

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH, PARRSBORO, CUMBERLAND CO.

*Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday,*

July 11th, 13th, and 14th, 1874.

TOGETHER WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTER,

AND

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association.

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ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five, from any one Association; and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council; none but delegates being entitled to vote, and such only as represent churches being eligible to office, or to vote for officers.

ART 2nd.—Each church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the moneys contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—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. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending any Letter, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes, unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

## RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1st.**—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be handed to the clerk, who shall retire and make out a list of the delegates—the Moderator meanwhile shall conduct devotional exercises.

**2nd.**—From the list so prepared the Moderator shall be chosen by ballot—no brother shall be chosen two years in succession.

**3rd.**—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

**4th.**—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

**5th.**—When any Church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

**6th.**—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last before the final adjournment.

**7th.**—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered by the Association.

**8th.**—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

**9th.**—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

**10th.**—The Committee of Arrangement shall, in addition to the provision for the "order of business," provide also for the discussion of the more prominent topics, Education and Missions, by appointing one or more persons to speak upon them. Said Committee shall further recommend the place for the succeeding Association, the preacher of the Associational Sermon, and the writer of the Circular Letter.

**11th.**—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

**12th.**—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of each annual session of the Association.

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## MINUTES.

**PARRSBORO, CUMBERLAND CO.,**  
*Saturday Morning, July 11th, 1874.*

The Eastern Nova Scotia Baptist Association, assembled in its 24th Annual Session, at 10 o'clock, A. M. In the absence of the Moderator of the last year, it was resolved that Rev. D. McKeen, Pastor of the Parrsboro Church, take the chair.

The Secretary being absent—Brethren M. P. Freeman and E. M. Kierstead, were appointed Secretaries pro. tem.

While the List of Delegates was being prepared, the Moderator conducted religious exercises.

The List of Delegates was then read as follows.—

### LIST OF DELEGATES.

*Indian Harbor.*—Rev. H. Eagles.

*Upper Londonderry.*—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

*Onslow West.*—E. M. Kierstead, Licentiate.

*Great Village.*—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Deacons Ezra Layton and James Gourley.

*Maccan.*—Rev. H. Bool, Brethren A. Atkinson and Hance Mills.

*Isaac's Harbor.*—Rev. T. B. Layton.

*Amherst.*—Rev. D. A. Steele, Deacon Moses Lowe, and Isaac R. Skinner. Licentiate, Brethren W. M. Read, and E. W. Freeman.

*River Hebert.*—Rev. H. Bool, Brethren Job Seaman and John Barnes.

*Parrsboro.*—Rev. D. McKeen, Brethren F. L. Jenks, Samuel Spencer, Elijah Spencer, Byron Newcomb, W. Armstrong.

*Little River.*—Rev. G. F. Miles, Brethren Levi Johnson, Holland Rushton, and Thomas Seaman.

*East Onslow.*—E. M. Kierstead, Licentiate.

*Glenville and River Philip.*—J. J. Armstrong, Licentiate, Brethren Joseph Dimock and Daniel Dimock.

*Truro.*—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Brethren L. J. Walker and W. Cumming.

*Centreville and Mount Pleasant.*—Rev. E. B. Corey and Brother John Bigelow.

*Lower Steviacke.*—Rev. J. Meadows and Brother James W. Stevens.

*Lower Economy and Five Islands.*—Rev. D. McKeen, Brethren Josiah Soley and Hibbert Corbett.

*Portauipique.*—Rev. D. McKeen, Deacons Jehiel Kerr, Thomas Fulton, and Brother John Robinson.

*Wallace.*—R. D. Burgess, Licentiate, and Brother P. R. Piers.

*Cape Canso.*—Rev. George W. Thomas.

*Guyborough and Manchester.*—Rev. J. P. Beal.

*Brookfield.*—Rev. J. Meadows.

*Crow Harbor.*—Rev. G. W. Thomas.

*Goshen.*—Brother Donald McGregor.

*Diligent River.*—Deacon David H. Jenks, Brethren Thomas Bently and George York.

*Upper Stewiacke.*—Deacon W. Bentley.

*Pugwash.*—Licentiates R. D. Burgess and Edward Munro, Deacon William H. Seaman and Brother James N. Benjamin.

*North Sydney.*—Rev. J. B. McDonald.

*Wentworth.*—J. J. Armstrong, Licentiate, and Brother James Gough.

*Greenville.*—J. J. Armstrong, Licentiate, and Brother George Rushton.

*New Annan.*—Rev. Z. Morton.

*Westbrook.*—Rev. D. McKeen, Deacons Alex. Lewis and Stephen Roscoe, and Brother Joseph Atkinson.

*Goose River.*—Deacon H. B. Hunter, Brethren Thomas Anderson, Sherwood Mills and William Hunter.

*Fram Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association.*—Revds. Dr. Tupper, G. E. Day, P. R. Foster, A. Cahoon and G. N. Ballentine.

*Fram Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association.*—Revds. James Parker, E. O. Read, Dr. Cramp, and Brother D. R. Eaton.

*Invited.*—Revds. Isa. Wallace, Dr. Sawyer, W. G. Parker, D. M. Welton, M. Normondy, Joseph Murray, Calvin Goodspeed, A. M., W. B. Boggs, A. M., Licentiates William Spencer and Judson Davidson, Deacon Andrew Shaw, Brethren S. Selden, Dr. Parker and J. W. Rhuland.

The election for Officers resulted in the choice of Rev. D. McKeen, Moderator; Rev. M. P. Freeman, Secretary; Brother E. M. Keirstead, Assistant Secretary; Brother Wm. Cummings, Treasurer; Brother Lyman J. Walker, Assistant Treasurer; Brother William Read, Auditor.

The Rules of Order were then read, and prayer offered by Rev. E. B. Corey.

The following were appointed a Committee of Nomination and Arrangements:

Rev. D. McKeen, *Moderator* convener of Committee, Revds. G. F. Miles, T. B. Layton, D. A. Steele, H. Bool, Brethren F. Jenks, T. Seaman, Stephen Ruscoe, Harris Jenks, Josiah Soley, Hance Miles.

COMMITTEE TO READ LETTERS.—Brethren S. Selden, Isaiah Wallace, G. N. Ballentine.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Brethren J. B. McDonald, J. F. Murray, E. B. Corey.

COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. Dr. Tupper, G. W. Thomas and James Parker.

The Association attended to the reading of letters until the Committee of Nomination and Arrangement presented their report in part as follows—which was adopted:—

They recommend that a morning prayer meeting be held at the Baptist Meeting House during the Session at 6 o'clock, A. M.; that the Association meet in the morning, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 12 o'clock, P. M. Meet in the afternoon at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 o'clock, P. M.; adjourn at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 o'clock, P. M. Meet in the evening at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 o'clock, P. M.; that at 4 o'clock, P. M., the Home Missionary Society hold its Annual Session; that this evening be given to the Missionary Union; and that the Services on the Sabbath be as follows:—

### SABBATH SERVICES.

Baptist House, Parrsboro',	—At 10½ A. M., Dr. Cramp.
“	“ 3 P. M., Rev. J. P. Beel.
“	“ 7 P. M., Rev. G. E. Day.
Methodist House,	“ 10½ A. M., Rev. D. Welton.
“	“ 3 P. M., Rev. Joseph Murray.
“	“ 7 P. M., Rev. C. Goodspeed.
Presbyterian House,	“ 10½ A. M., Rev. A. Cohoon.
“	“ 3 P. M., Rev. J. E. Goucher.
West Brook,	11 A. M., Rev. I. Wallace.
“	3 P. M., Rev. H. Bool.
“	7 P. M., Rev. D. A. Seele.
Diligent River,	10½ A. M., Rev. J. Meadows.
“	3½ P. M., Rev. W. G. Parker.
“	7 P. M., Rev. E. O. Read.
Canaan,	3 P. M., R. D. Burgess, (Lic.)
Half Way River,	3½ P. M., Rev. A. E. Ingram.
Five Island,	10½ A. M., Rev. G. W. Thomas.
Lower Economy,	3½ P. M., Rev. G. W. Thomas.

Adjournment having been moved and carried, the Session closed with prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele.

#### Saturday—Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session commenced with prayer by Dr. Cramp.

The Minutes were read and approved. The reading of Letters was next resumed,

Rev. Dr. Tupper from Committee on Questions in Letters reported a letter from a new church, River Hebert, which was on motion read.

*Resolved*, That the River Hebert Church be admitted to this Association after which the right hand of fellowship was given to its Pastor Rev. H. Bool, in its behalf.

After which the Association adjourned to give place to the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Society.

The business of the Home Missionary Society having been dispatched, the Association resumed its business.

*Resolved*, That Brother Selden be requested to published the same number of copies of Minutes, and at the same rate as last year, together with the constitution of the Home Missionary Union, and the Minutes of the last Session of the Missionary Union, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the next Annual Session of the Association.

*Resolved*, that Revds. J. B. McDonald, J. E. Goucher, E. B. Corey, and Brethren Jos. Dimock, and J. Rushton be a Committee to select a place for the next meeting of this Association and that this Committee report if possible, during this session of the Association.

*Resolved*, That Brethren Wm. Cummings, Lyman Walker, and Wm. Faulkner be a Committee to provide reduced fares to persons attending the next Session of the Association.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be given to the Railway and Steamboat Authorities for the accommodation to delegates attending this Association.

*Resolved*, That the following Brethren be delegates to the P. E. Island Association, Revds. D. A. Steele, J. B. McDonald, and Zachariah Morton.

*Resolved*, That Revds. J. E. Goucher, G. F. Miles, J. P. Beel, H. Bool and J. Meadows, be delegates to the Western Association.

*Resolved*, That Revds. D. A. Steele, J. B. McDonald, A. Chipman and J. Brown, and Brother William Cummings, be delegates to the Central Association.

*Resolved*, That Brethren J. W. Stevens, W. Read, James Gourley, Hance Mills and J. W. Peppett, be delegates to the Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Secretaries be a Committee to prepare extracts from the Letters for publication in the Minutes.

*Resolved*, That the Committee appointed at the last session of this Association to take charge of the monies arising from the sale of the Picton property be requested to report next year. Brethren J. B. McDonald, R. Upham and G. Davidson, being said Committee.

A motion for adjournment having been carried, the session closed with prayer by Rev. Isa. Wallace.

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*Monday Morning, July 13th.*

The Association's Sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Boggis, from Luke xxiv. 47.

The Moderator having taken the chair, prayer was offered by Dr. Sawyer.

The Minutes were read and approved. The reading of Letters was resumed.

Bro. I. Wallace presented the report of the Committee on Missions. (See Appendix A.)

Moved and seconded that the report be received.

After an address by Rev. Isa. Wallace, it was

*Resolved*, That the time for adjournment be extended ten minutes.

The discussion of the report was then continued by Rev. M. Normandy.

Adjourned with singing, and prayer by Bro. Burgess.

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*Monday—Afternoon Session.*

Opened with prayer by Rev. H. Eagles.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The reading of Letters was next resumed.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Association be requested to pay over all monies received to the several treasurers of the Funds for which they have been designated.

Bro. Normandy was next called upon to resume his address, and was followed by Rev. J. B. McDonald, G. F. Miles and S. Selden, after which the report on Missions passed.

Bro. Steele moved and Bro. Goucher seconded the following, which was passed unanimously.

