

# MINUTES

OF THE

## TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

# Western Baptist Association

OF

## NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

Baptist Church at Tremont, Aylesford, Annapolis Co.,  
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 19th, 21st  
and 22nd, 1875.

WITH THE

## CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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**TREMONT, AYLESFORD,**  
*Saturday Morning, June 19th, 1875.*

The Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association convened this day according to appointment with the Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Baptist Church, in Tremont, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

The Association was called to order by the Rev. I. Wallace, Moderator of last year—Hymn 338:

"All hail the power of Jesus name," &c.

being sung, Prayer was offered by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Social Services were engaged in while the Clerks made out the

## LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Freeport*—Rev. W. L. Parker.  
*Tiverton*—Rev. W. L. Parker.  
*Digby*—Rev. J. H. Saunders and Deacon J. S. Hawksworth.  
*Lower Granville*—Rev. P. R. Foster.  
*Pubnico*—Rev. W. H. Richan.  
*Litchfield*—Bro. E. Grant, Lic., Deacon Samuel Sprowl.  
*Lawrencetown and Valley West*—Rev. W. G. Parker, Deacon Beriah Daniels, Brethren Samuel-Bishop and J. E. Armstrong.  
*Hebron*—Rev. R. D. Burgess, Deacons W. R. Doty, John Rose, Brethren W. E. Patten and George M. Patten.  
*St. Mary's Bay*—Rev. A. Cogswell, Deacons J. Andrews and Charles McNeil.  
*Milton, Yarmouth Co.*—Rev. J. B. Galtner.  
*Clements*—Rev. J. M. Parker and Deacon J. E. Potter.  
*Milton, Queen's Co.*—Rev. J. A. Durkee, Brethren James Ford, W. H. Wear, J. N. Freeman and G. H. Wiles.  
*Westport*—Rev. L. B. Gates.  
*Dalhousie West*—Deacons S. Swift and Robert Midcraft.  
*Annapolis and Upper Granville*—Rev. J. Clark, Benj. Miller, Licentiate; Deacons Benj. Fellows and S. Chute, Brethren A. M. Gidney & C. Rumsey.  
*Parker's Cove*—Brother E. Grant, Licentiate.  
*Wood's Harbor*—Rev. W. H. Richan.  
*Kempt*—Rev. H. Achilles, Deacon D. Delong, Brethren Joseph Rawding and Joseph Ringer.  
*Lower Wilmot*—Rev. A. Cahoon, Deacons W. H. Balcom, H. H. Morse, Joshua Ray and Avarad Longley.  
*Nictaux*—Rev. W. J. Blakeney, Deacons Clarke Felch, Wm. Gates, W. C. Shafner, Brethren L. B. Page and Thomas Banks.  
*French Mission Church*—Rev. M. Normondy.  
*Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot*—Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., Deacons A. T. Baker, G. Tufts, Jacob Neiley, Brethren J. H. Hall and Gilbert Margeson.  
*Liverpool*—Rev. Geo. O. Gates, Brethren Thomas Nickerson, C. A. Foster and S. C. West.

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Forest Glen—Deacon Z. C. Vickery.

Caledonia—Rev. G. N. Ballentine and Brother G. A. Cleaveland.

Tusket Lakes—Deacons Jacob Gabel, A. S. Lent and Brother Isaac White.

Argyle—Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.

North Brookfield—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Deacons James Dailey, James Freeman and Brother A. Johnson.

Hillsburg—Deacon Edward Clark and Brother E. Miller.

Greywood and Milford—Rev. T. A. Higgins and Bro. Benj. Miller, Lic.

Upper Wilmot—Deacon Leason Baker, Brethren John Clark and W. H. Thorne.

Pine Grove—Rev. J. A. McLean, Deacon Obadiah Dodge, Brethren Walter Welton, Joseph North and Jonathan Woodbury, M. D.

Beaver River—Rev. J. D. Skinner, Licentiate G. H. Goudey and H. M. Parry, Brethren Joseph R. Raymond and Forrester R. Raymond.

Lake George, Yarmouth Co.—Rev. P. F. Murray.

Mills Village—Deacon Thomas Munro and Brother W. H. Cole.

Temple, Yarmouth Co.—Rev. W. H. Warren.

West Yarmouth—Rev. P. F. Murray.

The Association has organized by the election of—

REV. W. G. PARKER, *Moderator.*

REV. G. O. GATES, *Secretary.*

REV. A. COHOON, *Assistant Secretary.*

BROTHER A. T. BAKER, *Treasurer.*

BROTHER G. TUFTS, *Assistant Treasurer.*

BROTHER LEASON BAKER, *Auditor.*

The following committees were then appointed:—

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. J. H. Saunders, Dr. Tupper, J. C. McLean, T. A. Higgins, W. J. Blakeney, Brethren A. T. Baker, Avarad Longley, Leason Baker and G. Tufts.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. W. E. Hall, J. M. Parker and Brother A. M. Gidney.

COMMITTEE TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. John Clark, D. M. Welton and Isaiah Wallace.

THE FOLLOWING BROTHERN WERE INVITED TO SEATS.—Revds. Prof. D. M. Welton, S. J. Neiley, I. Wallace, W. E. Hall, J. H. Robbins, J. L. Read and D. Freeman, Brethren J. W. Barss, Howard Barss, E. Parker, S. Selden and William West.

A number of interesting letters from the churches were read.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part as follows:— That the time of meeting be—*Morning Session*—Meet at 10 o'clock, A. M. and close 12 noon. *Afternoon Session*—meet at 2-30 and close at 5-30. *Evening Session*—meet at 7-30.

They further recommend that Prayer meetings be held each morning during the Session of the Association at 6 o'clock; and further that a Public Temperance meeting be held this evening, at 7-30. Closed with prayer by Rev. W. L. Parker.

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**SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.**

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster.

Minutes of Morning Session read, corrected and approved.

In absence of Treasurer, Deacon A. T. Morse, was appointed Treasurer, pro. tem.

Reading of Letters resumed.

The Committee of Arrangements further reported:—

**SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.**

- Tremont—10-30 A. M. Rev. J. Clark.  
 " 3-00 P. M. Rev. T. A. Higgins.  
 " 7-80 P. M. Rev. D. M. Welton.  
 Greenwood—10-30 A. M. Rev. G. N. Ballentine.  
 Harmony—3-30 P. M. Rev. W. L. Parker.  
 " 7-30 P. M. Rev. A. Cogswell.  
 Melvern Square—10-30 A. M. Rev. W. E. Hall.  
 " 7-30 P. M. Rev. G. O. Gates.  
 Prince William St., (Wesleyan)—10-30 A. M. Rev. P. R. Foster.  
 5-00 P. M. Rev. J. M. Parker.  
 Farmington Grove—3-30 P. M. Rev. W. G. Parker.  
 Stronach Mountain—10-30 A. M. Rev. L. B. Gates.  
 Phinney Mountain—10-30 A. M. Rev. G. O. Gates.  
 Margaretville—3-30 P. M. Rev. W. E. Hall.  
 Nictaux—10-30 A. M. ————  
 Torbrook—10-30 A. M. Brother — Goudy, Licentiate.  
 " 3-30 P. M. Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.  
 Paradise—10-30 A. M. Rev. W. H. Warren.  
 Clarence—2-00 P. M. Rev. W. H. Warren.  
 Cambridge—10-30 A. M. Rev. J. A. Durkee.  
 Grafton—3-30 P. M. Rev. J. A. Durkee.  
 Berwick—10-30 A. M. Rev. P. Gallaher.  
 Harborville—3-30. Rev. P. Gallaher.

The Committee recommend that collections be taken at each Sabbath service in aid of Home Missions.

**COMMITTEES:**

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, W. J. Blakeney and W. H. Warren.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.—Revds. A. Cohoon, J. H. Saunders, J. Clarke, J. A. Durkee, W. B. Bradshaw, Brethren A. Longley, G. Tufts and W. R. Doty.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. W. J. Blakeney, Dr. Tupper and A. Cogswell.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. J. D. Skinner, Brethren J. W. Barss, J. H. Hall, J. S. Hawksworth, Edw. Clark, S. Chute, J. Dailey, L. Baker and J. Armstrong.

MISSIONS.—Revds. W. H. Warren, G. N. Ballentine, M. Normondy, J. M. Parker, I. Wallace, P. Gallaher, Brethren W. Shaffner, O. Dodge, A. Locke, Jacob Neiley and Wm. Gates.

EDUCATION.—Revds. D. M. Welton, E. M. Saunders, T. A. Higgins, W. H. Richan, J. A. McLean, Brethren J. W. Barss, A. Longley, J. N. Freeman and J. Haley.

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**—Revds. P. R. Foster, L. B. Gates, J. D. Skinner, Brethren D. Whitman, A. T. Morse and Clarke Felch.

**OBITUARIES.**—Revds. A. Cogswell, L. B. Gates and Brother A. M. Gidney.

**TEMPERANCE.**—Rev. P. R. Foster, Brethren A. M. Gidney, T. Banks, N. E. Patton, W. H. Balcam, O. Dodge, H. H. Morse and S. Chute.

Your Committee further recommend that the Circular Letter be read on Monday morning immediately after the Introductory Sermon—that the Afternoon Session of Monday be given to the reception of reports—that on Monday evening there be a general Missionary Meeting, and that Tuesday morning session be devoted to Education.

Brethren A. Longley, M. P. P., and A. M. Gidney, were appointed by the Association as first speakers for the evening Temperance meeting.

Closed with prayer by Rev. G. N. Ballentine.

#### *SATURDAY—Evening Session.*

A Public Temperance meeting was held Saturday evening under the auspices of the Association—well attended—and addressed by the Rev. W. G. Parker, Brethren L. Bloomfield Page, A. Longley and A. M. Gidney.

#### *MONDAY MORNING, June 21st.*

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Association was called to order to listen to the Introductory sermon. After the preliminary exercises participated in by Revds. J. D. Skinner, W. E. Hall, P. R. Foster, and W. G. Parker, the sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Richan. Text John xv. 18. Subject—"Christian Fruitfulness."

At the close of the sermon the Rev. I. Wallace asked in prayer God's blessing on the word faithfully spoken.

The Committee on the Circular reported—"We have examined the Circular Letter and recommend that it be read before the Association."

At the call of the Moderator the Circular Letter was read by its writer, Rev. J. A. Durkee, subject—"The Diaconate."

