

MINUTES

OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

FREE BAPTISTS OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Centreville, Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County,

SEPT. 14th to 16th, 1882.

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THE Seventeenth Annual Session of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia was held at Centreville, Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County, beginning on Thursday, Sept. 14th, 1882, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting called to order by the Standing Clerk, Rev. J. I. Porter.

The opening exercises were conducted by the Retiring Moderator, Rev. F. Babcock.

Prayer by Rev. S. N. Royal.

Members of Conference present:

MINISTERS.—F. Babcock, W. C. Weston, C. Cann, J. I. Porter, T. H. Siddall, S. N. Royal, J. W. Freeman, L. W. Gowen, A. Swim, G. E. Sturgis, W. Millar, J. F. Smith, S. K. West.

LICENTIATE.—J. L. Smith.

DEACONS.—N. Corning, J. C. Atkins, A. R. Durkee, W. J. Robison, F. B. Kenney, E. Ross, W. Snow, Seth Smith, H. Kenney.

QUARTERLY MEETING DELEGATES.—N. D. McGray, S. Woodworth, A. Pitman, A. Corning, F. Crosby, Levi Hopkins, Byron Simms, W. Simms, B. F. Obvell, J. Johnson, H. Treffy.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES.—From the F. O. B. G. Conference of New Brunswick—Rev. J. E. Reud. From the M. C. Y. M. of the F. W. Baptists of the United States—Rev. Dr. W. H. Bowen.

VISITORS.—W. E. Curtis, Theological Student, "Bates," Lewiston, Maine, U. S.

Resolved, That Rev. L. W. Gowen, pastor of the Cape Island Churches, be received and recognized as a member of this Conference.

Upon motion, Rev. L. W. Gowen was duly elected Moderator for the current year.

The Retiring Moderator welcomed the brother with appropriate remarks.

The Moderator on taking the Chair addressed the Conference.

Resolved, That Rev. S. N. Royal be Assistant Moderator.

Resolved, That Rev. J. E. Reud, Corresponding Delegate from the F. O. Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, and Rev. Dr. Bowen, from the Maine C. Y. M. of the F. W. Baptists of

the United States, and Visiting Brethren, have a seat with us, as per rules of Conference.

The Assistant Moderator read the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Conference.

Resolved, That a Committee of Arrangements be appointed.

Resolved, That N. D. McGray, B. F. Kenney and S. N. Royal be the above Committee.

The Committee on Arrangement reported as follows:

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| Temperance Committee | —B. F. Covell, T. H. Siddall and A. Durkee. |
| Sabbath | —L. W. Gowen, W. C. Weston and A. Swin. |
| Sabbath School | —S. N. Royal, W. Millar and N. D. McGray. |
| Education | —F. Babcock, L. W. Gowen and Dr. Bowen. |
| Absent Brethren | —J. W. Freeman, A. Corning and A. Pitman. |
| Missions | —J. W. Freeman, F. Crosby and W. J. Robison. |
| Obituary | —F. Babcock, W. C. Weston and T. H. Siddall. |
| Prudential | —J. C. Atkins, N. Corning and F. Babcock. |

N. D. McGRAY, Chairman.

Resolved, That the Report be adopted.

Resolved, That we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Reud.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Freeman. Roll called.

This was a Reporting Meeting.

Rev. J. E. Reud, delegate from New Brunswick, presented Credentials, and was introduced.

He extended greeting, and expressed his pleasure. Fifty years ago his Conference was organized at Victoria Corner, the place of Conference the present year; where they intend to celebrate the Semi-Centennial of their denomination; 140 churches, 40 ordained ministers, membership 11,000, adherents 85,000. Have raised twenty thousand dollars for denominational purposes. Hope to raise a large sum as a Semi-Centennial offering; 84 Sabbath-schools, 4,000 scholars. Spoke of the state of feeling on the Educational question. Read from Reports as moved, but not adopted. Thought the brethren in Nova Scotia had clearer and more consistent views than they. On the Temperance question—total abstinence—have some of the ablest advocates in the Province. Home Mission work is increasing; spend \$200. Gave an account of Foreign Mission work; hoping to have a man to go. Spoke kindly of the correspondence; wished it continued.

The Moderator made a suitable reply.

Rev. F. Babcock, Corresponding Delegate to the New Brunswick Conference, gave his Report:

Had a pleasant time; the meetings all good, especially the 'Womans' Foreign Mission meeting. As Bro. Reud had gone so thoroughly over the ground he would not take time to say more.

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Rev. T. H. Siddall gave Report of the Convention held last Autumn, for the purpose of seeking closer union between the F. C. Baptists of New Brunswick and F. C. Baptists of Nova Scotia, and forming a Convention of those bodies. He read from the Reports of said Convention.

Resolved, That the Report be laid on the table.

Resolved, That Rev. S. N. Royal give his Report for 1881 to the Maine C. Y. M., as he did not return in time to report at that Conference. Bro. Royal said:

He received a cordial welcome; reported as best he could; preached and enjoyed it; liked the way they dealt with a young man that would not give up his infidelity; was greatly blessed because of the deep devotional spirit that characterized the meeting. Their day of fasting—so solemn—must have lasting benefits. Thanked the Conference for the appointment.

Rev. J. F. Smith, Delegate to the Maine C. Y. M. this year, reported:

"They did not disjoin business and religion. He was greatly pleased with the devotional spirit of all the meetings. The addresses for the Anniversary Meetings were prepared by speakers before appointed. Thanked the Conference for his appointment. It was like going home.

The Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting Report was read by Rev. J. W. Freeman, Quarterly Clerk, as follows:

REPORT OF THE YARMOUTH AND SHELburne QUARTERLY MEETING.

DEAR BRETHREN.—We have great reason to thank the "Giver of every good and perfect gift," that He has brought us through the perplexities and labors of another year. Amid difficulties we have received blessings, and in all we have learned to have implicit confidence in God. Our faith in Him and love for His service ought to be stronger than ever before. Can we not say, "We have a goodly heritage?"

As full Reports have not been received from all the Churches, we find it difficult to make out as satisfactory a Report as we could wish.

Pastorate No. 1.—Including First Barrington and its branches; Port La Tour, and Cape Negro Island Churches; and preaching stations at Village Dale, Clyde Port, Sabie River, Lockport. This Pastorate has the faithful labors of Rev. T. H. Siddall. He preaches twice a month at Port La Tour; and four times, regularly, at Barrington. The remainder of his time is spent at Barrington, and some of the outside stations. He holds Bible classes with the churches, and the prayer and conference meetings are well sustained. There are good Sabbath-schools at Port La Tour and Barrington.

Pastorate No. 2.—The old Cape Island Church seemed it best to have the church divided, making two—one is now known as Centerville Church; the other Clark's Harbor Church. There has been no regular pastoral labor on this Circuit until first of August, in consequence of

which the cause of God is quite low. The first of August Rev. L. W. Gowen was called to this important field of labor, and is to spend one half of his time with each church. May the Lord bless Bro. Gowen and make him a blessing to the people is our prayer. The outlook now for this Pastorate is more prosperous. There are Sabbath-schools in connection with these Churches.

Pastorate No. 8.—Including Second Barrington, Bear Point, Shag Harbor and Wood's Harbor. Rev. W. C. Weston has labored faithfully on this Pastorate. He spends a quarter of his time with each Church. The cause of God on this Pastorate was quite low, but we are looking forward to better days. There are Sabbath-schools with these churches, in which good work is being done.

Pastorate No. 4.—Including East and West Pubnico, Argyle and Glenwood. Rev. Wm. Millar has the pastoral care of the Churches on this Circuit, and his labors are highly appreciated. He held special meetings at West Pubnico and a good interest was manifested. Four were baptized and added to the church. There was one baptized and added to East Pubnico Church. Bro. Millar spends all his time on this interesting field, attending to conference and other meetings. There are excellent Sabbath-schools in all these churches. The people at Glenwood have repainted their meeting-house.

Pastorate No. 5.—Including Tusket, Pleasant Lake, Plymouth and Little River. Rev. J. W. Freeman is still laboring with the churches of this Circuit. The conference and other meetings are attended to, and the interest in the churches is encouraging. The Plymouth Church is favored in having a very interesting Sabbath-school. A Union Sabbath-school is held in Little River.

Pastorate No. 6.—Including Yarmouth Town and Chebogue Point. The General Pastorate Committee thought it advisable to unite this Pastorate with Pastorate No. 9 for the present year.

The Quarterly Meeting approved the aforesaid action. The Yarmouth Church has had preaching from Rev. J. I. Porter this year until first of July—preaching three times per month. Since then Rev. J. F. Smith has supplied for them every Sabbath evening. We hope the way may open that this church in the future, may be regularly supplied with preaching. Rev. J. I. Porter preaches once a month at Chebogue Point. In connection with Yarmouth Church there is a Sabbath-school. At Chebogue there is a Union Sabbath-school.

Pastorate No. 7.—Including Brooklyn, Session Hill and Sanford. Rev. Wm. Knollin administered to them the Word of Life with good acceptance. Bro. Knollin attends all the meetings his health will permit, and the brethren are encouraged to work on in faith. The conference meetings are sustained. Both churches at Sanford and Session Hill have good Sabbath-schools.

Pastorate No. 8.—Including Beaver River and its outlying preaching stations. Rev. J. F. Smith has been cultivating this field of labor. His pastoral year ended in June, but he has been preaching to them since then. Bro. Smith purposes leaving this field after Yearly Meeting. During the past five years he has done efficient work for God with this people, and the Church has thrived under his earnest labors. He retires with the well wishes of all. The brethren are making arrangements to employ another pastor. Sabbath-school work is carried on with success in connection with the church.

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Pastorate No. 2.—Including Carleton and Kempt Churches, with their outlying preaching stations. Rev. J. I. Porter, through the goodness of God, has had his health so restored that he has been able to minister at Carleton and Kempt in spiritual things. He preaches once a month at Carleton and twice at Kempt. Previous to his engagement with these churches, there was a glorious revival at Kempt, and the then pastor, Rev. W. C. Weston, baptized and added fifteen to the church. Bro. Weston was assisted in the work by Revs. S. K. West and J. W. Freeman. Rev. S. K. West, who has labored long in the Master's vineyard, preaches at Forest Glen and Rockingham. The meeting-house at Carleton has been moved to the centre of the village, and refitted, and is about ready for use. There are four Sabbath-schools on this Pastorate who hold with us.

We have thus reviewed a part of our denominational field which God has given to us to cultivate. While there have not been as many gathered in our churches as in other years, yet, we believe we have not been laboring in vain. Sometimes great advantage is gained by holding the "Fort," and this we have been trying to do, as well as enlarging our borders.

There is one pleasing feature, among others, in connection with our churches, to which your attention is invited. That is our Sabbath-schools. As we look in this direction, we have great expectations of having our "Zion" built up with a very fruitful ingathering of souls.

The principles of temperance are too strongly implanted in the hearts of our people, to soon die out. They strongly advocate and practice what they believe in this cause, believing it to be a part of our Christian work.

Something has been done in Home Mission work, but not as much as we hope to do the coming year.

Relative to Foreign Mission work, the "Woman's Aid Society" still continues in its line of labor, doing good work.

