

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE BAPTISTS

OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD AT CANNING, KING'S COUNTY,
September 12th, 13th, 14th, and 16th, 1872.

WITH AN APPENDIX,
CONTAINING THE
TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS,
A STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE DENOMINATION,
Minutes of the Foreign Mission and Education Societies,

AND THE
HARMONY, YARMOUTH, AND SHELBURNE QUARTERLY MEETING
HOME MISSION SOCIETIES TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS,
WITH RULES OF ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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MINUTES.

The Seventh Session of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia was held at Canning, King's County, commencing on Thursday, September 12th, 1872, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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

After singing, and prayer by Rev. W. Downey, it was—
Resolved, That Rev. T. O. DeWitt be Moderator.

Members of Conference Present.

REV. T. O. DEWITT, *Moderator.*

REV. J. I. PORTER, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

Revs. C. Knowles, C. Cann, S. K. West, W. M. Knollin, W. Downey, T. H. Crowell, S. N. Royal, J. Granville; and H. Lockhart, Licentiate.

Deacons.

N. Churchill, J. Lockhart, B. B. Woodworth, S. Witney, M. Brown, M. Margiston, — Coffe.

Delegates.

M. Wilson, S. Cohoon, Daniel Cox, and H. Potter.

Corresponding Delegate from the N. E. F. C. B. General Conference.

REV. A. TAYLOR. REV. J. McLEOD, *Visitor.*

Corresponding Delegate from the Maine Central Y. M. of F. W. Baptists.

REV. F. REED. REV. MR. HEATH and J. M. STURGESS, *Visitors.*

Resolved, That J. Lockhart, B. B. Woodworth, and Rev. T. H. Crowell, be the Prudential Committee.

Resolved, That this Conference proceed to the appointment of the Committees.

Resolved, That T. H. Crowell, W. Downey, and W. M. Knollin, be a Committee to nominate the Committees.

Reported as follows :

That W. Downey, J. Lockhart, and M. Wilson, be the Committee on Temperance.

That C. Knowles, B. B. Woodworth, and C. Cann, be the Committee on the Sabbath.

That S. N. Royal, J. Granville, and S. Cohoon, be the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

That W. M. Knollin, J. I. Porter, S. K. West, and S. Whitney, be the Committee on Education.

That T. H. Crowell, Daniel Cox, and H. Lockhart, be the Committee on Missions.

W. DOWNEY, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Report be received, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Delegate from the Maine Central Y. M. of F. W. Baptists and the Corresponding Delegate from the N. B. General Conference of F. C. Baptists, be cordially received, and invited to take part in the deliberations of Conference.

Resolved, That visiting brethren from the States and New Brunswick, be invited to take part in Conference, subject to its Rules.

Resolved, That the brethren present, not members of Conference, be invited to the privileges of Conference, subject to its Rules.

Resolved, That S. N. Royal, W. Downey, W. M. Knollin, and T. H. Crowell, be a Committee on Order of Business.

Resolved, That this Conference adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. A. Taylor.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Singing. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Knollin.

Resolved, That Rev. T. H. Crowell, Rev. C. Cann, and S. Witney, be a Committee to nominate Corresponding Delegates to other bodies.

Resolved, That J. I. Porter, W. M. Knollin, and J. Granville, be a Committee to locate the next Yearly Meeting, and report within six months.

Resolved, That the explanation of Committee on Incorporation be printed in the Minutes.

Explanation as follows: There is no mistake in the Act of Incorporation: only in the Minutes of 1870, as there printed; but right as printed in the book of statutes of N. S.

Resolved, That we seek a closer union with the F. W. Baptists of the United States.

After a lengthy discussion—

Resolved, as an amendment, that in the opinion of this Conference, it is not expedient to seek, at present, a closer union with the F. Baptists of the States.

Resolved, That we adjourn until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. Granville.

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FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. C. Knowles.

This was a reporting meeting.

The Report of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Q. M. was called for, and read, as follows:

The Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, to the Annual Conference assembled at Canning, King's County, sendeth greeting:

BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST—Through the Divine blessing, we are permitted to assemble in another Annual Conference. How cheering is the exchange of christian friendship—to grasp the hand, and behold the face, of those we love in Christ, lightens our burdens, and inspires us in the work of the Lord.

During the last year, our Q. M. has held, as usual, its four sessions; all of which, we trust, have been profitable, as well as interesting. A good interest has been enjoyed in some localities, although not so extensive and wide-spread as desirable. We have not been as successful in developing the system of pastorates as was anticipated last year; nevertheless, something has been done. The pastorate at Beaver River has been constructed, and Brother Royal invited to that field of labour, where, with good success, he has been at work for the Lord, since the first of last winter.

The Q. M. is composed of twenty Churches,—all of which were reported at our last session. A large majority reported in favour of pastorates. Only one objected. A few had taken no action. We hope the cause which has prevented further success in this work during the last year, may speedily give place to better principles, and enable the Q. M. to complete the work, that our Churches may be better cared for, their wants more fully met, and our ministers' labour more advantageously bestowed.

We have much pleasure in reporting the fact that there are no serious difficulties existing in any of the Churches of this Q. M. Religious services are ministered in all. All, except one, have more or less ministerial labour. The return of Bro. Oram to labour in this Q. M., and the addition of Bro. Royal to our staff of labourers, has partly met the want of faithful labourers in this field. But yet more ministers are needed. Does not some young men amongst us feel the "Woe to me if I preach not?" A considerable zeal has been manifested by some of our Churches in securing more comfortable and larger places of worship. The Church at Wood's Harbour has a very neat and commodious new Church nearly completed, and will be ready for use this fall. The Port-la-Tour Church has a very fine house of worship nearly completed, which will likewise be dedicated this fall. The Church at Beaver River is also repairing its house of worship. May these worthy examples be followed, until every place of worship within our Quarterly Meeting is what it should be.

The additions during the year have not been large; yet, in many of the Churches a good interest has existed. There have been added to the Church at Brooklin seven members. Nine have been added to the Church at Deerfield. The Church at Chebogue have had two added. The Church at Port-la-Tour one by baptism. The Session Hill Church enjoyed a very precious season of revival under the labours of Brother Royal, which resulted in the addition of twenty members. In all, thirty-nine.

A good interest is manifested in our Sunday school work in many places. We look with hope and encouragement to those youthful fields of culture. In looking over our Quarterly Meeting field, the thought impresses itself upon the mind, Why have we not enjoyed more success? Considering the question from a scriptural point of view, we are led to the conclusion that there are several reasons. A wise man said, "They who sow sparingly, shall reap sparingly." When we consider the amount of wealth which abounds in this Quarterly Meeting, and yet how little we do for Education and Missions; or, in other words, how small our efforts to extend the benign reign of Christ, we are constrained to admit a lack of consecration to God; the want of a devoted

and consecrated ministry; and last, but not least, the absence of a wisely adjusted system, by which to carry forward and develop the interests of religion committed to our care: we have no doubt these are among the causes why we have been left to reap so sparingly.

In conclusion, as this Report, in accordance with our usage, will find a place in the Minutes of this Annual Conference, and pass to the hands of our Church members and ministers, to be read at leisure, let me take this opportunity of urging upon all the members of our Zion, the necessity of securing more spiritual-mindedness, which will lead to a greater reliance on the Great Head of the Church, and a stronger determination to faithfully discharge the duties incumbent on us.

W. M. KNOLLIN, Q. M. Clerk.

Resolved, That the Report be received, and printed in the Minutes.

The Harmony Q. M. Report was called for, and read, as follows:

The Harmony Quarterly Meeting, to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, assembled at Canning, King's County, sendeth christian salutation:

DEAR BRETHREN—In coming to you with our Annual Report, we must, first of all, acknowledge the goodness and hand of God, the Father of all mercies, in the preservation of our lives, our civil and religious privileges, and in permitting so many of us to assemble again in Conference. True, many in whose society we have mingled on other similar occasions, are not with us now; but we trust they have gone to be with Christ, which is far better than seeing each other here, and grasping the friendly hand in christian greeting, or even uniting in the delightful exercises of worship which we so much enjoy. Then let us look to God for His presence while together on this occasion, and for grace to do His will while we live. Let us engage heartily in the blessings and privileges that are given us, and use properly the blessings and privileges that are given us, so that at the last we too may join the glorified throng above.

We have had three Quarterly Meeting sessions this year. The first was held with the Church at Port Medway, Queen's County, commencing January 5th. We were greatly cheered by the presence of Rev. J. I. Porter, of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting; Rev. T. O. DeWitt, of the F. C. Baptist Conference of N. B.; and Rev. Joseph Granville, of the F. W. Baptists of the United States. These brethren came to us at a time when we were really needy. They brought cheering reports from the bodies to which they severally belonged, spoke words of comfort and encouragement for us, and assisted us greatly in our deliberations.

One of the most important transactions of this session, was the granting of a license to Brother J. McK. Lowden, a member of the Church at Port Medway, by request of said Church.

There were quite a number of brethren from abroad; and altogether, we had an interesting and, we believe, profitable time.

The second session was held with the Church at Mount Denison, Hants County, commencing March 1st. Owing to a failure in giving public notice of the time of holding this session, there were not as many present as there otherwise would have been. The weather, too, was unfavourable to the meetings of this session. But notwithstanding these drawbacks, we had an interesting season. The reports from the Churches were quite encouraging. The Lord was with us in our business and religious meetings, and harmony and christian zeal prevailed. By request of the Canning Church, Brother Hibbert Lockhart was licensed to preach the Gospel.

