MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association

OF

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HELD AT LIVERPOOL, N. S.

Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 14, 16, & 17, 1862.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL, JUNE 14th, 1862.

The Association met according to appointment, with the Baptist Church, Liverpool, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The meeting was called to order by the clerk. By vote of the meeting, in the absence of the Moderator of last year, Rev. Willard G. Parker was called to preside until the Moderator was appointed.

Prayer by Rev. N. Vidito.

The Association made choice of Rev. W. G. Parker, Moderator; Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Secretary; Rev. I. Wallace, Assistant Secretary.

After reading the rules of order, the following Committees were appointed:

TO EXAMINE LETTERS:—
Revds. A. W. Barss, S. T. Rand and James Spencer.

TO READ THE LETTERS:—
Dr. Pryor, Rev. H. Angell and Rev. A. Martell.

The letters from the Churches were then read.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

Liverpool.—Rev. D. O. Parker, Brethren Chas. Bill, B. O. DeWolf, W. S. Jacobs, and G. S. Parker.

Ragged Islands.—Rev. A. W. Barss, Deacon Isaac Loyd and Brother X. Z. Chipman.

Chutes Cove.—Rev. P. F. Murray

Annapolis and Upper Granville.—Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Deacon Jas. Messenger, Brethren W. N. Morse and W. Ricketson.

Lower Granville.—Rev. Isaiah Wallace.

St. Mary's Bay.—Revds. C. Randall, and M. Normanday.

Nictuax.—Revds. W. G. Parker, R. S. Morton, and Brethren B. H. Parker, H. A. Parker, S. Fitz Randolf, John Whitman and J. M. Parker.

Greenfield.—Rev. John McKenne.

South Yarmouth.—Rev. W. Burton.

Tusket.—Rev. A Martell, and Brother William Gavel.

Long Island.—Rev. W. Hall.

Port Medway.—Revds. John E. Goucher, and Deacons E. Steadman, and Jas. Cooney, and Brethren T. Munro, S. Atkins and D. Gaskel.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.—Rev. Dr. Tupper, Deacon A. T. Baker, Brethren John Wheelock, J. W. Ray, Enoch Stronach, and T. A. Robinson.

Parker's Cove.—Rev. H. Achilles.

First Yarmouth.—Rev. H. Angell, and Brethren Joseph Shaw, Robert Brown, and David Cook.

Milton.—Rev. R. D. Porter, Brethren Stephen Kempton, W. A. Kempton, and Samuel Freeman, Jun.

Beaver River.—Rev. A. Cogswell, and Deacons Samuel Crosby and W. S. Raymond, and Brother J. R. Raymond.

Lake George.—Rev. J. A. Stubbert.

Brookfield.—Brethren W. Johnson and A. J. Leadbetter.

Third Yarmouth.—Rev. J. A. Stubbert, and Deacons E. Crosbey, and Rufus Simonds.

Digby.—Rev. J Spencer.

Ohio.—Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Brother Jos. Crosby.

Wilmot Mountain.—Rev. P. F. Murray.

New Albany.—Rev. R. S. Morton, and Brethren Asaph Whitman, and Samuel Tufts.

First Hillsburg.—Rev. J. A. Moore, and Deacon T. Miller, and Brother A. Morse.

West Yarmouth.—Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Deacons N. Corning, and E. Rose.

Tusket Lakes.—Rev. W. Burton.

Kempt.—Rev. S. Bancroft, and Deacons J. Douglas, and D. Delong, and Brother Jonathan Kempton.

New Tusket.—Rev. C. Randal.

Sissaboo.—Rev. C. Randal.

Second Yarmouth.—Rev. W. Burton, and Deacons Joseph Rogers and Brethren Chipman, P. Doty, N. E. Patten, and R. J. Saunders.

Jordan River.—Rev. A. W. Barss.
Hill Grove (formerly Digby Joggins).—Rev. J. Spencer.
Clements.—Rev. A. Cogswell, and Brother Israel Potter.
Wilmot.—Rev. N. Vidito, and Brother H. E. Eitch.
Second Hillsburg.—Rev. J. Spencer.
Lewis Head.—Brethren George Giffen, and Joseph Page.
Middlefield.—Rev. J. McKenne.

NEW CHURCHES.

Litchfield.—Rev. H. Achilles.
Greywood.—C. Kennedy, Licentiate.
Pine Grove, Wilmot.—W. H. Porter, (Lic.) and Bro. Christopher Margeson.
Argyle.—Revds. W. Jackson, and M. Normandy.
Pubnico.—Rev. W. Jackson.

FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Central Nova Scotia.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, S. W. deBlois, S. T. Rand, A. H. Munro, Robt. Walker, T. A. Higgins, R. R. Philp, D. Freeman, B. Taylor, and Bro. S. Selden.

INVITED.

From Eastern Association.—Revds. E. F. Foshay, T. H. Porter Jun. and A. Shields.
From New Brunswick.—Revds. A. D. Thompson, S. March and John Chase.

The following brethren were also invited to a seat with the Association :—Dr. Pryor, Professor F. Higgins ; Brethren Wm. Hall, S. B. Kempton, and Z. Porter, Licentiates; Brethren J. W. Barss, W. Freeman, B. Daniels, Thos. I. Corcoran and Wm. Herkins.

Letters from New Churches were read. 1. from Litchfield, Lower Granville; 2. from Greywood, Annapolis; 3. from Pine Grove, Wilmot; and at their request received as members of this body.

The Moderator then gave Rev. H. Achilles, on behalf of the Litchfield Church; Bro. C. Kennady, Licentiate, on behalf of the Greywood Church ; and Brother W. H. Porter, Licentiate, on behalf of the Pine Grove Church, the right hand of fellowship.

Brother G. S. Parker was appointed Treasurer.

The following Committees were appointed :—

On the Circular Letter :—
Revds. Dr. Pryor, N. Vidito.

On Temperance :—
Dr. Tupper, Brethren S. Selden, Z. Porter, C. P. Doty.

On Christian Messenger :—
Revds. W. Burton, H. Angell, Wm. Hall, H. Achilles, Dr. Cramp.

On Sabbath Schools :—
Rev. T. Higgins, Brethren S. Selden, A. T. Baker, J. Ledbetter, W. S. Raymond, Israel Potter, E. J. Stronach, John Chase, T. H. Porter.

On Foreign Missions :—
Revds. G. Armstrong, M. Normonday, S. March, P. F. Murray, Dr. Tupper, Brethren John Wheelock, E. Crosby, Jos. Shaw, B. H. Parker.

On Education :—
Revds. S. W. deBlois, A. Martell, Dr. Cramp, Dr. Pryor, R. Porter, A. D. Thompson, C. Randal, A. Shields, A. H. Munro, Prof. Higgins, Brethren W. S. Jacobs, Robt. Brown, J. W. Barss.

On Bible Cause :—
Revds. W. Hall, A. Cogswell, Jas. Spencer, R. R. Philp, Jas. Stubbert, John McKenne, A. W. Barss, Brethren J. W. Ray, Samuel Crosby, John Whitman, H. A. Parker, T. A. Robinson, R. Symonds, A. Whitman, E. Steadman, X. Z. Chipman.

On Sabbath Observance :—
Revds. H. Angell, J. A. More, R. Walker, R. S. Morton, Bros. Jos. Raymond, D. Cook, Isaac Loyd, Allen Kempton, Thomas Miller, E. Rose, Jos. Page, J. Dunlap, T. H. Munro, Geo. Giffin.

On Accounts :—
Joseph Rogers, Robt. Brown, Jos. Shaw.

On Arrangements :—
Rev. D. O. Parker, Dr. Tupper, Bro. W. S. Jacobs.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, recommending that prayer meetings be held at 6 o'clock, A. M., the present

session; that the meetings begin at 10 A. M., 2½ P. M., 7½ P. M., and adjourn at 12½ P. M., and 5½ P. M.

Report adopted. Adjourned.

On Lord's Day Dr. Cramp preached at 10½ A. M., from 1st Thes. ii. 2; Dr. Pryor at 3 P. M., from 2 Peter iii. 18, and Dr. Tupper at 7½ P. M., from Mark ii. 27.

Services were also held in adjacent districts and places of worship in the town, which were kindly placed at the disposal of the Association.

Morning Session, June 16.

The Association met agreeably to adjournment. Rev. Jas. A. Stubbert preached the Introductory Sermon from Isaiah xxvi. 4. Prayer by Rev. C. Randall.

Business resumed. Minutes read and approved. Brethren S. Swift, Freeman, Leadbetter, McPherson and T. R. Patillo were invited to a seat in the Association. Revds. C. Randall, D. O. Parker and S. T. Rand were appointed as a Committee to arrange for the Missionary Meeting this evening.

It was agreed that the subject of Education be taken up at 3 o'clock this day.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported that they have examined the Letter and recommend its adoption by the Association, and that it be read on Tuesday morning and printed in the *Messenger* and Minutes. Report adopted.

It was agreed to hold the next session of the Association with the 1st Yarmouth Church; that the Rev. W. G. Parker preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. C. Randall be his alternate, and that Rev. R. D. Porter write the Circular Letter.

Committee on Temperance reported. Remarks by brethren Burton, Shaw, Leadbetter, Baker, Angell, Corning, Rogers, Philp and Vidito.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. Angell.

Afternoon Session, June 16.

Prayer by Rev. W. Hall.