We respectfully call your attention to some resolutions passed in our last Quarterly Meeting, held at Session Hill:

Whereas, Important financial matters appertaining to the Yarmouth Church have been referred to a former session of Quarterly Meeting, and a Committee appointed to attend to the matter, be it

Resolved, That this Quarterly Meeting has no financial responsibility in the matter, but be it

Further Resolved, That this Quarterly Meeting, in an advisory form, appoint Rev. W. C. Weston as a Committee to confer with the Trustees of Yarmouth Church with reference to the aforesaid business, and report at the next session of Yearly Meeting.

A resolution was moved and seconded that the pastoral relations of all the Pastorates in this Quarterly Meeting, when they change or terminate, that they do so, after this year, with the 3rd Sabbath in September.

Resolved, That it be referred to Yearly Meeting.

We sincerely pray that this Yearly Meeting will be marked by the presence of the Lord Jesus, causing a outpouring of heart tending in the right direction, and may a deep devotional spirit be ours in going away, and success attend every effort in the Lord's vineyard.

Yours,

J. W. FREEMAN,

P. & S. O. H. Clerk.

STATISTICS OF THE YARMOUTH AND SHELburne QUARTERLY MEETING.

| Churches. | Added by Baptism. | By Letter. | Dismissed. | Restored. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Died. | Total. | Number of Schools. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Money Raised for Church. | do. |
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| Bear Point..... | | | | | | | | 43 | 1 | 4 | 35 | 75 00 | |
| Shag Harbor..... | | | | | | | | 118 | 1 | 5 | 30 | 80 00 | |
| Wood's Harbor..... | | | | | | | | 104 | 1 | 8 | 90 | 170 00 | |
| Publico, West..... | | | | | | | | 94 | 1 | 5 | 50 | 285 00 | |
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| Session Hill..... | | | | | | | | 138 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 150 00 | |
| Saalford..... | | | | | | | | 299 | 2 | 20 | 190 | 780 00 | |
| Beaver River..... | | | | | | | | 33 | 1 | 10 | 25 | 50 00 | |
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Resolved. That the Report of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting be received, adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes.

Resolved. That the referred business in the above Report, be referred to a Committee of five.

Resolved. That the Prudential Committee be requested to nominate a Committee on that clause relating to Yarmouth Church.

Resolved. That the other item relating to Pastoral Relations be referred to the Prudential Committee.

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The Report of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting was read by Rev. S. N. Royal, Quarterly Meeting Clerk, as follows:

Dean BURNHAM.—In making our Annual Report, you with me must feel deep regret that this portion of our Master's vineyard, committed to us, is in no more prosperous condition. Allow me to call your attention to some items of the past. Once there was a church at Scott's Bay, but because of removals and influence of Second Adventism the church is no more; although there are some Free Baptists yet residing in the community. At Mount Denson there was a church under our care; others are reaping what we as a people sowed. The reason for this ought not to be. At Avenport there was a promising interest, that has been weakened by deaths and removals; the few that remain are loyal and willing, yes, anxious to do even more than some places where there are more. This Quarterly Meeting in time past had prospects in Western Hants that have been blighted for want of men and faith. This Quarterly Meeting has sent out a large number of ministers. Canning: A. Kinsman, who in the commencement of his labors was cut down. At Canning was the spiritual birth-place of Bro. Lockhart and Cox; and though others have received the most of their labors we have no occasion to be ashamed of their record. Hall's Harbor Church gave to the cause Bro. Unsacke, Thorpe and Sullivan, whose labors were more abundant, whose praise is in all the Churches, whose memory is sacred, and not only in their record on high, but their works do follow them. Gone from us, they yet live in the lives of those they brought to Christ. Munroe is in the States working for Christ. Avenport gave a Palmeto to the cause; he is working for the Master among our brethren in the States. Harmony Church was the birth-place of Bro. Minard, and as much as he has done elsewhere, here in his own home he has done good work for his Master. At Port Medway, Rev. J. M. Lowden found Christ, and began public labor for Jesus there, although a son of Kings County. Halifax has given a Sturgis, who in Hants County has been and is a host in himself for the Lord. Brookville Church has furnished a Millar, whose labors in Harmony Quarterly Meeting and in Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting have not been in vain in the Lord.

These churches have been the scenes of many a hard fought battle for the Lord and many a victory in his name. There a sainted McLeod, filled with the Spirit, has asked: "By whom shall Jacob arise?" and Bro. Downey and Knowles have seen scores coming to Christ in answer. Here Elder Newton preached free grace, and open communion, and water baptism, and the Lord was with him. In the years past the Fathers in the denomination—McGray, Russell and Swin, with others—have done good work for Christ. Time would fail us to mention the labors performed by Bro. Noble and Doucett, of New Brunswick Conference, and others from that Province. The efforts of Bro. Weston, Porter, Smith, Babcock, Millar, and others who are living, as well as of the departed ones—Unsacke, Thorpe, Sullivan, Kinsman, and T. H. Crowell—as a result of their labors and others, hundreds of souls are now in glory, and from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and on them also, may be found those who in the churches of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting have had a home, and by the means of grace employed by them have been brought to Christ. They may be found all over the Dominion and in almost every State and Territory in the United States, and in every evangelical denomination.

Allow me now to report the present condition of each church:

Canning Church, and the preaching stations forming that Pastorate, have been without regular preaching since Bro. Babcock went to Halifax. They maintain prayer meetings, and have a good Sabbath-school. This church has suffered from removals and deaths. The faithful few who remain feel the loss both spiritually and financially. As it looks now, if they have a pastor, they must join with the Western Pastorate.

Hall's Harbor has suffered from the same causes. Since May they have had the labors of Bro. Babcock. The July Session of the Quarterly Meeting was held with this church to apparent profit. They were encouraged, and there was hopes of a better state of Zion there.

Black Rock Church has the labors of Bro. Babcock since May. Are maintaining prayer and conference meetings, and a Sabbath-school. Here a faithful few are doing much and well.

At Avonport the loyal few are as true as steel. They are doing well, and are anxious to do more for Christ and the denomination.

In the opinion of the Clerk these Churches, as at present situated, should all be under the care of one minister. His labors would be scattered and arduous, but for the present best, as every point should be cared for.

Of the Halifax Church I will not state much as their claims will be presented to you by one of its members and by the Committee having that interest in charge. Of one thing I am positive. Something decided and final should be done at once.

Brookville Church has the labors of Bro. G. E. Sturgis. He is "holding the fort" with heroic, patient continuance in well doing.

Harmony Church has the labors of the Clerk one-half of his time. Maintain conference and prayer meetings. There is among them a goodly missionary interest. The Juvenile Mission Band, assisted by the Woman's Aid Society, pay the salary of one native teacher in India; and a sister in this church pays the salary of another. The exodus to the States has affected the growth of all the Churches in this section of the country; other causes may have had, and possibly are having, an influence against us, yet, all things considered, this church has as little to hinder as most churches—perhaps less, except the exodus of the people.

East Port Medway Church is holding the ground, and already regaining that lost by the burning of their meeting-house. They have a Sabbath School and prayer meetings. The Clerk has preached to them since. Bro. E. Crowell was with them five or six times the past summer. For them there is hope, yet they need regular labor. Port Medway Church had a visit from Bro. Crowell during his vacation. The Clerk has supplied them once a month when not supplied by others. They are reduced financially and low spiritually. Maintain Sabbath-school. There are those there who are anxious for the cause of God. Too much good remains to be abandoned. Their condition is not so forlorn that it is too hard for God to do for them. Were some of the membership of this church as zealous for Christ as they are, some for one and some for another political party, there would be much good done; and this church is not the only one thus affected.

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are away during the summer. They have good congregations, and give good attention to the preaching of the Word. If the man could be found who would take charge of all the Free Baptist Churches in Queens County, and perform the work required, this might be one thing any time any brother feels he ought to try it. If there is a Free Baptist in this County that has not heard a sermon or prayer by a Free Baptist minister, the fault is their own, for there has been preaching by Bro. Crowell, or the Clerk, within two miles of every Free Baptist in the County during the past year, and most places at least three times.

Praying that the Father of Lights will give us wisdom and afford us help,

I remain yours, for Christ,

S. NASON ROYAL,

Clerk of Harmony Q. M.

Resolved, That the Report be received, adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes.

Resolved, That N. D. McGray, Byron Simms and W. Millar, be a Committee to confer with the brethren of the Harmony Q. M. in reference to Home Mission interests.

The Prudential Committee reported as follows:

That Bros. W. G. Sims, N. D. McGray, N. Canning, Revs. W. Millar and T. H. Siddall, be the Committee on Yarmouth Church matters.

Also, That A. R. Darkee, J. F. Smith, F. Crosby, Byron Simms, N. D. McGray, W. Snow, W. Millar, A. Corning and W. W. Weston, be a Committee to report on the relations of Pastorates.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of N. D. McGray, W. G. Sims, J. I. Porter and E. Babcock, to take into consideration the Halifax Mission interest.

Dr. Bowen having arrived, was introduced, and making known that he must leave next day.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Delegate from the M. C. Y. M. give his report this evening at the close of the sermon.

Bro. Weston, who was to preach the annual sermon, kindly giving way.

Resolved, That Dr. Bowen preach this evening.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

Prayer by Rev. F. Babcock.

FRIDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Sturgis.

Roll called.

Reports of Committees called for.

The Report of Committee on Education was read by Rev. L. W. Gowen, as follows:

Whereas, There is an urgent demand for young men in our Ministerial ranks, whose intellectual as well as spiritual qualifications enable them to show themselves workmen approved unto God;

And Whereas, The aid rendered the young men fitting for the Ministry at Bates College Theological Seminary has been considerably reduced of late;

And Whereas, Several young men from this Conference are now enjoying the advantages of these Institutions, and are receiving equal financial assistance with the young men who belong to the States;

Therefore Resolved, That this Conference hereby express its appreciation of the encouragement and valuable aid that our young men have received, and are receiving, with our brethren in the States.

And further Resolved, That it is our imperative duty to give greatly increased attention to the work of encouraging and assisting our young men who are called of God to the Gospel Ministry.

And be it further Resolved, That our Churches should so fully co-operate in this work as shall enable our Education Society to assume the burden now borne by the F. W. B. Education Society of the United States of aiding our young men in their work of preparation for the Ministry.

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L. W. GOWEN.

Resolved, That the Report be received, adopted and referred to the Education Meeting to-morrow evening.

The Committee on the Sabbath reported as follows:

Resolved That this Conference again express its belief that the sacred observance of the Lord's Day is of the utmost importance to our moral life and the prosperity of our free institutions.

And further Resolved, That we exceedingly deprecate the violation of the sanctity of the Sabbath in the running of R. R. trains, and in pleasure riding or boating on that sacred day.

The Report was adopted.

The Report on Missions was read by Rev. J. W. Freeman, as follows:

Your Committee are glad to learn of the awakened interest in Mission Work throughout the world, both home and foreign. This is an age of Missions as well as an age of progress. New developments in Mission work constantly are manifested, and made landmarks of progress.

As a Denomination, we have done much according to our numbers and means in the past; still, we think that if some practical effort were made, and plan devised, more might be done.

