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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD SESSION

OF THE

**WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**

Held at Maugerville,

SATURDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,

7TH, 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1850.

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relating to the Western N. B. Baptist Association, and
Letters of General Correspondence, may be directed
to Rev. E. D. VESEY, St. John, N. B.

SAINT JOHN, N. B.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DATE ORDINATION
James Tozer,	Blusfield,	March, 1826
William Harris,	Jack-ontown,	February, 1830
Thomas Magee,	Saint James,	March, 1831
Thos. W. Sanders,	Prince William,	July, 1832
Samuel Robinson,	Saint John,	August, 1832
Edwd. N. Harris,	Carlton,	July, 1828
Adam D. Thompson,	Saint Andrews,	May, 1834
J. D. Cunswell,	Saint John,	March, 1825
Edward D. Very,	Portland,	October, 1828
James Walker,	Saint George,	January, 1829
John Magee,	Nashuaak,	January, 1849
Charles Sorden,	Fredericton,	April, 1841
George Rigby,	Kingsclear,	March, 1842
William Hall,	Saint George,	July, 1842
James H. Tupper,	Keswick,	March, 1844
Wm. L. Hopkins,	Saint David,	November, 1845
Wm. D. Fitch,	Canning,	January, 1845
Samuel Elder,	Fredricton,	November, 1845
George F. Misa,	Niwesdale,	October, 1846
Glendon Estabrooke,	Simonds,	July, 1847
Wm. A. Coleman,	Northesk,	October, 1848
Thomas Todd,	Woodstock,	October, 1848
Ebenezer Webb,	New Jerusalem,	June, 1850

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NOTE.—Whole number of Churches composing this Association,
59; Ordained Ministers, 23; Licenciates, 5.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association, composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall be members of the Churches which they represent, shall be styled 'The Western N. B. Baptist Association.'

ART. 2. The Association shall meet Annually, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Saturday of September, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The Meeting shall be opened with Social Conference, after which the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ART. 3. Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4. At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for the vote for a Moderator, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator, to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, nominate Committees, and maintain due order among the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during their Session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminution within the last year; and generally of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ART. 6. When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by Letter and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers, if any be present, the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to inquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8. Although an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any church or Minister in our connexion, when to us shall appear to be *unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice*. In order however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their inquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ART. 9. Alterations or amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time such as experience may dictate.

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MAUGERVILLE, September 7th, 1850.

The Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, convened according to appointment in this Parish in the Baptist Chapel, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

After two hours spent in devotional exercises in which a considerable number participated, the Association organised by the choice of the following officers :

- Rev. William Hall, *Moderator*
- Rev. Edward D. Very, *Secretary*
- Rev. Thomas Todd, *Assistant Secretary*
- Robert Stevens, *Treasurer*

After extending the usual invitation to messengers from congregations, Pounding Associations, and to visiting Ministers and Brethren in regular standing in other Associations, to take seats with the Delegates and participate in the deliberations of this Association, the following Committees were appointed :

1. To *Examine the Circular Letter*, J. D. Caswell, T. Todd, together with the author.
2. *Of Arrangements*, G. F. Miles, W. D. Fitch, R. H. Emerson.
3. *To Examine the Letters*, D. Crandal, W. Burton, J. Jones.
4. *On Special Business*, C. Spurden, G. Rigby, W. Harris, J. Magee, J. Walker, J. Butler, J. Berryman, W. A. Robinson.
5. *On Domestic Missions*, T. W. Saunders, J. Walker, J. H. Tupper, Jarvis Estabrooks, J. Wallace, W. L. Hopkins, B. Wills, J. Brailey, E. McInnis.
6. *On Foreign Missions and the American and Foreign Bible Society*, S. Robinson, R. E. Burpe, W. Burton, J. D. Caswell, W. R. Everit, W. S. Estey, J. S. Patterson.
7. *On Sabbath Schools*, H. E. Seelys, T. Todd, A. Sims, J. Buckley, J. Magee, J. H. Hughes, E. Webb.
8. *On The Christian Visitor*, D. Crandal, J. Francis, E. N. Harris, W. A. Coleman, W. Estey.
9. *On New Churches*, W. L. Hopkins, J. Foxor, B. Coy, J. McGregor.
10. *On the Union Society*, E. D. Very, I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, R. Stevens, C. Shafner, A. McL. Seely, J. Estabrooks, G. Rigby.
11. *On Colportage*, J. P. A. Phillips, S. P. Estabrooks, W. Estey, L. Albright, D. Bruce, D. Dow, O. Akerly, E. N. Harris.

The Committee of Arrangements then reported appointments for preaching in the evening, and upon the Sabbath.

After which the Association adjourned till Monday, A. M., at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. Burton.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. D. Caswell, from Ephesians, 1st ch. 22d

v. "He hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church."

A collection was then taken up for Domestic Missions. The Letters from the Churches were then read, and the Delegates took their seats.

The following appear from the Letters, as Delegates from the Churches.

