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OF THE

FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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HELD AT BILLTOWN, CORNWALLIS,

SATURDAY, MONDAY, & TUESDAY, 23rd, 25th & 26th JUNE, 1865.

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CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, June 23, 1855.

THE Association met with the third Cornwallis Church, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., Moderator of the preceding year. After prayer by Rev. Wm. Chipman, a list of delegates was obtained from the letters, as follows:—

Aulesford, Upper.—Rev. Charles Tupper; Brethren W. Graves, Samuel Marshall.

Bridgewater.—Rev. JAMES V. TABOR; Brother W. Stewart. Chelsea.—Rev. J. V. TABOR.

Chester.—Rev. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS; Brethren Alex. Anderson, James Kelly, James Rafuse.

Cornwallis, 1st.—Rev. A. S. Hunr; Brethren Joshua Elle, H. K. Eaton, Elisha Harris;

Cornwallis, 2nd.—Rev. W. CHIPMAN; Brethren Abel Parker, D. Lyons, John Rand.

Cornwallis, 3rd.—Rev. James Parker; Brethren Theo. Kinsman James Bligh, Gideon Cogswell, Nathan Killoup, Wm. North.

Fulmouth, 1st. (Hantsport.)—Rev. WM. BURTON; Brethren Ezra Churchill, Wm. Davison, N. T. Harris, G. B. Sanford, M. P. Dickey.
Fulmouth, 2nd.—Rev. WM. BURTON.

Halifax, (Granville-street.)—Brethren J. W. Nutting, D. Free-man.

Halifar, 2nd.—Rev. JOHN MILLER. Hammond's Plains.—Rev. NELSON BAKER. Horton, 2nd .- Rev. J. STEVENS; Brother Joseph Reid.

Indian Harbour.-Rev. J. C. HURD.

Kempt .- Brother Wm. Francis.

Lunenburg.—Rev. A. W. Barss; Brother J. Spidal.

LaHave.—Brethren Jacob Kaulback, Jacob Hartle, Newport.—Rev. G. DIMOCK, Rev. J. BANCROFT; Brethren Joseph

Neuport.—Rev. G. DIMOCK, Rev. J. BANGROFT; Brethren Joseph Dimock, Oliver Dimock, Enoch Porter, Wm. Knowles, Levi Dimock T. Sanford.

Preston .- Brother Eppy Carvery

Rawdon.—Rev. J. BANCROFT; Brethren Francis Parker, William Whittier.

Sherbrooke, East.—Rev. S. W. DEBLOIS; Brother Corcum. St. Margaret's Bay.—Rev. J. C. Hurd; Bro. Henry Feder. Mailland, (new church).—Rev. M. PARKER.

Tancook, (new church)-Rev. S. W. DEBLOIS.

Also the following visiting Brethren who, on being invited by the Association, took their seats among the delegates, viz: Rev. George Arastrong, Messenger from the Western N. S. Association, Rev'ds. J. Davis; J. E. Balcom, W. H. Caldwell, Aaron Cogswell, H. Eagles, Messenger from the Eastern Association, E. N. Harris, of St. John, N. B., S. T. Rand, Mic-Mac Missionary, A. Stronach, J. Francis; Brothren Caleb R. Bill, Abel Strong, Samuel Sweet, C. H. Corey, Isaiah Wallace, E. M. Saunders, H.S. Fillmore, R. R. Phillo, J. J. Skinner, A. Porter, Licentiates, J. Wade, E. Reed, Z. Roach, M. Wheelock, N. Ilsley, — Walker, Revd's. H. Ross, W. G. Parker and Eben. Stronach.

The Association proceeded to make choice of Rev. A. S. Hunt, Moderator; Rev. Stephen W. DeBlois, Clerk; Rev. A. V. Tabor, Assist. Clerk; and Rev. J. Chase, Treasurer; Rev. C. Tupper and Bro. Nutting were then appointed to examine the letters; Rev. J. M. Cramp, J. Davies, G. Armstrong, to read them.

The letters from the Churches were then read, from which the statistics and other information were obtained.

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last year undergone revision.

The churches at Maitland and Tancook, recently organized, having applied for admission into the Association, and the statements of their delegates being deemed satisfactory, they accordingly received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator in compliance with the vote of the Association.

The Committee of arrangements reported, and their report

was adopted.

The following Committees were then appointed :-

On Temperance-Revds. J. C. Hurd and S. W. DeBlois, with Brethren S. Marshall, J. Bligh, and N. T. Harris.

To Examine Circular Letter.—Revds. W. Chipman, and James Parker.

On the Bible Cause.—Revds. G. Armstrong, J. Davis, W. Burton, J. Stevens, A. Stronach, with Brethren Abel Parker, and G. Cogswell.

On Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.—Brethren J. Wallace, A. Anderson, Wm. Graves, J. Kinsman, John Rand, John Spidal, Henry Fader, and Rev. J. Balcom.