A committee was appointed to prepare a form of letter for the Churches to the Quarterly Meeting, that there might be more uniformity in that part of our work.

The third session was held with the Church at Black Rock, King's County commencing July 5th. The Churches were quite well represented by delegates

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and, with one exception, all of them reported by letter. This was partly at last the result of having previously provided the Clerks with forms of letters, agreeable to the action of the previous session.

Rev. Joseph Granville, formerly of the Free Will Baptists of the United States, and Rev. T. O. DeWitt, formerly of the Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, were present, and having previously (by letter) united—the one with the Church at Harmony, and the other with the Church at Canning—now expressed their desire to become members of the Quarterly Meeting Conference. After due examination, these brethren were unanimously received and welcomed to our ministerial ranks.

So then, while we, in our last Annual Report, had, with sadness of heart, to refer to the death of a dear and able fellow-labourer in the Gospel, and still with sorrow of heart cherish his memory and mourn his loss, we now are encouraged by the accession to our number of two Elders and two Licentiates.

The business of the session was all disposed of in christian love and harmony. The meeting for christian Conference on Saturday afternoon was one of special interest. The spirit of the Lord seemed indeed to flow from heart to heart, with its melting and happying influence.

The Sabbath was indeed a "high day in Zion." The weather was fine, the congregations were large, the preaching, prayer, and exhortations were earnest, the "Master of Assemblies" was evidently present, and we believe God's name was glorified in the building up of His children and the quickening of the careless.

We will now make a brief reference to each Church, in order, beginning with *Scott's Bay and Ellis Mountain*. From the last report of this Church, we learn that it is in a low and scattered condition for the want of ministerial help; but there are some still praying for the prosperity of Zion, and trying to hold up the prayer and Conference meetings. From report, there are now 18 members in good standing. A union Sabbath school is sustained during the year at *Scott's Bay*, with 15 teachers, and an average attendance of 60 scholars.

Half's Harbour Church is in quite a healthy condition. They have the labours of Rev. T. O. DeWitt one quarter of the time, monthly Conference, and prayer meeting on the Sabbath when no preaching. No Sabbath school. Membership about 100. One has been removed by death.

Back Rock Church is in good working order. They have some ministerial help from Rev. T. O. DeWitt; and early in the year enjoyed a few visits from brother H. Lockhart. The Quarterly Meeting held with them in July was a source of strength and encouragement to them. Membership, 78. One has been removed by death. They sustain a Sabbath school six months of the year, with 4 teachers, an average attendance of 40 scholars, and a library of 100 volumes.

Canning Church has the pastoral labours of Rev. T. O. DeWitt one-half of the time. During the year there has been some revival interest, and the means of grace have been quite well sustained. Their new house of worship, commenced under discouraging circumstances, has been completed. It was dedicated to the service of God on the 14th of July. This Church has sustained a great loss in the death of Brother Beekman Cox, an aged and worthy member. Their present membership is 119. A Sabbath school is sustained about five months of the year, with 8 teachers, an average attendance of 50 scholars, and a library of 150 volumes.

Amport Church has been destitute of pastoral or ministerial labour for a long time, until early this summer, when Bro. John M. Lowden came to them. Since then, he has preached to them every alternate Sabbath. Though this Church is small, it is doing well in sustaining the means of grace. Their present membership is 32. One has been removed by death. A union Sabbath school is sustained during the year, with 6 teachers, an average attendance of 40 scholars, and a library of 100 volumes.

Mount Denison Church. This little Church has been scattered and discontinued for some time. The March session of the Quarterly Meeting was held with them, in order that they might be strengthened and encouraged. We believe they were helped a little. We then concluded to continue holding meetings. Bros. Lowden and Lockhart remained with us quite a length of time. We had some very precious meetings, but had to contend with snow

and snow storms so much of the time, and so fiercely, that we did not see all the good accomplished that we had hoped to see; yet we believe that many were revived and some converted. During the summer they have had the labours of Bro. J. M. Lowden one-half of the time. This little Church has sustained a great loss in the sudden death of Brother Albert Smith, the Clerk, but we trust it is his gain. Present membership, 54.

East Medway Church has the pastoral labours of Theo. H. Crowell one-eighth of the time, and in addition to this, they have had a few visits from Brothers Lowden and Lockhart (Licentiates). For some time they have been scattered and discouraged on account of some little trial among some of the brethren, but now things are looking better, and they are hoping for better days. Their present membership is 84. A Sabbath school is sustained during the summer season, with an average attendance of about 30 scholars, and a library of 65 volumes.

Port Medway Church still has the labours of Theo. H. Crowell one-half of the time. The means of grace are regularly observed, but apparently only a few, as a general rule, have a mind to sustain them, or avail themselves of the blessings they are designed to impart. Protracted meetings were held in connection with the January session of the Quarterly Meeting, during the week of prayer, and for some time after (Union meetings), and there seemed to be a great interest awakened, especially among the young people. Some, we believe, were converted; but soon the general interest settled down to the old level, which is rather low. The religious tone is not what it should be, though there are some who are bearing the burden in the different departments of christian work, and praying for the prosperity of Zion. They have had preaching the most of the time during the year on the Sabbath: Brothers Lowden and Lockhart having, in turn, assisted the pastor in his work, and others having made them a visit. A Sabbath school is sustained during the year, with 7 teachers, an average attendance of 60 scholars, and a library of 100 volumes. Church membership, 107; 3 added by baptism; 1 died.

The Harmony Church, which was so long without a pastor, has now the labours of Rev. Joseph Granville one-half of the time. He occupies their new parsonage; and in this is fulfilled the prophecy of one of our aged ministers, spoken a number of years ago, that when their parsonage was ready, the Lord would send them a minister. The ordinances of the Church are regularly observed, but only a few stand at their post in the work of the Lord. 2 have died. 2 have been added by letter. The present membership is 90. A Sabbath School (Union) is sustained six months of the year, with 10 teachers, an average attendance of 50 scholars, and a library of 140 volumes. Our next Quarterly Meeting session is to be held with this Church.

Port Mouton Church is enjoying a good degree of prosperity. The religious interest is very good. The means of grace are well sustained. They have the pastoral labours of Theo. H. Crowell one-quarter of the time; and, during the year, Brothers Lowden and Lockhart have each visited them occasionally. A Sabbath school is sustained, with 7 teachers, about 50 scholars, and a library of about 50 volumes. Present Church membership, 64. Two have died.

We have appointed as delegates to sit with you in Conference, Brothers James Cushing, Spencer Cohoon, Leonard Huntley, Daniel Cox, Sidney K. Thorp, Asa Porter, Simons Cox, Theodore Shaw, Leander Cohoon, and Solomon Stewart, Sen.

While we have so little to speak of in our Report that will be interesting to you, and so much reference to lethargy among our Churches, we, at the same time, assure you that we are not discouraged. We have much to be thankful for. Our ministerial force is being strengthened, our Quarterly Meeting institutions are getting more properly shaped, and becoming more interesting and influential, and many are being quickened with zeal for the welfare of Zion.

Our Home Mission Society, though still weak, is thriving. Public meetings have been held in connection with each Quarterly Meeting session during the year, which was not the case in other years. These meetings were interesting and successful.

Brother J. McK. Lowden was employed as Home Missionary for a while, in the early part of the year. His labours were confined chiefly to Port Medway, East Medway, Port Mouton, and Mount Denison; and principally in holding protracted meetings. We hope to see great good accomplished through this little Society.

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In conclusion, we have only to add that we are contending for the "faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and which, we believe, has hitherto characterized us as a people and strengthened our denominational ties.

We trust that in the deliberations now before us, we shall have an eye single to the glory of God; and that the Church which has given us a home for a little season, all who may come together in this our Annual Meeting, and many, many others, may experience the riches of His grace and love.

September 1872.

THEO. H. CROWELL,

Harmony Q. M. Clerk.

Resolved, That the Report be received, and printed in the Minutes.

The report of the Corresponding Delegate from the New Brunswick Free Christian Baptist General Conference was called for, when the Rev. A. Taylor, one of the delegates appointed, came forward and gave a verbal and interesting report. Among other things, the following:

I am happy to be here. Regret my co-delegate is not present. I congratulate you on signs of progress indicated in the Quarterly Meeting Reports, and otherwise. He spoke of the prosperity of the cause in New Brunswick; in doing which he referred to their encouragements and discouragements. He said "We in New Brunswick rejoice in your gain in having ministers from our Conference."

He spoke of the education question as it exists among them at present, and said some good things concerning it. He further said, Our Home Mission work prospers. We are introducing reforms which are working well.

We are doing a good deal in the Foreign Mission work, but lack system; but are about introducing reforms. I request a continuance of correspondence.

Rev. J. McLeod, being present, was called for, and came forward and made some interesting remarks. He said:

We have more than 100 churches. Lack system and ministers. Our ministers could do far more if their labors were systematized. System would induce young men to enter the work. It is the duty of our Conference to take action in this matter. We have seventeen churches in one district which have not had one week's pastoral care during the year. Spoke warmly on the subject of education, and said, If our Conference does not give this subject the attention it demands, our ministry must continue inadequate to the work God has given us to do.

