

OF THE
EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE
WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT CARLETON, N. B.

SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,

September 1st, 3rd and 4th.

Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and other Documents relating
to the E. N. B. Baptist Association, and Letters of General
Correspondence, may be directed to the Editor of the
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MILITARY

The following is a list of the names of the officers and men of the 1st Regiment of the 1st Division of the Army of the United States, who were killed in action during the late war. The names are arranged in alphabetical order of the surnames. The names of the officers are given in full, and the names of the men are given in full, with their ranks and companies. The names of the officers are given in full, and the names of the men are given in full, with their ranks and companies. The names of the officers are given in full, and the names of the men are given in full, with their ranks and companies.

MINUTES.

CARLETON, St. John, N. B., Sept. 1, 1888.

The Ministers and Messengers composing the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, met in the Baptist Chapel in Carleton, at 2 o'clock, P.M. The usual religious services were enjoyed, when the following officers were appointed, viz.:

Rev. G. F. MILES, *Moderator.*

Rev. THOMAS TODD, *Secretary.*

Brother G. E. DAY, *Assistant Secretary.*

Brother G. A. GARRISON, *Treasurer.*

It was Resolved, That Visiting Brethren, Ministers, and Delegates, from different localities, be invited to sit with us in Council.

The following Brethren then took their seats, viz. :—

Elders H. Pierce and I. J. Burgess, Maine.

Elder J. V. Tabor, Central Association, N. S.

“ E. F. Foshay, Eastern Association, N. B.

Elders Joseph Crandal, David Crandal, J. Francis, and I. Wallace, Brethren R. Wells and J. C. Austin.

Brother J. Noble, Free Baptist Minister was invited to take a seat with us.

The following Committees were appointed :—

Committee of Management—Elders S. Robinson, Bill, Nutter, B. N. Harris, and Brethren White, and Duval.

On Letters—Elders W. D. Fitch, Francis, C. Spurden, and Bro Butler.

Circular Letter—Elders I. E. Bill and Foshay.

Special Business—Elders D. Nutter, Robinson, Bunting, Thompson and Hopkins, and Deacon B. Churchill.

Domestic Missions—Elders James Walker, W. Harris, Tupper, Bill, Molanis, Brethren I. Wallace, Thomas Lockey, Seely and Deacon Mann.

Foreign Missions—Elders S. Robinson, Burgess, Coy, J. Magee, Kierstead and King, and Brother Estey.

Bible Cause—Elders I. E. Bill, (Convener,) R. H. Emmons, Saunders, Nutter and Pierce, and Brethren Hobbs, Gunter and Estabrooks.

Sabbath Schools—Elders Tabor, Burgess, E. N. Harris and Tupper and Brethren Bailey and Duval.

Colportage—Elders J. Francis, Keirstead and Outhouse, and Brethren Coperthwait, Flowers, Estabrooks and Akerly.

Christian Visitor—Elders Fitch, Outhouse and Jarvis Estabrooks, and Brethren Sealy, John Day, Edwards and Sloom.

New Churches—Elders W. L. Hopkins, W. A. Coleman and J. Magee, and Brethren Alexander Estabrooks, Mann and Davis.

Education—Elders C. Spurden, T. Magee, Robinson, Bill, Nutter, Fitch, Burgess, Pierce, J. Crandall, and Hon. W. B. Kinneer.

Claims of Seamen—Elders J. Walker, E. N. Harris, Robinson and Thomson.

On Temperance—Elders J. Francis, Wells, Emmerson, Ring, Troop, J. Magee, Outhouse, and Brethren Hoben, Bailey, and Deacon Christopher.

On List of Ministers—Elders Thomas Todd and Bill.

Moved, That Elder A. D. Thomson be our Delegate to Washington Association, and that his expenses be paid—Bro. W. Hoben, alternate.

Delegates to Convention—Elders Miles, Bill, Troop, Nutter, and Hon. A. McL. Seely.

Delegate to Eastern N. B. E. Association—Elder J. Walker—expense paid.

The Committee of Management then made their appointments for the Sabbath.

Prayer by Elder S. Robinson.

Adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Monday Morning Session.

Introductory Sermon by Elder W. Harris, from Nehemiah iv. 6; "For the people had a mind to work."

Moderator took his place. Prayer by Rev. T. Magee.

The Committee appointed, proceeded to read the letters from the Churches.

The Letters being read, the Committee nominated to examine Letters from New Churches, made the following Report:

Your Committee beg leave to Report,

That, having minutely examined the Letters from Lower Woodstock and Oromocto Churches, recommend, that the Letters be read, and the said Churches received into this Association.

WILLIAM L. HOPKINS, Chairman.

The Letters were read accordingly, and the Moderator then gave the Delegates from new Churches, the right hand of fellowship in the usual way.

The following Brethren appeared from the Letters as Delegates and took their seats:—

Pennfield.—Elder Hopkins.

Jacksontown.—Elder T. Todd, and Deacon B. Churchill.

