

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND SESSION
OF THE
Eastern Baptist Association
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE
BAPTIST CHURCH AT TRURO, COLCHESTER CO.,
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, July 6th, 8th, and 9th, 1872.

TOGETHER WITH THE
CIRCULAR LETTER;
AND REPORT OF
NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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MINUTES

THE FIRST SESSION

Quarterly Session

NOVA SCOTIA

BAPTIST CHURCH AT TRURO, CORNWALL CO.

CURRICULAR LETTER

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association.

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 6th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

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

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

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MINUTES.

True, Saturday Morning, July 6th, 1872.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock, a. m., and while devotional exercises were being conducted by the moderator of last year, the letters were examined, and a List of Delegates presented as follows:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Amherst*,—Rev. D. A. Steele; Deacon Thomas Lusby; Brethren W. G. Patterson, B. L. Douglass, M. Black, and H. Logan.
Antigonishe,—Rev. J. B. McQuillan; Brother Aaron Harrington.
Advocate Harbor,—Rev. S. Thompson.
Brookfield,—Deacon A. Hamilton, Jacob Stephens.
Centerville,—Rev. E. B. Corey.
Cape Canoe,—Rev. A. W. Barss.
Diligent River,—Rev. Samuel Thompson.
Greenville,—John Sutherland.
Goshen,—Donald McGregor, Benjamin Stewart, and Theodore Nichols.
Goose River,—Rev. E. B. Corey, George B. Hunter, and Sherwood Mills.
Great Village,—Ezra Layton, J. Gourley, D. A. Davidson.
Hillsborough,—Rev. E. B. Corey.
Lower Economy,—Rev. D. McKeen, J. Soley, and L. W. H. Durling.
Miru Bay,—Rev. A. Chipman; Deacon John Peters, and Charles Martell.
North Sydney,—Revds. S. J. Neiley, H. Ross, and N. H. Hobson.
Sydney,—Rev. A. Chipman; Deacon Thomas Armstrong, John Peters, Brethren H. E. Meloney, C. H. Harrington.
Stewiacke,—Rev. O. Chute, Charles Cox, James Cox.
South Bar,—Brethren George R. Sutherland, John J. Ross.
Lower Stewiacke,—Rev. James Meadows, E. C. Banks, Benj. Woodworth.
Little River,—Rev. G. F. Miles, James B. Woodland, F. H. Rushton.
Onslow West,—Brethren Turner Blair, James McNatt, Thomas Soley, James Morrison, C. M. Dickson, John Dickson.
Onslow East,—Deacon J. W. Lynde, James Douglas; Brethren John King, Charles Douglas, N. M. King.
Pugwash,—Deacon William Seaman, Alex. McKenzie, Charles Wilson.
Westchester,—Deacon Ezra Sutherland.

FROM THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Drs. Cramp, Sawyer; Prof. V. J. Ronas; Brothers R. N. Beckwith and A. Coldwell.

INVITED.

Brethren Selden, Tufts, Dr. Delany, Mathew Archibald, D. Blair, Mr. Smith, Hon. Judge McCully, and J. Robertson.

The Officers of the Association were then chosen as follows:

Moderator.—Rev. A. W. Barss.

Clerk.—Rev. J. B. McQuillan.

Treasurer.—Wm. Faulkner.

The Rules of Order were then read.

Prayer by Rev. H. Eagles.

The Committee on Nomination and Arrangements was nominated by the Rev. D. Dimock, consisting of the following brethren:—Revds. D. Dimock, H. Eagles, G. F. Miles, J. Meadows; Brethren W. Cummings, A. Hamilton, and John King.

Revds. Dr. Sawyer and Dr. Cramp were appointed the Committee to examine and read the Letters from the Churches, which was proceeded with.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangement presented a partial report, which was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. Eagles.

Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. D. McKeen. Minutes of Previous session read and approved.

Reading of Letters continued.

A further report of the Committee on Nomination and Arrangements was read and adopted.

COMMITTEES.

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Rev. Dr. Sawyer; Brother George Davidson, and L. J. Walker.

MISSIONS.—Revds. O. Chute, H. Ross, J. Neilly; Deacons J. Peters, and Aaron Harrington.

EDUCATION.—Dr. Sawyer; Brethren A. D. Davidson, R. N. Beckwith, Ezra Layton, and A. Hamilton.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—A. J. Walker, Rev. J. Meadows, Rev. E. B. Corey, Wm. Seaman, J. King, and Nathaniel King.

SPECIAL BUSINESS.—Rev. Dr. Cramp, H. Ross, J. Meadows, and T. R. Upham.

That the Morning Session commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., and close at 12 o'clock, A. M. Afternoon Session commence at 2 o'clock, P. M., and adjourn at 5 o'clock, P. M.

That all Committees meet on Monday morning at 8.45 A. M.

That a Prayer Meeting be held each morning, commencing at 6.30 A. M., closing at 7.45 A. M., and that the subjects for intercession be: Lord's day morning—for the presence of the Holy Spirit with us through the whole session of the Association, especially that the preaching of Gospel may be blessed to-day in deepening the piety of believers and the awakening and conversion of sinners. Monday morning, prayer for success in our Missionary operations—Home Missions—that all our Missionaries may be very successful in the conversion of men, and building up and strengthening weak churches. Foreign—that the Board may possess much wisdom, that our Missionaries in the field and those preparing to enter may have large success, and many more may rise up and say "Here am I, send me."

Tuesday,—for our institutions of learning, that large measures of grace may rest on the Professors and Teachers, that the Students attending from time to time may be subjects of saving grace—believing students be more devoted to Christ, that those engaged in looking

forward to the gospel ministry may be wholly consecrated to the work—and that the hearts of the people may be opened to contribute liberally for the support and success of the College.

That the Lord's Day services be as follows;

Prince Street Church,—At 11 A. M., Rev. A. W. Barss.

" " " " 8 P. M., Dr. Sawyer.

" " " " 7 P. M., Dr. Cramp.

Johnson's Crossing,—At 11 A. M., Rev. H. Eagles.

Lower Village,—At 4.30 P. M., Rev. J. B. McQuillan.

Hemlock Grove,—At 11 A. M., Rev. H. Ross.

Union School House,—At 3 P. M., Rev., E. B. Corey.

Onslow East,—*Ænon Chapel* at 11 A. M., Rev. G. F. Miles.

Stewiacke Road,—4.30 P. M., Rev. J. Meadows.

Stewiacke,—11 A. M., Rev. S. Thompson.

Presbyterian Church, Truro,—11 A. M., Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

Methodist Church, 11 A. M., Rev. D. McKeen.

" " 7 p. m., Rev S. J. Neilly.

Resolved, That Brother S. Selden be requested to publish the same number of copies of the Minutes and at the same rate as last year, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the next annual session of the Association.

Resolved, That Blank Letters be provided for the Churches, and that the expenses be met in the usual way.

Resolved, That all moneys be paid to the Treasurer, and that he hand over the various amounts to the respective representatives of the different Benevolent Funds.

Resolved, That any of the Delegates of the Churches to this body in attendance at the meetings of any sister Association be authorized to represent us therein.

Resolved, That the publisher of our Minutes be requested to send a copy of the same to each Baptist Pastor of the other Associations in this Province with the hope that the same courtesy will be reciprocated by those bodies to our Pastors.

Resolved, That the pastor of the Church where the Association is held in future, be the Chairman of a Committee to have submitted the Order of Business, early in the first session which committee shall consist of two appointed by said church with such other as the Association may appoint.

Resolved, that the following be a notice to be inserted in the Minutes:
The P. E. Island, Steam Navigation Company have given notice, that their Captains are instructed to give return tickets to all *bona fide* delegates to the Association in order to render unnecessary each yearly application for such favours.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock who was appointed last year as a delegate to the Western Association, to confer with them upon the desirability of effecting a Union between the Home Missionary Boards, submitted his report, which was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Resolved, That a portion of the time allotted for devotional exercises on Monday morning be appropriated to the Association Sermon.

Resolved, That in the absence of the regularly appointed preacher, the committee of arrangements be requested to furnish the Association with a minister to preach the Associational Sermon.

By request Rev. D. W. C. Dimock gave an interesting verbal report of the doings of the Convention which met at Berwick to consider the subject of the Union of the Home Missionary Boards.

The subject of Missions was now taken up and after a very animated discussion, participated in by Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, Dr. Cramp, G. F. Miles, S. J. Neiley H. Ross. and others, it was resolved that the subject be laid over till Monday.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Henry Eagles.

MONDAY MORNING, July 8th.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. David McKeen, from Psalm xi. 6. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The Letters received since Saturday were now read.

Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Chairman of Committee on Circular Letter, reported that they approved of its sentiments, and recommend that it be read.

The Circular Letter was then read by the writer, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, and on motion was adopted.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, nominating Revds. D. A. Steele, and H. Eagles; Brethren W. McCully, John King, and E. Layton, the Committee on Obituaries; and further reported that they had arranged for the subject of Home Missions to be resumed at 2 o'clock, P. M., and also for a general Missionary Meeting in the evening, Dr. Cramp to preside, and Revds. Hugh Ross, O. Chute, and R. N. Beckwith, speak on Home Mission, and Rev. Dr. Cramp, S. F. Miles and A. W. Barss on Foreign Missions.