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Our Home Mission interest needs special attention, and we hope at once stout efforts will be made to raise means to aid interests loudly calling for help.

Resolved, That the Report be adopted and referred to the meeting this evening.

The Report of Committee on Absent Brethren was read by Rev. J. W. Freeman, as follows:

We learn that Rev. W. M. Knollin has been detained on account of matters that require his attention at home. Bro. Edwin Crowell is attending the Theological Seminary at Lewis, Maine.

Resolved, That the Report be adopted.

The Report of Committee on the Yarmouth Church matters was read by Bro. W. G. Simms, as follows:

Your Committee, having considered the Yarmouth Church and matters connected therewith, recommend:

1. That the Clerk of Conference acknowledge the letter received, and advise the author to see, or write to the person, or persons, and thus give the needed check to current reports.

2. We recommend that this Conference appoint a Committee to help the Church get a full Board of Trustees appointed at once, and take in hand the pressing business matters, and report at the next Quarterly Meeting.

3. We also recommend that the Clerk inform the Clerk of Yarmouth Church of the action now taken.

N. D. McGRAY,

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Report be laid on the table, to be taken up at the close of the Woman's Mission Meeting.

Resolved, That it be considered in Committee of the Whole.

Resolved, That we adjourn.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Weston.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Bro. W. G. Simms.

In Committee of the Whole.

The above Report considered and adopted.

The Conference thereby recommended to adopt the Report.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole was adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference request the Executive of the Home Mission Society to consider the Yarmouth Church, and

if possible, appropriate fifty dollars (\$50) to it, provided they procure a Pastor.

Resolved, That the Report on Ministerial Relations be adopted.

Whereas, We believe that a uniform period of terminating the pastoral relation through our Y. M. would conduce to the advantage of both pastor and people;

Therefore Resolved, That this Conference recommend that, when pastors and churches deem it advisable to dissolve the pastoral relation, they do so with the last Sabbath in September; and that ministers and churches contemplating a pastoral change notify their respective pastor, or Pastorate, three months previously.

A. R. DURKEE,

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Report on Sabbath-schools be adopted, as follows:

Your Committee consider the Sabbath-school as a part of, not only Christian work, but that it ought to be a part of church work, and have large share of their work, funds, and efforts for the teaching the truths of the Word of God. We are warranted to expect large results from Sabbath-school efforts; also to expect to come to us as a people these fruits, and as much as in us lies seek to have the people and children of our congregations taught the truth as we as a people believe.

We would also recommend that we study more earnestly the Word of God. We also would recommend that we as a Conference affirm our determination to defend the use of the Scriptures in the Public Schools.

S. N. ROYAL,

Chairman.

Resolved, That the order of business to-morrow morning be the Convention on Closer Union; &c.

A letter from Enfield, Illinois, was presented by the Clerk, expressing a desire for fuller acquaintance with all *Free Baptist Bodies*. The Clerk was instructed to make suitable reply, and give information.

Resolved, That we adjourn to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. S. K. West.

SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by Deacon W. Snow.

Resolved, That Revs. J. I. Porter and S. N. Royal be a Committee to locate the next Annual Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference continue its endorsement of *The Religious Intelligencer*, and *Morning Star*, as our Denominational organs, and strongly recommend their circulation to a larger extent among our churches and congregations.

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Further. We urge all Elders of this Conference to do all possible in the interests of said organs.

Resolved, That the Clerk of Conference prepare, and get (1,200) twelve hundred copies of the Minutes printed, and receive twenty dollars (\$20) for his services.

Resolved, That T. W. Wilson, N. D. McGray, and James Cushing, with the Officers of Conference, be the Executive of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Prudential Committee be requested to nominate the brethren to preach the Annual Sermon.

The Report of Committee on Halifax matters was read by N. D. McGray, as follows:

Your Committee beg to recommend the following:

1. That \$50.00 be drawn from the Bank account, and this Conference grant permission to the Church to collect \$50.00 of the unpaid subscriptions in Halifax; and that both amounts of money named be expended on the meeting-house for needed repairs.

2. That Bros. J. L. Porter and L. W. Gowen be a Committee, with two members from the Halifax Church, to obtain Ministerial help.

3. That the Executive of the Home Mission Board be requested to aid the Church—providing Ministerial help is obtained—to an extent consistent with the claims of other interests.

N. D. McGRAY,

Chairman.

The Report of Committee on Temperance was read by G. E. Sturgis, as follows:

Your Committee think it well to call attention to the necessity for constant efforts, both by the ministry and laity, in Temperance work. The evils of intemperance are so prevalent, its ravages so terrible, its defiance to law and order so barefaced, that it becomes every lover of what is good, and noble, and true, to be active in this work. Especially is it the duty of those who prefer the love of Christ to speak by example and precept with sure and certain sound in favor of Temperance principles, and the enforcement of law against the liquor traffic.

G. E. STURGIS,

Chairman.

The Prudential Committee reported as follows:

Corresponding Delegate to the N. B. F. C. B. C.—Rev. W. Millar.
Substitute for—Rev. S. N. Royal.

Corresponding Delegate to the M. C. Y. Meeting—Rev. G. E. Sturgis.
Substitute for—Rev. J. I. Porter.

Delegation to the next Session of the F. C. B. Conference of N. B. to meet in Convention to seek closer union between that and our Conference—Revs. J. I. Porter, W. Millar, J. W. Freeman, T. H. Siddall, and W. G. Simms, Esq.

To preach the next Annual Sermon—Rev. W. C. Weston.

The Report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That Bro. W. G. Simms, F. Crosby and N. Corning be a Committee to carry out the decisions of this Conference on Yarmouth Church matters.

N. D. McGray, Secretary and Treasurer of the Halifax Mission, gave his report and statement (*see Halifax Mission Account*), which was adopted.

Resolved, That Bro. McGray be requested, and is hereby authorized to continue to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Halifax Mission.

The matter of closer union between the N. B. General Conference of F. O. Baptists and the N. S. Conference of Free Baptists, was taken up, and quite a lengthy discussion had thereon. The Assistant Clerk, Rev. T. H. Siddall, read the Report of the Joint Committee at the Special Conference held at Session Hall, Yarmouth County, in November last, and explained the action taken as agreeing with the action taken by this Conference at its Annual Session in 1881.

The Clerk, Rev. J. L. Porter, as Chairman of the above said Joint Committee, reported progress of this much-desired movement, hoping it would result in the forming a Convention of the two Bodies.

After the subject had been well considered, it was voted by a large majority, that a Delegation be appointed by this Conference to attend the next N. B. Conference, and there co-operate with them for the purpose of completing this undertaking.

Said Delegation was appointed.

Conference adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Sturgis.

ADJOURNED.

SATURDAY, 4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by W. G. Simms.

Resolved, That Bros. W. G. Simms, F. Crosby and N. Corning, be a Committee to enquire into the matter of Trustees of Yarmouth Church, and associate themselves with present Trustees of the Church, and report at next Quarterly Meeting.

Resolved, That the collections taken to-morrow be for the Minister's Relief Fund.

Resolved, That this Conference adjourn to meet Monday at 8 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by the Moderator.

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MONDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.
Prayer by Deacon Durkee.

Resolved, That Rev. T. H. Siddall, and W. G. Simms, Esq., be added to the Delegation to the N. B. Convention.

Resolved, That the Assistant Clerk, Rev. T. H. Siddall, receive ten dollars (\$10) for his services.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks of this Conference is hereby accorded to the Church, and all the friends of this community, for the excellent manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

This vote had a most hearty expression, and was extended to the public meeting in the evening by the Clerk of Conference, and replied to by N. D. McGray, Esquire.

That, Whereas there is great need of money to carry on our Home Mission work; therefore

Resolved, That this Conference urgently recommend that Home Mission meetings be held with all our churches and congregations by their pastors, where they have pastors; and where they have not pastors, by ministers who may visit them; and that this Resolution be published in the Reports of Conference.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Ministers' Relief Fund be the same as last year.

Resolved, That the omission to take collections on Sunday afternoon and evening be excused after the explanation of the Moderator.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered the N. S. Steamship Company, for reduction of fares, and every favorable consideration granted.

Resolved, That hereafter the officers of all the various Societies be nominated by a Nominating Committee.

Resolved, That the Clerk of Conference when giving notice of Annual Session, also notify all persons intending to attend the Conference to send their names to the proper person, who will see that their entertainment is provided for.

Resolved, That the Officers and Executive of the Temperance League be the same as last year, excepting the name of L. W. Gowan instead of P. M. Brown.

Resolved, That this Conference extend to its Officers a vote of thanks for the able manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Halifax Mission be instructed to inform the Halifax Church of the vote of appropriation by this Conference.

And further Resolved, That the funds unappropriated be invested in the name of the Secretary and Treasurer of Halifax Mission in behalf of General Conference; also, that the Officers of the Halifax Church be requested each year to report to this Conference as to the financial condition of the Church, through the Secretary, of the Halifax interest.

Resolved, That Bros. Harvey Trefrey and G. E. Cox be associated with the Secretary and Treasurer as a Committee on Halifax Mission.

The Committee on H. Q. M. reported as follows:

That the matters of H. Q. Meeting be referred to the Home Mission Board for consideration.

N. McGRAY, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the Report be adopted.

Resolved, That the statistics of all Free Baptist Bodies be published as last year.

Resolved, That we have enjoyed, and been largely profited by the able services of the Delegates from the F. C. B. of N. B. and the F. W. B. of the U. S.

Therefore Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of them for the valuable assistance rendered.

Resolved, That we adjourn as per constitution.

Prayer by Rev. J. I. Porter.

J. I. PORTER,

Clerk of Con.

DEVOTIONAL.

On Wednesday evening a welcome meeting was held. Rev. L. W. Gowen, pastor of the church, extended welcome in behalf of church and friends. Rev. J. I. Porter responded in behalf of the Conference. Rev. T. H. Siddall in behalf of Elders' Conference, giving welcome to Bro. Gowen to the ranks of our Ministry. Revs. W. Millar and J. W. Freeman also made appropriate remarks. The attendance was good, and a favorable season enjoyed.

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THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Rev. Dr. Bowen preached an able sermon. Before naming his text, he gave his Report as Delegate from the M. C. Y. Meeting. He said: I am very glad to meet you. I have had a very long search to find you; but you are worth finding. I have a very home-like feeling, and I do not wonder at it, for Elder McGray was a member of our Yearly Meeting. And then as I see Bro. Gowen here, your present pastor, he also is from Maine, and my familiar acquaintance. I am acquainted with your young men at our schools. They are good young men; are doing well. I always encourage them to come back to you, for I know you need them. Some of them will come, others may not; but wherever they go they are doing a noble work in the Lord's field. Our schools help your young men. We would like to have your girls, too. As we unitedly help our youth to successfully work for Christ, with broad views of the claims of His common cause, we become united in heart, for nothing so binds together God's people. I therefore extend greeting. We think a great deal of you. It cannot be otherwise. Requested a continuance of the correspondence.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

The Conference Meeting was very largely attended. God's children sat together in heavenly places. A great number spoke, and many others rose to show their desire to do so, as an opportunity was given them by the leader of the meeting. Much of the Divine presence was there. May our people long continue to enjoy such seasons of refreshing from the Lord.

