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MINUTES

OF THE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

CANNING, QUEEN'S COUNTY,

IN THE

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

ON

Monday and Tuesday, the Eighth and Ninth of July,

1839.

TOGETHER WITH THE

Circular Letter, Missionary Accounts, &c. &c.

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CANNING, MONDAY 8th July, 1839.

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THE Baptist Association met at 10 o'clock, A. M. The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder JOSEPH CRANDALL, from 3rd chapter of Titus and 8th verse—“*This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.*”

A collection was then taken in aid of Domestic Missions, amounting, with the collection on the Sabbath previous, to £12 13s. 3d.

Elder JOSEPH CRANDALL was then appointed Moderator,
Elder J. SKINNER, Clerk,
J. C. M'CONNAL, Assistant Clerk,
JOHN SMITH, Treasurer, and
GEORGE MILES, Assistant Treasurer.

Elder R. E. BURPE and GEORGE GARRISON, were appointed to read the Letters from the Churches.

Elder E. Bill, Messenger from the Nova Scotia Association, Elder E. Garrison, Messenger from Maine, Elders Beckwith and Stronach, and J. M'Connal, Licentiate, were invited to take a seat with us.

The following Committees were then appointed:—
Elders Masters and Doyle, and J. T. Smith, a Committee to arrange the business of the Association.

Elder Harris and Brethren W. S. Estey and Zebulon Estey, a Committee to examine the Letters.

Elders David Crandall, Blakeney and Spurr, and Brethren Aaron Hartt and J. Magee, a Committee to examine all matters introduced out of the ordinary business of the Association; and that no such matters be noticed by the Association unless the same shall have been previously referred to said Committee.

Elder Saunders, and Brethren Ring and Bunting, a Committee to examine Letters from Churches wishing to unite with the Association.

Elders Robinson, Stronach and Masters, a Committee to report upon the Christian Messenger.

Elders Garrison and Beckwith, and A. Blakslee, a Committee to report upon the State of Sabbath Schools, as connected with the Churches.

Elders Masters, Doyle and Tczer, a Committee to examine the Circular Letter.

The Letters from the Churches were read, and the following Minutes taken.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.		ADDED. Restored,.....	By Letter.....	By Baptism.....	Dismissed,.....	Removed,.....	Excluded,.....	Died,.....	Total number of Communicants,	Minutes received for printing
CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.									Minutes,
Fredericton,.....	*F. W. MILES, *C TUPPER, Jarvis Ring, W. S. Estey, J. T. Smith, T. R. Estey.	3	2	9	1	2			69	£2 0 0
Canning,.....	BENJAMIN COY, William Alerton, R. Hobin, H. Bridges, William Estabrooks,	4						2	69	0 0 0
1st Saint John,.....	John Smith, George Garrison, Zebulon Estey, T. W. SAUNDERS, Daniel Currey.	42	27	3	1	1	3		188	2 0 0
Prince William,.....	JAMES BLAKENEY, David Jones, Ezra Frost.		3						20	0 5 0
1st Salisbury,.....	JOSEPH CRANDALL.	1	5						107	0 15 8
†1st Sackville,.....									65	0 7 6
Saint George,.....	SAMUEL ROBINSON.	2	30	11	4	3			332	0 0 0
Hillsborough,.....	*WILLIAM SEARS.		1		1				91	0 10 0
†New Canaan,.....									50	0 0 0
1st Springfield,.....	DAVID CRANDALL, William Whetmon, M. Hatfield, Isaac Hatfield.		10	1		2			79	2 1 1
†2nd Springfield,.....	JAMES BLAKENEY.								8	0 0 0
Hampton,.....	DAVID CRANDALL, William M'Ready.	2	1			1			48	1 17 6
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Wickham,.....	J. C. SKINNER, E. Briggs.								20	0 9 6
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CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	By Letter Restored,.....	By Baptism,.....			
Keswick,.....	T. W. SAUNDERS, Benjamin Yerxa.	1	3	1	1	61	£0 10 0		
Northesk, Miramichi,...	J. TOZER, Robert Beachum.	1	4	3		60	0 15 0		
Saint Martins,.....	J. MASTERS.					131	0 15 0		
Moncton,.....			3			59	0 0 0		
†N. B. Oromocto,....						27	0 0 0		
†Cardigan,.....						35	0 0 0		
†Sussex Vale,.....	*TITUS STONE.					27	0 0 0		
Brighton,.....	GILBERT SPURR, Samuel Estabrooks.	1	1	3	1	19	0 5 0		
Jackson Town,.....	Joseph Estabrooks.		18	2	2	41	0 19 0		
Saint Stephens,.....	*A. D. THOMPSON, Joseph Garcelon.	2	4			104	0 10 0		
GrandLake,.....	M. DOYLE, Thomas Flowers, Peter M'Intyre.					52	0 6 8		
Andover,.....	*L. HAMMOND.					23	0 5 0		
Dumfries,.....	David Dow, J. Cummings, James Dickenson, Thomas Connolly.	10	13	8	1	33	0 10 0		
Greenwich,.....	JAMES BLAENEY.					15	0 0 0		
African,.....		1	2			24	0 7 6		
Waterborough,.....	D. J. CHACE, J. H. Dykeman, Joshua Dykeman, J. Gunter.				3	40	0 6 0		
Nashwaak,.....	H. Estabrooks.					24	0 3 7		
Butternut Ridge,....		1				55	0 5 0		
†1st Saint Patrick,....	*A. D. THOMPSON.					84	0 0 0		
†Dorchester,.....	*WILLIAM SEARS.					35	0 0 0		
Maugerville,.....	George Miles, Charles Stewart.					9	0 10 0		
2nd Salisbury,.....	JOSEPH CRANDALL, Robert Smith, M. M'Donald.		5	2		82	0 7 5		
2nd Saint John,.....	DAVID HARRIS, Asa Blakslee, E. Appleby, J. Bunting.	27	34		2	66	1 0 0		
Ludlow,.....	JAMES TOZER.	1	13	9	2	42	0 15 0		
2nd Saint Patrick,....	R. E. BURPE.	6	6	1	1	87	0 0 0		
1st Saint Andrews,....	William Rideout.		8	2	1	96	0 6 9		
2nd Saint Andrews,...	JOHN MANN.	4	1	4		18	0 0 0		
§2nd Sackville,.....	Eliphalet Reed, Jabez Lawrence.					25	0 7 6		
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§ This Church was received the present Session.