That Tuesday A.M., the Report on Education be received and that Professor Jones be the first speaker, and that a general Educational Meeting be held in the evening.

That the next meeting of the Association be held with the Baptist Church at Pugwash, and that Rev. S. J. Neiley preach the Associational Sermon, Rev. A. W. Barss be his alternate; and that Rev. D. McKeen write the Circular Letter.

The Association adjourned with the Benediction by the Moderator.

Monday—Afternoon Session, July 8th.

Session opened with Prayer by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

The Report of Committee of Arrangements laid over from previous sessions was adopted clause by clause.

The Committee on special business reported that a document had been placed in their hands which is entirely informal and irregular, and therefore the committee can take no notice of it.

The committee recommended that the Little Glace Bay Church be received into this Association.

The Report was adopted.

On motion Deacon J. Peters received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator on behalf of the Glace Bay Church.

The subject of Missions was now again taken up, and after a long

and animated discussion respecting the Union of the two Home Mission Boards, participated in by Brethren Judge McCully, Rev. Dr. Cramp, H. Eagles, J. Meadows, D. W. C. Dimock, D. Steele, G. F. Miles, D. McKeen and others, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. Eagles.

Monday—Evening Session, July 8th.

Session opened with Prayer by Rev. O. Chute.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The following resolution was moved by Brother William Faulkner, and seconded by A. J. Walker.

Resolved, That the Association feel that they can still recommend the *Christian Messenger* to the confidence and support of the Denomination as being a faithful exponent of Scripture truth; and recommend it to the approval of our denomination.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock moved and Rev. D. A. Steele, seconded the following Resolution, in relation to the Union of the Home Mission Board, which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, This Association is convinced of the desirableness of the Union in christian effort, of the entire Baptist Body in this province, especially in concentrated effort in our Home Missionary operations, and has taken measures to bring this subject, of the desirableness of such union before the Western Association, and whereas that body responded in general to that view:

Therefore resolved, That while this Association accept the principle most cordially, and meet with mutual and fraternal feelings, such wish on the part of the Western Association, yet this Association desires to have sufficient time, both to enable it intelligently and formally to enter the newly formed organization, as well as to enable the present incorporated bodies to successfully arrange for the adjustment of the legal disabilities, to a present full consolidation of the bodies, whose union is anticipated.

On motion the Association suspended to give place to the meeting of the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Society.

After an interesting session of the Society the Association resumed, and a general Missionary Meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Cramp and addressed by the Revs. Hugh Ross, O. Chute, G. F. Miles, Dr. Cramp and others.

TUESDAY MORNING, July 9th.

Session opened by singing, and prayer by Professor Jones.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Rev. O. Chute, Chairman of Committee on Missions, submitted his report, which was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The following resolution was moved by R. N. Beckwith, and seconded by John King.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare extracts from the Church Letters for publication in the Minutes, applications for missionary labor, and whatever may be contained in the letters requiring the action of the Home Missionary Board be forwarded to the Board. Also to prepare a

table for publication in the Minutes, shewing all contributions for benevolent objects. The sums sent to the Treasurers of the various societies as well as the amounts paid the Treasurer of the Association.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Cramp be said committee. (See Appendix C.)

Resolved, That Brothers Archibald Hamilton, Thomas King, William Faulkner, B. Douglas, and L. J. Walker be the delegates from this Association to the Baptist Convention to be held in St. Stephen, N. B.

The report of the committee on Education was read by Dr. Sawyer,

Resolved, That the Treasurer do now read his report.

This was done and afterwards the report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

It was spoken too by Dr. Sawyer, Revds. Dimock, Barss, Meadows, Professor Jones, Rev. H. Ross, Brethren W. Cumming, and William Faulkner.

The hour having arrived for closing, Brother Meadows offered prayer, and the meeting adjourned to meet at two o'clock.

Tuesday—Afternoon Session, July 9th.

Opened with Prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes of previous Session read and approved.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported. (See Appendix D.)

Brothers Barss, Dimock, McKeen, William McCully, spoke to the question, after which it was adopted.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Meadows and second by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

Whereas, The business of the Association demands earnest attention, and consequently time

Therefore resolved, That the churches sending delegates to the Association, send such delegates as will attend all the meetings of the Association.

Which was passed.

Moved and carried that the subject of Education be resumed. Dr. Sawyer opened the discussion shewing the importance of sustaining the college, that the success of our Missionary efforts depend largely upon the proper support of Acadia College.

Brother Miles addressed the meeting shewing us that if the ministers had the money they would in a short time endow the College.

Brother A. J. Walker also addressed the meeting, shewing us that if the ministers did their duty in bringing the matter before the people a better response would follow.

Brethren Faulkner, McCully, Maloney, Meadows, McKeen, Dimock, and Cummings also spoke on the subject. Report adopted, (See Appendix E.)

Rev. S. J. Neily presented the report of the committee on Obituaries. Which was adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Brother Barss, Moderator, asked for leave of absence, which was granted and Brother Dimock was appointed to take his place for the remainder of the session.

The report of the Infirm Ministers Fund was read and adopted.
(See Appendix G.)

Brother McKeen moved a vote of thanks to the friends at Truro
for their kindness in entertaining the delegates.

The Association closed by Prayer by Brother Thompson.

A. W. BARSS, *Moderator.*

J. B. MCQUILLAN, *Clerk.*

L. J. WALKER, *Assistant Clerk.*

MINISTERS IN THE N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. A. W. Barss.....	Cape Canso.....	June 6, 1855	Lunenburg.
" M. A. Bigelow.....	Antigonishe.....	Sept. 14, 1859	Guysborough.
" Obed Chute.....	Upper Stewiacke..	Feb. 7, 1850	Wentworth.
" E. B. Corey.....	Little River.....	—, 1868	Point DeBute.
" E. C. Corey.....	River Philip.....	Oct. —, 1867	Canterbury, N. B.
" S. J. Neiley.....	North Sydney.....	Sept. 9, 1871	North Sydney, C. B.
" D. W. C. Dimock.....	Truro.....	Dec. 6, 1841	Chester.
" H. Eagles.....	St. Mary's.....	Aug. —, 1842	Kempton, Hants Co,
" Geo. F. Miles.....	Amherst.....	Aug. —, 1846	Newcastle, N. B.
" B. McDonald.....	Margaree, C. B....	Aug. 23, 1853	Margaree, C. B.
" D. McKeen.....	L. Forks, Maccan..	Sept. 13, 1854	River Hebert.
" J. B. McQuillin.....	Antigonish.....	Nov. 13, 1870	Hawkesbury, C. B.
" A. Chipman.....	Sydney, C. B.....	Nov. 16, 1862	River Philip.
" G. Richardson.....	Sydney, C. B.....	March 25, 1822	Hammond's Plains.
" Hugh Ross.....	Sydney, C. B.....	Sept. —, 1847	Mira Bay, C. B.
" D. A. Steele.....	Amherst.....	June 20, 1865	Wolfville.
" S. Thompson.....	Economy.....	Sept. —, 1852	Westbrooke.

Licentiates.

W. F. Armstrong, North Sydney, C. B.
Chipman Archibald, Upper Stewiacke,
Chas. Martell, Mira Bay, C. B.
James Morrison, Onslow West.
William McKenzie, West Bay C. B.
Daniel McLeod, St. Ann's, C. B.
D. Spencer, Mira Bay, C. B.

Statistics of the Churches in Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association, held at Truro, July 6th, 1872.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.		Present Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	
1 Advocate Harbour.....	1840	Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	1871	A. McQuillan, Advocate Harbor.....	1	1	1	1	61
2 Amherst Shore.....	1843	Rev. D. A. Steele.....	1871	B. L. Douglas, Amherst, Box 3.....	2	1	1	1	288
3 Antigonish.....	1843	Rev. J. B. McQuillan.....	1871	C. D. Rockwell, Amherst Shore, W. O.....	2	2	1	1	34
4 Brookfield.....	1843	Rev. J. B. McQuillan.....	1871	Wm. Albert Walker, Antigonish.....	2	2	1	1	54
5 Brookfield.....	1843	Rev. J. B. McQuillan.....	1871	Wm. Carter, Brookfield, Colchester Co.....	2	2	1	1	78
6 Cape Canso.....	1846	Rev. A. W. Bares.....	1888	Thomas C. Cook, Cape Canso.....	2	2	2	2	117
7 Coddle Harbour.....	1846	Rev. A. W. Bares.....	1888	Thomas C. Cook, Cape Canso.....	2	2	2	2	23
8 Cow Bay, C. B.....	1870	Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	1870	E. D. Rice, Cow Bay, C. B.....	2	2	2	2	37
9 Crow Harbour.....	1862	Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	1870	D. H. Jenks, Diligent River.....	2	2	2	2	33
10 Deligent River.....	1857	Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	1870	D. H. Jenks, Diligent River.....	2	2	2	2	19
11 Five Islands and Lower Economy.....	1828	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	David P. Soley, Lower Economy.....	2	2	2	2	56
12 Glenville and River Philip.....	1865	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	Alex. Colburn, River Philip.....	2	2	2	2	92
13 Goose River.....	1847	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	Oliver H. Hunter, Goose River.....	2	2	2	2	87
14 Goshen.....	1862	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	Charles D. Nichols, Goshen, Guysboro Co.....	2	2	2	2	33
15 Grand Mira, C. B.....	1858	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	Fred. Huntington, Grand Mira, C. B.....	2	2	2	2	30
16 Great Village.....	1856	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	Amos Fountain, Great Village.....	2	2	2	2	170
17 Greenville.....	1868	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	A. S. Purdy, Greenville, Cumberland Co.....	2	2	2	2	182
18 Guysborough and Manchester.....	1829	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	H. R. Cunningham, Guysborough.....	2	2	2	2	62
19 Hawksbury C. B.....	1847	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	Peter Paint, Jr., Hawksbury, C. B.....	2	2	2	2	41
20 Hillsboro, formerly Wallace.....	1849	Rev. D. McKeen.....	1869	D. S. Higgins.....	2	2	2	2	146

*New Larvinia Boston 11 years ago
baptized by Rev*

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Circular Letter.