Subject of Temperance resumed. Remarks by brothers W. A. Kempton and Vidito. Report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report amended and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The Committee on Education reported. Remarks by Brethren D. Freeman, A. D. Thompson, J. W. Barss, Pryor, Rand, Cramp, Armstrong, D. F. Higgins, T. A. Higgins, and Shields. Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

After prayer the meeting adjourned.

Evening Session, June 16.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—After singing, prayer by Rev. A. Shields. Report of Home Mission Board was read. (See Appendix D.)

Resolved, That the Report of the Home Mission Board be laid on the table.

Report of French Mission Board was read. (See Appendex E.)

Resolved, That the Report be laid on the table.

Report on Foreign Missions read. (See Appendix F.)

Resolved, That the Report be laid on the table.

The following Resolutions passed unanimously:

1. Moved by Rev. A. D. Thompson, seconded by Rev. I. Wallace,

Resolved, That the cause of Missions is a cause dear to every christian heart, embracing as it does the whole Gospel scheme in all its parts and proportions.

2. Moved by Dr. Cramp, seconded by Rev. A. Shields.

Resolved, While our duty to proclaim the message of salvation to every creature, does not depend in any measure upon our prospect of success, but upon the command of the King alone, still the marked success which has always crowned faithful missionary effort, affords cause for devout gratitude and encouragement.

3. Moved by Rev. C. Randall, seconded by Rev. M. Normonday,

Resolved, The "field" is still "the world," embracing all "nations, people and tongues." And highly favored as is our little Province of Nova Scotia in every respect, still it may be said in view of the spiritual destitution that abounds, that even here the harvest is still great while the laborers are few.

A collection for the French Mission was taken.

4. Moved by Rev. H. Angell, seconded by Rev. S. T. Rand,

Resolved, There never was a time in the history of the Church when the direction "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest," came with more impressiveness than at the present time.

Agreed to commence the morning session at 9 o'clock.
Prayer by Brother Moore. Adjourned.

Morning Session, June 17.

Prayer by Rev. A. H. Munro.

Letters from Argyle and Pubnico were read.

Appointed as Delegates to the Convention: Revds. I. Wallace, W. G. Parker, N. Viditoe, A. Martell, and Dr. Tupper.

Resolved, That all ordained ministers in this body who attend the Central and Eastern Association be our delegates to those bodies.

It was ordered that one thousand copies of the Minutes be printed this year. Also that brother Selden receive thirteen pounds for printing them.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. Remarks by brethren John Barss, Selden and Corning. Report adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Committee on *Christian Messenger* reported. Remarks by Brethren A. W. Barss, Martell, Selden, J. Barss, Vidito, Angell and Shields. Adopted. (See Appendix H.)

The Circular Letter was read by the writer. Adopted.

Resolved, That Dr. Tupper be requested to furnish for the *Christian Messenger* the substance of his sermon preached on Sabbath evening.

Report of Home Mission Board, together with the Treasurer's Account, were read and received.

Resolved,—1. That all ordained ministers not employed as Missionaries during the year, be members of the Home Missionary Board for the ensuing year.

2. That the location be the same as last year.

3. That the officers be the same as last year.

4. That brethren W. H. Chipman, W. Ricketson, I. Haley, A. Longley, I. Longley, A. Marshall, H. E. Fitch, John Whitman, S. Fitzrandolph, Geo. Dodge, S. Brown, J. Shaw, Joseph Rogers,

I. Harding, W. Gavel, Robert Delap, Weston Hall, O. Dodge, Asaph Whitman, John Brenton, and W. Richan be members of the Board.

Committee on Bible Cause reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix I.)

The Association adjourned to give the Sabbath School Convention an opportunity to hold its session.

At half-past 12 the Association resumed its session.

Dr. Tupper, brethren John Wheelock, E. Crosby and S. Crosby asked leave of absence, which was granted.

Adjourned.

Afternoon Session, June 17.

Prayer by Dr. Cramp.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was taken up. Remarks by brethren Hall, Angell, Cramp, Jackson, and Jos. Shaw. Report adopted.

Bro. Jos. Shaw and his wife gave each the sum of $6.00 for the support of native teachers in Burmah.

Report of French Mission Board taken up. The Treasurer's account was read and refered to the committee on accounts. Remarks by brethren Normonday, Jackson, Viditoe, Cogswell, Cramp. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the French Missionary Board be the same as last year with the addition of brethren Ira. Raymond, A. C. Robbins, Wm. Chipman, T. R. Patillo, Capt. Jacobs, Israel Longly, Harding Morse, Enoch Steadman, Israel Potter, John Hatfield, A. S. Lent, with all ordained ministers in the Western Association. Passed.

The Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers Fund presented his report. Report adopted. (See Appendix K.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers Fund pay Sister Cunningham the sum of ten pounds.

Resolved. That the following constitute the Board of Infirm Ministers Fund:—Rev. Jas. Spencer, Rev. J. A. More, Rev. C. Randall, Charlton Sabaen, Wm. John, B. Hardy, Jacob Denton, and that Rev. C. Randall be the Treasurer. Passed.

Resolved, That Jos. Shaw be President, and Rev. H. Angell Secretary, and Wm. Churchill Treasurer of the French Mission Board.

Resolved. That the thanks of the Western Baptist Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the Baptist Church and congregation at Liverpool, for the very generous provision made for the personal comfort of the delegates. Also to the Trustees and friends of the various churches in the Township for the use of their places of worship on Lord's Day, and for kindly accommodating several of the members of this body.

Adjourned to meet with the 1st. Yarmouth Church, the second Saturday in June, 1863.

W. G. PARKER, MODERATOR.
JOS. H. SAUNDERS, SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION, HELD IN CONNECTION WITH WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, JUNE 17TH, 1862.

Bro. S. Selden in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. S. March.

After some interesting remarks by the President, the Secretary presented a statistical report. The Convention listened with great pleasure to interesting addresses from Revds. R. D. Porter, S. T. Rand, Dr. Tupper, A. H. Munro, and Bro. J. W. Barss.

Closing Prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.

The Annual Meeting of this body will be held this year with the Central Association.

JOS. H. SAUNDERS, *Secretary.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase. By Baptism.	Increase. By Letter.	Increase. Restored.	Decrease. Dismissed.	Decrease. Excluded.	Decrease. Died.	TOTAL.
Annapolis and Upper Granville,	25	14	1	1	..	1	224
Argyle, (No Letter,)	...	...	..	...	..	..	48
Brookfield,	18	4	..	3	8	1	113
Barrington, (No Letter,)	...	...	..	...	..	..	41
Beaver River,	7	10	..	1	..	2	203
Clements,	...	...	..	8	..	3	327
Chutes Cove,	18	1	1	6	..	1	105
Dalhousie,	1	...	..	...	..	..	29
Digby,	3	...	..	...	..	1	37
Digby Neck 1st, (No Letter,)	...	...	..	...	..	..	118
Digby Neck 2nd, (No Letter,)	...	...	..	...	..	..	100
Digby Joggins, (now Hill Grove,)	25	...	..	...	..	..	72
Greenfield,	2	...	2	...	4	1	69
Hillsburgh 1st,	4	5	..	1	3	1	154
Hillsburgh 2nd,	...	...	..	...	..	3	89
Jordan Bay, (No Letter,)	...	...	..	...	..	..	42
Jordan River,	...	...	..	...	..	2	25
Kempt,	...	...	..	...	23	..	150
Lake George,	19	...	1	4	3	4	167
Liverpool,	...	2	..	...	..	1	182
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot,	1	8	1	7	8	5	504
Lower Granville,	13	4	..	43	1	4	200
Long Island,	5	4	2	...	..	6	191
Lewis Head,	...	...	..	...	2	..	85
Milton,	...	...	..	...	6	1	175
Middlefield,	...	...	..	2	..	..	22
Nictaux,	44	1	1	118	2	6	421
New Albany,	10	...	..	...	9	..	65
New Tusket,	...	...	..	...	2	..	96
Ohio,	11	6	..	2	1	1	132
Port Medway,	14	2	..	...	1	..	188
Parker's Cove,	6	5	..	2	..	..	44
Pubnico, (No Letter,)	...	...	..	...	..	..	29
Ragged Islands,	4	...	4	2	1	3	†110
Sissaboo,	...	...	..	1	2	4	117
Springfield, (No Letter,)	...	...	..	...	..	..	37
St. Mary's Bay,	28	4	..	1	..	2	133
Sable River,	...	...	1	1	..	..	40
Sherbrook (West,)	...	...	..	1	..	..	36
Tusket,	2	4	..	...	1	2	90
Tusket Lakes,	2	2	..	...	..	1	34
Wilmot,	5	1	..	4	2	3	365
Wilmot Mountain,	17	1	2	...	1	1	173
Westport,	2	...	1	3	..	..	98
Yarmouth 1st, (Town,)	3	11	1	6	5	6	427
Yarmouth 2nd, (Hebron,)	...	1	4	5	..	4	273
Yarmouth 3rd, (Deerfield,)	34	3	..	2	..	..	215
Yarmouth South, (Chebogue,)	7	2	..	1	..	7	164
Yarmouth West, (Gegogin,)	22	2	1	...	1	2	142
*Pine Grove,	...	4	..	...	..	2	208
*Litchfield,	...	...	..	...	..	..	36
*Graywood,	...	6	..	...	..	..	25
	353	103	23	225	86	81	7160

*New Churches.
†Error in last year's report, 3 too many.