In the foregoing statement, the names of Ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; those of Licentiates in *Italics*; those marked thus (*), were not present; Churches having no Pastor are distinguished by —; from Churches thus marked (†), no information was received this Session.—The numbers in the column headed "Dismissed," have been dismissed in order to join other Churches of the Baptist denomination in the Province, on account of local situation. Those in the column headed "Removed" have left the Province. Churches from which no information was received are returned the same as last year.

☞ All the Churches are particularly requested to correspond annually with the Association. It is cheering to meet the Representatives of the Churches throughout the Province at an Association, still when Churches cannot conveniently send Messengers, it is pleasing to hear from them by letter.

The Minutes will be sent to all the Churches, with a request that a small sum in future be sent by all, to meet the expense of printing, and any overplus which may be received in this way, will be appropriated for the support of Missionaries in the Province.

Monies received during the Session, exclusive of sums paid over to the local Missionary Boards:—

Minute Money,	£21	2	8
Collections on Sabbath and Monday,	12	13	3
Sundry donations from individuals, amounting to	14	10	1
This overplus appeared when making up the amount received,	1	17	5
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In some cases the monies intended for Missionary purposes may have been entered as Minute money—from the hurry of business such errors are sometimes committed. It is desirable that all monies intended for Domestic Missions, as far as can be, should be forwarded to the local Missionary Boards previously to the meeting of the Association, which would enable the Treasurers of those Boards to close up their Accounts before leaving home,—less hurry and confusion would then occur.

The Committee of Arrangement presented the following Report:—

“That the Association adjourn for one hour, then to meet, when the Missionary Accounts will be presented, and the Missionary business attended to, after which the ordinary business will proceed.

“That Elder Beckwith be requested to preach at 7 o'clock this evening.

“That the several Committees do attend to the matters referred to them, after preaching.

“That the Board of Directors and Committee of Management of the Education Society meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

“That Elder Bill be requested to preach at 10 o'clock; after which the Education Society will meet and attend to the business of the Society. The business of the Association will then be resumed, and the Reports from the Committees required.”

RESOLVED, That the report be accepted.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

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Met pursuant to adjournment, at 4 o'clock.—Prayer by the Moderator.

The Missionary Accounts were presented. (*See Accounts.*)

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be given to the several Missionary Societies, and Female Mite Societies, through whose zeal and active exertions the Boards have been furnished with the means of supporting Missionaries in the destitute parts of the Province, and solicit a continuance of their support.

RESOLVED, That while the increased interest manifested, for the past year, in support of the cause of Domestic Missions, and the success which in numerous instances has crowned the labours of our Missionaries during that period call for devout acknowledgments to Almighty God, this Association, from the consideration that *thousands* of the inhabitants of the Province are still destitute of religious instruction, and perishing for lack of spiritual knowledge, would earnestly request all the Ministers and Members of our denomination to encourage the formation of Missionary Societies in every Church throughout the Province, and to unite their prayers and efforts in behalf of so blessed an object.

RESOLVED, That the five Local Boards continue the same as last year, which, together, shall compose the General Board, and that the regulations adopted by the Associations last year to guide the Boards in their proceedings be still observed.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Local Boards, and Office bearers of the General Board, remain the same as last year.

The Circular Letter prepared by Elder Thompson was read and accepted. (*See Circular Letter.*)

RESOLVED, That the Association be held at Saint Martin's next year, on the third Monday after the 20th June, at 10 o'clock; and that the General Missionary Board meet the same morning, at 8 o'clock.

RESOLVED, That Elder R. E. Burpe preach the introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, Elder David Crandall.

RESOLVED, That Elder Joseph Crandall write the Circular Letter.

RESOLVED, That Elder Robinson be our Messenger to the Nova Scotia Association, and in case of failure, Elder Masters, and that the sum of eight pounds be allowed to defray his expenses.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Preaching at 7 o'clock, by Elder Beckwith, from Matthew, 3rd chapter and latter part of the 3rd verse—"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

TUESDAY, July 10.

The Board and Committee of the Education Society met at 8 o'clock.

Preaching at 10 o'clock by Elder Bill, from Nova Scotia, from Isaiah, 53rd chapter and 11th verse—" *He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied.*"

After the sermon the Education Society held a public meeting, when the Report of the Committee was presented, the subject of education discussed, and several highly interesting addresses delivered by Elders Bill, Garrison, Robinson and others, in behalf of the Seminary established at Fredericton. (*For report and proceedings of the Society, see Appendix.*)

Association met at 3 o'clock.—Prayer by the Moderator.