On the Christian Messenger.—Revds. J. M. Cramp, A. S. Hunt, G. Armstrong, W. Chipman, and J. Davis; Brethren Wm. North, Wm. Davison, E. Churchill, J. Ells, and N. T. Harris.

On Home Missions.—Revds. M. Parker, A. S. Hunt, J. Mille, A. W. Barss, J. V. Tabor, G. Dimock, J. Parker, J. C. Hurd, and J. Stevens; Brethren J. Ells, H. R. Eaton, J. Rafuse, N. Killeup, G. R. Sanford, W. Corcum.

On Foreign Missions.—Revds. C. Tupper, W. Chipman, W. Burton, W. H. Caldwell, Aaron Cogswell, A. Stronach, A. W. Barss, A. S. Hunt,; Brethren T. Elder, A. Parker, E. Harris, D. Lyons, J. Dimock, J. Reid, E. Churchill.

On French Mission.—Revds. J. Poris J. E. Balcom, G. Armstrong, J. Parker, N. Baker, J. T. Ram, J. Egles; Brethren R. R. Philp, A. Parker, J. J. Dimock, W. Wintter, J. Rand, T. Kinsman.

On Union Societies.—Brethref E. Churchill, G. Fitch, G. Cogswell, J. Rand, W. Newcomb, J. Kelly, J. Kaulback, M. P. Dickey, Dr. Cramp.

On Questions in Letters.—Revds. J. Miller, W. Chipman, Dr. Cramp, C. Tupper, J. Stevens, S. T. Rand, E. N. Harris, Wm. Burton; Brethren J. Ells, A. Anderson

On Education.—Dr. Cramp, S. T. Rand, C. Tupper, W. Burton, G. Armstrong, J. Davis, G. Dimock, S. Fitch, M. P. Dickey, D. Lyons, J. W. Hartt.

On the Use of Tobacco.-Rovds. J. Davis, S. T. Rand, G. Arm-

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On the Gaelic Mission.—Revds. G. Armstrong, H. Ross, J. Parker J. C. Hurd; Brethren R. R. Philp, S. Wheelock and J. Kelly.

On Tract Distribution, Religious Periodicals and Colportage.— Revds. J. V. Tabor, S. T. Rand, C. Tupper, J. Davis; Brethren J. Wallace, C. H Corey, T. Elder, H. S. Fillmore, E. Harris, W. Corcum, J. Hurtle.

On the Observance of the Sabbath.—Revds. J Miller, N. Baker; Brother Z. Roach.

On the claims of Scamen.—Revds. E. N. Harris, S. T. Rand, A. W. Barss; Brethren W. Davison, E. Churchill, M. Beckwith, W.m., Francis, J. Wade, A. Anderson, J. Kelly, J. Rafuse, Nathan Ellis, D. Ellis, O. Dimock, J. Bligh, W. Knowles, E. Porter, E. Carver, Win. Graves.

Committee to examine Revised Articles and Covenant.—Revds. G. Armstrong, G. Dimock, W. Burton.

On Female Education, (Special Committee.)—Revds. Wm. Chipmen, J. Chase, W. Burton; Brethren A. Parker, E. N. Harris, E. Churchill, C. D. Randall, A. Strong, C. R. Bill.

On departed Brethren.—Revds, J. M. Cramp, J. Davis, C. Tupper. W. Chipman, G. Dimock: Bro. J. W. Nutting.

Prayer by Bro. C. Tupper. Adjourned.

On Lord's Day, the Rev. E. N. Harris preached in the morning from Luke vi. 19.; Rev. Geo. Armstrong in the afternoon, from Prov. xxii. 3.; and the Rev. J. Miller in the evening from Eccles. vii. 2. After each service collections were taken for Domestic Missions. Public worship was conducted by other ministers in surrounding places of worship.

MONDAY, June 25th, 10 o'clock, A.M.

The introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D.D. from Hebrews xiii. 7.

Letters from Churches—First Cornwallis and Hammonds Plains were read.

The Committee on questions in letters reported, (see appendix A.) Report adopted.

On motion, J. Bancroft, O. Dimock, L. Dimock, T. Sanford took their seats as Messengers from the Newport church, in addition to others previously announced.

Prayer by Bro. Ross.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. Miller. Committee on Temperance re-

ported, (see appendix B.) Report adopted.

On motion of Dr. Cramp, Resolved, That a petition be prepared to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, on behalf of this Association, and presented to the Legislature of this Province in favor of a prohibitory Liquor Law.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported. It was read, approved, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes as

usual.

Committee on the Bible Cause reported, (see appendix C.) Report adopted after remarks by Brethren Chase, Rand, Harris, and Chipman.

Committee on Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes reported

(see appendix D.) Report adopted.

Committee on Home Missions reported, (see appendix E.)