The Corresponding Delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, was called for, and Rev. F. Reed came forward and gave a very interesting report:

He spoke of the pleasure which he felt at being present, and of the beauties of the country. The Yearly Meeting which he represented consists of five Quarterly Meetings—6,378 communicants. The Penobscot Yearly Meeting had 4,476 communicants. The Maine Western, 4,079—making in all in the State of Maine, 14,933 communicants. He spoke of the itinerant labors of the first ministers of the denomination; of the Home Mission work; how their system reached every member of the churches, and secured regular contributions. Are seeking and arranging their churches, that they may be better supplied with

preaching by the same staff of ministers. He spoke of the Foreign Mission in its relation to all supporting it. The education of their ministry had done very much to enable them to organize and hold churches in the cities and large villages. Their Institutions of learning had been placed on a firm basis. No denomination had succeeded better in this respect, all things considered. The nomination had succeeded better in this respect, all things considered. The endowment fund of Bates College is \$300,000. He believed it was the mind of those who had the charge of the matter to make the students from our Yearly Meeting equally favored with their own in every respect. Also spoke of the mission God has given the Free Baptists, their influence on other denominations, and their influence in turn upon Free Baptists, as mutually beneficial. Gave notice of the centenary celebration in anticipation; hoped all Free Baptists on this continent will join in it. Requested a continuance of the correspondence.

Rev. Mr. Heath being called, came forward and expressed his pleasure; spoke of the rise of the denomination; early success; want of an education felt; success in its progress; and touchingly of our future meeting.

By the request of the Moderator, the audience joined in singing the beautiful hymn, beginning, "In the sweet by-and by."

Prayer by Rev. W. Downey.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. A. Taylor.

The report of our Corresponding Delegate to the New Brunswick Free Christian Baptist General Conference was called for, and Rev. J. I. Porter spoke of his reception as being very cordial; the vigorous operations of their Societies; Sabbath School Convention; and the pleasure in having the correspondence continued in the presence of Bro. Taylor, who he was glad to greet amongst us.

Rev. W. M. Knollin, Delegate to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, was called upon to report, and said: He was very cordially received. Our Freewill Baptist brethren work as well as talk; they push things right forward. He felt it was not necessary for him to say more, as Bro. Reed had given such a thorough report.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was called for, and read as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report: 1st. They consider the Sabbath School as an indissoluble auxiliary to our churches.

We are thankful for the success that hitherto has attended the efforts of the servants and handmaidens of the Lord, who have been and are laboring in the

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glorious work. We pray the Lord of the harvest that the seed sown may bring forth fruit to encourage the hearts of those who in tears have scattered. We recommend all our membership to labor more ardently, and pray more fervently, that success may crown future efforts. We find among our membership too many who are absolutely doing nothing in this department of love; we recommend them to observe the success that has been, and is, attending those who are at work, assured that, if they will, the more they interest themselves, the more they will have cause for congratulation. We urge upon them to connect themselves with some Free Baptist Sabbath School, either as teachers or as pupils.

We further recommend, that we give a certain portion of our Yearly Conference, to consider that very important interest at its annual sessions; that we may see all our people engaging in the Sabbath School old and young.

That the God of the harvest may bless those who labor in the Sabbath School with abundant success; feeding the lambs, and bringing the wandering erring ones to the Great Shepherd, is our prayer. Pray that our prayer may be answered.

S. N. ROYAL, *Chairman.*

Rev. S. N. Royal spoke very touchingly upon the subject.

Rev. F. Reed spoke of the importance of giving the Sabbath School interest a place in our annual gatherings, and of beginning early with the children.

Rev. J. Granville spoke of the duty of parents and guardians touching the Sabbath School work.

Rev. A. Taylor said he was interested in Sabbath Schools. Their Conference was taking interest in the good work.

Rev. W. M. Knollin said the agitation of the subject on his circuit resulted in a larger attendance of adults.

Rev. W. Downey spoke of the importance of giving the Sabbath School work prominence in our Sabbath day religious exercises.

Rev. T. H. Crowell was pleased that the subject took the turn it had, and thought nothing should crowd out the Sabbath School service.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted.

The Report on Temperance was read as follows:

Your Committee feel confident that the traffic in and habitual use of intoxicating liquors have added much to the wretchedness of man's fallen situation, and does more towards counteracting the influence of the Gospel than any other evil with which our world is afflicted. It is therefore evidently necessary, in order that God be well pleased with us, that we as christians use every lawful means in our power to counteract the influence of this deadly foe of human happiness. Your Committee believe the church should lead forth in this, as well as every moral reform; and we rejoice to know that we as a denomination stand pledged to temperance. Thus far we have done well in clearly defining our position on this great question, and in sounding the notes of alarm

as has been done by many of our ministers and leading lay brethren, but our efforts should not cease. Reformatations only proceed in proportion as they are agitated; therefore our pulpits should be bold and outspoken in denouncing this monster evil. Also our church discipline should be strictly enforced upon those who by tipping disgrace their christian profession. Your Committee rejoice in the success which has attended the efforts of the different organizations in the world, especially in our own Province, during the past; and sincerely hope the future may bring with it renewed and increased labor, and more abundant success; until there shall appear upon our statute books a law that shall forever prohibit the importation, sale, and use of all that can intoxicate man. In conclusion, your Committee deeply regret that any of our churches are in the habit of using intoxicating wine at the communion table; and most earnestly recommend this Conference to officially utter its protest against the use of alcoholic wines at the "Lord's Table."

W. DOWNEY, *Chairman.*

Rev. S. K. West showed, by forcible illustration, intemperance to be a moral evil.

Rev. S. N. Royal spoke of the importance of disallowing the use of alcoholic wines at the Sacrament table.

Rev. F. Reed spoke of the position Maine occupies on the subject.

Rev. Mr. Heath spoke of the importance of suppressing the traffic by legal suasion.

Rev. J. McLeod spoke of his indignation towards the rum seller, and his hatred of the traffic.

Rev. A. Taylor said the thought, "We are not in danger," is the great trouble.

All the speeches were earnest, and good.

The Report on the Sabbath was called for, but was not forthcoming; so the Report on Education was called for, and read, as follows:

Your Committee consider Education a very important interest both to the world and to the church. By education we do not mean simply book knowledge, but the development of a true and useful humanity.

Our citizens have reason to be proud of a common school law inferior to none in the world. And while under its genial influence the youth of our country are rising in the scale of intelligence, they naturally demand that the higher interests of society be committed to such as are capable of not only retaining but pressing those interests to fuller development.

Among the various interests of society there are none so high and important as religion. It is the great and glorious panacea for earthly suffering and woe. It connects earth and heaven, and leads its possessor to the glorious fruition of love in eternity. Through what channel is the world to receive these inestimable blessings but through the Church of Christ? When he commanded to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The church possesses two essential elements of power for the execution of her work—knowledge and consecration, or *the Lord with her*. Ignorance fetters and circumscribes her usefulness, and effectually narrows her horizon. Your

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Committee feel that, as a denomination, we have cause for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God in the gift of so many young men for the work of the ministry. And we likewise feel that it is our duty, as a people, to give them material aid. And your Committee recommend that some method be adopted to secure funds for our Educational Society, and thus enable it to relieve the necessities of our young men studying for the ministry.

In behalf of the Committee.

W. M. KNOLLIN, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted.

The Report on Missions was called for, and read as follows:

Your Committee feel that this is one of the most important subjects, if not the most important, in connection with our denominational work; in fact our whole denominational work is professedly based on the principle of missions. We therefore recommend that this Conference heartily co-operate with the Societies already organized to promote the interests of Home and Foreign Missions. And that all the members of the Conference use their influence in their several fields of labor to render by every possible means the mission enterprise efficient for the Master.

We are glad to learn that the Home Mission Societies in connection with the Quarterly Meetings are in good working order, and becoming better prepared to render service in the cause of Christ. The Foreign Mission Society in connection with the Conference is strengthening and maturing. As its interests will be considered this evening at its public meeting, more particularly, it will be unnecessary to say more here.

We have only to say that the Mission enterprise has claims upon every individual member of the Church of Christ—upon all who have participated in the blessings of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. CROWELL, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Report be received, and adopted.

Resolved, That we adjourn until to-morrow, 10 o'clock,
A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. Granville.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. I. Porter.

Resolved, That the Report of Committee on Order of Business for future sessions of this Conference be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes of this year. [*See Appendix, last page.*]

Resolved, That this Yearly Meeting recommend, in view of the great need of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Churches, and of more ministers, filled with the Holy

Ghost, to occupy the fields already our own, and new fields that invite us, that the Second Thursday of November next be observed as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer among all our Churches.

A resolution was introduced by Rev. W. M. Knollin, touching educational matters. After some conversation it was laid on the table at the call of the Moderator.

Resolved, That this Conference invite each one of our Sabbath Schools to report by letter, and, when convenient, by delegate, to our next Annual Conference, with a view to organize a Sabbath School Convention.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer of this Conference for the payment of the bills of our Corresponding Delegates to New Brunswick and the United States.

Resolved, That we adjourn until next Monday, 9 o'clock,

A. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. K. West.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. Granville.

The Report of Committee on Corresponding Delegates was called for, and read as follows:

That Rev. C. Knowles be delegate to the New Brunswick Free Baptist General Conference, and Rev. S. K. West, his substitute. Rev. W. Downey be delegate to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, and Rev. T. O. DeWitt, his substitute.