CHRISTIAN BENEFICENCE.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED, 1872.

Dear Brethren,—

The subject to which, in this Circular Letter we desire to present for your consideration and action is that of the duty of regular and proportionate christian beneficence.

Christian beneficence is as clearly taught in the Word of God, as faith, repentance, prayer, or any other duty. So obvious is this, that it seems unnecessary to refer to the many passages in which it is recorded, and proceed at once to urge the subject as above indicated, namely, that our christian beneficence should be regular and proportionate.

Both these have important bearings on successful christian work, the former is necessary to a wise and economical expenditure of means as well as to any hope of ultimate success. The latter, is necessary to meet the biblical requirement also, that one be not "eased and another burdened," but, by an equality sharing the labor, and extending the effects of christian effort. Our contributions for benevolent objects should be

REGULAR.

1. Calls for these are constant and pressing. Objects other than those designated religious, are frequent, and would therefore seem to necessitate some regular manner of conduct on the part of donors, to meet the constantly occurring cases. The poor and unfortunate are always with us, and whenever we will we may do them good. Our Educational institutions, Foreign Mission operations, all benevolent objects, are pressing, and constant in their appeals and necessities, regular and continuous, therefore should be the supply of the means.

2. Spasmodic and fitful efforts are productive of far less good, and subject to great inconvenience, often to loss and failure.

That circumstances may arise in beneficent operations where unanticipated contingencies may call for immediate and impromptu action, we do not doubt—contributions, the free and spontaneous uprising of quickened spiritual life, may, and very properly flow suddenly into the treasury of the Lord, and meet unanticipated demands. Nor would we say ought against the large and generous gifts to the Lord's cause, which as in the past, when, on the occasion of some stirring appeal to the benevolent feelings, donations have been owed.

Still such efforts, which are generally called forth by extra appeals and not the result of careful and premeditated plans, are likely to be unhealthy in their general effect. The zeal above its proper medium, is almost certain to ooze out, and leave the heart too cold, for continued generous action. And then the institutions called forth by the necessities of the case, the wants of the denomination, and the cause of the Redeemer, receive not the regular supply needed for their continuance, the most disastrous results follow, and likely, entire failure.

On every consideration, continued and regular contributions, for our benevolent objects, whether Educational, Missionary or others, are the great demand upon the churches. Agencies outside of the churches, would not be so imperative. Each church awake to its responsibilities, each member feeling his personal obligations, the contributions would flow regularly, and conscious spontaneous christian feeling would be the constant reminder of duty.

3. Scripture teaching clearly indicates and confirms the same line of thought. Ready to every good work, is a scriptural watchword, applicable to the whole christian life, and embraces all its duties.

"Be ye ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh," sweeps the whole sphere of christian obligation. It is not a readiness which concerns the closing scene of life merely, nor is it a call to repentance and prayer alone, but to continuous daily service in the Lord's vineyard, and includes that part of christian duty on which we are remarking, as certainly as any other calling of the christian life, and demands of us that we "abound in this grace also," and with as much regularity and constancy as any other.

Paul had even boasted to the Macedonians of the readiness in this matter of the Corinthian church, and that the latter might meet his expectations in the case, sent messengers to remind them of their duty, and of his praise, both of their liberality and promptness. The Apostle further informs the Corinthians that the giving should be ready as a bounty and not as covetousness, and also according to a formed purpose in the heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity, but cheerfully. See 2 Cor. ix. And wishes to see "this grace" abounding in them, and that as well, and as promptly as they abound in "faith and utterance and knowledge, and all diligence and love," and like these graces, constant. Christian beneficence should also be

PROPORTIONATE.

As the Lord bestows, so is the responsibility—"to whomsoever much is given, of him much will be required, This principle addresses itself to our reason, there is a conscious recognition of its righteousness. To whom men have committed much, they will ask the more.

Christians are stewards. Their Lord has committed to them important trusts. How solemn, Dear Brethren, is our position. We shall surely be called to give account. If we have wasted our Lord's money, or not employed the talent committed to us, in both cases, we are guilty.

First, the willing mind, then the gift becomes acceptable, when it is proportionate—"According to what a man hath,"—as he is prospered. If even the "willing mind" is present, but the offering is not proportionate, not according to what he hath," not "as he is prospered," then the required condition is not fulfilled.

Here we may state, that by proportionate beneficence we do not mean that, one christian is to measure his gifts by some other christian's offering? What another does, or does not, is not the rule of proportion the scripture recognizes. Measuring ourselves by others, or comparing ourselves with others is not the divine standard. As the Lord "has prospered," "according to what he has," so must he minister as of the ability which God bestows, as each has received the gift."

Such is the divine standard—the rule of christian beneficence. How mild, how easy, how appropriate the Divine rule! But what is the rule of dividend, or what is the due portion or percentage of what the Lord has given us that we are required to bestow?

Here we must be guided by general principles, for under the new dispensation we have no definite proportion mentioned. Under the old dispensation the proportion was more clearly defined, and in some cases, the rich were to give no more than the poor, all were to be equal. How shall we then from the New Testament ascertain our duty in this respect!

Turning to the New Testament we find beneficence interwoven into the very textures of the Christian system, its grand idea is beneficence. Our Lord Jesus became poor and that we might become rich, went about doing good and declares it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The life and ministry and death of Christ, are the exponent and exemplification of this truth, and teaches by example a beneficence as high as heaven, wide as the race of man, and enduring as eternity. He is the Head of the great brotherhood, the pulse that throbbed in his breast, is intended to be the pulse that is to beat in the whole brotherhood of the sanctified race. Beside our beneficent Lord, who loved us and gave himself for us, measure your beneficence and settle the question with Calvary, in vain "how much owest thou" to thy "Lord?" What part, or portion of your income ought you give to advance his kingdom and glory?

Looking to primitive disciples, in whom the warm pulsations of the Saviour's love so fully glowed, what do we learn from their example. The renewed hearts of these multitudes, in whom so much of the spirit of their divine master dwelt, cast in whole possessions for the brotherhood, and this beneficence to the saints, was the true outflowing of their love to the Lord Jesus himself.

The precepts of the New Testament urge a generous beneficence, they hold forth the example of Christ, and urge it as a motive—make this grace in man to bear a special relation to the moral likeness of God, and thus the benevolent become the children of the highest, give it as a proof of love, and declare the sacrifices it

make to be well pleasing to God. In view of such motives what proportion shall I give, seems not so much the question as, can I withhold anything from my Lord.

"Here Lord I give myself away,
"Tis all that I can do."

But what proportion do Christians generally give of their income. Do they give even a tenth? Are there not many to whom God has given riches, or abundance of this world who do not even give that small proportion? Do all the members of the churches composing this Association give, in even this low scale, to the cause of benevolence? Such as do so we earnestly encourage to do more, and if any do not come up to this standard we earnestly entreat you to say unto the Lord, *of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth to Thee.*"

Treasurer's Account of Monies for Benevolent Objects received at the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association held at Truro, June, 1873.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Acadmic College.	Ministers.	Total.
Amherst.....	78 21	*104 70		2 73		10 00	192 73
Advocate Harbor.....	4 63	2 00					6 63
Antigonishe.....	13 22	21 00					34 22
Brookfield.....	11 43	7 08	2 76		3 60		25 36
Cape Canso.....	7 00					1 05	7 00
Cow Bay, C. B.....	8 05	4 50	0 50				15 00
Diligent River.....	2 00						2 00
Five Islands & Lower Economy.....	5 00				4 00		9 00
Goose River.....	5 00						11 00
Gashen.....	4 00	5 00	1 00				4 00
Great Village.....	8 00	8 45					16 45
Greenville.....	5 00	3 00					8 00
Guysboro and Manchester.....	2 00	3 00		2 00		2 73	9 73
Little River.....	25 63						25 63
Lower Stewiacke.....	11 74	5 45					17 19
Mabou, C. B.....	8 00						8 00
Margaree, C. B.....		2 00					2 00
Mira Bay, C. B.....	15 00						15 00
Maccan.....	5 00	4 85					9 85
Mount Pleasant and Centreville.....	10 00	4 00			3 00	2 00	19 00
Millboro, Cumberland Co.....	5 00						5 00
North Sydney, C. B.....	20 00	*100 00		2 50	15 00	3 00	140 50
Onslow East.....	14 00						14 00
Onslow West.....	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 00			19 00
Parrsboro.....	5 43	2 50					7 93
Portauquique and Economy.....	11 45	7 80				0 75	20 00
Pugwash.....	11 80						11 80
Sydney, C. B.....	15 00	*100 00		2 25	5 25	7 00	130 10
South Bar, C. B.....	6 55	6 15				0 50	12 20
Truro.....	87 00	89 00			\$50 00		226 00
Upper Londonderry.....	10 00	10 70					20 70
Upper Stewiacke.....					4 00		4 00
Westworth.....		11 25					11 25
Westbrook.....	4 10						4 10
Westchester.....	4 00	1 50			1 00		6 50
River Philip and Glenville.....	4 00	4 00					8 00
J. C. Hutchins, Little Glass Bay, C. B.....	16 00						16 00
Robert Allan, River John.....	5 00						5 00
Mrs. McKinnon, Pictou.....	4 00						4 00
Mrs. Meagher, Pictou.....	2 00						2 00
Collections.....	54 07						54 07
Collection at Union Hall, Truro.....	1 00						1 00
Total.....	517 06	512 02	6 25	11 48	85 75	27 63	1160 79

*To be sent to Convention.
†For Native Preacher, under direction of Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.
\$50.00 sent to Treasurer of Acadia College

Appendix.