- Princes William. Rev. T. W. Saunders, N. Wheeler.
 - Saint Stephens. Rev. W. L. Hopkins.
 - Canning. Rev. W. D. Fitch, Rev. B. Coy, J. E. Estabrooks, J. Curray, S. P. Estabrooks.
 - Frederickton. Rev. C. Spaldon, J. P. A. Phillips, W. S. Estay, C. Stewart, D. Richards.
 - 2d. Saint George. Rev. J. Walker.
 - Dumfries. D. Dow, O. Akery, J. S. Paterson.
 - Kingsclear. W. Estay.
 - 1st Saint George. Rev. W. Hall, H. E. Seelye.
 - Jacksontown. Rev. W. Harris.
 - Grand Manan. E. Melnis.
 - Douglas. J. H. Dykeman, D. Clark.
 - Cardigan. Rev. J. H. Tapper.
 - Newcastle, (Grand Lake.) Rev. G. F. Miles, J. Butler, L. A. Knight, P. Reeco, D. Reeco.
 - Portland. Rev. E. D. Vary, A. Sime, A. McL. Seely, R. Stevens, J. Berryman, J. Buckley.
 - Dipper Harbour. R. Wills.
 - St. John, Brussel st. Rev. S. Robinson, J. Brailley, W. A. Robinson.
 - Corner st. Rev. J. D. Casewell, C. H. Hay, W. A. Tromp.
 - Maugerston. R. H. Emerson, J. F. Estabrooks, G. A. Fredwell, G. Banks.
 - Woodstock. Rev. T. Todd.
 - Rushagornish. Thomas Phillips, Israel Smith.
 - Melbourne. Rev. J. Magee.
 - Chipman. J. McGriger.
 - Carleton. Rev. E. N. Harris, J. Clark, W. Colwell, J. F. Wells.
 - New Jerusalem. Rev. E. Webb.
- Voted.* By recommendation of the Committee that the Baptist Church in Brussel Street, Saint John, be received to this Association. The Head of Fellowship was then extended to Rev. S. Robinson for the Church over which he presides.
- Voted.* That Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. W. Harris, Rev. W. Burton, Rev. J. Magee, be a Special Committee to report on the Ordinances of the Lord's Supper.
- Voted.* To adjourn to 3 o'clock, p.m. Prayer by Rev. S. Robinson.
- MONDAY, 8 o'clock.**
- Mat. according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. E. N. Harris.
- Voted.* That J. Brailley and J. Curry be a Committee to audit the accounts.

In one or two instances the Constitution of the Association has not been regarded, which requires a person to be a member of the Church which he represents.

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Voted, That the Association be held next year with the Baptist Church, Macnaquac, Parish of Douglas.

That Rev. J. D. Caswell write the Circular for the next year.

That Rev. W. Harris be the Preacher for the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. E. N. Harris be his Alternate.

That Rev. G. Rigby be our Delegate to the Eastern N. B. Baptist Association; Rev. E. D. Very, Alternate.

That G. F. Miles be our Delegate to the Eastern Nova Scotia Baptist Association; Rev. W. D. Fitch, Alternate.

That Rev. E. N. Harris be our Delegate to the Central Nova Scotia Baptist Association; Rev. J. D. Caswell, Alternate.

That Rev. S. Robinson be our Delegate to the Western Nova Scotia Baptist Association; Rev. J. Todd, Alternate.

Resolved, That the travelling expenses of the above Delegates be paid by this Association.

Voted, That the following brethren be the Delegates of this Association to the Baptist Convention to be held in Portland on the third Saturday of this month: Rev. W. L. Hopkins, Rev. W. Harris, Rev. W. A. Coleman, Rev. T. W. Saunders, Rev. B. Coy.

Voted, That Rev. J. H. Tupper; Rev. T. W. Saunders, Rev. J. Magee, Rev. G. Rigby be a Committee of Arrangements for the next annual session of this Association.

Voted, That the Clerk superintend the Printing of the Minutes; and that 1000 Copies be printed containing the Articles and Covenant, and that they be distributed according to the amount paid by each church, sending three copies to each church not contributing to meet the expenses.

The Committee on the Circular Letter having examined the same recommended its adoption.

Voted, That the Circular Letter be now read by the author.

The Letter was now read by Rev. G. F. Miles, whereupon it was *Voted*, That the Letter be printed in the Minutes, and that each Pastor be requested to read it to his people from the pulpit.

The Report on the French Missions forwarded by Rev. O. Chute was read, also the Treasurer's Report of the French Mission Fund.

Voted, That Rev. D. Crandal, Rev. G. F. Miles, J. Wallace, W. P. Everett be a Committee to report on the French Mission.

Rev. S. Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions submitted a report which was ordered to lie on the table for to-morrow.

Voted to adjourn to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. C. Sparden.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. The following report on Foreign Missions, was called up:

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following Report:

Resolved 1st, That this Association rejoices in the privilege of having their Foreign Missionaries with them on this occasion; and would express their gratitude to Almighty God, that in answer to prayer, their beloved brother, sister, and children were preserved

amidst many dangers to return to their native land; and that although they were not permitted to labor long in the dark heathen land, still their labours were not in vain in the Lord.