RESOLVED, That this Association regard the Seminary established at Fredericton, under the direction and patronage of the Baptist denomination in this Province, as a highly useful seat of learning, and most earnestly request the Ministers and Churches connected with the Association to use their efforts to sustain the Institution, and to carry into effect the plans suggested by the Committee in March last, to relieve it from pecuniary embarrassments.

RESOLVED, That the Report and Resolutions of the Education Society be printed as an Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee appointed to examine the Letters, to ascertain what Churches have requested to be received into the Association, reported the 2nd Church at Sackville.

RESOLVED, That the Report be accepted, and that Church received.

The Committee appointed by the Association last year, to carry into effect the Resolutions of the preceding year relative to the Indian Tribes in this Province, and also to establish a correspondence between this Association and the Baptist Denomination in England, reported, that these important matters had been entrusted to Elder F. W. Miles, who was then in England, and from whom no specific information had yet been received.

The Committee appointed last year to visit the Church at Cardigan, reported, that they had attended to that duty, and found the Church destitute of a Pastor, and consequently deprived of many of the ordinances of the Gospel—that many of the Members had removed from the Province; and recommended that Cardigan should be remembered by the Missionary Board at Fredericton.

The Committee appointed to visit the Churches at Dumfries and Jacksontown, reported, that those Churches had been revived during the past year, and that the out-pouring of the Spirit of the Lord had been manifested in them.

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The Committee appointed to visit the Church at Saint Martins reported, that former difficulties had been removed, and the Church revived.

The Committee appointed to visit the Church at Sackville, reported, that a second Church had been formed in that place, and that some revival had been experienced.

RESOLVED, That as the Church at Buctouche has failed to correspond with the Association for several years past, it be left out of the Minutes until some intelligence shall be received from it.

RESOLVED, That Elder Saunders be requested to visit the Church at the North Branch of the Oromocto, and request that Church to forward a statement of its situation to the Association next year.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the Ministers and Churches in the different sections of the Province, to make arrangements for holding regular Quarterly Meetings for preaching—the promotion of the Missionary cause, and such other objects as may be connected with the cause of God and the interest of the Denomination. That a collection be taken up at all such Meetings in aid of the Missionary funds.

RESOLVED, That this Association recommend the Churches to set apart the second Wednesday in September next, as a day of special prayer to the great Head of the Church, that he would raise up more faithful labourers and thrust them into His vineyard. That the Pastors of Churches do, on that day, deliver Missionary Discourses, and that a collection be taken up in aid of Domestic Missions.

RESOLVED, That the first day of January, 1840, be observed by the Churches, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, and that the first Monday evening in every month be set apart as a season for special prayer, to Almighty God, that His blessing may accompany the labours of Gospel Missionaries in heathen lands.

The Committee appointed to report upon the publication of the Christian Messenger, presented the following Report:—

“1st. That the Messenger be recommended by the Association to the Denomination and public, as a publication well calculated to spread abroad and maintain the principles of Gospel truth; and that it be urged upon the Ministers, Members of Churches, and others friendly to religion, throughout the Province, to give it their utmost support, by endeavouring to extend its circulation.

2nd. That an Agent be appointed, for three months at least, to travel in this Province under the direction of the conductors of the paper, to collect balances due, and in all other respects to promote the interests of that publication.

3rd. That the Baptist Denomination in Nova Scotia and this

Province procure a Printing Press, as soon as it may be considered advisable, which would enable them to publish the paper at a much less expense."

RESOLVED, That the Report be accepted, and that Elder Burpe be appointed for the purposes recommended.

RESOLVED, That this Association do now renew their pledge of last year, to unite with the Association of Nova Scotia, for the adequate education and maintenance of a suitable person as a Missionary to some Foreign field, and that Elders Miles, Masters and Robinson, and W. B. Kinnear and C. D. Everitt, continue a Committee, to unite with the Committee appointed by the Nova Scotia Association, for the accomplishment of this object.

The Committee on the subject of Sabbath Schools reported as follows:—

"That this is a subject in which they feel most deeply interested. Sabbath Schools from their origin, wherever properly conducted, have been owned and blessed of God to the good of the rising generation. The history of those Institutions shew that many who now compose the Church of Christ as private Christians, and others who are proclaiming the Gospel in different parts of the world, received their first religious impressions in a Sabbath School, and thousands will doubtless bless God through eternity for these precious Institutions.

"The Committee have great reason to fear, that Sabbath Schools are not sufficiently appreciated, and attended to by our Churches in this Province."

RESOLVED, That the Report be accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, 1st. That the signal blessings which have accrued to the rising generation from Sabbath School instruction, and the approbation which God has given of those Institutions, shew that they have a very high claim upon the Christian Church.

2nd. That the establishment and support of Sabbath Schools is a duty to which all the Churches comprising this Association should attend.

3rd. That it be recommended to the Pastors of Churches and other Ministers in our connexion, to do all in their power to establish Sabbath Schools, and to exercise over them a general supervision.

4th. That all the Churches are requested to give an account in their Letters, next year, of the state and prosperity of Sabbath Schools in connexion with the Churches.

RESOLVED, That no Christian Church can consistently retain in its fellowship any Member, who, in utter disregard of the innumerable evils resulting from the use of Ardent Spirits, continues to use it as a common beverage, or to traffic in it, except as in other poisonous drugs.

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RESOLVED, That J. T. Smith and J. Ring be requested to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that twelve hundred copies be printed.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the Church at Canning—the Congregation, and other benevolent friends, for their hospitality and kindness during this Session, and also, for their liberal contributions for religious purposes.