- Cardigan.*—
North Est.—
Woodstock.—Elder T. Todd.
Douglas.—Elder Tupper, and James Slocot.
St. David's.—Elder A. D. Thomson.
Brighton.—
Canterbury and Southampton.—Elder D. Outhouse.
1st St. Patrick's.—Elder A. D. Thomson.
2d St. George.—Elder James Walker.
New Jerusalem.—Elder E. Webb, and Deacon T. Lockey.
Prince William.—Elders T. W. Saunders, and J. H. Tupper.
Holgdon and Richmond.—Elder D. Outhouse.
Ledge, St. Stephens.—Elder A. D. Thomson.
Keswick.—Elder T. W. Saunders.
Oromocto.—
Lower Woodstock.—Deacon Obediah Akerley.
Dipper Harbour.—Elder E. McInnis.
Andover.—
Chipman.—Elder Elias Keirstead.
Little River, Sheffield.—Elder W. A. Troop.
1st St. George.—Elder George F. Miles, Deacon John Mann,
 and Mark Young.
Brussels Street, St. John.—Elder Robinson, Deacons S. Gerow, S.
 Kinsman, John Smith, Hon. W. P. Kinnear, and J. F. Marsters.
African Church, Douglas.—Elder J. H. Tupper.
Nashuank.—Elder John Magee.
Portland, St. John.—Elder D. Nutter, Deacons Stevens, and
 Ritchie, and Brethren Dunham, and Edwards.
Rushagornish.—
Germain Street, St. John.—Elder I. E. Bill, Deacons Barteaux,
 M. Francis, Hon. A. McL. Seely, and Geo. A. Garrison.
Fredericton.—Elder Spurden, and Brethren Geo. Sealy, W. G.
 Hoben, W. S. Estey, and A. G. Gunter.
Newcastle, Grand Lake.—Elder W. A. Troop, and Brethren G.
 D. Bailey, David Flowers, and James Butler.
Simonds.—Elder W. Harris, and Brother John Cogwell.
Howard Settlement.—Elder D. Outhouse.
Kingsclear.—Elder T. W. Saunders.
St. Andrews.—Elder A. D. Thomson.
2d St. Patrick.—
Maugerville.—Elder R. H. Emerson, and Brethren G. E. Day,
 Reuben Cowperthwaite, and John Day.
Carleton, St. John.—Deacons John Christopher, Isaac Beatty,
 Isaac Sharp, and John Clark.
Canning.—Elder Benjamin Coy, and Brethren Jarvis East-
 brooks, Stephen P. Eastbrooks, and Alexander Eastbrooks.

Prayer by Father Crandall.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P.M.

Prayer by Elder Coleman.

Afternoon Session.

Moved, That Brother Bill superintend the printing of the Minutes, That One Thousand be issued, and that the Articles and Covenant be inserted.

Moved, That the next Association be held with the Baptist Church, in Jacksontown.

Moved, That Brother Bill, preach the Introductory Sermon, and Brother A. D. Thomson be his alternate.

Moved, That Brother Todd write the Circular Letter.

Committee of Arrangement—Elders T. Todd, W. Harris, Deacons J. Churchill and B. Churchill.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:—

That this Association deems it to be its duty to bear testimony to the invaluable results produced by the Temperance reformation, and rejoice in the prospect of greater triumphs being yet achieved by the universal adoption of the Maine Law principle, and that inasmuch as our Province is now blessed with a Legislature favorable to this great moral enterprise, which has already passed a wholesome Prohibitory Law; therefore

Resolved, That the prayerful support and energy of the Board be given to the administrators of justice in maintaining the same, when the time shall arrive for the legal enforcement of the measure. Your committee would further express their conviction that the entire abolition of the use of Tobacco would greatly tend to improve the health, and increase the happiness of the human family, and augment the funds in the treasury of the Lord for the spread of the Gospel both at home and abroad.

JOHN FRANCIS, *Chairman*.

The following motion on Temperance was also carried:

The Committee alive to the importance of the great moral question of Temperance, and believing that the advancement of this cause is intimately allied with the extension of the kingdom of Christ,—would further submit the following resolution to which they have agreed, and which they would respectfully recommend for adoption by the Association:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association it is contrary to the principles of Christianity, and inconsistent with the Christian religion for those professing Godliness to indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Able Addresses were delivered by many of the Brethren.

The Committee on Colportage submitted their Report:

That whereas the N. B. E. H. M. Society have kindly undertaken the work of Colportage in this Province as a department of its operation. Therefore

Resolved, That this Association earnestly recommend the churches and friends of Christ to increase their contributions to that Society, to enable its Board to prosecute the Colportage enterprise with energy and success.

JOHN FRANCIS, *Chairman*.

A number of Brethren urged the claims of this Institution. The Committee on Sabbath Schools handed in their Report, as follows:—

Your Committee beg leave to report, that they are happy in reporting an increased interest in this department of Christian labour, and trust that all the churches will become more awakened to its importance.

The Lord has blessed this work of early instruction, and we hope and pray that he will still more abundantly bless it. He has commanded us to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of himself, "And Jesus took little children in his arms and blessed them." We hope that all who love our Lord Jesus Christ will come up to this great work. All of which your committee respectfully submit.

GIDEON D. BAILEY, *Chairman*.

Many very valuable thoughts were offered on the above being passed.

Prayer by Brother Bill.

Adjourned to half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Evening Session, 7½ o'clock.

Prayer by Brother Bill.

The following Report on the Claims of Seamen was adopted:

We desire to be truly thankful to Almighty God that he has put it into the hearts of so many of the inhabitants in St. John, and especially Brother E. N. Harris, to look to this long neglected class of men that do business on the great deep, and to regard both their temporal and spiritual wants. The blessing of God having attended the labours of our dear Brother Harris, and a home having been provided for seamen, to keep them from the temptations of that awful curse, intemperance, your committee would recommend the public in general, and this Association in particular, to give this important object their sympathy and support. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WALKER, *Chairman*.

Committee on Special Business begged leave to say, that, having had nothing of importance laid before them, they, therefore, had no Report to make.

The following Report on Domestic Missions was unanimously adopted :—

The Committee on Home Missions beg to Report.

1. That they regard the N. B. B. Home Missionary Society as a powerful agency in extending the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and as such, cordially commend its objects to the whole-hearted sympathy and co-operation of the Ministers and Churches of this Association.

2. That they highly approve of the action of the Society at its last Annual Meeting, in so modifying its constitution as to embrace in the sphere of its labors the Colportage department.

3 That this Association regard the appointment of Brother Issiah Wallace, as the General Missionary and Financial Agent of this Society, as a measure well adapted to replenish the funds of the Society, and to infuse new life and vigor into its system of operation. They would therefore recommend to the Churches to aid him by their hospitality, prayers and contributions in the fulfilment of his important mission.

4. That the numerous and urgent calls upon the N. B. B. Home Missionary Board, for Missionary labor are such as to demand the united, persevering action, of all our Ministers and Churches in the support of this sacred cause.

5. That the success which has attended the labors of our Missionaries during the past year, should inspire us with devout thanksgiving to Him who only can give the increase, and awaken within us as the disciples of Christ, a renewed determination to urge onward this work of saving mercy until all the waste places of our land shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

6. As a means of imparting instruction to the people on this momentous subject and replenishing the funds of the Society, this Association recommends that, the Pastors of our Churches preach Missionary sermons quarterly to their people, and take up collections for this object, and that the subject of Home Missions be discussed at every Quarterly Meeting in the several districts of the Province and collections taken in aid of the cause. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WALKER, *Chairman.*

Most solemn and touching Addresses were delivered by Brethren Bill, Robinson, Todd, Newcomb, Thomson, White, Nutter, Sime, T. Magee and Francis.