Resolved 2nd., That to send the gospel to the heathen being a duty which is clearly and powerfully enforced in the word of God, and the desire that all men should hear the glad tidings of the gospel; this Association cannot refrain from expressing their regret, that there has not been more readiness on the part of the churches to sustain by their contributions this good cause; and that so few of the young brethren in the Ministry appear willing to respond to the call of the Board to go and preach the gospel to the perishing heathen.

Resolved 3rd., That this Association recommends to the Convention and Foreign Missionary Board that greater exertions be made to increase the contributions to the funds of the Society; and that suitable enquiry be made to obtain the services of two young men who may be willing and feel it their duty to go to Burmah; and that brother Barpe, as soon as his health will permit, be requested to visit all the churches for this purpose.

Resolved 4th., As it is a principle with the American Union in event of the illness of any of their Agents to sustain them till they are restored to health, and able to return to missionary labor or to preach the gospel in their native land, it is highly proper that our Board, in their treatment of brother Barpe and his family, conform to this principle.—Such being the condition on which they sent him forth to the heathen.

SAMUEL ROBINSON, Chairman of Committee.

An interesting address was then delivered by brother Barpe, who was followed by brethren Caswell, Robinson, and Burton, after which, the Report being adopted, a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to £6 3s. 9d.

Brother H. E. Seelye then submitted the following report, on Sabbath Schools, which was adopted:

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to Report.
That the Sabbath Schools in connection with our churches are in a very prosperous condition and are proving important auxiliaries to the churches where they are established. But while they are pleased to make this announcement they also regret the lukewarmness which is too frequently manifested by some of the churches, and especially by parents; we are deeply persuaded that the importance of the work is not fully realized by those churches and parents, or they could not remain so lethargic. We therefore recommend that every pastor, every church, and every parent awake to a sense of their duty and to the claims which this important institution presents; that schools be organized where they do not now exist; and that each school be supplied with a good library, and a religious periodical (as is the Youth's Penny Gazette) which never fails in giving great interest and vitality to the schools.

On behalf of the Committee, H. E. SEELYE, Chairman.
The Committee on the Christian Visitor brought in their report which was ordered to lie on the table for action in the afternoon.
Voted to adjourn to 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. G. Rigby.

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Met according to adjournment, at 3 o'clock.

Rev. William Harris preached a brief discourse from Numbers 10 chap. 29 verse.

The following report was then called up, and after stirring addresses from brethren D. Crandal, Robinson, Francis, Burton, and others, it was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on the Christian Visitor submit the following report:

In the opinion of your Committee the Christian Visitor is a most valuable paper; and while we take great pleasure in its present circulation among our churches and congregations, we consider that its worth claims a wider circulation. The Visitor is a sheet of high order abounding with most important matter, touching almost every subject about which we need information. It is ably conducted by our esteemed brother Elder E. D. Very, to whom we feel much indebted for his faithful editorial labors. We do earnestly request all the ministers and others of our denomination to labor in giving it a wider circulation.

D. CRANDAL, Chairman.
An agency having been proposed as the best method of extending the circulation of the Christian Visitor, and for collecting its dues, it was recommended that an Agent be sent forth to act not for the paper, and also as a Domestic Missionary, to take up collections as such towards defraying his expenses.

Rev. John Francis being solicited to act, and having accepted the appointment for such a time as might be judged proper, the following brethren became responsible for the deficiency, as follows: Brother A. M. L. Seely, of Portland, seven-tenths; Rev. C. Spurden, one-tenth; Rev. E. N. Harris, one-tenth; brother W. A. Troop, one-tenth.

Received, on motion of brother J. P. A. Phillips. That the several Missionary Boards be requested to contribute towards the support of the Christian Visitor, by allowing the Agent of the same Missionary pay, while labouring within their several districts.

The following report was then submitted and adopted:
The Committee on the Colportage beg leave to submit the following Report:

That it is with much satisfaction that your Committee learn that the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association are prosecuting this noble enterprise with such efficiency; and inasmuch as their Committee, whose representatives are present with us, invite this Association to co-operate with them in this labor of love. We recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of this body, and further that a special effort be now made to increase the Colportage funds so as to meet present demands. In behalf of the Committee,
J. P. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Interesting remarks followed the reading of the Report, after which Rev. C. Spurden gave £1 towards the object. Rev. William Hall pledged another. The Treasurer's accounts of the several Domestic Missionary Boards were then submitted and approved, after which the following Boards were appointed for the ensuing year, to wit:
For St. John District:—John Smith, Thomas Lockey, George

A. Garrison, N. S. Demill, James Brailey, Moses Lawrence, Alex. M'L. Seely, George W. Roberts, Robert Stevens, S. Fitch, M. D. J. P. Wells, M. Francis, J. Christopher, Samuel Kinsman, E. H. Duval, J. F. Marsters—with the pastors of St. John and vicinity.
 For *Fredericton District*.—Rev. S. Elder, C. Spurden, Brethren J. P. A. Phillips, W. S. Estey, J. C. Watson, C. L. Hartt, David Scott, T. R. Estey, and D. Richards.

