

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SIXTH SESSION  
OF THE  
**Eastern Baptist Association**  
OF  
**NOVA SCOTIA.**

HELD AT AMHERST, CUMBERLAND CO.,

Saturday, Monday & Tuesday, July 5, 7, & 8, 1856.

TOGETHER WITH THE

**Circular Letter, &c.**

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### EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

THE Association met at Amherst, on Saturday July 5th, 1856. Rev. Wm. Hall, Clerk of the Association, in the absence of the Moderator for last year, called the meeting to order, and, after prayer, Rev. David W. C. Dimock was chosen Moderator by ballot. Rev. Wm. Hall was chosen Clerk and the Rev. J. C. Hurd, Assistant.

*Resolved*, That brother Arthur W. Marsters be Treasurer.

The letters were then read and the following list of Delegates obtained :

#### M E S S E N G E R S .

*Amherst.*—Rev. E. B. Demill ; Brethren Moses Low, Thos. F. Black, Thos. Logan, Saml. Taylor and A. W. Marsters.

*Mira Bay, C. B.*

*Onslow.*—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock ; Brethren King, Daniel Eaton and Chas. Blair.

*Lower Stewiacke.*—Rev. David Lawson.

*St. Mary's 1st.*

*St. Mary's 2nd.*

*River John.*—Brother Chas. Sutherland.

*Upper Londonderry.*—Rev. Saml. Thompson.

*Portapique*.—Rev. Saml. Thompson; Brethren Archibald Davison and G. Davison.

*Three Rivers, P. E. I.*—Rev. John Shaw.

*Indian Harbour*.—

*Isaac's Harbour*.—

*Amherst Shore*.—Deacon Rockwell.

*Guy'sboro'*.—Rev. Wm. Hall.

*Antigonish*.—Rev. Wm. Hall.

*North Sydney, C. B.*—Rev. Hugh Ross.

*Advocate Harbour*.—Brother Saml. Spencer, Licentiate.

*Canseau*.—Rev. J. C. Hurd.

*Maccan*.—Rev. D. McKeen; Brethren Sharpe, Blenkhorn and J. Atkinson.

*Margaree*.—

*Parsboro*.—Brethren Joseph Taylor, Eliezer Taylor, Joseph Atkinson and Nathan Taylor.

*Tryon, P. E. I.*—Brother Eliphalet Reid, Licentiate.

*Upper Stewiacke*.—Brother Jacob Layton.

*East Point, P. E. I.*—Rev. John Shaw.

*Pugwash*.—Brethren John Cutten, Wm. Rogers, Ames Eaton and John Bigelow.

*East Town*.—Brother Thomas Keilor, Licentiate.

*Charlotte Town, P. E. I.*—Rev. C. E. Burnett.

*Bedford*.—Rev. Malcolm Ross.

*Little River and Leicester*.—Brethren Dobson and Mark Patten.

#### NEW CHURCHES.

*West Chester*.—Rev. Maynard Parker; Brother Ezra Sutherland.

*Great Village, Londonderry*.—Brethren H. C. Upham, David Bentley and J. Gourley.

*Schooner Pond*.—Rev. Hugh Ross.

These new churches were received into the Association by their delegates receiving the right hand of fellowship.

After prayer by Moderator, adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

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| CHURCHES.                        | Restored. | Baptized. | By Letter. | Removed. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. |
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| Amherst,                         |           | 9         | 2          | 4        | 6          | 4         | 1     | 123    |
| Mira Bay, - - - - -              | 1         | 1         | 1          |          |            | 2         |       | 93     |
| Onslow, - - - - -                | 1         | 10        | 4          |          | 3          | 1         | 3     | 147    |
| Lower Stewiacke,                 |           | 18        |            |          | 2          |           | 1     | 61     |
| St. Mary's 1st., - - - -         |           | 1         | 2          |          |            |           |       | 17     |
| St. Mary's 2nd., - - - -         |           | 2         |            |          |            |           |       | 27     |
| River John, - - - - -            |           |           |            |          |            |           |       | 14     |
| Upper Londonderry, - - -         |           | 7         | 2          | 1        |            |           |       | 49     |
| Portapique, - - - - -            |           | 7         | 5          |          | 15         |           | 2     | 47     |
| Three Rivers, - - - - -          |           |           |            |          |            |           |       | 32     |
| Indian Harbour, - - - -          |           | 2         |            |          |            |           |       | 52     |
| Isaac's Harbour, - - - -         |           | 7         | 1          |          |            |           | 3     | 37     |
| Amherst Shore, - - - -           |           | 6         |            |          |            |           | 1     | 28     |
| Guysboro and Manchester, -       | 3         | 17        |            |          |            | 2         |       | 104    |
| Antigonish, - - - - -            |           |           |            |          |            |           |       | 32     |
| North Sydney, - - - - -          |           |           |            |          | 2          |           | 2     | 120    |
| Advocate Harbour, - - - -        |           |           |            |          |            |           | 1     | 12     |
| Canseau, - - - - -               |           | 6         | 3          |          | 10         | 2         | 9     | 100    |
| Maccan, - - - - -                |           | 14        | 1          |          |            | 1         | 2     | 107    |
| Margaree, - - - - -              |           |           |            |          |            |           |       | 33     |
| Parsboro, - - - - -              |           |           |            |          |            |           |       | 42     |
| Tryon, P. E. I., - - - -         |           |           |            |          |            |           |       | 51     |
| Upper Stewiacke, - - - -         |           | 1         |            | 1        | 2          |           | 3     | 76     |
| East Point, - - - - -            |           |           |            |          |            | 1         | 2     | 127    |
| Pugwash, - - - - -               |           |           |            | 12       |            |           | 4     | 43     |
| Earl Town, - - - - -             | 2         | 5         |            |          |            |           |       | 49     |
| Charlotte Town, (for 3 years,) - |           | 12        | 3          |          | 6          |           | 2     | 87     |
| Bedeque, - - - - -               |           |           |            |          |            |           |       | 55     |
| Little River and Leicester, -    |           |           | 1          |          |            | 1         | 2     | 18     |
| West Ohester, (new church), -    |           |           |            |          |            |           |       | 36     |
| Great Village, do., - - -        |           |           |            |          |            |           |       | 12     |
| Schooner Pond, do., - - -        |           |           |            |          |            |           |       |        |
|                                  | 7         | 120       | 23         | 20       | 46         | 14        | 38    | 1799   |