*Resolved*, That this Association record its gratitude to the God of grace for his loving kindness and tender mercy vouchsafed to our infant Independent Foreign Mission during the past year; and that we commend its members to the continued sympathies and support of the churches, and also



*Resolved*, That we commend our esteemed Bro. Boggs, the Foreign Missionary elect to the grace of God, praying that he may have a safe journey to Siam, and that he may be an instrument in the hands of the Most High in turning many to righteousness.

Bro. J. B. McDonald presented the report on the Circular Letter, recommending that it be read.

*Voted*, That the report be accepted.

The Circular Letter having been read by the writer, Rev. Jno. E. Goucher, it was resolved that it be adopted and printed in the Minutes and in the *Christian Messenger*.

Rev. Dr. Cramp, in the absence of Bro. Welton, Chairman of the Committee on Education, presented their Report, which was spoken to by Revs. Dr. Sawyer, Jas. Meadows, J. B. McDonald, M. D., C. M. Kierstead, Wm. Cummings, Moses Lowe, D. A. Steele, and S. Selden; and passed. (See Appendix B.)

Brother S. Selden presented the following which was unanimously adopted.

*Whereas*, attacks both open and covert have been made upon the non secretarian school system of this Province, and demands made to have it superceded by Roman Catholic Separate Schools sanctioned by law.

*Be it therefore Resolved*, That we hereby re-affirm our demands by all lawful means in our power to prevent any such unjust and injurious appropriation of public funds.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Messrs. Barker and Robinson, of Windsor, for the use of one of their rich toned Organs from the "Smith American Organ Company."

The Secretary having stated that the churches of Tatamagouche and River John, had failed in sending Letters to this Association for the term of three years. Bro. Isa. Wallace undertook to visit them and report.

Moved and carried that the Association adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Brother McGregor, Licentiate.

*Tuesday Morning, July 4th.*

Opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. J. Davidson, Licentiate.

Rev. J. B. McDonald read a letter from Bro. John P. McDonald of Pictou, relative to subscription of Mr. H. R. Narraway, to Baptist Mission property there. As it appeared that Mr. N. is dissatisfied with the disposition of the money donated by him to the mission property; it was, after discussion,

*Resolved*, That he be paid his percentage of the balance remaining from the sale of said property, which money is now in the hands of our committee; viz., Jno. P. McDonald, Richard Upham and George Davidson.

Reading of letters was then completed.

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement recommend the Rev. J. B. McDonald preach the next Association Sermon; the Rev. J. Meadows be his alterpate; and that Rev. Geo. Armstrong write the Circular Letter.

Bro. McDonald presented the following: Your Committee appointed to name a place of meeting of Association next year in view of the fact that no invitation has been received, recommend that the question be left open for two months; and that such churches as wish to accommodate this body communicate in the meantime with our Moderator, Bro. McKeen, and that such invitations as may be given be submitted by him to the ministers of this and the adjoining county at their meeting at Oxford next September; and further, that their decision be made known in the *Christian Messenger* at as early a date as possible.

The Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was next presented by Rev. T. B. Layton, Chairman, and was spoken to by Brethren T. B. Layton, J. E. Goucher, H. Bool, W. Cummings, Edward Davidson, J. Walker, J. B. McDonald, and J. Meadows, and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

*Resolved*, That the *Baptist Teacher* be recommended to our Sabbath Schools.

The following resolution on the *Christian Messenger* was submitted by Brother L. J. Walker and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we commend the *Christian Messenger* to every Baptist family in this Association. As a faithful exponent of Baptist Principles. And we rejoice to know that with the judicious ability that it is now conducted it has gained the confidence of the denomination at large.

It was unanimously resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of Parrsboro, for the generous accommodation afforded the members of this body.

Treasurer submitted Report of monies received at this Association which was adopted.

The minutes of this and the previous session were then read and approved.

A motion for adjournment to meet at the call of the moderator having been carried the Association closed with singing of union hymn and prayer by the Moderator.

D. MCKEEN, Moderator.  
M. P. FREEMAN, } Secretaries.  
E. M. KIERSTEAD, }

MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. George Armstrong	Sydney, C. B.	Dec. 31. 1848	Port Medway.
" J. P. Beel	Guysborough		Hamsterley, Durham.
" M. A. Bigelow	Antigonishe	Sept. 14. 1859	Guysborough. [Eng.
" H. Bool	River Hebert	Feb. 1869	Coatbridge, Scotland.
" John Brown	Cow Bay, C. B.	April 7. 1870	Sodbury, Glo'stershire.
" A. Chipman	Hawkesbury, C. B.	Nov. 16. 1862	River Phillip. [G.B.
" Obed Chute	Upper Stewiacke	Feb. 7. 1850	Wentworth.
" E. B. Corey	Little River.	Jan. 24. 1868	Point DeBute.
" H. Eagles	St. Mary's	Aug. 1842	Kempt, Hants Co.
" John E. Goucher	Truro.	Oct. 5. 1859	Gagetown, N. B.
" M. P. Freeman	Great Village.	July 5. 1863	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" J. Meadows	Lower Stewiacke	Feb. 26. 1868	Jeddore.
" Geo. F. Miles	Amherst.	Aug. 1846	Newcastle, N. B.
" R. McDonald	Margaree, C. B.	Aug. 23. 1853	Margaree, C. B.
" J. B. McDonald, M. D.	North Sydney, C. B.	May 7. 1870	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" Daniel McLeod	St. Ann's, C. B.	July 5. 1873	North Sydney.
" D. McKeen	Little Forks, Maccan.	Sept. 13. 1854	River Hebert.
" J. B. McQuillin	Antigonishe.	Nov. 13. 1870	Hawkesbury, C. B.
" G. Richardson	Sydney, C. B.	March 25. 1822	Hammonds Plains.
" Hugh Ross	Sydney, C. B.	Sept. 1847	Mira Bay, C. B.
" D. A. Steele	Amherst.	June 20. 1865	Wolfville.
" S. Thompson	Economy	Sept. 1852	Westbrooke.
" G. W. Thomas	Canso.	May 18. 1874	Canso.
" D. W. Crandall	Pugwash	Aug. 20. 1864	Carridock, Ont.

LICENTIATES.

- Chipman Archibald, Upper Stewiacke.
- Charles Martell, Mira Bay, C. B.
- James Morrison, Onslow West.
- William McKenzie, West Bay, C. B.
- D. Spencer, Mira Bay, C. B.
- Edward Munro, Pugwash.
- A. J. Davison, Portauipique.

## Circular Letter.

### CONDITIONS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

We would affectionately solicit your attention, in this Annual Letter, to some of the *Conditions of Spiritual Growth*, a subject intimately associated with the glory of Christ and lying at the foundation of all church and Denominational as well as individual prosperity and usefulness. Intellectual, numerical or pecuniary enlargement will prove a very doubtful blessing without a corresponding spiritual development, though the latter will become a safe and helpful handmaid to the former.

During the past year, God has greatly blessed many of our churches with additions to their membership. It becomes those churches so favoured to realize their increased responsibilities, and institute careful inquiry as to how these new recruits may be made to answer the design of their *new birth* and best subserve the interests of Christ's Kingdom. We greatly fear that religious life is too often stifled at the outset and religious growth stunted and dwarfed for want of the employment of proper means to promote it. The scriptures call upon us to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." To "be also enlarged." To "press forward to the mark," to "go on to perfection," &c. The sacred writers nowhere countenance a stand-still policy in the christian life, they represent that life as a *race to run*, a field to be cultivated and a journey to be taken. The church is the mystical body of Christ, every true christian is a member of the body, and the body as a whole can only be developed by the growth of its members. This truth should be well understood and acted upon by all the senior members of the church and zealously taught to the younger as soon as they enter our ranks. Instead of allowing the impression to strengthen, that, after the first act of consecration to Christ, the main part of the work is done, which young Christians are very apt to entertain, every effort should be made to correct such an impression and make them feel that their life work is just begun.

This should be attended to immediately, there is no time to lose. The first three months after conversion will, as a rule, very largely determine the whole future of the christian as to usefulness in this life. Some say, be cautious in bringing the hardships, dangers and duties that lie across the christian's path, before his mind at the outset. You will discourage him, let him find out for himself. This

is cruel and unseemly caution. It is like an individual who has passed over a dangerous way, saying of his fellow who has just entered upon it, let him find out the difficulties and dangers as he goes along. Would it not be more kindly to apprise him, that he might prepare? Don't allow the christian to feel as that young man, who has come, gloved and slippared into undisputed possession of a large estate, for which another has toiled and sweat, and now has nothing to do but eat, drink and be merry. Rather make him realise that he is a new settler with only a small cleared spot, scarcely large enough to pitch a tent, while broad acres of gnarled forest trees surround him, that if he would enlarge his spiritual possessions, if he would make this soil produce a rich harvest to the glory of God, he must fell these knotty giants of the forest and "break up this fallow ground." In a word, if he would realize Spiritual growth, he must fulfil this inevitable condition

#### HE MUST WORK.

This may not be the first, but it is undoubtedly a condition of growth. God has constituted us physically, mentally, and spiritually for work. In neither sphere can it be dispensed with without a manifest hindrance to developement, simply because in such a case one of the most important laws of growth is violated. It would be perhaps startling if the aggregate of weaklings in our churches, from this cause, were revealed to us. A successful ministry is not always to be inferred by the number of sermons preached or family visits made, or even by the number of reported baptisms, but rather by the workers sent out to strengthen the outposts of Zion and bless a needy world. Large additions to churches sometimes prove a source of weakness rather than strength. If allowed to fold their hands in indolence, they soon become fruitless branches, and hang a dead weight to bear down and stop the growth of the living tree.

The church in her activities, should be made to resemble the bee-hives in your garden, where industry is the watchword of the entire family, where drones must either become inspired with the spirit of work or be expelled from the hive. Another condition of growth in the physical and mental domain, is proper

#### ATTENTION TO DIET.

We must have food, and food of a certain kind. Man is not expected to live on what forms a staple diet for inferior animals, he must have an aliment adapted to his constitution. The mind, too, must be nourished and expanded by food corresponding to its powers. So, also, if we have spiritual developement, it must be by the observance of a law analogous in the spiritual sphere. For man to be without food is not good, simply because he must starve. For the soul to be without knowledge is not good, for the same reason. Knowledge is the pabulum upon which the soul feeds and grows. Here too, attention to the quality is a most important consideration. All kinds of knowledge will not conduce to spiritual growth. *Bible knowledge* is of the first importance. The more extensive the

better. In these days in most of our churches, there is no valid excuse for ignorance. Bibles are so numerous and the facilities for acquiring a tolerably correct knowledge of the scriptures are so great that ignorance is shameful. Yet what pastor does not know, what Sabbath School Superintendent is not aware, that ignorance of even elementary truths prevails to an alarming extent in our membership. Why is it so difficult in many quarters to obtain an efficient staff of Sabbath School Teachers? Is it for want of disposition to work for Christ in this department? or is it owing to a felt deficiency of qualification to enter this responsible arena of christian effort? We believe, in a large proportion of instances, the latter is the true cause. How then can we expect, if the foregoing be true, a large measure of spiritual growth, until this palpable ignorance of bible truth is removed? This may seem a reflection upon the excellent pastors of our churches, but it is not so intended. If a share of blame fall upon them, then the writer of this must come in for his full proportion. But in these days, when none but half-hour sermons will be tolerated, it is hardly supposable that the masses are to be indoctrinated wholly from the pulpit. Our Sabbath Schools are doing a good work, but it is largely elementary. We ought to have *Bible Schools*, or *Bible Meetings*, not confined to the Sabbath, where the pastor can preside and furnish a course of instruction which must tell with powerful effect upon the growth of our people. Here too, we affectionately call upon the older portion of our membership to arouse themselves to exertion in this direction and so assist pastors in their efforts to feed the masses with the bread of life. If the sheep regale themselves in "green pastures and beside still waters," the lambs will draw much nourishment from them. But *Religious Literature* apart from the Bible is a matter claiming consideration here. 'Tis true you now and then meet with a broad well developed christian whose meat and drink have all been derived from the *Holy Scriptures*. Ruin by the fall, Redemption by Christ, and Regeneration by the Spirit, have formed a solid basis for christian character, and all kindred truths have been so studied and digested as to become part and parcel of the inner man. But these specimens are rare as they are valuable. There are undoubtedly books that throw light upon bible teaching, and greatly assist the mind in understanding it. These works should be obtained and read by our people. *Christian Biography* is a study calculated to stimulate the soul's better passions, and so promote *Spiritual growth*. *Church History* should not be overlooked, especially should Baptists seek to become acquainted with the struggles and triumphs of their brethren in the past ages. *Cramp's History* ought to be in every Baptist family, not simply to ornament centre tables, but to nourish and strengthen by its careful perusal, christian souls for the conflicts of the way. Attention must be given to the study of our principles, and every help to such investigation within the reach of our people, procured. *Wayland's Principles and Practices of the Baptists*, will prove an invaluable aid in this direction, and should be in the hands of all.