Circular Letter.

FROM THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,

It is our purpose to set before you in this our Annual Epistle the *Scriptural Authority* for the Observance of the *First* day of the week as the Sabbath of the New dispensation.

It is of paramount importance that we recognize the authority of the law of God as respects every thing concerning which it speaks. That authority is supreme, it is divine. Man has no right to change its enactments in the least. No inconvenience, no opposition, no views of propriety should induce a departure from the authoritative requirements and teachings of Scripture. The Divine Law can in no respect be changed, except by its Author. It does not however follow of necessity that a formal or express enactment is requisite in order to change or modify some circumstance connected with the observance of a particular precept of that Law. Even the whole ceremonial law was abrogated without a formal and positive enactment to that effect. God may choose to intimate his will in respect to a change by certain significant facts which indicate his design, and at the same time afford intelligible ground for the change.

It is confidently believed that such facts exist as fully warrant the conviction that it is the Divine will that the weekly Sabbath should under the New Dispensation be celebrated on the *first* day of the week, instead of the seventh as originally enacted. It is a question of *time* only.

If we have Divine sanction of any other time than that expressed in the command, we have a change authorized by God. We have in our opinion such sanction for the observance of the first day. The facts on which this view is grounded shall now be presented.

1. The selection of the first day of the week by Infinite Wisdom for the resurrection of our blessed Lord seems to be expressive of the Divine intention to mark and render that day sacred and memorable beyond all other days. The time of the resurrection was not a mere casual thing,—without design and without end. It was predestined and arranged by the Almighty. It was foretold that the Redeemer should rise on the third day after his death. Both the death and resurrection of Christ were from eternity fixed as events certain to come to pass at a certain and specified time. The seventh day though highly honoured of God as being sanctified by Him and made commemorative of the completion of the mysterious and glorious work of Creation, was designedly passed over and rejected; and the first day was chosen and fixed upon as the day to which the distinguished honour was given of witnessing the triumphant achievement of the Saviour's resurrection,—the grandest, most glorious and important event that ever occurred, or can occur.

In this transaction the seventh day,—the primeval and Jewish sabbath—suffered an eclipse,—from which it can never emerge; or rather its glory as a day of sacred rest must be swallowed up in that of the first day,—which, from the unparallelled glory and importance of the event, of which it was the pre-ordained servant and witness, shines out with an effulgence, glorious and permanent. This striking and honourable distinction was made by God. Has it no significancy? Do we need an express injunction to inform us that it is the will of God that the *first* day should henceforth receive honour never before given it, and to which no other day is entitled, as being

commemorative of our Lord's victory over death and hell, as being therefore the most fitting for sabbatic rest and worship under the Gospel dispensation?

2nd. Not only the resurrection of our Lord on this day, but his appearing to, and communing with his disciples, and imparting to them rich spiritual blessings (see John xx: 23) show his design as Lord of the Sabbath (Ma. 2: 28) to make the first day illustrious, memorable and sacred. It may be said that his appearance on this day follows as a matter of course in order to furnish infallible proof of his resurrection, and therefore indicates no special design beyond that. Though this should be admitted, yet the fact that he conversed repeatedly with his disciples, expounded to them the prophesies concerning himself, opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and imparted to them the Holy Spirit, and commissioned them to act as his ambassadors cannot be so viewed or regarded. (See Lu. xxiv: 27–32, 45. John xx: 21–23).

These last events, when taken in connexion with the resurrection on that particular day, are of such a special nature as to manifest a design to transfer to this day the consideration, regard, and honour his disciples had been accustomed to render to the seventh. Do not the facts here referred to, indicate a preference on the part of our Lord for the *first* day? Would not his disciples so understand his conduct? Would not that day stand out in their view as peculiarly glorious and sacred in which they not only had seen and conversed with their Saviour now just risen victorious from the dead, but had received from Him blessings rich and precious in themselves and precious also as an earnest of still greater blessings soon to be imparted to them by their ascended and glorified Lord?

Would not the weekly occurrence of this day recall anew to their minds his resurrection and its attendant glories? The Jewish Sabbath could suggest nothing in respect to either.

3rd. His appearing to them again on the first day of the next week, and giving further manifestations of his love, glory and divinity, (John xx : 26–9) seem still more distinctly expressive of his purpose to set apart and fix this day,—his resurrection day,—as one of peculiar sacredness, and worthy to be observed statedly as commemorative of his triumph over death, hell and the grave ;—and as the day chosen by himself to specially visit and bless his church. A Jewish Sabbath had intervened; but the Saviour did not meet with them on that Heaven-honoured day, though no doubt they observed the day as they had heretofore.

This preference of the first day as the time to repeat his visit and manifest anew his grace, truth, and glory to his disciples, seems to us to express a very plain intimation that it was his will, and consequently his Father's, that they should meet in his name on the periodic return of this day, and expect to receive peculiar blessings in the exercises of faith, communion and devotion.

Why was his visit and instruction repeated on this day, except to fix in their hearts a regard for this day as peculiarly his own ;—the stated observance of which was fitted to keep before their minds the grand culminating fact in Christianity, —his resurrection; (1 Cor. xv.), a fact which necessarily implies and suggests the *Atonement*, as well as emphatically expresses the Father's approbation of the work of Christ. Our Lord's preference of the first day on this occasion is in our view a strong way of declaring to his disciples that it is the Divine will that his bride,—the church, should in all coming time prefer and adopt this day as a day of rest and worship, as being thus consecrated by the Lord himself.

4. The choice of the day of Pentecost, that is, the first day of the week, for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit,—the crowning gift and glory of the New dispensation,—appears still more strongly to manifest it to be the will of God that

the first day should be regarded by the church as peculiarly sacred, and be observed as a day of rest and worship—a day when the most precious spiritual blessings may be expected and received through faith in our risen and glorified Saviour, in answer to heart-felt, public, united prayer. The force of this statement depends of course, on whether it be a fact or not the day of Pentecost really occurred on the first day. That the Pentecost, i. e. the fiftieth day from the Passover came on the first day of the week, is we think capable of proof. In Lev. xxiii: 15–16, we read as follows,—"And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering, seven sabbaths shall be complete; even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number *fifty* days, &c." "*The morrow after the seventh Sabbath*" must be acknowledged to be the first day of the week;—this was therefore the Pentecost. Thus the seventh day was again rejected and the first day was chosen for the manifestation of the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed, according to the Divine promise, in his fulness on the disciples to fit them for their appointed work, and in attestation of our Lord's progression of regal and mediatorial power and glory at the right hand of God. This fact taken in connexion with the preceeding ones we have noticed, as having occurred by Divine appointment on the first day, must produce in a thoughtful, serious, and unprejudiced mind, a conviction that Father, Son and Holy Spirit united to sanctify and bless this day as one to be had in perpetual remembrance and honour. Is it not plain from the facts stated, that it is the will of God that his church should transfer the regard that had hitherto been properly given to the seventh day as the Sabbath to the *first* day, as being more glorious, because of its more intimate relation to Christ and his victory; and from this consideration better fitted than any other day to be made the memorial of what is most glorious in the Past; and also the type of that eternal rest and glory

which await the church redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb?

5. Christian disciples in the times of the Apostles and under Apostolic sanction met on the first day of the week, and celebrated a peculiarly christian ordinance, and performed other acts appropriate to Christian worship on that day. (Acts xx : 7). This is not spoken of as an unusual thing, but apparently as an established custom—a thing known, approved and practised by the Christians of that early period. How appropriate the day for remembering with peculiar sacredness and affection their risen and all-conquering Lord!

Both the service and the day, how suggestive of the grand and eternally precious truths of Christianity!

6. The first day of the week was appointed by the Apostle to the Gentiles as the most fitting time for the members of the churches of Achaia and Galatia (and doubtless for all others too) to lay by their contributions for sacred purposes. (1 Cor. xvi : 1–2). Does not the nature of this injunction militate against the idea of this day having been devoted and observed a day of rest and worship? By no means.

Never do Christians need a holier state of mind and a deeper sense of what they owe to Christ, his Church and cause, than when they are called upon to lay by them in store a portion of their worldly substance for the unselfish and divine work of christian beneficence. The holiest time is not too holy for such a purpose. Why was the *first* day chosen? Does it not suggest that the day had already become sacred as being peculiarly associated with Christian worship. How appropriate the day selected by the inspired apostle to consecrate a fitting portion of our substance to the service of God and his saints! In view of the associations of the first day with our Lord's work and Kingdom would not believers be less likely to deal out of their means to the Lord's cause and people with an unwilling or grudging mind, or in a stinted and *dis*honest measure?

7. In the closing book of the sacred Canon there is, we think, a distinct intimation of a day recognized and distinctively known as one peculiarly associated with, and devoted to Christ;—it is there called the *Lord's* day. (Rev. i: 10).

The Greek word—*Kyriake*—here used to define the day is employed only once elsewhere in the New Testament,—(1 Cor. xi: 20) in which place it is used to describe the supper celebrated by our Lord and appointed to be observed in commemoration of his death, and undoubtedly refers to Christ. That the reference is to Christ in Rev. i: 10 is, as it seems to us, no less certain; for the Lamb is represented in that book as *Lord* of Lords. Now what day are we to understand by the Lord's day? Can it be any other than the first day of the week,—our Lord's resurrection day, and on which he met with and blessed his disciples,—the day on which the Holy Spirit was given by our Lord in his greatest fulness, power and love, —the day on which Christian disciples had been accustomed to meet to celebrate the death and love of their crucified Saviour? This is the day that was chosen by the exalted and glorified Redeemer himself as the most fitting to make his last communications to the church,—to unfold to the beloved and venerable apostle, those visions which are recorded in the closing book of the New Testament, and which are so full of light and glory, majesty and mystery, vengeance and wrath, mercy and love; and in which is present a prophetic exhibition of the future of his Church and the world, down to the end of time. We have now laid before you the evidence on which we ground the observance of the first day of the week as a day of rest and worship.