For *Charlotte County*.—Deacons P. Seelye, John Mann, Jas. Davidson, John Walker, and brethren H. E. Seelye, A. H. Gilmeur, Edward Seelye—with the ministers in the county.

Voted to adjourn to 7 o'clock this evening.
 Prayer by Rev. J. Walker.

TUESDAY Evening, 7 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. William Burton. Sermon by Rev. John Francis from Luke 12th chap. 40th verse. The several reports on Colportage, Domestic Missions, and French Missions, were then taken up and adopted.

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to report. That we consider it our indispensable duty to use every exertion to sustain Missions in those parts of our Province that are destitute of the preaching of the gospel, and hope that a spirit of liberality may influence the hearts of the brethren to contribute more largely to the Domestic Mission Fund than they have hitherto done. In order that the above object may be effected. In behalf of the Committee.
T. W. SAUNDERS, Chairman.

The Committee on the French Mission beg leave to recommend the establishing of an English School in the French settlement adjacent to the Bend of Petricodiac, to be taught by a pious young man, who shall have the spiritual welfare of the French at heart; who shall as far as possible impart religious instruction and moral improvement amongst them, and who shall in the meantime endeavour to acquire a knowledge of the language. And further, if this plan succeeds that similar efforts be made in other localities amongst them.
ISAIAH WALLACE, Chairman.

Addresses were delivered in connection with these reports by brethren Wallace, Spurden, Wills, Crandal, Very and others. A collection was then taken up, amounting to 10s. 10d.
 Voted to adjourn to Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.
 Prayer by Rev. J. Walker.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. H. Hughes. The following Report on Special Business was read and adopted. The Committee on Special Business beg leave to Report. That in relation to statements and counter-statements made them by parties residing on Campo Belle, this Association never interferes in the discussion of questions which properly belong to the discipline of individual churches. They would, however, recommend a council of neighbouring Ministers to attend to the call of the Church from Grand Manan.
C. SPURDEN, Chairman.

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Resolved, That an amount of Missionary labour having been performed during the last winter and spring, by Rev. Joseph Crandal in a destitute part of the Province, and the Eastern Association having defrayed half the expense, this Association bear the other, to the amount of £8 5s. disavowing however the precedent of taking such work from the Missionary Boards which are the rightful channels.

The following was then submitted.

The Committee on the Union Society beg leave to Report:— That in view of the demands of the cause of christian benevolence the Churches are called upon for far greater exertions than they have yet made in this sphere. They lament that so few Churches have contributed to the various objects contemplated in this Union during the year; and deeply lamenting the necessity of incurring the expense of an agency, yet every year's observation of the circumstances of our Churches, and the continued failure of Pastors and Deacons, in our churches generally, to collect according to their means, we have no alternative but to dispense with the funds and proclaim our failure year by year, or send an Agent to communicate information, to obviate objections and awaken and sustain the interest requisite to command funds. We fully concur with those opposed to an agency that if Pastors or Churches volunteered their services and their offerings it would be a great saving; but we have no reason to infer from the past or present expression on their part, that they will do so, and the few who do, and we are happy to proclaim the fact that there are a few, but very few, who have never subjected the Board to any expense in this matter, will not in time to come require such agency.

We approve greatly the vote of the Eastern Association, recommending the employment of brother Burpe, and an Agent to accompany him, to relieve him of the burden of public addresses, and to superintend the care of collections and subscriptions. We unite with them in recommending this course to the earliest attention of the Union Board.

We are happy to add that the several objects embraced, still command our strongest regard, and we recommend them with unabated confidence to our Churches. In behalf of the Committee.

E. D. VERY, *Chairman*.

The adoption of this Report was preceded by a very interesting address from Rev. S. Robinson.

Resolved, That Rev. John Francis be recommended to the Board of the General Union as suitable to prosecute their agency when labouring for the Christian Visitor.

The Association here gave way for a meeting of the Baptist Education Society, the Report of which by the Rev. C. Spurgeon, and several resolutions will be found in page 18.

Very interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. W. Burton, Rev. John Francis, and others.

After which the Moderator resumed the chair, whereupon it was *Resolved*, That this Association deeply convinced of the value and importance of Collegiate Education in reference to the cultivation of the human mind, and especially in regard to the improve-

ment of our rising Pastors and Missionaries, most heartily concur in the arrangements made by the Convention of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, to adopt Acadia College as the property of the Convention; and strongly commend its claims to the sympathy, prayers and support of our churches.

The following Report was submitted by the Special Committee on the Question of the Lord's Supper as proposed by the Church in Portland.

Resolved, 1st. That the Lord's Supper is the dying command of Christ, and has the highest claim on us as his people, the neglect of which is a great sin.

Res. 2d. That any Church living in the habitual neglect of this ordinance of God should not be recognised as a Gospel Church.

Res. 3d. That we believe that the Apostolic Church observed the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week; and that frequently is implied in the language of God's word:—"As often," and "as oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup."