Report adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported, (see appendix F.)
Committee on Union Societies reported (see appendix G.)
After remarks by Brethren DeBlois, Tupper, Burton, Ross,
Elder, Davis, and Cramp, report adopted.

On motion of Bro. Burton, Resolved, That Brother Ross preach to-morrow morning, and that a collection be taken

on behalf of the Gaelic Mission.

Report of the Committee on the Gaelic Mission. Report amended, and as amended adopted—(see appendix I.)

Committee on the use of Tobacco reported, (see app. K.) After remarks by Brethren Rand, Chase, A. Parker, J. Davis, H. Eagles, Wm. North, E. N. Harris,—the report was adopted.

Brother Hurd obtained leave of absence.

Prayer by Bro. G. Parker.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 26th, 10 o'clock, A.M.

Bro. Ross preached from Mark xi. 23. Collection for Gaelic Mission £13 4s. 8d.

Resolved,—That the Education Society now hold its annual meeting.
Rev. William Chipman, Vice-President, took the chair.
Prayer by Dr. Cramp. Secretary of the Society, Rev. A.
S. Hunt, A. M., presented the report, which was adopted.

Financial report of the Treasurer, Bro. John Chase was also adopted.

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Rev. Wm. Chipman, was chosen President, in place of Rev. T. S. Harding, deceased.

Rev. C. Tupper, was chosen vice President in place of the Rev. W. Chipman,-and, Ward Eaton Esqr. of a member of the Executive Committee. Secretary and Treasurer

Education Society adjourned. Association resumed its

business.

Committee on the Christian Messenger reported, (see app. L.) after remarks from Brothren Davis, Tupper, Burton, Cramp, and Francis, report adopted.

Bro. Burton obtained leave of absence to attend a funeral at Canard.

Dr. Cramp, Brethren Tupper, Hunt, J. W. Barss, Mc-Learn were appointed an advisory committee, in pursuance of the Christian Messenger report.

Verbal report of the Committee to examine Revised Arti-

cles adopted-ordered that 2000 copies be printed.

Resolved, That Dr. Cramp be requested to furnish a copy of the Introductory Sermon for insertion in the Messenger & Visitor.

On motion of Brother Chase,

Resolved, That the Minutes of this Association be printed at the Christian Messenger office, and that Bro. Nutting be requested to superintend the printing; that the expense be paid out of the Domestic Missionary Fund;—that the sum of ten pounds and ten shillings and the shillings of the pounds and ten shillings. be allowed for the same, the number of copies to be eight hundred.

Resolved, That the Association be held next year with the Baptist church at Chester.

Resolved, That Brother Burton preach the introductory sermon, and that Brother Parker be his alternate.

Resolved, That Bro. David Freeman write the Circular Letter. Resolved, That the Committee of arrangements consist of the

pastor and deacons of the Chester church.

Resolved, That the Rev. W. Burton be delegate to the Eastern Association, and receive the sum of £3; that Rev. J. Parker be delc-Association, and receive the sum of 2.5; that Rev. 5; Farker de delegate gate to the Western Association. Also, that Dr. Cramp be delegate to the Eastern N.B. Association, and that he receive £5. Also, that Bro. Tabor be delegate to the Western N.B. Association. Also, that Brethren Elder Obed Parker, J. J. Skinner, C. R. Bill, S. Fitch,

Prayer by G. Dimock. Adjourned.

Committee on the claims of Seamen reported, (see app. Report adopted after remarks by Bro. Harris.

Committee on Education reported, (see app. N.) After remarks by Dr. Cramp, C. Tupper, J. Davis, J. Parker, W. North, J. Chase, E. Churchill, W. Parker, G. Cogswell, J. Francis,-report adopted.

Committee on Tract distribution, &c., reported, (see app.

O.) Report adopted.

Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath reported.

(see app. P.) Report adopted.

Special Committee on Female Education reported. (see app. Q.) Report adopted after remarks by Rev. W. Chipman and J. Francis.

On motion of Dr. Cramp.

Resolved, That Ministerial conferences and Quarterly meetings have proved very useful among the Churches of this continent, and that therefore the Ministers of this Association be recommended to adopt measures for the establishment or revival of such meetings.

Domestic Missionary Board reported, (see appendix R.)

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the following Brethren compose the Domestic Missionary Board for the current year,—Dr. Cramp, J. W. Barss, J. Stevens, W. Chipman, W. Burton, Wm. Johnson, S. Fitch, C. R. Bill, S. W. DeBlois, J. V. Tabor, James Parker, A. W. Barss, David Freeman, M. Beckwith, A. S. Hunt; and that the Rev. A. S. Hunt be a compared to the Board, and sleep the compared to Secretary, and Rev. John Chase, Treasurer of the Board; and also Resolved, That the meetings of the Board be held at Wolfville.