(A)

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Your delegate to the Western Association reports, that having attended that Association, to which he presented your fraternal greetings, he met a most cordial reception, and kind attention to the subject of his mission. That subject being the desirableness of a closer union and greater consolidation of the entire denomination in Home Mission work.

After due discussion by that body, a resolution was unanimously passed, appointing a committee to consider in what way a more intimate and effective union of the Baptists of this province for Home Mission and other purposes can be accomplished.

That committee subsequently reported, which report was adopted by the Association, recommending the formation of a Convention, and that each church send for this purpose a delegate to meet in Berwick.

Pursuant to such recommendation and notice, a Convention was formed, and in which it is most earnestly hoped, by your agent at least, that, the work commenced, may heartily and successfully unite the entire Baptist body in one effective organization for Home work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. C. DIMOCK.

(B)

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee regard it as impossible to overestimate the importance of this branch of christian enterprise. The field is great the laborers are few.

In the Home department, from inland sections, and from along our shores, is heard the cry, "Come over and help us." The population of two languages claim our sympathies and active services. We hail with joy the promise of a better day in the anticipated Domestic Missionary Union.

A travelling agent, or superintendent in this great field, will if wisely chosen, infuse new life through the whole department. Both the English and French sections, will receive therefrom an energizing power. Your committee would therefore commend this new organization to the sympathies of all, feeling assured that prosperity will attend it.

The Foreign Mission work, has upon us not only increasing claims. From our own churches, two brothers and three sisters, are now at

work for Jesus in the far distant east. Ere long others will join their ranks.

The Women's Aid Society is a new expanding power, destined to attain gigantic proportions in this field of christian toil.

Independent action in relation to the Foreign field will evoke a latent, unsuspected energy. Pray for the prosperity of Zion, and for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love her. Onward, christians, onward.

Respectfully submitted,

O. CHUTE, *Chairman.*

THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH WM. FAULKNER, TREASURER.

July 9.	To paid Rev. Dr. Cramp, Foreign Missions.....	\$ 307 83
	Reported from Amherst.....	\$104 79
	" " North Sydney.....	100 00
	(To be sent to Convention.).....	\$204 79
	To paid R. N. Beckwith, Esq., Home Mission.....	425 56
	" S. Selden, expenses publishing Minutes, &c., &c.,	78 50
	" Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Acadia College.....	35 75
	" Truro Church, sent to A. D. Barss, Treasurer....	50 00
	" B. Douglas, Infirm Minister's Fund.....	27 63
	" Dr. Cramp, Ministerial Education.....	11 48
	" French Missions.....	6 25
	" Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, delegate to W. Association.	8 00
		\$1160 79

(D)
REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report, that they have attended to that duty, and would say they find the Statistical Returns very imperfect. Some schools only reporting they had a school, others giving average attendance, without giving the number belonging to the school; others giving the number belonging to the school without the average attendance. In but a very few instances are the returns filled up complete.

Your Committee cannot come to any correct conclusion as to the number attending sabbath schools in this Association, but presuming the returns to be as nearly correct as last year, the following results appear:—

No. of Schools reported.....	38
No. of Schools reported last year.....	40
Decrease.....	2
No. of Scholars reported.....	1869
No. of Scholars reported last year.....	1616
Decrease.....	247
No. of Teachers reported.....	199
No. of Teachers reported last year.....	208
Decrease.....	9
Members of Church in Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools.	201
Amount expended during the year.....	\$219
Amount expended last year.....	294
No. in Bible Classes.....	159
No. of Letters not reporting any school.....	7
No. of Letters not reporting any school last year.....	10

Your Committee strongly recommend that more attention be given by the officers to the records of their schools, that they may be in a position to give correct and full statistical information.

Your Committee are of opinion that the importance of the Sabbath School institution is not yet fully felt by the churches, and would recommend that sabbath school Conventions be organized in every County embraced in this Association, and that reports from these Conventions be made to this body annually. These Conventions could meet quarterly in different localities, and thus bring the claims of sabbath schools more immediately before a greater number of persons. The church that desires an intelligent working membership, must have an efficient sabbath school.

Your Committee are not ignorant of the difficulty often experienced by superintendents in securing a full staff of teachers, and are compelled to take any one who is willing to attempt to teach. But your committee feel that the best teachers the church can afford should first be secured.

Signed,

A. J. WALKER, *Chairman.*

(E)
REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on reviewing the history of our Educational Institutions for the past year, discover no marked changes in connection with them. The number in attendance and the facilities for the work have been about the same as in previous years. It is evident from spontaneous expressions of feeling coming to us from various localities, that at no former period in the history of our people has the importance of vigorously sustaining our institutions of learning been more readily acknowledged.

It has been announced that it is the intention of the authorities having control of the Academy to open it for the admission of young ladies. This purpose meets our approbation. It is desirable that as large a number as possible of our young people should have the benefits of good education, and it is very important that all who are interested in the welfare of our congregations and of the whole community, should be continually seeking out young persons of promise and helping them to commence a course of Academical study.

The committee learn that for various reasons, the plans proposed last year for improving the financial condition of the Academy and College, have not been carried out. An announcement has been made that the Governors of the College intend to appeal at once for an addition to the Endowment Fund of \$25,000. There can be no doubt that this amount is needed for the continued existence of the College, and we cannot doubt the ability of the Baptists of these Provinces to place their Educational Institutions on a firm basis. The time has come for action. We trust the churches and congregations within the limits of this Association will respond to the claims of duty in behalf of this object, and generously assist in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SAWYER.

(F)
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTED BRETHREN.

During the past year, two of our pastors have been removed to a higher sphere—Brethren BENJAMIN SCOTT, of Onslow; and JAMES E. BALCOM, of Great Village. Both were men of true piety and great energy. In the promotion of the kingdom of Christ, each was eminently successful.

During the earlier part of his ministry, Brother SCOTT labored to good acceptance in P. E. Island, but during the last fourteen years had been settled in Onslow. Here he has comforted the mourner, admonished the backslider, warned the sinner to flee from the wrath to come, and baptized many of such as have professed faith in the Saviour. Here, and in other places our departed brother will be long remembered by the houses of worship raised thorough his instru-

mentality. After a life of usefulness, and thorough devotion to the work of the ministry, it has pleased the great Master to call his servant home. The Lord's day before his death, Brother SCOTT preached in one of his own meeting houses. Soon after, he was taken suddenly ill, and rapidly growing worse, despite all the efforts of his physician, expired on Wednesday, May 1st, 1872, in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

Brother BALCOM successively held the pastorate of the churches in Long Island, Amherst, Great Village and Hantsport. He was also for some time the financial agent of Acadia College, giving his whole service gratuitously, and materially aiding the Endowment Fund of that Institution. After having performed this arduous service, he again took the oversight of the churches at Great Village and Upper Londonderry, which churches deeply deplore his loss. Bro. Balcom was a good preacher, a judicious pastor, and entered with whole-heartedness into our various denominational projects. He contended for some time against the inroads of disease, but at last was compelled to succumb to "the last enemy." He departed this life at Hantsport, June 6th, 1872, aged 46 years.

Your Committee recognise the great loss sustained by this Association, in the removal of these brethren, and tender the sympathies of the body to their surviving partners and relatives.

D. A. STEELE, *Chairman.*

(G)

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH B. L. DOUGLAS,
TREASURER.

1872

Dr.	
July 8. Yearly allowance to Mrs. Dobson.....	\$ 10 00
Also to Father Richardson.....	40 00
	<u>\$50 00</u>

1871

Cr.	
July 1. By balance per account rendered.....	\$96 54
Cash from Treas of the Association at N. Sydney..	33 50
Balance on interest.....	7 80
Interest on the Jacob Legacy.....	40 00
	<u>177 84</u>
Balance in Treasurers hands July 6th 1872.....	\$127 44

177.44
25.52
152.92

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Nova Scotia Home Missionary Society.

The Annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, was held at Truro on Monday July 8th.

The President—Bro. S. Selden in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

After opening remarks by the President, the Report of the Board was read by the Secretary, adopted, and ordered to be printed under the direction of the Board.

Addresses were delivered by Bro. John King, and Bro. William Cummings.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Cramp, and carried unanimously:—

Resolved, That the Officers and Board of Managers of the last year be re-appointed, substituting the name of B. H. Eaton for T. H. Rand, removed from the Province, and that the Board be instructed to confer with the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, with a view to such an arrangement of measures as may lead to the consolidation of our Home Missionary efforts in one Institution, on just principles and in a safe and satisfactory manner.