Res. 4th. That we do not conceive that there is a positive command from Christ to have in all cases the Lord's Supper administered every first day of the week, but we conceive that any church is justified in this observance when they can orderly and consistently attend to it.

Res. 5th. That we consider no person qualified in an orderly manner to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but such as are scripturally qualified as Pastors or ordained Ministers.

Res. 6th. That any Minister neglecting to administer the Lord's Supper to his people is guilty of a breach of solemn promise and covenant which he took upon himself when he was set apart to the work of the Ministry. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

Voted, That the Report be taken up section by section.

After the adoption of the first two sections the Report was laid upon the table for adjournment, previous to which a communication having been received announcing the death Rev. Adoniram Judson, D. D., it was

Voted, That Brethren Very and Bill be appointed to draft some suitable Resolution touching the case.

Voted, To adjourn to 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. E. D. Very.

WEDNESDAY Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

The Report on the Communion Question was called up, and its remaining sections discussed and adopted. The following Resolution was then proposed by the Committee appointed for the purpose:—

Resolved, That we bear with deep sorrow of the loss to his afflicted widow and family of Dr. Adoniram Judson whose long laborious, and successful Missionary course has commanded the admiration of all good men, and endeared him to the Baptist Churches of America.

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We would express our deep sympathy with the Churches in India which have been gathered by his exertions; with the Missionaries with whom he has been associated, and who have been accustomed to the fruits of his long experience and extensive information; and also with the Board of the American Union, in the death of a man whose life and labours have been so effectual an argument in soliciting funds with which to prosecute their Missions.

We hope that the Ministers and Churches of this Association will find a fresh incentive to Missionary exertion from this afflictive dispensation; and will be led to beseech the Great Head of the Church to thrust other laborers into the vineyard, gifted with like endowments, to gather the redeemed into his fold.

Adopted.

Resolved. To recommend to the Churches composing this Association, to observe the first day of January next as a day of solemn prayer for the blessing of the Great Head of the Church upon the interests of our Zion in this Province, and throughout the world.

Resolved. That we recommend the practice to be observed hereafter in the organization of this Association, of choosing its officers by ballot.

Resolved. That the cordial thanks of this Association be presented to the Baptist church, and to the friends, and to the community generally in Mangerville, for their munificent hospitality, and their unwearied efforts to facilitate the objects of our Meeting.

The Association thereupon adjourned to meet at Macnaquack, Parish of Douglas, the first Saturday in September, 1851.

Prayer by the Moderator.

WILLIAM HALL, Moderator

EDWARD D. VERN, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

OF THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren,—In directing your attention to a subject of much importance, on which we suggest a few thoughts, it is with hope and earnest prayer that the many Churches and Church members who may peruse this imperfect Letter may measurably profit thereby. The subject to which we call your attention is:—*The imperfect manner in which the discipline of the Church is employed.*

How frequently do our hearts rejoice, when we see persons professing faith in Christ and pressing into the Kingdom. We present the right hand of fellowship with joy; our hearts overflow with gratitude to God, while we hear them ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, joining themselves to the Lord in a covenant that should not be forgotten.

We love Zion, and pray for the peace of Jerusalem; and when we see the believer obeying the commands of his Master, we have seen Jacob arise. If those who have been brought to a belief

of the truth through the Spirit were unwilling to purify their soul in obeying the same, or to put on Christ publicly, would we not have reason to fear that Zion in connection with us as a denomination, would become desolate? Then, my brethren, as we love to see peace and harmony prevailing, and can truly say, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Do we not see the necessity, not only of the additions of the faithful, but also our duty to withdraw fellowship "from every brother that walketh disorderly?" Many in times of religious excitement profess faith in Christ, whose passions were aroused, and whose feelings were wrought up to a high pitch of excitement; and yet, when we see them run but a short distance, endure but a little time, have we not reason to fear that their hearts were not right in the sight of God? Many members may be found in the Churches who do not attend the public means of grace, who are unwilling to support the Gospel, or to give of their substances as the Lord hath prospered them, and fail to perform the vows and covenant engagements entered into when professing to enjoy the communion of Saints, and the fellowship of the Spirit. And if persons who are thus negligent of the duties enjoined on them to remain in the Church of God, can we expect to prosper? It is not left to our discretion, nor to depend upon a temporizing policy to which men are so strongly tempted to conform, whether they will retain or reject unworthy members. The fear of incurring the displeasure of influential men, or of family connections would often, and indeed does often prevent a faithful discipline; but to dissipate such fears and to relieve the churches of the responsibility of consequences, the Lord employed the language of command: "Now we command you brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he hath received of us." The Lord leaves us now with this command to choose between offending men, by faithfulness to His cause and their souls, or of offending Him by denying his prerogative to be King and give laws to his own Zion. Look at a time when Israel had to turn their back before their enemies; there was an Achan in the camp; he had to be cast out. Paul says, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." Doubtless he had been a church member, but they had withdrawn fellowship from him. And if the disorderly, the indifferent, the negligent, the immoral members of the Baptist Churches were dealt with according to the law of Christ, would not our number be greatly diminished? True, if all who might be accused as Paul accused Demas, and justly too, who keep up the appearance of religion and yet follow and love the ways of the world; if such were brought to the law and to the testimony, we might indeed see our number greatly diminished. But as was said to Gideon, it may doubtless often be said to Churches, "The people that are with thee are too many for me." Numbers are very uncertain indications of strength; and if in our number there are those who offend against God and bring upon us his displeasure, we are surely weakened by their presence, and will be strengthened by exchanging their presence for that of the Lord,

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Fredericton Baptist Domestic Missionary Board, in Account with James P. A. Phillips.