Resolved, That the Churches be recommended to take up collections for Home Missions on the second Sabbath in August, and for the French Mission, the second Sabbath in September.

Brethren Rev. Wm. Burton and J. W. Nutting were appointed to make enquiries with regard to the Dartmouth and Lawrencetown Churches, which had not been heard from for three years.

Report of Committee on departed Brethren, (see app. S.)

Report adopted.

Prayer by the Rev. G. Dimock. Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association be presented to the Baptist Church and congregation and other friends at Billtown and neighborhood, for their kindness and hospitality during the

The Union Hymn was then sung, after which the Association adjourned to meet with the Chester church on the first Saturday after the 20th of June, 1856.

[Signed.] A. S. HUNT, Moderator. S. W. DEBLOIS, Clerk.

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The Committee on Questions in Letters report as follows: Having considered the communications and letters presented to them from Newport and Rawdon, they recommend that a council be appointed to meet with the church at Newport, on the second Wednesday of July, at 10 o'clock, A.M., and on the following day at the same hour, with the church at Rawdon, to consider their difficulties, and give their advice. The Committee recommend the following Brethren as a council :--John Miller, James Stevens, Wm. Chipman, Dr. Cramp, Charles Tupper, A. S. Hunt, James Parker, W. Davison, John Chase, David Lyons, Abel Parker, J. W. more of displays Chammer

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-[B.] REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as

They view with high admiration the unflinching zeal and intrepid perseverance hitherto manifested by the friends of

To realize present achievements they have had to pray amestly, labour diligently, struggle manfully, and fight beroically. They have had to encounter difficulties, endure reproach, remove obstacles, and suffer persecution. depends former observed, and lecture, and write, and talk, and depends on the state of the state dversity. Nor is this all; they have had to sacrifice labour,

time, and money, in the promulgation of their noble cause. They have had to endure the scandal attached to the apostacy of unfaithful friends, the opprobrious epithets of influential opponents, and the scorn and derision of contemptuous sciolists.

But, amidst all the trying discouragements and repulsive influences to which they have been subjected, they have conducted themselves with admirable integrity. By indomitable perseverance they have honorably overcome the most formidable obstructions, and effectually conquered the most powerful enemies, and are now unquestionably approaching the brink of triumphant success.

Their past reverses and disappointments they regard as temporary and trifling, and hope they may prove but additional incentives to increased activity to effect the desired

object.

Your committee would therefore earnestly recommend that there be no relaxation. Let the friends of Temperance rally all their forces, strengthen their fortifications and wage incessant warfare against their already paralized and sinking foe.

Let them not lose sight of the necessity of an efficient Prohibitory Law. Let them exert all their legitimate influence to obtain it speedily.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. HURD, Chairman.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause report as follows:-

The Bible being the treasury of Divine knowledge to man, your Committee rejoice to know that at no former period have greater efforts been made than during the past year to circulate the sacred Scriptures among the nations.

Great and continued efforts are required in order to diffuse everywhere God's own book, rendered in the various languages of mankind, and in the purest and most faithful form it can be made to assume in those languages.

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The Committee on S. Schools and Bible Classes report that they are pleased to learn from the letters from the churches composing the association, that an increased interest is manifested among them in Sabbath School instruction.

The majority of the churches report Sabbath Schools in healthy operation. Several, we regret however, are silent on this important matter. It does not become necessary that your committee should point out the advantages of S. Schools; of these all must be aware. They can only say that the brethren cannot be too actively engaged in establishing and promoting S. Schools in every church and locality, when it is practicable to do so.

The S. School is the church's nursery. If the nursery be neglected, the church will soon be destitute of youthful, healthy, fruit-bearing trees.

Your committee would recommend that the Home Missionary Board connected with this association, instruct their Missionaries to establish and aid S. Schools in the districts they may visit. They learn that suitable maps and libraries may be obtained at Brother Chase's depository in Wolfville. Libraries varying in price from \$21 to \$10 Am. currency.

Your committee are also gratified to find, that some of the pastors are devoting themselves to Bible class instruction, and humbly hope that the ministering brethren generally, may feel that both S. Schools and Bible classes demand a prominent place in their labors for the furtherance of the Redeemer's cause in their several fields.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ISA. WALLACE, Chairman.

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REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to report that your committee regard the Home missionary operations of the Baptists in this province, as a work of the utmost importance, from a consideration of its adaptation to meet the wants of the destitute of our own land, by furnishing them with the means of grace, and imparting sound religious instruction, and thus instrumentally winning souls to God. We can but acknowledge with feelings of devout gratitude the blessing of God which has hitherto attended the efforts of the denomination in this department of christian enterprise. We do earnestly beseech all our churches to use all their efforts, and enlarge their contributions, to enable this society to send forth Missionaries to the destitute.

In view of the blessing which has attended the Mission in Lunenburg the past year, we would call the attention of the Board to the destitute condition of the North-east district of this Association, in addition to other portions of this

mission field.