T. H. CROWELL, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the Report be received, and adopted.

The Report of Committee on the late Rev. E. Sullivan's head stone, was called for; when the Chairman reported about fifteen dollars (\$15.00) on hand. The needed amount was immediately made up, and the following Committee appointed:

Resolved, That Revs. T. O. DeWitt, T. H. Crowell, and B. B. Wordsworth, and Capt. H. Potter, be a Committee to purchase and erect the stone within six weeks.

Resolved, That there be 1000 copies of the Minutes printed, and that the Clerk receive ten dollars for his services.

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The resolution laid on the table, touching the appointment of an Agent, was called for and read.

Resolved, That there be a Committee of five appointed to divide the sum which this Conference wishes to raise to pay our Foreign Missionary's salary, among the Churches, according to their ability to pay.

Resolved, That Revs. J. Granville, W. M. Knollin, S. N. Royal, T. H. Crowell, and Deacon S. Whitney be the Committee. [*See Appendix, List of Churches.*]

Resolved, That this Yearly Meeting establish an Endowment Fund, the interest of which shall be appropriated to the education of young men contemplating the ministry.

Resolved, That we make an effort to raise the sum of three thousand dollars.

Resolved, That there be an Agent appointed to raise the above sum.

Resolved, That J. I. Porter, S. Whitney, T. H. Crowell, W. Downey and S. N. Royal be the Committee to appoint said Agent.

Resolved, That Rev. S. N. Royal and T. H. Crowell, be a Committee to consult with Brother Lingess.

Resolved, That we adjourn until 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M.
Prayer by Rev. S. K. West.

MONDAY EVENING.

Prayer by Rev. C. Knowles.

The Report of Committee on Agency was called for, and reported, as follows:

Your Committee to appoint an Agent, beg leave to report:—After carefully discussing the matter, they advise the creation of an Agency, to consist of each minister and such lay brethren as may interest themselves in this matter; and that the accompanying Agreement be issued:

AGREEMENT.

We, whose names are annexed, believing that the time has come when our Educational interests should be placed upon a more permanent basis, do hereby obligate ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, to pay the sum set against our names, in cash, or in promissory notes, payable in four equal annual payments, with lawful annual interest, from the date of the holding of the N. S. F. Baptist Conference, Sept. 1873: provided the sum of three thousand dollars be raised as an endowment fund; to be safely invested by a board of trustees, chosen by the N. S. Free Baptist Yearly Conference; the interest of

which shall be used to aid such young men as may be approved of by the said Conference, in securing an education, with a view to enter the gospel ministry, in connection with the F. B. Conference of Nova Scotia.

Resolved, That the Report and paper be received, and adopted; and that the Clerk get fifty copies of the paper printed, and circulate them.

In view of the present needs of our young men who are at school, and who may be thinking of attending school—

Resolved, That this Conference request all of our Churches to make an earnest effort to raise funds in aid of our Education Society; and that each minister be an agent in his pastorate to carry out this request; and that the Clerk furnish each minister with a copy.

Resolved, That we adjourn.

Prayer by Rev. J. Granville.

DEVOTIONAL

Thursday evening, Rev. S. N. Royal preached, and a good meeting was enjoyed.

Saturday, 2 o'clock, P. M., met for social Conference. A large number assembled. Many spoke, and a refreshing season was enjoyed. The Lord was with his people of a truth.

Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock, there was a prayer meeting; 10½ o'clock, preaching at the place of Conference, by Rev. A. Taylor, delegate from the F. C. Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick. At the close of this meeting, the Lord's Supper was observed, with much enjoyment to those present. At the same hour, Rev. J. Granville preached at the Congregational Church; also, Rev. J. McLeod at the Methodist Chapel; and Rev. S. N. Royal at Hall's Harbour; and Rev. W. M. Knollin at Scott's Bay.

3½ o'clock, Rev. Mr. Heath, from Hallowell, Maine, preached at place of Conference; Rev. C. Knowles, at the Baptist Church, Pereaux; Rev. J. I. Porter, at the Baptist Church, Canning; Rev. T. H. Crowell, at the Hall at Sheffield's Mills; Rev. W. Downey, at Hall's Harbour; Rev. S. K. West, at Ell's Mountain.

7½ o'clock, Rev. F. Reed, delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, preached at the place of Conference; and Rev. A. Taylor at the Methodist Church.

On this day the weather was favourable, the preachers earnest, the sermons good; and much interest manifested in the services, which were calculated to do much good, and thus honor the Great Head of the Church.

On Monday evening, Rev. J. McLeod preached a good sermon, and we had an excellent meeting before parting; for this was our last meeting of the occasion. We felt when parting, it had been *good to meet and work*.

Our benevolent Societies are doing well. New and advanced work is undertaken, with promise of success. Altogether, this was the best Yearly Meeting we have held.

J. I. PORTER, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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

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| Amt. in fund Oct. 25th, 1871, \$64 34½ | | Beverly Smith and wife, \$0 35 |
| 1ST ARGYLE CHURCH, FOR, 1871. | | Mrs. Asa Crowll, 24 |
| Isaac Ryder and wife, \$0 17½ | | George Swim and wife, 35 |
| Ezra Spinney and wife, 17½ | | George H. Swim and wife, 35 |
| Henry Spinney and wife, 17½ | | Judah Nickerson and wife, 35 |
| Richard Spinney and wife, 17½ | | Asa Swim and wife, 80 |
| Solomon Ryder and wife, 5 | | Malcolm Nickerson and wife, 10 |
| Miss Elizabeth Ryder, 5 | | Mrs. Dorcas Kenney, 25 |
| Mrs. Simeon Spinney, 5 | | Joshua Nickerson and wife, 15 |
| Miss Deborah A. Spinney, 12½ | | Catherine Duncan, 10 |
| Simeon Spinney, 17½ | | Susie Brennen, 35 |
| Mr. Maxwell and wife, 17½ | | Smith Swim and wife, 10 |
| | | Mrs. Lydia J. Crowell, 35 |
| | \$1 32½ | Levi Kenney and wife, 25 |
| | | Solomon Kenney, 25 |
| WOOD'S HARBOUR CHURCH, 1871. | | John Kenney, 25 |
| Josiah Nickerson and wife, \$0 18 | | Reuben Smith, 35 |
| G. W. Smith and wife, 17½ | | Job Atkinson and wife, 20 |
| Collected by Benjamin Knowles, 90 | | John O. Smith, 20 |
| Rev. W. C. Weston and wife, 17½ | | Amasa Smith, 35 |
| | | Capt. Wm. Newell and wife, 24 |
| | \$1 43 | Solomon Newell, 24 |
| CAPE ISLAND CHURCH, 1871. | | Jethro N. Smith, 10 |
| John Pearce, \$0 12½ | | Mrs. Henry Brown, 35 |
| Ephraim Pearce and wife, 17½ | | James Kenney and wife, 10 |
| Sarah Pearce, 5 | | Mrs. Isaac Kenney, 35 |
| John Daley and wife, 17 | | B. F. Kenney and wife, 35 |
| Hemon Goodwin and wife, 18 | | J. K. Kenney and wife, 10 |
| Francois Frost and wife, 17 | | Mrs. Smith Atkinson, 35 |
| Owen Daley and wife, 17½ | | Mark Smith and wife, 10 |
| | | Harriet Trott, 35 |
| | \$1 04½ | Colwell Smith, Esq., and wife, 10 |
| | | Mrs. B. Covell, 25 |
| CAPE ISLAND CHURCH, 1872. | | Mr. B. Covell, jun., 5 |
| Rev. Wm. Knollin and family, \$0 60 | | Mrs. Dillings, 35 |
| Eleazer Crowell and wife, 35 | | John Kenney and wife, 10 |
| Jennie A. Crowell, 10 | | Mrs. John McGray, 35 |
| Caroline Crowell, 10 | | Ephraim Newell and wife, 24 |
| Mary E. Crowell, 10 | | Seth Smith, 35 |
| Mrs. Athalia Crowell, 10 | | Isaac Smith and wife, 25 |
| Wm. H. Swim and wife, 35 | | Hallett Smith, 10 |
| | | Mrs. Jethro Smith, 24 |
| | | Wm. Smith, 24 |

Capt.
Mrs.
Parke
Freem
Mrs. J.
Wm. I.
Abijah
Mrs. F.
Joseph
Widow
Mrs. J.
Mrs. S.
Mrs. R.
James
Samuel
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Job C.
Emily A.
Edmund
Lydia C.
Daniel I.
George
Dorcas
P. W. P.
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Mary E. B
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Capt. Thomas Newell and wife, \$0 35
 Mrs. Samuel Smith, 10
 Parker Smith and wife, 35
 Freeman Smith, 35
 Mrs. Josiah Smith, 12
 Wm. Smith, 2d, 10
 Abijah Ross, 25
 Mrs. E. Brannen, 25
 Joseph Cunningham and wife, 10
 Widow Ross, 24
 Mrs. James Ross, 10
 Mrs. Susanna Ross, 15
 Mrs. Reuben D. Swim, 10
 James Ross, 5
 Samuel Cunningham and wife, 25
 Benjamin Ross and wife, 14
 Samuel Ross and wife, 20
 Job C. Atkinson, 25
 Emily Atkinson, 15
 Edmund Ross and wife, 10
 Lydia C. Ross, 10
 Daniel Nickerson and wife, 16
 George Nickerson and wife, 25
 Dorcas Nickerson and wife, 17
 P. W. Penney and wife, 15
 H. S. Swin and wife, 24
 Sophia Penney, 7
 Zerusah Penney, 5
 Wm. Brannen and wife, 25
 M. C. Nickerson and wife, 17
 Abijah Penney and wife, 17

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CENTRAL SECTION SECOND BARRINGTON CHURCH.

