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MINUTES.

Saint John, N. B., Saturday, August 22, 1868.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, met this day at 2 o'clock, p. m. Rev. Dr. Spurden, President of last year, in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. John Davis.

The following is a list of members present:—

NEW BRUNSWICK CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

Germain Street, St. John.—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Deas. John Fisher, L. McMann, S. Kinsman, and brethren G. M. Steeves and J. H. Harding.

Brussels Street, St. John.—Rev. T. Harley, Deas. John Smith, S. Gerow, J. Titus, and Brethren T. H. Hall, and Charles Parker.

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Newcastle, Mir.—Rev. Edward Hickson.

New Jerusalem.—Rev. D. W. Crandal.

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Ludlow, Mir.—Rev. A. Estabrooks.

St. George.—Rev. J. A. Steadman.

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- Charlottetown.*—Rev. John Davis.
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COMMITTEES.

ON NOMINATION.—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Rev. I. E. Bill; Bro. Z. G. Gabel, Bro. J. H. Harding, Rev. W. G. Parker, Rev. D. Freeman, Bro. Wm. Faulkner, Bro. S. Wheelock, Rev. John Davis, and Rev. M. P. Freeman.

ON ARRANGEMENT,—Revds. I. E. Bill, G. W. M. Carey, E. C. Cady, T. Harley, W. S. McKenzie, J. W. Titus, and J. Spencer.

ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Spurden, E. C. Cady, S. DeBlois, and I. E. Bill.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. Dr. Tupper, Dr. Day, D. M. Welton, G. Armstrong, T. Harley, and Bro. Z. G. Gabel.

TO AUDIT F. M. TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.—Brethren Wm. Faulkner, G. M. Steeves, J. H. Harding, and L. McMann.

While the Committee on Nomination were preparing their Report, Rev. Dr. Tupper offered prayer on behalf of our Foreign Mission; and after singing, Rev. Dr. Fyfe led in prayer for Acadia College, and Institutions of learning generally.

The Committee on Nomination submitted their Report. (See page 3.) Adopted.

The following brethren were invited to sit with the Convention :—

Rev. Dr. Fyfe, and Professor J. E. Wells, of Canadian Literary Institute, Woodstock; Rev. H. Angel, New York; Rev. J. Frances, California; Rev. Dr. Murdock, Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union; Rev. W. P. Everitt, Chelsea, Mass; Rev. H. V. Dexter, Calais, Me.; Dea. E. Cady, Iowa; Rev. John Coombes, A. B.

Voted—That the Secretaries and Rev. I. E. Bill be a Committee to superintend the printing 2000 copies of the Minutes of this Convention.

Voted—That the Governors of Acadia College be respectfully requested to have their accounts audited before being presented.

The President read a fraternal letter from the Baptist Missionary Convention, Canada East.

Voted—That Revs. Dr. Spurden, Dr. Cramp, Dr. Crawley, Dr. Tupper, J. Davis, and I. E. Bill, be a Committee to draw up an appropriate reply.

The Committee on Arrangement reported as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENT.

1. For the Lord's Day services, preaching as follows:—

Germain Street,	11, A. M.,	Rev. A. H. Munro.
“ “	6, P. M.,	Rev. Dr. Fyfe.
Brussels Street,	11, A. M.,	Rev. D. M. Welton.
“ “	6, P. M.,	Rev. Dr. Cramp.
Leinster Street,	11, A. M.,	Rev. Dr. Crawley.
“ “	6, P. M.,	Rev. Dr. Murdock.
Portland,	11, A. M.,	Rev. W. H. Porter.
“	6, P. M.,	Rev. E. M. Saunders.
Carleton,	11, A. M.,	Rev. W. A. Corey.
“	3, P. M.,	Rev. H. Angell.
“	6, P. M.,	Rev. Dr. Spurden.
Pitt Street,	3, P. M.,	Rev. A. S. Hunt.
“	8, A. M.,	Rev. G. Miles.
Smith's Building,	3, P. M.,	Rev. D. A. Steele.
Calvin Presbyterian,	11, A. M.,	Rev. Dr. Fyfe.
“ “	3, P. M.,	Rev. Mr. Richan.
Irish Presbyterian,	11, A. M.,	Rev. Dr. Tupper.
“ “	6, P. M.,	Rev. John Davis.
Zion's Church,	11, A. M.,	Rev. George Armstrong.
“ “	6, P. M.,	Rev. S. W. DeBlois.
Queen Street African School House,	3, P. M.,	Rev. A. Cogswell.
Free Baptist Church, Carleton,	11, A. M.,	Rev. W. G. Parker.
“ “ “	3, P. M.,	Rev. G. D. Cox.

2. That there be a prayer-meeting at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

3. That the Convention resume its session at 10 A. M., to hear the Convention sermon by Rev. D. Freeman.

4. After the sermon, that the Annual Report of the Board of Governors of Acadia College be read, and adjourn at 12½, M., to meet again at 2½, P. M.

5. Resume the subject of Education, and adjourn at 5, P. M., to reassemble at 7½, P. M., for a Foreign Missionary meeting.

The following Resolution was moved by Rev. James Parker, and seconded, and ordered to lie on the table till Monday—

Resolved, That all communications addressed to

this Convention shall be submitted to a Committee before being read to the body.

Adjourned till ten o'clock on Monday.

Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

Monday Morning, Aug. 24, 10 o'clock.