Sunday was a day of rich privileges. The weather fine. The prayer-meeting led by Bro. P. Curtis was a season of blessing, and largely attended. At the place of Conference, at 10.30 A. M., Rev. J. E. Reud preached to a large assembly. At 3 P. M. Rev. Dr. Bowen preached to a full house. At 7.30 P. M. Rev. G. E. Sturgis, M. D., preached. These sermons were richly instructive and profitable. The presence of the Holy Spirit crowning these meetings lead us to expect nothing less than the salvation of souls as results. At Clark's Harbor Rev. S. N. Royal preached at 10.30 A. M., and Rev. J. E. Reud, at 2.30

P. M., to a very large assembly. A good season was enjoyed. At the Kirk, Rev. W. Millar preached at 7.30 P. M. At Barrington Bethel, Rev. S. K. West at 10.30; and at Port la Tour, at 7 P. M. Also, Rev. Dr. Bowen preached at the Island meeting-house at Barrington at 7.30 P. M. As far as we know these were all profitable seasons. *Let this be our prayer.*

Several prayer-meetings were held during the Conference, and devotional exercises interspersed among the business, having as usual its blessed influence upon all. Not only at the remarkably good season as we observed the Lord's Sapper Sabbath afternoon, but during the entire Conference, much of the peace and presence of the Master was given us. This Conference has been characterized by much harmony.

J. I. PORTER,

Clerk.

The Conference meeting was very largely attended. Children and together in heavenly places. A great number spoke and many others rose to show their desire to do so, as an opportunity was given them the latter part of the meeting. Much of the divine presence was there. May our people long continue to enjoy such seasons of refreshing from the Lord.

Monday was a day of much privation. The weather fine. The prayer-meeting led by Bro. Y. Owen was a season of blessing and happy attendance. At the place of Conference, at 10.30 A. M. Rev. Dr. Bowen preached to a large assembly. At 7.30 P. M. Rev. Dr. Bowen preached to a full house. At 7.30 P. M. Rev. Dr. Bowen preached to a full house. These seasons were truly instructive and profitable. The presence of the Holy Spirit was manifest in these meetings. We had as to expect nothing less than the manifestation of solemn reality. At 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Rev. Dr. Bowen preached at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

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APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Free Baptist Conference in account with J. I. Porter, Treasurer.

Amount in fund Sept. 26, 1881, \$73 18

Second Argyle Church.

James F. Roberts, \$0 25
 Mrs. Sylvanus Ricker, 10
 Ada B. Ricker, 10
 Mrs. Lucy A. Ricker, 10
 Mrs. Harry Smith, 10
 Benjamin Crowell and wife, 35
 James Frost and wife, 35
 James R. Frost and wife, 35
 Mrs. George H. Frost, 35
 David B. Frost, 10
 Robert Whitehouse, 25
 Agnes Sims, 25
 Mrs. Freeman Jeffery, 10
 Louisa Frost, 20
 Mrs. Emory Frost, 10
 Clara M. Roberts, 10
 Mrs. John Morrell, 10
 George Frost and wife, 35
 A. W. Frost, 25
 Mrs. D. A. Roberts, 10
 Ella M. Roberts, 10
 Almira E. Crowell, 10
 Mrs. Melvin Crowell, 20
 R. F. Crowell, 25
 Reuben Goodwin and wife, 35
 Warren Goodwin and wife, 35
 Mrs. William Whitehouse, 10
 A Friend, 25
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 Mrs. Arthur Allen, 10
 Wentworth Goodwin, 25
 Hiram Roberts, 10
 Althea Roberts, 10
 Wm. E. Abbott and wife, 35
 Martha Roberts, 10
 Mrs. Joseph Crowell, 10
 Mrs. Stephen Nickerson, 10
 Isaac Frost, 25
 Benjamin Roberts and wife, 35
 Ephraim Roberts, 25
 Emerald Roberts, 25

Wilson Sargent,

James Pitman and wife, 30

Oliver Pitman, 35

Sarah W. Pitman, 30

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 Mrs. Webster Hamilton, 35
 Benjamin Spinney and wife, 35
 Whitman Spinney, senr., and wife, 35
 Deborah Kenny, 35
 Jonathan Goodwin, senr., and wife, 35
 Ebenezer Spinney and wife, 35
 Mrs. Maria Goodwin, 35
 Rebecca Goodwin, 35
 William Goodwin, 35
 Mrs. Jonathan Goodwin, 35
 Prince Hipson and wife, 35
 Amy Hamilton, 35
 Albert Gayton and wife, 35
 Mrs. Mary Frost, 35
 David M. Spinney and wife, 35
 Benjamin McLaren and wife, 35
 Mrs. Isaac Abbott, 35
 Mrs. S. Goodwin, 35
 Caleb Spinney and wife, 35
 Calvin Spinney and wife, 35
 Daniel Gayton and wife, 35
 James Spinney, senr., 35
 Mrs. Nathan Goodwin, 35
 Mrs. Alva Pennington, 35
 Mrs. J. H. Spinney, 35
 James Gayton and wife, 35
 Eunice Gayton, 35
 Annie Gayton, 35
 Mrs. A. Goodwin, 35

Mrs. Benjamin Worthen, \$0 10
 Jones Larkin and wife, 35
 Joel Worthen and wife, 25
 Mrs. David Blades, 10
 Mrs. Jacob Blades, 06
 Freeman Goodwin and wife, 25
 James Larkin, senr., 25
 Jethro Goodwin and wife, 25

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Cape Island Church.

Nehemiah McGray and wife, \$0 37
 David Ross and wife, 30
 Martin McGray and wife, 35
 Emma Ross, 10
 Alice McGray, 10
 Mrs. Eliza A. McGray, 12
 Mrs. John McGray, 12
 Elenora McGray, 05
 Mrs. John Kenny, 12
 Wm. A. Smith and wife, 07
 B. G. Covell and wife, 25
 Essie Cunningham, 35
 Elizabeth Smith, 10
 Mark A. Smith and wife, 10
 Mrs. C. Dillon, 12
 Cyrus Brown and wife, 30
 Mrs. Phebe Brown, 10
 B. F. Kenny and wife, 25
 Emma Kenny, 07
 Bartlett Kenny, 07
 Mrs. Isaac Kenny, 10
 Rodman Kenny and wife, 25
 Adria Kenny, 12
 R. L. Snow and wife, 25
 Benj. Goodwin and wife, 37
 Isabella Smith, 12
 Avar Smith, 25
 Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham, 10
 Mrs. Wallace Cunningham, 10
 Mrs. Crowell Cunningham, 10
 Mrs. Ira B. Brown, 10
 Smith Brannen and wife, 15
 Edmund Ross and wife, 15
 Mrs. Charles Ross, 20
 A. C. Ross, 10
 Wm. Ross, 10
 Mrs. Samuel Ross, 20
 Mrs. Susannah Ross, 05
 Mrs. Reuben D. Swiney, 10
 Thomas Ross, 10
 Mrs. Reuben Penny, 10
 Mrs. James Brown, 10
 Mrs. Samuel W. Atkinson, 05
 Ephraim Nickerson, 05
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Abraham Hunt, \$0 10
 Mrs. William Powell, 05
 Job C. Atkinson and wife, 25
 Leatha Atkinson, 05
 Mrs. Frances Ross, 05
 Mrs. Deborah Ross, 05
 S. L. McLearn, 15
 Bartlett F. Covell and wife, 35
 Jessie Covell, 10
 Mrs. Mercy Cunningham, 08
 Freeman Newell and wife, 25
 Mrs. Andrew C. Newell, 10
 Mrs. John C. Smith, 10
 Mrs. George Smith, 10
 Mrs. Ephraim Smith, 05
 Mrs. Harvey Newell, 12
 Thomas Newell and wife, 37
 Mrs. William M. Atkinson, 05
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 Jeremiah V. Smith, 10
 Mrs. Jethro N. Smith, 25
 Jessie Smith, 05
 James W. Smith, 20
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Tusket Church.

Ass. Robbins and wife, \$0 35
 Amos Jeffrey and wife, 35
 Capt. Evelyn Robbins, 25
 Mrs. Hurlburt, 10
 Mrs. Walters, 10
 Mrs. Stanley Hatfield, 10
 Mrs. John A. Hatfield, 10
 Mrs. Van Norden, 10
 Mrs. Jane Hatfield, 10
 Mrs. Knowles, 10
 Mrs. Sarah Jeffry, 10
 Robert Bianvelt and wife, 35
 J. F. Crosby, 10
 Mrs. Eben Kelly, 10
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Shag Harbor Church.

Judah Crowell, \$0 25
 Warren Crowell, 25
 Philip Crowell and wife, 34
 Matilda Sholds, 10
 Samuel Nickerson and wife, 35
 Thomas Banks and wife, 35
 Hepzabab Kendrick, 10
 Emma Nickerson, 10
 James Banks and wife, 10
 Georgie W. Nickerson, 35
 Sarah A. Goodwin, 10

Edward Kendrick and wife, \$0 30
 E. H. Kendrick and wife, 35
 Samuel Kendrick and wife, 35
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 Martha Kendrick, 10
 Lucy Stoddard, 10
 Abraham Nickerson and wife, 25
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Carleton Church

Henry Ring and wife, \$0 25
 A. R. Durkee and wife, 25
 James Durkee, 25
 Mrs. Joseph Durkee, 10
 Asa Pittman and wife, 25
 Asel Corning, 25

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Mrs. Hammond, of Lockeport, \$0 50

Brookville Church (Hants County)

George E. Sturgis, \$0 50
 James Dexter and wife, 35

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Halifax Church

W. F. Robertson, \$0 20
 William Wilson, 10
 Alexander Frizzle, 10
 Mrs. A. Robinson, 15
 T. G. Walker and wife, 15
 Nellie Walker, 05
 T. A. McArthur and wife, 15
 Mrs. Katie Smith, 05
 Mrs. Maggie Ibbson, 05
 A. T. Cox and wife, 15
 Mrs. W. T. Robertson, 10
 Mrs. W. Wilson, 05
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 Ellen Inglis, 05
 Mrs. Annie Richardson, 05
 Mary Francis, 05
 Mrs. Emma Harrington, 10
 E. H. Cooper and wife, 15
 Alexander Stuart and wife, 15
 Daniel Haler, 10
 Mrs. Alma Haler, 10
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Mrs. Lizzie Haler, \$0 05
 Mrs. Eunice Haler, 05
 John Anderson and wife, 15
 Bessie Hutt, 05
 Sophia Worth, 10
 Maria Cook, 10
 Maud Hume, 20
 Mr. Levi Little, 10
 Mrs. Alexander Frizzle, 05
 Katie Myers, 05
 Rebecca Dean, 05

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Plymouth Church

Edward White and wife, \$0 25
 Mrs. Robert Baker, 10
 Byron C. Sims, 25
 Mrs. Wentworth Johnson, 10
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 Lucy Johnson, 05
 Maggie Johnson, 10
 Carrie Johnson, 10
 Emma Johnson, 10
 Mrs. David McKay, 10
 Mrs. Wealthy Sims, 10
 Leona Sims, 10
 Mrs. Zilpha Sims, 10
 Nettie Purdy, 10
 Ella and Eva Sims, 10
 Hattie G. Sims, 10
 Henry Johnson and wife, 25
 Mrs. Mary Purdy, 10
 George W. Sims, 25
 Wilson G. Sims, 10
 George Purdy, 10
 Ellaba Smith, 10
 Mary L. Hilton, 20
 Jotham Johnson, 25
 Robert Sims and wife, 35

Port Medway Church

E. Dolliver and wife, \$0 35
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 E. Morine and wife, 35
 J. J. Letson and wife, 50
 J. B. Dolliver and wife, 35
 F. Cohoon and wife, 35
 S. T. Foster and wife, 35
 E. Glesson and wife, 35
 James Atkins and wife, 35
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 Mrs. Joseph Atkins, 10
 Mrs. Alexander Manthorne, 10
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| Eliza Cohoon, | 20 |
| Mary A. Atkins, | 10 |
| Lois Foster, | 10 |
| Matilda Dolliver, | 10 |
| Aas Morine, | 25 |

East Port Medway Church.