Books are multiplying, the intelligence of the people owing to constantly increased facilities to stimulate it, is on the march. The young people are acquiring a taste for reading, and much of their leisure will be so occupied. But chaff and wheat nestle side by side in the same heap. Other than useful books are constantly issuing from the mammoth publishing houses of the present day. These earnestly invite the attention and waste the time, if they do not by their weight tax the powers of the *reading public*. No uncertain note should be sounded by the teachers and preachers of this Association in the ears of our young people, on this question. Our lives are too short, and too much earnest work devolves upon us to kill time, enfeeble intellect, and dwarf our spiritual powers by giving attention to the trashy serials and disgusting novels that are deluging every part of our land.

The religious newspaper, as an educator and promoter of spiritual growth, demands more than a passing remark, though the length to which our letter has already grown reminds us that we can give it nothing more. Were it possible or proper to draw a comparison between those families who avail themselves of its advantages and those who do not, no further argument would be needed in its favour. It is a small family library in itself. It courts attention and awakens interest by its freshness and variety. Its discussions touch every religious question without, and every religious sensibility within. It tells of the labours and triumphs of God's servants in all lands, and puts us into universal sympathy with the sacramental host of God's elect. It maps out with faithful hand all departments of christian work, and renders invaluable aid to all classes of christian workers. No family in our Baptist brotherhood can afford to be without our *weekly religious newspaper*.

The exercise of Christian benevolence, is another condition of spiritual growth, which it would be almost unpardonable in us to overlook. The principle underlying such exercise, *love to God and man*, is the root from which springs green and glorious, the tree of practical Christianity, with its sheltering branches, its nourishing fruit, and its "leaves for the healing of the nations." Where this principle is covered by worldliness, or smothered by covetousness, there can be no growth in the individual, none in the church, and consequently none in the Denomination.

If we are christians we have the principle, but if we are to retain anything more than the name, we must live in its perpetual exercise. Those who complain of the repeated calls made upon them for benevolent contributions, complain of one of the means which God has designed to promote their spiritual growth. Whatever will assist in killing selfishness, and lead us to live for him who died for us, will develop our spiritual powers.

The habitual exercise of christian benevolence will do this. Taking for granted that the religious teachers of this body will make this principle prominent in their teachings, will show the wide and ever widening field for it to operate upon, and the best method of

systematizing its operations, we leave the whole matter in their hands.

Were it not for making our letter too lengthy we would gladly notice other important conditions of growth in our churches, such as *Scriptural Discipline*, Union and the like. But prudence forbids. In conclusion, brethren, we would remind you that the condition of conditions of spiritual growth, is our continued *looking to and dependence* upon the *Holy Spirit*. That has ever been a principle cardinal in the Baptist faith, and the glory will have departed from us if we ever lose sight of it. We may have our church and denominational machinery perfected, our educational institutions well furnished, and equipped. Our Missionary enterprise Home and Foreign prosperous in men and money. Our churches supplied with an educated ministry and our creeds groaning beneath the weight of an unexceptionable orthodoxy, but unless all be energized by the *Holy Spirit*, it will prove a dead mass or like the bones in Ezekiel's Valley, "dry, very dry."

Here lies the greatest danger of our times, not in too much machinery, not in too much learning, but in placing our dependence in them. In substituting the outward and visible for the inward and spiritual. In losing sight of God the Spirit, and trusting in an arm of flesh. Brethren, be on your guard, an insidious foe is crouching near, while we plead for all outward helps, for the consecration of our best talents to the service of Christ, and for the best possible training for our work, let it never be forgotten that talents and training will only serve to heighten the emphasis of condemnation, if we are found relying upon them instead of the Holy Spirit. God's ancient rule was, to "choose the weak things of this world to confound things that were mighty." He has given us no intimation by revelation or otherwise of an intention to supersede that rule. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord."



## Appendix.

(A)

### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg to submit the following Report :

1. They would recognize God's gracious providence over our Foreign Missionaries who have left our shores during the past year. These brothers and sisters have safely reached their destination and are now busily engaged in acquiring a knowledge of the languages of the people for whose spiritual interest they are to labour. They learn with pleasure that the Rev. W. B. Boggs, A. M., late Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board, is about to leave our shores for the Foreign field; and they would commend him and the dear brothers and sisters now in Tavoy and Siam, and the Independent Mission entrusted to their care, afresh to the prayers, sympathies and benevolence of our Churches.

2. The Report of the work of the late Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society during the past year is highly satisfactory. That Society being now merged in the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union your Committee would record with gratitude to God, the measure of success that has attended its efforts during the past 17 years, the term of its existence and labours, and also this acknowledgment of the selfdenying efforts of the officers and members of its Executive Board.

3. The Report of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union read before the Annual Meeting of that Society on Friday last, affords the utmost cause for thanksgiving. It will be seen by reference to that Report that upwards of 400 persons have been baptized during the year, and a vast amount of work has been performed, not only in the fostering of weak churches and in carrying the Gospel to the destitute, but also in the dissemination of much valuable religious literature in connection with the Colporteur department.

4. The French Mission, a department of the work of the Union, is represented as being in a hopeful state. Four have been baptized by our French Missionary during the year, 2 French and 2 English, and others are awaiting baptism. Another Missionary for the French population of our Province, is becoming a matter of increasing necessity.

5. In view of the great scarcity of ministers to fill the many important and inviting fields now white unto the harvest, and imperatively calling for help, your Committee would suggest to the churches that special and continued supplication be offered to the Lord of the harvest for more labourers.

Finally, your Committee recommend that in view of the increasing responsibilities and demands both in connection with the Home and Foreign Mission resting upon our denomination in this Province,

that our churches manifest increasing benevolence and consecration to God's service. Let all our brethren and sisters so give, and pray, and labour that the Master may ultimately say—"Well done."

Respectfully submitted,  
ISA. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

(B)

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that four young men completed their course in Acadia College, and took their first degree on the fourth of last month: three of them are preachers of the gospel, and are now engaged in mission work. The prospects of the incoming year in regard to students are encouraging.

Some steps have been taken towards affording facilities for the education of the young women of the denomination. A scheme for erecting buildings, capable of accommodating 100 young ladies, has been initiated by H. N. Paint, Esq., of Halifax, on the joint stock principle, has received the approval of the Governors of the College, and stock lists are now ready for signature.

The Committee appointed to nominate teachers for the two departments of Horton Academy hope soon to be prepared to announce to the public the names of an efficient staff for these positions.

Your Committee are glad that provision has been made by the Missionary Union for a larger amount of instruction in the Theological Department of Acadia College. There are now in the College and Academy about 30 students having the ministry in view.

The spiritual blessings which have fallen on our beloved Institutions of learning during the past year call for hearty thanksgiving and praise to the God of all grace. Your Committee would finally express the hope that the denomination will remember these institutions in their prayers and contributions.

D. M. WELTON, *Chairman.*

(C)

### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that according to returns the number of schools, scholars, and teachers are about the same as reported for the last six years, viz., 36 schools, 1500 scholars, and 194 teachers. Your Committee would earnestly recommend that this subject receive more attention, hoping that some plan may be proposed, and adopted, which shall be the means of awakening greater interest, and accomplishing more blessed results than any heretofore attained.

Signed in behalf of the Committee,  
T. B. LAYTON.

**Treasurer's Account of Monies for Benevolent Objects received at  
the Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association, held at  
Parrsboro, Cumberland Co., July, 1874.**

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Indirm. Ministers.	Total.
Amherst	\$87 30			\$ 7 10	\$42 85	\$18 00	\$155 25
Amherst Shore	2 00	5 05					7 05
Brookfield	12 35	8 15	2 25		2 05		25 40
Cow Bay, C. B.	4 75	2 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	4 00	14 25
Diligent River	2 00	2 00					4 00
Five Islands & Lower Economy	5 00	10 00	0 25	1 00	2 50		18 75
Glenview & River Philip	5 00	2 50					7 50
Goose River	5 00	5 00			5 00	1 00	16 00
Great Village	15 00	15 76	8 50	2 50		0 50	42 26
Greenville	7 19						7 19
Hawkesbury	8 00	7 15					15 15
Indian Harbor	7 00	5 00					12 00
Little River	4 00	2 00					6 00
Lower Stewiacke	9 25	14 25	1 00		1 00	0 50	26 00
Maecan	6 50	6 50			6 00		19 00
Mira Bay	5 00		5 00				10 00
Mount Pleasant & Centreville	12 00	1 00					13 00
North Sydney, C. B.			9 10		15 00	5 00	29 10
Onslow East	5 12	4 00			4 00		13 12
Onslow West	8 20	8 00				1 00	17 20
Parrsboro Village	3 90	2 60				0 25	6 75
Portapique	11 48	26 17	1 35		1 00		40 00
Pugwash	8 00						8 00
River Herbert	16 18	10 75	2 25	0 50	0 45	5 25	35 38
St. Mary's, 1st	5 00	5 00					10 00
Sydney, C. B.	19 00	9 00		5 00	2 50	5 00	40 50
South Bar, C. B.	2 50						2 50
Tracadie	4 00						4 00
Truro	103 73	116 08			3 80	4 95	228 62
Upper Londonderry	13 04	12 72	3 25		4 35	3 03	36 39
Upper Stewiacke	12 25	12 00					24 25
Wentworth	3 50						3 50
Wallace	14 00	2 00					16 00
Collections at Association	49 87						49 87
	477 71	294 68	33 95	17 60	91 56	48 48	963 98

\*\$3 00 to Rev. Sam. Thompson. †\$1 00 by Mrs. Bigelow, F. M.

WM. CUMMINGS, Treasurer.