From the following Churches the numbers were not reported:—North River, Lot 49, and Grand River, P. E. I.; Wallace Road, Wallace, Goose River, Wentworth, (Wallace River,) River Philip, Mabou, Canso Strait, Tatamagouche, Merigomish, Economy, Tracadie and South Sydney.

*Messengers from sister Associations.*—Rev. Charles Tupper, from Western Association, Rev. David Freeman, from Central Association, Rev'ds. Obed Chute, French Missionary, Geo. F. Miles, John Rowe, James Newcomb, W. H. Everett, Dr. Cramp, and brethren James Reid, Eliphalet Reid, Corey, Licentiates; Selden, Filmore, F. Sears, Cobb, W. Troop, Harper and Cogswell, were invited to take a seat with the Association.

The following Committees were appointed:—

*Committee to examine the letters previous to reading*—Rev'ds. Chas. Tupper, Shaw and Thompson.

*Committee to read the letters.*—Rev'ds. E. B. Demill and D. Lawson.

*Committee to examine Circular Letter.*—Rev'ds. John Shaw and W. Hall.

*Committee on Education.*—Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, Chas. Tupper, E. B. Demill, Hall and Lawson; Brethren King, Upham, Bentley, Gourley, Eaton and W. H. Rogers.

*Committee on Female Education.*—Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, Chas. Tupper, E. B. Demill, Hall and Lawson; Brethren King and Miles.

*Committee on Temperance.*—Rev'ds. J. C. Hurd and C. I. Burnett; Brethren J. Reid and C. Blair.

*Committee on Sabbath Schools.*—Rev'ds. David Freeman and Saml. Thompson; Brother S. Selden.

*Committee on Christian Messenger.*—Rev'ds. Chas. Tupper and J. Shaw; Brethren Gremly, J. Cutten, Layton and Rockwell.

*Committee on Sabbath-day observance.*—Rev'ds. G. F. Miles, Lawson, Ross and Chute.

*Committee on Foreign Missions.*—Rev'ds. D. Freeman, Dr. Cramp, Chas. Tupper, Rowe, Hugh Ross, Chute, Dimock and Shaw.

*Committee on French Missions.*—Rev'ds. Obed Chute, Shaw and McKeen; Brethren D. Bently, Thos. Sharpe, Atkinson and Parker.

*Committee on Religious Publications and Colportage.*—Rev. M. Ross; Brethren Filmore, Selden, Charlton, Rogers, Nathan Taylor, Blenkhorn and G. Davison.

*Committee on the Bible Cause.*—Rev'ds. Chas. Tupper, W. H. Everett and M. Ross; Brother Rogers.

*Committee of arrangement for present session.*—Rev'ds. E. B. Demill, D. Freeman and J. Cogswell; Brother A. W. Marsters.

*Committee to audit accounts.*—Brethren King and Rogers.

*Committee on Domestic Missions.*—Rev'ds. D. W. C. Dimock, Hall, Hurd, H. Ross, Shaw and Clay; Brethren Gremley, Sutherland and Cobb.

*Committee on Union Societies*—Rev'ds. E. B. Demill, McKeen and C. Tupper; Brethren Taylor, Spencer and E. Reid.

*Committee on distribution of Articles*.—Rev'ds. Spencer, Thompson, H. Ross and J. Shaw; Brethren Troop and Reid.

On Sabbath morning, the Rev. Charles Tupper preached in the Amherst Meeting House, Rev. Wm. Hall, in the Temperance Hall. Afternoon, Rev. John Rowe. Evening Rev. Dr. Cramp.