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" Aug. 13.	Paid Rev. W. A. Coleman for Mission to Brighton, Tobique, and Grand Falls,	6 0 0
"	Paid do. expenses on the above Mission,	0 5 0
"	Paid Rev. W. A. Coleman for Mission to back Settlements in Prince William,	3 0 0
" 31.	Paid Licentiate John H. Hughes for Mission to Douglas, Kingsclear, &c.,	8 0 0
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1849. Sept. 10.	By am't from Tobique Church, from Rev. Thos. Todd,	£1 0 0
" " 17.	Dividend at Association,	2 18 0
" Oct. 31.	Collection at Quarterly Meeting at Woodstock,	1 6 7 1/2
1850. Jan. 5.	Dividend fm Gen'l U'n Society, Collected at Quarterly Meeting, Nashwaak,	4 1 1 1 5 0
" Mar. 23.	Cash from J. T. Smith for one copy Marriage Ceremony,	0 1 3
" April 25.	Am't coll. by Rev. W. A. Coleman on Mission to Settlements in Prince William,	0 10 9
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	“ Mr. Jared Smith,	0 10 0
Dec.	“ Rev. G. F. Miles,	2 5 6
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Monies received at the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, by ROBT. STEVENS, Treasurer.

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Fredericton,	3 18 0	Public collection,	0 10 10
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Chipman,	£0 7 3		£95 1 1

Besides which the following sums were reported in their letters for this year.

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“ For Union Society,	£8 8 4		
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*Blissville,							132		
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Mangerville,	1839						39	0 10 0	
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Penfield,	1819					1	60	0 10 0	
Portland,	1842	3	3	1	8	2	82	0 10 0	
Prince William,						4	72	0 5 0	
Rushagornish,	1846						18	0 2 0	
Simonds,	1845	1	1	2			29	0 5 0	
St. Andrews,	1806					2	80	0 3 0	
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THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED, A. D., 1836.

President—Elder Joseph Crandal.
Vice Presidents—Elders John Marsters and Samuel Robinson.
Treasurer—Solomon Hersey, Esq.
Secretaries—Asa Coy and Samuel W. Babbit, Esquires.
Principal—Rev. Charles Spurden.
Assistant Teacher—Mr. Thomas B. Smith.

Every Minister of the Denomination is a Member of the Board of Directors.

STUDENTS.

SENIOR CLASS.

1 J. T. Bradbury, Holton,	23 C. W. Richards, Fredericton
2 J. R. H. Phillips, Fredericton,	24 F. W. Turney, do.
3 John Barker, do.	25 W. Nisbet, do.
4 W. J. Taylor, do.	26 J. G. Simpson, do.
5 F. J. McBeath, do.	27 Jesse Safford, do.
6 W. A. McBeath, do.	28 J. D. McPherson, do.
7 Alex. McPherson, do.	29 A. G. Marsh, do.
8 G. I. Barber, do.	30 D. W. Turner, do.
9 J. W. Ballentine, do.	31 R. S. Estabrooks, do.
10 K. D. Fillamore, Hillsboro'	32 J. A. Smith, Keswick,
11 A. H. Estey, Williams Town,	33 G. W. Barker, Fredericton,
12 P. C. Sime, St. John,	34 William Russel, do.

JUNIOR CLASS.

13 Dugald Thomson, St. Andrews,	35 E. B. Turney, Fredericton,
14 J. K. Bradford, do.	36 A. L. Turner, do.
15 Jas. T. Steves, Hillsboro'	37 C. H. Lincoln, do.
16 Isaac Steves, do.	38 E. B. Lincoln, do.
17 G. W. Hoben, Burton,	39 J. R. Bartlett, do.
	40 C. D. D. Phillips, do.
	41 George Bendeler, do.
	42 G. N. Babbit, do.
	43 W. R. Tarrar, do.
	44 Thomas Sampson, do.
	45 William Kelly, do.
	46 C. B. Seges, do.

MIDDLE CLASS.

18 W. F. Kinnear, Fredericton.
19 E. W. Chestnut, do.
20 Henry Hale, do.
21 Timothy O'Connor, do.
22 W. H. Richards, do.

The Tuition Fees are 10s., 15s., and 20s., a Term according to the age of the Pupil. Fuel 2s. 6d. a Term.