After the reading of the Letter it was requested that it be laid upon the table for discussion.

Closed with singing and prayer by Rev. A. Cohoon.

An Open Air service was held during the morning service. A sermon preached by Rev. P. Gallaher, and addresses delivered by Revds. S. J. Neiley, D. M. Welton, A. Cogswell and Brother Benj. Miller, Licentiate.

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**MONDAY—Afternoon Session.**

Session opened with prayer by Rev. R. D. Burgess. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported in respect to the Church at Annapolis Royal and its letter as follows:—Your Committee recommend that the letter be read and the Annapolis Royal Church be received into this Association. Report adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. Spoken to by Dr. Tupper. Adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Committee on Religious Literature reported. Spoken to by Revs. Dr. Tupper, A. Cohoon, W. B. Bradshaw, Bros. J. W. Barss and A. M. Gidney. Adopted. (See App. B.)

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Spoken to by Rev. S. J. Neiley. Report adopted. (See App. C.)

Committee on Missions reported. After interesting remarks by Revs. Dr. Tupper and E. M. Saunders the report was referred back to the Committee.

The Circular Letter was then taken up. A part of it by request was re-read by its writer, after which the Letter was referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. I. Wallace, T. A. Higgins, J. Clark, D. Freeman, E. M. Saunders and Bro. A. Longley.

Committee on Questions in Letters in respect to the following question from a church reported as follows:—Question—"Where a Church is in difficulty is it consistent with the principles of Baptists for a neighboring Church through its minister and others to seek to withdraw its members to build up its own interests and thereby increase the difficulty."

Your Committee would beg leave to report that in their opinion it is not consistent with the principles of Baptists. Report adopted.

Committee on Missions again reported as follows:—Your Committee report that after mature deliberation they see no need of any alteration or modification of the report already submitted.

Reading of letters resumed and completed.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. A. McLean.

**MONDAY—Evening Session.**

Opened with singing and prayer by Rev. L. B. Gates.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

The moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to Rev. T. A. Higgins representing Annapolis Royal Church, welcoming said Church into the Association.

The subject of missions was taken up. Addresses by Revs. D. Freeman, E. M. Saunders, W. H. Warren, M. Normondy, Isaiah Wallace, W. H. Richan, Brethren J. Plumb, Lic., and S. Selden.

Collection taken up for French Mission \$19.35.

Report on Missions re-read and left on the table.

Closed with prayer by Brother B. Miller, Licentiate.

## TUESDAY MORNING, June 22nd.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported as follows:—

"The Committee on the Circular Letter report that having carefully examined that document, they unanimously recommend that it be adopted by this body and published in the Minutes and *Christian Messenger*."

The Report on Missions was adopted as amended. (See Appendix D.)

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Education reported. After which there were addresses on the subject of Education by Revds. D. M. Welton, D. Freeman and Brother A. Longley.

Adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Closed with prayer by Brother M. Normondy.

## TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Richan.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Resolved, That Rev. W. H. Richan be requested to furnish a copy of the Introductory Sermon for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

Committee on Temperance reported. Spoken to by Revds. A. Cohoon, Dr. Tupper, Brethren A. M. Gidney, L. B. Page and A. Longley. Report Adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Committee on Obituaries reported. Spoken to by Rev. Dr. Tupper and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Committee of Arrangements reported finally as follows:

1st. That the Association be held next year with the Temple Baptist Church, Yarmouth.

2nd. That Rev. J. Clark preach the Associational Sermon, and Rev. A. Cohoon be his alternate.

3rd. That Rev. Geo. O. Gates write the Circular Letter.

Report adopted.

The Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund report:—

1874.			
June 29.	Paid to Rev. R. S. Morton.....	\$50 00	
July 3.	" H. Saunders.....	20 00	
Nov. 25.	" Mrs. Richardson.....	40 00	
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Jan. 28.	" Mrs. Richardson.....	40 00	
	For Postage, &c.....	1 98	
			\$151 98
1874.			
June 24.	Received from Treasurer of Western Baptist Association.....	\$115 25	
	Cash from Investments.....	86 78	
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Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, Secretary and Treasurer.

Report adopted.



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On motion resolved, that the Board of Infirm Ministers be located at Yarmouth for the ensuing year, and that the following Brethren constitute the Board, viz.: Revds. J. A. Stubbett, J. Rowe, Dr. Day, W. H. Warren, P. Gallaher, R. D. Burgess, Brethren J. C. Anderson and W. R. Doty.

*Resolved*, That Revds. A. Cohoon, W. H. Warren, W. B. Bradshaw, J. Clark and P. R. Foster, be our delegates to the Central Association.

Also, That Rev. G. N. Ballentine be our delegate to the Eastern Association.

Also, Brethren Reuben Baker, S. D. Munro, W. R. Doty, A. Longley and Clark Felch, be our delegates to the Convention.

Also, That Revds. W. H. Warren and W. B. Bradshaw, be our delegates to the P. E. Island Association.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to pay over the various sums in his hands to the several persons authorized to receive them.

*Also Resolved*, That all monies not designated be equally divided among the Home, French and Foreign Missions.

*Resolved*, That Brother Selden be requested to publish 1500 copies of the Minutes of the Association at the same rate as last year. Also to insert the report of the Home Mission Board, and reserve 50 copies for use of Association next year.

On motion after an animated discussion it was—

*Resolved*, That this Association favor the petitioning of the Legislature at its next session for a fair and equitable distribution of the public money for Higher Educational purposes; and that other denominations sympathizing with us in these views be asked to co-operate.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that this Association tender their thanks to the Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Church, and to the friends in the vicinity of Tremont, for their kindness and hospitality to the ministers, delegates and friends, in attendance at this its Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

On motion resolved that Brother Enoch Gates be added to the Auditing Committee,

*Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet with the Temple Baptist Church, Yarmouth, on the Third Saturday in June, 1876, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

This harmonious and interesting Session then closed with singing and prayer by the Rev. Dr. Tupper.

W. G. PARKER, Moderator.  
GEO. O. GATES, Secretary.  
A. COHOON, Assistant Secretary.

Statistics of the Churches in New Scotia Western Baptist Association, held in Truro, N. S., June, 1875.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME	Year of Settlement.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Increase.		Dismissed.			Present Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	
1 Acadia French Mission	1870	M. Normandy	1870	Belmont	2	0	0	0	0	43
2 Annapolis and Upper Granville	1801	John Clark	1801	John Rice, Bridgetown	21	0	0	0	0	203
3 Argyle	1830	W. B. Bradshaw	1830	Herman Nickerson, Argyle	22	0	0	0	0	149
4 Arcadia	1871	John Rowe	1871	George Robbins, Arcadia	26	0	0	0	0	113
5 Barrington*	1844	J. D. Skinner	1844	Wm. S. Raymond, Beaver River	0	0	0	0	0	80
6 Beaver River	1828	G. N. Ballentine	1828	A. J. Lambert, North Brookfield	1	0	0	0	0	242
7 Brookfield	1828	G. N. Ballentine	1828	G. A. Clewland, Caledonia	21	0	0	0	0	188
8 Caledonia	1804	J. M. Parker	1804	James Foster, Esq., Clementsport	1	0	0	0	0	50
9 Clements	1835	J. M. Parker	1835	John Hannan, Dalhousie West	11	0	0	0	0	343
10 Dalhousie West	1840	J. H. Saunders	1840	W. H. H. Saunders, Digby	0	0	0	0	0	78
11 Digby	1809	J. C. Morse	1809	Shippie Lent, Freeport, Digby Co.	0	0	0	0	0	93
12 Digby Neck, 1st	1835	A. J. Cogswell	1835	Robert Harlow	1	0	0	0	0	133
13 Digby Neck 2nd**	1874	A. J. Cogswell	1874	Jacob Chute, Hampton	4	0	0	0	0	262
14 Freeport	1801	James E. Bleakney	1801	James Crossby, Wellington, Yarmouth Co.	1	0	0	0	0	107
15 Greenfield	1834	W. L. Foster	1834	J. S. Thomas	4	0	0	0	0	8
16 Forest Glen*	1835	A. J. Cogswell	1835	J. S. Thomas	4	0	0	0	0	40
17 Greywood and Milford	1837	R. D. Burgess	1837	William Dunn, Bear River, West side	1	0	0	0	0	100
18 Hampton	1825	G. D. Cox	1825	J. S. Thomas	17	0	0	0	0	335
19 Hebron	1842	James E. Bleakney	1842	J. S. Thomas	4	0	0	0	0	251
20 Hillsburg, 1st	1842	James E. Bleakney	1842	J. S. Thomas	4	0	0	0	0	97
21 Hillsburg, 2nd	1842	James E. Bleakney	1842	J. S. Thomas	4	0	0	0	0	72
22 Hill Grove*	1842	James E. Bleakney	1842	J. S. Thomas	4	0	0	0	0	46
23 Jordan Bay and Sand Point	1806	E. N. Archibald	1806	Charles Hayden, Jordan River	1	0	0	0	0	53
24 Jordan River	1851	E. N. Archibald	1851	Thomas DeLong	0	0	0	0	0	102
25 Kempit	1856	G. O. Gates	1856	George S. Parker, Liverpool	2	0	0	0	0	208
26 Liverpool	1821	G. O. Gates	1821	Charles Crossby	1	0	0	0	0	130
27 Lake George	1874	F. Murray	1874	Robert Frost	2	0	0	0	0	46
28 Lockport	1874	F. Murray	1874	Robert Frost	2	0	0	0	0	118
29 Low, Arden and Valley West	1874	G. P. Parker	1874	L. S. Parks, Esq., Esq.	31	0	0	0	0	200
30 Low, Arden and South Whitton	1859	G. P. Parker	1859	L. S. Parks, Esq., Esq.	31	0	0	0	0	200
31 Lower Granville	1800	F. Foster	1800	Esconser Sprawl, Granville Ferry	1	0	0	0	0	16
32 Lower Sabie River, East Side*	1841	F. Foster	1841	David Sprawl, Litchfield	1	0	0	0	0	49
33 Litchfield	1862	F. Foster	1862	Benjamin Cook	1	0	0	0	0	33
34 Milton, Yarmouth Co.	1871	J. F. Gallaher	1871	G. W. Freeman, Milton	1	0	0	0	0	12
35 Milton, Queens Co.	1859	J. A. Durkee	1859	G. W. Freeman, Milton	1	0	0	0	0	12
36 Mill Village	1808	J. A. Durkee	1808	G. W. Freeman, Milton	1	0	0	0	0	33
37 Mill Village	1808	J. A. Durkee	1808	G. W. Freeman, Milton	1	0	0	0	0	33
38 Middlefield	1808	J. A. Durkee	1808	G. W. Freeman, Milton	1	0	0	0	0	33