The Meeting closed by prayer.

Preaching at 7 o'clock by Elder Dimock, from Nova Scotia.

P. S. The Letter from the Church at Hillsborough was not received until after the Association was dismissed.

The Letters from some of the Churches do not shew their operations for the past year, nor present state; it is necessary that this particular should be strictly attended to, in order that the Minutes may be correct.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches connected with the New Brunswick Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN,

IN this, our annual epistle, we desire to remind you of the thanks we owe to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, for the manifold mercies which we are continually receiving from His hand.

In the first place we are called upon by the God of peace, to praise His name that He has, in His infinite mercy, averted the calamity of war by which we were threatened during the past year, and the devastation and ruin that was likely to accrue from that terrible scourge of mankind, and fearful rod of Jehovah, with which He breaks the nations in pieces, and which our sins had nearly brought upon us.

When we think of our Sister Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and of the trials which they have experienced, what reason have we to exclaim with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

We are further called upon to bless the Lord, that many young men throughout our Province are manifesting a desire to preach the Glorious Gospel of the blessed God, and are willing to devote themselves to His service,—workmen who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth,—and may God smile upon their labours and make them eminently useful in their day and generation.

We have also reason to thank God, the giver of all good, for the extension of His kingdom in our beloved land—for the numbers that have been added to our Churches during the past year—for the excellent system of Laws under which we live, which pro-

fects us in worshipping God without fear or molestation—and that the destroying angel's pestilential breath has not been blown upon our Province as on many parts of the globe.

Dear Brethren—there are other important duties devolving upon us; to you, as Christians, much has been given and much will be required. You see the pointed opposition of those who have the control of the public funds, against the Seminary of Learning established under the direction of our Denomination in this Province;—they seem determined that our Institution shall not receive the smallest amount of assistance from the revenues raised by an equal tax upon all Denominations, and that no portion of those revenues shall be appropriated for the support of Institutions of Learning connected with any Denomination of Dissenters in this Province. Does not such a course savour of a sentiment like this? “Keep them in ignorance and they will be less likely to appreciate their privileges.” What, dear Brethren, is our duty in such a case? Shall a Denomination consisting of nearly three thousand communicants, with probably five times that number, connected with us as members of our congregations, and possessing the sentiments of the Denomination, allow the operations of a useful Institution to be suppressed by such opposition when we have the means of sustaining it within our own power? Moreover, Brethren, will you—can you, leave those whom you have entrusted with the transaction of business, for the furtherance of the Gospel and the dissemination of knowledge in the Province, to continue to bear, alone, the burden at present resting upon them? Think, dear Brethren, of Jacob's pious vow at Bethel, “Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.” Hear also the language of David, “But who am I and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort, for all things are of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.” Let us then recollect that all we possess came from God, and enquire of Him “what wilt Thou have us to do,” and take the answer from His word—“The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,” also, “there is that giveth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty.” We must consider that we are not our own, but that we are bought with a price, consequently our all is His who hath redeemed us by His precious blood.

Dear Brethren—We would exhort you to continue instant in prayer; it is the means of grace whereby we draw nigh unto God, and in drawing nigh to Him He has promised to draw nigh to us; and as He is the sun of righteousness, by His drawing nigh unto us light breaks in upon our minds, and we are able to see more clearly our errors and our duty. “And we beseech you, Brethren, to know them who labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;” remember, they are men subject to like pas-

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The Apostle Peter thought proper to remind his Brethren of their duty, although they knew it and were established in the truth. "Finally, Brethren, pray for us, that the word of God may have free course, run and be glorified;" live for God—remember the gracious promises in his word, connected with faithfulness on our part,—“He that converts a sinner from the error of his ways, shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins;” and again, “They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and ever.” These things are not for the Ministers of Christ alone, but for all the members of His flock; a cup of cold water is not forgotten before God; and how happy to reflect, that there is no act we have ever done for the cause of God, or mite we have given to promote it in this world, for which we will not receive a full recompense at the resurrection of the just.

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*William S. Estey, in account current with the Missionary Board,
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September.	To amount paid Elder T. S. Harding, for 7 weeks Mission in the Counties of York and Carleton,	£10 10 0	
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Nov. 26.	To amount paid Elder R. E. Burpe, for 8 weeks Mission in Jacksontown and vicinity, at 20s.	12 0 0	
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January 21.	To amount paid John M'Connal for 3 weeks Mission in the Counties of Queen's and King's, at 20s.	3 0 0	
March 9.	" amount paid J. M'Connal for 4 weeks Mission in the Counties of Queen's and King's, at 20s.	4 0 0	
May 21.	" amount paid Elder D. Chace, for 3 weeks Mission in the County of Queen's, at 30s.	4 10 0	
	Paid Elder Chace's expenses,	0 10 0	
July 5.	" amount paid Elder Thomas Saunders, for 4 weeks Mission in the Counties of York and Carleton, at 30s.	6 0 0	
	" amount paid Elder J. C. Skinner, for Missionary Labor,	1 0 0	
10.	" " Elder D. Chace, for 2 weeks Mission in the County of Queen's, at 30s.	3 0 0	
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July 10.	By balance in hand,	£6 14 6	
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	Collected by Elder T. S. Harding, on Mission,	5 3 2½	
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January 21.	Collected by Elder R. E. Burpe, on Mission,	9 9 6	
	" by Elder J. M'Connal, on Mission,	1 9 7	
March 25.	" by Elder J. M'Connal, on Mission,	1 3 9	
	" at the Quarterly Meeting at Canning Meeting House,	1 14 0½	
May 26.	Sabbath collection in Baptist Meeting House, Fredericton,	2 18 2½	
	Collected by Elder D. Chace, on Mission,	0 10 0	
27.	" at Missionary Meeting, Baptist Meeting House, Fredericton,	2 4 6	
July 5.	" by Elder Thomas Saunders, on Mission,	1 15 8½	
	Elder Thomas Saunders' donation,	1 0 0	
	From the Female Mite Society, Nashwaak, by Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Clark,	1 18 11	
	" the Missionary Society, Kingclear,	6 15 3	
	" the Female Mite Society in Fredericton,	3 11 3	
8.	" the Fredericton Missionary Society,	2 5 0	
	Collected by Elder D. Chace, on Mission,	0 11 8½	
	From the Female Mite Society in Waterbury, by Elder D. Chace,	£3 18 0½	
	" the Female Mite Society, Waterbury, by Mrs. Dykeman,	3 18 10-7 16 10½	
	" the Female Mite Society, Canning,	7 17 6	
	" the Missionary Society, Canning,	5 7 6	
	" the Female Mite Society, at the head of the Washemoak,	1 12 6	
	" the Church at Wickham, by Elder Skinner,	0 13 5	
		79 6 5	
	Balance in hand,	£34 7 8	