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| Jacob Bowers and wife, | \$0 35 |
| Mrs. William Cohoon, | 10 |
| Solomon Dolliver and wife, | 85 |
| Arthur Dolliver, | 25 |
| Amanda Mann, | 10 |
| Mrs. James Dagley, | 10 |
| John Leneten, | 25 |
| Sylvanus Vaughan and wife, | 10 |
| Mrs. Frederick Vogler, | 35 |
| Mrs. Leonard Cohoon, | 10 |
| Mrs. Elam Wile, | 10 |
| James Phalen, | 35 |
| Annie Vaughan, | 10 |
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| Mrs. Allan, | 10 |

Black Rock Church.

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| Alice Brown, | \$0 10 |
| Edward M. Margeson and wife, | 30 |
| Mrs. Sarah A. Brown, | 10 |
| John Milbery, | 25 |
| George E. Pineo, | 20 |
| Mrs. Samuel Cupples, | 10 |
| Jeremiah Foot and wife, | 20 |
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| D. F. Chute, | 15 |

Hall's Harbor Church.

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| Mrs. Annie Steele, | \$0 10 |
| M. Thorp, | 15 |
| Zechariah West and wife, | 35 |
| F. Babcock and wife, | 25 |

Avonport Church.

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| George E. Cox and wife, | \$0 37 |
| Mrs. E. M. Cox, | 10 |

Beaver River Church.

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| Joseph Ellis, | \$0 25 |
| W. S. Porter and wife, | 37 |
| Mrs. Justin Ellis, | 10 |
| Mrs. Calvin Sollows, | 37 |
| Thomas Curry and wife, | 10 |
| Mrs. Leman Sollows, | 10 |
| Nellie Saunders, | 12 |
| Mrs. Edmund Saunders, | 12 |
| Lillian Ellis, | 12 |
| Jessie McHenry, | 15 |
| Mrs. George Brown, | 37 |
| E. Raymond and wife, | 10 |
| Mrs. Anthony Sollows, | 37 |
| Joseph Sollows and wife, | 12 |
| Mrs. Corning Burns, | 12 |
| Lois Burns, | 25 |
| Mrs. John Jeffery, | 35 |
| William Perry and wife, | 12 |
| Mrs. Charles Raymond, | 35 |
| James Moses and wife, | 12 |
| Nellie Ellis, | 12 |
| Mrs. Roberts, | 10 |
| Aaron Corning and wife, | 30 |
| Dora Raymond, | 12 |
| Emma Perry, | 12 |
| Mrs. Edward Goudey, | 12 |
| Mrs. James Haskell, | 12 |
| Walter Sollows, | 20 |
| Mrs. Robert McHenry, | 12 |
| Jacob C. Cann, | 25 |
| Mrs. Sadie Sollows, | 20 |

Port Mouton Church.

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| Joseph Verge and wife, | \$0 45 |
| Solomon Stewart and wife, | 37 |
| E. McPherson and wife, | 35 |
| Desiah McPherson, | 10 |
| Thomas Wagner and wife, | 35 |
| Solomon Stewart, Jr., | 25 |
| Mrs. John H. Smith, | 12 |
| Mrs. Hannah Smith, | 12 |
| Mrs. Parnier Gardner, | 10 |
| Mrs. Grace Smith, | 10 |

Harmony Church.

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| James Cushing and wife, | \$0 37 |
| Samuel Cushing and wife, | 37 |
| Charles M. Cushing and wife, | 37 |
| George Middlemas, | 25 |
| Susan Smith, | 12 |
| Agnes Smith, | 12 |
| Mrs. Charles Kempton, | 12 |
| Avard Wile and wife, | 37 |

Port La Tour Church.

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| Deacon William Snow, | \$0 25 | Mrs. William Knowles, | \$0 10 |
| James Crowell and wife, | 37 | Mrs. Eleazer Nickerson, | 12 |
| Seth Snow and wife, | 10 | A. W. Trefry and wife, | 35 |
| Mrs. Warren Swain, | 10 | Israel Wilson, | 50 |
| Mrs. Howe Swain, | 10 | Charles O. Wilson, | 25 |
| Mrs. Nathan Snow, | 10 | Mrs. Margery Trefry, | 10 |
| Mrs. Mercy Swain, | 10 | Hervey D. Trefry, | 25 |
| Matilda Swain, | 10 | T. Corning Crowell, | 25 |
| Nathan Salisbury and wife, | 35 | Mrs. William Nickerson, | 12 |
| Hezekiah Huskins and wife, | 37 | Mrs. Samuel Nickerson, | 12 |
| Mrs. Joseph Snow, | 10 | Mrs. Stillman Nickerson, | 10 |
| Sarah Snow, | 25 | Mrs. John Lyons, | 10 |
| David Smith, | 25 | Mrs. Ann Crowell, | 35 |
| T. D. Smith, | 10 | Gilbert Crowell and wife, | 25 |
| Mrs. Mary J. Taylor, | 10 | Josiah P. Crowell, | 10 |
| Mrs. Sarah J. Crowell, | 10 | Mrs. Maria Butler, | 10 |
| James A. Nickerson, | 20 | Mrs. Charles D. Crowell, | 12 |
| William Snow and wife, | 35 | Seth Wilson, | 25 |
| William H. Smith and wife, | 35 | Emma M. Crowell, | 10 |
| Joseph A. Smith and wife, | 35 | Winnifred G. Crowell, | 10 |
| William Powell and wife, | 35 | Mrs. Michael Wilson, | 10 |
| | \$4 70 | Mrs. Sullivan, | 10 |
| | | Annie Protheroe, | 10 |
| | | Nathan Hopkins, | 25 |
| | | S. W. Crowell, | 35 |
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First Barrington Church.

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| Mrs. Andrew Wilson, | \$0 10 | | \$12 16 |
| Wm. B. Hopkins and wife, | 35 | | |
| Josiah Hopkins and wife, | 75 | | |
| Mrs. E. J. Crowell, | 10 | Second Barrington Church. | |
| John O. Crowell and wife, | 35 | Heman Kenney and wife, | \$0 35 |
| Mrs. William Crowell, | 12 | Crowell Smith and wife, | 25 |
| Amie Crowell, | 10 | James Kenney, | 25 |
| Mrs. Hadwin Christie, | 10 | Stephen Banks and wife, | 35 |
| Mrs. James Kenney, | 10 | Thomas Banks and wife, | 35 |
| Mrs. Andrew Whitehouse, | 10 | Mrs. James Banks, | 10 |
| Mrs. Smith Wilson, | 10 | Mrs. Parker Nickerson, | 10 |
| John Wilson and wife, | 35 | Mrs. Olivia Banks, | 10 |
| Mrs. Benj. Hopkins, | 10 | Mrs. Drusilla Nickerson, | 10 |
| Mrs. James Hopkins, | 10 | Sarah E. Banks, | 10 |
| Marietta, | 10 | Amanda Banks, | 10 |
| Mrs. Rhoda Banks, | 05 | Joseph Atwood and wife, | 35 |
| Mrs. Michael O'Brien, | 05 | | \$2 50 |
| Obadiah Hopkins, | 25 | | |
| Mrs. Colin Hopkins, | 10 | | |
| Archibald Hopkins and wife, | 35 | Little River Church. | |
| Isaac Hopkins and wife, | 25 | Samuel Trefry and wife, | \$0 50 |
| Nathan Hopkins, sr., and wife, | 35 | John Cook and wife, | 30 |
| Thomas Hopkins, jr., | 20 | Wellington Larkin and wife, | 30 |
| William Hopkins, jr., | 25 | Elijah Pinkney and wife, | 35 |
| John Hopkins and family, | 50 | Annie Pinkney, | 10 |
| Ashton Hopkins, | 25 | Lois Larkin, | 10 |
| Maggie Hopkins, | 10 | Mrs. Hannah Andrews, | 10 |
| Samuel Hopkins and family, | 55 | Mrs. Irene Hersey, | 10 |
| William H. Wilson, | 25 | Mrs. Wealthy Allen, | 10 |
| Joseph Kendrick and wife, | 10 | Nathan Weston and wife, | 25 |
| Effie Porter, | 25 | Mrs. Ella Knowles, | 10 |
| Leonard Knowles, | 25 | Mrs. Minard Van Horn, | 10 |
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| Edward Larkin, | 25 | Frank C. Cook, | 25 |
| Annie Larkin, | 10 | Miss Anna T. Cook, | 10 |
| Aggie Larkin, | 10 | John A. Cook, | 10 |
| Amelia Cook, | 10 | Miss Dora Hilton, | 15 |
| Minnie Larkin, | 10 | Benjamin Allen, | 25 |
| Mrs. Milford Hersey, | 10 | Norman Jeffery, | 25 |
| Nehemiah Larkin, | 25 | Mrs. A. Scott, | 25 |
| Emma Allen, | 10 | Crocker Hemen and wife, | 35 |
| Andrew McGray and wife, | 25 | Mrs. Thomas Jones, | 10 |
| Mrs. Walter Allen, | 10 | David Hersey and wife, | 30 |
| Mrs. William Trefry, | 10 | Miss Ora E. Hersey, | 10 |
| Anna Maxwell, | 10 | Mrs. Harriet Johnson, | 10 |
| | | Mrs. P. Van Horn, | 10 |
| | \$5 00 | Mrs. John McGill, | 10 |

Yarmouth Church, by Deacon A. Cook.