The following resolution was adopted on motion of Rev. D. W. C. Dimock:—

Resolved, That upon the requisition of fifteen members of the Society desiring a special meeting thereof, and stating the reasons for such meeting, the Board be authorized to call a special meeting, after giving one month's public notice of the same.

Adjourned to meet with the Central Association at Bridgewater in June, 1878.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

S. Selden, *President*.

John W. Barss,

John King,

Vice Presidents.

Judge McCully, *Treasurer*.

R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary*.

John Steele, *Auditor*.

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Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

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" S. W. DeBlois,

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" A. S. Hunt,

" G. F. Miles,

" James Parker,

Rev. E. M. Saunders,

" D. A. Steele,

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" Wm. Cummings,

" Wm. Faulkner,

" David Thompson,

Bro. Edwin D. King,

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" J. F. L. Parsons,

" L. S. Payzant,

" B. H. Eaton,

" Alex. Robinson,

" Francis Webber,

R. N. BECKWITH, *Secretary*.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society beg leave to present their Annual Report:

Eighteen Missionaries have been employed, two hundred and fifty-two weeks labor performed, nine hundred and twenty sermons preached, five hundred and fifty-nine Prayer and Conference Meetings attended, nineteen hundred and ninety-six Family Visits made, nine thousand two hundred and eight pages of tracts distributed, and thirty-three persons baptised during the year.

It will appear from the subjoined table that the Missionary work has been gradually increasing for several years past, in almost all its principal features. But the number of baptisms during the last year was smaller than in any one of the five years preceeding.

Missionaries may be employed, and money raised to support them, but it is a greater matter to secure the salvation of souls. "Paul may plant, and Apollos water, but it is God who gives the increase."

Ordinary influences may move the sympathies of the people, and their benevolence may flow, but it takes the power of God's Holy Spirit to apply divine truth to the unrenewed heart, and to regenerate man's nature. Prayer should be offered to God continually that He would raise up more faithful servants, and bless them in their labors among the destitute. The Board would call special attention to the importance of supplicating the blessing of God to rest upon our Missions.

There are weak churches to be aided, and fields of much destitution to be supported. The Board hears with deep regret of small churches languishing for the lack of the bread of life.

The Board is convinced that our resources are not fully developed; and that measures ought to be taken at once to make a large advance in our Home Missionary operations.

The movement to have the whole province united in one Missionary field, under the care of one Board, is in the opinion of the Board a subject of great importance, and should engage the earnest attention of the Association. It would be premature for this Board to give its views in detail on this important undertaking, but in general it may be said that the movement is regarded favourably by most, if not all the members of our body.

If by such a union an agency as permanent as it may be, could be employed, for taking the general oversight of the work, and for raising funds, much good would be accomplished, and a good degree of advancement made in our operations. The whole field would be an exceedingly interesting and important one. The small churches could be grouped and put under the care of permanent ministers. New life might be expected from the coming together of the whole

province, to discuss and pray over the work of Home Missions. But whether this Union takes place or not, your Board would call upon all of the friends of Missions to betake themselves to prayer and labor in this important work.

The Board is highly gratified to know that the young men studying for the Ministry at Acadia College are willing to spend their vacations in laboring in destitute parts of the Province. From this source we are to look for our Missionaries; and it is fondly hoped that some of these young men may be induced to remain permanently in the service of the Board after they have finished their studies. In this way they may become the means of building up new churches, and of strengthening and increasing the usefulness of those already existing.

Table showing the progress of the work during the past five years.

	Missionaries employed.	Weeks labor.	Sermons preached.	Prayer and Conference Meetings.	Family visits.	Baptisms.	Tracts distributed, pages.	Miles travelled.	Collected by Missionaries.
1866	13	174	518	180	739	85	1322	3820	\$562 81
1869	12	195	534	447	1643	41	6377	7567	471 72
1870	15	214	624	376	1870	81	12016	9352	427 92
1871	14	225	754	486	2110	73	10965	8469	850 54
1872	18	252	920	559	1996	33	9208	8695	955 00

GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand June 1st, 1871.....	
Interest on Provincial Debentures to June 30th.....	\$374 25
Received from Central Association.....	60 00
	458 94

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to Missionaries for services to June 30th.....	\$300 11
" Secretary Services, Stationary, &c.....	80 75
Balance in hand.....	512 33
	\$893 19

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand, brought down, July 1st, D. C.....	\$498 67
From Executors of S. N. Binney's estate.....	194 66
" " Mrs. Harris.....	194 67
" Interest on Debentures to 30th December.....	29 20
" Eastern Association.....	329 46
" Other sources.....	302 26
Collected by the Missionaries.....	955 00

EXPENDITURES.

Collected and retained by Missionaries.....	\$2504 01
Travelling Expenses of do.....	\$ 955 09
S. Selden, printing Reports, &c.....	111 50
Missionary labor to June 1st, 1872.....	64 37
Balance in hand.....	1010 06
	302 99
	\$2504 02

ANTIGONISH AND PICTOU COUNTIES.

Rev. J. B. McQuillan having engaged with the Church at Antigonish for *three months* of one year. The Board gave him an appointment of three months to labor in destitute places in the above

Counties. Six weeks of which service have been performed and a report received as follows :—

Travelled 367 miles, made 67 family visits, preached 24 sermons, organized a Sabbath school and Prayer meeting, collected \$10.34.

March 4th.—The greater part of the above labor has been performed at Barney's River, Pictou County, where there formerly existed a Baptist Church, but which no longer exists except in name. There are still living there a few of those who composed the church, but who for a long time have been attending the meetings of another denomination, and helping to support their Minister. Since Brother Chipman left there, some three of four years ago, they have not seen the face of a Baptise Minister in their district, nor held any church meetings. Still the cause is not in a hopeless state, already there are signs of life and activity.

May 7th.—Bro. McQuillan writes, that the interest at Barney's River is increasing. The building in which our meetings are held (a large School-house) is generally packed long before the service is commenced. Many have to go away being unable to obtain standing room. We do not know what is to be the result of our labors at this place, but certainly there is a most encouraging prospect of an ingathering of souls. One young man has found peace in believing, and others are enquiring the way. Two persons, a man and his wife, both of whom have been believers for some months are requesting baptism. I expect to baptize them during my next visit. May many others soon follow.

CAPE BRETON.

Rev. Malcom Ross received an appointment of 12 months to labor in destitute parts of this Island. A report of 26 weeks service performed, has been received with the following particulars :

Preached 93 sermons, made 183 family visits, attended 19 Prayer and Conference meetings, travelled about 600 miles, administered the Lord's Supper 3 times.

Received in aid of the Board.....	\$125 53
Travelling Expenses.....	20 00

At Mira, where a difficulty had occurred in the Church, Brother Ross remained some time, and on the 27th December, 1872, wrote to the Board as follows :

"The Mira Church is about being united once more in the bonds of sweet christian fellowship. Never before did I witness such a signal proof of subduing grace, in bringing alienated brethren together, as on this occasion.

Our Quarterly Meeting was held with the above named church, and I am happy to say that the same proved a refreshing season to many."

A further report received 11th May, 1872 :

Gowrie Mines.—"Here there is a very neat attractive Meeting House, large and attentive congregations can be collected at a very

short notice, there is an excellent opening for Baptist preaching, but they are as "sheep without a shepherd."

Boulardrie Island.—Preached 3 times to very attentive listeners. This is a large and interesting field.

Margaree.—Preached 9 sermons to immense congregations and there was manifested strong indications of a revival, but was compelled to leave for regions beyond.

Mabou.—Preached 7 sermons, precious seasons, no Minister in the entire region. Proceeded to

Port Hawksbury and preached 11 sermons, held 1 Prayer meeting, had an interesting season with the brethren.

West Bay.—Here I received a most cordial welcome. Missionary labor was never so much needed among them as at the present time.

Rev. E. C. Spinney continued in the service of the Board at Mira and Cow Bay Mines to August 21st, 1871, when our Brother left this field to further prosecute his studies.

The following report of 15 weeks labor has been received:

Preached 42 sermons, attended 60 Conference and Prayer meetings, made 250 family visits, Baptized 1, travelled 700 miles, distributed 1000 pages of tracts, collected \$105.42, travelling expenses \$10.42.

Extract from a letter in August:

"With deep regret I left the Cow Bay field unoccupied. In the opinion of those interested, the prospect for Baptists was never so encouraging as now. The congregations have considerably increased. The Sabbath School has enlarged, and Baptist principles are rapidly taking root.

William McPhee has been in the service of the Board 13 weeks during the present year.

Preached 50 sermons, attended 20 Conference and Prayer meetings, made 146 family visits, organized 1 church, distributed 1408 pages of tracts, travelled 889 miles, collected \$29.65, travelling expenses, \$5.97.

The Board regret that they have been obliged to inform Mr. McPhee that he can no longer be retained as their Missionary.

Daniel McLeod (Lic.), has been labouring on the Island of Cape Breton, and reports of 24 weeks service, received.

Preached 109 sermons, attended 197 Conference and Prayer meetings, made 218 family visits, distributed 100 pages of tracts, travelled 862 miles, Collected \$14.04, expenses \$8.09.