W. S. ESTEY,
Secretary & Treasurer.

Fredericton, 8th July, 1839.

* * * The proceeds of a Gold Ring received from the Female Mite Society in Waterbury, will be credited to the next year's account.

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*The Baptist Missionary Board in Saint John, in account with
John Smith, Treasurer.*

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1838.		
July 6.	To balance due John Smith, for Cash advanced,	£10 2 5
1839.		
May 2.	amount paid Elder Samuel Bancroft, for Missionary Labour at Little River, Long Reach, &c.,	15 17 7
3.	amount paid for Books for the Collectors of the Female Mite Society,	0 1 6
	“ “ Henry Chubb, for printing Catechisms,	12 10 0
	“ “ W. L. Avery, for covering and stitching Catechisms,	4 4 0
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	7 5 5
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		£50 0 11
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1838.		
July 6.	By Cash lent the Baptist Church of Saint John, exclusive of interest,	£21 18 10
1839.		
July 2.	Four years' interest, from July 1835, to date, received from Baptist Church,	5 5 4
9.	Received at the Association at Springfield,	2 8 0
Aug. 8.	Amount collected by Miss C. Dunham,	0 16 0
Nov. 8.	“ collected by Ditto,	1 3 0
Dec. 22.	“ received from Saint Martin's Church, for Minutes,	0 10 7½
1839.		
Mar. 15.	“ “ from Mrs. Dounal,	1 0 0
	“ “ from Mrs. Gerow,	0 5 0
June 8.	“ “ from Miss C. Dunham,	0 19 2½
July 2.	“ collected by Mrs. Harding,	1 13 0
	“ received from Z. Estey, for Catechisms sold,	0 16 11
	“ collected in Saint John by John Smith,	13 5 0
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		50 0 11
	Balance in Treasurer's hand,	£7 5 5

Saint John, July 5, 1839.

JOHN SMITH, *Treasurer.*

*The Westmorland County Missionary Board, in account with
Warren Perrigo.*

DR.		
1838.		
July 1.	To Cash sent per Elder Crandall to the General Board,	£10 0 0
Oct. 10.	“ paid Elder Chace, for Missionary Labor in Buctouche,	3 0 0
Nov. 8.	“ paid Elder Blakeney, for 2 weeks Missionary Labor in Shediac and Buctouche, 60s. Ferriages, 2s. 9d.	3 2 9
1839.		
June 6.	“ paid Elder Crandall, for Missionary Labour,	5 10 0
	“ paid Elder Blakeney,	3 9 0
	“ paid Elder Sears, for Missionary Labor in Sackville,	1 15 0
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	21 5 0
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		£48 1 9
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1838.		
July.	By balance from last year's Account,	£27 7 7
Nov. 8.	“ Cash collected by Elder Blakeney, during his Missionary Tour,	1 4 6
	“ collected by Elder Crandall,	10 11 3
	“ collected at Hillsborough, during the Missionary Meeting,	8 18 5
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		48 1 9

By balance remaining in Treasurer's hands, £21 5 0.

WARREN PERRIGO, *Treasurer.*

Westmorland, July 2, 1839.

The Charlotte County Missionary Board, in account with John Mann, Treasurer.

DR.			
1839.			
July 10.	To amount paid Elder T. S. Harding, for Missionary Labor and expenses,	£7 17 0	
	" paid Elder Magee for Missionary Labor, omitted last year,	6 0 0	
May 13.	" paid Elder T. Magee, for Missionary Labor performed in the western part of the County,	15 5 3	
14.	" paid John M'Connal, for Missionary Labor performed in this County,	3 2 5	
16.	" paid for purchase of Blank Book,	0 2 3	
June 4.	" paid Elder T. Magee, balance due for Missionary Labor in 1837,	3 15 5	
	Balance in hand,	0 10 9	
		<u>£36 13 1</u>	