Prayer by Brother W. Harris.

Adjourned to Tuesday, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

Prayer by Brother Hopkins.

Circular Letter read and received to be printed in the Minutes.

Preaching by Father Crandall, from Luke ii. 29-30.

The following Report on Education was then submitted :

The Committee on Education beg leave to Report, That they rejoice to learn that the Educational Institutions of the Denomination both at Fredericton and Horton, are in a prosperous state.

The Report of the former gives an encouraging view of the operations of the Society for the past year; the number in attendance has been large, and in addition to the impartation of secular knowledge, the year has been marked by the dedication of several of the students to the service of the Lord. Your Committee especially rejoice in this manifestation of the divine goodness; and they trust that henceforth no one will regard the diffusion of sound knowledge as hostile to the interests of true godliness.

The Reports of Horton Academy and Acadia College are equally cheering. The number of students has been larger than usual, fourteen students matriculated last June; and four who had completed their College course, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Should the Governors find it necessary to appeal to the Denomination on behalf of a fund for the support of a Professor, the Committee commend the object to the favourable consideration of their brethren.

It would be a pleasure for them to be able to Report that the debt on the Seminary had been paid off. Some of the Churches have responded to the call; others have promised to do so shortly.

They would earnestly entreat their brethren to seize the first favourable opportunity of securing the amount that may be apportioned to their Church, and by liquidating the debt, clear the way for more enlarged operations; thus by increasing the efficiency of their Institution, they may adapt it to the wants of the country and the demands of the age.

Your Committee recommend that the Education Society proceed at once to business, and that the Report of that Society be inserted in the minutes.

CHARLES SPURDEN, *Chairman.*

Elder J. Crandall, President of the Education Society, took the Chair.

Addresses delivered by Rev. C. Spurden, A.M., Hon. W. B.

Kinnear, Rev. S. Robinson, Bro. I. Wallace, Rev. I. E. Bill
and J. Francis.

Report adopted.

Moderator took the Chair.

Committee on the *Christian Visitor* submitted their Report.

The Committee on the *Christian Visitor* Report.

That they learn with much pleasure that the *Christian Visitor* continues to enjoy prosperity. The circulation of the *Visitor* has now reached upwards of 3000, and is doubtless read by more than 5 times that number.

That they are happy to know that this excellent periodical is growing in the affections of the people, and that it may now be regarded as an indispensable auxiliary in advancing the interests of Zion amongst us.

That they consider that Elder I. E. Bill, the Editor, deserves the sincere gratitude of this Body for the indefatigable manner in which he labours to render the *Visitor* interesting and efficient, and your Committee recommend that the Brethren and friends generally do all that they can to sympathize and co-operate with the Editor in his arduous work, especially that the ministers recommend it from the pulpit and in their pastoral visits.

G. SEALY, CHAIRMAN.

Addresses made by Revs. S. Robinson C. Spurden, Thomas
Todd, W. Harris, J. Francis, I. Wallace and I. E. Bill.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P.M.

Prayer by Rev. W. D. Fitch.

Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Elder Ring.

The Report on Foreign Missions was submitted:—

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg to Report,

That no adequate plan has yet been devised by which this deeply interesting and important work can be brought to bear on the wants of those who are dwelling in far distant lands. In the midst of the difficulties which surround it, and the pressing nature of other claims, your Committee would earnestly recommend increased liberality and zeal in this wide field of Christian effort.

Resolved, That this Association is in favor of establishing an independent Mission in Australia, under the direction of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, so soon as a suitable man can be found for this inviting

field, and the necessary funds can be obtained. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

Addresses were delivered by Elders I. E. Bill, Robinson and Todd.

On motion—Resolved, That this Association rejoices in the efforts now being put forth by the Associations in Sister Provinces for the Spiritual and Eternal welfare of the Gaelic Roman Catholic population of Cape Breton, and recommend that Mission to the favorable consideration of the Home Mission Society and the denomination generally.

On motion—Resolved, That the Constitution of this Association as amended, be printed in our Minutes for the guidance of the Body, and that in future all Amendments require a two-thirds vote before being adopted.

Committee on Bible Cause reported as follows:—

Your Committee are impressed with the fact, that the Baptist denomination is called upon in the Providence of God to take a highly responsible and influential position in the diffusion of the sacred Scriptures, faithfully translated into all languages, and therefore earnestly recommend to the churches to aid in the accomplishment of this momentous object as far as they can do so in harmony with the claims of other benevolent objects in which they are engaged.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

Whereas it is contemplated by the local government of the Country to introduce with the least possible delay some new system of Education to meet the growing demands of the Province. Therefore

Resolved, That this Association appoint a Committee to examine this subject and to offer such suggestions for the future action of the Denomination as circumstances may require.

Committee.—Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Hon. A. McL. Seely, A. H. Gilmour, C. Spurden, S. Robinson, I. E. Bill, E. N. Harris, D. Nutter, and Asa Coy.

Resolved, That the Act of Incorporation of Churches, passed by the Legislature, be printed in the Minutes, and such explanations as are required.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Association be most cordially given to the inhabitants of Carleton for their kindness upon this occasion.

Moved an adjournment to meet with the Baptist Church in Jacksontown, on the first Saturday in September, 1856.

Prayer by Moderator.

Rev. G. F. MILES, *Moderator.*

“ THOMAS TODD, *Secretary.*

Carlton, St. John, N. B., Sept. 4th, 1855,

CIRCULAR LETTER,

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, and the Churches which they represent.

BELoved BRETHREN,—In addressing you through this annual circular, we would take notice of the march of progress in the ranks of our Israel; and in doing so we will call attention to a retrospective view of by-gone days. This is forced upon our mind by the recent demise of one more of the veteran pillars of our denomination in the Provinces.