Benjamin Banks and wife, \$0 35
 Joseph Banks, 25
 Elizabeth Gowen, 10
 Drusilla Nickerson, 10
 Mercy Nickerson, 10
 Heman Kenney and wife, 35
 James Banks and wife, 36
 Stephen Banks and wife, 35
 Sophia Banks, 10
 Delilah Nickerson, 10

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SHAG HARBOUR CHURCH.

Samuel W. Nickerson, \$0 25
 Judah Crowell, 25
 I. L. Wilson, 25
 Mary E. Banks, 12
 Abigail Nickerson, 12
 Elizabeth Kendrick, 12

Samuel Nickerson and wife, \$0 35
 Philip Crowell and wife, 35
 Eaton Nickerson, 25
 Levi Crowell, 25
 Matilda Nickerson, 10
 Susan Nickerson, 10
 Martha Nickerson, 10
 Huldah Smith, 10
 Elizabeth J. Stoddart, 10
 Edward Kendrick and wife, 35
 Maria Nickerson, 10
 Seth Kendrick and wife, 35
 Samuel Kendrick and wife, 35
 Daniel Nickerson and wife, 35
 Warren Crowell and wife, 35
 Daniel Stoddart and wife, 35
 Edward H. Kendrick, 24

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PORT LATOUR CHURCH.

Mrs. Hannah Worthen, \$0 10
 Hezekiah Huskins and wife, 35
 Mrs. Wealthy Snow, 10
 Seth Snow and wife, 35
 Mrs. Warren Swain, 10
 House Swain and wife, 20
 James Crowell, jun., 24
 Mrs. James Crowell, 10
 Mrs. Sarah Snow, 10
 Mrs. Mercy Swain, 10
 Miss Matilda Swain, 10
 James Crowell, sen., and wife, 35
 Joseph Crowell and wife, 35
 E. J. Griswold, 25
 Emeline Swain, 10
 Nathan Snow and wife, 35
 Deacon W. Snow, 25
 Melinda Crowell, 5
 Eleanor Smith, 10
 William H. Smith, 25
 David Smith, 12
 Thomas Smith, 25
 Joseph Smith, 25
 Sophrona Smith, 10
 Sarah J. Crowell, 10

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KEMPT CHURCH.

Mrs. Sarah Gray, \$0 10
 Mr. William Randall, 25
 Mrs. William Randall, 10
 Amial Spinnney, 24
 Asa McGray and wife, 24
 E. E. Ring and wife, 35

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| Abijah Ring, | \$0 25 | Mrs. Richardson, | \$0 12 |
| John Ring, | 25 | James Richardson, | 25 |
| Mrs. Sweeny, | 10 | Mrs. Susan Durkee, | 10 |
| Mrs. Annie Prout, | 10 | Mial R. Durkee and wife, | 50 |
| James Prosser and wife, | 35 | Emeline Pitman, | 25 |
| John Roberts and wife, | 35 | Edith Richardson, | 12 |
| Handley Roberts and wife, | 36 | | \$1 84 |
| Mr. Wm. Hurlburt, | 25 | Deerfield Church, | \$1 76 |
| Mr. Robert Prosser, | 25 | | |
| Dennis Gray, | 25 | | |
| Nathaniel Travis and wife, | 36 | PUBNICO CHURCH. | |
| Elkanah Travis and wife, | 36 1/2 | David Larkin, | \$0 25 |
| Jonathan Goodwin and wife, | 35 | John Larkin and wife, | 35 |
| Wm. Prosser and wife, | 35 | Mary Goodwin, | 10 |
| Lillie Goodwin, | 10 | Joseph Larkin and wife, | 35 |
| Nathaniel Roberts and wife, | 35 | S. Lowell and wife, | 35 |
| Nathan Roberts and wife, | 37 1/2 | Susan Hipson, | 10 |
| John Bower, | 24 | Marick Hipson and wife, | 27 |
| Lucy Roberts, | 12 1/2 | Mrs. Byron Hines, | 10 |
| | | Benjamin Goodwin, | 25 |
| | | Stephen Larkin and wife, | 35 |
| | \$6 40 1/2 | William Seely, | 25 |
| | | Elizabeth Goodwin, | 5 |
| | | Manasseh Larkin and wife, | 35 |
| | | Ann Larkin, | 10 |
| | \$0 10 | Lindley Larkin, | 25 |
| | 10 | Moses Larkin and wife, | 34 |
| | 10 | Hannah Larkin, | 10 |
| | 10 | Mary Goodwin, | 10 |
| | 10 | Ellen Larkin, | 10 |
| | 25 | Jeremiah Goodwin and wife, | 35 |
| | 10 | Ellen Goodwin, | 10 |
| | 10 | Nancy Macktee, | 10 |
| | 25 | Jones Larkin and wife, | 31 |
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| | | PORT MOUTON CHURCH. | |
| | | Mr. Daniel Smith, | \$0 25 |
| | \$1 70 | Miss Mary A. Lewis, | 10 |
| | | Miss S. Atkins, | 10 |
| | | Miss Grace Smith, | 10 |
| | \$0 35 | Mrs. George Wehleman, | 10 |
| | 5 | Mrs. Mary J. Leslie, | 10 |
| | 24 | Miss Ellie McPherson, | 10 |
| | 15 | Mrs. D. McPherson, | 10 |
| | 24 | Solomon Stuart and wife, | 35 |
| | 25 | Isaac Swin and wife, | 35 |
| | 34 | Solomon Stuart, jun., and wife, | 35 |
| | 37 | Thomas Wagner and wife, | 12 |
| | 5 | Mr. Henry Wagner, | 10 |
| | 10 | Mrs. Hannah M. Smith, | 10 |
| | | Mrs. Sarah S. Gardener, | 10 |
| | \$2 14 | Mrs. Sarah Stuart, | 10 |
| | | Mr. Thomas Moody, | 25 |
| | \$0 25 | Mr. Thomas Verge, | 25 |
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BROOKLIN CHURCH.

Mrs. Louisa Stephens,
 Mrs. Elizabeth Holden,
 Miss Martha King,
 Mrs. Helen A. Pitman,
 Miss Susan Oram,
 Mrs. Wealthy A. Pitman,
 Deacon Benjamin Allen,
 Mrs. Jane Allen,
 Miss Louis Ryerson,
 Mr. James R. Pitman,
 Miss Hannah Pitman,
 Mrs. Hannah Pitman,
 Mrs. Almira Pitman,
 Deacon Amos Pitman,

TUSKET CHURCH.

Asa Robbins and wife,
 Hannah Robbins,
 Mrs. Samuel Robbins,
 Mrs. Hatfield,
 Frank Hatfield,
 Mr. William Hatfield,
 Joseph Jeffrey and wife,
 A. Jeffrey and wife,
 Georgia VanNorden,
 Mrs. Williams,

CARLETON CHURCH.

Thomas Pitman and wife,
 Henry King and wife,

Jediah
 Mr. L.
 Mr. G.
 Mrs. J.
 Mrs. H.