The Convention re-assembled this morning according to appointment, preceded by a prayer-meeting, commencing at 9 o'clock. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. D. Freeman, A. M., from the text found in Matt. ix. 36-38. SUBJECT—*Our Obligations to the rising Ministry.*

Voted—That brethren J. H. Harding, and L. McMann, be added to the Auditing Committee on Treasurer's Account of Foreign Missions.

The Minutes of the last session were read, corrected and approved.

Further report of Committee on Arrangement:

That at the Evening Session Dr. Cramp move the adoption of the Report on Foreign Missions, to be followed with addresses by Rev. Dr. Murdock, Rev. Dr. Fyfe, Rev. Mr. Dexter, Rev. W. P. Everett, and Rev. Henry Angell.

The Convention adjourned with prayer, by Rev. C. Spurden, D. D.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Opened with prayer by Rev. John Frances.

Voted—That the Report of Committee on Arrangement, presented at the morning session, be adopted.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Voted—That the Convention enter upon a discussion of the resolution of Rev. James Parker, pending

since the first session. The Rev. A. H. Munro presented the following amendment to the resolution:—

Resolved—That it be a standing rule of the Convention, that any matter not included in the report of the Committee of Arrangement, shall be submitted to a special Committee before being brought into the Convention. Passed unanimously.

The Secretary of Acadia College read his annual report. Also the Treasurer's report of College finances.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Anniversary was held in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, on Thursday, June 11th, in the following order:—

Prayer by Rev. E. C. Cady.

ORATIONS BY UNDER-GRADUATES.

The Better Way,.....Hector E. Munro, Onslow.
Now,.....E. Crawley Spinney, Wilmot.
Creation,... ..John Wallace, Wolfville.

Music.

We make thee, Fortune, a goddess, Lewis Hunt, Cornwallis.
The end not yet,.....Daniel Eaton, Cornwallis.
The practical,.....John F. Tufts, New Albany.

Music.

The Agent of the Age,.....James W. Johnson, Wolfville.
The Mediterranean,.....Herbert C. Messenger, Falmouth.
Mental Equipoise,.....John McDonald, Uigg, P. E. I.
Farewell,.....Wm. A. Mackinlay—(Excused.)

DEGREES CONFERRED.

The following gentlemen, having completed the regular course of study, and having sustained satisfactory examinations thereon, were respectively admitted to the Degree of Bachelor in Arts, viz.: Wm. A. Mackinlay, John McDonald, John F. Tufts, Daniel Eaton, Hector E. Munro, E. Crawley Spinney, James W. Johnson, Herbert C. Messenger, John Wallace, and Lewis Hunt.

Rev. D. A. Steele, A. B., was admitted to the Degree of Master in Arts, in course.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Launcelot Younghusband, A. M., of Michigan, U. S.

Honor certificates were bestowed as follows:—

IN CLASSICS.

Senior Class—Wm. A. Mackinlay, John McDonald, John F. Tufts, E. Crawley Spinney.

Junior Class—Neil McLeod, R. Sanford, C. R. Daniels, A. Caldwell.
 Freshman Class—A. Cahoon, W. H. Warren, E. P. Bowles, Wm. Spinney.

IN MATHEMATICS.

Senior Class—Wm. A. Mackinlay.
 Freshman Class—E. P. Bowles.

IN BELLES LETTRES.

Senior Class—Wm. A. Mackinlay, John McDonald, E. C. Spinney, H. C. Messenger.

Junior Class—Neil McLeod, R. Sanford, C. R. Daniels.

Freshman Class—A. Cahoon, W. H. Warren, E. P. Bowles, W. E. Marshall, and W. Spinney.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

1. The Alumni Prize of Forty Dollars, for the best Essay on a given subject. Awarded to Wm. A. Mackinlay, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. Subject—"The Greek."

2. The Scholarship prizes, Twenty Dollars each.

Senior Class, awarded to John Macdonald, Uigg, P. E. I.

Junior Class, awarded to Neil McLeod, Uigg, P. E. I.

Sophomore Class, awarded to Egbert M. Chesley, Annapolis.

Freshman Class, awarded to E. P. Bowles, Cornwallis.

3. The H. N. Paint Prize, Twenty-five Dollars, for the best series of monthly Essays—awarded to Albert Coldwell; Gaspereaux.

The above prizes were publicly presented by Prof. D. F. Higgins, A. M., President of the Associated Alumni of Acadia College.

The following prizes were presented to the donors:—

4. The Avar Longley Prize of Twenty Dollars, to the best Elocutionist—awarded to A. Cahoon, Port Medway.

5. The Lewis Payzant Prize, of Twenty Dollars, for the highest score in cricket—awarded to Johnston Parker, Halifax.

The Exercises of the Anniversary of 1868 derive a melancholy interest from the fact that one who took a prominent part in those exercises has already been called to a higher sphere. Mr. Daniel Eaton, of Cornwallis, died in Boston, on the 11th inst.; a young man of solid abilities, of high moral character, and above all, a consistent and devoted Christian. Just at the threshold of his life-work, he has been called to enter upon a service which will be complete, uninterrupted, and joyful.

The usual Rhetorical Exhibition took place in the Baptist meeting house, Wolfville, on the 20th December, 1867, when orations were delivered by members of the Sophomore class, and other members of the Institution, in the following order:—

Prayer by Rev. E. M. Saunders, A. M.

Music.

ORATIONS.

Mission of the Beautiful, Wm. Newcomb, Wolfville.

Plea for the Right, C. F. Jost, Guysborough.

Music.

Mesmerism, Egbert M. Chesley, Clarence.
 Language, ... C. F. Myers, Guysborough.