In the first year of the nineteenth century, fifty-five years now past, *Eight* servants of the Lord,—spiritual husbandmen,—who had been cultivating plantations for Immanuel, and making “the wilderness and solitary place glad” in their several localities, resolved to unite their efforts for a more wide-spread influence, and concentrate their energies for more successfully attacking the fortified places of the enemy, and planting the blood-stained banner of the Cross, as an ensign for the people wheresoever they might go with the glad news of salvation. To accomplish this, at the appointed time, might have been seen, from the extreme bounds of these little Zions, those worthy men, bending their steps to the place fixed upon, some perhaps in fishing smacks along the coast, others on horseback, and others still with staff in hand urging their way, through winding paths o'er brook and vale.

How unpretending all this! and in the absence of all display, strange if they escaped the sarcastic inquiry of the worldly-wise and sneering sinner, What do these feeble Jews? Time rolls on; God's servants apply themselves to their work—they preach the Word with signs following, converts increase, churches are multiplied, ministers are raised up, prudence dictates, we must divide, (not from desire but necessity) they become two bands—geographically separated by the Bay of Fundy, the associations hold reciprocal intercourse by messengers, and co-operate in the benevolent objects of the united body. These fathers in the Gospel saw the necessity of literary institutions to meet the requirements of the rising ministry, that they might be qualified to vindicate the doctrine of the Cross as workmen not needing to be ashamed. Those institutions have been commenced and completed in both Provinces. Much difference of opinion remained for a length of time as to the utility of a school for the prophets, but this impression has for the most part disappeared, and to crown all, God has most signally displayed his divine goodness and approbation, in pouring out his spirit in another powerful reformation extending to the institutions of both Provinces. Such a mark of Heaven's approval is calculated to remove the last vestige of doubt as to their utility.

More recently than the division of N. S. and N. B. associations a subdivision was contemplated; wherever the body met, the place was found too strait, the distance to travel was found to be a burden. The subject elicited much discussion, fears for our beloved institutions, Home and Foreign Missions, Bible cause, &c. &c., lest interest in them should decline. Those fears however were overcome and the one association of 1800 has become five. May we not exclaim, "what hath God wrought?" The little one is become a thousand, but our work is not done.

We take pleasure in contemplating and recounting the achievements of our ministering Fathers, (now, with one exception among the dead) shall we with our multiplied instrumentalities and privileges, more than they possessed, fall in the rear? We answer, nay. The Scripture saith when goods are increased they are increased that eat them; in like manner also while the sons of Zion are increased sinners are being multiplied in increased ratio, and the devil has prompted his emissaries to prepare for opposition to the truth by every agency within the range of their ability.

The man of sin has been concocting plans to deify one who, if her spirit were permitted to address the deluded votaries would reprovingly say, "See thou do it not: worship God."

The object of these deceivers, doubtless is, to direct the minds of their followers from Gospel truth to or by some new scheme of idolatry. Others less formidable although not less subtle in their scheme seek to attract from the right source of pure happiness by substituting ordinances for the means of salvation, or detracting from the Saviour his divinity, and resting on their own merits for future safety.

Thus the world progresses with much the larger proportion grasped by the arms of the wicked one, and he yields to no power but the Holy One of God. Christ delegates his ministers to go forth and engage this fell destroyer, and rescue from his grasp, those whom he is leading blindfold down to the chambers of eternal death—these are responsible men in their offices, arduous in their work, they are admonished to show themselves approved unto God workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, to give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine, that as ambassadors for Christ by whom God is beseeching the world to be reconciled to himself, they may quit themselves like men, and finish their course with joy.

That God's servants should be thus qualified is obvious—the reasons are these.—Satan has on his part a host of talented literary men to operate for him, some of them fallen stars, which aforesaid appeared to illuminate the firmament of the earthly Zion, but are now fallen to the earth and employing their sickly and illusive rays, to blind mortals as to the truths of Revelation, making God's word say what it never intended, and removing or hiding by glossing over those truths, which threaten the guilty with everlasting woe; their mouths must be stopped: how otherwise is this to be effected than by taking hold of young men with whom is the secret of the Lord,

who are saying, here am I, send me, who are desirous to engage on the side of Jehovah, but fear they are not qualified to cope with his enemies so as to expect a successful issue?

This work devolves upon the church or churches united, to sustain the institutions for preparing the messengers of the Gospel of peace, with their prayers, and alms or contributions. What a signal answer to prayer was the reformation at Horton and Fredericton, but a brief space between the day set apart for prayer for that object and the pouring down of the blessing; this should greatly encourage us to pray, and do, and trust.

The Home Missionary enterprise is a subject of great interest to the churches in this Province, its utility is self-evident, its vast importance we may not be fully competent to appreciate, nor comprehend. Our Brethren laboring in this field have been honored of their Master, and through their faithful services many are and will be raised up to call the Saviour blessed. May those to whom God has entrusted the silver and the gold see to it, that it is not withheld, while the cause of Him to whom all things belong, is wading through poverty.

How great is the work, the world is the field, near and far, and as far as our abilities will go, they should be extended to their utmost capacity to save our ruined race, to be idle in the good work is to be sinful, to be indifferent is to manifest great deadness to the essentials for which we are created; therefore, let our sympathies in a substantial way follow that young hero and his companion who have spanned the wide waters and stepped on heathen shores to plant the Rose of Sharon there.

It may be argued that the scarcity of means is against the progress of the Gospel Chariot. In certain respects this may be true, but so far as financial matters are concerned the world is as rich as it ever was, the evil is, its supplies are diverted into channels to gratify avarice, lust, pride, and so made rather to subserve to the kingdom of darkness than promote the cause of Christ. If this should prove to be true as regards any professing Godliness, how dark must be that page in the history of their pilgrimage! O Lord help us to examine ourselves.

In our day, the press, in a pre-eminent degree is made subservient to the cause of truth, and a potent vehicle it is, we must not relax in our efforts to keep it rolling on. Our weekly *Visitor and Messenger* with active and persevering Colporteurs, must be sustained that knowledge may go where living preachers seldom reach. While war and blood is distracting and deluging a large portion of our world, we are left in peace to pursue our work of love to men, without interruption farther than our own selfish hearts may bind us.