Elisha
 Matilda
 Mrs. Al
 Lorenzo
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 Samuel
 Mrs. Be
 Louis F
 Israel F
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| Mrs. Mary Tooker, | \$0 10 | Lewis Minard and wife, | \$0 20 |
| Sarah Cox, | 10 | Agnes Smith, | 5 |
| Sarah Cox, | 12 | A Friend, | 6 |
| Leander Cox, | 21 | Enoch Dexter, | 12½ |
| Wilner Cox, | 21 | Mary L. Dolliver, | 5 |
| Jacob Lockhart and wife, | 35 | Frances Kempton, | 12½ |
| H. Loon and wife, | 35 | Elizabeth Wambolt, | 5 |
| D. W. Loudon, | 25 | Michael Beach and wife, | 24 |
| | | Osher Beach and wife, | 17 |
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| AVONPORT CHURCH. | | HALL'S HARBOR CHURCH. | |
| George Cox, | \$0 25 | Prudence Loomen, | \$0 24 |
| Mrs. George Cox, | 10 | Mary Loomen, | 12 |
| Edward Cox, | 25 | Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, | 11 |
| | <hr/> | John Steele and wife, | 37 |
| | \$0 60 | Mrs. Benjamin Parsons, | 12 |
| BLACK ROCK CHURCH. | | Julia S. Thorpe, | 12 |
| L. Margerston, | \$0 25 | Amelia E. Thorpe, | 12 |
| John Hutt, | 25 | Henry Steele and wife, | 37 |
| Edward M. Margeston, | 25 | S. Whitney, | 25 |
| Moses Brow, | 12½ | George W. Whitney, | 15 |
| Ann Brow, | 25 | Mrs. S. Whitney, | 12 |
| L. Hutley, | 12½ | Sophia Parker, | 12 |
| Jane Hutley, | | Sidney R. Thorpe and wife, | 37 |
| | | Silas M. Woodworth, | 25 |
| | | Mrs. Silas Woodworth, | 12 |
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| HARMONY CHURCH. | | FIRST BARRINGTON CHURCH.—[No list.] | |
| Charles Cushing, jr., | \$0 25 | Handed to the Treasurer by Rev. | |
| Sophia Minard, | 5 | Wm. Downey, | \$6 77½ |
| James Cushing and wife, | 29 | Mrs. Hannah Hopkins, | 15 |
| Jane Cushing, | 5 | Capt. C. Stanley and wife, | 17½ |
| Avon Wile and wife, | 24 | T. H. Smith, | 25 |
| Rebecca Cushing, | 5 | | <hr/> |
| John Chute, | 5 | | \$7 35 |
| Benjamin Burke and wife, | 5 | | <hr/> |
| Avon Burke, | 6 | | |
| Maria Harlow, | 6 | | |
| Arabell Kempton, | 6 | | |
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| Dec. | 1. | " Barnes & Co., bill for printing Minutes, | 35 00 | |
| | 1. | " Post Office order, | 20 | |
| | 1. | " difference of currency, | 1 20 | |
| | 1. | " postage and stationery, | 21 | |
| Dec. | 23. | " Clerk for making out Minutes for 1871, | 10 00 | |
| 1872. | | " postage for sending Minutes to the Churches, | 50 | |
| Jan. | 30. | " freight on Minutes, | 52 | |
| | 30. | " postage for giving notice special Yearly Meeting, | 17 | |
| Aug. | 10. | " postage, &c., | 35 | |
| | 28. | " a book of record for the Conference, | 1 60 | |
| | 28. | " a book for the Treasurer of the Conference, | 20 | |
| | | " expenses of delegates, Oct. 1871, to the N. B. F. C. B. General Conference, | 21 00 | |
| Sept. | 2. | " discrepancy between the Treasurer's book and Minutes, | 51 1/2 | |
| | 2. | " paid A. Lawson for Yearly Meeting notice, | 80 | |
| | 14. | " paid delegates' expenses to Maine Central Y. M., | 30 00 | |
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Nova Scotia Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

This meeting was held with the Canning Church, September 13th, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

- REV. W. DOWNEY,.....PRESIDENT.
- REVS. W. M. KNOLLIN and D. ORAM,.....VICE-PRESIDENTS.
- REV. T. H. CROWELL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY & TREASURER.
- REV. J. I. PORTER,.....RECORDING SECRETARY.
- J. C. SMITH, Esq.,.....AUDITOR.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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- A. McGRAY, Esq.,
- T. H. HAMILTON, Esq.,
- W. S. PORTER.

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The President in the Chair.

A hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Heath.

The President made some appropriate remarks.

The Recording Secretary then read the Minutes of the last meeting, and the Constitution of the Society.

It was then—

Resolved, That the present Officers be appointed for another year.

The Corresponding Secretary was called on, and read his Report. [*See Report*.]

After the reception and adoption of the Report was moved and seconded, good speeches were made by Revs.

S. N. Royal, A. Taylor, W. M. Knollin, F. Reed, J. McLeod, and — Heath.

After which, a collection was taken up, amounting to \$12.16; subscriptions paid in, \$26.05; subscriptions not paid in, \$22.25. [See *Treasurer's Account*.]

The attendance at this meeting was good, and interest manifested encouraging.

The meeting was closed by singing the Doxology, and pronouncing the Benediction.

J. I. PORTER, *Secretary*.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

Of all the enterprises that are being carried forward in the world, that of Foreign Missions stands first. It is the echo of the work of redemption by Jesus Christ—of the spirit of that compassion which moved Heaven toward the sin-cursed earth. It has to do with the highest good of our fellow-men—with time and eternity. God, in his providence, has given us an interest in this enterprise. We are “workers together with Him,” and with our brethren of other lands, in order to the accomplishing of the object in view—the salvation of souls. And while we regard this as an exalted privilege, we are also gratified with the assurance that our labour is not in vain.

On other similar occasions we have referred to glorious results of Mission work among the heathen; and in this, another annual communication, we can report progress.

The last annual report from our Foreign Mission field in India—and which was published through the Mission press at Midnapore—is full of cheering words, and references to interesting incidents, and wonderful successes in the Missionary work. One has said that it is one of the most interesting reports ever received. It is true, there has been no wonderful overwhelming flood of light upon the Mission field, nor upon any one part of it; but all departments of the Missionary work have been prosecuted steadily and earnestly, with a good degree of success.

Dr. and Mrs. Bachelor were compelled, on account of poor health, to leave the field, and return to America, which was an apparent drawback, but others seemed to put on more energy and zeal to make up the deficiency. The Secretary of the India Report says, that the most cheering fact of the year is the increasing prominence of the native agency in the Mission work. He says, “Not only the native preachers, but also the lay element in the Church, are taking hold of the work in hearty earnest.”

We find that from the children taken in hand by the Missionaries during the fearful famine of 1866, and trained in the schools, some have become teachers in other village schools, some have engaged in the Zenana work, and some have married, and have founded a christian settlement.

The Zenana work seems to be extending in breadth and increasing in influence. One very encouraging feature is that on every hand there is increasing interest in the education of the women. They, themselves, are panting for light, liberty, and all the privileges of the Gospel; and the men are becoming more willing for them to enjoy those blessings. The native women and girls who have received the Gospel, are exerting a wonderful influence among those of their own sex.

The preaching tours have been unusually extensive the last year, both on the part of the Missionaries and native preachers, and the results have also been very encouraging.

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among the Oriyas, says: "In every place we visited, I met a most cheerful welcome, and was daily called to visit women at their homes, who were not allowed the liberty of the village.

"At Bhugaria, a middle-aged woman listened for some time very attentively, as I tried to show them the folly of idol worship, and point them to Christ, the only Saviour. A few days later, we were at the Doli market, and this same woman came to the tent door, in company with two others, and on seeing me she exclaimed, with a very reverent bow, 'Ma, my mind was made so happy by what I heard you say at Bhugaria, that I have come all this way alone to see you and hear those words again. I wished my sisters to hear also, so I have been two miles beyond this place to call them, and they are here; and now will you please tell us about this new religion.'"

Mrs. Phillips then instructed them in the things of Christ. She says the woman referred to "listened with close attention, every now and then saying, 'These words are true.' She at length rose up, saying, 'Your words have made my mind very glad, and I wish to hear much more; but the day is far spent, and I have six miles to walk; I left home without telling any one; and if I do not get back to cook my husband's rice in time, he will be very angry, and perhaps beat me.'"

Mrs. Phillips tells of others who, in like manner, earnestly inquired the way of salvation, and whose faces grew sad when she told them she must bid them good-bye, to tell others about Jesus. One said, "Why do you go so soon? You have been here three or four days, and have just given us a little light; and how are we to learn any more?"

In February, Mr. and Mrs. Smith planned a trip into one of the adjacent territories; but on account of his sudden illness, they were obliged to abandon the undertaking. Consequently, some of the native preachers were sent "to spy out the land," and return with their report. They were gone about a month, and came back wonderfully encouraged. The Rajah gave them a passport through his dominion, and a guide from village to village. In one village they were overtaken by a rain-storm; and when the head man of the village had heard the object of their Mission, allowed them to go into Jugernaut's temple for shelter. They remained there for two days, and cooked, ate, and slept in the temple, no one making the least objection.

We refer to these interesting facts to show how heathen prejudices and superstitious notions are breaking down, and giving way before the influences of the Gospel.

The statistics of the Mission Churches show that thirty-seven have been added by baptism since last Report.

We find that prosperity has attended all the other various means in operation for the benefit of these degraded ones: such as the farming business, the Industrial school, the printing press, and the dispensary; and even the medicine chest has a history worthy of notice, other than that of containing the medicines which are carried through the country for distribution among the sick poor; for Brother Phillips says, "It is often converted into a pulpit, from which to publish the merciful words of Him who is physician of both soul and body."

The work of our little Society is moving along much as usual. There does not seem to be that interest in the subject of Missions on the part of our people generally which we had hoped to see, and which is necessary in order to render the work of our Society pleasant, and the result in any great degree gratifying; yet we have great reason to thank God for the prosperity that has attended our efforts in the past, and would trust Him for the future.

The printed appeals which we sent out last year, proved a very efficient means of bringing in funds to our Society, and we have repeated the operation this year. We hope the result will be even more gratifying than before.

Reference to the Treasurer's Account will show the state of our finances. We are sorry that we have to repeat the remark, that our Missionary's salary is not made up, we being about one-third in arrears. And it may not be out of place here to add that, according to our denominational statistics (3,075), ten cents annually from each Church member would be sufficient to meet the annual demand upon us.

Oh! then, shall we not have cheerful and hearty co-operation in this work on

the part of every one upon whom any of the responsibility rests; and have it all done up to the gratification of those who are carrying the burden, and to the glory of God.

Our Missionary is still at work at the Midnapore Station; and from what we can learn, her labours are being blessed to the good of the perishing. In speaking of the Zenana work, in which she is engaged, she says: "We are glad to be able to report an increase in the number of native assistants. Last year we had but one christian woman engaged in the work. This year there have been three women and eleven of our orphan girls going regularly to the bazars and small villages near by."

To show the zeal of one of those women (an old woman who has been a christian only five years), Sister Phillips tells us that, one day while they were trying to engage another woman to go with the girls to the villages, this old woman said of her, "She should be willing to give her services for the work sake; . . . but if she will not work for nothing, I will pay half of her wages, and you may give the remainder."