## Ministers in the Western Association.

Name.	President Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles .....	Parker's Cove .....	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" E. N. Archibald .....	Shelburne .....	1865	Alexandra, P. E. I.
" W. A. J. Bleakney .....	Nictaux .....		Cambridge, Queens Co.
" G. N. Ballentine .....	Brookfield .....	Oct. 3, 1872	Brookfield.
" J. C. Bleakney .....	Port Williams, An. Co. ....		Richmond, Vict., N.B.
" B. D. Burgess .....	Hebron .....	1874	Hebron.
" John Clark .....	Bridgetown .....	1866	Godmanchester, G. R.
" A. Cohoon .....	Paradise .....	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" A. Cogswell .....	St. Mary's Bay .....	Jan. —, 1843	St. Mary's Bay.
" A. J. Cogswell .....	Greenfield, Queens Co. ....	1874	Tusket Lakes.
" G. D. Cox .....	Hillsburg .....	Jan. 4, 1865	Clements.
" G. E. Day, M. D. ....	Yarmouth .....	June 26, 1868	Yarmouth.
" J. A. Durkee .....	Milton .....	Oct. 23, 1873	Milton.
" P. R. Foster .....	Lower Granville .....	Sept. 9, 1868	Kempt, Queens Co.
" P. Gallaher .....	Milton, Yarmouth Co. ....		Portgurnee, Ireland.
" L. B. Gates .....	Westport .....	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" G. O. Gates .....	Liverpool .....	Oct. 22, 1873	Liverpool.
" T. A. Higgins .....	Annapolis .....	1857	Liverpool.
" J. C. Morse .....	Digby Neck .....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" J. A. McLean .....	Middleton .....	1874	Middleton.
" P. F. Murray .....	Gogogen, Yarm. Co. ....	Mar. 14, 1848	West Port.
" J. F. McKenne .....	Ragged Islands .....	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" J. A. Moore .....	Vie oria Road .....	Aug. 5, 1857	Port George.
" M. Normondy .....	Saulnierville .....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" W. G. Parker .....	Lawrencetown .....	Jan. 20, 1843	New Albany.
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" W. L. Parker .....	Freeport .....	Sept. 30, 1863	Upper Aylesford.
" J. M. Parker .....	Clementsport .....	Oct. 5, 1865	Springfield.
" C. Randall .....	Weymouth .....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" W. H. Richan .....	Barrington .....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe .....	Arcadia, Yarm'th Co. ....		Maccan.
" P. A. Shields .....	Tusket .....	July 18, 1852	Hantsport.
" J. H. Saunders .....	Digby .....	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth, Co.
" J. D. Skinner .....	Beaver River .....	April 26, 1875	Beaver River.
" J. A. Stubbert .....	Deerfield .....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" Charles Tupper, D. D. ....	Aylesford .....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" G. B. Titus .....	Osborne .....	Mar. 26, 1874	Osborne.
" W. H. Warren .....	Yarmouth .....	1872	Canvendish, P. E. I.
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# Circular Letter.

## THE DIACONATE.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,—

We address you on the subject of diaconal service in the churches. Our object is to suggest the enlargement of the sphere of that service in two directions. First, in regard to the duties to be discharged. Second, in respect to the persons to be chosen.

### I. WITH REFERENCE TO THE DUTIES TO BE DISCHARGED.

The duties of deacons, as recognized at present, are to care for the church poor and to assist at the administration of the Lord's Supper. As the possessors of the best gifts, they are also sometimes accorded by the tacit consent or by the votes of their brethren leadership in the social exercises and executive work of the church. *We suggest the choice, appointment and recognition of deacons for the express purpose of their overseeing as an additional service and by virtue of their office the financial affairs of the churches.*

1. We assign as a fundamental reason for this suggestion its Scriptural character. From the account of the original institution of the diaconate, given in Acts, we learn that the partial and temporary communism of the church in its Pentecostal days caused its first financial cares. We find, also, that the office of deacon was at once provided by divine legislation to prevent these financial burdens from resting permanently upon the apostles. The reason assigned was that they might give themselves "wholly to prayer and to the ministry of the word" which it was not meet that they should leave. The diaconal office was, we thus see, instituted to exercise a needed and official care for the temporalities of the church in order that the apostles, freed from responsibility and labor in this department of church work, might devote themselves exclusively to their spiritual functions. The cause of this action was local and temporary, but the need provided for is universal and perpetual. The church always needs devoted and able financial managers,—always needs consecrated, efficient pastors. The Divine Legislator ordained the two offices (bishops and deacons) to perform distinct, equally needed, and correlative functions in the church. It follows, therefore, that as the diaconal office was designed to be as permanent as the pastoral, it was also intended to so adapt itself to the varying circumstances of the churches as to answer the purpose of its first institution through-

out all time. It further follows that the churches should not only theoretically but practically so large the sphere of the diaconate as to embrace the general management of all the financial affairs of the churches, and that they should choose and ordain men thereto with a view to their fitness for this service. The duty is the more manifest, when it is considered that the official labors of the diaconate are now obviously inadequate to demand the high qualifications and solemn setting apart upon which the churches now insist, while onerous and important financial duties must be relegated to other special officers, or discharged by pastors to the detriment of their peculiar work.

These inferences are confirmed by a consideration of the qualifications which the New Testament requires of those chosen for the important and permanent office of deacon. The brethren were and are enjoined to seek out men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. These were and are to be solemnly set apart to their work. Now, while admitting that high gifts are required for the right discharge of the present duties of the diaconate, it nevertheless follows that while the churches insist upon the scriptural standard of qualification being maintained, they should also require services of the kind and degree while such qualifications presuppose, such services as will secure the object of the original institution of the office. Men of pre-eminent sanctity, honesty and wisdom were then chosen to perform a laborious service for the purpose of meeting a pressing want of the church. By a parity of reasoning, the men of whom like spiritual and mental endowments are now required should perform as heavy a work and meet the like financial-exigencies of the church of to-day. A great need of the churches now is the efficient management of their financial affairs by permanent officers, spiritually and experimentally qualified to perform the service for which they are chosen. Officers of this character and these qualifications are provided in the diaconate of the New Testament-economy. The inference is obvious that these duties should be performed and these ends subserved by them.

The Manual of the churches, the New Testament, gives but little exact information as to the particular duties discharged by deacons in the later days of the Apostles. Nevertheless, we gather from Paul's pastoral epistles to Timothy, additional support for the view presented. The temporal circumstances of the church at Ephesus, Timothy's charge, were different from those of the church at Jerusalem. Neither large numbers, nor a "daily ministration," were there to burden, but it was necessary to meet other temporal responsibilities. Timothy was therefore exhorted to give himself wholly to a teacher's and a pastor's work, and, that he might do so, was instructed to ordain men of christian truthfulness, sobriety, liberality and conscientiousness, qualities practically implied in the characteristics of deacons more spiritually delineated in the Acts, to perform diaconal duties. What conclusion more apparent than that they were to have oversight of the contributing and distributing of

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 ment of their of the divine enactments without violating their letter, might adapt  
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2. The second series of reasons for the suggestion that the  
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 y deacons by no other means than "waiting on their ministry." To enable  
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 al respon- conclusion is reached when the growing tendency to secularize the  
 self wholly pulpit is considered. This tendency, not so apparent in Provincial  
 do so, was churches as among those of the United States, whose experience we  
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him to discharge his legitimate duties as a pastor and teacher. The false views and issues and pernicious complications which hence arise to prevent the ministry from fulfilling the Divinely ordained purposes of their office, sufficiently indicate that it is the will and the wisdom of their Great Head that the churches should lay these responsibilities upon other than the pastor, and that they should seek out, find and use the qualifications for the performance of such functions in another class of officers. If He has made any specific provision allowing pastors to devote themselves to their work, and at the same time providing for the necessary, and an efficient oversight and conduct of the financial affairs of the churches, and He has undoubtedly done so that provision is in the office of the diaconate.

The second reason for the extension of the deacon's sphere, is that the churches will thereby recognize that the divine lawgiver *has* made permanent provision for the efficient discharge of all their functions as churches, and that He has furnished them with all the necessary mechanism and offices. The churches find themselves with financial affairs, needing continued and wise management in the interests of the extension of the kingdom of Christ. They will go onward with confidence to assured success, guided by a "thus saith the Lord," when they see plainly that their Master has legislated for them in this important matter, and that he has taught them to search out the most fervent piety conjoined with the highest practical wisdom within the church, and solemnly consecrate it to this service. They will feel that they are perfect church organisms, fitted to discharge every temporal and spiritual function, and that especially in the matter of finances they have a standing, efficient committee of the Lord's own choice and appointment. Thus organized they will enter an era of more systematic effort, an era of fuller development and wiser direction of their financial resources in which they will have greater spiritual blessings and triumphs. Two great and increasing evils will then be avoided. The one is known as the church and society con- fusion, where the world joins with the churches in the management of their finances and consequently controls their movements to a greater or lesser extent. This state of things cannot obtain, when the diaconate so manage the financial affairs of the churches, that the world cannot assume, nor the churches admit that outside intervention is necessary in order that the Church of Christ may have success in its temporal matters. A second evil which this recognition of the diaconate will go far to remove is that of regarding the financial duties and obligations of the church as having less importance than they really possess. When the churches choose and set apart to the financial departments of church work, the greatest spiritual gifts and highest temporal wisdom which they can furnish, they will consider those departments among the most important of its activities. They will no longer sever, to so great an extent, the worship of God in spirit and in truth from the

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worship of God with the substance, but what He hath joined together will be recognized as correlative services in their practical Church Polity.