Music.

Transition Periods, John F. Tufts, New Albany.

Appropriate addresses were delivered by Revds. A. S. Hunt, A. M.,
 E. M. Saunders, A. M., and George Armstrong, A. M.

Thirty-seven students have enjoyed the advantages of the College
 during the past year.

Their names, in the order of their literary standing, are as follows :—

SENIORS.

Class 1.—W. A. Mackinlay, J. McDonald, J. F. Tufts, D. Eaton,
 H. E. Munro, E. C. Spinney.

Class 2.—J. W. Johnson, H. C. Messenger, J. Wallace, L. Hunt.

JUNIORS.

Class 1.—N. McLeod, A. Coldwell, C. R. Daniels, Joseph Jones, Rufus
 Sanford.

Class 2.—J. Hunt.

SOPHOMORES.

Class 1.—E. M. Chesley, W. A. Newcomb.

FRESHMEN.

Class 1.—E. P. Bowles, W. H. Warren, A. Cohoon, W. E. Marshall,
 J. W. Longley.

Class 2.—W. Spinney, H. E. Morrow, W. Bradshaw, J. B. Mills,
 J. Neily, C. H. Masters, J. Stubbert, L. Vaughan.

PARTIAL COURSE.

C. F. Myers, C. F. Jost, Johnstone Parker, George S. DeWolfe, Thos.
 Munro, Robert S. Mutch.

Lorenzo Vaughan returned home in November last, on account of
 sickness.

Instruction has been given, as in former years, in the Theological
 Department; but it is to be regretted that the number of students in
 that Department is small, and that graduates too frequently enter on the
 ministerial work without obtaining the preparation which theological
 studies would afford.

COLLEGE LIBRARY.

The funds for the purchase of books having been overdrawn, but few
 have been procured during the past year.

PURCHASED—

Vols.

From the DeWolfe Legacy Fund.—Rawlinson's Ancient Mon-
 archies, vol. 4; Motley's History of the United Netherlands, vols.
 3, 4; Memoir of Dr. Wayland, two volumes; Annual of Science for
 1868; Dawson's Acadian Geology. In all—

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PRESENTED—	Vols.
<i>By the Provincial Secretary.</i> —Journals of the House of Assembly,	1
<i>By the Hon. A. G. Archibald.</i> —Morgan's Bibliotheca Canadensis,	1
<i>By the Commissioners of Patents, Washington.</i> —Patent Office Reports for the years 1862-'65, nine volumes,	9
<i>By the Smithsonian Institute, Washington.</i> —Report for 1866; Contributions to Knowledge, vol. 15,	2
<i>By Robert Potts, Esq.</i> —Liber Cantabrigiensis, with a pamphlet on "Open Scholarships," &c.,	1
<i>By the Secretary of State, Ottawa.</i> —Statutes of Canada for 1867, Parts 1 and 2,	2
<i>By M. M. Jackson, Esq., U. S. Consul, Halifax.</i> —Diplomatic Correspondence for 1865,	4
<i>By the Rev. Timothy Harley, St. John, N. B.</i> —His "Christian Poems,"	1
Total,	28

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

By Professor Higgins.—A stuffed Shark (caught in the Bay of Fundy).

By the Rev. M. P. Freeman, A. B.—Two original letters of the Rev. Eustace Carey, Missionary.

By Mr. W. D. Dimock, A. B.—Specimen of chalcedony, from Brookfield, Colchester County.

By Mr. Cunnable, New Zealand.—A specimen of the *marble nut*, from Panama.

By Miss Lizzie Northrup, Canning.—An eagle's wing, from the West Indies.

By J. R. Willis, Esq., Halifax.—Two specimens of *Pecten Ziczar*, and two of *Modiola Tulipa*, from Bermuda; *Fluer Spar*, (?) from Greenland; two pythons and a centipede (preserved in alcohol), from the West Indies; and a fine specimen of coral (*Arca Noe*) from Bermuda.

By Rev. J. Chase, Wolfville.—A Hamburg schelling.

By Mr. Lethrop Coldwell, Gaspereaux.—A Mexican dollar, of the coinage of the Emperor Maximilian.

By Mr. Jesse W. Tooker.—A fossil bone, taken from the mouth of the Pawtucket River, Chesapeake Bay.

By Mr. George Hart, Halifax.—Specimens of bread fruit, from Sicily.

By Mr. Joseph B. Tooker.—Two Brazil nuts (*Bertholletia excelsa*), from the banks of the Amazon.

By the Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., New London, N. H.—A specimen of New Hampshire granite.

By Mr. Joshua Freeman, Milton, Q. C.—A stick cut from a thorny tree in the West Indies. Name not reported.

As in many previous years, our Institutions have not been without some tokens of Divine power.

Towards the close of the last year, a spirit of earnest prayer was manifested on the part of those of the students who are professors of religion. Efforts were made in the way of direct personal appeal to the unconverted. One remarkable case of conversion to God encouraged

these earnest disciples to persevere ; and, as the result, eleven young persons, connected with the college, academy and seminary, professed publicly their attachment to the Saviour.

It was a matter of regret to many, that the end of the College year seemed to interrupt a work which was going on so favorably ; but it is to be hoped that those who return will begin the coming year in such a spirit, and under such auspices, as will warrant an expectation of still greater displays of Divine grace. For this the churches are urged to pray.

The Report of the Treasurer will bring before this Convention a history of the financial proceedings of the Board, during the past year.