The Committee also report, that it is their opinion that it be recommended by the Association to the Home Missionary Board, that an equal proportion with the Western and Eastern Associations be borne by this association in sustaining the Gaelic mission in Cape Breton.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MAYNARD PARKER, Chairman.

[F.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee feel deeply interested in the prosperity and success of their esteemed brother and sister Crawley, who are laboring in Burmah in connexion with the American Baptist Missionary Union. Aware, however, of the urgent necessity of a greatly increased number of labourers in the Foreign field, and persuaded that the sustaining of a mission by the Board established in these Provinces, is adapted to enlist the sympathies of our people, to draw forth enlarged contributions, and to induce suitable men to engage in this vastly important work, your committee deem such independent action highly desirable. They would, therefor, affectionately recommend, that, with a view to the speedy recom-

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mencement of active operations abroad, diligent efforts, be employed for the augmentation of the Foreign Missionary funds, that earnest and persevering prayer be presented to "the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers' into His harvest," and that suitable young brethren be carefully sought out, and encouraged to devote themselves to this " work of faith and labour of love."

Respectfully submitted, C. TUPPER, Chairman.

[G.]

REPORT ON UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies after mature deliberation would recommend to the consideration of the churches of this association the great importance of adhering most tenaciously to its interests, in the further increase of its funds, by enlarging and extending its subscriptions, and that the pastors and all influential members of the several churches should use their utmost endeavors to enlist the energies not only of each individual church member, but also of the congregations at large, worshipping with said churches, that the most urgent appeals from the pulpit, be made from time to time in its favor, and that suitable persons for collectors be appointed, and a becoming vigilance used by them in the

In behalf of the committee,

SIMON FITCH, Chairman.

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REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

This enterprise is establishing itself among the French. They are beginning to think for themselves, to question the truth of long cherished dogmas and to open their hearts to the gospel. One young person has renounced popery, seems to have experienced a change of heart, and promises to become our first baptized convert.

It has been felt desirable to give the mission a home. Ground has therefore been purchased at Tusket, and the erection of a house commenced. £150 has been laid out upon this object, some £200 is required for its completion. It is important that the work should be finished without incurring debt.

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Once more, then, our French Mission is commended to the prayers and contributions of the brethren. And, as a special appeal is now in progress for its building fund, we would commend that also to their practical consideration. The little that is sought will be cheerfully supplied, and the brethren of this Association will manifest their accustomed readiness here also to every good word and work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. DAVIS, Chairman.

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REPORT ON THE GAELIC MISSION.

The Committee on the Gaelic Mission report:

We are rejoiced to hear that the labours of our missionary in this department have been blessed with an encouraging measure of success. During the past year eight converts have been baptized, six of whom are of the Gaelic population. The prospect of usefulness among this people is very promising. Our beloved brother Ross must be sustained in his work both by our prayers and contributions.

We recommend that the Missionary Board appropriate so much of the money at their disposal as in their view is consistent with the other calls upon the Board, to support the Gaelic Missionary, and also recommend that our churches otherwise support the Mission.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

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REPORT ON THE USE OF TOBACCO.

Tobacco, like alcohol or opium has some medical uses perhaps for men, but more for beasts. Beyond these, does it do more than minister to an artificial appetite? This is the most innocent view of the case. Is not the use of Tobacco, therefore, in most cases, an unmitigated abuse?

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One word about the cost of tobacco. One congregation in this province expends as much money upon tobacco as upon the support of the ministry, if not more. Is this uncommon? The sums expended upon tobacco in the United Kingdom amount to more than seven millions sterling. Surely this is "spending money for that which is not bread."

Health, morals, religion, are intimately concerned in this question. Do mothers, or Tobacco-using-fathers, want to see their sons beginning to debase themselves by the resort to the seductive narcotic? Why do we see many of the signs of Tobacco around drinking shops? Is there any affnity between Tobacco and drunkenness? Who likes to think of smoking or CHEWING deacons, students, MINIS-TERS? Who does not know the self-denial of the late venerable Theodore S. Harding, in his abandonment for example sake, of the use of Tobacco, only three years before

How happy were it if our churches were well rid of the abominations of Tobacco! The church is the nucleus of all wide and lasting reforms. And these repeated appeals will not be in vain if they tell upon the practice of our brethren, first benefitting the church, and ultimately reaching out to

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. DAVIS, Chairman,

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REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Committee on the Christian Messenger call the attention of the Association to the fact that this valuable Periodical is now in the nineteenth year of its existence. The first number was issued in January, 1837. Since that time it has regularly contributed its weekly quota of information and instruction, and in so doing has aided the enghtenment of the people, and promoted the success of religious and benevolent enterprises.