Bro. McLeod, states as follows:

August 3rd, 1871.—"I visited West Bay and vicinity several times, also Beddeck River, St. Anns and Low Point. The greater part of Cape Breton is a very hard field of labor, and the more I travel among my fellow beings, the more I am convinced that the Arm of Jehovah alone can do the work. Who can fathom the depravity of fallen man? Oh that we had more faith to plead for

Sodom, and perseverance in working for the Lord, till all shall know the truth as it is in Jesus.

Rev. John Shaw visited Cape Breton during the summer of 1871 and spent 9 weeks in Missionary work, and reported as follows :

Oct 9th.—Preached 43 sermons, lectured in families, visited, and attended Prayer meeting as often as I conveniently could. During this time I preached at Hawkesbury, Kempt Road, Grand Ance, Arichat, West Bay, (both sides of it), Boularderie Island, North Sydney, both sides of the Arm, Mira, Holmeville, Cow Bay Mines, and Little Glace Bay.

Withersoever I went I was kindly received. New Testament doctrine is spreading, widening and deepening very fast on this Island. The heaven is in the lump, and it is working, and shall work till the whole lump is leavened. Some of the little barks are among the waves, their pastors have left them, and their cry is, "Lord save us, or we perish," but he who holds the winds and the waves in his hand is in the ship, and in His time and way shall rebuke the winds and the waves, and there shall be a calm. May the Lord hear the cry of his people and grant them peace, comfort and joy. Brethren pray for Cape Breton, and send them help, send without delay.

Received in aid of the Mission, \$64.50. Expenses \$14.00.

Report of 13 weeks mission by Rev. Alfred Chipman in destitute places adjacent to Sydney, performed during the past year, Oct. 25th, 1871: "The larger part of the time I spent as requested by the Board, at Victoria Mines, about nine miles from Sydney, preaching at that place about twenty Sabbath mornings, and visiting families proportionately.

No marked quickening of the few professors of religion residing there can I report positively, although several have expressed themselves as refreshed by our sabbath services, and your missionary has at times certainly enjoyed such attempts to preach Christ to professors as well as non-professors.

Stern to human faith as the expenditure and performance of christian labor in that coal centre appears, it yet seems imperatively desirable that it be continued, and with repeated prayerfulness and persistency of effort, such service also to be accomplished through our Board, both because the place gives promise of an early increase of population, with permanent material prosperity; and because with the exception of a monthly week night service by an Episcopal clergyman, and occasional preaching by Father Richardson, your late appointment has comprised all the ministerial labor there bestowed up to the present date.

I may say that partly in the service of the Board, and in company with other brethren I spent three very interesting sabbaths at Cow Bay, Margaree and Baddeck, on each occasion a quarterly meeting was held, and was either accompanied or followed by truly encouraging results. At the latter place, namely, in the valley of Big Baddeck, the Holy Spirit's presence was very graciously manifest,

quickening and refreshing ministerial and other christians, constraining some sinners under deep conviction to ask for prayer on their behalf. At Margaree also, for the last year, well nigh destitute of preaching, the people appear truly hungry for the Gospel and for pastoral intercourse. I have also visited and endeavoured to preach several times at Hillville, about 9 miles out of Sydney town—also at Grand Mira, where we have a small band of organized disciples, still endeavouring to maintain visibility by a Sabbath service and by christian fellowship.

Preached 36 sermons, attended 10 Conference and Prayer meetings, made 96 family visits, distributed about 200 pages tracts, travelled 698 miles, collected \$35.00, expenses \$10.00.

Bro. Chipman has a further appointment of 13 weeks during the present year, not yet completed, a report of which will be published next year.

COLCHESTER COUNTY.

G. O. Gates, (Lic.) spent 12 weeks at New Annan and Head of Tatamagouche Bay, &c.

Extract of letter dated, 14th Sept. 1871:—"I found upon my arrival that the cause of God was indeed low. In New Annan the Prayer and Conference meetings had been discontinued. My first effort was to reorganize them. In the attempt God blessed us. Our meetings were seasons not soon to be forgotten. Christian Union and love seemed to characterize our meetings.

At the Head of Tatamagouche Bay a prayer meeting is conducted in the Union Church, on Sabbath days, when there is no preaching. Here we found encouragement in Conference Meetings. Christians appeared to be revived and cheered, by seeing a prospect of addition to their numbers.

I spent one Sabbath at River John, Pictou County, I found a few Baptists there longing for better days.

I also visited Wallace River on three occasions. There is no regular Baptist preacher there nor at Pugwash. They are sadly in need of a minister and are waiting for one. May God send them a truly faithful man to break into them the bread of life.

Travelled 640 miles, Preached 48 Sermons, Baptised 5, (by Rev. E. B. Corey), Attended 23 Conference and Prayer Meetings, made 110 family visits. Travelling Expenses \$8.00. Collected \$104.20.

REMARK.—This mission was more than self-supported, \$24.20 having been paid into the Treasury.

Rev. S. Thomson has received \$20.00 for labor performed in this county, and in aid of the church at Diligent River to enable them to retain the services of Bro. Thomson as their Pastor.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Rev. E. B. Corey has been employed during the year in the above county, reports of 40 weeks service performed have been received.

Preached 136 Sermons, attended 57 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 356 family visits, Baptized 12, distributed 1700 pages of tracts, travelled 1240 miles, collected \$176.45.

August 2nd, 1872.—Bro. Corey wrote as follows:—During the quarter I have labored in the following places, viz. Crawford Settlement, Wallace River, Port Philip, Roslin, Amherst Shore, Pugwash River, Mount Pleasant, Centreville and Torry Bay.

In some places I have seen the fruit of my labors, in the conversion of sinners, and my earnest prayer is that great good may be done.

September 18th.—I spent Sabbath 16th inst., with the Church in New Annan where Bro. G. O. Gates has been laboring and Baptized 5 happy believers. There were present from 700 to 800 people who paid due respect to the ordinance of the Blessed Saviour. May some faithful servant of Christ be sent to gather in the harvest.

November 1.—During this quarter I have laboured at Mount Pleasant, Centerville, Torry Bay, Goose River, Pugwash River, Port Philip, Millville, Glenville, Wentworth, Salt Springs, Black River, East Branch, and River Philip. The congregations have been large and attentive. I have made a second visit to New Annan and Tatamagouche Bay, a number are earnestly seeking the Lord.

GUYSBORO COUNTY.

Rev. Augustus Shields having been engaged by the Church at Guysboro for three-fourths of his time for one year, the Board gave him an appointment of 3 months, to labor on Missionary ground.

The following Report has been received:—"This whole County is one vast field for Missionary labor and where destitution prevails to a lamentable extent. One settlement I reached which was never visited by any minister, and preached to weeping anxious souls. Here Catholics wept and urged me to visit them again. The last week before leaving a man with whom I prayed before, sent for me, notwithstanding, he had the same day received the "rite of extreme unction." I left him happy in the love of his Saviour, he died trusting in Jesus. With prudence these people are accessible.

I visited New Harbor, Coddle Harbor, Seal Harbor and Tor Bay, in each of which there are a few disciples of Jesus, who look with earnest hope and strong desire for the visits of a Christian Minister, along their neglected barren shores.

Some of these places are not accessible by a waggon from any point as yet, making it necessary for me to go chiefly on foot. My

time was spent in visiting the sick, the distressed and anxious, during the day, and preaching the precious Gospel to the many who came almost every night during my visit, desiring to know the way of Life.

During my stay in the County, 64 backsliders professed to be reclaimed, 4 converts were baptized and others are intending to follow their loving Lord on my return next month.

I have spent 6 weeks in the service of the Board travelled 92 miles, read the Scriptures and expounded them, and worshipped with 49 families, distributed 624 pages of tracts. Preached 36 sermons and collected \$16.50. Travelling expenses \$4.50.

J. C. Archibald, (Lic.) spent 6 weeks in the service of the Board and reports as follows:—

“The brethren at Isaac’s Harbor having a large meeting house under course of construction have made no special effort to obtain the preaching of the word. The Sabbath services were well attended and the presence of the Most High was with us. Here, as well as at the other places I visited, Sabbath Schools were organized.

I visited also Seal, Coddle and New Harbor, Sand Point and Arichat. At the latter place the Lord greatly assisted me while proclaiming Jesus to a little company. Travelled 404 miles, preached 18 sermons, attended 7 Conference and Prayer meetings, made 134 family visits. Travelling expenses \$10.28. Collected \$22.68.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Rev. John Miller labored in the service of the Board 12 weeks at Waverly, Fall River and Lawrencetown. Travelled 50 miles, preached 49 sermons, attended 1 Conference meeting, made 69 family visits, baptized 5, distributed 3408 pages of Tracts. Travelling Expenses \$4.20. Collected \$27.17.

Rev. T. C. Delong had a mission of 8 weeks at Margarets Bay. Travelled 200 miles, preached 30 sermons, attended 12 Conference and Prayer Meetings, made 25 family visits, baptized 2. Collected \$12.00. Bro. Delong reports this to be a most important field. At Hubbard’s Cove quite an interest was manifested. This is a new field for Baptist labor.