The third reason for this suggestion, arising from the relations of the church to its officers, is found in the present aspect of the diaconal question. There is a growing disposition to undervalue the office, to maintain that it was not designed to be permanent and to advocate its abolition on the ground that it is not a peculiarly high, sacred and necessary office of the Christian church. To the honor of our deacons, be it said, that in the discharge of the duties at present asked of them by the churches, they purchase to themselves a good degree; but how conclusively would they vindicate their claims to be considered a vital necessity in the church were their sphere enlarged as has been indicated. Their office would thereby be shown to be imperatively necessary for the proper discharge of the spiritual and temporal work of the church. There could arise no proposal for its abolition; for its holders would perform important and engrossing labors which would otherwise go undone, fall to pastors or be provided for by temporary appointments in either case to be permanent injury of the cause of Christ.

It has now been shown that the suggestion made is in accordance with the direct and implied meaning of New Testament legislation on this subject,—further, that there are strong reasons for its adoption in the present state and exigencies of the church and its officers. Other confirmatory lines of thought might be followed and possible objections met; our aim however is to suggest rather than to discuss.

## II. SECOND WITH REFERENCE TO THE PERSONS TO BE CHOSEN.

The second matter with reference to the diaconate, to which your attention is directed is the extension of its sphere with respect to the persons chosen. Now, only male members of the churches are put into this service. *We suggest the desirability of choosing suitable females as deaconesses to perform certain diaconal duties.*

1. As first and chief reasons for this suggestion, we adduce Scriptural warrant in the practice of the New Testament churches. In Tim. iii. 11, Paul, having previously stated the necessary qualifications of bishops and deacons, proceeds to designate those of deaconesses as well, saying "In like manner women must be grave, not slanderers, faithful in all things." True, our version interpreting rather than translating the passage, renders the general term for women, *anaikas* by "wives" and thus applies it to the wives of deacons. But there are logical and insuperable objections to this; besides, the fact thereby implied that the wives of deacons are mentioned, while those of the more important officer,—the bishop, are not, is conclusive evidence against it. Leading exegetes therefore reject this interpretation and consider the passage as teaching the qualifications and authorizing the appointment of females to an office in the church which they already filled.

Not so decisive, yet strong as collateral evidence is the passage

in 1 Tim. v. 3-10, which legislates in regard to the support of widows. The "taking into the number" or choice and enrollment, spoken of in the 9th verse of that chapter, is considered to have been ordered that those so enrolled might perform special services in the church for which the attached characteristics fitted them and which their support obligated them to render. Certainly those qualifications were not demanded of all widows needing help as the condition of its bestowment, while they are peculiarly fitting for deaconesses and accord with those required of them in 1 Tim. iii. 11. Eminent expositors plead this passage as indicating a phase of apostolic practice in the matter of choosing deaconesses.

Still more decisive confirmatory evidence is found in Rom. xvi. 1, 2. There, Phebe is mentioned as the servant or deaconess *he diakonosi*, of the church at Cenchra. Paul's commendation of her implies that she possessed a character and was performing a service in strict accord with the requirements of the passages already discussed. The fact of her appointment by a particular, small church argues the general enrollment of deaconesses at that day.

2. The second reason for suggesting this appointment of females is found in the practice of the churches of earlier and later times. From the earlier and better portions of the apostolic Constitutions in which the term deaconess often occurs, we have in connection with a passage which gives instructions as to the choice qualifications and number of deacons the following words "Let the women be diligent in serving the women both in things belonging to messages, journeys, aids and service." This gives a view of the opinion and practice of the churches in a time immediately succeeding that of the apostles. A little later in Church History comes the letter of Pliny to Trajan in which he mentions two female servants, or deaconesses of the church which he put to torture.

At later periods the Fathers constantly refer to women as "chosen persons" who like the women who assisted Paul, labored together with others in the gospel. The social habits and requirements of the times, as do those of the East to-day, necessitated the setting apart of females to a ministry in things spiritual and temporal, among the sick, poor and strangers of the female portion of the churches and communities,—a ministry which did not conflict with Paul's teaching in Corinthians as to the legitimate sphere of women in the churches. The propriety and scripturalness of having a female diaconate for the discharge of such duties is unquestioned in early church history. The office continued far into the middle ages. At a later day it was recognized in the Congregational Churches of England and the Continent. The Constitution of the earliest churches of that faith and order on this Continent, declared the office to be of New Testament origin and authority and provided therefor.

3. The present needs of the churches seem to indicate that this apostolic institution should be reusciated in all, but especially in our larger and city churches, there are opportunities for christian usefulness in ministering to the sick and poor, in teaching and gener-

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## Appendix.

### (A) REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee to whom is intrusted this matter, beg leave to report, as follows:—

1st. We believe the Sabbath an institution given, not only to the nation of Israel, but to the whole human race, for it is evident, its observance was required before the delivery of the Mosaic code, as shown in Exodus xvi., hence equally binding on all. And for either the church, or the world, to appropriate the sabbath to the gratification of their natural inclinations is a sin against God.

2nd. We observe, with deep regret, the continued desecration of the Lord's day, by professing christians, as well as by those not professing, in using its sacred hours, given, not merely for rest from labor, but for the improvement of the higher life, by attendance on the word and meditation on God, and the great salvation by him provided, in reading trifling literature, driving from place to place for pleasure, and in visiting friends often to the neglect of the house of prayer. Which in the christian is very derogatory to his profession and detrimental to his growth in grace, and in the world a sure means of hardening the heart against God.

3rd. Your Committee would therefore urgently recommend to all the members of our Churches, to seek to be patterns to the world in the scriptural observance of the Lord's day.

P. R. FOSTER, *Chairman.*

### (B) REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Recognizing the great power of the press, your Committee feel that we should diligently use this power to advance the truth as held by us.

While they believe that our denominational journals compare favourably with other religious papers of the provinces, and have done and are doing much to advance the interest of the denomination, they are of opinion that the wants of the denomination would be more fully met, if in some way an amalgamation of these Journals could be effected so, as to give but one Baptist paper for the maritime provinces.

They would again urge upon the churches the importance of having our sabbath school supplied with pure Baptist Literature. The excuse that books can be obtained cheaper from other sources,

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is not sufficient, if true, to justify us in filling our sabbath schools with literature, which in part, at least, contradicts the teaching of our pulpits.

The Book department of the Home Missionary Union enables sabbath schools to procure books of the character above indicated and is cordially commended to the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CONROX, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is with much pleasure that your Committee report the steady progress of the Sabbath School movement. A great work has been done for our churches and communities by this means. We regard the Sabbath School as the nursery of the church, from which many noble workers have come up and have taken their places in the ranks of the Master. It stands second only in importance to the preaching of the gospel. Much discretion should be used in order to make this institution a success. We look upon the choice of teachers, full of love to Christ, and zeal in the work as of the utmost importance. Too often neglect of this brings dearth and absence of that vital influence which should be imbued into the minds of every pupil. It should be the aim of every teacher to keep before the minds of the scholars the great fundamental doctrine of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus. It also should be the aim of every parent to induce the children to attend the Sabbath School punctually, and to take their places with them as learners or helpers in the inquiry after truth, that, by both precept and example, our churches may be filled with anxious inquirers for a higher knowledge of divine truth. Every member of the christian church should be a worker in the Sabbath School, that thereby material may be furnished which by the grace of Christ shall be fitted to occupy a place in the temple of our God.

We suggest that every church throughout this Association adopt the International Series of Bible lessons in their Sabbath Schools, believing that in this way the work of Christ will be more thoroughly performed among the young.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. SKINNER, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the present is a period of more than ordinary moment in the history of our missionary enterprises. Calm, prayerful thought and judicious action, rather than hasty criticism and immature decision, are now demanded.

The present aspect of our Foreign Mission calls for earnest consideration and denominational unanimity. In reference to the decision of the Special Convention recently held at Amherst, your Committee do not feel prepared to express a definite opinion. We are persuaded, however, that our brethren were endeavoring to act for the best, and that the Telogoo field is well adapted to the character and aims of our Independent Mission.

In addition to our Home Mission work, your Committee would express their hearty appreciation of the faithful and judicious efforts that have been put forth during the past year by our Home Missionary Union, through the agency of its Executive Board. It could hardly be expected that all the appointments of our Home Missionary Board would be entirely satisfactory; yet we are assured that our brethren have used their best judgment in all their decisions.

In order that the Home Missionary Union may be able duly to meet its obligations, and, to obviate, as far as possible, the necessity of a special agency for that purpose, your Committee would recommend that during the second quarter of each Associational year, collectors be appointed in each of our churches for the purpose of raising funds to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Board. We would further recommend that pastors of churches preach missionary sermons at the beginning of the quarter to facilitate the work of securing contributions.

The French Mission still claims our support and sympathy. The labors of our missionary have been blessed during the year. One English and two Roman Catholic converts have been baptized and received into the fellowship of the French Mission and Weymouth Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WARREN, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report that the past year has been in many respects, one of no ordinary interest and importance in Educational affairs.

The Academy has been eminently successful. The number in attendance has been large, the scholars have been animated by a commendable spirit, and the work of the teachers has been accepted as proof of their fidelity and thoroughness. Every year is making it clearer that the Academy must be maintained in a highly efficient state, if we are to be successful in Collegiate and Theological Education.

The new academy building, so much needed for better and larger accommodation, is to be completed by the 1st of September. The old boarding house is to undergo immediate repairs, and to be given up entirely to the young ladies during the coming year. In the

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meantime, or as soon as the building now in process of erection is completed, the plan for a Ladies' School which was accepted by the Governors a year ago, and approved by the Associations of last year, will be carried into immediate execution.

Under the wise supervision of the esteemed President of the College, its work has been efficiently performed. Twenty-six young men presented themselves for matriculation at the close of the last term, and the prospects are that a year hence the matriculating class will be still larger.

The duties of the Theological Department have been discharged as well as the circumstances would permit.—Much more help however is needed in this department to make it what it should be, and to present a sufficient inducement to our young men to pursue their Theological studies in their own country. To meet this want, as well as to retain the chair of Natural Science, which at present is supported by special contributions, it will be necessary considerably to increase the Endowment Fund. The vital relation of the college to denominational growth and prosperity is quite sufficient to justify its most liberal support.