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| A. Cook and wife, | \$0 35 | | \$3 30 |
| Total amount of credit, | | | \$191 25 |

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| 1881. | Dr. | | |
| Sept. 27. | To paid expenses of Mr. Hamilton, to attend the trial of Elder D. Oram, | | |
| Dec. 1. | Barnes & Co.'s Bill for printing Minutes, | \$4 50 | |
| | Freight on Minutes from St. John to Barrington, | 60 00 | |
| | Postal Order to Barnes & Co., | 1 80 | |
| | Postage on Minutes sent to Churches, | 2 40 | |
| 1882. | | | |
| Feb. 6. | To Lawson's bill for Special Conference, | 80 | |
| | To Rev. J. F. Smith, Delegate to M. C. Y. M., | 13 75 | |
| | To Rev. T. H. Siddall, for postage, | 13 | |
| | " " " as Assistant Clerk, | 10 00 | |
| | To Stationery for Conf. and making out Minutes, &c., | 60 | |
| | To Lawson's bill for Annual Conference, | 80 | |
| | To Clerk of Conference, as per vote of Conference, | 20 00 | |
| | To postage, &c., during the year, | 1 18 | |
| | | | \$116 26 |
| | Balance in fund, Sept. 28th, 1882, | | \$74 99 |

As several churches have not sent in their dues, it is needful that they do so at once, as they will be needed to pay the expenses of Conference. They will be duly acknowledged next year.

J. I. PORTER,

Clerk.

MINUTES
OF THE
FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY,
ALSO OF THE
HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

HELD SEPTEMBER 15th, AT 7.30 P. M.

The President, Rev. F. Babcock, in the Chair
Singing by the Choir: Scripture lesson, and prayer by Rev.
J. F. Smith.

The President made appropriate remarks.

The Secretary, Rev. J. W. Freeman, read the Constitution,
his Report, and Financial Statement; also the list of Officers
and Executive Committee.

The Report, etc., was moved by Rev. T. H. Siddall, and
seconded by Rev. S. K. West, with a *cash speech*. Dr. Bowen
and Rev. J. E. Reud also spoke with much effect.

At the proper time, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Home
Mission Society, B. F. Covell, Esq., took his place, and read
the Constitution of the Society and his Report and Annual
Statement; also the list of Officers for the Society. These
lists of Officers will be found on last page (cover). A good
collection was taken and divided equally between the Socie-
ties. W. G. Simms, Esq., said, while making a good speech,
that if the meeting would raise \$50 for Home Missions, he
would give \$50 for that purpose. The effort was made, and
more than enough raised; thus, about \$115 in cash and pledges
were realized. The meeting was large and good interest
manifested.

The above Reports and Financial Statements follow.

J. I. PORTER,
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FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

DEAR FRIENDS,—We ought not to be forgetful that we are living in a busy world, for whenever we look at the planets, the seasons of the year, vegetation, or the creatures that God has created, there seems to come a voice, "Be ye up and doing." As we glance at the history of the past in connection with nations that have grown strong and influential, kingdoms at times that have had no equal, and in following out their history find that they have decayed and fallen, as a building upon which the storm has beaten, until time marks its ruin, ought not we to rejoice that we are the subjects of a King that ever liveth? that we belong to a kingdom upon which time marks no ruin? Such is the kingdom of Christ.

The Founder of this kingdom, as He gathered a few followers about Him, gave the commission, which comes to all the followers of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and again, "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." As love in the hearts of the first disciples was recognized by Him who planted it and increased it by bestowing grace to perform Mission work, so will He recognize love in our hearts and every effort for doing good by giving to us that needed grace.

Judson, after toiling for some years without any apparent success, wrote, "Beg the churches to have patience. If a ship were here to carry me to any other part of the world, I would not leave my field. Tell the brethren success is as certain as the promises of a faithful God can make it." After the expiration of a little more than three-score years that Mission may reckon over one hundred thousand converts. Let us have patience and labor on.

In all parts of the world, the great truth of Christianity is being made known. In Africa, in Japan, in Asia, and among many of the islands of the seas, much progress has been made in Mission work during the past year.

It certainly is most heart-cheering when we think that many who, one year ago, were Jews, and others who had wrapped about them the errors of Mohammedanism, together with superstitious pagans, are now alike gathering around the Cross of Christ.

We find in looking over the letters, written by Dr. J. L. Phillips and others, that in India the good seed is being sown, and under the direction of the Spirit success attends the work.

The Bible School, for which Dr. Phillips labored so earnestly and prayerfully, is doing excellent work, and its influence is felt. The students, besides attending to the duties inside the school, go outside, sometimes a long distance, to preach the gospel. "About this school Dr. Phillips says, 'Judging from the faith and alacrity of some who walk from ten to twenty-five miles on a Saturday for the privilege of preaching Christ on the Sabbath to a handful of believers and to the heathens, I cannot doubt that fruit is yet to appear.'

At no time could there be noticed the decline of Hinduism more than now. The old temples that have about decayed are not being re-built; the sons of priests are looking in some other direction for a livelihood; and the number of pilgrims to the renowned shrines of India is becoming less. There is a marked change in the very spirit of Hinduism. In reference to this Dr. J. L. Phillips, speaking of preaching to a company of pilgrims, says, "One man attempted a defence of idolatry, but even the women rebuked him, saying, 'It is no use trying to defend the

worship of idols.' In the sad, serious faces of that group of pilgrims I could read how rapidly idolatry is declining in this pagan land. Our work consists in supplying the place once filled by Juggernaut and Krishna and other false gods with the knowledge of the true God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for the seven devils of scepticism and infidelity will fill the vacant place if Christ does not.

Mr. Burkholder is still laboring among the Santals. During the past year he has baptized a number. At Bhipore, where Mr. Burkholder lives, there is a church of about one hundred members who are earnest workers. Sopai Maindi, a native, who has been a successful worker for the past six years, has been removed from the vineyard of the Lord by the hand of death.

The other workers who are laboring in this foreign field are quite successful. Mention has been made by our sisters of the "Woman's Aid Society" of their work.

As a Society we have scarcely done anything in Foreign Missions the past year. We sincerely hope our Executive will strive the coming year, and will meet with success in the endeavor in this direction.

We believe that it has been deeply felt by us as a denomination in the past that God had a work for us to do in India for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. Oh! may a deeper feeling than ever before seize hold on us, that we are not discharged from this line of labor.

Yours in Christ,
J. W. FREEMAN
Sec. Treas. N. S. F. B. F. M. Society.

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

THE SOCIETY'S STATEMENT.

| 1881. | |
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| Sept. Balance on hand, | \$0.11 |
| J. E. Cushing, | 2.00 |
| Mrs. J. E. Cushing, | 1.00 |
| Edward McPherson, | .25 |
| Miriam Churchill, | 1.00 |
| A. Friend, | .15 |
| J. W. Freeman, | .75 |
| Della Robbins, | 1.00 |
| Avard Wild, | 1.00 |
| Edward McPherson, | 1.00 |
| Collector at Port Mouton, | 2.08 |
| Rev. S. K. West, | 1.00 |
| Moses Harris, | 1.00 |
| Rev. J. F. Smith, | 1.00 |
| Mrs. James Darke, | 1.00 |
| 1882. | \$29.19 |
| Aug. Sent to Rev. E. N. Fernald, | \$5.00 |
| Postage, etc., | 1.00 |
| Sent to Rev. E. Fernald, per Rev. J. F. Smith, | 1.00 |
| Balance in hand, | \$19.09 |

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MINUTES

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

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EDUCATION SOCIETY

HELD SEPTEMBER 16TH.

President, Rev. J. L. Porter, in the Chair.

The meeting opened by singing. Prayer by Rev. F. Babcock.

The President spoke of his interest in the Society, and called attention to the fact of the Society having been formed at an Annual Conference held on the Island.

The Secretary then read the Annual Report and Financial Statement. A synopsis of the Report only is given.

REPORT.

In presenting this, the Fourteenth Annual Report, we are glad that we have been able as a Society to hold on, and that the hopes of the founders have in some degree been realized.

This Society has a two-fold object: (1) To aid those who are seeking to fit themselves for the "Ministry of the Word," and (2) to advance the interests of Ministerial Education.

The positive and tangible benefits that have accrued through the instrumentality of this Society, although not all that could have been desired, still they are such as to cause us devoutly to thank the gracious Father and take courage.

Most of those aided in the past have done good service for our interests, their work and influence have been salutary and helpful.

We regret that circumstances have arisen that oblige some of our brethren to seek fields of labor among our brethren of the United States. We need them and their ability and influence. Still, we rejoice in their prosperity, and are cheered by the fact that their character and influence command important fields of labor and places of deserved honor. We trust in the providence of God they may ere long see duty's finger pointing them to return to the land of their nativity.

The young men, now at Lewiston, who look to us for aid and sympathy, are all doing well, and are esteemed for sterling worth and excellent parts by their teachers and college authorities. We have the hope that at least one of them will ere another annual meeting returns, if spared, be in active service with us.

The educational influences of this Society is seen and felt to-day in our churches, in the esteem and regard for education as manifested in the demand for brethren equipped and fitted for their life work. This

evidence of the wisdom and utility of this Society encourages us to strive for still greater things.

The need of education in the Christian ministry is now beyond dispute. What constitutes a fitting education for so noble a calling admits of a difference of opinion. As a broad, sound, general principle we believe the Lord calls for the best in His service.

Education, as understood to-day, means the development of the whole man. All men in some degree, by virtue of existence, are educated; for existence itself involves education. How shall our young be educated? What aids and appliances be used? What means of instruction should be adopted?

The demands of the Church, the State, of society, and the clear indications of Providence, have settled the question as to the need of an educated ministry.

In the development of the whole man there is the knowledge of the man, and knowledge of the relation he bears to things around him. Not merely knowledge as an instrument, but the knowledge of man's nature, of the mind itself, and the subtle workings of the human heart. The mind needs to be disciplined and trained to use wisely the knowledge God has provided.

The science of theology is governed by defined law, and even those who have received a prolonged course of theological training can only measure the little they know by the vastness of that still unknown. Yet the foundation laws being understood there is a groundwork for life study and thought.

Spirituality and strong intellectual vigor are compatible, and forcible illustrations of the fact crowd the pages of history, and find apt exemplification in some of our greatest living preachers.

The appended Financial Statement was then read; also the list of officers for the ensuing year. (See outside page).

Rev. J. F. Smith moved the adoption of the Reports and list of officers.

Rev. L. W. Gowen seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

Rev. J. E. Reud gave a most interesting speech, so also did Rev. Dr. Bowen.

The meeting was a great success. The Choir sang a number of pieces, adding much to the interest of the meeting.

T. H. SIDDALL,

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| Balance received, W. G. Simms, | \$10 00 |
| " from late Treasurer, | 42 78 |
| Sept. 11. Collection at Annual Meeting, Barrington, | 12 70 |
| " Mrs. Ross Hammond, Lockport, | 1 00 |
| " Miss Laura Atkins, for Mr. G. E. Lowden, | 8 00 |
| " Mrs. Joseph Durkee, | 1 00 |
| Total, | <u>\$75 48</u> |

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| Loan to Mr. J. L. Smith, as per note, | \$40 00 |
| Loan to Mr. Edwin Crowell, | 30 00 |
| Remitted to Mr. G. E. Lowden, | 8 00 |
| Postage, | 11 |
| | <u>\$89 11</u> |
| Balance in hand, | <u>\$2 37</u> |

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MINUTES

ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 14TH.

Assembled at 8.15 A. M. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Freeman.
Present: Revs. W. C. Weston, F. Babcock, J. L. Porter, S. N. Royal, T. H. Siddall.

Rev. W. C. Weston was appointed Moderator.

Secretary read the Constitution and Minutes of late Special Conference.

Resolved, That at our next session report of meeting held at Tuskett June 7th be considered.