Simultaneous services were held at Amherst Point, Head of Amherst and Salem, at the hour of 3, by Revd's Shaw, Freeman and Lawson.

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MONDAY MORNING, 7th July, 8 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Moderator.

Rev. David Lawson preached the Introductory Sermon from Isaiah lxii. 1. After Prayer by Brother M. Ross, proceeded to read letters. A collection was taken for Domestic Missions.

Bible Cause Report was presented by the Rev. Charles Tupper. Resolved that it be received and adopted. (See App. A.)

Report on Temperance was presented by Rev. J. C. Hurd. Resolved that it be received and adopted. Interesting addresses were delivered by the Revd's. Charles Tupper, E. Clay, C. J. Burnett, George Miles, Brethren Gremley and John Cutten. (See App. B.)

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Cramp.

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MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment at 3 P. M. Opened with Prayer by Moderator. The following Resolution submitted by Rev. Charles Tupper, was adopted.

*Resolved*—That petitions be presented from this Association to the different branches of the Legislature praying for the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and that Brethren Demill, Hall, and Hurd, be appointed a Committee to prepare such petitions.

Report on Sabbath Schools was submitted by Rev. D. Freeman. Received and adopted. Interesting addresses were given by Revd's. Clay, J. Rowe, Hall, and Br. Selden. (See App. C.)

Report on Domestic Missions was presented by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock. Received and adopted. (See App. D.)  
Addresses were given by Revd's. Edwin Clay and Hugh Ross.

Moved by Dr. Cramp, and seconded. That the Domestic Missionary Board of this Association be requested to correspond with the Domestic Missionary Board of the Central Association respecting the formation of a general plan of Domestic Missionary labour, embracing the entire province; the last mentioned Board having been directed at the recent meeting of the Central Association to prepare such plan and present their Report next year.

Received and adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Cramp.

#### MONDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Moderator.

*Resolved*—That the Association be held at Onslow next year, and that Rev. E. B. Demill preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. C. J. Burnett be his alternate.

*Resolved*—That the Rev. David McKeen write the Circular Letter.

*Resolved*—That Five Hundred copies of the Minutes be printed at the Christian Messenger Office, Halifax, and sent by Mail if not called for within four weeks after notice being given of their being ready for delivery. And that Eight Pounds be allowed for printing them.

The following Brethren were appointed as Delegates :

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| Western Nova Scotia Association, | Rev. Hugh Ross,       |
| Central “ “                      | Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, |
| Eastern New Brunswick,           | Rev. David McKeen,    |
| Western “ “                      | Rev. E. B. Demill.    |

*Delegates to Convention*—Rev. E. B. DeMill, Wm. Hall, D. W. C. Dimock; Brethren W. H. Rogers and A. W. Marsters.

Report on French Missions was presented by the Missionary, Brother Chute. Received and adopted. (See App. E.)

Addresses were given by the Missionary, Dr. Cramp, Rev. C. Tupper, E. Clay.

*Resolved*—That it be recommended to the churches of this Association to take up collections on the first Sabbath in September for the aid of the French Mission.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.  
Prayer by Rev. Charles Tupper.

## TUESDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock:

Met according to adjournment. Preaching by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 2 Kings, ii. 14,—“Where is the Lord God of Elijah.” Prayer by Dr. Cramp.

Report on Christian Messenger was presented by the Rev. C. Tupper. Received and adopted.

Addresses were given by Brethren Tupper, Burnett, Clay, Hurd, Selden, C. Sutherland, Miles and Gremley. (See App. F.)

Report on Sabbath-day Observance was presented by the Rev. G. F. Miles. Brother Lawson called the attention of the Association to this important matter. Received and adopted. (See App. G.)

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted by Brother Freeman. Received and adopted. (See App. H.)

Interesting addresses were given by Brethren Demill, Dr. Cramp, Rowe, Tupper, King, McKeen, Freeman and Miles. Adjourned to meet at 3 P. M. Prayer by Brother Rowe.

## TUESDAY 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Spencer.

Moved and seconded and resolved, that all monies sent for Ministerial Education be given to Br. Fields.

Moved and seconded and resolved, that Brethren Newcomb and Everett be invited to take a seat with us.

Committee on Education, submitted their Report. Received and adopted. (See App. J.)

Several Brethren addressed the association, Rev. E. B. Demill, Dr. Cramp, Hall, Hurd, Rowe and Tupper.

Brother Lawson was allowed to leave.

Report on Coportage and Religious publications, was submitted by Brother Selden. Received and adopted.

Interesting addresses were given by Brethren Demill, Everett, and Ross. (See App. K.)

Committee on Female Education submitted their Report by Dr. Cramp. Received and adopted. (See App. L.)

Committee on Union Societies, reported by Rev. E. B. Demill. (See App. M.)

The Circular letter was read.