Established for the benefit of the Baptist Churches of these Provinces, the Christian Messsenger has thus far successfully accomplished its mission. It is a welcome guest in our families, whose visits are highly prized, and whose communications are received with pleasure and satisfaction.

The suspension or cessation of those visits would be regard-

ed as a calamity, deeply to be deplored.

In consequence of the lamented death of Brother Ferguson, one of the Proprietors and Editors, it will become necessary, as your Committee are informed, to make important changes at the close of the present year. The property must pass into other hands, and Brother Nutting, the surviving Proprietor and Editor, will be unable to assume the entire editorial management under the new arrangements which will then be formed.

It is obviously of great importance to the interests of our Denomination that those arrangements should be acceptable to the whole Body. It is essential to the usefulness and success of the Christian Messenger that it should be managed by those in whom confidence can be safely placed.

But no one can be expected to undertake the risk of publication, and to incur the additional expenditure which certain contemplated improvements will render necessary, unless there be a reasonable hope of remuneration. That remuneration can only be secured by an enlarged subscription list, and the enlargement cannot be accomplished without such strenuous and persevering efforts as will prove that the Christian Messenger enjoys the patronage of the Denomination at large.

Your Committee, therefore, in view of the advantages accruing from the Christian Messenger, and regarding its continuance as essentially identified with our Denominational welfare, recommend the appointment, by this Association, of an advisory Committee, to co-operate with Brother Nutting in carrying into effect, at the close of the year, such alterations as may then be needful.

The Committee recommend, further, that the following

Resolution be passed :-

Resolved. That the Ministers and Messengers of the Central Baptist Association, now assembled in annual session, hereby pledge themselves to exert their individual efforts to promote an increased circulation of the Christian Messenger in their respective localities.

Resolved, That Dr. Cramp, C. Tupper, A. S. Hunt, J. W. Bars, and R. McLearn, be an advisory committee, to act in conjunction with Bro. Nutting in reference to the management of the C. M.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

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REPORT ON CLAIMS OF SEAMEN.

The Committee to whom was referred the claims of Seamen, respectfully report:—

We learn with much pleasure that the A. S. F. Society is accomplishing a great work in many of the scaports of the neighbouring republic by the establishing of Sailors-Homes, Bethels, and Saving's Banks. That they have also fifteen Chaplains in Foreign parts, and four Sailor Missionaries. That the improved state of the morals among thousands of them, and the hopeful conversion of hundreds more, should incite every disciple of our Lord, and every philanthropic heart to enlarged labours for the speedy fulfilment of the glorious prophecies which speak of their ultimate conversion to God.

We respectfully recommend that efforts be made in this Province for the opening of Temperance Homes in its seaports for the benefit of Seamen, and that contributions be made, commensurate with the greatness and importance of the work

Praying that the Lord will put it into the hearts of his servants to labour in faith for the gathering in of this great ocean harvest.

E. N. HARRIS, Chairman.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education have pleasure in stating that Acadia College and the Horton Academy have enjoyed a gratifying amount of prosperity during the past year. Those institutions are evidently rising in public estimation. They have already exerted, and will exert in an increasing degree, a powerful influence for good in these Provinces.

The state of Horton Academy will be laid before the Association in the Report of the Education Society. Upwards of twenty young men have studied in the College during the year. Nine students have received Theological Instruction.

Our Educational Institutions have had to struggle with scrious difficulties and to encounter great perils. But they have been mercifully delivered; and it has been observable

that times of trial have been closely connected with seasons of gracious manifestation, and the pressure of the burden has been alleviated by the bestowment of spiritual blessing. So it has been in the past year. While some untoward circumstances, presently to be mentioned, have partially beclouded the prospects of Acadia College, the blessing of the Lord which has been experienced there, resulting in the conversion of students, and Academy pupils, and members of the neighbouring community, has sustained and cheered the friends of the Institution.

Your Committee have learned with regret that the affairs of Acadia College are in an embarrassed state, at the present time, in consequence of the pecuniary difficulties of a Company in the United States, in the stock of which a portion of the Endowment Fund is invested. Although the Committee doubt the wisdom of that investment, they feel assured that the arrangement was made in the expectation, which then appeared reasonable, that it would be peculiarly advantageous. As that expectation is for the present disappointed, the Committee concur in the suggestion which was made to the Western Association, and adopted by that Association, to the effect that a Subscription list be raised, in order to secure a salary for a Professor for the ensuing year, The income now accruing from the Endowment Fund being insufficient to meet the required expenditure.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP. Chairman.

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REPORT ON TRACT DISTRIBUTION, &c.

That they feel a strong interest in the operations and success of the "Tract and Colporteur Society"; furthermore, they recommend the Christian Messenger to the hearty support of all our churches, together with such other evangelical religious periodicals as do not interfere with its circulation.

That they are of opinion that an evangelical press as the exponent of our views is greatly calculated to discover error and proclaim the truth; but that the great strength of any people lies in the study of the scriptures, which can alone make wise unto salvation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. V. TABOR, Chairman.