DR.			
1838.			
July 10.	By balance on hand from last year's Account,	£6 2 10	
	Amount received at the Association,	2 8 0	
	" of sundry collections and donations from Elder T. S. Harding, obtained during his Missionary Tour,	6 9 5	
	" received from the Mite Society in Saint Andrews,	0 6 3	
	" received from the Mite Society in Bocabeck and Digedeguash,	0 11 6	
Nov. 9.	" collected at Quarterly Meeting, at Saint George,	4 8 11	
1839.			
Feb. 9.	" " at Quarterly Meeting at Bocabeck,	2 4 3	
	" received from the Mite Society at L'etete,	0 4 6	
	" " from Mite Societies at Saint Patrick's,	0 7 6	
	" collected by Elder Thomas Magee,	1 10 0	
	" of sundry donations,	3 7 4	
March 4.	" collected at Protracted Meeting at Oak Bay,	1 0 1½	
May 12.	" received from Mite Societies at Saint George,	2 7 3	
	" " from Pennfield Society,	0 8 5½	
	" " " Saint Andrew's Mite Society,	0 6 8	
	" " " Saint David's Mite Society.	0 8 10	
	" of sundry donations,	0 18 9	
	" of sundry collections, taken by J. M'Connal, during a Missionary Tour,	2 17 6	
	" of donation,	0 5 0	
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		<u>£36 13 1</u>	

Balance in hand, £0 10s. 9d.

JOHN MANN, *Treasurer and Secretary.*

Saint Andrews, 28th June, 1839.

The Northumberland Missionary Board in account with the Treasurer.

DR.			
1839.			
June 10.	To amount paid Elder James Tozer for Missionary Labor on the Little Southwest,	£5 0 0	
	1838.		
Aug. 20.	" paid for Missionary Labor in Northesk,	2 0 0	
	" paid Elder James Tozer, for Missionary Labor in Blissfield and Blackville,	10 15 6	
		<u>£17 15 6</u>	
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1838.			
Aug. 20.	By amount received from the Treasurer of the General Board,	£2 8 0	
	" collected in Baptist Meeting House, Northesk,	2 0 0	
		<u>£4 8 0</u>	
	<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>£17 15 6</u>	

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1839.	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	£4 8 0	£17 15 6
January.	By amount received from the Female Mite Society,	1 0 0	
	“ “ “ Missionary Board, Blackville,	2 0 0	
	“ collected by Robert Dunphy,	2 0 0	
	“ of sundry donations,	5 16 6	
June 24.	“ collected on the Little Southwest,	2 7 0	
	Balance due the Treasurer,	0 4 0	
		<hr/>	£17 15 6

ROBERT B. WASSON, *Treasurer.*

July 1, 1839.

*The N. B. Baptist General Missionary Board, in account with
J. T. Smith, Treasurer.*

DR.			
1839.			
July 10.	To balance brought forward from last year's Account,	£1 19 1½	
	Amount paid over to the five Local Boards, each £2 3s.	12 0 0	
	“ paid for printing the Minutes of the Association,	£12 0 0	
1839.			
Feb. 4.	“ paid for blank Book, for the records of the Association,	0 8 6	
May 27.	“ paid postages on Missionary correspondence,	0 4 0	
	“ paid Elder Chace, Messenger to the Nova Scotia Association,	6 0 0	
July 8.	“ expended by the Fredericton Board,	44 18 9	32 12 3½
	Balance in the hands of do.		34 7 8
	Amount expended by the Charlotte County Board,	37 2 4	79 6 5
	Balance in the hands of do.		0 10 9
	Amount expended by the Saint John Board,	32 13 1	37 15 1
	“ paid the Treasurer, being due on last year's Account,	10 2 5	
	“ in hand this date,	7 5 5	
	“ expended by the Westmorland Board,	16 16 9	50 0 11
	“ paid over to the Treasurer of the General Board, in 1838,	10 0 0	
	“ in hand this date,	21 5 0	
	“ expended by the Miramichi Board,	17 15 6	48 1 9
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,		17 15 6
			0 19 4½
	Amount expended during the past year,	£167 18 11	
	Amount of balances &c. &c.	£98 10 5	
	Total amount of account for the year,		£266 9 4
CR.			
1839.			
July 10.	By amount received from Elder J. Crandall, being monies collected in Westmorland,	£10 0 0	
	“ received from the Treasurer of the Association, being amount collected during the Session,	22 1 8	
13.	“ of Mrs. Longstaff's donation,	0 10 0	
	“ of Elder J. Tozer's donation,	1 0 0	
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	£33 11 8	33 11 8

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18. By amount collected by the Fredericton Board,		70 3 11	
" received from the Treasurer of the General Board,		2 8 0	
Balance of last year's account,		£6 14 6	79 6 5
Amount collected by the Charlotte County Board,	29 2 3		
" received from the Treasurer of the General Board,		2 8 0	
Balance from last year's account,		6 2 10	37 13 1
July 18. To amount collected by the Saint John Board,	20 8 9		
" received from the Treasurer of the General Board,		2 8 0	
" received, being money lent some years ago in Saint John,		27 4 2	50 0 11
" collected by the Westmorland Board,	20 14 2		
Balance from last year's account,		27 7 7	48 1 9
amount collected by the Miramichi Board,	15 3 6		
" received from Treasurer of General Board,		2 8 0	
" balance due the Treasurer,		0 4 0	17 15 6
" collected during the past year,	£189 4 3		
" of balances, &c.		£77 5 1	
Total amount of account for the year,			£266 9 4
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JOHN T. SMITH, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

July 10, 1839.

. The sum of £2 Ss. paid over to the Westmorland Board by the Treasurer of the General Board in July, 1838, is not credited in the Account, the Treasurer will please explain this omission in the next year's Account.