Resolved—That it be printed with the Minutes.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Christian friends and members of this community for their kindness and hospitality shown to us during the present session.

The Union Hymn was sung and the Association closed with prayer by Rev. Charles Tupper.

Signed,

D. W. C. DIMOCK, *Moderator*.

WM. HALL, *Clerk*.

J. C. HURD, *Ass't Clerk*.

### **Circular Letter.**

*To the Churches comprising the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island.*

DEAR BRETHREN,

In the providence of God we are permitted to present you our Circular Letter. In taking a review of the past year—what cause for gratitude, and deep humiliation of Spirit is at once presented to the mind.

In this Western World temporal blessings have marked the generality of individuals; the Churches of Christ, in different sections, have been favored with more than an ordinary increase. The Holy Spirit has been given to both ministers and people,—so that the word preached has not been in word only, but in demonstration of the Spirit and with power. This calls for gratitude.

In the Old World, the churches of the dear Redeemer, in many instances, have been called to pass through deep waters of affliction, in the bereavement of their families, those whom they loved having fallen victims to the ravages and cruelty of war.

It is true, some aged or parent in the midst of his years, in these Colonies, may have parted with his child, to tread a strange land, and meet a foreign foe—where life may have been sacrificed on the altar of his country—and that parent been led experimentally to feel what so many hearts have realized, both in Britain and in Europe.

While the sword has been unsheathed, God, in his moral government, has his pathway in the storm and his footsteps in the deep, and his people have shut themselves under the panoply of his wings, and found ample security in the munition of rocks. They have seen the carnivorous eagle

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driven from his lofty summit, and the voice of the turtle again is heard in our land. How gloriously does the Great Head of his Church fulfil all his covenant engagements with his people. And he who hath said, "On this rock will I build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," also claims the submission of his people when he saith, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Dear Brethren, suffer the word of exhortation. We live in an age when infidelity and scepticism appear to have taken possession of the minds of men, from whom, at one period, we had a right to look for a different state of things. Perhaps there never was a period when the church of Christ stood more in need of true and devoted men, than at the present. The darkness of ages which are past in some measure seems to be revived, under the name of *Puseyism*; the vitality of the church of the Redeemer is threatened, and the simplicity of the gospel superseded by men who claim to be "*the only ministers of the cross*."

But, brethren, we hope better things of you, that is, you will not be tossed, as a wave of the sea, with every species of doctrine that men may present to your view. We repeat it, "Ye have not so learned Christ" to be satisfied with a form of godliness, but, destitute of its power, hold fast whereunto you have attained, and see that no man take your crown."

It may with propriety be said, "God hath done much for us, whereof we are glad." And the work of the ministry and the perfecting of the saints, not only rest, under the blessing of God, with your ministers, but the gospel presents its broad claim upon the different sections of the church. The Mosaic economy bound the Jews to a periodical series of acts that would counterwork their selfishness, foster the feeling of dependence, and cultivate in them love to God and man.

The clear light of the gospel made the design of this law more apparent as Christianity broke down its previous limits, and laid open the world to its efforts. The manifestation of Christian benevolence and philanthropy, which followed the day of Pentecost, was the natural development of the christian spirit, under the influences of the Holy Ghost; and no more would be required, of all christians, under the same circumstances. Their property they held

as though they possessed not. Each felt he had no claim to his own, that could interfere with the claim of Christ.

Under this principle the believer will acknowledge that Christ has a right to his houses, and lands, and whatever earthly possessions he may have claim to. As far as the need of his people would carry him,—freely, yes freely would he bestow. This, brethren, is the germ of the principle of Christian benevolence, which makes every holder of property a Steward. And if the righteous claim of this principle was fully re-asserted in every Christian's heart, both the Church and the world would soon be transformed.

In that ever memorable season—the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost—recognized the spread of the Gospel as an object not second to the temporal wants of God's people. It was to enable the converts to remain in Jerusalem, and obtain that instruction which should qualify them to preach or teach that gospel to distant nations.

Thus in the spring time of Christianity, in the first expansion of its glorious principles, we behold the grace of charity occupying its due place and influence.

Dear Brethren, we call your attention to the apostolic precept, (1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2,) the direction enjoined the weekly deposit. The reason which can be assigned for this is, that there might be an established rule. It was to be, a sabbath work, that it might be performed when the heart was under its most sacred and tender impressions. This action steadily and habitually sustained, assails the very citadel of our selfishness, which is the great adversary of our sanctification in the work of the Lord. But let a systematic benevolence be produced, and gifts so oft repeated secure a large amount.

The rule enforced by the apostle brings each one periodically to a reckoning with himself, as to the improvement of the talent or talents entrusted to his care. In the order of divine providence it has a powerful tendency to draw out the varied gifts, for the use of the ministry or the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, leaving the disciple of Christ, in the language of Peter, "To forsake all and follow him."

Upon this view of Scriptural beneficence, we may look upon God, as it were taking every believer aside on the return of the holy day of rest, and putting to him or her the important question—how have you prospered—and how

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much can you afford to give "to Him" who owns all?