At the meeting of the Convention in Wilmot, a plan for completing the Endowment was presented and cordially approved. Strenuous efforts were made to carry out the provisions of the Scheme. Correspondence was held with various brethren ; but instead of five, it was with difficulty that the services of one agent could be secured. As was stated in the circulars to the churches, Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, of Yarmouth, undertook an agency for a few weeks ; but his report of the unfavorable aspect of the times, induced the agency Committee to recommend a temporary suspension of operations.

It will be a matter of pressing consideration for your body, at its present session, as to the feasibility and practicability of any general effort during the coming year. It must be apparent, that with the increased facilities for education, afforded by the common and superior schools, and County academies, in these Provinces a College, to maintain its rank, must advance with the growth of the times. We need to-day, at the very lowest calculation, two additional departments of instruction, viz., those of Natural Philosophy and Modern Languages. The amount obtained by yearly appeals to the churches, and the income arising from funds already secured, barely meet the demands now made upon them, and it seems a matter of vital necessity that the increased endowment should be collected and secured. The same spirit of self-sacrificing energy and generous zeal, which so happily inaugurated the first effort on this behalf, would make any plan successful ; without that spirit, no mere machinery of agency, however accurate in its details and thorough in its working, can be expected to prosper.

It again becomes the painful duty of your Board to report the removal, by death, of another of their number. Hon. Wm. B. Kinnear, so well known in these Provinces, and, from the time of his adhesion to Baptist principles, so closely identified with our denominational interests, has passed to his reward.

In addition to the vacancy thus caused, in accordance with the Act of Incorporation, six of the Governors retire from office at the present session, subject to re-election or otherwise, as the case may be. Their names will be announced at the proper time.

All which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, SECRETARY.

St. John, N. B., August 24, 1868.

ACADIA COLLEGE—TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Governors of Acadia College—

The report I shall make in presenting you the Accounts for the past year, can differ but little from that made by the Treasurer in 1867.

The "Endowment Fund" remains as before; and although at your last Convention a plan was agreed upon by which the Endowment might be speedily completed, yet the succeeding financial and political difficulties, prevented any very strenuous efforts being made to put into operation the scheme suggested, except to a very limited extent.

The investments consist of twenty-four mortgages on real estate, amounting to \$23,012, and Provincial bonds \$7,000; the interest on which is regularly paid semi-annually, and forms the only reliable fund to meet current expenses.

The amount of interest paid on "notes of hand" during the past year is very small, owing either to the "scarcity of money," which has been felt almost everywhere throughout the Province, or to a growing indifference to the claims of the Institution.

Some of the notes have become worthless by age, others by removals to a distance, or death of the donors.

A general order from your Board that all outstanding notes of hand and pledges should be indiscriminately collected, would prevent many being destroyed, and increase the available resources.

The response of the churches to the call for funds to meet the expenses of the current year, has been unusually feeble; the sum received being only \$249.65, a mere pittance, when the large number of churches represented at the Convention is taken into consideration. A few churches promptly remitted the amounts apportioned; the majority, however, either remitted only a small portion of what your Board considered their share, or passed by the Secretary's circular in silence.

Very much rests upon the ministers of the three Provinces, whose duty is certainly individually to impress upon the members of their churches the necessity of not only *supporting* our "Common Denominational College," but of placing it at least on a par with other American Colleges.

If all would combine heart and soul for such an end, the Treasurer would not be obliged to show so small a sum, as the *result* of the "Appeal to the churches of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island."

All salaries and accounts against the Board have been paid to date, leaving nothing in the hands of the Treasurer.

Certain repairs on the College and surrounding buildings are at the present time positively requisite, and it remains to be taken into consideration from what sources the necessary funds will be forthcoming.

ANDREW D. W. BARSS, M. D., TREASURER.

Wolfville, August 1, 1868.

*Acadia College Endowment Fund in account with Andrew D. W. Barss,
M. D., Treasurer.*

1868.		Dr.	
Aug. 1.	To invested in one mortgage,		\$1,200 00
	“ balance in hand to new account,		194 05½
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			\$1,394 05½

1868.		Cr.	
Aug. 1.	By balance in hand from 1867,	\$33 35	
	“ received from Truro Church,	55 00	
	“ donation from Miss Augusta Bent,	100 00	
	“ received for a mortgage paid off,	400 00	
	“ collected from notes and pledges,	805 70½	
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			\$1,394 05½
	By balance in hand,		<hr/>
			\$194 05½

Wolfville, Aug. 1, 1868. ANDREW D. W. BARSS, M. D.,
TREASURER.

*Acadia College in Account General with Andrew D. W. Barss, M. D.,
Treasurer.*

1868.		Dr.	
Aug. 1.	To paid salaries to Professors,		\$3,400 00
	“ repairs on buildings, fences, &c.,		55 04
	“ premium on fire insurance,		160 00
	“ incidentals, i. e., librarian, fuel, cleaning, stationery, printing, &c.,		142 46
	“ Treasurer,		100 00
	“ Agent,		141 40
	Balance on hand carried forward,		18
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			\$3,999 98

1868.		Cr.	
Aug. 1.	By balance in hand from 1867,	\$39 38	
	“ donations received from churches,	317 37*	
	“ “ from individuals,	421 00	
	“ received for rent of rooms, build- ings, lands, &c.,	585 51	
	“ received for diplomas,	77 00	
	“ Provincial grant,	400 00	
	“ interest on investments and notes of hand,	2,158 82	
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			\$3,999 08
	By balance on hand,		<hr/>
			\$0 18

* \$67.72 of this belongs to the Appeal of 1867.