Sometimes the interpretation which we have given of the facts here adduced in proof of the first, as the Sabbath of the Gospel dispensation has been represented as visionary;* but instead of the conclusion reached being visionary, it seems to

* Vid. Kitto's Cyclo. Bib. Lit. art. Lord's day.

us to rest on a solid foundation;—we are led to it step by step by an irresistible induction,—one built on facts occurring in such a connexion, and order of such a nature as to preclude all reasonable doubt or hesitation.

It has often been asserted that infant baptism rests upon as good evidence as the observance of the first of the week, as the day of rest and worship. This we deny. The Scripture evidence for a change of day as respects the Sabbath is strong, satisfactory and conclusive. The evidence which the most zealous believer in the infant rite has been able to adduce from the New Testament in its favour, is, to say the least, weak and unsatisfactory. A rite or observance that cannot show either precept or example to support it, cannot lawfully claim to stand on the same ground as regards Divine authority, as the observance of the first day of the week—"the Lord's day,"—which is mentioned in Scripture in connexion with the most important, vital and sublime facts and doctrines of Christianity, and to which day frequent reference is made in the New Testament. If any one will furnish from the Sacred Volume the same amount of evidence for infant baptism, that is here presented for the observance of the first day as the Sabbath of the New Dispensation, we will admit its claim. We see no reason why the Christian Community should be disturbed as to the propriety of observing the first day as the Sabbath of the Lord,—holy and honourable. The facts we have presented may justly be regarded as God's comment on the law of the Sabbath as adapted to the Gospel;—the ruling of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, indicated by these facts being under the peculiar circumstances of their occurrence, clearly suggestive of the Divine will, and is as authoritative and binding in this matter as an express command. Be careful and zealous, dear Brethren, to spend the day in the worship of God,—in reading the Scriptures, in meditation and prayer, in hearing the Gospel preached, in attendance on christian ordinances, and for the purpose of instruction, reproof and

edification,—and in efforts to make known the truth and bring sinners to Christ for salvation. The Lord's day should be observed with not less than all the sanctity due to the ancient Sabbath. All travelling and visiting except for the purpose of Christian worship and beneficence, should he discontinued and discountenanced. *Communion with God and Christ*, should be our special aim and endeavour throughout all the duties of this day;—thus shall the day be to us, not only a memorial of epochs and facts most important and glorious in the past, both in the consummation of Creation and the completion of Redemption; but answering more fully and brightly than the seventh day of old, as a type of that rest—that communion and blessedness which by the Grace of God, through faith in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the saints shall forever enjoy in Heaven.

APPENDIX.

(A)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The vast importance of the Temperance Reform gives the cause a strong claim on the sympathies, the prayers, and the efforts of philanthropists. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is undeniably fraught with consequences lamentable in the extreme. The removal, therefore, of this evil, which can be fully effected only by the suppression of the general liquor traffic, is exceedingly desirable. Evidently all should do their utmost to aid in the accomplishment of this emphatically *good work*.

The question, then, naturally arises, By what means can this momentous object be most speedily and most effectually attained Your Committee respectfully suggest, that all, both male and female, who would share in this noble achievement, should belong to some Temperance organization, strictly keep their pledge of total abstinence, constantly attend the meetings of their Society, and diligently employ their influence to induce others to adopt the same course. Let them assist in sustaining Temperance Lecturers, in circulating temperance publications, and, by all available means, in imbuing the masses of the people every where with sound temperance principles.—By such measures, which ought to be immediately, energetically, and perseveringly employed, the way will be prepared for speedily obtaining a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law, which may be happily carried into effect. Then will the temptation, which, wherever it exists, proves ruinous to multitudes, be completely removed, and the benefits thence accruing will be felicitous beyond description.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Among the various instrumentalities employed for the spread of truth and the conversion of sinners the Sabbath School certainly occupies a very important place. Second only to the direct efforts of the pulpit it should have the sympathies and support of every church, and every lover of Zion. The letters of the churches from year to year show that there is a growing interest in the cause. In this fact we rejoice, and desire to "thank God and take courage." Your Committee are of opinion that the plan adopted in some places of working the S. School by a society separate and distinct from the church may have a tendency to weaken the sense of responsibility upon the part of church members, and would therefore recommend that the church, so far as is practicable, assume the responsibility of the S. School. It would also recommend that the Association, as was the case last year, give up an hour of its time from 12 o'clock till 1 on Tuesday for the S. School Convention to hold its meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. Higgins, *Chairman.*

(C)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The general subject of Education is of too vast a character to be embraced in a report like the present. Your Committee are satisfied that a higher and more efficient system of Common School education is needed throughout our Province.

The Committee beg to remind their brethren of the past doings of the Denomination, and to ask them to contemplate the results with gratitude and joy. It cannot be doubted that the position they took, more than thirty years ago, and the efforts which followed, are productive of effects of the most beneficial character. Hundreds of persons are now filling their places in society with credit and usefulness, who are indebted to our Institutions for the development of their powers, and for that intellectual and moral training which fitted them for their duties. Nor must it be overlooked that our example has

stimulated others. Much less wou'd have been done for the enlightenment of Nova Scotia, if the Baptists had not founded Horton Academy and Acadia College.

It affords pleasure to your Committee to report favourably respecting the efficiency and progress of those Institutions.—Without going into details, which will appear in official statements, it may be sufficient on this occasion to advert, generally, to the gratifying success of Horton Academy, during the past year, in both its Departments. Brother T. A. Higgins, the respected Principal, has been greatly encouraged in his work. The attendance has been large throughout the year, and the examinations have shown that thoroughness has characterized the instruction imparted in the Institution. In the Female Department there has been similar diligence, and Miss Shaw has approved herself as a highly successful Teacher.—So numerous have been the applications for admission, that the house is now too small for the purpose, and the erection of a suitable building has become a necessity.

Acadia College, your Committee believe, is destined to live. Enemies would rejoice in its downfall, and lukewarm friends might possibly refrain from such exertions as would prevent it: but there are those, and their number is increasing every year, who feel so deeply indebted to that Institution, that no efforts will be spared by them to maintain its interests and secure its growing efficiency. Acadia will be sustained and preserved by her sons.

The operations of the College have been conducted during the past year with judgment and ability. Its officers have laboured hard, and have not been unrewarded. Ten Students graduated at the recent Anniversary. Six new ones have matriculated, and about as many more are expected at the commencement of the next Term.

The work of the last year was carried on by the President and Professors DeMill and D. F. Higgins. By the addition of Dr. Pryor to the Faculty (whose return to this Province is hailed by your Committee with great satisfaction,) such arrangements will now be made, both in the Collegiate and the Theological Department, as will materially enhance the value of the education provided at the Institution, and render it still more attractive to students.

Great attention has been given to the financial affairs of the College. Brother J. W. Barss, the Treasurer, has devoted

himself to this department with untiring energy, and reports a considerably improved state of affairs. Nothing remains but for the Denomination to respond to the appeal of brother Thomson, the Agent, whose endeavours have heretofore been blessed to no small extent, and who has now re-engaged in the work with a determination, by divine aid, to raise the Endowment to the desired level, and thus free the College from embarrassment. The Committee commend their brother to the sympathies of the Churches.

In conclusion, the Committee express their confident persuasion that the members of this Association will give to the great enterprise in which we are engaged an enlarged measure of benevolent and zealous regard. It is intimately associated with the prosperity, the growth, and the beneficial influence of the Baptist Denomination.

Respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS.

(D)

REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Board feel the importance of Home Mission work, and have endeavoured to forward it as best they could with the means at their disposal. *One hundred and twenty-three weeks* Missionary labour have been expended in the Home Mission field; *four hundred and fifty-six sermons* have been preached; *seventy-nine* other meetings attended; *nine-hundred and ninety-five* families visited, *seventy-six pounds twelve shillings and one penny* received in aid. As some of the results of the efforts put forth, *thirteen* converts have been baptized on profession of faith in Christ. Much good, we doubt not, which cannot be reported or put in tangible form, has been effected by the gospel preached by your missionaries. The funds of the Board are exhausted, and we are sorry to add that about thirty pounds will be required to pay for Missionary work done in the past year.

The appointments exceeded in number those of any previous year; and it was hoped that the mission fields would have contributed with a corresponding increase of liberality to the support of the Missionaries. But instead of an increase, we

think, there has been a diminution. This we regret; principally as it seems to indicate on the part of the people a lack of interest in the cause, or a want of appreciation of the blessing of a preached Gospel; or a deficiency of adaptation and management on the part of some of our missionaries. The Home Mission is one of our most important enterprises for the spread of the Gospel among the people in different portions of our country, and for bringing out in its beautiful proportions the Scripture idea of a true, living church—a church of Christ. We feel that, as churches and a people, we have not half waked up to our responsibility and duty to disseminate the Gospel among our population destitute of the means of grace; and many of whom are looking to us for the Word of life.