She also tells us how those orphan girls, who, four or five years ago, wandered in heathen darkness, now sometimes come home with wonderful accounts of how pleased the women were to hear the Bible read and explained. Her letters are laden with interesting incidents of Mission work and experience, full of words of encouragement, and expressions of hope and trust.

Since the preparation of this Report was commenced, a letter has come to our notice from Mrs. Smith, of the Balasore Station, dated July 2d, giving a graphic description of a fearful cyclone that had just swept over that land, uprooting trees, dismantling buildings, and carrying destruction on every hand. Mr. Smith was very sick at the time, which made it more distressing for her. It was estimated that the damage done to their own and the Mission buildings was no less than twelve hundred rupees. She says, "Pray for us that God will, in the time of our trouble, look upon us in mercy, and cause this providence to redound to His glory."

Among the many items of interest in the India Report, is the following: "For the first time in the history of the Mission, we, this year, have the pleasure of reporting that a little Chapel has been built by native converts at one of our branch stations." They solicited no aid from the Mission, and received none. It is at Bhipore, and was dedicated to the worship of God on the 17th of July, 1870.

We still receive cheering communications from Rev. C. O. Libby, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Society. We had hoped he would be with us on this occasion; but in his last letter he says he will not be able to meet with us, though he would like to very much.

What shall we say in conclusion? Can we say anything to encourage you, and enlist your sympathies more heartily in this glorious Mission work? Look on the whitening fields! hear the voice of the Master bidding you thrust in the sickle, and His words of approval, at the last, "Well done," to those who obey, and come "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

THEO. H. CROWELL,
Corresponding Secretary.

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| By amount in the Treasury, | \$174 70 | By subscriptions at F. M. Meeting, Canning. | | |
| " cash recd. from the Treasurer of the Port Medway Female Foreign Mission Society, | 10 27 | Mrs. Albert Smith, | \$1 00 | |
| " Sylvanus Whitney's sub. for 1871, | 8 00 | G. E. Sturgess, M. D., | 2 00 | |
| " prem. on Dominion currency, 1872. | 1 10 | George E. Cox, | 2 00 | |
| By subscription of George Cox, | 1 00 | John H. Potter, | 1 00 | |
| " cash received from the Treasurer of the Port Medway Female Foreign Mission Society, | 14 00 | Leonard Huntley, | 1 00 | |
| " sub. of Jas. Handley, 1870, | 50 | Mrs. Wilson, | 50 | |
| " sub. of Miss Emma Cohoon, 1870, | 50 | Capt. M. Wilson, | 2 00 | |
| " sub. of Stephen Smith, 1870, | 25 | Sylvanus Whitney, | 8 00 | |
| " cash from a friend of Missions, | 24 | Mrs. Uniacke, | 1 00 | |
| " donation of Miss Desire Vaughan, of Port Medway, | 2 00 | Rev. C. Knowles, | 1 00 | |
| " sub. of Sol. Dolliver, 1868, | 1 00 | Mrs. W. M. Knollin, | 1 00 | |
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| " Miss Letitia Crowell, 1868, | 1 00 | Millie Knollin, | 25 | |
| " cash received from the Port Medway Female Foreign Mission Society, | 2 50 | Minnie Knollin, | 25 | |
| " donation from friends of Missions in Argyle, | 3 58 | Nathaniel Churchill, | 1 00 | |
| By amount collected at Chebogue, from | | Charles Loomer, | 50 | |
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| George Rost, | | Elizabeth Durkee, | 12 |
| Agnes Smith, | | Lucinda Durkee, | 10 |
| Samuel Cushing, | | Hannah Bethune, | 24 |
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| Mrs. Cypher, | | 1 00 Foreign Missions, | 50 |
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| Miss E. M. Oram, | 24 | Mrs. Nancy Smith, | 25 |
| Mr. F. Ryerson, | 10 | Sarah E. Smith, | 50 |
| Mrs. W. Holden, | 10 | Margaret Smith, | 25 |
| Mrs. L. Murphy, | 10 | Matilda Smith, | 25 |
| Mrs. E. Walker, | 10 | Mercy Smith, | 10 |
| Miss M. King, | 10 | Sarah J. Crowell, | 25 |
| Miss H. Pitman, | 10 | Sarah Smith, | 50 |
| Deacon A. Pitman, | 10 | Sophronia Smith, | 40 |
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 5 00 Widow Nancy Crowell, 50
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 50 Charles Wickens, 24
 Mrs. Jacob Nickerson, 24
 1 00 Mrs. Job C. Atkinson, 5
 96 Mrs. Samuel Atkinson, 25
 Mrs. William Nickerson, 10
 4 50 William Nickerson, 24
 4 08 Rueben D. Swim, 24
 1 00 Mrs. Edward Ross, 25
 2 00 Mrs. James Ross, sen., 24
 2 00 Mrs. James Ross, jun., 5
 50 Miss Rhoda Doane, 5
 Abraham Ross, 10
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By amount collected at Fort Mouton, from
 George Mehmen, \$0 25
 \$0 48 Mrs. Grace Smith, 10
 25 Mrs. Nancy Stewart, 20
 25 Mrs. Henry Wagner, 13
 24 Thomas Wagner, 12
 12 Miss Gussie Whitman, 10
 10 Miss Ellie McPherson, 10
 24 Solomon Stewart, jun., 25
 25 Mrs. William Colp, 12
 24 Mrs. Sarah Stewart, 10
 75 Mrs. Levi Verge, 24
 2 00 Thomas Moody, 25
 25 Thomas Verge, 25
 25 Miss Martha J. Verge, 10
 5 Joseph Wagner, 10
 5 Mrs. Moses Abbot, 25
 30 Master Edmund Peirce, 2
 25 Emma Peirce, 4
 50 Miss Annie T. Gardner, 25
 25 Mrs. Mary Gardner, 25
 25 Mrs. Margaret A. McLean, 25
 25 By discount on the amount de-
 18 bited in old currency, up to
 50 January 1872, 4 80
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 25 Total amount received, \$896 60

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| | | \$396 60 |
| | <i>Brought forward,</i> | |
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| 1871. | To cash forwarded to Treasurer of the F. W. Baptist | |
| Oct. | F. M. Society, towards Miss Phillips' salary,... | \$128 45 |
| | " postage, | 6 |
| Dec. | " cash forwarded to Treasurer of the F. W. Baptist | |
| | F. M. Society, towards Miss Phillips' salary, by | 50 33 |
| | brig <i>Expertus</i> , | 1 00 |
| | " insurance on money to Boston, | |
| 1872. | " cash forwarded to Treasurer of the F. W. Baptist | 31 70 |
| Aug. | F. M. Society, towards salary of Miss Phillips, | 25 |
| | " Bank commission, | 3 |
| | " postage, | 1 15 |
| | " paid for cards and printing, | 10 |
| Sept. | " stationery and postage, | |
| | " discount on the amount credited in old currency, | 5 14 |
| | up to January 1872, | 178 39 |
| | Balance on hand, | <u>\$396 60</u> |

THEO. H. CROWELL, *Treasurer.*

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MINUTES
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FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE

Nova Scotia Free Baptist Education Society.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President.

REV. J. I. PORTER.

Vice President.

REV. W. M. KNOLLIN.

Secretary and Treasurer.

REV. THEO. H. CROWELL.

Committee.

B. B. WOODWORTH, Esq.,

J. C. SMITH, Esq.,

ELDRED COHOON, Esq.,

ASA McGRAY, Esq.,

REV. W. DOWNEY.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Free Baptist Education Society was held in the Free Baptist Church, at Canning, King's County, on Saturday, September 14th, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Meeting was called to order by the President of the Society, Rev. J. I. Porter, who took the Chair.

After the singing of an appropriate hymn, prayer was offered by the Rev. W. Downey.

The President then stated the object of the Meeting, and called for the reading of the Constitution, and the Minutes of the last Meeting.

It was then resolved, that there be no change made in the Officers and Committee this year.

A statement of the condition of the finances was made by the Treasurer; after which the Secretary was called upon to read his Annual Report.

Entrance

\$396 60

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REPORT.

The demand of the age for an educated ministry is the motive power in the working of this part of our denominational machinery. Accordingly, in proportion to the way in which that demand is understood and heeded, on our part, will be the character of the movement and the result.

Hence, because but few among us have as yet become really and properly interested in the subject of Education, there is much friction and drag in the movement of our Society; and its efficiency is very limited.

The people generally are in sympathy with the subject of Education, properly so called. Much is being done to raise the condition of the schools, and the standard of scholarship, on the part of teachers, in view of the cry, "Education, education." But it is too much the case that the idea of what constitutes true education is lost sight of, and that the sentiment, "Godless culture is a foe that no school or college can afford to strengthen," is treated with indifference.

Now, while the Society, the interests of which we are now considering, would duly respect and honour those among the pioneers of the Gospel, through our wilderness country, and along our rugged shores, and those who more recently, and at the present, have done and are doing valiant battle and efficient work in the Master's service, who were denied the advantages of a liberal education, it has an eye to the growing demand for an educated ministry. It recognizes the propriety of that demand, in view of the general educational advancement of the age; and it aims to assist in supplying that demand, believing that according to its success in that respect, it will assist in rendering the learning of the day consecrated learning, as well as in furnishing workmen who will be approved of God, and who need not be ashamed, for the vineyard of the Lord.