**Statistics of the Churches in Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association, held at Ferrisboro, Cumberland Co., July, 1874.**

NAME OF CHURCH.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	PASTOR'S NAME.	YEAR OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Increase.		Decrease.			Present Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	
1 Advocate Harbor.....	.....	Rev. D. A. Steele.....	.....	B. L. Douglass, Box 3, Amherst.....	27	13	.....	.....	.....	61
2 Amherst.....	.....	.....	.....	Chas. Rockwell, Amherst Shore.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	277
3 Amherst Shore.....	1843	.....	.....	1871 J. A. Walker, Antigonish.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
4 Antigonish.....	1823	Rev. J. B. McQuillin.....	.....	1873 Wm. Carter, Brookfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52
5 Brookfield.....	1862	Rev. J. Meadows.....	.....	1873 Thos. C. Cook, Cape Canso.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
6 Cape Canso.....	1846	Rev. G. W. Thomas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140
7 Coddle Harbor.....	1860	.....	.....	John Sangster.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
8 Cow Bay, C. B.....	1870	R. V. J. Brown.....	.....	1874 R. D. Rice, Cow Bay.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
9 Crow Harbor.....	.....	Rev. G. W. Thomas.....	.....	1873 John Ehler, 3rd Crow Harbor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
10 Diligent River.....	1857	.....	.....	D. H. Jenks, Diligent River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
11 Five Islands & Lower Economy.....	1838	Rev. D. McKeen.....	.....	David P. Soley, Lower Economy.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56
12 Glenville & River Philip.....	1847	Rev. J. Armstrong.....	.....	Joseph Dimock, Farmington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53
13 Goose River.....	1847	Rev. G. F. Miles.....	.....	1872 O. E. Hunter, Goose River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
14 Goshen Mills, C. B. **.....	1862	Rev. J. B. McQuillin.....	.....	1874 Chas. D. Nichols, Goshen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
15 Great Village.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
16 Greenville.....	1856	Rev. M. P. Freeman.....	.....	Amos Fountain, Great Village.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
17 Guysboro & Manchester.....	1868	Rev. J. J. Armstrong.....	.....	A. G. Purdy, Greenville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55
18 Guysboro.....	.....	Rev. J. P. Beel.....	.....	1874 H. K. Cunningham, Guysborough.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	173
19 Havtisbury.....	1847	Rev. A. Chipman.....	.....	1874 Peter Faint, Hawkesbury, C. B.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
20 Indian Harbor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93
21 Isaacs Harbor.....	1840	.....	.....	Allen McMillan, Isaacs Harbor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
22 Little Glace Bay.....	1871	.....	.....	Jas. E. Hitchins, Little Glace Bay.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
23 Little River.....	1840	Rev. G. F. Miles.....	.....	Jas. R. Reid, Oxford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	143

24 Lower Stewiacke..... 1832 Rev. J. Meadows..... 1 4 |..... 1 87  
 25 Mahon, C. B. \*\*..... 1860 J. B. Banks, Lower Stewiacke..... 1 4 |..... 1 87

21 Isaacs Harbord..... 1871..... 4..... 1 3 2 143  
 22 Little Glace Bay..... 1840 Rev. G. F. Miles..... 4..... 1 3 2 143  
 23 Little River..... 1871..... 4..... 1 3 2 143

24 Lower Stewiacke.....	1832 Rev. J. Meadows.....	1860 J. B. Banks, Lower Stewiacke.....	1	4	1	87
25 Mabou, C. B.*..	Rev. H. Bool.....	1874 Amos Atkinson, Maccan Station.....	25	3	24	
26 Maccan.....	1838	N. Martell, Mira Gut.....	3	1	150	
27 Eggs Bay**	1870	Daniel Fields, New Annan, Col. Co., Dicksons, P. O.....	1	1	20	
28 Mira Bay**	1849 Rev. Z. Morton.....	James Nickerson.....	1	1	86	
29 Merigonish*	1862	G. H. Nickerson.....	2	1	49	
30 Mount Pleasant & Centerville.....	1825 Rev. J. B. McDonald.....	C. H. Dobson, North Sydney.....	1	2	19	
31 New Annan.....	1809	F. Douglas, Truro.....	1	3	148	
32 New Harbor.....	1869	Chas. M. Dickson, Central Onslow.....	1	1	87	
33 North Sydney.....	1869	Marlin Hunter.....	1	1	89	
34 Onslow East.....	1842	T. D. Davison, Portauquique Mountain.....	1	43		
35 Onslow West.....	1827	Wm. Dickie, Pugwash.....	2	2	85	
36 Parrshoro Village.....	1873 Rev. H. Bool.....	1874 John Barnes, River Hebert.....	1	13		
37 Pictou**.....	1870 Rev. D. McLeod.....	John Campbell, South Gut, St. Anns.....	1	4		
38 Portauquique.....	Rev. H. Eagles.....	James H. McDonald, Sherbrook.....	25	3		
39 Pugwash.....	1846 Rev. G. Armstrong.....	1874 G. W. Boggs, Sydney, C. B.....	29	5		
40 River John***	1870 Rev. G. Richardson.....	Geo. P. Sutherland, South Bar, C. B.....	1	1		
41 River Hebert.....	1822	Fred. Bowden, Tracadie.....	1	2		
42 St. Anns.....	1856 Rev. J. E. Goucher.....	1873 Wm. Faulkner, Truro.....	38	7		
43 Sand Point**.....	1861 Rev. M. P. Freeman.....	1873 Wm. McCully 1st, DeBert River.....	1	3		
44 St. Mary's, 1st*.....	1838 Rev. O. Chute.....	Wm. Smith, Wentworth.....	5	1		
45 St. Mary's, 2nd*.....	1869	Stephen Roscoe, West Brook.....	6	2		
46 Sydney*.....	1849	P. C. Woodland, Wallace Bridge.....	9	2		
47 South Bar, C. B.....			283	49		
48 Tatamagouche***.....			9	23		
49 Tracadie.....			47	23		
50 Truro.....			47	23		
51 Upper Londonderry.....			47	23		
52 Upper Stewiacke.....			47	23		
53 Wentworth.....			47	23		
54 West Bay, C. B*.....			47	23		
55 West Book.....			47	23		
56 Westchester*.....			47	23		
57 Wallace*.....			47	23		

\*No letter. †List revised.

**Monies raised by First-day-of-the-week Fund, or otherwise, and appropriated during the year:**

**CHURCHES.**

	Missions.	Educational Purposes.	Infirm Ministers.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses.	Meeting House.	Parsonage.	Church Poor.	Other Purposes.	Totals.
Amherst.....	\$125 00			\$252 00	\$80 00	\$800 00				\$125 00
Antigonish.....	90 20	7 00		200 00						907 20
Brookfield.....	80 00			400 00		80 00		\$40 00		200 00
Cape Canso.....			3 00	125 00						520 00
Crow Harbor.....	15 25	3 50		120 00	5 00					146 75
Five Island and Lower Economy.....	11 00			300 00		80 00				136 00
Goose River.....	8 25	16 80		46 00						416 05
Great Village.....										46 00
Goshen.....	\$245 72	7 00		8 00		55 77				316 49
Isaac's Harbor.....	10 00			30 00						310 00
Lower Stewiacke.....	19 00	10 00	5 00	700 00	40 00	105 00		25 00		2553 10
North Sydney.....	453 10	15 00		20 00		58 47				263 47
Onslow East.....				130 00		\$3050 00				3182 00
Onslow West.....	12 00									186 00
Onslow West.....	161 80			49 00				\$4 00		60 00
Sagvash.....	5 00	2 00								10 60
St. Ann's.....										551 20
South Bar.....				375 00	29 20	43 50	\$103 50			1784 37
Sydney.....	219 82	3 56	4 95	1040 00	300 00	100 00		80 04		230 40
Truro.....	5 00		15 40	200 00						120 00
Upper Londonderry.....				120 00						130 91
Upper Stewiacke.....	125 75	1 30			3 86					
Wallace.....										

‡ Within 2 years last.

† Home Mission.

‡ Foreign Mission.

## Digest of Letters to Eastern Association.

**AMHERST.**—During the past year 27 have been added to our membership by baptism. As a church we are united and still have the gospel proclaimed in all its fulness by our beloved Pastor, Rev. D. A. Steele, and his assistant, Bro. J. K. Skinner, who has charge of the out stations, and whose labours have been rewarded by additions to our membership.

**AMHERST SHORE.**—Our number is small. We have been without Pastoral aid for some time, and feel our loss. Religious services are sustained.

**ANTIGONISH.**—Church is in harmonious working order. The labors of our Pastor, Rev. J. B. McQuillin, among us, have not been in vain, and in an adjoining field where he has labored a part of the time have been manifestly blessed.

**BROOKFIELD.**—Church in a lukewarm state. We have the services of Rev. J. Meadows one third of the time whose labors are highly appreciated.

**CAPE CANSO.**—Church has been revived, sinners converted and a number, (28) added to membership by baptism. Sabbath School and Bible Class are interesting and encouraging. The labors of our Pastor, Rev. Geo. Thomas have been abundantly blessed.

**CENTERVILLE AND MOUNT PLEASANT.** Not so prosperous as in other days. Our meetings of late have been full of interest, and we hope for better days. Have had very little preaching during the year. Visited occasionally by County Missionary.

**CODDLE HARBOR.**—Church has been revived under ministry of Rev. M. A. Bigelow. Three have been added by baptism.

**CROW HARBOR.**—Three years since last report to Association. Anxiety for spiritual growth and the salvation of souls not so great as it should be. Pastor one-fourth of time. We are erecting a church, the outside of which is finished.

**GREAT VILLAGE.**—Church is in healthy state. Though the accessions to our membership are not numerous, much precious seed has been sown by our Pastor, Rev. M. P. Freeman, who is highly esteemed by the church and congregation. Three esteemed members have been removed by death.

**GREENVILLE.**—Prayer and Conference meetings are steadily attended, though our religious state is low. Bro. J. J. Armstrong labors with us one-half the time. We have two Sunday Schools.

**NEW HARBOR.**—Church has been greatly revived; 40 have professed faith in Christ, 18 have been added by baptism and others will soon join us. The labors of Rev. M. A. Bigelow have been greatly blessed among us and we feel much encouraged.

**MIRA BAY, C. B.**—We have preaching on Sunday, alternately at Mira and Homeville by Rev. J. Brown. The attendance at these services is very gratifying. Our Sunday School is to be re-organized.

**PARSBORO.**—Rev. D. McKeen is with us one-eighth of time. We have had no additions this year but are trying to hold on our way. We trust the meeting of the Association with us may be a blessing to our church and community.

**PORTAUIQUE.**—No special revival; but a spirit of union and love prevails in our church. Rev. D. McKeen still labors with us a part of the time, and while the church and congregation are very much edified and instructed by his preaching, we hope sinners may be converted. Our Sunday School is well sustained and promises much good.

**PUGWASH.**—No additions. Have had no pastor during past year. Bro. Burgess has been with us a short time and his labors are highly appreciated. Hope soon to have preaching regularly. Prayer meetings are well attended and Sunday School is in a prosperous condition.

**ST. MARYS 1ST.**—Church has been greatly revived; 25 have been added by baptism. Prospects are cheering. Sunday School promises well. Meetings are well attended and interesting. Our Pastor's labors have been greatly blessed.

**SOUTH BAR, C. B.**—Church is in a low state. We have a very interesting Sunday School. Bro. Richardson still labours with us.

**TRACADIE.**—Without preaching for some time. Our Prayer and Conference meetings and our Sunday School are still kept up. Bro. Bigelow left us last Autumn. We feel the need of a pastor. We send \$4 to the Association.

**WALLACE.**—Have not had a regular pastor for nearly three years. We have had the labors of Bro. Corey and others which have been blessed. Nine have been added by baptism. Our Sunday School is not so prosperous as usual.