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REPORT ON OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH. The Committee on the observance of the Sabbath report as follows: The sect tond trought, which arithment in

The command of God to keep holy the Sabbath, is of universal and perpetual obligation. It is one of God's benevolent appointments for the temporal and spiritual good of mankind. They recommend attention to the subject on the part of christian people and ministers, and especially that the latter would preach on the subject occasionally, setting forth the duties and privileges of the Sabbath with its varied

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MILLER, Chairman.

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The Committee on Female Education, report:

That they feel deeply the importance of the subject committed to their care. An Education embracing in its scope the preparation of the physical, mental and moral powers for the greatest amount of usefulness and happiness that human beings are capable of, is a subject of vast importance. The daddy drive speed the serviced

Without intending to cast reflections on the past or on those who have done what they could to provide the desideratum, your committee beg leave to say that, hitherto, in their opinion, comparatively

The elements of a sound mental and moral training have been too generally neglected in their place have been substituted the less important branches of accomplishments and ornaments; in the higherranches of Female Education a greater neglect is manifested.

With these facts before them, your committee cannot do othervise than strongly recommend that, at the earliest opportunity, this tody vigorously turn its attention to such measures, as may suggest enselves and as may best afford the facilities, to even the humblest females, of obtaining a sound, practical education, both mental and oral, thereby preparing them for the greatest amount of usefulness d happiness.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. CHIPMAN, Chairman.

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MEMORIAL OF DEPARTED BRETHREN.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial of departed Brethren, in presenting their Report feel that the heavy bereavements with which it has pleased their Heavenly Father to visit the Denomination during the past year, in calling to himself some of the most venerated and esteemed, among their members have awakened deep and universal sorrow. To every Baptist in Nova Scotia as well as in the neighbouring Province, the decease of our dear Father Harding will have been an occasion of heartfelt grief. Closing up as he did the rear of those aged worthies, who laid the foundation of a pure Gdspel Church in these Provinces, and have now gone to their rest; the last link seems to have been severed which connected our own time with those of our Fathers. It would seem superfluous to enlarge on the character of Theodore Harding. A living testimony to his worth is enshrined in the heart of every disciple of the Redeemer, to whom his life and labours have been known, nor can we ask a richer blessing to descend on those who are to fill his place in the Gospel ministry, than that they should inherit an ample portion of this deep scriptural knowledge, his fervid and commanding eloquence, and should imitate his pure and lovely example of simple faith and practical holiness.

Thousands of God's people throughout our Churches, will remember the pang with which they heard announced the sudden departure of our beloved Brother Ferguson. Strong in faith and in intellectual power, and ardently attached to the interests of the Denomination as identical with those of Bible Truth and holiness, his whole "soul and spirit" was engrossed in the means of advancing their progress and success. In many respects it may be truly said "there is no man likeminded," who can fill the vaccancy which his removal has left among us. Blessed be God, "We sorrow not with

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God has done great things for us. From all quarters, we hear of powerful manifestations of His presence; the hearts of His people have been revived; backsliders have been restored; and many pre-

But, a season of prosperity is a season of danger; we rejoice; but we rejoice with trembling. The history of the past, and the peculiar character of revivals, lead us to the conviction, that in our immediate future, there are some things to be feared, some things to be hoped, and some things which are greatly needed.

I. We fear a re-action Revivals have taken place, just as great, as powerful, as impressive, as those we have so lately had the unspeakable happiness of witnessing. Journals and statistics of former years, shew an increase as great, and in some cases, proportionably greater, than the present. Churches were just as much in earnest; the people of God were just as united; sinners were just as powerfully converted, then, as now. But in some communities, then most sigally honored, how much of spiritual declension has since been witnessed! How low has the cause of God become! How dark and troublous have been the times!

It is feared, that there have been many cases of supposed conversion. Religion is respectable in the present state of society, never more respectable than during a revival;—then, (in the quaint languge of John Bunyan)—she walks in silver slippers, and the sun shines. Many may have been self-deceived. In times of great excitement, it is difficult to discern between genuine feeling, and mere sympathetic emotion; perhaps too, a desire to swell the number of converts, may have induced a hurrying into the church, of those who have aperienced no real change. The heart of man is deceifful above all

It is feared, thence that difficulties may arise in church matters. Christians have still enough of selfishness in their own hearts, and when to that is added the selfishness of baptized worldlings, it is not difficult to forsee the advent of a spirit, anything but Christ-like.

It is to be feared, that the young converts may be neglected. They need much sympathy, much assistance, is it afforded them? Do we not sometimes, even now, trace a spirit very like the enquiry, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Perhaps, brethren, many of you may be able to look back to a period in your experience, when it seemed as if no man cared for your souls.

It is feared, that many may go back to the world, and bring a disgrace on the christian name.