The spread of truth and the salvation of sinners is the aim and object of our Home Missions. This branch of our benevolent operations demands immediate and prayerful attention, liberal contributions, continued effort in dependence on the Holy Spirit's gracious influences, and zeal directed by knowledge. and prompted by the love of Christ.

Respectfully submitted. 1861.

GEO. ARMSTRONG, *Secretary.*

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Treasurer*, in account with *The Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association.*

1860. DR.

June 18. Balance from last year's acct.,	£22	10	7½
Wm. Churchill, Treasurer of the Association, the Home Mission money (in part) contributed by the Churches, &c.,	85	0	1½
Dec. 19. Wm. Churchill, bal. (in part) of Home Mission money in his hands,	12	0	0

Collected by the following missionaries in aid of their respective missions:—

REV. J. H. SAUNDERS, for his mission of *eleven* weeks to Lewis Head, Sable River, Jordan River and Jordan Bay,	9	18	0
THOS. M. MUNRO, Licentiate, for his mission of *four* weeks to Dalhousie West and New Albany,	0	14	11
REV. T. C. DELONG, for his Mission to New Albany, Springfield, East and West Dalhousie,	10	19	1½
ALFRED CHIPMAN, Licentiate, to Long Island,	7	0	0
Amount carried forward,	£148	2	9½

Amount brought forward,	£148	2	9½
JOS. F. KEMPTON, Licentiate, for his mission of *seven* weeks to Barrington and Wood's Harbour,	1	9	4
ZEPHANIAH PORTER, Licentiate, for his mission of *six* weeks to Lewis Head, Sable River, Jordan River and Jordan Bay,	0	13	6½
THOS. A. BLACKADER, Licentiate, in aid of his mission of *seven* weeks to Pubnico and Wood's Harbour,	6	10	0
REV. ROBERT WALKER, for his *six* weeks mission to Long Island,	2	7	6
REV. OBED PARKER, in aid of his *ten* weeks mission to Argyle, Pubnico, Wood's Harbour, &c.,	10	0	0
REV. A. SHIELS, on *six* weeks mission in Cape Breton,	3	0	0
W. E. HALL, Licentiate, for his mission of *eight* weeks to Sherbrook East,	4	16	1½
REV. J. F. MCKENNE, for his *eight* weeks mission to Lewis Head, Sable River, Jordan River, and Jordan Bay,	7	13	9
REV. JAMES SPENCER, in aid of his mission of *twelve* weeks at South Range, Broad Cove and Digby Neck Road,	10	0	0
	£194	13	0½

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REV. JOS. H. SAUNDERS, on acct. of *eleven* weeks mission to Lewis Head, Sable River, Jordan River, and Jordan Bay,	22	0	0
THOS. M. MUNRO, Licentiate, on acct. of his mission of *four* weeks to Dalhousie West and N. Albany,	6	0	0
REV. T. C. DELONG, on acct. of his mission of *twenty* weeks to N. Albany, Springfield, East and West Dalhousie,	40	0	0
ALFRED CHIPMAN, Licentiate, on acct. of his *six* weeks mission to Long Island,	9	0	0
JOS. F. KEMPTON, Licentiate, on acct. of *seven* weeks mission to Barrington and Wood's Harbour,	10	10	0
ZEPHANIAH PORTER, Licentiate, on acct. of *six* weeks mission to Lewis Head, Sable River, Jordan River and Jordan Bay,	9	0	0
THOS. A. BLACKADAR, Licentiate, on acct. of *seven* weeks mission to Pubnico and Woods Harbor,	10	10	0
REV. ROBT. WALKER, on acct. of *six* weeks mission to Long Island,	12	0	0
REV. OBED PARKER, on acct. of *ten* weeks mission to Argyle, Pubnico, Woods Harbor, &c.,	20	0	0
REV. A. SHIELS, on acct. of *six* weeks mission in Cape Breton,	12	0	0
W. E HALL, Licentiate, an acct. of *eight* weeks mission to Sherbrook East,	12	0	0
REV. J. F. MCKENNE, on acct. of *eight* weeks mission to Lewis Head, Sable River, Jordan River and Jordan Bay,	16	0	0
Amount carried forward,	£179	0	0

Amount brought forward,	£179	0	0
REV. JAMES SPENCER, on acct. of *twelve* weeks mission to South Range, Broad Cove and Digby Neck Road,	*16	0	0
REV. JAMES PARKER, on acct. of his mission to Kempt,	†1	6	3
Postage and Registry,	0	8	9
Padlock,	0	0	6
	£196	15	6
	194	13	0½
Balance due Treasurer,	£2	2	5½

*£8 is yet due Bro. Spencer from the Board.

†Brother Parker's report to the Secretary has been lost or mislaid, and a full statement cannot therefore now be made.

Liverpool, June 17, 1862.

We have examined the above acct. and find it correct.

ISA. WALLACE, } AUDITORS.
A. W. BARSS, }

(E)

REPORT OF THE FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

In presenting their Annual Report the Board rejoice that they have so much to communicate that is encouraging. Our first few years of labor in this department of christian effort were followed by little apparent success, and not a few looked upon our mission as destined to fail, but patient persevering toil has not been in vain, and the favourable indications that now appear, add another proof to the many already given, that God is faithful to his promises, and that the gospel of Christ is still mighty through God in pulling down the strong holds of superstition and falsehood.

Brother Normonday has presented to the Board the following outline of his labours during the year. He has preached among the French people fifty-six sermons. These were preached at Meteghan, Pubnico and the North range of St. Mary's Bay. He has made 131 family visits, besides frequent conversations with persons by the way-side and at the mission house. Fifty-two lectures have been delivered on behalf of the mission, twenty-five meetings for prayer and exhortation have been held. There have been several interesting cases of conversion. Last fall a sister was baptized who, in following Christ has suffered bitter persecution, but whose stedfast and consistent course has already made a favorable impression.

In April last a young man, a French convert from Romanism was baptized by the Missionary, together with two English sisters. The ordinance was administered in the presence of a large number of Romanists, many of whom had never witnessed a baptism before, and all of whom were orderly and attentive. Another sister expects to put on Christ in baptism shortly. Five or six persons besides give evidence of conversion to God, but are restrained from confessing Christ by the opposition of their friends. There are now 5 families at the North range of St. Mary's Bay who have renounced Romanism, besides individuals in other families, all of whom compose an interesting congregation of some 50 persons. Brother Normonday reports a favourable increase of enquiry after truth among the people generally, and of respect and kindness toward, him personally, both of which we regard as hopeful indications. The Board deem it desirable, shortly to organize a Church of these baptized converts from Romanism, as there is already a sufficient number for this purpose, and we think it would tend to advance the cause of truth among the French people.

With such encouraging indications as these we think that while we should cherish the warmest gratitude to God for past success, we are solemnly called upon to put forth more extensive efforts. The Board have long felt the desirableness of establishing a school for the purpose of instructing French children and youth in the English language. A desire to learn the English language is every where increasing among the French people, and several persons have expressed their readiness to send their children to an English school in connexion with the mission as soon as it is established. The Board at several of its meetings have carefully, and we trust prayerfully considered the subject, and we have concluded that if the churches will assist us, we will make the attempt to establish a school. Of course this will require an increase of pecuniary assistance. The following estimate of what will be required for the support of the mission, and mission school during this year we think is nearly correct viz :—

Salary of Missionary, and wife, who will be matron of the School,	£75	0	0
Teacher's salary,	40	0	0
Furniture for School-room,	15	0	0
Provisions,	120	0	0
Repairs upon Mission premises,	20	0	0
	£270	0	0

This, we think would, besides supporting the mission family, provide for the support and instruction of 8 or 9 French youth. Some of the children would probably need to be clothed as well as fed. This we think would be provided for by contributions of clothing by the friends of the mission.

Such is our proposal. We feel somewhat sanguine that if properly carred out, it will greatly advance the interests of the mission. But of course before we proceed in the arrangement we need the united approval and pledged support of the Associations and especially the churches which they represent.

Let the motto of the immortal Carey, be ours in this good work, "Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God," and we may be assured that what has already been accomplished will only be the precursor of more extensive and glorious success.

HENRY ANGELL, *Secretary.*

(F)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee learn with pleasure that a son of our late beloved Missionary, Bro. Burpe, has recently professed faith in Christ, and been baptized. We would express our hearty sympathy with our esteemed brother and sister Crawley, of Henthada, in the bereavement which they have just now been called to endure, in the removal by diptheria of a beloved child. Painful, however, as is this visitation, doubtless their little son has been transferred from a world of trials to one of endless joy.

For a time it was anticipated that Bro. Crawley could not be sustained by the American Baptist Missionary Union, but would become our Missionary. It is ascertained, however, that he will still be supported by that body, A suitable man must be sought for that service. In the meantime, as the native preachers are now thrown wholly on our Churches and people for support, strenuous efforts should be put forth by all to raise sufficient funds for the sustaining of an increased number of these zealous and useful men.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Observance of Sabbath report as follows: —That they believe that the Sabbath was given to man for his own good, physically, intellectually and morally, and that those who attend most strictly to the laws given by the Lord of the Sabbath, to regulate our conduct on that day, will be the most benefitted by it both in the present and in the future world. Your Committee believe that fanaticism and impiety are the most prominent reasons that lead men to depreciate its influence on society.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY ANGELL, *Chairman.*

(H)

REPORT ON THE *CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.*

Your Committee are of opinion that the *Christian Messenger* still holds a distinguished place among the public journals of the day, and has well earned "the high reputation" for itself which it has attained. They believe it to be a well conducted paper, conveying weekly a variety of most useful instruction and information to our families, churches, and the public at large. They also observe with much pleasure the able and judicious manner in which it advocates Christian doctrine and scriptural practice—enjoined by the word of the Lord.