Your Committee would call attention to the duty of petitioning the legislature for a fair and equitable distribution of money for higher educational purposes. At present the Roman Catholics and Presbyterians are each receiving \$2800 per annum, while the Baptists are receiving but \$400, and the amount apportioned to Horton Academy is less than that given to the Academies of Yarmouth or Pictou.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. M. WELTON, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee report that no doubt since the inauguration of the temperance reform, about a half a century ago, the moral interests of the world have thereby been most beneficially affected. Multitudes of far-gone drunkards have been reclaimed—perhaps a still greater number have been saved from the prevalent vice of inebriety—and what is perhaps of still greater moment, the discussion of the teetotal principle has enlightened the public mind with reference to the danger and pernicious effects of indulgence in the use of intoxicating drinks. Your Committee painfully deplore the fact that many professed followers of Christ—members of churches—too often weaken the hands, and render the efficiency of laborers in the temperance cause, to a considerable extent, unavailing. Sad to say, magistrates, who occupy prominent places in our churches, assist officially in licensing the retail of ardent drinks. That professed conservators of christian morality can thus uphold and sanction the most prevalent and debasing vice of the present day, is to us an

enigma which cannot be solved in harmony with the principles and precepts, which are enunciated in Holy Writ with respect to the use of strong drink and the evils of drunkenness.

The experience of those who have long labored to promote the progress of the temperance reform, are forced to the conclusion that pledges and membership in teetotal organizations afford no reliable criterion of success.

Your Committee have seen Division Rooms and Lodges of Templars crowded with professed adherents to total abstinence principles—they have seen long rolls of names attached to other combinations with the same alleged object in view—and for a time all seemed prosperous; but ere long defection has greatly thinned the ranks of these pledged reformers. Those who have thus fallen, must have lacked the element of vital piety.

Your Committee, therefore, are of opinion that the Christian Church is the most efficient temperance organization—that the pulpit is the best platform for the legitimate discussion of temperance principles—and that preachers of the gospel are the most successful temperance lecturers. Your Committee do not say that a prohibitory law, or the propriety of licensing the retail of ardent drinks, should be discussed in the pulpit on the Lord's Day;—but they do say that when vital godliness is successfully taught, pure temperance principles are necessarily propounded. A religious professor, who is an habitual frequenter of drinking saloons, and who indulges in the use of intoxicating liquors, can scarcely be considered a sound church member. While we refrain from suggesting that total abstinence should be a test of Church membership, we cannot but believe that those indulging in the use of the intoxicating cup, are by their example undermining the interests of religion.

According all praise to the active leaders and steady workers in the Temperance Cause, outside the pale of the Church, and frankly admitting the great good they have done; yet without the aid of religious principle, their efforts would have been comparatively feeble and ineffective.

Impressed with these facts and views, your Committee cannot too strongly urge upon our churches—pastors and people—to uphold temperance by example,—by the inculcation of religious principles—and by imploring the aid of Him who has intimated that drunkards cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

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## ON OBITUARIES.

During the Associational year just now closed, none of those in the ministry have fallen by the hand of death. Faithful preachers of righteousness, men of hoary hairs, of long experience, and distinguished for eminent success in the Master's service, are still spared. But some prominent lay members have closed their earthly labors. We may mention Deacon William H. Chipman, who was a faithful follower of Christ for half a century, and who for many years was a prominent member of the Annapolis and Upper Granville Church. He was a man of exemplary habits, deep piety, and devoted to the interests of our denomination. His heart and purse were ever open to the needs of the Church; and his steadfastness to the cause of religion was admitted by all who knew him. In a good old age he passed away, and his example has left a halo around his memory.

Deacon Samuel L. Chipman, also a faithful and aged servant of Christ, has been called away. His christian character and fidelity as an official member of the Church, endeared him not only to the people of Nictaux where he lived; but also to many others belonging to our denomination. These worthy brethren have passed away from the Church Militant to the Church triumphant. Our union with them, however, is not severed.

“ One family, we dwell in him ;  
 One church above, beneath ;  
 Though now divided by the stream—  
 The narrow stream—of death.”

Respectfully submitted,

ANGUS M. GIDNEY, *Convenor.*





# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association

- ART. 1.—This body shall be called the N. S. Western Baptist Association.
- 2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.
- 3.—The objects of the Association shall be, the collection of statistical and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; the promotion of individual godliness and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.
- 4.—The Association shall meet annually on the 3rd Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastor.
- 5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.
- The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for, take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition.
- The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.
- The Treasurer shall receive all monies and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the vote of the Association.
- 6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed, by dismission, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.
- 7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.
- 8.—The Association shall not in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.
- 9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."
- 10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

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# RULES OF ORDER.

**Rule 1st.**—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

**2nd.**—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of Moderator shall be made by ballot.

**3rd.**—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

**4th.**—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

**5th.**—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

**6th.**—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

**7th.**—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

**8th.**—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

**9th.**—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

**10th.**—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

**11th.**—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

**12th.**—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION

*HALIFAX, Friday Morning, June 25th, 1875.*

The Third Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, convened in the Granville Street Baptist Meeting house, Halifax June 25th at 10 o'clock, P. M.

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

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

The Secretaries, Rev. M. P. Freeman and Rev. A. Cohoon, were instructed to prepare the List of Delegates, which appeared as follows :

### LIST OF DELEGATES.

*2nd. Cornwallis*—Rev. I. Wallace, Dea. John Lyon, Edward Parker and E. B. Bolsor.

*Granville St.*—Dea. L. S. Paysant, Hon. Dr. Parker and A. L. Wood.

*Lower Stewiacke*—Rev. J. Meadows, Dea. E. C. Banks.

*Hantsport*—Rev. J. C. Bleakney, Dea. Harris Reid, William Porter and Rev. R. R. Philp.

*2nd. Horton*—Rev. E. O. Read, Bro. A. Caldwell.

*Hebron*—Rev. R. D. Burgess.

*Tancook*—Rev. T. C. DeLong.

*Chester*—Rev. I. J. Skinner.

*Beaver River*—Rev. J. D. Skinner.

*3rd. Cornwallis*—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, James Bligh and Isaac N. Foot.  
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*Margaret's Bay*—Rev. W. E. Hall.

*Summerside, P. E. I.*—Rev. J. Murray.

*Newport*—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Dea. Noah Dimock and Bro. Joseph Waley.

*Bridgetown*—Rev. J. Clark.

*Onslow West and East*—Rev. S. March.

*1st. Cornwallis*—Wm. Eaton, Joshua Eaton, Lic., and Benj. Eaton.

*Acadia College*—Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D.

*1st Horton*—Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Prof. D. F. Higgings and Dea. J. W. Barss.

*Kentville*—Bro. A. J. Stevens, Lic., B. H. Ilseley, T. Griffin and J. Daniels.

*Canning*—Rev. S. J. Neiley.

*Upper Aylesford*—Rev. J. L. Read.

*4th Cornwallis*—Rev. J. L. Read.

*Great Village*—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

*Argyle*—Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.

*North West*—Rev. Jno. Williams and H. E. S. Mader.

*Temple Church, Yarmouth*—Rev. W. H. Warren and W. A. C. Randall.  
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*Wilmot*—Rev. A. Cohoon.

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*Members in their own right*—Rev. D. A. Steele, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. L. M. Weeks, Rev. J. F. Avery, Rev. Prof. D. M. Welton, Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. D. Freeman and R. N. Beckwith.

The following brethren were invited to a seat with the Union: The Hon. Judge McCully, Caleb Spidie, Lic., J. F. L. Parsons, Deacons S. Seiden, Alex. Robinson, J. W. Rhuland, A. W. Clark, H. N. Paine, J. B. Woodland, E. D. King, W. L. Prince, J. Burgoyne, B. H. Eaton, Francis Layton, and R. M. King; and James White of New Brunswick.

The President then called for the Third Annual Report of the Board of the Union, which, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, was read by the Recording Secretary, Bro. W. A. C. Randall, M. D.

Bro. Randall also presented the Report of the Treasurer of the Board, P. D. Kinney, Esq.

*Resolved*, That the Morning Session close at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 12 o'clock, that the Afternoon Session open at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 o'clock and close at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5, and that the Evening Session commence at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7.

On motion of Bro. J. F. L. Parsons seconded by Prof. Welton, the Report of the Board was then taken up to be discussed clause by clause.

The first sections passed unanimously after remarks by various brethren; and after the reading of the third clause the Session adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. C. Delong.

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#### *FRIDAY—Afternoon Session.*

The Afternoon Session opened with prayer by Rev. Jno. Miller.

The third clause of the Report was again read and after having been discussed by brethren J. W. Barss, I. Wallace, D. A. Steele, S. W. DeBlois, Dr. A. W. Sawyer, J. Neiley, D. Freeman, Dr. Parker, E. M. Saunders, R. R. Philp, J. W. Bancroft, Prof. Welton, W. H. Warren, with some modification, passed.

The time having arrived for adjournment the Session closed with prayer by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

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#### *FRIDAY—Evening Session.*

The Union resumed business. Vice President, Rev. Prof. Welton in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Saunders.

On motion by Bro. J. W. Barss, seconded by Hon. Dr. McN. Parker it was resolved to instruct the Board to assume, for the present, the salary of the Theological Professor at Acadia College.

Rev. I. Wallace moved and Rev. S. W. DeBlois seconded the following:

*Resolved*, That in view of the necessity of increasing the staff of Theological Department in Acadia College, this Union appoint a Committee to bring the necessity before the Baptist denomination in New Brunswick, with the hope that our brethren of that Province may feel disposed to establish an additional Professorship, in that department, and thus increasing the bonds of Union between the two sister Provinces, as well as affording greater facilities for Theological training in that Institution.

The fourth clause was next read and passed.

The fifth clause, after remarks by J. W. Barss, W. H. Warren, J. F. L. Parsons, W. E. Hall, H. N. Paint, Wm. Cummings, M. P. Freeman, J. Meadows, Dr. McN. Parker and Dr. Sawyer. Passed.

The sixth clause was next read and after remarks by Brother Jos. Murray was with a slight alteration, adopted.

The seventh clause was also passed with a slight verbal alteration.

The eight clause was also adopted.

The last clause was then read. Moved that further consideration of this clause be deferred to the next session.

Moved that Brethren J. W. Barss, W. Cummings and R. N. Beckwith, be a committee to examine and analyse the Treasurer's account to be presented at the adjourned meeting to be held to-morrow evening.

*Resolved*, That Brethren D. M. Welton and Isa. Wallace be the committee to confer with the brethren in New Brunswick, with reference to the Theological Department in Acadia College.

*Resolved*, That the Board of this Union be located for the coming year, at Yarmouth.