Dear Brethren, the injunction is addressed to every one of you, and it is not a burthen, but a privilege, for it is written, "It is more blessed to give than to receive, and the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." Now this privilege is so adapted as to meet the wishes of the poor as well as the rich; no one is excluded from being a participator in the glorious work. Yes, the Divine Saviour has so arranged it that the poor are not excluded, for the poor must have a share in the blessedness of giving.

How emphatically this shews that the grand work of the grace, is not in the receiver, but in him that imparts. Your copper coin is as acceptable as the gold of others. And who can tell when the widow's or the orphan's mite is cast into the treasury of the Lord, that, carrying a special blessing with it, and guided to its results by the partial regards of the Redeemer, it may not actually produce more than the larger gifts with less sacrifice and prayer—"Give as the Lord hath prospered you." Let not your contributions be of an occasional character. The zeal, the love, the faith of the Christian should be ever active: not like the meteor's glare, shedding a luminous ray of light for a short period, on all surrounding objects, and then enshrouding them in thick gloom or impenetrable darkness.

But the light of Christian benevolence should shine brighter and brighter unto a perfect day, until the darkness which enshrouds the church, the manifest spirit of covetousness which at times is so apparent, shall have vanished from our view, and we shall behold the light of *Truth*, through the beneficence of the church of Christ, spreading its glorious influence, its benign rays over lands now sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Brethren, from the past we take encouragement for the future. We cannot harbor the thought, "that having tasted of the good word of God," you will sit down in ease, and enrich yourselves with every temporal good, and at the same time turn a deaf ear to the Macedonian cry,—"*Come over and help us.*"

Most of you are fully aware of the destitution west and east of these Provinces of the Word of Life, and the scarcity of laborers to meet the wants of a people who are, in many instances, "perishing for lack of knowledge." The

claims which the Home Missionary Society have upon your sympathies, are of paramount importance. The sacrifices many of your dear brethren are called to experience in going to the scattered inhabitants of these provinces, are of no small account. Upon the faith of the *vital benevolence* of the church, we send them—they resting upon the promise of the Divine Redeemer, “go forth bearing precious seed.” We say to you, in concluding this Epistle, shall they toil for nought, shall they return to their families destitute of the means to meet their just demands—must you, of necessity, send them empty away? No brethren “Give as the Lord hath prospered you.”—then in the dispensation of Providence, instrumentally the benevolence of the church will be the salvation of the world.

Dear Brethren,—We would not be unmindful of the work of the Foreign Missionary, especially the sacrifices made by our beloved brother, A. Crawley, as well as others abroad in the Missionary field. The dispensations of a kind Providence in the preservation of his life from the hand of the pirate and assassin, calls loudly upon all who belong to the Redeemer's Kingdom to renewed efforts in the extension of the cause of God. Remember “the field is the world;” the Commission is, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” “Go ye,” saith that Saviour, when he said, “all power is given to me in heaven and in earth,” “teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” Men of God have gone forth into distant lands, and cast the seed of the Kingdom upon soil, considered by some the most unlikely to be productive of good. But “God's ways are not ours.” The word preached has met the wants of nations who were in darkness, and “Ethiopia has stretched out her hands unto God.” The heralds of the cross have gone forth weeping, bearing precious seed, and while they have wept over an idolatrous nation, whose atmosphere breathed cruelty, and whose spirit was demoniacal in its character, the men of your own country and elime—men of like passions with yourselves, have left the comforts of home, the endearing circle of friends,—not counting their lives dear unto themselves,—to publish, in

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uncivilized countries, the simple, but sublime message,—  
 “Christ crucified, whom we preach; both the wisdom of  
 God and the power of God.”

Dear Brethren,—When it was made known to your fathers that God had a work for his people to perform they felt the power and spirit of benevolence. We have reason to believe the same spirit, in all its sublime influence, actuates many hearts in the Church of Christ in the present day, and willingly would we add the language of the poet,—

Oh! that all might catch the flame,  
 All, partake the glorious bliss.

We would say, “Esteem those who are over you in the Lord for their work's sake.” “Pray for us.” Let it be the burden of your prayers—“that the word of the Lord may have free course, run, and be glorified.”

Finally, brethren farewell; live in peace, be of one mind, and the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Ch. Town, P. E. I., July 1st, 1856.

## APPENDIX.

### (A.)

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The desirableness of the universal diffusion of the sacred Scriptures is unquestionable. Evidently, therefore, all should contribute toward the attainment of this momentous object.

As it is obvious that in making new versions of the Bible, the utmost care should be taken to give the exact sense of every word as distinctly as possible, our brethren are generally agreed as to the propriety of sustaining the translations made by Baptist Missionaries in foreign languages. In this good work all can cordially unite, as also in the circulation of the German Scriptures, in connection with Brother Oncken.

With reference to the propriety of aiding in the measures which are now in progress professedly for the Revision of the Bible, every one must, of course, exercise his own judgment, and act according to the dictates of his conscience.