**WENTWORTH.**—Our new meeting house has been opened for service and the Church has been blessed during the year. Five have been baptized and admitted to the church. Brethren Miles, Morton and Corey have labored with us during the year and we now have the services of Bro. Armstrong.

**SYDNEY, C. B.**—Our progress has been slow. We feel assured that God is always ready to aid his people, but we have not in the right spirit stood before him with empty vessels ready to be filled. In February last, Rev. Geo. Armstrong assumed the pastorate, we feel much encouraged, and we hope for rich and abundant blessing. There have been five additions to our membership during the year.

**NORTH SYDNEY.**—As an individual church, "Faint yet pursuing" is perhaps the best description that we can give of our spiritual state and movements. The marked attention, given by those who are without, to the preaching of the word and the cheerful manner with which they support the secular affairs of the congregation, encourage us to hope that at no distant day many of them will cast in their lot with us. We are engaged in the erection of two commodious places of worship.

**TRURO.**—Since we last addressed you the work of the Saviour has been advancing. We are pleased to see the Baptists of these Lower Provinces coming up to the "help of the Lord against the mighty." We can rejoice that while the Saviour was hovering over the churches, he did not pass us by. Since our last Association 38 have been baptized, and 7 added by letter, making in all 43.

**INDIAN HARBOR.**—As a church we have cause for gratitude to God for all his mercy to us so undeserving. The Lord has greatly blessed this branch of his Zion. She has come up from the wilderness leaning on the arm of her beloved sinners, have been converted, and backsliders reclaimed. Our Sabbath School has shared largely in this heavenly blessing. There have been added to our church 44, including 1 by letter.

**COW BAY.**—Last year we numbered 36; this year 35, one has been removed by death. Our prayers have been answered. Rev. J. Brown is now here, sent by the Home Missionary Union to labor with us. We pray and believe that God will bless his labors.

**GOOSE RIVER.**—We are just now without a pastor. Our Prayer and Conference meetings are well attended, and a good spirit manifested. Our number has been lessened by death.

**GLENVILLE AND RIVER PHILIP.**—The past year has been in some degree marked with discouragements, inasmuch as we have, for the most part, been deprived of one to go in and out before us. Our deficiency has, however, in a measure, been made up by the appearance of Bro. I. J. Armstrong among us. An awakening of some of our members has been manifested, and we have been led to hope for better days.

**LOWER ECONOMY.**—We feel our weakness as a church very much. We are thankful to God that we have good seed sown in our midst by an earnest and devoted servant of Christ, and we trust we are humbly looking to God for the blessing. We have a very interesting Sabbath School.

**DILIGENT RIVER.**—Our Pastor, Rev. Samuel Thompson, labored with us one-fourth of his time, until the second day of last November, he was stricken down by disease so that he has not been able to preach since that time. We had an interesting Prayer Meeting Sabbath morning, and one in the back settlement Wednesday evening. They are both well attended. We hope that the Home Missionary Union will assist us in getting a pastor for part of the time.

**GOSHEN.**—We are happy to write that the Lord has visited us in mercy. The church has been revived, backsliders have returned, and souls have been saved. Bro. McQuillan has labored faithfully among us during the year. We are trying to erect a place of worship. 22 have joined our church, and we look for more.

**GUYSBORO AND MANCHESTER.**—We are able to report but few additions, yet we have not been without some tokens of the divine favor. Rev. J. P. Beel came to us, and commenced his labor on the 1st of May last, for which we desire to express to the Board of the Home Missionary Union our grateful thanks.

**MACCAN.**—We acknowledge with regret that we have not been so earnest in seeking the prosperity of the cause of Christ as we ought, but we are praying and hoping for a better state of things. We feel encouraged by an increased interest in spiritual matters manifested both by the members of the church, and others who attend upon the means of grace.

**LOWER STEWACKE.**—We cannot rejoice as can so many of our sister churches throughout the Province over special manifestations of the power of God in our midst; yet we believe seed has been sown which in God's own time will bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of His name.

**HAWKESBURY, C. B.**—We do hope that God's tidal wave will, during the coming year powerfully eastward. We have much to encourage us in external matters. Having been without a pastor for two years, we were in providence permitted harmoniously to renew that relation last January. There are serious inquirers among us, whom we hope soon to see brought to Christ. Upon the missionary branch of this field when our pastor labors one quarter of his time the cause of Christ is looking hopeful.

**LITTLE GLACE BAY.**—Our candle has been kept burning, though dimly. We have been, to a large extent destitute of regular preaching. The church has done little more than to hold its own. One person has professed her faith in Christ, and has received baptism,—others are inquiring what they must do to be saved. Brethren pray for us.

**ISAAC'S HARBOR.**—We feel grateful for sharing in the good accomplished by the well directed efforts of the Home Missionary Union. Brother Lewis Weeks came among us in December, and remained with us 6 months. His labors have been much blessed, God's people were revived, and sinners converted. Rev. M. A. Bigelow baptized 10 rejoicing converts.



2ND ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—We have enjoyed a glorious visitation from the presence of the Lord. The hearts of hardened sinners have been subdued and they have been brought, we trust, to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. 29 new converts have been added to the church by baptism. We have enjoyed for a season the faithful and earnest labors of Bro. McQuillan, who also baptized the above number. Brother Ro is now laboring among us, under the direction of the Home Missionary Union.

NEW ANNAN.—We have much to be thankful for, although we have not the advantage of a stationed preacher. We have been kindly visited by several of our ministering brethren who have much encouraged and cheered our hearts. Some mercy drops have fallen lately in answer to the prayers of the faithful. Two have been received for baptism and more are expected soon. Could we have regular preaching for any considerable length of time those who are anxious and thoughtful might be gathered into the fold.

EAST ONSLOW.—We as a church are endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace; trying to keep up an interest in the external duties of religion, while in a great measure we seem to lack the Spirit's power. We have been without any regular preaching for some time past. We are now enjoying the missionary labors of Bro. Keirstead, Lic., which are well received.

ST. ANNS, C. B.—We believe that the soul cheering truths spoken by our pastor, Rev. Daniel McLeod, will be blessed by God to the salvation of many. Our own souls are indeed cheered and comforted from time to time. We are one with you in the same Faith, Hope, and Practice, in harmony with the prayer of our blessed Redeemer. We as a weak church, desire to express our thanks to the former and the present Boards for the kind remembrance of us.

RIVER HERBERT.—We formerly belonged to the church at Maccan, but it was deemed advisable to apply for dismission. This request was cheerfully granted, 16th August 1873, we hereby seek the privilege of admission into the Association.

UPPER STEWACKE.—We still enjoy the labors, to a certain extent, of Rev. O. Chute. We cannot report a state of revival progress such as many of our churches have enjoyed during the past year. Instead of this we must say our prospects are very dark. We are building a new house of worship.

UPPER LONDONDERRY.—We as a church have to lament that we do not enjoy the Lord's presence as formerly, when we increased in numbers. We find by experience what the great apostle did, that Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God gives the increase.

WEST BROOK.—We desire to be thankful to God that our prospects are more cheering at present than heretofore. God in his infinite mercy has been pleased to pour out his Spirit, and a refreshing season has come from his presence. Thanks to the Home Mission Board for sending us bro. P. McGregor who has been with bro. McKeen laboring amongst us for the last 4 weeks. At our last conference four young persons were received for baptism. Many more are inquiring.

ONSLow WEST.—We were compelled by circumstances and necessity to build (a meeting house) for ourselves, in which enterprise we feel we had in a marked manner the approval of the Most High. We are without a settled pastor. Owing to the kindness and zeal of ministering brethren we have been frequently supplied with preaching. Bro. Keirstead is now carrying out the appointment of the Board to good acceptance.

LITTLE RIVER.—While we are not able to report any remarkable visitation of God's mercy during the year, yet we have abundant reason to bless God that his presence has been with us. Silently yet certainly has the Spirit of the Lord arrested more than one rebellious spirit since we sent you our last fraternal greeting. We are awaiting with abiding faith, and hopeful expectation for refreshing showers of grace from the presence of the Lord.

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## NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

**PARRSBORO, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.**  
*Friday Afternoon, July 10th, 1873.*

The Second Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, convened at the Baptist Meeting-house, Parrsboro, July 10th, 1874, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The President, Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., in the chair.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Zechariah Morton, and others.

*Resolved*, That Rev. Isaiah Wallace be associate Secretary, pro. tem., with Rev. M. P. Freeman, Secretary for the Union during the past year.

The List of Delegates was next called for, and appeared as follows :

### LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot*,—Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D.  
*Tusket*,—Rev. P. R. Foster.  
*Granville Street, Halifax*,—Brethren S. Selden, D. McN. Parker, and J. W. Ruhland.  
*Diligent River*,—Deacon D. H. Jenks.  
*Yarmouth 1st*,—Rev. G. E. Day.  
*Lower Steviacke*,—Rev. James Meadows, and Brother J. W. Stephens.  
*Truro*,—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Brethren Wm. Cummings and Lyman Walker.  
*Maccan*,—Brethren Wm. Blenkhorn, Amos Atkinson and Hance Mills.  
*Wilmot*,—Rev. A. Cohoon.  
*Onslow East*,—E. M. Kierstead, Licentiate.  
*Onslow West*,—E. M. Kierstead, Licentiate.  
*Brookfield, Queen's Co.*,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine.  
*Amherst*,—Brethren Moses Lowe, Wm. Read, and Wm. Freeman.  
*Mahone Bay*,—Rev. A. E. Ingram.  
*Great Village*,—Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Deacon Ezra Layton.  
*Lower Economy*,—Brother Isaiah Soley.  
*West Brook*,—Brethren A. Lewis and Stephen Rusco.  
*Upper Steviacke*,—Brother Wm. Bentley.  
*Pugwash*,—R. D. Burgess, Licentiate; Deacon Seaman and Edw. Munro.  
*Wallace*,—R. D. Burgess, Licentiate; and Brother P. Piers.  
*North Sydney*,—Rev. John B. McDonald.  
*Parrsboro*,—Brethren Thos. Seaman, Martin Hunter, and Wm. Armstrong.  
*Portauptique*,—Brethren Thomas Fulton, George Davidson, and John Robinson.  
*Members in their own right*,—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D. D., A. W. Sawyer, D. D., (Acadia College), Isa. Wallace, D. McKeen, G. F. Miles, Jas Parser,

Z. Morton, T. B. Layton, Jno. Coombs, W. G. Parker, D. A. Steele, G. W. Thomas, D. M. Welton, M. Normandy, E. O. Reed, Jos. Murray, J. P. Beel, and H. Bool.

Moved that the following brethren be invited to seats in this Union :

Revds. W. B. Boggs, Calvin Goodspeed, Brethren Ashael Bentley, Andrew Shaw, Edward Davidson, and Judson Davidson, Lic.

After remarks by the President, the Second Annual Report of the Board of the Union was read by Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., Corresponding Sec'y.

After the reading of the above named Report, Bro. Day also presented the Report of the Treasurer.

Resolved on motion by Bro. Selden, seconded by Rev. G. Ballentine that the Reports presented, be received.

A motion for adjournment to 7½ o'clock. having been carried, the Session closed with prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster.

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**Friday—Evening Session.**

The Union resumed business, in accordance with the previous resolution of adjournment, with prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The discussion of reports presented at the previous Session was opened by Bro. D. McN. Parker, M. D., and continued by Brethren H. Bool, A. E. Ingram, Wm. Cummings, Isa. Wallace, Dr. Tupper, and G. F. Miles ; after which, on motion of Brethren E. O. Read and G. Ballentine, the Reports were adopted.