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APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

AT the fifth Annual Meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, held at Canning, Queen's County, on the 9th July, 1839, the following Report was presented by the Committee of Management, and Resolutions adopted by the Society.

Another anniversary in the history of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society having rolled round, and the period arrived when the Committee of Management are required to present to the Society and Board of Directors, a brief report of their proceedings for the past year.

They beg to state, that (with the exception of the large sum which still remains due to the Committee for the erection of the Seminary,) the affairs of the Society are encouraging. Never has the Institution, since its first establishment, been in a more prosperous and efficient state;—the number of pupils in attendance during the past year has not been exceeded by that of any previous year; the Registrar for the Term preceding the present vacation, shewed the number to be 72, in actual attendance.

The examination of the Classes took place on the 7th and 8th of June, which was numerously and respectably attended; and, we believe, proved highly interesting to all who witnessed it. The evident proficiency made by the pupils in the various studies to which their attention had been directed, exceeded expectation.

The Rev. Mr. Tupper was employed as Principal in the Institution in August last, in consequence of the departure of the Rev. Mr. Miles from the Province, whose unceasing exertions, as well as those of the other Teachers in both departments, to impart useful instruction to the youth committed to their charge, and to advance the general interests of the Institution, cannot be too highly appreciated.

The Committee felt great pleasure in being able to state in their Report of last year, that no less than eight young persons of good moral character and habits had, at that time, been qualified at the Seminary as Parish School Teachers, had passed the Board of Examination as by law instituted, obtained licences, and were then teaching Schools in different parts of the Province, where, in some

cases, no Schools had been before taught; and in other cases had been taught by persons wholly incompetent, both with respect to moral character and mental qualification, to be entrusted with the instruction of youth. They now feel equal pleasure in intimating that several persons who have since left the Institution, are now engaged in the same useful employment.

This was one of the important objects, for the accomplishment of which the Baptist Education Society was organized, and its members induced to engage in the arduous and responsible undertaking of establishing a Seminary of Learning in this Province. These circumstances afford strong and conclusive evidence of the usefulness of the Institution, and may be regarded as some of the first fruits produced by the operations of the Society. Young men have also been qualified at the Seminary for a variety of other useful avocations. Let the Institution be kept in active operation—its interests duly attended to, and it cannot fail to accomplish the objects for which it was established.

The rate of Tuition has been continued at from £3 to £5 per annum, as before; and the charge for board, washing, &c., at 10s. per week,—the same as the two preceding years.

The utmost exertions have been made by the Committee to carry into effect the recommendations of the Society at its last Anniversary Meeting; one of the most important of which was, to establish a correspondence, either by an agent or otherwise, with some Society or persons in England, through whose assistance Teachers, Books, &c., might be obtained when required, and the interests of the Society in other respects advanced. The Committee after much deliberation upon this point, came to the conclusion that the only effectual method for the accomplishment of this object, was to send an agent from the Province, with instructions to carry into effect, as far as might be found practicable, the wishes of the Society, and to solicit aid in behalf of the Institution. The Rev. Mr. Miles was accordingly selected as a suitable person for that purpose, who kindly consented to undertake that agency without any charge to the Society, except the payment of his expenses, and left for England about the 1st of August last, and still remains in that country. How far the views of the Society may be accomplished through Mr. Miles' exertions in England, the Committee cannot at present fully state, but from the intelligence received from him, they feel assured that the interests of the Institution will be promoted at least to some extent.

The Committee have not been able to obtain a suitable person as an Agent to travel throughout the Province, for the purpose of laying the claims of the Institution for support before the public, as recommended by the Society. The Rev. Mr. Chace was employed for that purpose, but after spending a few weeks in a distant section of the Province was obliged, by the pressure of other

duties, to be accomplished.

The Committee have no doubt that the best method of obtaining support for the Institution is to be found in the accounts of the Institution.

The Committee presented the claims of the Institution to the Assembly of the Society, and the members of the Assembly have voted to the union of the Institution to the members of the Institution, and the appropriation of the Institution to year by year, as recommended, by the members of the Institution, and the members of the Institution.

The Committee that approved and although they desist from the same time, they are obliged to assist the Society in the Institution.

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duties, to relinquish the object, and but little has been accomplished.

The Committee have long been of the opinion that this plan was the best that could be devised for the relief of the Institution, and have no doubt but the balance due might have been ere this time entirely liquidated, could the services of an efficient person have been obtained two or three years ago; but unless some person can be found who shall be willing to devote his time and energies to the accomplishment of this object, the prospect of sustaining the Institution in that way must be abandoned.

The Committee, in accordance with the direction of the Society, presented a petition to the Legislature at its last Sitting, renewing the claims of the Seminary for aid, which was again granted by the Assembly, but rejected a fifth time by a majority of the Members of the Legislative Council; the Committee, therefore, came to the unanimous determination not to make any further application to the Legislature for aid, while six or seven persons (Members of the Legislative Council), who have hitherto resisted the appropriation, had the power of continuing to deprive a useful Institution of Learning of a small sum of money granted from year to year by the almost unanimous vote of the Assembly (recommended, as that grant had been, by several thousands of the Inhabitants of the Province, of all classes and religious denominations), and trust that the Society will approve of their determination.

The Committee cannot but regard the continued opposition to that appropriation as especially aimed at the Baptist Seminary; and although they have resolved, under existing circumstances, to desist from petitioning the Legislature for a grant, they at the same time adhere to the principle that the Seminary is fully entitled to assistance from the funds of the Province, and that the Society is unfairly treated, and great injustice done to the claims of the Institution so long as that assistance shall be withheld.