*Resolved*, That the Board of this Union be as follows: A. C. Robbins, J. C. Anderson, W. A. C. Randal, M. D., J. H. Haley, P. D. Kinney, W. R. Doty, G. E. Day, W. H. Warren, J. A. Stubbert, J. Rowe, P. Gallaher, R. D. Burgess, and P. F. Murray.

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

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. M. Cramp be President of this Union during the year.

Moved that the Constitution be altered so as to read one Vice-President for each of the Associations composing this Union.

*Resolved*, That Brethren J. F. Murray, E. M. Saunders, D. A. Steele and W. G. Parker be Vice-Presidents during the coming year.

*Resolved*, That the present Secretaries—Revds. M. P. Freeman and A. Cohoon, of this Union be re-appointed.

*Resolved*, That Brethren J. W. Manning, J. C. Bleakeny, D. W. C. Dimock, J. W. Barss, S. B. Kemptou, E. O. Read and Judge McCully be Directors for the Central Association, and for the Western Association, Brethren Edward Whitman, J. A. Durkee, G. D. Cox, G. N. Ballentine, J. M. Parker, Dr. Tupper, John Clark and B. H. Parker, and for the Eastern Association Brethren T. M. King, Nelson Dobson, Moses Lowe, W. Cummings, J. R. Read, Amos Atkinson, A. W. McDonald, and Rev. D. McKeen.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended as to add eight Directors for P. E. Island—Geo. McNeil, J. C. Colhoun, Jas. DesBrisay, Geo. Davies, Alex. Scott, Artemas Hooper, Malcolm Ross and Ebenezer Lidstone.

*Resolved*, That Bro. J. W. Barss be the Auditor of this Union for the coming year.

Moved that this Union do adjourn to meet in this place to-morrow evening at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 o'clock.

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*SATURDAY-Evening Session.*

The Union resumed business. President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D.D. Minutes of Friday evening session read and approved.

Brother J. W. Barss, on behalf of the Committee appointed on Friday evening, reported as follows:—

Your Committee to whom were referred the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Baptist Missionary Union report:—

That whilst presuming upon the correctness of the payments and receipts as stated in the account, yet they consider the items extended too much in detail and too much unclassified to be easily understood. They have therefore endeavoured to condense and arrange the payments and receipts under different heads, so far as they could do so without the aid and assistance of the treasurer, who, had he been present, would have aided in the placing of items under their proper heads, of which they were doubtful. But we recommend in future that the Board condense their account for publication, and arrange the payments and receipts for the various services of the board under suitable heads.

Especially would we recommend that the Book and Tract department be separated from the other account, so that a knowledge of its financial state may be readily apprehended. And to do this they suggest that an inventory of the stock on hand at the date of this account be taken, to make a starting point for future operations.

They regret that they had no method of arriving at the true state of the Board's financial standing, as no statement is made of indebtedness to Missionaries, Agents, or Publishers. This they hope will be avoided in future.

They recommend that the Financial year of the Board close on the last day of May in each year hereafter, and that no receipts or payments be entered on the accounts after that date. And in submitting their accounts they would suggest that so far as possible all the amounts due for missionary labor or otherwise be stated; and also that an approximate estimate be made of the probable amount that will be required to carry on the work of the board efficiently for the year to be entered upon.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. BARSS, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Hon. D. McN. Parker, seconded by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, the report was adopted, and the abridgment of Treasurer's report, ordered to be printed in the Minutes instead of the full account.

Rev. I. Wallace, on behalf of the Committee appointed to confer with the New Brunswick brethren, reported that the brethren there did not feel disposed to Union.

On its being stated that a change had taken place in the feelings of these Brethren, it was resolved to re-appoint the committee of last year for the same work. Names of committee as follows: Rev. G. E. Day, Isa Wallace, J. M. Cramp, D.D., Rev. David Freeman.

On motion of the Rev. A. Cohoon, seconded by J. W. Bars, Esq.

*Resolved*, that the Board be directed to have the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer for next year, printed, so that copies of them may be placed in the hands of the members of the Union at its Annual Meeting.

*Resolved*, that the thanks of this Union are due and hereby presented to its Board for their efficient and gratuitous services during the past year.

Adjourned to meet at Yarmouth the day before the Annual Session of the N. S. Western Association.

Prayer by Rev. T. C. Delong.

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## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

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

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union beg to present their third Annual Report. At their first session after the Anniversary of the Union, the Board elected the Officers of last year. They were soon, however, compelled to lose the valuable services of their Treasurer, Samuel Brown, Esq., whose feeble health rendered his resignation imperative. The Board were successful in soon finding a suitable successor in the person of P. D. Kinney, Esq., who had been one of their Auditors. The removal of Revds. J. H. Sanders and P. R. Foster to other fields of labor was felt to be a severe loss to the Board. These brethren had been connected with the Union in its incipient state, and had worked laboriously and efficiently as members of its executive. Their places, however, were soon taken by other men, good and true.

*General Agency.*—As your Board were pushing on their work as rapidly as possible, they were surprised and sorry to learn that their General Agent intended very soon to resign his position. As they had not expected such an event, they had not provided for the contingency. The work of a General Agent seemed to the Board to be so important at this early stage in the history of the Union that they with much regret were forced to accept Bro. Wallace's resignation. But they could not attach any blame to him, inasmuch as he felt that domestic duties rendered such a course on his part absolutely necessary. The Board immediately endeavored to secure the services of a General Agent but were unsuccessful in their efforts until the first of January last, when Rev. D. Freeman, A. M., consented to undertake the work. As the field supplied by their missionaries during the past Summer did not yield the returns which the Board anticipated, they felt the urgent necessity of making a direct appeal to the churches for financial aid. The General Agent was therefore instructed to make the collecting of funds a prime object with him in his work. During the Winter and Spring the Agent visited the counties of Annapolis, Kings, Hants, and Halifax. He presented the claims of the Union faithfully and met with considerable success. Your Board, however, regret to say in this connection, that very few seemed to feel the question coming home to them with power, "How much owest thou my Lord?" After Bro. Freeman had closed his labors in the counties named above he passed into Cumberland, thence to Colchester. There he did a very excellent work in exploring destitute fields, and assisting some of the pastors in holding extra religious services. As the churches were beginning to gather funds for the Association, he thought it

not wise to prosecute the work of collecting for the Board. The information concerning the Union and its work which he presented so intelligently to the churches, and their duty in the matter of benevolence which he so forcibly exhibited, must in due time produce beneficial results.

*Theological Professorship.*—At the last Annual Meeting of the Union, the Executive Board were instructed to surpervise the collecting of a thousand dollars per Annum to pay the salary of a Theological Professor in Acadia College. Your Board requested their General Agent to solicit subscriptions for that object. He entered upon this work so energetically and succeeded so well in getting pledges that your Board were confident that the amount needed could be quite easily raised. At the time of the Convention held in Portland, St. John, Rev. D. M. Welton, A. M., was unanimously elected to fill the new Theological Chair in Acadia College. Your Board heartily concurred in the appointment, Professor Welton has been doing good work for the Denomination in his new sphere of labor, as the following extract from his report will show. He says:—"The work which I have performed under your auspices during the past year has been divided between the College proper and the Theological Department. In the former, Rhetoric, Elocution and the Monthly Essays written by the Freshman and Sophomore Classes, were assigned to 'me.'" \* \* \* "During the last term I have instructed a portion of the Senior Class in German. In the latter, i. e., in the Theological Department, I have given one lecture a week in Homiletics, dividing the time equally between instruction on the preparation and delivery of sermons and the criticism of plans of sermons prepared by the students.

About thirty young men, members of the College and Academy, have more or less regularly attended these lectures, and, if I may be allowed to say so, have manifestly profited from them.

As it is not deemed advisable to blend the study of Theology proper with the regular College course, only partial course students have been left to engage in this. Of these the number has been somewhat small—the class consisting of Messrs. Goudey, Parry, Carbonell, Spencer, and one young lady,—Miss Masters.

Three lectures a week have been given, and three of the principal divisions in a systematic course have been gone over, namely, Bibliology, Theology, and Anthropology." \* \* \* "I should hope another term to be able also to give some instruction in Church History and Pastoral Duties to those requiring them." \* \* \* If our Baptist brethren in New Brunswick would endow a Theological Chair, and the present instructors in theology were relieved from assisting in the Arts course, something very respectable might be done, and we might hope to arrest the annual exodus of our young men to Newton."

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been received. The causes are evident. The failure of parties to pay their subscriptions, the erection of Academy buildings at Wolfville, and the unusual financial pressure, are among the number. But your Board are not discouraged with reference to this matter. They regard the work of Professor Welton as among the most important branches of enterprise in which the Union is engaged. If our ministerial students are to be retained in our own Provinces it will be done mainly by giving them a good Theological training at home. The influence of the Theological Professor for good will soon be felt by the churches through the labors of our ministerial students. Your Board therefore regard any disturbance of this department of the Union a very long step in the wrong direction.

*French Department.*—Your Board are pleased to report that a good deal of work has been done in this department, and some success has been apparent. The Missionary has been toiling on, sometimes almost discouraged, then again cheered with good tidings. His work has evidently been blessed. Copies of the Holy Scriptures given away years ago have been brought to him with the request that he would explain the doctrines they teach. The truth is spreading gradually, slowly, but certainly, and success is sure to come. The hand of persecution was raised against the Missionary and the converts to the truth, but this opposition turned out rather to the furtherance of the Gospel. Several of those that joined in this work have been brought to acknowledge the truth as it is in Jesus, and some of them have died in the faith, blessing God for the French Mission and its Missionary. Others of the number are quietly helping on the work of the Lord.

The little meeting house at St. Mary's Bay, commenced last year for the accommodation of the French and English families residing in that locality, has been carried towards completion. It has already been opened for divine service. When completed it will be a great convenience and blessing to the inhabitants of that place. The French Mission premises at Tusket and Saulnierville are kept in good repair. One house is rented; the other is occupied by our French Missionary.

Your Board believe that a mission should soon be established among the French population in the Eastern part of this Province. And just as soon as sufficient funds can be obtained for the purpose, they would recommend that the work be commenced there.