C. TUPPER, *Chairman.*

### (B.)

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

##### The Committee on Temperance Report:

In so far as your Committee have been able to ascertain the state of the public mind relative to the Temperance question, they are of opinion that a material change has been effected therein, and the efforts of the Temperance men to correct the long prevalent errors respecting the properties of alcoholic drinks, as well as their tendency to lead those who

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use them, to be abused by them, are gradually producing their legitimate results.

Prejudices are being overcome, difficulties removed, and the public are beginning to see that strong drinks are not the universal remedy for the numerous ills to which we are liable.

They regard all this as a sure indication that the cruel tyrant is fast being despoiled of his power, and that, however long the human mind may have been shackled and bowed down under his dominion, the diffusion of light, by the power of the press and the untiring exertions of Christian benevolence, will ultimately effect its entire disenthralment.

Your committee recommend the continuance of active, steady perseverance, which, with earnest prayer to God, is indispensable to success.

Your committee further recommend that strong action be taken by the churches of this Association to effect the entire suppression of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage amongst their members.

In times of "ignorance" such evils were "winked at," but the voice of Christianity now commands all religious professors everywhere to adopt the practice of entire abstinence.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HURD, *Chairman.*

(C.)

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools regret to say that no definite statistics have been furnished to this body to constitute any report. A very few churches in their letters merely state the fact that they have a Sabbath School, without furnishing any statement of numbers; while a large majority of the Churches in their letters do not even mention the school, thus leaving us to conclude that no such school is established among them.

In urging the churches to sustain this institution we cannot find language strong enough to express our sentiments. We would briefly urge the following considerations:—

*In the first place, we regard the Sabbath School as a*

pioneer institution to prepare the way for other religious institutions. It lays the foundation for flourishing churches. It enters into the moral wilderness, removes the shadows of death, lets in the rays of the sun of righteousness, and causes the desert and the solitary place to rejoice and blossom as the rose.

*In the second place* it is, in a peculiar manner, a Baptist institution. It is at least an outgrowth from Baptist principles. One of these principles is that every man is under a solemn obligation to study and to teach the word of God as the only repository of truth, the only guide in duty. Another of these principles is that which is opposed to infant baptism, that sound religious instruction, and spiritual regeneration alone can qualify the young to become members of the Church of Christ. The support of such institutions is in a special manner incumbent on all who profess these principles. To neglect the one is to prove recreant to the other.

*In the third place*, the Sabbath School is an institution stamped with the broad seal of the divine approval. Many in heaven and many now on earth have been blessed by it. Many of the most eminent servants of God at home and abroad are children of the Sabbath School. Among these we may number many now labouring in heathen lands. Some in the tropics and some in frozen climes. Some on mountains and plains of India and some on the islands of the sea.

We would therefore most earnestly urge upon the brethren of the Eastern Association to establish these institutions in every settlement, and to send annual statistics of such schools to the Association. We also urge the formation of bible-classes in every school and congregation.

D. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

(D.)

#### REPORT OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD.

The Board in presenting its present report, has not the statistical information to communicate that might appear desirable, such not having been communicated to the Secretary.

During the year just past there have been about one hundred and weeks of labour expended.

Some of the appointments made in July last year, were not fulfilled—the funds not justifying such amount of labour. This was the case with reference to the Mission on southern and eastern shores—a balance being due for the Mission performed the last year.

Brother Shields was appointed to fulfil a part of the Mission assigned Bro. Hobbs in Cape Breton, Bro. Hobbs having left for another field of labour, this Mission Bro. Shields is now performing—an account of part of which has appeared in the C. Messenger. During the three weeks he spent, Bro. Shields states that he preached nearly every day, to very interesting congregations—visited about fifty families—and distributed about 3000 pages of tracts.

Brother Shaw spent about ten weeks in Pictou county, visiting Tatamagouche and vicinity. Brother Richardson two weeks in Tracadie. Brother Lawson six weeks in Little River Musquodoboit, and baptized six persons. Eight weeks were spent by Bro. Hall in P. E. Island, the mission sustaining itself. In Pictou he laboured sixteen weeks. Bro. R. McDonald six weeks over the northern part of Cape Breton—brother C. Jost sustaining him.

The Gaelic Mission has been in operation as the Board is informed during the year, and a House of Worship commenced; also a small Church has been organized by the Missionary, composed of persons, some of whom had been previously baptized, and others by the Missionary himself.

The Board has only to repeat what almost every one feels, and which in various ways has been remarked, that the existing organization for Domestic operations, is too inefficient to hope for any great results.

With the hope of seeing some more efficient plan, the Board, through its Secretary wrote to the Central and Western Boards, more than a year ago, to which no reply, however, has been received; but from the action taken at the Central Association, with reference to Domestic operations, there is reason to hope, that soon we shall realize something more in accordance with the importance of this department of Christian labour.