Wolfville, Aug. 1, 1868. ANDREW D. W. BARSS, M. D.,
TREASURER.

*De Wolfe Legacy Fund in Account with Andrew D. W. Barss, M. D.,
Treasurer.*

1868.		DR.		
Aug. 1.	To paid Dr. Cramp for books for library,	.....		\$120 00
	“ “ Theological students, viz. :—			
	John Stubbert, H. E. Munro, W. George,			
	H. E. Morrow, D. Sanford, E. C. Spinney,			
	C. F. Myers, and John McDonald, each			
	\$14.50, .....	.....	\$116 00	
	“ “ Wm. Armstrong, .....	.....	11 00—	127 00
	“ “ balance due the Fund, .....	.....	57 61	
	“ “ “ Library Fund, .....	.....	20 12—	77 73
				<u>\$324 73</u>

1868.		CR.		
Aug. 1.	By balance from former account—Theological			
	Fund, .....	.....	\$52 61	
	“ interest received, .....	.....	132 00	
			<u>184 61</u>	
	“ balance from former ac't. Library Fd.,		\$8 12	
	“ interest received, .....	.....	132 00	
			<u>140 12</u>	
				<u>\$324 73</u>

1868.				
Aug. 1.	By balance due Theological Fund, .....	.....	\$57 61	
	“ “ Library “ .....	.....	20 12	
			<u>77 73</u>	

Wolfville, Aug. 1, 1868. ANDREW D. W. BARSS, M. D.,
TREASURER.

Individual Contributions to Current Expenses in 1868.

Received from Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.,	.....	.....	\$400 00
“ “ S. N. Binney, Halifax,	.....	.....	20 00
“ “ Miss Wyneck, .....	.....	.....	1 00
			<u>\$421 00</u>

Wolfville, Aug. 1, 1868. ANDREW D. W. BARSS, M. D.,
TREASURER.

List of Churches contributing to Current Expenses.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.	EASTERN ASSOCIATION.
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot..... \$15 00	Alexandria, P. E. I..... \$3 35
Pine Grove..... 10 00	Economy..... 4 00
Received from Rev. J. Balcom on ac't. Association, 20 00	Guysboro' & Manchester.. 7 00
\$45 00	Maccan..... 2 00
	Tortaupique..... 4 00
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.	Sydney, C. B..... 4 50
Upper Aylesford..... \$3 00	North Sydney, C. B..... 10 00
Bridgewater, \$7; Chester, \$1.50..... 8 50	Uigg, P. E. I..... 8 00
Cornwallis 1st, \$20; Do. 3d, \$7.00..... 27 00	Upper Londonderry,... 2 00
Cornwallis 5th..... 10 00	Wentworth..... 2 00
Halifax 1st, \$20; Halifax 2d, \$8.25..... 28 25	\$46 85
Jeddore, \$4; New Germany, \$1.60..... 5 60	NEW BRUNSWICK.
Walton Church per Francis Parker,..... 5 00	Brussels Street, St. John.. \$20 50
Horton 1st, \$25; Horton 2d, \$4.50..... 29 50	Leinster Street..... 20 00
\$116 85	Saint George..... 5 00
Deduct for print. Minutes, 4 55	\$45 00
\$112 30	Total..... <u>\$249 65</u>

ANDREW D. W. BARSS, M. D.,
TREASURER.

Wolfville, Aug. 1, 1868.

It was moved and seconded that the above reports be adopted.

The following named brethren spoke in connection with the above reports. Rev. John Frances, California, Rev. T. Harley, Rev. G. W. M. Carey, Rev. D. V. Dexter, U. S., Rev. Dr. Fyfe, Ontario, Rev. Dr. Murdock, U. S., W. Faulkner, Esq., and J. Fisher, Esq.

It was moved by Rev. D. M. Welton, and seconded— That a subscription be opened to secure at this Convention pledges to the amount of \$800 and upwards, to establish a chair of instruction in the Natural Sciences, in Acadia College. The mover opened the subscription with pledging \$40. Others followed, and

the sum was increased on the next day to \$840. *See list of subscribers.*

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

Monday Evening, Aug. 24.

The evening session of this Convention was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. Henry Angell, of New York city. Minutes of the previous meeting read, corrected and approved. The Board of Foreign Missions presented their annual report by their Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper; also the report of the Treasurer, A. T. Barker, Esq.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD *in account with* A. T. BARKER,
Treasurer.

1867.	DR.	
Aug. 29.	Pd. Mrs. Burpee's allowance to Jan. 21st, 1868,	\$80 00
Sept. 6.	Rem. Rev. A. R. R. Crawley,	502 72
" 6.	Balance due J. W. Barss, Esq., on former rem.,	4 29
Dec. 4.	Discount on P. E. Island money,	1 00
1868.		
Mar. 19.	Rem. Rev. E. A. Stevens,	*601 00
" 19.	Paid for printing Minutes of Convention,	75 00
Jan. 22.	Paid Rev. I. Wallace for map of India,	1 28
July 30.	Rem. Rev. E. A. Stevens,	*900 31
" 30.	Paid Secretary, postages and stationary,	5 50
		\$2,171 10
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1,847 56
		\$4,018 66

*Of the above remittances, \$601, to Rev. E. A. Stevens, \$200 were for Miss De Wolfe.