Board in the Seminary 8s. 6d. per week. This charge, besides Board, includes the washing of six articles, and necessary attendance. Each Student makes his own arrangement for bed and bedding.

The Course of Study includes the usual branches of a Commercial, Classical and Mathematical Education.

At a Meeting of the Directors, held in St. John, a year since, the following resolution was adopted.

That the Board of Directors authorize the Managing Committee to allow young men to board themselves at their own expense and trouble on the premises.

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At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held at Mangerville, on Tuesday, 10th Sept., the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Board desires to express its devout thanksgiving to God for the measure of success which has attended its exertions on behalf of Education in this Province since the formation of the Society.

Resolved, That the Board has heard with much satisfaction of the successful adoption of the plan sanctioned at its last meeting, by which young men may provide for themselves in the rooms of the Seminary, and recommend it to the attention of all whose circumstances may render it desirable to avail themselves of this means of acquiring knowledge.

Resolved, That the nomination of Mr. and Mrs. Gunter to fill the office of Steward, recently made by the Executive Committee, is sanctioned by this Board, with the confident expectation that it will contribute to the comfort of the students, and the welfare of the institution.

Resolved, That the Managing Committee for the ensuing year consist of Rev. C. Sparden, and S. Elder, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Messrs. S. W. Babbett, J. P. A. Phillips, W. Scovil, and W. S. Stey.

After some conversation on the subject of retrenchment, it was and to be the unanimous impression that such is the economy of an expenditure, that it is not only inexpedient but impracticable to make any reduction.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Society remain the same as at year.

REPORT.

SUBMITTED TO THE N. B. EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The report which the Committee have to present to the Society, does not very much differ from those of preceding years. The average attendance of pupils has been fully sustained notwithstanding the unexampled commercial embarrassment which, during the war, has pressed upon the resources of all classes; the Principal continues to derive satisfaction from the diligent attention to study evinced by the Students, and the propriety of behaviour observed by the pupils of all ages; and on the whole the Committee feel thankful in being able to state that the general interests of the Institution are in a healthy condition. The plan sanctioned by the Board of Directors at its last meeting, of allowing young men to board themselves in the Seminary has been tried with the most complete success; it is to be hoped that the example thus set will be followed by many whose circumstances render it desirable, and the Committee cannot but rejoice in thinking that the advantages of education will by this means be placed within reach of many who would otherwise be precluded from enjoying them.

The prevalence of an erroneous impression respecting the entrance of the Students of the Seminary into King's College requires particular notice and consultation. It has come to the knowledge of our Committee that an impression extensively prevails that no student can enter King's College from the Institution under their sanction, and that before such a step can be taken, it is necessary

to pass through the Grammar School in more immediate connection with the College. But for the existence of such a supposition they would deem it perfectly needless to refer to the subject. As it is however, they take the earliest opportunity of stating most explicitly, that there is no foundation for any idea of the kind; that any Student possessing the requisite qualifications, and desirous of doing so, has a perfect right to enter immediately from the Seminary; that the College authorities have granted admission before; and your Committee feel persuaded that they are prepared to do so again whenever there is occasion. The connexion in which the Education Society stands to Acadia College, Nova Scotia, has led the Committee to give the preference to that Institution in advising young men who sought for direction upon the subject, but their proximity to King's College renders it imperative on them to dispate every misapprehension.

From the statement of the cash account for the current year, and a comparison of the debts due by the Society this year and last, it will appear that after the payment of all necessary expenses a reduction of the debt to the amount of Seventeen Pounds has been effected.

Most gratifying would it be to the Committee, if, by any words of their's, they could awaken a just sense of the value of Education in the minds of the members of the religious community to which they belong. The more than usual attention which has of late, been directed to the subject of mental culture, the general diffusion of knowledge, the activity which characterizes the present age, the progress of error, and the pretensions of its advocates, the good providence of God which has placed before the youth of the present day, advantages unknown to their father's, all demand the serious consideration of thoughtful and pious men, lest with means of improvement, and instruments of power within their reach, they should indolently allow others to outstrip them; and gain the ascendancy where all might be on an equal footing; for it is inevitably necessary that the educated minds of the country should take the lead in society, and share among them the fruits of intelligent exertion.

The provisions of an erroneous impression respecting the nature of the subject of the Seminary, and the King's College, have been removed, and the general interest in the subject has been revived. It is to be hoped that the example of the Seminary will be followed by the King's College, and that the same spirit will be manifested in the other institutions of the country. The provisions of an erroneous impression respecting the nature of the subject of the Seminary, and the King's College, have been removed, and the general interest in the subject has been revived. It is to be hoped that the example of the Seminary will be followed by the King's College, and that the same spirit will be manifested in the other institutions of the country.

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A DECLARATION
OF THE FAITH, PRACTICE, AND COVENANT OF THE CHURCH
OF CHRIST, COMPOSING THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth. Deut. x. 4; John iv. 24; Psal. xc. 2; Jer. x. 10; Isa. vi. 3; Exod. xxiv. 6, 7.