Resolved, That Rev. J. E. Reud be invited to a seat with us, subject to Rules of Conference.

Resolved, That Rev. J. W. Freeman wait upon the Rev. L. W. Gowen, and request him to attend this session and bring with him his papers and credentials.

Resolved, That the papers of Rev. L. W. Gowen being satisfactory, that he be received as a member of this Elders' Conference, and that we recommend him to the consideration of General Conference.

The Moderator, prior to the passing of the above resolution, asked the Rev. L. W. Gowen the usual questions respecting our Treatise of Faith and Usages, to all which satisfactory answers were given.

Resolved, We adjourn at the call of the Moderator.

MONDAY, SEPT. 18TH.

Moderator in the Chair.

Resolved, We endorse the action of the Committee of Elders who assembled at Tuskett in June last.

Resolved, We adjourn as per Constitution.

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MINUTES
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SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
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Free Baptist Women's Foreign Mission Society

OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Held at Centreville, Cape Sable Island, Sept. 14th and 15th, 1892.

The Officers and Members convened in Temperance Hall,
Thursday, 4 P. M.

Vice-President, Mrs. S. N. Royal, in the Chair.

After singing and prayer, the Secretary being absent, Mrs.
Ada Corning was chosen, *pro tem*.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. J. F. Smith tendered her resignation as President,
which was accepted.

Officers were then elected as follows:

PRESIDENT—Mrs. E. J. Gowen.

VICE-PRESIDENT, No. 1—Mrs. S. N. Royal.

" " No. 2—Miss Emma Cook.

" " No. 3—Mrs. W. S. Hopkins.

COR. SECRETARY AND TREASURER—Miss Eudora Hilton.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Miss D. Crowell.

DISTRICT

" No. 1—Miss Sasie Smith.

" " No. 2—Miss Rosie Cohoon.

" " No. 3—Mrs. Henry Coffin.

" " No. 4—Mrs. R. H. Crowell.

" " No. 5—Miss May Hilton.

" " No. 6—Mrs. N. D. McGraw.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE—Mrs. R. H. Crowell, Mrs.
F. Babcock, Mrs. John Marshall.

ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Mrs. Jas. Burke, Mrs. George
Nickerson, Miss D. Crowell, Mrs. Henry Coffin, Miss H. Gray.

A Committee to make arrangements for the public meeting
was then appointed as follows: Mrs. E. J. Gowen, Miss D.
Crowell, Mrs. A. Corning.

Resolved, That Mrs. T. H. Siddall be Auditor during this
session.

Adjourned to meet in the Church, Friday, 2 P. M.

PUBLIC MEETING, CHURCH, FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

President, Mrs. E. J. Gowen, in the Chair.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn 839, and followed with a Bible reading by the President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. N. Boyal.

The Corresponding Secretary being absent, her Report was read by the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. R. H. Crowell, followed by remarks with reference to our missionary, Mrs. Burkholder, who is obliged to leave her work for a time on account of ill-health. She urged the need of more persistent effort on the part of members of the Society and all others interested in the work.

The amount raised, \$372.82. Singing, "Only an armour-bearer." Sketches of Miss Crawford's life and last days were read by Miss Emeline Swaine. Singing, "Over the ocean wave." "Immediate Needs of India Mission," by Mrs. Hills, was read by Recording Secretary.

Rev. Mr. Gowen spoke words of encouragement, and appealed to all to make greater sacrifices. He said, "Talk without giving was nonsense."

"O Land of Rest" was sung and the benediction pronounced.

D. CROWELL,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

We live in retrospect and anticipation. We are ever reviewing the past, planning the future. To-day, the seventh anniversary of our Society, calls us together, and as we greet one another we question, What have we done? What shall we do?

Our work may be divided into two departments—the Foreign and the Home; and yet so intimately connected that the existence of the one is dependent on the other. For a Report of the Foreign we refer you to the *Helper*, whose graphic pages will give you a far clearer conception of our India field than any words of ours could convey. To-day, we clasp hands with tears in our eyes. We have received tidings of the poor health of our own dear missionary, Mrs. Burkholder. She is now receiving medical care in a hospital at Darjeeling. We can only trust that it may be the will of our Heavenly Father to restore her wonted health.

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Since last we met loved workers have been called from earth to heaven. Last Autumn there came to us news of the death of Mrs. Lawrence. In April, died at Jellapore, India, Miss Crawford, Missionary of the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society for thirty-one years.

We read down the names of our life members, and over against one, Mrs. Bowman Corning, we set the asterisk of death. We bring our tribute of love. But as we place our wreath of immortelles on the new made graves we hear, "I am the resurrection and the life;" and in the words of an American poet we respond, "There is no death! What seems so is transition."

HOME DEPARTMENT.

For a Report of the Home work, the Corresponding Secretary is dependent upon the District Secretaries. The District Secretaries are dependent upon the Auxiliary Secretaries; and they, in their turn, upon the fact that every individual member be faithful to her duty. "For the body is not one member, but many. Let us be careful to keep this thought in our minds. Let every one feel that she has a part in the preparation of the Annual Report. And do not delay work until next August or September. Begin at once. If you are a member of a Woman's Society, be faithful in making it a living Society; if there be none, use your influence in forming one. And forget not the children. Let us next year have reports that shall thrill the heart with gladness.

The following is such a view as we are able to present of the year now closing:

District No. 1.—Miss Susie Smith, Secretary, says: As District Secretary I have a smaller Report than I could wish.

Halifax Church, being without a pastor and in an unsettled state, the Woman's Mission Society seems to have grown discouraged. We trust that ere long they will have brighter days, and be enabled to send a good report of Mission work.

Harmony Church Auxiliary is very small, numbering only seven members, each earnest in the work, willing to do their part. They hold regular monthly meetings, and one public meeting during the year. Seven *Helpers* taken. In connection with this Society is a Band called the *Willing Workers*. They this year support a native teacher. The children show great interest. May the dear Saviour bless you all abundantly, and give us all great earnestness in working for the building up of His kingdom. May He enable us to accomplish more the coming year than we have in any year of the past.

District No. 4.—Mrs. R. H. Crowell, Secretary, says: I have been permitted to visit nearly all the places on the District, and regret that I was unable to spend more time, but tried to stimulate and encourage the officers in each to greater action. It is a cause of deep regret that in nearly all of the places where Societies have been formed, they fail to keep up regular meetings, as much more might be accomplished if such was the case, and the people have a better knowledge of the work, and money gathered into the treasury of the Lord that now goes elsewhere. But we are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we can make a more cheering report, financially, than last year. All the Societies, with the exception of Bear Point, have sent in contributions.

The Auxilliary at Barrington numbers sixty-two members, and keeps up regular monthly meetings and a more public meeting once in the year. No Band or Juvenile Society has been formed, as collections are taken each week in the Sunday-school for Foreign Missions, and children are admitted to the Society at half price. Whole number of *Helpers* taken in the District, forty-five.

District No. 5.—Miss May Hilton, Secretary, says: I can only express a wish that I could send a more cheering Report this year. While there has been a small increase in membership and finances in some Societies, there has been a great decrease in others. But we will hope that next year will bring better success.

Yarmouth Auxilliary is in regular working order, and meets quarterly. Attendance satisfactory and much interest in Missions manifested. Has a Juvenile Society under its auspices.

The Society at Little River has a far more cheering Report than last year. With a membership of six, they have held a meeting every two months, and have added two members.

Carleton Juvenile Society has worked well under many difficulties. The Society in Kempt is not in working order, but a few of the faithful ones have retained their interest and send a contribution.

Brooklyn Society is not in working order and manifest little interest, the Secretary excepted.

Session Hill, also, not in working order, but interest manifested by some members.

Plymouth Juvenile Society is a band of faithful workers. There is a decrease in finances this year as many members are away.

From Tusket, Beaver River, and Sandford, no Reports have been received.

District No. 6.—Secretary, Mrs. N. D. McGray, says: As near as I can tell we have thirty-two members. We have no Juvenile Society. We have not held regular meetings on account of the ill-health of our President; also of our Vice-President, who has lately died. There was a Society at Clark's Harbor. We hope, now that we have a minister whose wife is interested in Missions, we will be able to do more than we ever have before. I hope this small Report may be some help to you.

For a Financial Statement of the several Districts, see Treasurer's Report. The question, "What shall we do?" still awaits an answer. Prayerfully, hopefully, and yet, perchance, tremblingly, many hearts respond. We will not attempt to formulate the unspoken pledges. For encouragement we will quote Dr. Herrick Johnstone: "I stand amazed before the revelations of the last decade as to how a woman may help Christ's kingdom come. What unused and unguessed resources have been lying hid, which this 'woman's work for woman' has called out of their secret places and sent on missionary errands around the world! It is the dawn of a new day, and there scarcely has been a brighter since the angels made the air thick with melody when Jesus was born."

EUDORA HILTON,

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THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH E. HILTON.

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| Districts. | Number of Members. | Amount. | TOTAL. |
| District No. 1.—Miss Susie Smith, Secretary. | | | |
| Harmony, | | \$11 00 | |
| Juvenile Band of Willing Workers, for native teacher, | | 25 00 | \$36 00 |
| District No. 2. | | | |
| District No. 3.—Mrs. Henry Coffin, Secretary. | | | |
| Canning, | | 5 00 | |
| Avonport, Mrs. E. M. Cox, | | 2 00 | |
| Black Rock, Mr. Wm. Hodges, | | 5 50 | |
| Hall's Harbor Quarterly Meeting coll., | | 2 00 | 15 50 |
| Rev. F. Babcock and wife, | | | |
| District No. 4.—Mrs. R. H. Crowell, Secretary. | | | |
| Barrington, | 62 | 48 50 | |
| A Friend, | | 4 00 | |
| R. H. Crowell, | | 2 00 | |
| P. Coffin Crowell, | | 1 00 | |
| Doctor's Cove, | | 6 00 | |
| Shag Harbor, | | 7 75 | |
| Port La Tour, | | 8 65 | |
| Glenwood, | | 2 16 | |
| Argyle, | | 9 36 | |
| West Pubnico, | | 2 80 | |
| West Pubnico Children, | | 3 52 | |
| Mrs. Joshua Goodwin, | | 1 00 | |
| Mr. J. Murphy, | | 1 00 | |
| East Pubnico, | | 16 00 | |
| Lockeport, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hammond and family, | | 9 50 | 116 24 |
| District No. 5.—Miss May Hilton, Secretary. | | | |
| Beaver River, | | 4 50 | |
| Beaver River Juvenile Society, | | 22 54 | |
| Carleton Juvenile Society, | | 6 00 | |
| Kempt, | | 3 50 | |
| Little River, | | 6 35 | |
| Session Hill, | | 7 50 | |
| Plymouth Juvenile Society, | | 7 18 | |
| Yarmouth, | | 11 93 | |
| Carried forward, | 62 | \$71 50 | \$160 83 |

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT

| DISTRICTS. | Number of Members. | Amount. | TOTAL. |
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| <i>Brought forward,</i> | 62 | \$71 50 | \$169 83 |
| Yarmouth Juvenile Society,..... | | 2 85 | |
| Tusket,..... | | 2 00 | |
| Brooklyn,..... | | 1 04 | 77 89 |
| District No. 6.—Mrs. N. McGray, Sec- retary,..... | | 30 00 | 80 00 |
| Centreville, O. S. L.,..... | | 8 85 | 8 85 |
| Collection at Public Meeting,..... | | | |
| Barrington Sabbath School for Bible School in India,..... | | 12 75 | 12 75 |
| Mrs. Jas. Cushing, for support of native teacher with Mrs. Burkholder,.... | | 25 00 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cushing, for Bible School Hall in India,..... | | 50 00 | 75 00 |
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| Remitted to E. N. Fernald, for Mrs. Burkholder's salary,..... | \$250 83 |
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| Cost of remittance,..... | 50 00 |
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HALIFAX MISSION.