1867.	CR.	
Aug. 10.	By amount in hand as per account rendered,	\$1,771 49
" 24.	Windsor S. School, for Mrs. Crawley's Mission School,	10 03
" 24.	Rev. George Burns, Manguerville, N. B.,	3 82½
" 24.	Collections at Convention,	22 66½
" 24.	A. T., H. H., and J. L. Morse, to support a native preacher,	100 00
" 24.	Rev. G. F. Miles for do.,	25 00
" 24.	Treasurer of Foreign Missions, St. John, N. B.,	145 00
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$2,078 01

		<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$2,078 01
Sept.	6.	S. School of 1st Cornwallis church, to support a native preacher,	22 00
"	6.	Silas Stephens,	75
"	7.	Friend in King's County, to support a native preacher,	25 00
"	14.	North Baptist Sabbath School, Halifax,	1 02½
Oct.	10.	Sable River Sabbath School,	1 50
Dec.	3.	From S. E. P., by Rev. S. T. Rand,	20 00
"	4.	Nictaux Church, to support a native preacher,	17 40
"	4.	Friend in Charlottetown, P. E. I., to support a native preacher,	100 00
"	24.	Thy Kingdom come, do.	30 00
1868.			
Jan.	6.	Nictaux Church, as above,	6 72½
"	21.	John West, Aylesford,	1 00
"	21.	Mrs. Prudence Parker, Woodville, Cornwallis,	5 00
"	22.	Truro Church, to support a native preacher,	50 00
"	22.	Sister in Truro, to support a native preacher,	40 00
"	22.	T. M. King, } To support a na- }	25 00
"	22.	H. H. Dobson, } tive preacher. }	25 00
Feb.	5.	Miss Orisa Lowe, Sackville, N. B.,	1 00
"	10.	Thy Kingdom come, to support a native preacher,	25 00
"	17.	Rev. J. E. Balcom, to sup. a native preacher,	25 00
"	27.	Pine Grove Church, } To support a na- }	15 00
"	27.	Nictaux Church, } tive preacher. }	23 00
Mar.	16.	Miss N., combined with Thy Kingdom Come, as above,	25 00
"	20.	Friend in Halifax,	50 00
"	20.	Interest on Debentures,	60 00
"	20.	J. Bew, Arichat,	3 00
"	20.	Baptist S. School, Charlottetown, P. E. I.,	3 34
Apr.	8.	Nictaux Church, as above,	2 05
"	18.	Wolfville S. School Working Society, to support a native preacher,	50 00
May	5.	Rev. G. F. Miles (with Rev. J. E. Balcom), as above,	25 00
"	26.	Friend in Amherst,	1 00
June	2.	Miss Rachel Downing, New Annan,	2 50
"	20.	Granville St. S. School Halifax, } To sup. a na- }	51 32
"	20.	Do. B. Ch. and congregation, } tive preach. }	50 70
"	22.	Pine Grove Church, as above,	35 00
"	22.	Western Baptist Association,	*318 17½
"	22.	Rawdon Church,	4 00
"	22.	Miss Elizabeth J. Carter,	4 12½
July	1.	Central Association,	†198 59
"	1.	Up. Aylesford Ch., to support a native preacher,	49 00
"	20.	Rev. J. E. Balcom, for do. do.	25 00
"	24.	Lady in Truro, for do. do.	40 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>			\$3,535 21

		<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$3,535 21
July	24.	Eastern Association,	‡168 45
"	27.	Interest on Debentures,	60 00
"	27.	Annapolis and Upper Granville, to support a native preacher,	50 00
"	31.	T. M. King, Esq., for do.	25 00
Aug.	5.	Sydney Ch., C. B., to support a native preacher,	100 00
"	5.	North Sydney Sabbath School, to support a native preacher,	80 00
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			\$4,018 66

* Of this sum \$50.00 were from Lower Granville Church, to support a native preacher, combined with the churches at Annapolis and Upper Granville; \$40.83 from 1st Yarmouth Church, for do.

† Of this sum \$40.00 were from 2d Cornwallis Church, to support Miss DeWolfe.

‡ Of this sum \$50.00 were from Truro Church, to support a native preacher; \$20.00 from North Sydney Church, for do.

We have examined the foregoing payments, accompanied with vouchers, and found them correct.

WM. FAULKNER,
J. H. HARDING,
L. McMANN,
Auditors.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.

In pursuance of the Resolution unanimously adopted by the Board and Convention at Pine Grove, to send Miss Minnie B. DeWolfe as our Female Missionary to Burmah, an interesting Farewell Service was held in Halifax, on the evening of October 2nd, 1867, at which she was specially designated to that work. Though required to proceed sooner than had been anticipated, yet she cheerfully acquiesced in the arrangement, and left her sorrowing friends without delay.

Agreeably to a Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Convention, Sister DeWolfe, on the way to Boston, visited St. John, N. B., where she was cordially received, and a number of Missionary Meetings were held, with favorable results. By reason of various disappointments, our Sister was reluctantly detained at Boston upwards of two months. She was hospitably entertained at the residence of our generous brother, Lewis E. DeWolfe, of Charlestown.

On the 17th day of December last, by earnest efforts, our Sister obtained a passage, in company with Mrs. Van Meter and Misses Watson and Higby, in the ship *John Bunyan*, Capt. Nichols, bound directly for Rangoon, British Burmah.