2. That there are three Persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: 1 John v. 7; Acts v. 3, 4.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our only rule of Faith and practice: Acts xx. 32; 2 Tim. iii. 15—17.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, hath foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18; Rom. ix. 17—23; Acts ii. 24; Psalms lxxvi. 10.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power: Exod. xx. 11; Heb. 1. 3; Dan. iv. 35.

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

7. That man being left to himself, soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 13—19.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: Hos. xiii. 9; Eph. 11, 8; John vi. 44.

9. That God the father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and for ever: Rom. viii. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5; John vi. 37—39; Rev. vii. 9; Tit. ii. 14; Mark xv. 16; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Mat. xii. 28; Rev. xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness; and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God, and

ever liveth to make intercession for us: Heb. x. 5, 19; Dan. ix. 24; Heb. vii. 25.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and he only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement made by Christ to every elect soul; John iii. 5-8; and xvi. 7-16.

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

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedience to His holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3; Mat. xxiii. 26; Eph. ii. 10.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him for ever. They have communion with God, and by his Spirit they are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces: John iii. 15, 16, and x. 28; Rom. viii. 17; Rev. iii. 21; 1 John i. 3; Rom. i. 11; Phil. i. 7.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's day, is the Christian Sabbath: Mat. xxviii. 1-6; John xx. 19; Rev. i. 10; Heb. iv. 8-10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ the great law-giver and head of his church: Rom. xiii. 1, 4; 1 Pet. ii. 13, 15; Luke xxii. 25, 26; Isa. xxxiii. 20, 22; Eph. i. 22.

17. That there will be a general resurrection both of the just and unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works; when the wicked shall be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal; John v. 28, 29; Rom. ii. 16; Mat. xvi. 27, and 25, 46.

PART THE SECOND.

Concerning a visible Church of Christ, and its Discipline.

1. We believe that a particular and visible Church of Christ is a number of Saints and people, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth his declarative glory, and for their own edification: 1 Pet. ii. 5; 1 Cor. i. 2; Acts ii. 42, 47.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite for any other breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christ's duty; 2 Cor. viii. 12-13; Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. i.

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rite to the latter, that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its Ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their Faith have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23—26; Acts. ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18—26, and viii. 12, 36, 39; Mat. iii. 6—16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; John iii. 33; John i. 9, 10; Acts viii. 36—39.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the Ordinances, therefore the door of the Church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ; 1 Cor. xi. 27, 29; Mat. vii. 6, 15—20; Ezek. liiv. 7, 9; Isai. xxvi. 2; 1 Pet. ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered, hath power to choose, and by Elders to Ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz.: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some such cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of neighbouring Churches of Christ; Acts i. 21—26, and vi. 3—6; Num. i. 10; Mat. xviii. 15—18; Acts xv.

5. That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother; yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place, whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house; Mat. xx. 25—29; 1 Peter v. 3; Mat. xxviii. 9, 20; Acts xx. 20—26, 31.

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

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him, in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the Church may know here every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz.: the glory of God and the good of his people; and the Church ought to be subject to such improvements; 1 Peter iv. 10, 11, and v. 5; 1 Tim. iv. 14; 1 Cor. 12th and 14th chapters.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and People one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be effected will offering agreeably to the scripture of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by gospel rule,

COVENANT.

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

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

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Math. xviii. 15—17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harbored in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his word—expecting that he will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom, applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors; and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

STATISTICS OF THE SABRATH SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Voluntes.	REMARKS.
Brussel st. St. John.*	2	210	27	400	Flourishing.
Germain st. "	1	120	16	300	In a prosperous state.
Frederickton,	1	75	15	300	
St. St. George,	1	70	9	150	
Penfield.	2	50	10	100	Interesting.
St. George,	2	60	10	150	
Dumfries,	1	42		50	New and promising.
Grand Manan,	1	50			Flourishing.
St. Patrick,	1	62	7	150	Prosperous.
St. Patrick,	1				Small but increasing.
Portland,	1	93	17	150	Prosperous.
Shipper Harbour,	1	20	2		Prosperous.
Woodstock,	1	100	9	200	Flourishing.
Washwanak,	1	55	6	150	Prosperous.
Carleton,	1	30	2		Healthy state.
St. Andrews,	1	40	8	150	
St. Stephens,	1	50	7	150	Healthy state.
Prince William,	1	30	2	35	
Loch Lomond,*	1	30	1	60	Doing well.
Total reported,	21	1237	142	2735	

* Reported under the superintendance of Bro. Goulding, of the Brussel Street Church, who resides at Loch Lomond, as teacher of a Day School.

NOTICES.

THE WESTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Will hold its next annual Session at Douglas, on the first Saturday in September, 1851. Introductory Sermon by Rev. Wm. Harris; Circular Letter by Rev. J. D. Casewell.

THE EASTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Will hold its next Annual Session with the 1st Baptist Church of St. Martins, on the Saturday preceding the third Monday after the 20th June, 1851. Annual Sermon by Rev. S. B. Croft, or by Rev. J. A. Smith, his alternate. Circular Letter by Rev. Jas. Trimble.

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