICLE XVI. When any beneficiary member of this Association shall become disqualified by illness, or by the infirmities of age, to discharge the duties of his ministry, and shall have paid according to Article X., he shall be regarded as having a legal claim upon the funds of this Association.

ARTICLE XVII. Any disabled beneficiary member shall be entitled to an annuity of eighty dollars, and if he has children he shall receive twelve dollars additional for each child under fifteen years of age. The Board of Management shall have discretionary power to increase an annuity in special cases. No annual fee shall be required of any beneficiary member while incapacitated for service.

ARTICLE XVIII. The claims of the beneficiary members shall be paid semi-annually, in equal parts, on the first day of May and the first day of November in each year ; the certificate of each claimant having first been submitted to the Board of Management.

ARTICLE XIX. No beneficiary member of this Association shall have a claim upon the funds for aid until he shall have made five annual payments, in accordance with the provisions of the scale, (Article X.), or paid an amount in lump sum equal thereto.

ARTICLE XX. When a beneficiary member is removed by death his widow shall receive sixty dollars annually so long as she remains his widow. If the widow be left with children to provide for she shall receive twelve dollars additional per annum for every such child under fifteen years of age. If the deceased minister shall leave orphans, but no widow, they shall each receive twenty dollars annually until fifteen years of age, and the money shall be paid to their legal and proper guardians.

ARTICLE XXI. If a widow receiving an annuity shall marry she shall cease, from the date of her marriage, to participate in the fund ; but the children of her former husband shall continue to receive their annuities the same as if their mother had remained a widow.

ARTICLE XXII. When any beneficiary member of this Association shall die before becoming a claimant upon its funds, and shall not leave a widow or orphan, his heirs shall have a legal claim for one-half the amount paid by him, unless it shall have been freely donated to the Association prior to his death.

ARTICLE XXIII. In case any beneficiary member of this Association shall remove to any other province or country, his removal shall not invalidate his claim ; provided always that he continues to comply with the conditions of his membership.

ARTICLE XXIV. Should any beneficiary member of this Association fail to pay during any year the annual amount of fees required by Article X., he shall cease to have a claim upon the benefits of this Association. Should however such defaulting beneficiary member within two years thereafter pay into the funds of this Association the full amount of fees due from such default to the time of such payment, he shall be entitled to a full participation in all the benefits of this Association as though such default in payment of his annual fees had not occurred.

ARTICLE XXV. Should any beneficiary member of this Association from any cause sever his connection with it, he may hold the Association legally bound to refund to him one half the amount he has paid into the funds, provided such claim is filed with the Board of Management within one year of such withdrawal.

ARTICLE XXVI. Any society, church or person, by paying the annual fees required of beneficiary members, shall be entitled to nominate as a recipient of the benefits of this Association, any Baptist minister in New Brunswick or Baptist missionary abroad supported by the denomination in Canada, and such benefit shall accrue to him, his widow and his orphans as though he had personally contributed to the funds of this Association in accordance with Article X.

ARTICLE XXVII. This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present ; provided that no such alteration or amendment conflict in any way with the terms of the Trust Deed conveying to this Association the original gift of Jacob Bradshaw of ten thousand dollars, and that due notice of the proposed change be given in writing at a previous annual meeting.

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