Rev. H. E. Morrow performed a mission 14 weeks at Sackville and vicinity, during the summer of 1871, and reported to the Board as follows:—September 14th.—“I have made it a point to see and converse on the subject of religion, so far as possible, with all who attend our meetings, and have always found house to house preaching exceeding pleasant and profitable. Our sabbath congregations have increased very much during the summer and good heed is given to the word spoken. Four have been added to the Church by baptism, and others I trust are seeking the Saviour. I have preached 34 sermons, attended 17 Prayer and Conference meetings.

There are 35 families in the vicinity, whom I have visited a number of times. Of these only a small number are Baptists, the majority being Episcopalian, or Presbyterian. With Sackville as a centre a large district of country could be reached, that has hitherto been destitute of the preaching of the word." Collected for the mission \$42.00.

Bro. Morrow is engaged with the Church at Sackville and Hammonds Plains during the present year and receives from the Board \$50.00.

Bro. John Crawley had a mission of 2 weeks during the past summer to labor among the colored people in Halifax county, for which service \$12 was paid, an appointment of 2 weeks for the present year, has also been granted and \$16 to be paid him from the funds of the Board.

HANTS COUNTY.

Rev. R. R. Philp continued as our Missionary at Maitland and vicinity 6 months of the present year, when having received the appointment of Inspector of Schools for the County, he tendered his resignation to the Board which was accepted.

Bro. Philp continues to labor with the Church at Maitland a portion of his time, but not under the direction of the Board.

Extract from letter dated 15th September, 1871:—"During the year the Meeting house at Maitland has been completed and paid for. The Ladies had a Tea meeting and received money enough to liquidate the debt contracted in finishing the building. A Sabbath School and Bible Class have been formed which are very well attended. Our Prayer and Conference meetings have been held regularly and with some encouragement. At our last Conference one was received for baptism, and one was restored to fellowship others are inquiring the way. While Maitland continues ship-building, it will be a Missionary station of importance, as there will always be a representation of the strangers in our congregation."

December 25th.—"Since my former report we have had 2 additions by baptism and 1 restored to fellowship. The congregations at the various points continue good. During my whole mission through the kind Providence of God I have not lost any Sabbath appointment." Preached 115 sermons, attended 90 Conference and Prayer meetings, made 80 family visits, baptized 4, distributed 600 pages of tracts. Travelled 1100 miles. Received from the Church one half missionary pay. Received from the Board one half.

Rev. Benjamin Vaughan labored 8 weeks in the service of the Board at Waterville.

Travelled 250 miles, preached 24 sermons, attended 2 Prayer meetings, made 28 family visits. Collected \$36. Expenses \$4.00

"Extract from letter dated 3rd October, 1871. I endeavored publicly and from house to house to present the faithful word of

God, leaving the results with the Head of the Church. Hitherto the brethren have labored under much disadvantage on account of having to meet in school houses for worship, but they are getting along well with their New Meeting House.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

C. H. Martell, (Lic.) spent 12 weeks in this county under the direction of Rev S. March.

Travelled 593 miles, preached 33 sermons, attended 44 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 105 family visits, distributed 158 pages of tracts. Collected \$29.61. Travelling expenses \$12.04.

N. S. Home Missionary Society in account with J. McCULLY, Treasurer.

		Dr.	
1871.			
June 30.	To Paid, Rev. E. B. Corey.....	\$ 68	11
"	" Charles Norwood.....	56	00
"	" Rev. R. R. Philp.....	100	00
"	" Secretary for services, stationery, postage, &c..	80	75
"	" Rev. Wm. McPhee.....	55	00
Sept 8.	To Paid, Rev. M. A. Bigelow.....	26	00
"	" Rev. Wm. McPhee.....	80	32
"	" Rev. E. C. Spinney.....	7	00
"	" John Crawley.....	12	00
"	" Daniel McLeod.....	23	00
"	" Rev. E. B. Corey.....	48	05
"	" Rev. John Miller.....	49	10
Nov. 2.	" Rev. R. R. Philp.....	22	25
"	" Rev. E. M. Saunders, expenses to Waverly....	8	00
"	" Rev. H. E. Morrow.....	42	00
"	" Rev. Benjamin Vaughn.....	36	00
"	" Rev. John Shaw.....	21	50
"	" Rev. T. C. Delong.....	52	00
"	" Rev. A. Chipman.....	79	00
"	" Rev. C. H. Martell.....	54	42
"	" J. C. Archibald.....	23	60
"	" Rev. R. R. Philp.....	70	00
1872.			
Jan. 26	" Rev. R. R. Philp.....	100	00
"	" E. B. Corey.....	33	50
"	" Daniel McLeod.....	31	05
March 20.	" Rev. John Miller.....	23	93
May 22.	" S. Selden, printing Reports, &c.....	64	37
"	" Rev. J. B. McQuillan.....	37	66
"	" John Crawley.....	16	00
"	" Rev. S. Thompson.....	20	00
"	" Rev. Malcom Ross.....	102	47
"	" Rev. E. B. Corey.....	62	00
"	" Rev. A. Shields.....	36	00
"	" Rev. H. Morrow.....	25	00
"	" Rev. E. C. Spinney.....	10	71
	Balance in hand.....	362	99
		\$1548. 92	

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1871.	Balance in hand.....	\$374 25
June 1.	One years interest on Prov. Debentures.....	60 00
" 30.	Received from Treasurer Central Association.....	458 94
Sept.	From Executors S.N. Binneys Estate, per P. C. Hill, Esq., Legacy \$200, (N. S. C.).....	194 66
Oct.	Mrs. Harris's Legacy, per J. W. Barns, Esq.....	194 67
"	H. C. Creed, Yarmouth.....	20 00
Nov. 1.	Mabou, per S. Selden.....	7 79
" 28.	A Friend.....	20 00
" 29.	A Friend, Cape Breton, per H. N. Paint.....	3 90
Dec. 21.	Rev. I. J. Skinner, Chester.....	4 00
1872.		
Jan. 1.	Half years Interest Pov. Debentures.....	29 20
Feb. 4.	H. N. Paint for Cape Breton Mission.....	87 50
"	Granville Street Church and Congregation.....	44 50
March 5.	Week of Prayer offering per S. Selden.....	5 00
"	Bridgewater Baptist Church.....	6 00
"	A Friend.....	0 80
"	Lunenburg County.....	10 00
"	A Friend, Victoria County, per H. N. Paint.....	4 00
"	John Bew, Arichat.....	5 00
"	Everett.....	3 00
"	Mrs. Daniel Webber.....	1 00
"	Week of Prayer Offering.....	1 00
April 33.	Horton Church, per Rev. S. W. DeBlois.....	41 22
"	Lunenburg Co. Ministerial Conference, per Rev. S. March.....	5 35
May 23.	G. O. Gates, per Rev. J. E. Goucher, Col. in Colchester Co.....	24 20
"	Eastern Association for 1871.....	329 46
"	Deacon J. Lantz.....	1 50
"	Members of Lahave Church.....	2 00
"	A Friend.....	4 00
June 1.	Balance in hand.....	\$1548 92
		362 99

Contributions.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

(Collected by C. H. Martell, Lic.)	
Lakeville by Collection.....	\$2 78
Mr. William Jefferson.....	0 50
Lapland by Collection.....	4 18
Mrs. A. Wile.....	0 25
Mr. A. Wile.....	0 12
Somerset by Collection.....	4 52
Mount Pleasant by Collection.....	2 80
Bridgewater by collection.....	3 46
W. J. Gates, Esq.....	5 00
S. P. Benjamin.....	2 00
Rev. S. March.....	4 00

NEW ANNAN.

(Collected by G. O. Gates.)	
Mr. George Heather.....	\$5 00
Mr. Matther Allen (senr.).....	0 62
Mr. Daniel Fields.....	2 25
Miss E. & S. J. Wortman.....	0 50
Mrs. A. Tucker.....	0 46
Mrs. James McKeen.....	0 50
Mrs. Peter Hynds.....	0 50
Miss Jane McKeen.....	0 50
Mr. George Shearer.....	1 50
Mrs. George Shearer.....	1 00
Miss E. Shearer.....	0 50
Widow A. Shearer.....	0 25
Mr. Thomas Hyslop.....	0 50
Mr. Robert Hyslop.....	0 50
Mr. George Shearer (senr.).....	0 50
Miss Mary Lynds.....	1 00
Mrs. Aaron Murry.....	0 30
Mrs. Hugh McKay.....	0 37
Mrs. R. Porter.....	0 50
Mr. & Mrs. James Wortman.....	0 62
Mr. Donald Henderson.....	1 00
Mr. David Langille.....	1 00
Mr. David Wilson.....	2 00
Mr. John & Mr. Robert Wilson.....	1 50
Mr. W. Duncan.....	0 25
Mr. Samuel Gray.....	2 00
Mr. John McLellan.....	1 00
Mr. Alex. Sevan.....	1 00
Mr. James McIntosh.....	1 00
Mrs. Alex. Langille.....	0 50
Mrs. John Cox.....	0 50
Mr. Alex. Conkey.....	1 50
Mr. William Cutten.....	1 00
Mrs. William Cutten.....	1 00
Miss Ida Cutten.....	1 00
Mr. Luther Fields.....	2 00
Mr. George Cook.....	1 00
Miss Rachel Downing*.....	7 00
Mr. James Drysdale.....	1 00
Miss Nancy Cook.....	1 00
Miss Lavinia Cook.....	2 50
Mr. Robert Kent.....	0 50
Mrs. Jno. Murphy.....	0 25
Mrs. Wm. Drysdale.....	0 50
Mr. James Carter.....	0 50
Mr. William McNutt.....	0 50
Mr. George Nelson.....	2 00
Mr. Robert Higgins.....	1 00

Total.....\$56 37
Collections.....15 26

*Also \$5 for Foreign Missions from Miss Downing.....\$71 63

HEAD OF TATAMAGOUCHE BAY.