Among other things which are thrown in the way of our Society, is the objection that while our young men are at school, they lose the life and power of religion, and come out lacking in that most important element in the character of a christian minister. While this may be true in some instances, we believe that the wrong is more than anywhere else in there being a lack in the piety of the individuals before attending the schools. And then there is the objection that, if we help our young men to avail themselves of the advantages of the schools, we shall lose them altogether. We believe this to be a very selfish idea—very unlike the idea couched in the language of the commission to the disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Let us do what we can toward fitting them for the work, and let them go wherever the Lord calls them. Yet, if we would have them come back to us, let us lay such a claim on them, by assisting them cheerfully and properly while from us, as will make them feel it their duty to do so. We have several young men connected with institutions of learning in the United States, but as yet we have done but little to help them; and were it not for the assistance they receive from the Educational Society there, in all probability they would find it very difficult to prosecute their studies.

Doubtless there are other young men among us of promise in piety and talents, who are only waiting for a little encouragement of this kind, that they may decide for the Master's service. Let them be sought out by prayer, and encouraged by pecuniary aid, to put themselves in the way for the Lord to use them in His vineyard.

But some may ask, What is to be done? what can be done? what plan can be adopted to give our young men that pecuniary aid which is necessary? We answer, let the people of God wake up to the importance of the subject; let there be liberal subscriptions given to the funds of our Society, by all of our people, that we may have wherewith to prosecute this God-honored work. Let there be an endowment fund of a few thousand dollars raised, the interest

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of which shall be devoted to that object; and we shall soon discover that our Education Society is having a potent influence upon the latent talent, and the "bone and sinew" of our people, drawing them to the work of disseminating the principles of "free salvation" through our land.

But lest it be thought that we are losing sight of that which is, of all other things, the most essential to the work of the minister of Christ—the "anointing" of the Lord—the "renewing of the Holy Ghost," in our zeal for the education of our rising ministry—we here assert that the most liberal education can never supply the lack of true piety, but that with true piety and holy zeal for the salvation of souls, to give direction to the action, the minister of the Gospel who has the most liberal education (other qualifications being equal), will do the most for God and his fellow-men.

Then let the subject have due consideration and patronage from all who regard the welfare of Zion.

September 1872.

THEO. H. CROWELL.

The Rev. W. M. Knollin moved, and the Rev. S. N. Royal seconded, the adoption of the Report, with earnest and appropriate remarks.

The motion was ably supported by Revs. S. K. West, F. Reed, and J. McLeod; and the Report was adopted.

This was an interesting and a profitable meeting.

The financial results show—cash, \$24.36; with pledges to the amount of \$12.00.

THEO. H. CROWELL;
Recording Secretary.

HARMONY QUARTERLY MEETING HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Harmony Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Society in account with Theo. H. Crowell, Treasurer.

1870.

By amount in the Treasury according to account in printed Minutes,

\$20 82½

By sub. Miss Lucy Minard,
" Miss Lucy Leniten,

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1871.

By sub. Simeon Vaughan,

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1872.

By coll. taken at Home Mission meeting at Port Medway,

3 67½

By amount paid on Subscriptions at Home Mission meeting, Port Medway.

Charles Cushing, sen.,

\$0 50

G. M. Fancy,

50

Theo. H. Crowell,

50

Freeman Cohoon,

50

A Friend,

48

Rev. T. O. DeWitt,

1 00

Rev. J. Granville,

1 00

W. A. Letson,

50

Miss Roselin Cohoon,

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William Cohoon,

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Joseph Atkins, jr.,

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Edward Smith,

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Edwin Morine,

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J. Letson,

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John Dolliver,

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By Collections taken by Bro.

Lowden at Port Mouton and

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" sub. Theo. H. Crowell, 1870,

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By amount paid on Subscriptions at Home Mission meeting, Mt. Denison.

Harris Coffill,

\$3 00

Jacob Lockhart,

1 00

William Potter,

37½

Mrs. A. Nelson,

1 00

Mrs. Leonard Coffill,

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Mrs. Albert Smith,

1 00

Welner Cox,

1 00

Mrs. Jacob Lockhart,

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Theo. H. Crowell,

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T. O. DeWitt,

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James Coffill, sen.,

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Mrs. James Coffill,

37½

Theo. Shaw,

1 00

A Friend,

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George Sweet,

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Albert Smith,

1 00

Miss Mary Cox,

25

E. M. Cox,

2 00

George Cox,

50

Unknown Name,

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By Subscriptions of 1869.

Solomon Dolliver,

\$2 00

Benjamin Cohoon,

1 00

Leander Cohoon,

1 00

Mrs. Leander Cohoon,

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Miss Amanda Atkins,

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Miss Lorinda Atkins,

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By Subscriptions of 1870.

Samuel Dolliver,

\$1 00

Mrs. Samuel Dolliver,

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Mrs. Solomon Dolliver,

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Mrs. Hannah Pierce,

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Isaac Swim,

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Solomon Stewart, jr.,

2 00

By coll. taken at Home Mission

meeting, held at Black

Rock,

4 80

By amount paid on Subscriptions at Home Mission meeting, Black Rock.

Edward Cox,

\$0 50

Leonard Huntley,

2 00

Moses Brown,

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Capt. H. Potter,

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Mrs. Nelson Crocker,

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B. B. Woodworth,

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George E. Cox,

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Total amount received,

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March. To cash paid Bro. J. McK. Lowden, for Home Mission work,

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THEO. H. CROWELL, TREASURER.

*Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Society in account
with W. Downey, Treasurer.*

| | Dr. | |
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| 1871. | | \$0 50 |
| Nov. 4. To cash on hand, old currency, | \$37 07 | Daniel Nickerson, 97 |
| To coll. at Sarford, | 4 16 | Rev. Calvin Cann, 24 |
| Silas Crosby, | 50 | Rev. A. Swim, 50 |
| William B. Richie, | 50 | Benjamin Banks, 50 |
| William Hulbert, | 50 | Jeremiah Goodwin, 49 |
| Charles Robbins, | 50 | Irene Knowles, 49 |
| T. W. Nickerson, | 50 | S. W. Nickerson, 60 |
| Mrs. Kendrick, | 50 | Samuel Nickerson, 60 |
| Reuben Harns, | 25 | Heman Kenny, Esq., 50 |
| Mrs. Joseph Durkee, | 1 00 | W. Downey, 50 |
| James Robbins and wife, old sub. 1872. | 1 00 | S. W. Nickerson, old sub. 8 12½ |
| Jan. 4. Nathan Hopkins, sen. | 50 | Aug. 17. Coll. at Kemptville, 50 |
| Old currency, | \$47 48 | Israel King, 50 |
| Equal to Dom. cur., | \$46 22 | William Hulbert, 1 00 |
| Feb. 3. Coll. Shag Harbor, | \$6 00 | J. H. Hamilton, Esq., 1 00 |
| W. M. Knollin, | 50 | Rev. S. N. Royal, 1 00 |
| Samuel Kendrick, | 25 | Rev. W. M. Knollin, 1 00 |
| Asenath Wilson, | 50 | Nelson Corning, 17 |
| Edward Kendrick, | 49 | Rev. S. K. West, 1 00 |
| James Nickerson, jr., | 50 | Friends of Mission, Argyle, 25 |
| Edward H. Kendrick, | | Foster Crosby, Tusket, |
| | | Sept. 26th, 1872. By cash on hand, |
| | | <u>\$75 84</u> |

WM. DOWNEY, TREASURER.

Contributions to Head Stone for the late Rev. E. Sullivan.

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| Rev. T. H. Crowell, | \$1 00 | Henry Crowell, | \$0 25 |
| Elisha Dolliver, | 1 00 | Samuel Wayman, | 25 |
| Rev. W. Downey, | 50 | James Cushing, | 50 |
| Isaac Hopkins, 2d, | 50 | Silas Crosby, | 25 |
| Henry Goldfinch, | 50 | Abbie Travis, | 50 |
| Jonathan Goodwin, | 25 | Capt. Josiah Hopkins, | 2 00 |
| Rev. G. W. McDonald, | 50 | Rev. J. I. Porter, | 50 |
| Hibbert Lockhart, | 62½ | | |

The sum of thirty dollars, in connection with the above, was paid and pledged at the Conference; but we failed to get the names and amounts.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS EXERCISES

For the Future Sessions of Conference.

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THURSDAY, A. M., 10 O'CLOCK.

- 1st. Organization.
- 2d. Choice (or appointment) of the following Committees: *Prudential, On Arrangements, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Sabbath, Education, Missions.*

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Reports of Corresponding Delegates from New Brunswick and other Bodies.

Reports of Delegates to other Bodies.

Quarterly Meeting Reports.

Unfinished Business.

EVENING.

Preaching.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Prayer Meeting.

10 A. M.

Reports of Committees on Temperance, Sabbath, Sabbath Schools, Education, and Missions.

2 P. M. *(Obituary)*

Woman's Sabbath School Convention.

EVENING.

Mission Society

Foreign Mission Society Meeting.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Prayer Meeting.

10 A. M.

New Business.

2 P. M.

Conference Meeting.

EVENING.

Education Society Meeting.

The arrangements of the Sabbath, under the direction of the Prudential Committee.

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