*Book Department.*—Your Board still feel the importance of having a pure Baptist literature circulated extensively in this Province. They regret that many of our churches do not seem to be alive to this matter. They are pained to learn that a large number of our Sabbath schools are still chiefly supplied with books published by Pædo-Baptist and so-called Union Societies. Many of these books teach unmistakably Pædo-Baptist doctrines. Possessing as we do so rich a literature, the foregoing fact is to be deeply deplored. If our children are to be taught the truth, as we believe

it, we should place that truth before them in the libraries of our Sabbath School.

Your Board are enabled to report that they have done a large amount of work in the book department during the year. More than five thousand volumes of sterling literature have been put in circulation. Cramp's Baptist History, Carson on Baptism, Spurgeon's Sermons, Bunyan's Pilgrim, The life of Judson, Theodocia Ernest, Mary Bunyan, Grace Trueman, Infidel's Daughter, and works like these have been placed in many hands. Essays on Baptism and Close-Communion, in pamphlet form, and tracts teaching our denominational views have been circulated, not only by the hundred but by the thousand. Other religious tracts in English, German, French, Swedish and Norwegian have been distributed in great numbers.

Your Board were called on to accept the resignation of J. Albert Walker, Esq., on the first of December last. He had been in commission nearly seven months. Although he did not meet with as much financial success as the Board anticipated, yet they believe he did a good work. The books sold and given away by him were of superior quality. Their teaching will be felt. As effects will undoubtedly be seen before many days. Bro. Walker visited more than five hundred families, with many of whom the Scriptures were read and prayer was offered. He likewise distributed more than two thousand pages of tracts. Although your Board believe this department to be of very great importance they did not think it advisable to use their funds to any large extent in carrying it on. They believe it will be nearly self-sustaining. They did not therefore appoint a successor to Mr. Walker. Gardner Tufts, Esq., still continues to traverse the counties of Digby, Annapolis and Kings. He labors energetically, and his efforts to circulate extensively a pure Baptist literature are being crowned with considerable success. Your Board cannot but express the belief that if the Baptists of Nova Scotia saw clearly their duty in regard to placing denominational teaching before their children in the Sabbath School and in the family circle, a great work would be done for the truth by the book department.

*Enlarged sphere of operations.*—The last anniversary of the Union added P. E. Island and Newfoundland to our Home Mission field. As P. E. Island seemed to be a very inviting sphere for missionary operations, your Board decided to occupy it at once. They accordingly appointed Rev. D. McDonald as General Missionary for the eastern part of the Island. He has been laboring at St. Peters, East Point, Souris, Dundas, Grand River, Georgetown, and Montagu Bridge. In several of these places he met with the most signal success. No less than one hundred and thirty-nine have been baptized by him and added to the Church since the first of August last. Brother McDonald aids the Board very materially by giving information and advice. Rev. T. A. Kidson, a most successful missionary, was appointed to the western part of the Island.

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Rev. J. I. DeWolf was stationed at Uigg, Alexandra, and Belfast. Brother C. C. Burgess was appointed to Cavendish and vicinity. Several other brethren have gone to the Island to spend there their summer vacation; hence that important field is for the present fairly supplied.

Your Board intended to establish, during the year, a mission in St. John's, Newfoundland. They failed, however, until very recently, to obtain a suitable person to explore the field. They merely express the belief in regard to this matter that their successors should undertake mission work in Newfoundland as early as practicable.

*Important points held.*—Your Board are pleased to report that much success has attended the efforts of their missionaries at very important points. Annapolis, the former capital of the Province, has had, until very recently, neither Baptist Church nor Baptist preaching. During the past year a beautiful house has been opened for divine worship. Large congregations have been gathered by the able pulpit ministrations and faithful pastoral efforts of Rev. T. A. Higgins. The Sabbath School is also large and flourishing. In view of what has been accomplished in this field on so short a time, your Board thankfully exclaim, "What has God wrought?" Mission work has likewise been very successful at Shelburne. This old town, where the ancestors of many of us found their first home in Nova Scotia, your Board considered too important to be neglected. They determined to hold it. Success has attended their efforts, and very soon the cause there will be self-sustaining. Cow Bay has been supplied during the year with superior ministerial labor. Guysboro and Manchester were occupied by one of our best workers. The absence of regular pastoral labor from those churches for several years left them sadly unproductive. They are now in fair working order. Port Hawkesbury has been supplied part of the time. The Board regret the failure of brethren appointed there to occupy the field. They regard the place as very important, and feel that it must be supplied with suitable ministerial labor.

*Efforts to retain Ministers.*—The Board felt the importance of using all the means in their power to retain in these Provinces our young ministers. They therefore wrote to Newton Theol. Institution to induce our young men there to return. Several complied with the Board's request and are now at work in their various fields of labor. The Ministerial Students in Acadia College and Horton Academy, with scarcely an exception, have been appointed to mission stations or introduced to pastorless churches. The Board wished in this way to assist the churches and encourage the brethren. The following is a list of the missionaries and their fields of labor.

Missionaries and their Work

MISSIONARIES		FIELD OF LABOR.														
		Miles Traveled.	Sermons Preached.	Other Meetings Attended.	Vials Made.	Tracts Given.	Books Given.	Books Sold.	Proceeds of Sales.	Donations.	Subscriptions to Ch. Messengers.	Baptisms.	Weeks of Labor Organized.	Ch. Organized.	Sabbath School Organized.	Churches Built.
1	I. C. Vickery	368	52	41	134					\$37 61			22			
2	I. M. Longley	430	21	53	149	488				52 70			5	12		
3	Geo. Swainhart	204	13	18	63	38				4 10			10			
4	Aaron Ross	595	31	33	255	pl497				64 00			1	12		
5	O. C. S. Wallace	409	28	34	149					32 54			1	12		
6	P. S. McGregor	640	43	37	95					66 93			13			
7	M. A. Bigelow	360	20	16	78								16			
8	Jas. Parker	357	22	30	67								5	13		
9	A. J. Davison	290	13	8	102					20 56			3			
10	H. P. Cogswell	65	18	36	94					73 50			3			
11	T. B. Layton	136	8	4	61					32 11			2			
12	J. D. Skinner	339	21	12	230					33 91			2			
13	B. P. Shafner	387	15	27	144	312				23 00			1			
14	J. P. Beal	780	192	186	576	752				306 80			153			
15	C. H. Marshall	536	47	34	143	520				90 20			12			
16	Truman Bishop	374	14	15	130					17 58			3			
17	E. M. Kiersstead	395	20	20	134	164				30 32			12			
18	H. N. Perry	124	33	11	116					51 00			12			
19	L. R. Gates	213	16	8	72	258							6			
20	N. C. Saunders	439	23	33	106					80 08			6			
21	I. Wallace	1690	41	121	662					59 20			8	11		
22	J. H. Sanders	1839	92	37	121	662				143 42			1	23		
23	E. W. Avelthold	2481	102	284	278	300				500 00			2	14		
24	L. N. Weeks	5773	141	144	782	pl525	60			265 27			54	50		
25	L. N. H. Eaton	23	5	5	14					3 43			2			
26	T. A. Higgins	1201	85	71	762	272				108 31			4	52	1	
27	J. E. McQuilhan	860	37	6	100	600				69 13			6	13		
28	W. A. Newcomb	110	10	10	100	600				38 75			12			
29	R. H. Bishop	744	18	14	330					49 58			18	12		
30	G. H. Goudey	258	28	55	107	400				48 16			3			
31	H. H. Fishman	200	12	12	50					15 00			13			
32	H. P. Fishman	450	188	55	160					5 25			2	10		
33	D. W. Cook	353	158	55	160					55 25			2	10		
34	J. W. Thomas	207	15	9	108	pl200				26 25			13			
35	G. W. Thomas	1520	81	49	168					36 25			30	13		
36	Benjamin Miller	235	25	9	177					23 82			13			
37	P. E. McDonald	221	26	2	106	pl400				32 17			9			
38	D. McDonald	8803	220	134	682	30				365 11			139	47		
39	E. B. Corey	3325	167	63	395	pl000				225 00			4	16	43	
40	John Williams	415	48	40	113					225 00			16	43		
41	P. E. McDonald	190	90	3	28	48				28 55			13			
42	P. E. McDonald	46	W. R. Bradshaw										30			







**Nova Scotia Home Missionary Union in Account with  
 Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer for the year  
 ending June 25th, 1875.**

		Cr.	
By	Balance in hand from last account.....		\$ 732 62
"	Amount collected by travelling Missionaries.....		1707 88
"	"    by Stationary Missionaries and Churches :		
"	"    Church at Annapolis.....	\$ 98 00	
"	"    "    Guysboro and vicinity.....	349 80	
"	"    "    Shelburne.....	594 44	
"	"    "    Argyle.....	158 05	
"	"    "    Various Churches.....	896 51	
"	"    Donations by individuals.....		2096 80
"	"    Eastern Association.....		187 18
"	"    Western.....	477 71	
"	"    ".....	600 00	
"	"    Collected by travelling agents.....		977 71
"	"    "    in P. E. Island.....		640 69
"	Provincial Debenture.....	486 47	687 66
"	Interest on Investments.....	89 95	
"	Legacy per D. Smith & Co., Mabou, C. B.....	54 00	
"	Contribution S. School, Wolfville.....		630 42
"	Received for books sold.....		15 00
	1875.....		1635 58
			<u>\$9261 54</u>
June 25.	By balance in hand brought down.....		888 49
		Dr.	
To	paid travelling Missionaries.....		\$8697 08
"	Stationary Missionaries and Churches, viz:		
"	Church at Kentville.....	\$100 00	
"	"    Guysboro and vicinity.....	675 00	
"	"    Shelburne.....	664 60	
"	"    Barrington.....	118 00	
"	"    Argyle.....	315 05	
"	"    Annapolis.....	253 31	
"	"    Sydney.....	200 00	
"	"    Cow Bay.....	50 00	
"	"    Canso.....	86 25	
"	Missionary work in P. E. Island.....		\$2462 11
"	Rev. I. Wallace and Rev. D. Freeman, Agents.....		725 66
"	Account salary Theological Professor.....		508 50
"	Messrs. Walker & Tufts, Colporteurs.....		200 00
"	for books for Depository.....		820 94
"	Incidentals, viz: postage, telg. stationery, &c.....		453 50
"	".....		60 17
Balance on hand.....			888 49
			<u>\$9261 54</u>

**French Mission Department of the N. S. Baptist H. M. Union in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.**

1874.	DR.		
Aug. 3.	Paid Rev. M. Normanday.....	\$	150 00
Nov. 2.	" " ".....		150 00
1875.			
Feb. 18.	" " \$100 00, April 23, \$7 50		
	June 21, \$2 50.....		110 00
June 23.	Balance in hand.....		148 70
			558 70
1874.	CR.		
July 4.	By balance in hand.....		226 53
" 13.	J. B. Wyman, Milton.....		1 00
" 14.	J. S. Witter, Esq., Treas. Central Association.....		44 86
" 24.	Wm. Cummings, Esq., Treas. East'n ".....		33 92
Aug. 3.	Rev. M. Normanday, collected by him.....		25 99
" 7.	"A lover of souls," \$10.00 U. S. Cy.....		9 00
Oct. 14.	Rev. D. M. Welton, Windsor Church.....		3 37
Dec. 3.	Rent from Tusket premises.....		42 00
1875.			
Feb. 18.	Mrs. Jos. Shaw, donation.....		15 00
April 19.	J. W. Baras, Esq., Woltville.....		5 00
June 7.	Beaver River Ch.....		5 00
" 22.	A. H. Lavers.....		4 00
	Western Association pr. Rev W. H. Warren..		143 00
			558 70

1875.  
June 23. By balance in hand, brought down..... 148 70

PEARL D. KINNEY, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, }  
J. H. HALEY } Auditors.