It was at first a source of trial to Sister DeWolfe that the Captain's wife determined to accompany him; as it was feared that, owing to the number of females taking passage, her long-cherished hope of laboring for her beloved Saviour in a heathen land, would have to be still further postponed. In compliance, however, with her affectionate entreaties, the others kindly agreed to submit to any inconvenience that they might sustain by making room for her. The *sequel* clearly evinced, that the

presence of the Captain's wife, with other circumstances which had appeared untoward, was graciously ordered in Providence for the effecting of great good.

On the 17th day of April last, precisely four months after the *John Bunyan* left Boston, through Divine goodness, she safely reached Point DeGalle, Ceylon. The letters sent from that port by our Sisters Van Meter and DeWolfe, furnish a very pleasing account of the happy effects of faithful and prudent efforts put forth by pious ladies for the salvation of precious souls.

Mrs. Van Meter says: "Feeling a deep interest in the conversion of seamen, whose sanctuary and religious privileges are few, and remembering the blessings of God poured upon us on our previous return voyage to Burmah, with Mr. Van Meter and several other Missionaries on board the *R. B. Forbes* (in 1860), when our Captain, both officers, and nearly every man on board were converted, we felt a strong desire for a like blessing upon this passage; and spoke to many friends to pray for us. But how should we work, being only a company of women? Would there be any suitable way for us to speak to the Captain, officers, and men? and how conduct religious worship? and sustain a family altar? Before the young ladies were able to be off their beds, from sea-sickness, we closed the door of our little state-room, and I led in evening prayer, as with one heart we asked God to open a way before us, if He had a work for us to do, and to prompt us to do it."

Sister DeWolfe writes: "We had a deeply interesting work going on in our midst. At first, we commenced with prayer in our state-room. Then we invited the Captain's wife to join us, drawing the curtains, and taking up only half the cabin. Pretty soon the Captain"—by means of his *wife*, the connecting link—"was drawn in, and we had the whole of the cabin; and so we went on till now we have service on the deck every night, two services on the Sabbath, and on Wednesday evening we have our prayer meeting—every one on board attending but the man at the wheel. Seven have been hopefully converted; among the number the Captain and his wife. It is cheering and pleasant to hear the voice of prayer from the lips of these young converts."

Sister Van Meter adds: "The young ladies have been true in sympathy, and ready in every step of duty, alternately taking their part in conducting evening worship; and since this precious *revival of religion* commenced, frequently speaking to the Captain and his wife, and the officers and men personally on the subject of their soul's conversion. This has been true missionary work; and if they can do it here, it certainly argues well for their usefulness in the foreign field." Of Miss DeWolfe she remarks: "When I see the earnestness, and yet discretion, with which, one so gentle and winning, labors, and in all things conducts, I feel thankful that I did not come without her. Her knowledge of singing has helped much in our religious services. May your prayers ever follow her! I trust God will ever bless her labours, as He has thus far."

In a letter addressed to your Secretary, dated, "Rangoon, May 16th, 1868," Sister DeWolfe says: "We anchored in the harbour on the 11th of May, after a passage of a little more than a fortnight from Galle. We were cordially welcomed by *all* the Missionary friends."

Her trials, however, were not yet ended. Brother Crawley, on leaving Burmah for America, for the special benefit of his family, expecting to be absent about eighteen months, committed the general oversight of our affairs, including the receipt and disbursement of our funds, to Rev. Dr. E. A. Stevens, of Rangoon. But he entrusted certain matters to Sister Ingalls, and, undoubtedly with the kindest intentions, proposed to her to furnish a home for Sister DeWolfe. With this proposal Mrs. Ingalls was pleased; as appears from her letter to your Secretary, which has been published. Our young sister was very reluctant to seem unconscious of the kindness of Mrs. Ingalls, and to disappoint her expectations, after preparations had been made for her reception; but the leadings of Providence seemed to her to point toward Bassein, for which place she was originally destined, and to the Sagau (usually written Agau) Karens, as the people with whom she should labour. As to the plan, Brother Crawley seems to have regarded it as quite optional with her; for he says (January 9, 1868), "She will find a pleasant home with the Van Meters, or possibly with Mrs. Ingalls." Sister DeWolfe remarks: "As Brother Crawley is not here, I feel that Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter have the first advice to give; and it is my desire to labour with them in Bassein." It may be added here, that they strongly recommended this course, and expressed readiness to afford her all the assistance in their power. Mrs. Van Meter, in a letter accompanying Miss DeWolfe's, agrees with her in the view, that "The Burmese field in Bassein seems to be closed," at least for the present, so far as her labours are concerned, while that of the Sagau Karens is evidently open, inviting, and promising. Six of their preachers—resident in the region of Bassein—having been informed that Female Missionaries were on their way from America, addressed to them (January 22d, 1868) the following letter, which Rev. Mr. Thomas translated and forwarded, with evident approval: "We have heard in regard to Missionary ladies, that two such ladies are on their way to Burmah. May much grace be upon them! We, the pastors in Bassein, have taken consultation, and have come to this conclusion: Among us there is much work in the way of teaching. Single ladies can find work here in teaching, both in the English and Karen languages. In this matter there is great need of aid. Hence you, beloved Missionary laborers, *two of you*, should you come to us, we should greatly rejoice. If you come, we will receive you with all our hearts. There is no necessity of spending any money for your residence or place of teaching. All is in readiness. We sincerely hope you will come."

Sister DeWolfe remarks: "The inducements to labour among the Karens are stronger than with the Burmans; yet I *wish* to go wherever Jesus leads. I think I see and feel *His* hand guiding me there, at least for the present; and I shall proceed directly there, and take up the Sagau language immediately, until I receive directions from you to do otherwise."