Mr. George Slade.....	\$2 00
Mr. Eph. Slade.....	2 00
Mrs. George Slade.....	1 00
H. & S. Holmes.....	1 00
Mr. Henry Roberts.....	0 75
Mrs. H. Roberts.....	1 00
Mr. Daniel Goodwin.....	0 25
Mr. Joseph Harrington.....	1 50
Miss M. Weatherbie.....	0 50
Mr. & Mrs. S. Spinney.....	0 10
Mrs. Peter Matstall.....	1 00
Mrs. William Roberts.....	0 25
Mrs. William Henderson.....	0 50
Mr. David Cunningham.....	0 25
Mr. Walter Dunphy.....	0 20
Mr. James Johnson (senr.).....	0 25
Mr. Thomas Roberts.....	0 50
Mrs. T. Roberts.....	1 50
Mr. Willie Roberts.....	0 25
Mr. Joseph Spinney.....	0 25
Mr. John Slade.....	0 66

Total.....\$17 05
Collection.....6 68

\$23 73

WALLACE RIVER.

Collections.....\$7 36

RIVER JOHN.

Collections.....	\$4 25
Total Amount \$107 08, N. S. Currency,	
\$104 20 Canada	
(Collected by Rev. R. B. Corey.)	
Mount Pleasant and Centerville.....	\$28 10
Glenville and Wentworth.....	4 00
Goose River.....	5 00
Salt Springs and Black River.....	3 00
John Chase.....	1 00
Mr. Wade.....	1 00
Judson Eaton.....	1 00
Collection, New Annan and Gulf Shore.....	2 40
Uriah Johnson.....	9 00

Wallace Church.....	\$54 50
Pugwash Church.....	20 20
Goose River.....	12 70
Greenville.....	8 10
Shantytown.....	1 40
Mrs. Burghman.....	1 20
Uriah Johnson.....	1 70
Goose River.....	2 00
Private Donations.....	1 50
Centerville.....	5 20

5 00

(Collected by Rev. J. B. McQuillan.)

Collections.....	\$5 02
Mrs. John Clarke.....	0 50
Henry Burhee.....	0 50
A friend.....	0 05
David Patterson.....	0 30
John Thompson.....	0 05
Mrs. Whidden (senr.).....	0 25

\$7 12

VICTORIA MINES.
(Collected by Rev. A. Chipman.)

John Huntington.....	\$ 4 00
William Huntington.....	2 00
GLACE BAY.	
Mrs. Arnold Martell.....	1 00

VICTORIA MINES.

Jno. Y. Ross.....	3 00
Collections.....	21 00
A. Chipman.....	4 00
	\$35 00

MIRA.

Deacon Charles Martell.....	\$ 5 00
Caleb Huntington.....	2 00
Deacon Charles Shepperd.....	1 25
Joseph Martell.....	1 00
William Holmes.....	1 00
William Murrett.....	1 00
Charles Spenser.....	0 25
Mrs. Dickson.....	0 25
Widow Holmes.....	0 54
Miss Annie Shepherd.....	0 50
John Martell.....	0 50
Deacon Arond Holmes.....	2 20
Philip Spencer.....	2 00
Collection.....	3 00
Anthony Spencer.....	20 00
Thomas Martell.....	1 12
Charles Martell.....	1 00
	1 00

GOWRIE MINES.

Collection.....	14 00
Duncan McInnis.....	1 00

LITTLE GLACE BAY.

Deacon Arnold Martell.....	\$9 00
Mrs. A. Martell.....	2 00
Miss Jane Martell.....	0 50
Miss C. Martell.....	0 50
John McPherson.....	0 60
Mr. Hitchens.....	4 00
Mrs. McAulay.....	1 00
John McLean.....	1 00
A. Friend.....	0 25
Mr. Mackentrie.....	1 00

SOUTH BAR,

Rev. H. E. Ross.....	5 00
Mrs. Ross.....	1 00

NORTH SYDNEY.

Collection.....	5 00
George Dobson.....	0 75

MARGAREE.

Murdock McDonald.....	\$ 0 30
John McDonald.....	0 50
Lanchlan McDonald.....	2 00
Mrs. Frizle.....	0 50
Joseph Tingley.....	0 50
Collection.....	10 00

Miss R. McDonald.....	\$0 50
Murdock McLean.....	0 50

MABOU.

David Smith.....	1 50
Mrs. Potter.....	2 00
Mr. Pushie.....	0 50
Joseph Clark.....	0 50
Mr. Hunt.....	0 50

PORT HAWKSBUARY.

Deacon Paint.....	9 00
Solomon Emerie.....	0 70
Mr. Durley.....	0 50

WEST BAY.

Collection.....	4 00
Miss J. McInnon.....	0 32
Miss S. McInnon.....	0 30
James McDonald.....	1 00

Amount.....\$125 53

LITTLE GLACE BAY.

(Collected by Rev. William McPhee.)

Evelina Martell.....	\$2 00
Mrs. A. Martell.....	1 00
Harriet Martell.....	0 50
Emiline Martell.....	0 50
Caroline Martell.....	1 25
Jane Martell.....	1 00
Sophia Martell.....	0 50
Hector McIntyre.....	4 00
J. E. Hitchens.....	4 00
Arnold Martell.....	3 00
Arnold Holmes.....	0 90

ARICHAT.

Mrs. Chandler.....	3 00
John Bew.....	2 00
Collection.....	0 70

WEST BAY.

Sarah McKinnon.....	\$1 00
George Dobson, N. Bar.....	1 50
Christy McLeod.....	0 50
Mary McLeod.....	0 50
Annie McLeod.....	0 50
Catherine Morrison.....	0 25
Rebecca McKae.....	0 25
Mary McKinnon.....	0 50
H. McKinnon.....	0 30

(Collected by Bro. Daniel McLeod.) \$28 65

May 20th 1871.....	\$ 0 25
June 15th, ".....	0 60
July 26th, ".....	1 50
June 4th, Received from Cow Bay Church.....	10 94

Christy McLeod.....	\$13 29
Sarah McKinnon.....	\$0 25
Ann McLeod.....	0 25

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

- I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."
- II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble Churches, and the planting of new ones.
- III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards annually, to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time shall be a Life Member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds so contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall have the privilege of sending a delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds, such church shall be entitled to send one delegate for every five pounds contributed,—*Provided*: That no Association, Auxiliary or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.
- IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice- Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.
- V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, members of Baptist Churches, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and five shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such meeting being given; to appoint missionaries, and assign their respective spheres of labor; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, providing that all amounts contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the donors; to employ agents for the collection of funds, and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society; and to furnish a report of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.
- VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contributions; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.
- VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.
- VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present deem expedient.
- IX. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

BYE LAWS

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

ARTICLE 1.—This Board shall meet for the dispatch of business at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Wednesday of each month.—Also at such other times as duly called by the Chairman, or Secretary, or two other members of the Board.

ARTICLE 2.—Each meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer, and the minutes of preceeding meetings read and approved.

ARTICLE 3.—None but Licentiates from regular Baptist Churches, and ordained Ministers, recognized as such by a regular Baptist Association, shall be employed as Missionaries for the Society.

ARTICLE 4.—No Missionary shall be at liberty to change his field of labor or to extend the time of his service beyond appointment without consent of the Board.

ARTICLE 5.—The compensation allowed, generally, for married, and ordained Missionaries shall be eight dollars per week, for married licentiates and unmarried ordained Missionaries seven dollars, for unmarried licentiates six dollars, in each case exclusive of travelling expences.

ARTICLE 6.—All Missionaries or pastors serving under the Board are empowered and expected to make all reasonable effort during the time, and in the localities of such service, to collect funds in aid of the Treasury, to be transmitted forthwith to the same, or reported to the Board, credited towards labor performed.

ARTICLE 7.—On the expiration of Missions, reports shall be promptly made to the Board, by Missionaries, stating definitely, the number of weeks' service, number of sermons preached, visits made, miles travelled, pages of tracts distributed, baptisms performed, Sabbath Schools visited, other meetings attended, Churches, Sabbath Schools, Temperance Societies and prayer meetings organized; moneys and other contributions, with the names of the donors; and such other facts connected with their labors likely to be of general interest.

ARTICLE 8.—No moneys shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

ARTICLE 9.—The Chairman and Secretary shall sign no orders for moneys from the Treasury unless for accounts checked by the Auditors.

ARTICLE 10.—No accounts shall be audited until ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 11.—The Board shall not accept and submit accounts to the Auditors, unless presenting full particulars of debits and credits, &c., as specified in Article 7.

ARTICLE 12.—The Secretary of this Board, with the consent of the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, shall furnish, monthly, for publication in that paper, the following items, viz:—Letters received [during the month], appointments made, amount of funds in the Treasury, amounts due Missionaries, the names of Missionaries and their fields of labour, members of the Board present at last meeting, and such other particulars as may be ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 13.—A copy of these Bye Law shall be forwarded by the Secretary to each missionary on his appointment.