Yarmouth, N. S., June 23rd, 1875.

**Theological Department of the N. S. B. H. M. Union, in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.**

1875.	DR.		
Jan'y 23.	Paid Rev. D. M. Welton.....	\$	250 00
June 23.	Balance in hand.....		7 00
			257 00
1874.	CR.		
Decr.	By cash from "A Friend".....	\$	20 00
"	" Rev. J. Meadows.....		5 00
	Truro Church.....		25 00
1875.			
April 19.	A. W. Longley, Esq.....	\$	1 00
" "	F. Y. Payzant.....		2 00
June 7.	A. H. Lavers and wife.....		4 00
" 22.	Home Mission Fund.....		200 00
			257 00

1875.  
June 23. By balance in hand..... 7 00

PEARL D. KINNEY, Treasurer.

Examined the above and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, }  
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Yarmouth, N. S., June 23rd, 1875.

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" Dr. W. A  
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Summary.

Home Missions, receipts (including balance last year \$732.62)	\$ 9261 54	
Amount expended	8923 05	
Balance in hand		388 49
French Mission receipts (including balance last year \$226.53)	568 70	
Amount expended	410 00	
Balance in hand		148 70
Theological Department, receipts	257 00	
“ “ expended	250 00	
Balance in hand		7 00
Total receipts	10077 24	
“ expenditure	9583 05	
“ balance in hand		494 19

PEARL D. KINNEY, Treasurer.

Examined these accounts and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, }  
J. H. HALEY. } Auditors.

Yarmouth, N. S., June 23rd, 1874.

(Although the Annual Meeting of the Union decided to publish the account which was prepared from the Treasurer's account by the Committee appointed for that purpose, (see pages 33 and 43,) yet the Board considered it necessary to have the detailed account as prepared by the Treasurer also printed, for the information of Donors, and of the public.)

**Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union** in account with **Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.**

1874.	Da.	
July 13.	To paid E. B. Corey per Rev. I. Wallace, for N. S. B. H. M. Society	\$ 50 00
“	Rev. Isaiah Wallace balance salary to July	75 00
“	Duty on Books	14 70
28	Rev. G. E. Day for books, freight &c., \$14.30. Rev. James Parker, \$50	64 30
Aug. 3	Rev. M. A. Biglow 6 wks. mission, \$64. G. Swainhart on acct. mission, \$10.	64 00
10	Rev. Dr. Day, postages, telegrams, &c. &c.	11 58
“	Z. C. Vickery, Lic., Miss. Forest Glen, Yarmouth Co.	19 29
“	T. B. Layton, \$43. Aid to Guysboro Church, \$75.	118 00
“	E. B. Corey for N. S. B. H. M. Society, \$81.75. J. H. Robbins for do. \$25.	106 75
“	Rev. W. H. Richan	27 10
15	O. C. S. Wallace, Lic., 12 weeks Mission and expenses	103 60
“	Dr. Day for books, P. O. Orders, postages &c.	7 15
“	Benj. Miller, Lic., Miss. Lichfield and Parkers Cove	72 00
“	H. P. Cogswell, Lic. bal. Miss. Beaver River.	90 00
“	Geo. Swainhart, “ “ Digby and vicinity.	36 23
“	Truman Bishop, “ “ Harborville.	80 00
“	Dr. Day, P. O. Orders, postages &c.	1 35
Sept. 2	Rev. J. B. McQuillan, Miss. \$75. A. H. Lavers, Lic. Miss. Shelburne Co. \$80.	155 00
“	W. A. Newcomb, Lic. “ New Germany	100 00
“	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Miss. Shelburne	50 00
“	Rev. W. H. Richan, Miss. Barrington	26 00
“	Dr. Day, books, \$2.40. Postages, 43c.	2 83
“	N. C. Saunders, Lic. bal. Miss. Kempf.	106 00
“	Rev. L. B. Gates, do. do. Argyle.	100 00
“	Geo. Swainhart, Lic., bal. do. Digby and vicinity.	37 45
“	Dr. Day, duty, freight &c. books	5 87
Oct. 6	Dr. Day, do. do.	6 66
7	H. N. Ferry, Lic., Miss. Little Glace Bay	131 05
“	Z. C. Vickery, do. do. Forest Glen	41 12
8	Rev. P. R. Foster, do. Salmon River	25 00
“	Dr. W. A. C. Randall for Record Books	2 00
9	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Miss. Shelburne	14 50
12	George W. Goudey, Lic., Miss. Westport	63 00
16	Rev. Isa. Wallace, 3 months services and expenses	257 33
“	Rev. James Parker, 6 months services and expenses.	50 00
20	Duties, freight, cartage &c., on books and maps.	10 33
“	A. J. Davison, Lic., Miss. Cumberland Co.	46 00
“	J. D. Skinner, do. Halifax Co.	106 91





Apl. 8.	Rev. D. Freeman, agent, \$214 07; A. H. Lavers, Lic. books sold, \$11 87	\$225 94
"	A. H. Lavers, Lic., Mission, Cape Negro, &c.....	36 00
"	G. E. Good " Maitland, Hants County.....	4 00
10.	John Smith, St. Mary's, \$1; Capt. A. W. Robbins, Baltimore, \$5.....	6 00
"	Rev. D. Freeman, agent.....	48 17
"	Estate of David Smith, sr., Mabou, C.B., \$50 interest \$4.....	54 00
"	Books sold by Rev. Dr. Day, \$11 40; Apl. 26, Beaver River Ch, \$11 83	23 23
"	Wilmot Church, per A. Cohoon.....	25 00
30.	Books sold, Argyle Church \$20, do 66 cts.....	20 00
May 7.	" Temple Church, \$18 00; May 27, do Arcadia Ch, \$17 78...	35 78
25.	Lockport Church, donation, \$100; Beaver River Church, do, \$15....	115 00
June 5.	Rev. J. B. McQuillan, Mission, Barney's River.....	1 21
"	" Wm. E. Hall, " Musquodoboit.....	13 17
"	Onslow Church, East ".....	50 00
"	" West ".....	13 88
"	Kempt Church, Queens County, for books.....	14 40
"	A. H. Lavers, " \$7.50.....	19 50
"	"Cash," \$12; M. Normandy, for books, .....	56 78
"	Rev. D. Freeman, agent.....	225 00
"	Mission Stations, Cumberland and Colchester.....	6 00
"	B. Beckwith, Canning, \$2; June 12, Deerfield S. School, for books \$4	11 00
14.	Forest Glen Church, for books, \$1 60; do do for Contribution, \$10	32 00
"	Gardner Tufts, for books sold.....	36 25
"	Crow Harbor and half Island Cove, per Rev. G. W. Thomas.....	2 00
22.	Books sold by Dr. Day.....	158 00
"	Argyle Church per Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, \$150 06; Arcadia do do \$8.	8 00
"	M. Itland S. School for books, \$6 75; A. H. Lavers, \$140.....	290 00
"	Milton S. School for books, \$16; Books sold by J. A. Walker, \$244 50	365 00
"	St. Peters, Dundas, &c., P. E. Island per D. McDonald.....	128 00
"	P. E. Island treasury, \$100; Rev. F. A. Kidson, collections, \$28 65...	8 00
"	New Tusket Ch., \$3 60; St. Anns Ch., C. B., per D. McLeod, \$5 25...	255 00
"	Isaacs Harbor, New Harbor, Country Hr., Seal and Coddie Harbors	10 00
"	Rev. L. M. Weeks, Donation.....	103 00
"	Annapolis Church, \$98; Milford and Greywood Church, \$5 31.....	179 00
"	Uigg, Alexandra and Belfast, per J. I. DeWolf.....	19 00
"	Traeddie Church per C. I. Graves.....	500 00
"	Shelburne, Jordan Bay and Jordan River, per E. N. Archibald.....	572 00
"	Books sold by G. Tufts.....	2 00
"	"Young Friend," per Miss Almira Crosby.....	78 00
"	New Ross and Blue Mountains Church, per C. Norwood.....	172 00
"	J. P. Beel, bal. collected, Guysboro and Manchester.....	300 00
"	1st Yarmouth Church, \$159 60; Temple Church, \$146.....	626 00
"	Milton Church, \$28 50; Western Association, \$500.....	

1875. \$9261  
 June 23. By balance in hand brought forward..... 330  
PEARL D. KINNEY, Treasurer.

SUMMARY.

Home Missions receipts, (including bal. last year \$732.62).....	\$9261 54
Amount expended.....	8923 05
Balance in hand.....	338 49
French Mission receipts (including bal. last year \$226.53).....	558 70
Amount expended.....	410 00
Balance in hand.....	148 70
Theological Department receipts.....	257 00
Expended.....	250 00
Balance in hand.....	7 00
Total receipts.....	10,077 24
" expenditures.....	9,583 05
" balance in hand.....	494 19

PEARL D. KINNEY, Treasurer.

Examined these accounts and found correct,

J. C. ANDERSON, }  
 Yarmouth, N. S., June 23rd, 1875. J. H. HALEY. } Auditors.