The Board have also to report an empty Treasury. As

the sums received at this Association will be exhausted to pay the amount due to Missionaries for the year just closed.

The cry for Missionary labour is meanwhile increasing—the labours of our brethren have been blessed—duty is before us—how can we slacken our hand! Souls are perishing, and will not their blood be required at our hand. Promising interests have to be abandoned, and weak churches requiring help dwindle away.

Brethren it ought not so to be. May we all awake to the work of the Lord.

D. W. C. DIMOCK, *Secretary*.

(E.)

### REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

The Committee on the French Mission report:

That there is abundant cause for encouragement and perseverance in this good work. The seed of the word is producing its legitimate fruit. The Tract, the Bible and the Religious Periodical, in connection with the living voice of the Missionary, are effecting each their respective results. Nor is the School without its benefits.

The Mission-house is finished and occupied. The larger part of the debt thereon is paid. We earnestly solicit aid to cancel what remains due.

Our Mission Treasury is low. We invite each one to use his high privilege of casting in his pence or his pounds to replenish it. In attempting great things for God we expect great things from God.

Respectfully submitted.

O. CHUTE, *Chairman*.

(F.)

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The power of the press is proverbially great. That it should be sedulously and perseveringly employed for the advancement of the interests of truth, morality and godliness, is manifestly of much importance. To this end the sustaining of a religious Periodical, ably and judiciously

conducted, is obviously indispensable. Such a Periodical, in the opinion of your Committee, is the *Christian Messenger*. Amidst many trials and discouragements, to which its worthy Editors and Publishers have been subjected, it has now been continued for nearly twenty years. The good effected by it, in a great variety of ways, is incalculable. It deservedly enjoys the general approval of the denomination. Your Committee would urgently recommend, that increased efforts be put forth to enlarge its circulation, and in every possible way to aid its Editors in their "work of faith and labour of love."

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman*.

(G.)

#### REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath beg to Report:—

That being deeply sensible of the benefit derived from the strict observance of the Sabbath, would urge upon all persons *professing godliness*, such consistency of conduct on the Lord's-day, as would induce others to believe that their blessings were appreciated, and God had *commanded* them to keep holy the Sabbath-day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. F. MILES.

(H.)

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to Report:—

That we feel a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the heathen as well as of the inhabitants of our own land. We are glad to hear occasionally from brother Arthur Crawley and sister Crawley, from this Province, now laboring in Burmah. We rejoice in their preservation and success. Though we are at present sustaining no foreign missionary: yet we feel the importance of doing so as soon as a field can be decided upon, and a missionary secured. In order to accomplish this we recommend the earnest prayer and enlarged contributions of the churches, and that the Convention adopt measures to establish a Foreign Mission &

early as practicable. Till that object is accomplished, we recommend that the Board appropriate the funds from time to time, in aid of Baptist Missions in various parts of the world.

Respectfully submitted.

D. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education submit the following Report:

The information communicated to them respecting the institutions at Horton, is of a highly encouraging nature. God has blessed the efforts of his servants, and graciously answered their prayers.

Your Committee learn that twenty-nine Students have attended the classes in Acadia College during the year, three of whom graduated at the recent Anniversary; and that probably eight or ten more will commence their studies next Term.

In securing the services of the Rev. A. W. Sawyer, A. M. for the Classical Department, the Governors have made provision for the discharge of duties heretofore devolving on Dr. Crawley, who is still unavoidably absent. Professor Sawyer's able instructions will materially increase the efficiency of the Institution.

Eleven young men have attended Lectures or otherwise enjoyed the advantages of the Theological Institute. The Principal regrets exceedingly the continued absence of the Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Interpretation, as thereby the whole burden of the Institute falls on himself. It is hoped that some arrangement will be made for the adjustment and division of labour in this branch of the Institution.

The College Library is very small. It is particularly deficient in modern Commentaries on the Scriptures and in works on Biblical Interpretation. The benevolent attention of the friends of the College is earnestly requested to this matter.

Horton Academy flourishes under the efficient supervision of its Principal, J. W. Hartt, Esq., A. M., and his active

Assistants. The number of Pupils has been greater than for several years past, and the Academy is in excellent working order.

Your Committee present these statements with pleasure and gratitude. They trust that the Association will receive them with similar feelings, and that our Educational Institutions will enjoy, in an increasing degree, the sympathy and support of the Baptist community of these Provinces.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CHAMP, *Chairman.*

(K.)

#### REPORT ON COLPORTAGE AND BAPTIST PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee regret to learn that so little has been done during the past year in this interesting department of christian labor, particularly by the churches included in this Association. Knowing that in many parts, destitution of a wholesome kind of Books to a surprising extent prevails, also knowing the activity of the agents of the Prince of evil in flooding every village and town with alluring books for the young of an objectionable and pernicious influence.

Your Committee are convinced that a good and efficient system of colportage energetically worked would prove of incalculable advantage to the people—especially the youth of this rapidly growing country. "As the twig is bent so the tree is inclined." Feeling the force of this fact, your committee would respectfully suggest that that Missionary Board take into consideration the propriety of furnishing its Missionaries with suitable Books to sell in the several fields of labour and if possible to give to the needy poor.