Your Committee would most earnestly recommended the widest circulation of the *Christian Messenger* within the limits of this Association, that its perusal may produce the largest possible amount of good. In conclusion, forget not the heavy responsibility continually resting on the proprietor and conducter of the paper. Your Committee would therefore respectfully suggest the necessity of prompt and regular payments, that the worthy Editor may have his hands untied, and his heart encouraged in the prosecution of the work in that department of Christian labour which the providence of God has assigned him.

W. BURTON, *Chairman.*

(I)

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report:—

That they regard the word of God as the chief instrumentality employed by the Holy Spirit for the santification of the Lord's people and the diffusion of religious truth throughout the world. They rejoice that so many efforts are now made throughout the world to circulate the Scriptures in all tongues and in all lands, and feel confident that by the knowledge of the truths therein revealed the Christain Church will come up to a higher standard of piety and the world leavened by the principles of the Gospel. They regard with much interest the circulation of the Scriptures among the multitudes of populous countries by Colportage and Bible women who, going among the most sinful and wretched, bring the word of Life to perishing thousands.

We would recommend to all our Churches incrcreased liberality to aid in the circulation of the Bible and increased attention to its holy precepts until we shall be known to all as a Bible-loving people, whose doctrines are founded upon the word of God, and whose practice is comformable to the precepts of the Saviour.

We would also urge upon our members a more diligent study of the Bible, in their closets and in the Sabbath Schools. Knowledge is necessary to give stability to our religious character, and where this knowledge is neglected by our young members, the results of our revivals are not so marked as is desirable. The formation of Bible classes among our Churches, would tend, we believe, to a loftier spirit of Christian enterprize and a deeper tone of Christian feeling.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HALL, *Chairman.*

(K)

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND in account with CHARLES RANDALL, Treasurer.

1861.		Dr.		
June 20.	To paid Mrs. Cunningham, as ordered by the Ass'n,	£15	0	0
Sept. 18.	To paid Mrs. Lent, widow of the late Rev. Jas. Lent,	20	0	0
1862.				
Jan. 24.	To paid Elder W. Jackson, as ordered by the Board,	15	0	0
	Total,.....	£35	0	0

1861. Cr.

June 12. By Cash in hand as per account rendered, in 1861		£75 15 10½
June 13. Received of Wm. Churchill, Treasurer of the Association		13 4 5½
Received Interest on Notes		4 16 11
Total		£93 17 3
Total now in hand		£58 17 3

Liverpool, June 17 1862. Chas. Randall, *Treasurer.*

WESTERN N. S. ASSOCIATION, in account with WM. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

1861 Dr.

June 15. To Treasurer of Home Mission	£103 9 10½	
Less proportion of £13 10 for printing Minutes &c.,	5 13 7	
		97 16 3½
Treasurer of Foreign Mission	58 14 0	
Less proportion deducted	3 4 0	
		55 10 0
Treasurer of Infirm Ministers fund.	14 1 11½	
Less proportion &c.,	0 17 0	
		13 4 11½
Treasurer of Ministeral Education fund	19 17 7	
Less expense &c.,	1 2 0	
		18 15 7
Treasurer of French Mission	48 6 4½	
Less expense &c.,	2 12 0	
		45 14 4½
Treasurer of Gælic Mission	4 9 5	
Less proportion &c.,	0 3 5	
		4 6 0
A. & F. Bible Society		2 17 0
Bible Union		1 2 0
S. Selden for printing Minutes &c.,		13 10 0
		£252 16 2½

1861. Cr.

June 15. By Cash from the several Churches at Western Association	252 16 2½

E. & O. E.

William Churchill, *Treasurer.*

Have examined the above acct. and find it correct.

Joseph Rogers.

Account of Monies paid in at the Western Baptist Association, convened at Liverpool, June, 1862.

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Infirm Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	French Mission.	Gaelic Mission.	Am. & Foreign Bible Society.	Bible Union.	Total.
Annapolis and Upper Granville,	$24 00	$12 00	$2 07	$2 00	$6 00	$3 00	$2 00	$2 00	$53 07
Argyle,	6 10								6 10
Brookfield,	14 87½	7 85	1 85	3 00	5 37½				32 95
Beaver River,	4 30	4 30	4 30		4 30	4 30			21 50
Clements,	5 58½				5 58½				11 17
Chutes Cove,	3 75	6 06	1 12½		3 09				14 02½
Digby,					2 83				2 83
Digby Joggins,	8 00				0 80				8 80
Greenfield,	4 87								4 87
Hillsburgh 1st,	10 05				4 00				14 05
Hillsburgh 2nd,	6 23	2 85	0 20	0 50	2 45				12 23
Jordan River,	2 62								2 62
Kempt,	3 00	2 00		0 45	2 00				7 45
Lake George,	0 50	2 87½	0 25		2 85				6 47½
Liverpool,	30 00	20 00		10 68	8 00		4 00		72 68
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot,	12 10	20 00	2 75	5 50	4 20	12 00			56 55
Lower Granville,	13 12½	7 98	5 55	3 60	4 66½				
Long Island,	4 00	2 00							

Rempt,	3 00	2 00	.....	0 45	2 00	.....	.....	.....	7 45
Lake George,	0 50	2 87½	0 25	.....	2 85	.....	.....	.....	6 47½
Liverpool,	30 00	20 00	.....	10 68	8 00	.....	4 00	.....	72 68
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot,	12 10	20 00	2 75	5 50	4 20	12 00	.....	.....	56 55
Lower Granville,	13 12½	7 98	5 55	3 60	4 66½	.....	.....	.....	34 93
Long Island,	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	8 25
Lewis Head,	4 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 62
Milton,	31 42½	19 60	6 60	4 40	9 00	.....	.....	2 16	73 18½
Middlefield,	1 00	0 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Nictaux,	27 37½	20 46½	4 20	5 00	11 00	4 05½	.....	.....	72 09½
New Albany,	2 25	0 80	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	4 80
New Tusket,	.....	1 00	.....	.....	9 20	.....	.....	.....	10 20
Ohio,	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	5 50
Port Medway,	10 00	5 00	1 25	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	24 25
Parker's Cove,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 37	.....	.....	.....	4 37
Pubnico,	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 35
Ragged Islands,	24 63	8 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 43
Sissaboo,	1 00	0 75	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	11 75
St. Mary's Bay,	1 00	0 90	0 25	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	13 15
Sable River,	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50
Tusket,	1 80	2 25	1 66	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 71
Tusket Lakes,	3 00	2 00	1 50	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	9 50
Wilmot,	10 00	30 00	.....	.....	12 00	8 00	.....	.....	60 00
Wilmot Mountain,	4 70	5 66	.....	.....	4 10	.....	.....	.....	14 46
Westport,	4 00	4 47	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 47
Yarmouth 1st, (Town,)	32 97	52 73	3 87½	5 77	36 03	.....	4 83	2 53	138 73
Yarmouth 2nd, (Hebron)	7 04	7 62	0 25	.....	7 20	.....	.....	.....	22 11
Yarmouth 3rd, (Deerfield)	1 20	3 77	.....	.....	4 77	.....	.....	1 60	11 34
Yarmouth South, (Chebogue,)	10 00	4 00	1 25	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	19 25
Yarmouth West, (Chegogin,)	4 50	0 50	.....	.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	9 25
Pine Grove, (New Church,)	16 00	20 00	4 00	8 00	6 00	2 00	.....	.....	56 00
Litchfield, do.,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
	363 46½	280 22	46 92	52 90	202 55½	33 35½	10 83	8 29	998 53½

MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Where ordained.
Rev. H. Angell.....	Yarmouth.....	Feb. 13, 1853.	Milton
" H. Achilles....	Parker's Cove...	Nov. 1, 1854.	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong..	Bridgetown	Dec. 30, 1848.	Port Medway.
" A. W. Barss....	Ragged Islands.	June 6, 1855.	Lunenburg, N.W.
" W. Burton.....	Chebogue.....	July 20, 1828.	Westbrook.
" A. Cogswell....	Clements.....	Jan.—, 1843.	Chute's Cove.
" T. C. Delong...	New Germany..	Feb.—, 1834.	New Albany.
" W. G. Goucher.	Hebron.....	May 11, 1853.	Hebron.
" J. E. Goucher..	Port Medway...	.....	.....
" W. Jackson....	Beaver River...	.....	.....
" J. C. Morse....	Digby Neck.....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" A. Martell.....	Tusket.....	Mar. 20, 1849.	Antigonish.
" John Miller....	Long Island....	.....	.....
" J. A. Moore....	Hillsburg.....	Aug. 5, 1857.	.....
" P. F. Murray..	Chute's Cove....	Mar. 14, 1848.	Westport.
" R. S. Morton...	Nictaux.....	Feb.—, 1852.	Nictaux.
" J. McKenne....	Greenfield.....	Oct—, 1859..	Greenfield.
" M. Normonday.	Tusket.....	July 20, 1859.	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker...	Aylesford	Feb 21, 1844.	Wilmot
" W. G. Parker..	Nictaux.....	Jan. 20, 1843.	New Albany.
" D. O. Parker...	Brookfield.....	Mar. 23, 1861	Liverpool.
" R. D. Porter...	Milton.....	Sep. 17, 1857.	Dartmouth.
" C. Randall.....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833.	Weymouth
" J. H Saunders.	Ohio, Yarmouth.	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stubbert..	Deerfield do....	Dec. 17, 1843.	Port Medway.
" James Spencer.	Digby.....	May 17, 1853.	Chester.
" A. Stronach....	Aylesford.....	.....	.....
" C. Tupper, D.D.	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817.	Canard.
" N. Vidito.....	Wilmot.....	May 10, 1832.	Wilmot.
" J. A. Walker...	Aylesford.....	June 3, 1856.	Aylesford.
LICENTIATES.			
W. H. Porter.....	Wilmot.....	.....	.....
Samuel B. Kempton.	Wolfville.....	.....	.....
Thomas Blackadar...	Wolfville.....	.....	.....
Andrew Parker.....	Aylesford	.....	.....
W. L. Parker.....	Aylesford	.....	.....
John Tooker.....	Yarmouth.....	.....	.....
Joseph G. Thompson.	Kempt.....	.....	.....
Zephaniah Porter...	Beaver River...	.....	.....
C. Kennedy.....	Litchfield.....	.....	.....