The determination of the Committee was expressed in a series of Resolutions, adopted on the 13th and 18th of March, which, with an accompanying Circular, were forwarded to all the Baptist Churches in the Province. In these, certain plans were suggested by which the sum due by the Society might be raised without being felt as a burden by any, viz.: "That a sum might be collected by the Churches equal to five shillings for each of their members, and that aid should also be solicited from all other persons friendly to the Institution, with a request that the plans suggested might be carried into effect; and if any of the Churches should not engage to do so, that the Committee might be informed thereof as early as possible." The application, however, has only been responded to by the following Churches, viz:—

From the Members of the Church and others friendly to the Institution in Fredericton, there has been received, (by small donations,)	£41 14 6
From the Members of the Maugerville Church,	2 5 0
From the Members of the Church and other friends in Kingsclear,	7 5 0
From the 1st Church in Saint John,	38 4 0
From the Members of the Church and other friends, at Nashwaak,	1 10 0
From the Church at Jacksontown,	2 10 0
From A. Blakslee, a Member of the 2nd Church in Saint John	1 0 0
From S. Kigh, a Member of the Church at Butternut Ridge,	4 0 0
Donation from the Honorable J. W. Johnston, of Nova Scotia,	3 0 0

There are further sums subscribed in the before mentioned places, and the subscriptions are still going on.

The Church at Northesk, Miramichi, has agreed to make up the sum proposed by the Committee, and forward it within two months.

The Church at Blissfield has also agreed to make up the sum.

The Church at Saint George, Saint Martins, Wickham, and some other places, have recognized the principle and promised assistance.

From several of the Churches no answer has yet been received: It therefore remains an uncertainty, so far as relates to those Churches, whether a disposition exists in our denomination to sustain the Institution or not.

The balance due is about the same as when the Accounts were published in 1837, exclusive of the amounts as above stated. By the liberality of a few persons the debt has not been allowed to increase by the payment of interest, &c.

About £100 has been collected during the past year, from subscriptions taken up at and previous to the last Association. in addition to the amount beforementioned; £50 of this sum has been received from three individuals.

In conclusion, the Committee beg to remark, that from the time they were first intrusted with the affairs of the Society in 1833, to the present, every proper means have been used to give full effect to the wishes and instructions of the Society, and no pains have been spared in order to make the Seminary a useful Institution of Learning;—but as they have been obliged to sustain it for two or three years past by very great personal exertion and sacrifice, without any general effort being made by the Society or Denomination, under whose immediate direction and patronage the Institution was established, to relieve them,—and as their recent ap-

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peal to the Denomination has not been so generally responded to as could be wished,—they do not now suggest any further plans for the payment of the amount due, or for the future management of the Institution, but leave it entirely with the Society to adopt such measures as its Members may think most advisable.

If an Institution whose operations have already produced a most salutary influence in the Province, by exciting an increased interest in favor of education, and by diffusing its blessings among the youth of our Country,—an Institution whose future prospects of usefulness are of the most flattering description, is to be sacrificed by the prejudices of a few persons hostile to its operations, because a sum is required equal to five shillings each from those to whom the Committee have a right to look for assistance, and that sum is withheld, then let the responsibility arising from such consequences rest upon others,—but let the Committee be relieved.

JOHN T. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RESOLVED, That the Report as read be adopted, and published under the directions of the Committee.

RESOLVED, That the success with which the operations of the Society have been crowned during the past year, should stimulate its Members to increased effort to sustain the Seminary established at Fredericton, and to spread its benefits more extensively in this Province.

RESOLVED, That the Members of this Society do highly approve of the plans suggested by the Committee in their Resolutions of March last, for the relief of the Institution from pecuniary embarrassment, that we will use our utmost exertions to carry the same into effect, and do hereby solicit the friends of education generally to unite in the accomplishment of so desirable an object.*

RESOLVED, That this Society do also approve of the determination of the Committee, for the reasons expressed in their Report, to desist, under existing circumstances, from petitioning the Legislature for a grant of money in aid of the Seminary, and that we will not suffer the operations of the Institution to be limited in consequence of the repeated rejection by the Legislative Council of the Appropriation of the Assembly.

RESOLVED, That a petition be presented to the House of Assembly at its next Sitting, praying that some constitutional measures may be adopted to secure to the several religious Denominations in this Province, an equitable proportion of the public funds and support, afforded for the purposes of education.

RESOLVED, That this Society do regard the establishment of Seminaries of Learning, under the patronage of different religious Denominations in the Province, as a highly desirable object, inas-

* Should the plans suggested be fully carried into effect, the Committee pledge themselves, with the help of a few friends who have offered their assistance, to pay off whatever balance may then remain due on the Seminary.

Wm. G. Lewis

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much as an increased interest in favour of education would be thereby excited, and the blessings thereof more generally disseminated among the youth of the country; we do therefore hail with pleasing anticipation the prospect of such an Institution being established in Westmorland, under the patronage of the Wesleyan Denomination.

RESOLVED, That all persons whose donations remain unpaid, are requested to forward the amount thereof to the Committee as soon as possible, to assist in liquidating the balance due by the Society.

RESOLVED, That the Office-Bearers, Board of Directors and Committee of Management continue the same as last year, and that the thanks of the Society be given to the Committee for their zeal and perseverance in sustaining the Seminary during the past year, and carrying into effect the general wishes of the Society.

JOHN T. SMITH,
E. E. PACKARD,
Secretaries to the Society.

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