Further, your Committee would recommend the pastors of churches to use every effort to induce the members of their churches and congregations to supply themselves with the best publications embodying our views of gospel truth, especially in reference to the History of the Baptists and of their principles.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. S. FILLMORE, *Convener.*

(L.)

## REPORT ON FEMALE EDUCATION.

The Committee on Female Education have to Report :—

That they highly approve of all judicious efforts in this direction, accounting it of great importance that the females of the community should be well instructed and suitably trained for the positions they are hereafter to occupy.

They regard the objects and plans of such Institutions as that at Mount Holyoke, Mass., as deserving, generally, the patronage of the public; and they learn with satisfaction that a successful attempt has been made to establish an Institution of the kind at Berwick, in the Township of Cornwallis.

It is intended, as your Committee are informed, to carry on the above mentioned Institution by means of a Society, to be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Female Education Society," and to erect buildings for the accommodation and tuition of at least one hundred pupils.

Your Committee commend the contemplated Institution to the benevolence and zeal of the churches composing this Association.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

(M.)

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION SOCIETIES.

Your Committee would report that Union Societies as they now exist are useless, and would recommend that all further action in relation to them be dispensed with, unless it be the evident intention of the churches to carry them on more systematically than they have done hitherto.

We cannot doubt but that Union Societies, when properly organized and efficiently conducted, would largely increase the contributions to our treasury. These societies ask no exorbitant sum from our church members. They present to notice the various benevolent enterprises of our denomination in proportion to their importance, they can be put in operation, and effectually worked with very little care and oversight. No reason exists why the end designed by them should not be accomplished. It is pleasant, though perhaps idle, to

reflect on the work which might be done, even by the feeble and scattered churches of our Association, were these Union Societies properly organized and faithfully worked.

When however these Societies exist only in name. Where one seeks almost in vain for any influence which they exert on our contributions. When one searches over the Minutes of past Associations, or listens to the annual letters from the churches, and can discern but faint traces of any attention to Union Societies—then we must conclude that the notice given to them by our Associations is a mere formality. The nomination of a committee and the presentation of a report, may well be dispensed with. The churches cannot well give less without such formalities than they now do with them. These Union Societies have not failed on account of our poverty, or because of our peculiar avarice and hardness of heart. When agents for the Bible Union and similar societies go through the country, they find abundance of money and liberal hearts. It is a little singular that money is only wanting when our dearest interests are at stake, when funds are required for the support of superannuated ministers, the education of our own flesh and blood, and the evangelization of this comparatively destitute section of the province.

The Union Societies have failed because men will not take the trouble to keep them in working order, or give them that attention necessary to the working of any system. We suffer for want of a system, yet when one is presented to our notice we let it die a natural death. Many of the churches seem to think that they have discharged their duties when a hasty collection has been taken up, perhaps on the very Sunday preceding the meeting of the Association. Let such remember the exhortation of the Apostle. "Now concerning the collection for the Saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia even so do ye, upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him that there be no gathering when I come."

E. B. DEMILL, *Chairman.*

**Eastern Nova Scotia Baptist Association IN ACCOUNT WITH A. W. Marsters, Treasurer, Cr.**

| CHURCHES.                            | Am. and Foreign Bible Society. | Home Mission.        | Foreign Mission.      | Ministerial Education. | Infirm Ministers | Gaelic Mission. | Micmac Mission. | French Mission.     | Bible distribution in Germany. | TOTAL.               |
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| " S. Selden, for printing Minutes, out of  |      |       |
| Foreign Mission Fund, - -                  | 4    | 0 0   |
| " W. H. Rogers, for Bible Union, - -       | 1    | 8 8   |
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A. W. MARSTERS, *Treasurer.*

Amherst, N. S., July 5, 1856.

*Board to control Infirm Ministers Fund Eastern Association*  
*in account with A. W. MARSTERS,*

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| Sept. 22. | To cash pd. Rev. H. Hull per Receipt, | £2  | 0 0 |
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A. W. MARSTERS, *Treasurer.*

Amherst, N. S., July 8, '56.

*D. M. Board, in Account with D. W. C. DIMOCK.*

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| Jan. 30.    | J. Moser, on Pictou Mission, 60s.        | } 5 0 0       |
| Feb. 15.    | G. Richardson, 40s.                      |               |
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|             | For printing Articles 18. 4d.            |               |
| April 22.   | D. Lawson per order 20s.                 | 2 0 0         |
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|            | 5s. Mrs. S. Bishop.                     |               |
| Nov. 10.   | 60s. Jacob Layton, May 3, 20s. J. More. | 4 0 0         |
|            | Balance due Treasurer.                  | 2 15 6        |
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On hand Gaelic Meeting-house Fund. £30 0 0

Onslow, July 1st, 1856.