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall be composed of Ministers and other Delegates who shall be members of the churches which they represent, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such other Brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3rd—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for a vote for a Moderator, which vote shall be given by ballot: no brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association, and maintain due order. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

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

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

ART. 8th—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge for itself of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ART. 9th.—The Religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 10th.—Alterations or amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At every sitting business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2nd —Ministers and Members of Churches and Delegates invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

RULE 5th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writings.

RULE 6th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

RULE 7th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.

The Committee have much pleasure in again presenting the Annual Report of the operations of this Society. During the year now past the Institutions have had an enlarged measure of prosperity under the able management of its devoted Principal, and his faithful co-laborers. Nor has your Committee to complain of a falling off in the interest ever so warmly expressed by the friends of Horton Academy.

The attendance during the past year, has been as follows:

MALE DEPARTMENT,

Whole number during year,	140
Greatest number in attendance at one time,	90
Least " " " "	50
Average " " " "	70

FEMALE DEPARTMENT,

Whole number during year,	90
Greatest number in attendance at one time,	60
Least " " " "	30
Average " " " "	45

BRANCHES TAUGHT DURING THE YEAR.

In addition to the ordinary English branches, classes have been instructed in History, Ancient and Modern, Rhetoric, Mental, Moral and Natural Philosophy, Algebra, Geometry, Mensuration, Land Surveying, Botany, Geology, Chemistry, Physiology, Trigonometry, French, Latin and Greek.

THE MEMBERS ENGAGED IN THE VARIOUS STUDIES,

The whole number in Mathematics during year,	75
" " Latin and Greek "	88
" " French "	21

By comparing the above with the reports of past years, it will be seen that, notwithstanding a depression, generally felt in the financial interests of the Province, the Institution continues to enjoy a good share of public patronage.

At the Examinations, during the year, your Committee could not fail to perceive that the pupils were making solid progress in a sound and well conceived Academic Course. Six of the pupils have recently matriculated, and some others expect to enter the College the ensuing term.

Your Committee are happy, in the assurance they strongly cherish, that the course of study, now pursued at the Institutions is practical, sound and judicious, and that the youth, enjoying the advantages of the school, can hardly fail in being well equipped for the various positions of life they may have to fill.

The Committee are assured, that with like confidence they may review the moral aspect of your Institutions, cases requiring severe discipline rarely occurring, while a willingness to submit cheerfully to established regulations at all times is distinctly manifest. Upon this subject Mr. Higgins reports as follows :—

The conduct of the pupils has been good. So large a number must of course include a considerable variety of character. Some irregularity and impropriety are to be looked for and dealt with. But by far the larger proportion of the pupils, have given the teachers every reason to love and respect them; and the government of the school has, upon the whole, been a very easy and simple matter.

RELIGIOUS ASPECT.

A considerable number of the older pupils are professors of religion. There has been no revival influences in the school nor in the community, but the meetings have been well attended and it can not but be hoped that through the united efforts of our pastor, the Sabbath School, Bible class, and personal christian effort seed has been sown which shall hereafter bring forth fruit. One member of the Female Seminary has been recently baptized and received into the church at Wolfville.

As on former occasions, your committee would again appeal to the entire Baptist Denomination of N. S., for the benefit of whose rising generation the friends of Education have labored with unflinching resolution, and solicit a yet more enlarged expression of a permanent and growing attachment to a cause, worthy the love of every christian man and true

patriot. The conviction yearly deepens, that, although we enjoy enlarged prosperity, yet the average attendance is considerably below what your committee might expect. How largely the prosperity of Acadia College, is identified with success in Horton Academy, must to every thinking man be most apparent.

Our appeal demands no other arguments than those long before the public mind, and long imprinted on the hearts and consciences of the Baptists of this Province. The present aspect of the Institutions, their History,—and they have a history of no ordinary interest,—distinctly and strongly embody the views and purposes of this Denomination in relation to this most important enterprise. Let us be true to ourselves brethren, and to our children, and the fruits of our labors will gladden and bless unborn generations.

Your Committee would invite especial attention to the result of efforts but recently made to found at Horton an Institution for Female Education. One year and a half since, after mature deliberation, your Committee entered upon this new field of labor, then a mere experiment, now a complete success. Of the course of instruction, the point of advancement reached, and the encouragement to continuance, your Committee can speak in language most confident, and rejoice, that we now have in healthful operation a Female Seminary, affording to young ladies a high and thorough course of Academic instruction. The large number of pupils in constant attendance sufficiently indicates a most hearty appreciation of our labors in this direction. Your Committee may here remark, that the plan suggested at the beginning, of uniting some of the classes with those in the Academy, under the instruction of Mr. Higgins and Mr. Jones, is found most advantageous, affording, a high course of study, for a very moderate charge. Your Committee would express its entire confidence, in the well proved ability of the Principal, and doubt not that his untiring energies will secure yet enlarged results.

Up to the close of the last Term, the Seminary was under the management of Miss Shaw, whose experience and well-known ability, eminently qualified her for the important trust. The hopes relative to the labors of this valued and esteemed preceptress, have been fully realized. Fears were, however, felt, that, Miss Shaw's health would not equal her activities and resolutions. These, we lament to say, have been realized,

and in consequence Miss Shaw was constrained to vacate her chosen and loved employ.

The following Resolution, passed at a recent meeting of the Committee, will doubtless express the feeling, alike felt by all in any way connected with the Seminary:

This Committee would convey to Miss Shaw, late Principal of the Female Seminary at Horton, an expression of the high value they have ever placed upon her services, and the high esteem in which she is regarded.

Most deeply do they regret, that Miss Shaw's health constrains her retirement to private life, especially at a time, when the cause of Female Education demands those labors for which they are assured her high literary attainments so eminently qualify her.

The Committee would assure Miss Shaw that she carries with her the most profound respect and esteem of all acquainted with her public labors and private deportment. They trust that God's blessing will rest upon and long preserve her life for usefulness—and the enjoyment of His highest and best blessing.

To secure the services of one well adapted to the office of Principal of a young Ladies Seminary, requires the exercise of no ordinary prudence and forethought. Of this your Committee is profoundly impressed, for notwithstanding the best regulation, and wisest economy, almost every thing must depend on the controling mind of the lady at the head of the Institution. The Committee, therefore, early took this matter into consideration, and correspondence was opened with parties, whose services we hoped to secure, and we are happy in being able to state, that an engagement has been made with Miss Reed of New York, a lady, your Committee believe, in every respect well qualified for her position. Miss Reed will enter upon her duties on the first of August.

It is generally known that the house occupied by the Seminary was rented, and for which sixty pounds per annum was paid. The building has recently been sold and consequently we now have to do with new owners, we however hope, in some way, to secure its continued occupancy. In the mean time, if the Denomination decide upon sustaining a Female Institution at Horton, efforts must be put forth, for erecting upon our own grounds a suitable edifice. Nothing has as yet been done beyond the mere suggestion of the idea. Plans, raising of funds &c., are yet to occupy your attention, and your Com-

mittee trusts that some scheme, wise and congenial to the dispositions and abilities of the denomination, will be produced, and that the Baptist people, in their devotedness to this branch of our Educational effort will give a response, worthy of themselves, and of the educational convictions, so long and nobly fostered. The following "general remarks" by the Principal deserve our serious attention.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The time has come for the Baptists of Nova Scotia to take higher ground with reference to the great work of education. The system adopted should take a wider scope. The College can flourish only in the same proportion as the Academy is liberally sustained and efficiently worked. The latter is the foundation, not in a financial but in an educational point of view, of the whole fabric. Let the foundation grow weak and the building must fall. In order that the Academy may become really vigorous and be able to meet the demands of the denomination some effort and improvement are indispensable.

1. A Primary Department should be at once established. The inhabitants of Wolfville have a right to claim this at our hands. The Academy takes the older of the pupils while the younger both male and female are left in a worse condition than in ordinary school districts. If we profess to educate the community the scheme should meet the wants of all.

2. Female education should be promptly and efficiently provided for.

The denomination has a right to claim this.