In concluding our remarks we would recommend what our Master has imposed upon us, and that is, holiness, without which we cannot see the Lord, there is no acceptable substitute for holiness—our gifts and eloquence might compare with Apollos, our zeal run parallel with John, our benevolence amount to thousands of rams, or re-

wine of oil, but without true piety, we shall be found wanting. This too should be of a character that is perceptible to all. Our unceasing love to one another, is an evidence to the world that we are the followers of Christ.

We would therefore, dear Brethren, commend you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

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Account of Monies received at the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association from the following Churches on account of Minutes

German Street Church, £1 0 0	Howard Settlt. Church, £0 3 0
Canning " 0 15 7	Hodgden & Richmond Ch. 0 5 0
Macquack " 0 15 3	Lower Woodstock Ch. 0 5 0
African " 0 5 0	Chipman " 0 7 9
Nashwaak " 0 10 0	Woodstock " 0 14 0
Carleton " 0 10 0	Jacksontown " 0 15 0
Brussels Street " 1 5 0	Andover " 0 5 0
St. George " 0 10 0	St. Andrews " 0 12 6
New Jerusalem " 0 5 0	1st St. Patrick " 0 5 0
Brighton " 0 5 0	2nd St. Patrick " 0 5 0
Simonds' " 0 6 0	Penfield " 0 5 3
Prince William " 0 7 6	Dipper Harbour " 0 2 0
Keswick " 0 10 0	Fredericton " 0 12 6
Kingsclear " 0 5 0	2nd St. George " 0 10 0
Rushagornish " 0 5 0	New Castle " 0 8 1
Promoto " 0 5 0	Little River, (Parish
Cardigan " 0 2 6	Sheffield,) 0 5 0
Maugerville " 0 12 6	From John Gwiogne,
Portland " 0 10 0	(Prince William,) 0 2 0
Canterbury & Southampton Church, 0 8 9	
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Account of Monies received by the Treasurer of the Western Association for the Home Missionary Society and paid over to the Treasurer H. M. S.

From the African Church, £0 7 6	From Sandpoint, (Sunday), 0 8 6
" Nashwaak " 0 10 0	" Marine Hall, " 0 10 4
" New Jerusalem " 1 0 0	" Carleton, (Monday,) 4 15 3
" Maugerville " 5 10 0	" " (Monday
" Chipman, " 0 5 0	Evening,) 9 4 10
" 2nd St. George " 1 0 0	Recd. from a member in
" Bro. James White, 1 0 0	in Carleton Ch 5s in
" New Castle Church, 0 10 0	cash and a Gold Ring, 0 5 0
Cols. Carleton, (Sunday,) 2 1 4	
" Portland, " 6 8 9	£34 9 6
" Bethel, " 0 13 0	

GEO. A GARRISON, Treasurer.

Received of Brother Joseph Pickles, (Norton,) for American and Foreign Bible Society, and paid over to the Agent, Rev. Samuel Boothby, the sum of £1 0 0
 GEORGE A. GARRISON, Treasurer.

Received for the Education Society and paid over to Reverend Charles Spurden, Fredericton.

From Maugerville Ch. £10 0 0	From Rev. E. N. Harris, 1 5 0
" Prince William " 2 0 0	
" Isaiah Wallace, 1 0 0	£15 5 0
" T. H. Harding, Esq., 1 0 0	

GEORGE A. GARRISON, Treasurer.

ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	Date of Formation.	Add's.		Removed.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Money for Printing the Minutes.	
		By Letter.	By Baptism.							
Woodstock,	1842	42	7	3	5	2	2	121	£0 14 0	
Hodgdon and Richmond,	1854	2	3	1	..	..	..	42	0 5 0
St. John, Brussels street,	1850	43	17	..	4	..	3	419	1 5 0	
" Germain street,	1810	23	12	1	..	7	2	213	1 0 0	
" Portlaud,	1842	6	9	..	..	2	..	165	0 10 0
" Carleton,	1841	2	2	..	1	..	1	121	0 7 0	
1st St. Patrick,	..	4	..	1	..	1	1	50	0 5 0	
2nd " "	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	56	0 5 0
Canning,	1800	..	..	1	3	..	1	76	0 15 7
Jacksontown,	1833	23	3	..	6	..	2	73	0 15 0	
Andover,	1832	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	0 5 0
Sheffield, Little River,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	0 0 0
Howard Settlement,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	0 0 0
St. Andrews,	1854	5	2	4	..	1	7	29	0 0 0	
Penfield,	1806	12	..	..	..	..	..	100	0 12 0
1st St. George,	1819	2	..	2	3	..	1	78	0 6 3	
2nd " "	1806	1	..	3	1	..	..	135	0 10 0
* Second Falls, St. George,	1845	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 10 0
Maugerville,	1851	..	..	..	2	..	3	86	0 0 0
1839	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	102	0 12 0
Newcastle, Grand Lake,	1846	18	..	1	1	..	1	62	0 7 0	
Nashwaak,	1804	4	1	1	..	..	..	69	0 10 0
Cardigan,	1820	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	0 2 0
Kingsclear,	1825	3	..	..	2	..	..	42	0 5 0
New Jerusalem,	1848	1	..	..	..	..	..	24	0 5 0
* Salmon Creek,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	0 0 0
Prince William,	1800	23	..	..	..	..	..	70	0 7 0
Douglas,	1844	36	7	..	..	..	1	76	0 15 3
Douglas, (African,)	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	21	0 5 0
Fredericton,	1814	42	10	..	3	..	2	142	0 12 0	
Simonds,	1845	8	2	..	1	..	2	58	0 0 0	
* Grand Manan,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 0 0
Ledge, St. Stephen,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 0 0
* Oak Bay,	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	43	0 0 0
Dipper Harbour,	1847	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	0 0 0
* Arestook,	1843	4	..	..	..	..	..	18	0 2 0
* Tobique,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	0 0 0
Chipman,	1845	17	..	3	..	1	..	34	0 0 0	
Keswick,	..	17	..	9	3	..	2	126	0 7 0	
* Little South West,	1845	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	0 10 0
Northesk,	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	37	0 0 0
Rushagornish,	1846	..	1	..	2	..	..	17	0 5 0
St. David,	1806	2	9	..	2	..	3	26	0 3 9	
* St. James,	1842	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	0 0 0
* Greenwich,	1832	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	0 0 0
* Blissville,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	0 0 0
Beckaguimac, Brighton,	1833	..	..	..	3	..	1	132	0 0 0
Canterbury and Southampton,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	0 5 0
Lower Woodstock,	1855	21	..	..	..	..	..	36	0 0 0
Oromocto,	1855	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	0 5 0
		..	..	..	..	..	..	15	0 5 0
		408	85	14	18	51	17	25	3340	£14 11 10

* No Letters received this year.

**LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.**

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	
James Tozer,	Boiestown,	March,	1826.
William Harris,	Simonds,	February,	1830.
Thomas Magee,	St. Stephen,	March,	1831.
T. W. Saunders,	Prince William,	July,	1832.
S. Robinson,	St. John,	August,	1832.
James Walker,	St. George,	January,	1839.
A. D. Thompson,	St. Andrews,	May,	1835.
John Magee,	Nashwaak,	January,	1840.
Charles Spurden,	Fredericton,	April,	1841.
George Rigby,	Tobique,	March,	1842.
J. H. Tupper,	Queensboro',	March,	1844.
W. L. Hopkins,	Pennfield,	November,	1845.
W. D. Fitch,	Sheffield,	January,	1845.
R. H. Emmerson,	Maugerville,	August,	1852.
G. Estabrooks,	Simonds,	July,	1847.
Thomas Todd,	Woodstock,	October,	1848.
E. Webb,	New Jerusalem,		1850.
E. McInnis,	Carleton,		1852.
I. E. Bill,	St. John,	March,	1829.
E. N. Harris,	St. John,		
John Francis,	St. John,		
John Davis,	St. George,		
D. Nutter,	Portland,		
Dr. E. Clay,	Carleton,		
G. Seely,	Fredericton,	August,	1852.
Wellington A. Troop,	Newcastle,		

LICENSED TO PREACH.

Leah Wallace,	W. Annis,	James Goldrup,
W. Gremly,	A. H. Munro,	James White,
Richard Wells,	W. G. Hoben,	Thomas Lockey,
G. R. Campbell,	— Edwards,	G. E. Day,
Stephen March,		

The following Missionaries labour in connection with both Associations:—

Rev. B. Scott,	Rev. J. Blakeny,	Rev. J. Tozer,
“ J. Trimble,	“ D. Crandal,	
<i>French Missionary</i> —Brother P. Knight.		

Note—Rev. G. F. Miles, late of St. George, removed to Sackville.

APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D., 1836

President, Elder Joseph Crandal.

*Vice Presidents, } Elder Samuel Robinson and
 } Hon. W. B. Kinnear.*

Treasurer, Selomon Hersey, Esq.

Secretaries, Elder I. E. Bill and Asa Coy, Esq.

Principal, Elder Charles Spurden, A. M.

Assistant Teacher, Mr. A. H. Mure.

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

Managing Committee, for the ensuing year, Rev. Chas. Spurden, A. M., Messrs. Samuel W. Babbit, Wm. S. Estey, William Sewel, and Thos. Stewart.

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

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

The course of Study comprises the usual branches of Commercial, Classical and Mathematical Education.

REPORT.

The Committee of the Education Society, in presenting their nineteenth annual report, would express their satisfaction at the present condition of the Seminary, and their hopefulness with regard to its prospects for the future.

The attendance of Scholars during the year has been eighty-four, the average weekly attendance forty-nine, a number which would have been still larger but for the prevalence of sickness last Summer.

They have pleasure in recording with devout thankfulness to God, that the students have largely shared in the benefit arising from the quickened state of religious feeling in the church at Fredericton.

The deep interest taken by the Rev. G. Sealy, Pastor of the Church, in the spiritual well-being of the students, and his untiring efforts to do them good, have been much blessed. Several young men have felt the power of divine truth, and experienced a change of heart, which has become manifest in a pleasing reformation of character and conduct.

From the report of the Principal they are gratified to learn, that the diligence of some has been exemplary, and that while engaged

in promoting spiritual improvement, they have not neglected the mental cultivation, which was the object of their pursuit.

He particularly mentions the names of Herbert H. Read, Reuben Gross, and W. J. Blakeney, as evincing a praiseworthy, continuous attention to educational duties.

Your Committee know that all interests sink into insignificance, compared with those of eternity, and they are aware that when the mind is aroused to alarm, and engaged in seeking the forgiveness of sins through the merits of the Redeemer, and the whole soul is absorbed in devotional exercises, that attention to the duties of the school becomes difficult and perhaps irksome.

Making all due allowance for such feelings, they are of opinion that the one need not interfere with the other, that while the most wholesome spiritual advantage is secured to the student, he may be stimulated to a still more careful improvement of his time. Your committee desire earnestly that both objects may be attained; they long to see all the youth in the Seminary walking in the truth, and they wish at the same time that they may be distinguished for assiduity in the pursuit of learning.

It must be a gratifying circumstance to all those who have aided to maintain the Institution, and who have had to defend it against prejudices arising from the locality in which it is situated, to learn that a blessing has attended the religious instructions and influences by which the students are surrounded; they are sure that this will contribute more than any other thing to remove the false impressions that may be entertained prejudicial to the Institution.

The Committee cannot allow the opportunity to pass without expressing their deep sense of the ability and zeal manifested by Mr. Munro in advancing the interests of the Academy, and the efficient aid he has rendered in the discipline and moral culture of the students; and especially his devotedness in affording spiritual instruction and guidance to the young men in the Institution.

The resolution of the two Associations, passed at their last session, relative to the debt of the Society, has been attended to. Immediately after the meeting of the Western Association, in Sept., a circular was addressed to each of the churches; the response, though not so general as might be wished, is yet sufficiently decided, considering the pecuniary embarrassment of the year, to warrant the expectation that, in a short time, the whole will be forthcoming. The sum of £102 15s. has been received, to the 1st July, and £75 (part of our mortgage) was paid off in May. A list of the sums contributed will be reserved until the account is closed.

The library has been increased by the addition of several hundred volumes, which were presented by friends in England in reply to an application made by the Principal through the London Baptist Magazine. The sincere thanks of the committee are tendered to the donors for their kindness in contributing to this object.