Dr. Day, having addressed the Union on the subject of ministerial supply, presented the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. P. R. Foster.

In view of the great lack of ministerial labor in this Province, and the importance of having men trained for the great work of the ministry,

*Therefore Resolved*, That this Union engage to supervise the raising of \$1000 per annum to sustain a Theological Professor in Acadia College, with the understanding that the donations for this object shall be kept separate from the general fund.

This resolution was spoken to by Brethren C. Goodspeed, Dr. Sawyer, Geo. F. Miles, Dr. Tupper, Dr. Parker, D. McKeen, Wm. Cummings, J. E. Goucher, D. A. Steele, Jas. Parker, W. B. Boggs, John Coombs, Moses Lowe, and W. G. Parker. After a most animating and interesting discussion the motion passed.

Adjourned to meet 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning was carried.

The Session closed with prayer by Bro. McKeen.

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**Saturday Morning, July 11th.**

The third Session of the Union met on Saturday morning at 8½ o'clock. Opening prayer was offered by Rev. G. F. Miles.

The minutes of previous Session were read and approved.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a communication from

Rev. Jno. Davis, President of the P. E. Island Baptist Home Missionary Board, asking this Board to send an agent to meet with theirs to consider the question of Union between the two Provinces in Home Missionary work.

Dr. Day then moved an amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution, to read as follows :

The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the gospel throughout the Provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and the Island of Newfoundland, the fostering of feeble churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature.

After remarks by Brethren S. Selden and D. A. Steele, the article as thus amended was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Board be located in Yarmouth during the coming year.

*Resolved*, That the Board of this Union be the same as last year, the names being as follows:—A. C. Robbins, Samuel Brown, W. A. C. Randall, M. D., J. H. Haley, P. D. Kinney, W. R. Doty, G. E. Day, P. R. Foster, W. H. Warren, J. A. Stubbert, J. Rowe, J. H. Saunders and J. Williams.

*Resolved*, That the Board have authority to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year.

The ballot having been taken for President, Dr. Cramp was declared re-elected President for ensuing year.

The following Vice Presidents were next elected—Western Association, Rev. W. G. Parker; Central Association, Rev. D. M. Welton; Eastern Association, Rev. D. A. Steele.

Moved that M. P. Freeman and A. Cohoon be Secretaries for the year. Bro. R. N. Beckwith was chosen Auditor.

The following were chosen the Board of Directors:—

For the Western Association—Revs. Edw. Whitman, J. A. Durkee, G. D. Cox, G. N. Ballentine, J. M. Parker, Dr. Tupper, Brethren John Clark, and B. H. Parker.

For the Central Association—Revs. D. W. C. Dimock, Jas. Parker, Jos. F. Murray, E. M. Saunders, J. W. Barss, S. B. Kempton, E. O. Read, and Judge McCully.

For the Eastern Association—Brethren T. M. King, Nelson Dobson, Moses Lowe, Wm. Cummings, J. R. Read, Amos Atkinson, A. McDonald of Pugwash and Rev. D. McKeen.

Moved that this Union adjourn to the call of the President.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. F. Murray.

#### **Saturday—Evening Session.**

The fourth Session of the Union convened Saturday evening at 7½ o'clock. President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Dr. Sawyer.

*Resolved*, That Brethren Isa. Wallace, D. A. Steele, J. B. McDonald, Z. Morton, and S. Selden be delegates from this Union to the P. E. Island Nova Scotia, to confer with the brethren there on the subject of union with Nova Scotia in Home Missionary work.

*On Motion*, Bro. Ruhland was requested to provide railroad and steamboat accommodation for delegates attending the next annual meeting of the Union in Halifax.

The following was submitted by Dr. Day, and unanimously adopted:—

In view of the many years of service of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, and the great work it has done for the denomination, and the cause of Christ in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island :

And whereas, That society has transferred its work, funds and property to the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, and has this day by resolution ceased and determined.

Therefore Resolved, That we record our thanks to Almighty God for the success that attended the officers, members and agents of that Society in proclaiming throughout the field of its operations the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The following resolution was moved by Dr. Parker, seconded by S. Selden, and supported by J. B. McDonald :

That the thanks of this Union be tendered to its Executive Board, and especially to Rev. Dr. Day, the Corresponding Secretary, for the continuous effort and ability displayed in its organization and management during the two years of its existence.

Passed unanimously.

Bro. Wallace then presented the following :

Resolved, That in view of the marked manifestation of God's favor in connection with the efforts of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union during the past year, this body hereby express their heartfelt gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, the source of all success in his service; and that in view of the increasing responsibilities and labors of the Executive Board, their agents and efforts be commended afresh to the divine guidance and blessing.

This resolution was carried unanimously by a rising vote, after which the President led in prayer.

Bro. Day moved the following :

Whereas, Great destitution prevails in these Maritime Provinces in regard to the preaching of the word. Therefore Resolved, that this Union sympathize with our brethren in New Brunswick in their Home Missionary efforts, and that it will be pleased to consult with the New Brunswick brethren in relation to a union with us in Home Mission work.

And further Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Union to meet with the New Brunswick brethren at the time of the Convention in August next, to see what arrangements can be made that looks towards union, and to report at the next annual meeting of this body.

The motion was duly seconded, and after being spoken to by Bros. Wm. Cummings, Dr. Sawyer Isa. Wallace, G. F. Miles, C. Goodspeed, Dr. Cramp, and S. Selden, it was passed by a majority of 12 to 6.

Resolved, That in pursuance with the above resolution a Committee be appointed to be composed of Revds. G. E. Day, Isa. Wallace, and J. M. Cramp, D. D.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Union be tendered to the friends in Parrsboro who have so kindly entertained the delegates to this Union.

Adjournment was then moved and carried, after which the Session closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. McDonald, and benediction by the President of the Union.

M. P. FREEMAN, Secretary.

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## SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

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### N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union beg to present their second Annual Report. At their first meeting after the Anniversary of the Union, your Board re-elected the Officers of last year. On the removal of Rev. W. H. Porter, the Recording Secretary, W. A. C. Randall, Esq., M. D., was elected to that office.

*Delay in making appointments.*—While your Board were awaiting the action of the Committee at Windsor, which was to consummate the Union or make it for a time a comparative failure, they thought it best not to make many appointments. The call, however, was so imperative to send a Missionary to Shelburne that they at once appointed Rev. E. N. Archibald to that field. The results of brother Archibald's labours in Shelburne and vicinity have convinced the Board that the appointment was exceedingly judicious. The little Church at Shelburne which had almost lost its visibility has been greatly revived. Several have been added to its number. A beautiful house of worship has been built and nearly paid for. At Sand Point brother Archibald was also instrumental in getting a new meeting house carried forward to completion. The cause at Sand Point, at Jordan River, and in fact in all parts of the Shelburne field, has been so much revived during the year, that, had little else been done by their Missionaries, your Board would be disposed to thank God and take courage.

*The General Agency.*—After our Union had been consummated at Windsor, your Board believed that it was necessary to put a General Agent immediately in the field, whose work it would be to examine into the destitution that prevailed and report thereon. The Rev. Isaiah Wallace was selected for that important and arduous work. Although brother Wallace was beloved by his Church and congregation, and pleasantly situated, he felt the appointment of the Board to be the call of God. He entered upon the General Agency work about the first of September last. As your Board wished to have as much as possible of the Eastern section of the Province surveyed before the approach of winter, their General Agent started at once for the Eastern extremity of Cape Breton. After he had visited the different counties in that Island and succeeded in grouping small Churches and in making arrangements for the settlement of Missionary pastors, he directed his steps to Guysboro, Antigonish, Pietou, Halifax, Lunenburg and the southern part of Queen's. Subsequently he visited the northern districts of Queen's, and his



labours were blessed to the conversion of many souls and to the up-building of the cause of Christ in Kempt and Maitland, Middlefield, Greenfield, and Chelsea. He then passed through Annapolis and a part of King's. At Berwick he felt it his duty to remain for a time. The cause there was in a very low state. The ways of Zion mourned. The circumstances were such that the Board consented for brother Wallace to remain a few weeks. And soon, under his faithful and zealous efforts, there was witnessed one of the most remarkable displays of divine grace ever seen in this Province. The General Agent then passed on and surveyed rather imperfectly Hants, Cumberland, Colchester, Digby, and Yarmouth. In all the places he visited he seemed to be very successful. Your Board think that the beneficial effects of his labours in awakening an increased interest in the cause of Home Missions, in grouping small Churches, in reviving large ones, and in giving advice to Ministers and Churches, cannot be overestimated.

*Lack of ministers and efforts to obtain them.*—In view of the many destitute fields in the Province and the lack of ministers to supply them, the corresponding secretary of your Board opened a correspondence with Dr. Stock, editor of the *London Baptist*. That correspondence called forth many enquiries from brethren in England, which in turn led to the settlement of Rev. P. Gallaher, at Milton, Yarmouth County; Rev. J. P. Beel, at Guysboro and Manchester; Rev. John Clark, at Bridgetown; Rev. John Brown, at Cow Bay, C. B., and brother A. E. Ingram, at Mahone Bay. The Board are glad to learn that these brethren are pleased with their fields of labour and are preaching with acceptance to the people. Your Board are persuaded that, as a general rule, provincial men are better adapted to the wants of Nova Scotia than others. But the lack of ministers was so great and the cry for men from destitute fields was so urgent, that your Board felt it to be their duty to make an effort to supply as rapidly as possible the demand for ministerial labour. To do this they wrote not only to England, but to Canada, and the United States. They also endeavoured to induce our men who were studying at Newton Theological Institution to return to the Provinces. In this latter undertaking they are sorry to report that they have been but partially successful.

As it was the aim of your Board to do the very best they could for the cause of Christ generally and for individual churches not only for the present but also for the future, they felt it their duty to appoint to Mission Stations nearly all the ministerial students at Acadia College and Horton Academy that made application to them. They hoped that by encouraging our young men in this way, they would be more strongly inclined to give the benefit of their future labours to their native land.

*The French Department.*—Your Board are enabled to report that considerable progress has been made during the year in connection with the French Mission. The Missionary has been working

faithfully and his labours have been blessed. Two have been added to the French Mission church by baptism. Several have professed conversion. Some have died rejoicing in hope. Others are beginning to seek for the truth. The word of God is being studied. Its effects are coming to light. The missionary still meets with opposition in several places, but he is generally respected and his influence is acknowledged to be good.

An attempt has been made to build a meeting house at St. Mary's Bay for the accommodation of the English and French families residing there who are connected with the French Mission Church. Considerable progress has been made in building. But as there was strong opposition to the work by a neighbouring church, it was thought best to let the matter rest until a full investigation of the affair could be made. The house is generally admitted to be a necessity. It will undoubtedly, therefore, be pushed on at an early date to completion. There are two Mission premises belonging to the French Department of Home Missions. One is situated at Tusket, the other at Saulnierville. They are probably worth \$4000. The house at Tusket is rented. The one at Saulnierville is occupied by our French Missionary.

*The Book Department.*—Your Board felt the growing importance of having our own literature more extensively circulated in the Province, and occupying a more prominent place in our Sabbath School Libraries. To carry out their cherished plan in regard to this matter, they appointed to the colporteur work Mr. A. H. Lavers. He commenced operations in the County of Shelburne, in December last. But the weather was unusually stormy, money was very scarce in that section, and the people visited were generally poor. The sales made by the colporteur, therefore, were not so extensive as the Board anticipated. But a good work was done for the Master. Many denominational and Awakening tracts were distributed, cheap books were given to the poor, and a considerable number of books was sold. Many families were visited who seldom or never had heard the voice of prayer. The poor in several parts of the county had the gospel preached unto them, who scarcely ever had heard the good news except from the lips of our colporteur.