We throw our educational burden upon the churches. We say "it is your duty to support, uphold and protect." The churches are composed of brethren and sisters. Without the sympathy of both we can not prosper. Here we have a right to say to every one thirsting for knowledge of whatever age or sex "we are making provision for you, and can offer advantages second to none in this country."

In order to secure the two things referred to above, a thorough Primary School and an efficient Female department, commodious buildings, thoroughly fitted and furnished are indispensible, and the time has fully come for the friends of education to take hold of the work.

Your Committee while viewing the past with grateful emotions, would thank God and take courage, assured are they that God has owned the labors of his servants, and made your society in His hand a blessing of priceless value. Our trust is yet in him from whom cometh our help. Ever desir-

ing to realise this, we would, before all other claims, seek the prayers and christian sympathy of our brethren in the Lord, that all our deliberations and labors, may harmonise with that scheme of eternal truth, which contemplates in its every feature the Glory of God and salvation of men.

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary.*

June 23rd, 1862.

N. S. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY in account with S. SELDEN, Treasurer.

1861. DR.

July	5.	To J.W. Barss, for purchase of Academy Furniture,	£77	13	0
		To Rev. T. A. Higgins' salary, to June, 1862,	125	0	0
Aug.	12.	To 2750 copies of Report bound with Minutes,	3	10	0
Oct.	20.	To S. Faulkner, Repairs,	13	6	8
Nov.	29.	To Johnson, Hunter, & Co., for bal. of bell,	5	13	9½
1862.					
Jan'y.	8.	To J. W. Barss, Dyke Rates to 1855,	23	17	6
		To Postage,	0	0	6
		To Balance in hand,	45	19	4
			£295	0	9½

1861. CR.

June	1.	By balance from last year,	£45	0	9½
July	4.	By Provincial Grant,	62	10	0
Oct.	3.	By Provincial Grant,	62	10	0
1862.					
Jan.	2.	By Provincial Grant,	62	10	0
April	5.	By Provincial Grant,	62	10	0
			£295	0	9½

PROVINCIAL
Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

Meetings of this Convention were held in connexion with each of the three Baptist Associations,—at Liverpool, Lakeville and Great Village. The statistics sent to the S. School Boards, and to the Association in the letters from the churches, were read by the Secretaries of the Boards and addresses were delivered on the subject.

The Annual meeting was held with the Central Association at Lakeville on Tuesday, June 24th, 1862.

The following officers were chosen:

General Board for the Province:—
S. Selden, President; Rev. A. H. Munro, Secretary; ——Treasurer.

Central Board:—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Chairman; Rev. D. Freeman, Secretary; Thos. Rand, Treasurer.

Western Board:—Rev. H. Angell, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Saunders, Secretary; S. Brown, Treasurer.

Eastern Board:—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Chairman; T. H. Rand, Secretary; David Page, Treasurer.

Resolved, That Rev. A. H. Munro be requested to deliver an Address before the next meeting of the S. S. Convention with the Central Association.

It was also resolved, 1st., That this Convention recommends the holding of County Sabbath School Conventions for the mutual encouragement of teachers and friends, and for promoting an increase of interest in Sabbath School work.

2nd., That General Sessions of the Convention be held within the boundaries of each of the Baptist Associations, at suitable times and places during the present year, under the direction of the several Boards.

A. H. MUNRO, *Secretary.*

N. B.—The Annual Meeting next year will be held with the Eastern Baptist Association at Bedeque P. E. I.

[The number of Scholars returned in the following tables is 4355, and of Teachers 485. If full returns had been made from every School, in connection with the Baptist Churches, a much larger number would have been the result. If each School would send their report on a separate sheet of paper, distinct from their Church letter, it would facilitate the making up of the tables.—S. S.]

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, JUNE 17TH, 1862.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT OR SECRETARY.	Lord's Days School kept.	SCHOLARS. Male.	SCHOLARS. Female.	SCHOLARS. Total.	Average attendance.	TEACHERS. Male.	TEACHERS. Female.	TEACHERS. Total.	No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in S. S. and B. C.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
1st Yarmouth,	Wm. Churchill,	51	95	130	225	147	11	17	28	60	80	375	$65.00
2nd Yarmouth, Hebron,					150				20			150	40.00
3rd Yarmouth, Deerfield,					75				13			150	9.00
Ohio,	Geo. Crosby,	32	54	47	101	83	10	5	15	10		200	20.00
West Yarmouth, Chegogin,	Geo. Trask,	33	42	53	95	57	7	11	18	27	30	252	23.50
South Yarmouth,					130							311	
Lake George,	Ira Porter,	37	33	42	75	70	6	6	12	20	33	150	10.00
Tusket,						35			6				
Central Chebogue,	James E. Nickerson,				40				8				
Beaver River,	Wm. S. Raymond,	28	60	53	113	100			22	22	25	100	12.50
Digby Town,					28								
1st Hillsburgh,					50				8				
2nd Hillsburgh,					34				6				
Hill Grove,					60							100	
Long Island, Lower Cove,	Isaiah Thurber,	20	50	70	120	100	9	8	17	9	23	400	12.00
" Middle of the Island,	John Plumb,	20	9	15	24		2	2	4		4	30	3.00
" Petite,	Robt. Blackford,				40								
New Albany,					25				6				
Nictaux,					120				14				
Lower Aylesford & Upper Wilmot,	Rev. C. Tupper, D. D.		121	128	249		17	19	36			345	50.00
Kempt, Queen's Co.,					145								
Greenfield, do.,					42				7				
Lower Granville,					170								
					2201				240				

JOS. H. SAUNDERS, *Secretary of Western Board.*

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, JUNE 24TH, 1862.

Greenfield, do.,		....	....	....	42	....	....	....	7	....	....	....	.....
Lower Granville,		....	....	....	170	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
					2201				240				

Jos. H. SAUNDERS, *Secretary of Western Board.*

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, JUNE 24TH, 1862.

Chester, Town	I J. Skinner	24	67	45	112	....	8	7	15	....	20	140	$15.20
" Basin	Alex. Anderson	22	23	36	59	....	4	4	8	....	10	100	.....
" Windsor Road	Jos. Webber	15	10	12	22	....	2	3	5	....	....	....	.....
" Canaan	"	....	11	12	23	....	1	2	3	....	....	....	.....
5th Cornwallis, Pereaux	G. N. Davison	....	30	40	70	60	5	6	11	....	....	200	12.50
" Canning	J. E. Rand	....	57	68	128	60	4	5	9	....	3	165	45.00
Halifax, Granville Street	Henry N. Paint	52	34	42	76	65	6	6	12	25	....	500	80.00
" North	George Robins	....	61	64	125	86	6	14	20	32	8	100	.....
Lakeville	John Moser	....	....	....	80	....	4	5	9	....	....	200	24.00
Weston	C. E. Sanford	....	....	....	50	....	3	3	6	....	....	144	.....
Greenwich	Gideon Beardsley	....	36	30	66	....	6	3	9	30	15	300	20.00
Falmouth	Andrew Shaw	....	....	....	60	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	.....
Hantsport	William Davison	....	....	....	120	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
New Germany No. 1		....	....	....	60	....	....	....	12	....	....	200	.....
" No. 2		....	....	....	36	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	.....
Newport West		....	....	....	46	....	....	....	6	....	....	200	.....
First Cornwallis Ch.	Dea. Thos. Rand	....	....	....	230	....	....	....	....	....	....	600	.....
Berwick	Geo. W. Fisher	....	....	....	114	....	....	....	13	....	....	....	.....
					1477				153				

DAVID FREEMAN, *Secretary of Central Board,*

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.—Continued.

Eastern Baptist Association, July 8th, 1862.

Schools.	Superintendent or Secretary.	Lord's Days School kept.	Scholars. Male.	Scholars. Female.	Scholars. Total.	Average attendance.	Teachers. Male.	Teachers. Female.	Teachers. Total.	No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in S. S. and B. C.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
Cape Canseau	Rev T. H. Porter	....	25	25	50	40	3	3	6	25	16	70	.....
Lower Stewiacke	E. C. Banks	....	....	....	37	....	....	....	4	15	....	182	.....
St. Andrew's Settlement	E. C. Banks	....	....	....	15	....	....	....	2	....	....	20	.....
Brookfield		....	28	34	62	....	5	4	9	8	....	20	.....
Indian Harbour		....	....	....	50	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	.....
Goose River		....	....	....	30	....	....	....	5	....	....	150	.....
Grand Mira		....	....	....	33	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	.....
Parrsboro Village		....	....	....	30	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	.....
East Point P. E. I.		....	....	....	60	40	2	2	4	....	....	350	$10.00
Sand Point		....	....	....	20	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	.....
Tran[illegible]	C. H. Blair	....	44	41	85	48	7	4	11	....	....	480	24.00
Amherst		....	....	....	75	....	8	7	15	....	....	....	.....
Charlottetown, P. E. I	Jas. Desbrisay	....	....	....	40	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	.....
Onslow		....	....	....	30	....	....	....	6	....	....	40	.....
North River		....	....	....	60	....	....	....	8	....	....	40	.....
					677				92				

Grand River, P. E. I.—"Sabbath School large and well attended."
Pugwash.—"Sabbath School in prosperous condition."
Diligent River.—"We keep up one Sabbath School."
Portaupique.—"Two Sabbath Schools,—a fair attendance."
Great Village.—"Sabbath School is pretty well attended."
[illegible] Sabbath Schools in operation."

T. H. [illegible], Secretary of Eastern Board.