The Baptist Education Society in account with the Committee of Management.

1854.	Dr.		
	Balance,	- - - -	£2 14 11
	Postage Stamps and Letters,	- - - -	1 10 3
	Whitewashing, &c.,	- - - -	1 0 6
	Boards, &c.,	- - - -	2 11 9
	Hinges, &c., Mr. Todd,	- - - -	1 13 8
	Desks, &c.,	- - - -	5 9 0
	Repairs, Cupola, Gate, Well,	- - - -	4 17 0
	Freight and Carriage of Books from England for Library,	- - - -	2 5 0
	Stove, &c.,	- - - -	1 17 10
	Do. Pipe, &c., Russel,	- - - -	6 2 3
	8 Chairs,	- - - -	2 0 0
	2 Loads Wood,	- - - -	0 17 6
	8 Cords Do., 13s. per cord,	- - - -	5 4 0
	Cutting Wood,	- - - -	1 18 6
	Sundries,	- - - -	2 9 2
1855	Insurance on £500,	- - - -	7 10 0
	Steward attending School Rooms,	- - - -	8 0 0
	Principal's Salary,	- - - -	200 0 0
	Assistant Teacher's Salary,	- - - -	80 0 0
	Do. Drawing Fees,	- - - -	5 15 0
	Interest Fire Insurance Company,	- - - -	22 10 0
	Do. Note,	- - - -	12 0 0
	Drawing Copies and Materials,	- - - -	3 6 11
			<hr/> £381 13 0

1855	Cr.		
	Tuition Fees,	£110 14 3	
	Do. Do., Mr. Russel,	6 15 4	
	Do. Do., Mr. Todd,	1 13 8	
	Drawing Fees,	5 15 0	
	Do., Materials,	1 10 11	
	Legislative Grant,	250 0 0	
	Balance,	5 4 1	
			<hr/> £381 13 0

Debts due by the Education Society, July 1st, 1855.

Mortgages—Central Fire Insurance Company,	£375 0 0
Note—Mrs. Smith,	200 0 0
	<hr/> £575 0 0
May 4, Paid Fire Insurance Company,	75 0 0
	<hr/> £500 0 0

Examined and compared with the original entries and amounts and found correct.

SAMUEL BABBITT.

Fredericton, 7th July, 1855.

N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1855.

President.—Rev. Samuel Robinson.

Vice Presidents.—Rev. Joseph Crandall, Rev. A. D. Thomson, Rev. Charles Spurden, A. M., Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev. David Crandall, Rev. J. A. Smith, Rev. James Newcomb, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Dr. J. R. Fitch, Stephen Gerow and G. H. Hoben, Esquires.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. I. E. Bill.

Recording Secretary.—Mr. E. H. Duvak.

Treasurer.—Mr. A. McL. Seely.

Auditor.—Mr. Thomas McHenry.

Executive Board.—N. S. Demill, Rev. E. N. Harris, J. F. Masters, John Smith, George Robinson, Joseph Read, David Roberts, Moses Lawrence, Robert Stephens, Alexander Sime, George Garrison, James Brailey, John Christopher, John Fisher, Asa Coy, and John Harding.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the *New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society*.

Article 2. The design of this Society shall be to promote the faithful preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and to spread Bible Christianity throughout the destitute sections of New Brunswick.

Article 3. Any person may become a member of this Society, by contributing 5s. or upwards annually to its funds. Seven pounds ten shillings paid at any one time shall constitute a life member; and any person paying a sum, which in addition to previous contributions shall amount to twenty-five pounds, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one delegate for every five pounds so contributed.

Article 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

Article 5. The Society shall appoint an Executive Committee, exclusive of the officers above named, residing in the City of St John, and its vicinity. The officers above named shall be members *ex officio* of the Executive Committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to call its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies, which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society, shall appoint Missionaries, and instruct them as to their sphere of labors, shall expend the funds

for the objects of the Society, providing that all amounts contributed for any specific object, shall, as far as possible, be faithfully applied in accordance with the wish of the Donors; shall employ such agency or agencies for the collection of funds, and for all such purposes, as the interests of the Society may demand, and shall make an Annual Report of their proceedings to the Society.

Article 6. Every Auxiliary Society, who shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive missionary labour in such field as it may designate to an amount, at least equal to its contribution; provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

Article 7. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex officio* Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

Article 8. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous annual meeting.

Article 9. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, at an annual meeting.

Form for the Constitution of the Auxiliary.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the _____
Missionary Society—Auxiliary to the "New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society."

Article 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in supplying the destitute with the blessings of the Gospel.

Article 3. All persons contributing 5s. per annum shall be Members of the Society, and every person paying £2 10s at any one time, shall be a Member for life.

Article 4. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Board, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Managing Committee, seven of whom shall form a quorum to do business.

Article 5. The Society shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be agreed upon at a previous meeting, when the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, and such other business transacted as the requirements of the Society may demand.

Article 6. The Secretary shall keep up such correspondence with the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society as the general interests of the Missionary cause may require.

Rules to be Observed by Missionaries.

Rule 1. The Missionaries of the Board are expected to communicate with the corresponding Secretary monthly, and oftener if necessary; giving a condensed sketch of their labors and such items of intelligence relating to their Mission as may be useful to the Board, or of general interest to the denomination.

2. Each Missionary shall be instructed to form Auxiliaries to the New Brunswick Home Missionary Society in the field of his labor, for the purpose of raising funds for the Society, to take collections publicly and privately whenever he can do so with propriety, and in every way that he can consistently replenish the funds of the Society.

3. A faithful account of all contributions in money, or in other things shall be transmitted through the Corresponding Secretary to the Board; and no money shall be paid him by the Treasurer without an order signed by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, or in their absence by three of the members of the Board.

4. Each Missionary shall keep a faithful record of the places visited, the number of sermons preached, of converts baptized, of churches formed, of visits made, of meetings held, of Sabbath Schools established, of Temperance Societies formed, of Tracts distributed, &c., &c., in the course of the year, and report the same to the Corresponding Secretary, at the close of each year.