In the early part of April, Gardiner Tufts, Esq., who had been in the employ of the British and North American Tract Society, entered the service of your Board. He has ever since been labouring indefatigably and with the most gratifying success. He is circulating very extensively in the counties of Digby, Annapolis, and King's, a pure Baptist literature.

The appointment of J. Albert Walker, Esq., of Antigonishe, dates from the first of May. He will canvass the counties of Antigonish, Pictou, Guysboro, and Halifax. He entered very hopefully and energetically upon his work, and bids fair at the present time of being successful in the colporteur department.

Your Board believing the colporteur work to be of immense

importance, regret that they did not see their way clear to put more labourers in the field. As the enterprise was but in its incipient state they wished to feel their way along and make the Book Department as nearly self-supporting as possible. The corresponding secretary had so much other work to do for the Board—nearly 800 letters to write during the year—that he found it impossible to enlarge the Book Department as he wished to do. It is the firm conviction of your Board, however, that an excellent work has been done in this department. They further believe that if a larger number of suitable colporteurs were found and a proper person obtained to take charge of the Department, an incalculable amount of good would be done to the denomination and to the public, and the Department would be very nearly self-sustaining. During the short time our Colporteurs have been at work, nearly 3000 volumes that teach the truth as we believe it have been circulated, and about \$100 worth of denominational and other religious tracts. Who can estimate the amount of good this literature has already accomplished? And who, before the destinies of eternity are developed, will know how wide a range the influence of these volumes has taken?

*Act of Incorporation.*—Your Board found it necessary to prepare again a Draft Act of Incorporation. They forwarded this Draft to the Legislature during its last session. And on the 7th day of May last it passed the Legislature and received the assent of the Lieutenant Governor. The following is an exact copy.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows:—

1. George E. Day, William H. Warren, W. A. C. Randall, James A. Stubbert, John Rowe, Joseph H. Saunders, John Williams, Paoli R. Foster, Abel C. Robbins, Samuel Brown, William R. Doty, John H. Haley, Pearl D. Kinney, and such other persons as are, or shall become members of such Union according to the rules and bye-laws thereof, shall be and hereby are constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union," with power to accept legacies and donations, to purchase, take, hold, possess, and enjoy real and personal estate, and also, by deed or other proper conveyance duly signed under the hand of the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Board of such Union, or such other officers as may from time to time be duly appointed for such purpose, and under the seal of such Union, to give, grant, sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof, and to dispose of the rents and proceeds thereof for the benefit of such Union, but according to the intention of the granters, or donors, and to execute all other things in and about the same as shall or may be thought necessary and proper, and also shall have full power and authority to make and amend such constitution, bye-laws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with law, as may be thought necessary for

the rule and good management of such Union, the choosing of officers and generally for the obtaining of the objects of such Union.

2. The Board of Managers of the French Mission of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and the Domestic Mission Board of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, incorporated respectively under Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1868, and Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1865, by vote or resolution of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of such respective Boards, and the Board of Management of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, which society was incorporated under Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1865, on a vote or resolution of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of such Board, may be and are hereby empowered to transfer their work, funds, and property to the corporation hereby established, and thereupon the existence of such Board, or Boards, Society or Societies, or either of them shall cease and determine, and the Act or Acts creating or incorporating them or either of them, shall be, and is, and are hereby repealed, and all the real, personal, or other estate, which such Board or Boards, Society or Societies, or either of them is, are, or may be interested in or entitled to, shall be vested in the corporation hereby established, and every conveyance, grant, bequest, devise, or gift, of any land or other real, personal, or mixed estate whatsoever, that may have been made to any or all of such Boards or Societies, or may hereafter be made to them or either of them shall be deemed to be made to and vested in the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union hereby incorporated, in the same manner and as fully to all intents and purposes as if specially given, granted, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to such Union by its proper title; and such Union shall have full power and authority to sue for and recover the same either at law or in equity, and to assign, transfer, sell, encumber, lease, convey, charge or otherwise dispose thereof, but shall appropriate the sums, proceeds and profits thereof to and for the purposes and objects for what the same was or were specially given or intended to be given by the donors or grantors.

3. The Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union now in force shall be valid and effectual until altered, repealed, or amended in accordance with the provisions of such constitution and bye-laws, and the officers of such union appointed at its Annual Meeting shall remain in office until others shall be appointed in accordance with such constitution and bye-laws.

By the authority conferred by this Act, and in accordance with the request of the Western Nova Scotia Baptist Association at its session in 1873, the Western Domestic Mission Board transferred to your Board two Provincial Debentures at £100 sterling each. The Acadian French Mission Board also transferred their property

consisting of premises at Tusket and Saulnierville to your Board. The Board of Management of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, according to report of the Secretary of said Board, have ordered a transfer to your Board of their property consisting of two Provincial Debentures at £100 Sterling each, provided we would assume their liabilities. Your Board agreed to assume such liabilities on receipt of the Debentures.

Your Board beg to report that they have had during the year 56 different persons under appointment, 10 of whom have been re-appointed, making in all 66 persons employed.

The following is a list of the labourers and their stations :—

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32 H. N. Perry.....	Little Glace Bay.....	4	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33 T. Bishop.....	Black Rock and Harborville.....	4	136	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34 T. A. Higgins.....	Annapolis &c.....	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35 D. M. Welton.....	Maitland &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36 M. A. Bigelow.....	New Harbor.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37 James Parker.....	Kentville.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38 J. Brown.....	Cow Bay.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39 J. P. Beel.....	Guysboro and Manchester.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40 J. Albert Walker.....	Pictou, Sydney &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
41 W. A. Newcombe.....	New Germany.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
42 A. J. Davidson.....	Three Sisters.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
43 I. M. Longley.....	Lanenburg Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
44 J. F. Eaton.....	Fall River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45 Aaron Ross.....	Melrose &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
46 P. S. McGregor.....	Cumberland Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
47 M. Brown.....	Waterville &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48 E. D. Burgess.....	Pugwash.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
49 Jos. H. Pipes.....	Margaree &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
50 Henry P. Cogswell.....	Beaver River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
51 G. H. Goudey.....	Westport.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
52 George Swainhart.....	Digby &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
53 H. Achilles.....	Middlefield &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
54 { E. C. Corey.....	Little River &c.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
55 { J. H. Robbins.....	Elterhouse.....	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
56 J. W. Rhuland.....	Preston &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

\* 4 weeks not reported. † About \$3.00 not reported to Treasurer. ‡ 4 weeks not reported to us. § Paid by Windsor Church. § Balance paid by Windsor Church. ¶ Resigned. Report not received. ¶ These were appointed by the Board in Halifax, and accepted by the Board of the Union.

SUMMARY.—56 Agents, Missionaries, and Colporteurs have been in commission during the year. 10 others have received appointments a second time. Together they have laboured 473 weeks; travelling 18,968 miles; given away about \$25 worth of books; distributed 3894 tracts, about 16,000 pages; preached 1281 sermons; attended 946 other meetings; made 5123 family visits; baptized 417; organized 5 sabbath schools; built or carried to completion 4 new meeting houses; organized 1 church; obtained 54 subscribers to the "Christian Messenger"; received on the field \$1436.17 beside the amount sent by the General Agent to the Treasurer, and which appears in his account.

Your Board further report, that that in addition to the appointments they have made, they introduced Rev. H. Bool to the Churches at Maccan and River Hebert, and that he settled with them. They also introduced Bro. Isaac S. Skinner to Rev. D. A. Steele and the Amherst Church, and that Bro. Skinner was accepted by the Church to assist their Pastor.

In view of the great success that has attended their labours during the past year, your Board wish to record their heart-felt thanks to Almighty God. Keeping in mind that it is not by might nor by power but by his Spirit that the best efforts become successful, they would not take any credit to themselves but would give God all the glory.

Your Board in conclusion, beg to express the hope that the great questions which will come before the Union will be dealt with in a liberal spirit. They also hope that their successors in office will be much more successful than they have been and that many throughout the length and breadth of the land will bless God for the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

On behalf of the Executive Board,

G. E. DAY, *Cor. Secretary.*





March 27.	"	Chas. Norwood, Lic., on Mission at New Ross and Blue Mountain.....	\$43 30
April 1.	"	Lockport Church in aid of Shelburne Mission.....	45 50
" 8.	"	Rev. Isa. Wallace.....	55 00
" 11.	"	Rev. I. E. Bill, int. on Bequest of the late C. R. Bill.	12 00
" "	"	Rev. Dr. Day, for books sold.....	2 62
" 16.	"	Rev. Geo. Titus, from Osborne Church.....	7 17
" 25.	"	A Friend, per Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.....	10 00
" 29.	"	Widow James Noonan, per Rev. W. E. Hall.....	1 00
May 2.	"	Gardiner Tufts, Esq., sales of books.....	20 00
" "	"	Argyle Baptist Sabbath School for books, per Rev. L. B. Gates.....	30 00
" "	"	First Yarmouth Sabbath School for books per Rev. Dr. Day.....	40 00
" 14.	"	Rev. Isa. Wallace.....	60 00
" 18.	"	W. R. Doty, Esq., donation.....	5 00
" "	"	Rev. J. B. McQuillin, collected on his Mission.....	25 68
" "	"	Rev. Dr. Day, sales of books.....	3 32
" 19.	"	Port Medway Bap. Sab. School, per Rev. Dr. Day..	40 00
" 27.	"	Sophia Nelson, Brookfield, per S. Selden, Esq.....	1 00
" "	"	Nellie DeWolf, per ".....	1 00
" "	"	Windsor Baptist Church, per Rev. D. M. Welton....	24 00
June 1.	"	G. E. Tufts, Esq., sales of books, per Rev. Dr. Day.	190 00
" "	"	Rev. P. R. Foster, collected on Mission, Salmon River	14 93
" "	"	Rev. Dr. Day, sales of books.....	0 70
" "	"	Charles Norwood, Lic., collected, New Ross, &c.....	28 00
" "	"	do. do. donation.....	9 00
" "	"	Temple Bap. Sab. School for books, per Rev. Dr. Day	65 00
" 13.	"	Rev. Isa. Wallace.....	31 50
" 16.	"	do. do. ....	70 00
" "	"	Arcadia Baptist Church, per Rev. J. Williams.....	27 74
" "	"	South Yarmouth Church, " ".....	23 05
" "	"	Rev. T. B. Layton, col. on Mission to Margaree, &c.	12 50
" 17.	"	Rev. Dr. Day, sales of Tracts.....	1 00
" 25.	"	Treas. Western Bap. Association, per Rev. Dr. Day.	543 29
" "	"	Lower Granville Church, " ".....	12 00
" "	"	Rev. Isa. Wallace, " ".....	41 30
" "	"	L. M. Weeks, collected at Isaacs Harbor, &c.....	187 35
" 29.	"	Windsor Baptist Church, per Rev. D. M. Welton....	73 40
" 30.	"	1st Baptist Church, Digby Neck, per Rev. J. C. Morse	8 00
" "	"	Ohio Baptist Church, per Dea. J. W. Patten.....	7 00
July 1.	"	G. E. Tufts, Esq., sales of books, per Rev. Dr. Day..	90 00
" 3.	"	Interest on Provincial Debentures, per S. Selden, Esq	29 20
" "	"	2nd Digby Neck Church, per Rev. J. C. Morse.....	5 10
" 4.	"	Collected by Rev. J. B. Layton, Isaacs Harbor.....	31 19
" "	"	Central Ass. deposited at Wolfville Bank Agency...	333 31
" "	"	Bequest late Widow Parker, deposited do. ....	61 87
" "	"	Collected by Rev. E. N. Archibald on Mission at Shelburne, per account. ....	408 12
" 4.	"	Received Bank Agency Check, Wolfville, per Rev. Isa. Wallace.....	100 00
" "	"	1st Yarmouth Baptist Church, per Rev. Dr. Day....	335 01
" "	"	Temple Baptist Church, do do. ....	290 00
" "	"	Milton Baptist Church, per Rev. Mr. Gallager.....	28 73
" "	"		\$5898 31
" "	"	By balance in hand.....	732 42