How many are there, in all our communities, once fair and flourishing professors, now living, many of them in open sin, others in unmitigated worldliness. How many, to whom, (altho' they stillretain the form of religion.) may be applied, the reproach of the Apostle, "Ye did run well, what hath hindered you? Were there not ten cleansed, where are the nine?"

II. "But, brethren we hope better things of you, and things which accompany salvation, though we thus speak."

We hope that the impressions produced by these revivals, may be permanent. One of our distinctive doctrines is that technically called, "the perseverance of the saints." We believe then that the same power, which has begun a good work in so many hearts, will carry it through to the end; that those who are chosen, are sealed heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ; that they are predestined, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled which fadeth not away.

We hope then for bright, earnest, useful, Christians among our recent converts. We hope that they will grow in grace; that they will be kept in the hour of peril, and that having done all they will stand.

We hope, too, that the churches will derive more than numerical strength, from these accessions; that the places of those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and who are now rapidly pasing away, may be filled by brethren, and sisters, just as warm-hearted, zealous, and active as they.

It is hoped that the influences of the churches on the world will be materially strengthened. We hope that a powerful impression, in favor of religion, may be produced on the ungodly, self-righteous, or superstitious who have, so of sin and S

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It is hoped that the cause of God every where will be benefitted, that liberal things will be devised; that the benevolent operations of the denomination, will be effectually aided. Above all, we pray, that God may call, from the number of converts, many who shall stand on the walls of Zion, and proclaim "peace, peace, to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh."

III. But in order that these happy results may be achieved, it is necessary for us to do something. God works by means, and these means are the exertions of His people.

It is needed, then that the true idea of a church should ever be maintained. Christ calls it a fold, where the lambs are specially provided for; it is designated as a light, as an exalted city, as the salt of the earth, as the place where christians are trained for heaven, as the foretaste of eternal blessedness, as the repository of heavenly treasures. It is to grow in purity and holiness, until it shall be presented blameless, before the throne of God, without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing. It is a company of believers, whose joys and sorrows are common, whose hopes, whose interests, are the same, one member of which, cannot sustain injury, without the whole body suffering with

It is needed, that great and special tenderness, and sympathy, be afforded to the young convert. He wants it all. He has just entered on the believer's joys, but his sorrows, his troubles, his conflicts, his temptations, are yet unknown. His armor is bright, but it is new. He has been accustomed to do evil, how shall he learn to do well? True religion is a personal matter, and he must be instant in prayer, himself, for the Spirit of God, but does he need no help from his brethen? no cheering look; no sympathizing word; no cup of cold water in the name of a disciple; no crumb of comfort? These we can give, let us not withhold them.

We need that the various means of grace, be effectually employed.

Among these, foremost is the preaching of the word. The faithful unwearied exertions, of the ministers of Christ in this department, need no commendation.

But there is a gift of hearing as well as of preaching. Is that sedulously cultivated? Is due heed given to the word? Is it received, being mixed with faith in them that hear? Is it received with

meekness as the engrafted word? Have we not need to beware of

a captious criticising spirit?

Prayer meetings are needed. A Prayer meeting should be a selfsustaining institution, which can be conducted if necessary, without the pastor's presence. Exhortation and prayer are gifts, which many

do not improve, as they should. Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools too are needed; the latter we have, we rejoice to believe :- the former are not so numerous as they might be. The Bible should be our closet companion. Without bible knowledge, there can be no bible experience. But many advantages may also be gained by studying in companies, especially, if a competent teacher be obtained, "Add to your faith knowledge."

It is needed, also, that a deep interest be felt in the benevolent operations of the denomination. The religion of Christ must have room to grow, else it will be dwarfed, stunted and sickly. The christian whose views are right wants to do good to the world.

It is needed, also, that due watchfulness, and discipline, be exercised -but the Circular Letter of last year contained counsel, so excellent and judicious on that point, that we need only refer you to it.

Finally brethren, it is needed, that each individual pastor, brother, and sister, should cultivate the idea of their separate, personal accountability to God; should continue instant in prayer and supplication, with one accord giving thanks, and pleading for the mighty and continued outpouring of His Spirit., AMEN.

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JOHN CHASE,

Wolfville, June 28.

^{*} In this sum is included £8 2s. 9d. Monthly collections.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

(Collected from the Letters, &c.)

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Falmouth, 1st.	1		100	-	Prosperous. [bible classes
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Halifax, Granville St.	1	11	75	500	Reviving.
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New Germany,		9	60	200	Efficient.
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Sherbroke, West	1	-	9819	14	Healthy.

In nine Churches there are fourteen Schools with 675 scholars, and in four Schools there are 700 volumes of religious books, exclusive of bibles and testament.

The Churches enjoying Sabbath Schools not herein included will please see that their letters for the next and following years give the necessary statistical information.

JOHN CHASE,

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