The Halifax Mission in account with J. I. Porter, Collections for 1882.

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| By cash from persons as follows: | |
| Barrington.—Capt. Israel Wilson..... | \$30 00 |
| Oak Park.—Joseph Nickerson..... | 80 |
| Nehemiah Adams..... | 1 00 |
| East Pubnico.—Jones Larkin..... | 1 50 |
| West Pubnico.—Maggie Daley..... | 1 00 |
| Hannah Brand..... | 1 00 |
| Argyle.—Jeremiah Gayton..... | 3 00 |
| Benjamin F. Spinney..... | 1 50 |
| Sarah Spinney..... | 50 |
| Glenwood.—Lewis Spinney..... | 1 00 |
| Watson Frost..... | 50 |
| George M. Roberts..... | 1 00 |
| J. L. Kenney..... | 50 |
| Benjamin Roberts..... | 1 00 |
| Ethel A. Roberts..... | 25 |
| Tusket.—By Deacon A. Robbins..... | 27 00 |
| Plymouth.—Byron Sims..... | 2 00 |
| George Sims..... | 2 00 |
| Robert Johnson..... | 1 00 |
| Wintworth Johnson..... | 1 00 |
| Brooklyn.—Amos Pitman..... | 80 |
| Sanford.—Mrs. Jacob Tedford..... | 1 00 |
| Deacon Eben Perry..... | 2 00 |
| Beaver River.—From seven persons, \$1 each..... | 7 00 |
| Carleton.—A. R. Durkee..... | 2 00 |
| Port Medway.—By Deacon Samuel Dolliver..... | 5 80 |

Collected by my son and handed to Treasurer by him, \$85 35
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To paid Capt. N. D. McGray, Treasurer..... \$20 00
To 19 days spent trying to collect, postage, ferriage, etc., 16 00
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I would have given the names of the seven persons at Beaver River, but the Treasurer has the list; I had the amount. Rev. J. F. Smith also handed the Treasurer five dollars; I do not know but that may be for some persons, as I instructed all to hand their subscriptions to him that could not pay me at the time. I saw a great many that could not pay, and told them to hand to the local agent, but have not heard from them. A large amount is yet due. Capt. N. D. McGray is Treasurer. All are requested to send their subscriptions to him during the next six months.

J. I. PORTER.

HALIFAX MISSION.

The following is the Treasurer's Statement:

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| Balance due on mortgage..... | \$1,000 00 |
| Interest to 1st August, 1881..... | \$185 00 |
| Interest to 31st July, 1882..... | 60 00 |
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| By cash from J. I. Porter..... | \$90 00 |
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| To balance due Treasury..... | \$60 28 |
| To interest..... | 4 38 |
| To paid J. I. Porter, collecting..... | 16 00 |
| | \$80 66 |

Balance in Treasury, Sept. 16, 1882

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N. McGRAY,

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MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

The Ministers' Relief Fund in account with J. I. Porter,

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| By collection at Conference..... | \$10 10 |
| To paid to Rev. A. Smith..... | 10 10 |

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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

FREE BAPTIST TEMPERANCE LEAGUE,

HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 18TH.

President, N. D. McGray, Esq., in the Chair.

After singing and prayer the President gave a brief address. He said he was glad we were trying to do something to maintain temperance in our borders. There is much to do to educate the youth and instil into their minds sound temperance principles. Also, men need confirming in their principles, and so there is still plenty of good work we can do.

The Secretary read the Annual Report as follows:

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting this Report we regret that owing to the many claims upon our time of a denominational character affecting vital interests, we have not been able to do all we have planned during the past year. It is hoped this year we may get the Society into practical working. Of the need of the League there can be little doubt, for in many communities where we had a church there is no organized Temperance Society, and while our covenant demands that our membership shall be sound upon the question of temperance, still the claims of temperance need to be kept before the people.

It is a peculiar law of our nature that to sustain moral steadfastness and moral earnestness in regard to any social and moral privilege, the duty to be performed, the principle to be upheld and kept inviolate, must be ever kept before the mind and impressed upon the heart.

Interest of money begets interest when invested is a well known truism of commercial life as applied to money. It is true in regard to our relation to moral questions and moral principles. Interest in and concern for temperance work and temperance principles begets interest, the love for the work and principles deepens and lays hold of us in proportion to our zeal.

Again, a great moral principle grows in fullness and breadth in the ratio that we enter into it, or become possessed of it.

A sound moral principle is of eternity and to eternity but as we grow into it, as the human family passes through the ages the principle becomes clearer and stronger. Truth grows upon us in exact proportion as we grow into the truth.

Again, the temperance principle to-day is sustained by and firmly entrenched in truth transparent. It has received strength by the light revealed by the science of physiology, chemistry, and economic facts. Each year, month and week, facts are accumulating, and the truth and soundness of the temperance principle coming into clearer view. Hence the need of interest in temperance work in order to grow into the principle we cherish.

We need interest in so rich and heaven-blessed work in order to protect ourselves and our families. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" is true of temperance effort and growth.

"Evil weeds grow apace,
Night and day attend our race."

The evils of intemperance we know ever abound. These snares and the subtle agent of mischief finds ready means to assail all we deem noble and good. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Warnings we have, beseechings we have; in an experience written on the tablets of memory in deep lines. Let us then feel that zeal and effort are our true safeguards.

Apart from the benefits bestowed by personal abstinence there are reflex benefits to society. Thus we add to the sum of human happiness by our efforts and by our exhibition of what is true in our individual lives. Blessedness in its nature is to be shared, and to be truly possessed must be shared, and to possess it truly we must seek another's good.

Temperance means blessedness, and to possess truly blessedness what we enjoy we must seek to share with others.

From these various considerations we invite one and all to be a total abstinence missionary. Stoutness of principle, firmness in devotion to what we deem good, are demands in this lax age. We honor and esteem the traits of Daniel when tempted by the king. He was firm in principle and God honored him. In the relax of grasp of principle we suffer in manhood and our moral nature is lowered. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation." Let us stick to temperance and temperance will stick to us.

The temperance question is the great moral question of the age, and to-day receives the attention of the leaders in holy warfare against the foes of progress and humanity.

The last ten years the temperance question in growth has been by leaps and bounds. In the United States, in Great Britain, in Britain's Colonies, in Switzerland, in Holland, in Japan, and even in far off India the progress is marvellous, and the indications of to-day are that our great question will soon perch upon far more glorious victories than have been enjoyed in the past. Liberty widens; progress stretches forth; and an era of human blessedness looms up to enrich and glorify. Let us then hope on, toil on, in one of earth's richest reforms.

The Canada Temperance Act is now firm upon our statute books after a long and anxious struggle, and great activity is manifest in many places to enforce it. The work is disagreeable to rout out rum-sellers, but it can and now may be done if zeal and firmness are put forth.

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We have a good temperance law, and it is a credit to our fair Dominion. Having obtained so great a boon, let us all uphold the law and show by our efforts that we prize it, and to the world watching us that we esteem it.

To all we say be true, be faithful to temperance principles and in temperance effort. May all emulate the spirit of good Dr. Guthrie, who expressed his life motto in these words:

"I live for those who love me,
For those who love me true,
For the Heaven that smiles above me,
For the good that I can do."

Rev. J. I. Porter then addressed the meeting. He said his interest in temperance had not abated. The effect of home training was far-reaching, and principles early implanted were seeds of good. The altered state of society even in this district the last fifteen years was marvellous. Intemperance, now rare among us, was years ago not infrequent. Agitation and education had produced a marked and beneficial change.

Rev. S. K. West then gave an old time address. He spoke of intemperance as being: (1) A social evil; (2) A moral evil; (3) A physical evil. Evils, he said, sometimes have redeeming qualities, but intemperance had none. It was bad from centre to circumference. He then referred to the excellent labors of Mr. Ashley in Barrington, and the good fruit they had borne. His speech was spiced with anecdote and wit and full of good sense. Both speeches were good.

The adoption of the Report and the list of Officers as read (see outside page), were put to the meeting and adopted.

The Secretary then briefly moved: That we pledge ourselves to do all we can to further the interests of temperance; and especially to do all possible to enforce and sustain the "Canada Temperance Act."

Rev. L. W. Gowen seconded the resolution, expressing his pleasure in being able to support and help on the good work.

The resolution was cordially adopted.

Rev. Dr. Sturgis sang a number of pieces which were well received and highly appreciated.

T. H. SIDDALL,

Secretary.

THE FREE BAPTIST FAMILY.

The undernamed statistics do not represent the entire numerical strength of the family. Owing to the rapid progress of Baptist sentiment upon the open communion basis in the old Baptist body, it is difficult even to approximate to our real strength. The largest individual church (Mr. Spurgeon's) in the world is open communion. The open communion sentiment is, to-day, a powerful force in the Baptist denomination of Great Britain, and is yearly gaining strength. The Baptists who hold to close communion on this Continent are the most rigid in that particular, perhaps, in the world. Thus we have in democratic America the strange phenomena of a seclusion sharply defined, exceeding that in conservative Britain. But the leaven of open communion is at work, and time will ere long behold a sensible change.

FREEWILL BAPTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1882.

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| Membership, | 78,320 |
| Ordained Preachers, | 1,229 |
| Churches, | 1,481 |
| Money raised for Foreign Missions, | \$16,800 13 |
| Home Missions, | \$22,845 05 |
| Educational Society, | \$4,116 00 |

GENERAL BAPTISTS OF ENGLAND.

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| Membership, | 25,483 |
| Ordained Preachers, | 158 |
| Churches, | 187 |
| Money raised for Foreign Missions, | \$20,065 00 |
| Home Missions, | \$2,215 00 |
| Education of Ministers, | \$3,290 00 |
| Amount of money bequeathed and invested for the benefit of different Societies, | \$26,200 00 |

FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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| Membership, | 10,492 |
| Ordained Preachers, | 41 |
| Money raised for Foreign Missions, | \$600 00 |
| Home Missions, | \$785 20 |
| Church purposes, | \$20,617 20 |

The particulars I

In the bodies have obtained extracts of much interest

The abolitionist family Church, &c.

The membership as given of the three bodies and other particulars I have copied from their last Reports.

In the United States and in Great Britain there are smaller bodies holding essentially the same principles and usage. To obtain exact statements with regard to them would be a matter of much labor.

The above showing must cause us to feel that the Free Baptist family is not the smallest branch of the great Christian Church, but a rich branch in fruitful work and influence.

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