5. When Missionaries are employed permanently, in case of their wishing to retire from the service of the Board, they must give three months notice to that effect, and no Missionary shall change his field of labour without consent of the Board.

6. The Missionaries of this Board shall be amenable to the Board for a faithful performance of their duty as Christian Missionaries, and shall be liable to be dismissed at any time for delinquent of duty, or immorality of conduct, or for preaching sentiments in opposition to God's Word.

Regulations of the Board.

Rule 1. There shall be a meeting of this Board for the transaction of business on the first Monday in every month.

2. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the transactions of the Board.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare a faithful report annually, of the operations of the Society, which, if judged advisable, shall be printed under the direction of the Society.

4. No man shall be employed by the Board who cannot furnish satisfactory evidence of good moral and religious character, of consecration under divine influence to the work of the Ministry, and of such mental attainments as shall enable him, with the divine blessing, faithfully and successfully to fulfil its responsible duties.

5. In case of wishing to dismiss a Missionary, permanently employed, on account of incompetency on his part to fulfil the duties of his calling, or on account of inability on the part of the Board to pay his salary, three months notice shall be given to such Missionary.

Salaries of Missionaries.

The salaries of Missionaries shall be governed by their circumstances and by their field of labor. In every case strict economy shall be observed.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WESTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art. 8. Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches so far as respects any interference with their independence

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

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

A DECLARATION,

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Churches of Christ, comprising the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

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

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

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

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

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

6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen 1. 26--27; and ii. 16--17; Gal iii 10.

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

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

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the

Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and for ever: Rom viii. 29, 30; Eph i. 4, 5; John vi. 37--39. Rev vii. 9; Tit ii. 14; Mark xv. 16; 2 Tim ii. 10; Matt xii. 33; Rev xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God that ever liveth to make intercession for us: Heb x. 5, 19; Dan ix. 24; Heb vii. 25.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART THE SECOND.

Concerning a visible Church of Christ, and its Discipline.

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

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ, to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter, that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all his Ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their Faith have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Matthe xxviii. 19, 20; 1 Cor xi. 26-28; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26, and viii. 12, 36, 39; Matt iii. 6-16; Rom vi. 4; Co ii. 12; John iii. 33 John i. 9, 10; Acts viii. 36-39.

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

4. That a Church thus gathered, hath power to choose, and by Elders to Ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz; Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some such cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of neighbouring Churches of Christ; Acts i. 22-26, and vi. 3-6; Num i. 10; Matt xviii. 15-18; Acts xv.

5. That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother; yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place, whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house; Matt xx. 25-29; 1 Peter v. 3; Matt xxviii. 19, 20; Acts xx. 20-26-31.

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

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

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and People

—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burdened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a freewill offering agreeably to the scripture of truth, and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by gospel rule as for any other breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: 2 Cor viii. 12--13; Luke x. 7; Rom xv. 27, 1 Cor ix.

COVENANT.

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

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

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the directions of our Lord—Matt xviii. 15--17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harbored in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his Church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of

God in his Word—expecting that he will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom—applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CAP. LXVII.

An Act for the incorporation of certain Bodies in connection with the Eastern and Western Baptist Associations.

SECTION 1. The Trustees of Baptist Chapel or other property, incorporated.

2. What property to be subject to this Act, and how the Corporation may hold it.
3. Trustees. election of, for Churches.
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6. Trustees for educational or other societies, election of.
7. A majority of the Trustees authorized to act.
8. Annual revenue, limit of.

Passed 12th April, 1855.

Whereas certain persons are associated together in Churches constituting a religious community known as the Baptist Church, in connection with the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Baptist Associations: And whereas sundry Chapels and other buildings have been erected, and lands purchased or otherwise conveyed or held in trust for the use of such Churches in the several Counties of this Province, or for educational or other benevolent objects in connection therewith, and inconveniences have been experienced in managing the same by Trustees without being incorporated for that purpose:—

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

1. Every Board of Trustees of any Chapel or Seminary for education, and land and buildings held therewith, or held for the purpose of erecting any Chapel or Seminary thereon for the use and benefit of any Baptist Church in connection with the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Baptist Associations, or in connection with any Baptist Education, or other Society, to be hereafter chosen for any such purpose, and their successors, shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Baptist Chapel," or other property as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property may be situate and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal renewable at pleasure, power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and improve, sell, let, or assign the same or any part thereof, or any interest in or arising out of the same, and make bye laws, and exercise such other powers as are conferred

by law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of the said Chapel, or other property for the benefit of the Church to which the same may belong, or the educational or other subjects to which it may be devoted.

2. All Chapels or other property as aforesaid, held in trust as aforesaid in any part of the Province, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned, and a conveyance thereof shall be made to the Corporation by the existing Trustees; and the said Corporation shall then hold the same for the purposes aforesaid with as good a title, legal and equitable, as such Trustees had at the time of the conveyance.

3. Every such Church, together with the congregation regularly attending and contributing to its funds by pew rents or otherwise, may annually at such time and in such manner as each Church shall prescribe by the male members present at any meeting for the purpose, elect any number of Trustees, not less than three nor more than nine, from among the male members of the said Church or congregation, or both, who shall continue in office for one year, or until others are elected in their stead.

4. Every meeting of the Church or Church and congregation for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall act on notice to be given by the Pastor or Minister presiding over the same, or if there be none, by any Deacon thereof, at any usual meeting of the Church for worship or business.

5. Such Trustees may, on due notice, meet together and manage the temporal affairs of the Chapel for which they are elected, and the property in connection therewith, for the benefit of the Church to which it shall belong.

6. Every Educational or other Society as aforesaid may, at its annual meeting to be held at either of the said Associations or elsewhere, on notice by post or otherwise, elect from among its members such number of Trustees as may be deemed necessary for the management of the affairs of any Seminary in connection therewith, who together with all the Ministers of the denomination accredited at such Association as additional or ex-officio Trustees, may transact its business on due notice to be given as aforesaid, or by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose at the same time by the said Trustees.

7. Whenever by this Act any Board of Trustees or number of persons may require to do any act, a majority of those present at the meeting shall be sufficient for the purpose.

8. The annual revenue derived from the rent of lands belonging to any such chapel, Seminary, or Society as aforesaid, shall not exceed five hundred pounds.