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30	June	29.	To paid A. Lawson for Blank Book.....	\$1 17
50	July	9.	" N. C. Saunders, Lic., per Order.....	20 00
00	"	21.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace expences as Delegate to Eastern Association per Order.....	7 00
00	"	30.	" Rev. L. B. Gates Mission to Argyle per Order.....	40 00
62	Aug.	29.	" Rev. E. N. Archibald Mission to Shelburne per Order.....	50 00
17	Sept.	13.	" N. C. Saunders, Lic., bal. 12 weeks Mission and expences to Argyle, Osborne, &c.....	97 50
00	Oct.	7.	" Windsor B. ptist Church for Sabbath supply when their Pastor was absent in the service of the Union.....	5 00
00	"	"	" Rev. J. H. Saunders account as Agent of Board to Osborne and vicinity \$40.00. Expences 2.61.....	42 61
00	"	15.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per A. C. Robbins, Esq.....	100 00
00	"	22.	" Rev. W. H. Richan per Order.....	65 00
00	Nov.	15.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....	57 74
00	"	18.	" Rev. Dr. Day account for Printing, duties on Books, Freight, Telegrams, Postages, &c.....	21 42
00	"	26.	" A. H. Lavers, Colporteur per Order.....	60 00
00	Dec.	1.	" Rev. P. R. Foster Mission to Salmon River.....	25 00
68	"	4.	" Rev. A. W. Bars Mission.....	41 70
32	"	5.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace.....	20700
00	"	10.	" Rev. Geo. Titus, Lic., 11 weeks Miss. to Osborne & vicinity.....	94 77
00	"	19.	" Rev. E. N. Archibald per Order.....	40 00
00	"	31.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace balance 4 months Salary..... \$122 26	
00	"	"	Do. Travelling expences..... 38 50	
00	"	"	Advanced to assist West and Cow Bay Churches by Rev. Isa. Wallace.....	25 00
93	"	"	Post Office Orders and Postages by Rev. Isa. Wallace....	2 20
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00	Jan.	13.	" Draft in favor Geo. H. Springer for Books.....	245 21
00	"	"	" Rev. J. B. McQuillan received by him per his account....	32 50
00	"	"	Do. Cash Post Office Order..... \$45 09	
00	"	"	Cost of same..... 0 30	
50	"	"	Rev. Dr. Day, acc. Stationery, Postages, Telegrams, &c..	45 99
00	"	"	G. F. Curry, Lic., 3½ weeks Mission Jeddore.....	9 69
74	Feb.	3.	" R. H. Bishop, Lic., 12 weeks Mission Falmouth Village Waterville.....	28 00
05	"	"	" Chas. Mosher 4 weeks Mission Middlefield, Greenfield and Chelaea.....	96 00
50	"	"	Post Office Orders for the above.....	36 00
00	"	"	Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....	0 55
29	"	"	Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....	65 00
00	March	20.	" Windsor Bap. Church, Rev. D. M. Welton Miss. to Maitland Do. do. do. do. to Waterville	10 00
30	"	"	" A. H. Lavers Colporteur by Rev. Dr. Day.....	10 00
35	"	"	" S. Selden, Esq., Printing Reports and Postage..... \$60 20	
40	"	"	Post Office Order for same..... 0 40	
00	"	"	Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....	69 60
00	"	14.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....	83 06
00	"	25.	" Rev. P. H. Foster Mission to Salmon River.....	25 00
00	"	27.	" Chas. Norwood, Lic., 8 weeks Mission to New Ross and Blue Mountain.....	72 00
20	"	"	Post Office Order for the above.....	0 20
10	April	"	" Rev. E. N. Archibald received from Lockeport Baptist Church in aid of Shelburne Mission.....	45 50
19	"	"	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....	81 00
31	"	8.	" Do. bal. on Salary to March 31.....	20 11
87	"	11.	" Rev. Dr. Day account Postages, Telegrams, Duties on Books, Cartage, Freight, &c.....	30 20
12	"	23.	" L. M. Weeks, Lic., per Order.....	75 06
00	"	25.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace, per Order.....	50 00
01	May	5.	" Rev. Dr. Day account for Books purchased.....	5 10
00	"	"	" Rev. L. B. Gates in aid Argyle Church.....	25 00
00	"	15.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....	30 00
00	"	"	" Rev. Dr. Day Invoice Books, duties and expences.....	420 00
73	"	18.	" Rev. J. B. McQuillin, amount collected by him..... \$25 68	
81	"	"	Do. Post Office Order bal. acct. .... 37 18	
42	"	"	Rev. Dr. Day, account, Freights, Telegrams, &c.....	62 66
	"	23.	" Z. C. Vickery, Lic., Mission to Upper Carlton, &c.....	12 92
	"	27.	" Windsor Baptist Church for aid to Maitland Mission.....	64 00
	"	"	Rev. P. R. Foster Mission to Salmon River.....	6 00
	June	1.	" Rev. Dr. Day account Freights, Duties and Telegrams....	25 00
	"	"	" Alfred Chipman per Order.....	18 63
	"	"	" Chas. Norwood, Mission to New Ross, &c.....	50 00
	"	"	" Chas. Norwood, Mission to New Ross, &c.....	63 00

May	13.	"	Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order .....	\$10 000
"	17.	"	Rev. Dr. Day, account Duties, Freights, Copying Act Incorporation, Telegrams and Postages.....	21 29
"	"	"	Rev. T. B. Layton 4 weeks Mission to Magaree.....	40 00
"	"	"	Post Office Order for do.....	0 20
"	25.	"	L. M. Weeks, Lic., bal. 6 mths. Miss. to Isaacs Harbor .....	133 00
July	4.	"	Rev. T. B. Layton 4 weeks Mission to Isaacs Harbor.....	40 00
"	"	"	Post Office Order for same.....	0 20
"	"	"	Rev. Dr. Day expences to Annual Convention.....	20 00
"	"	"	N. C. Saunders, Lic., per Rev. Isa. Wallace.....	4 00
"	"	"	H. P. Cogswell, Lic., per Rev. Dr. Day.....	10 00
"	"	"	Loan to Mal land Church by Rev. Isa. Wallace.....	50 00
"	"	"	Account, Duties, Freight, Cartage on Books.....	5 03
"	"	"	Rev. John Brown on Mission at Cow Bay.....	100 00
"	"	"	Rev. Daniel McLeod on Mission to St. Anns'.....	75 00
"	"	"	E. N. Archibald, Collected on Sheburne Mission. \$408 12	
"	"	"	Do. Balance year's Salary.....	106 38
				514 50
"	"	"	3 Post Office Orders and Postage for same.....	1 54
"	"	"	G. H. Springer for Books per Dr. Day.....	601 50
				\$4,660 89
			Balance in hand.....	732 42
				\$5,393 31

SAMUEL BROWN, Treasurer.

The above account has been examined by us and found correct.  
P. D. KINNEY, } Auditors.  
JOHN H. HALEY. }

Yarmouth, N. S., July 4th, 1874.

SUMMARY.

Total amount received on account of Home Missionary Union.....	\$5,393 31
Do. do. French Mission.....	857 91
	\$6,251 22
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Total amount paid on account of Home Missionary Union..	\$4,660 89
Do. do. French Mission.....	631 38
	\$5,292 27
Total balance in hand.....	\$958 95

ACADIA FRENCH MISSION IN ACCOUNT WITH SAMUEL BROWN, TREASURER.

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1873.	June. 22.	By received from Treasurer of Western Association per Rev. Dr. Day..	\$274 44
	"	Additional from Ohio Church per do.	16 87
	"	Donation from Dr. Cramp.....	5 00
	"	W. R. Doty, Esq., balance on his account.....	0 51
	July 5.	From Treas. Central Association per J. B. Kinney, Esq.....	83 94
	"	" Am. Baptist Lady per R. M. King, Esq.....	2 00
	"	" Eastern Association per Dr. Cramp.....	11 53
	Sept. 12.	" Senator Churchill per Rev. D. M. Welton.....	5 00
	Oct. 7.	" Windsor Baptist Church do.....	4 75
	Dec. 11.	" Bridgewater Baptist Church per Rev. S. March.....	4 00
	" 24.	" Three Friends per Rev. Dr. Day.....	10 00
	" 29.	" Mrs. Jos. Shaw do.....	10 00
1874.	Jan. 9.	" Geo. B. Titus, L'c.....	1 00
	" 29.	" Alex. Sime Esq., per Rev. Dr. Day.....	10 00
	Feb. 3.	" Lake George Church per W. R. Doty, Esq.....	3 84
	March 2.	" Windsor Baptist Church per Rev. D. M. Welton.....	4 00
	" 17.	" W. R. Doty Esq: per Rev. Dr. Day.....	5 00
	" 19.	" A Sister at Digby Neck per C. H. Denton, Esq.....	1 00
	April 25.	" Friend at Billtown per Rev. D. W. C. Dlmock.....	2 00
	May 15.	" Rev. W. L. Parker per Rev. S. Boothby.....	2 00
	" 27.	" Windsor Baptist Church per Rev. D. M. Welton.....	4 00
	"	" Anonymous per S. Selden, Esq.....	4 00
	"	" A Teacher do.....	5 00
	"	" A Friend do.....	1 00
	June 15.	" Robt. K. Rose, Hebron.....	4 00
	"	" Dea. John Rose, Hebron per R. K. Rose.....	2 00
	" 25.	" Treasurer Western Association per Dr. Day.....	208 15
	"	" Lower Granville Church do.....	6 00
	" 29.	" Windsor Baptist Church per Rev. D. M. Welton.....	4 00
	" 30.	" 1st Baptist Church, Digby Neck per Rev. J. C. Morse.....	3 00
	"	" Ohio Baptist Church per J. W. Patten.....	6 00
	July 3.	" 2nd Digby Neck Church per Rev. J. C. Morse.....	5 00
	" 4.	" Temple Baptist Church per Rev. W. H. Warren.....	46 08
	"	" 1st Yarmouth Baptist Church per Rev. Dr. Day.....	93 00
	"	" Milton Baptist Church per Rev. W. Gallagher.....	10 00
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		By balance in hand.....	\$857 91
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	July 1.	To paid M. Normandy per order.....	\$250 00
	" 14.	" Francis Webber, amount over paid by him as Treas. Central Association.....	31 15
		Cost of remitting same.....	0 23
	Nov. 5.	" Rev. M. Normandy per order.....	150 00
1874.	March 17.	" Do. do.....	200 00
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		Balance in hand.....	\$631 38
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			\$857 91

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