Rev. Dr. E. A. Stevens, of Rangoon, in a letter dated "Rangoon June 2nd, 1868," after kindly expressing a readinness to take the oversight of our preachers, &c., during Brother Crawley's absence, remarks, "It will also give me much pleasure to aid Miss DeWolfe. She has gone with Mr. Van Meter to Bassein, intending to enter the Karen

department of the work." Of it and the Burman, he adds: "In either department there is abundance of work, and of encouragement as well. If there is in the mind of the individual himself, or herself, a decided preference for the one or the other, as a general rule, we are accustomed to regard that fact as an important element in the decision of such a question. Our hope and prayer is, that a career of much usefulness may be before her."

Your Board would only add, in favor of the course adopted, that our mission was at first commenced among the Karens; and that the number of preachers of that race, supported by funds from these Provinces, is comparatively large, and yearly increasing.

Your Secretary first requested Bro. Crawley, and subsequently Bro. Stevens, to furnish a particular statement relative to your native preachers, &c., in time for insertion in this report; but this has not come to hand. Probably the transfer of the general supervision, from the former to the latter, may have occasioned delay. (Should it be received before this report is printed, extracts may still be inserted.)

From Bro. Crawley's letters, however, some encouraging particulars may be obtained. Under date of November 23d, 1867, he says: "I continue to receive applications from Missionaries, at different stations, for assistance in supporting preachers. The balance on hand, and all that the largest liberality of the churches and different parties may devise, will, I have no doubt, be all needed to meet the demands of the current year." In unison with this he encloses a statement from Rev. J. F. Norris, of Maulmain, gratefully acknowledging support furnished to 4 preachers, 1 Burman and 3 Karen. Bro. N. says: "The Burman is an aged man, who has been a consistent Christian and preacher for many years. He still labors in and about Maulmain, reporting his work weekly to the Missionaries." Of the Karens it is stated that they were formerly supported by the Maulmain Missionary Society, and were dropped merely from lack of funds." He says: "*Piah hai*, at the village of Mentsai, on the east side of the Salwen, has been pastor of a church of 76 members, and visits the adjoining churches. *Shevay Tsa* has charge of a church which now numbers 42. He is a faithful laborer. *My ahoo* has a church of 32 members. He has made several trips to Shangeen and elsewhere, in company with Rev. Mr. Harris, and he is regarded by him as a faithful assistant." Bro. Norris adds, "All these men are worthy of continued support."

It is painful to be obliged to report, from Bro. Crawley, that *Moung Myat Zau*, who had been held in high esteem, and labored zealously and successfully, has by misconduct rendered his expulsion indispensable. The fact, however, that there does not appear to have been any other cases of defection in the course of the year among our *twenty* preachers, who had recently emerged from the depths of "abominable idolatries," may well excite gratitude, and afford encouragement. In place of this one Burman are substituted two Karen preachers, *Al Shevay* and *Kyan sa lah*.

One diligent laborer has been called to his rest. "*Moung Than Shone*, a valued and faithful brother, died of jungle fever, taken while laboring among the jungle villages of his district." It is highly consoling to know that he died at his post, in the midst of faithful efforts

in his Redeemer's cause. In his place also are appointed two Karen preachers, *Shevay Too* and *Shevay Au*.

These are the changes specifically stated that have occurred since the meeting of Convention in 1867. (See Minutes, pp. 21, 22.) It may be safely concluded, that besides Sister DeWolfe, the number of our preachers is at least 20, with two female Bible-readers, and two school teachers.

In the absence of a full report of the labors of our native preachers, the following statement, furnished by Rev. A. T. Rose, of Rangoon, in a letter dated "June 5, 1868," relative to Moug Pyu or Pyoo, supported by a friend in Charlottetown, P. E. I., and formerly under the direct supervision of Rev. Dr. E. A. Stevens (see last Report, pp. 21, 24), may well afford encouragement to all supporters of this Mission: "*Moug Pyu* has been much with me, and under my eye, for nearly two years. About one year ago we commenced visiting, three or four days in a week, the large town of Kemendine, 11 miles above my residence, and five miles from Rangoon. With a view to reach, if possible, all the families, we took the town by streets, and, selecting the largest verandas, here and there, would often get members of six, eight, or twelve families around us for a congregation. Thus we went through the town, preaching and giving tracts. Some days we spent in the Bazar, and some along the River's bank, where many boats come from inland towns. Moug Pyoo kept up his interest in this work; and displayed a good deal of knowledge and skill in conversing with the people. In October he accompanied me to Maulmain for a month. During the rains, besides going to Kemendine, he spent part of the time in a zayat on the main road, preaching and giving books; and also attending Dr. Stevens' class for Bible instruction twice a week.

By the last of November, I was to start for Mandalay and Northern Burmah. Being disappointed with regard to attendants, as many have a dread of going into Northern Burmah for fear of robbers, tigers, fevers, &c., Brother Rose says, "I asked Moug Pyoo if he was *willing* to go with me? He replied that he was willing to go. During our passage of twenty days up the river, both with passengers on board, and with the crowds of Burmans at the many places where we stopped, he seemed to improve his opportunities to preach and give tracts; as also during the time we spent in Mandalay—about a month in all. Our journey in the Shan country was very wearing and trying every way; and I am happy to say, that Moug Pyoo conducted himself in such a manner as to raise in our estimation his worth as a man and a Christian. We travelled through some nine or ten of the *Shan States* tributary to the King of Burmah. Moug Pyoo was never backward in preaching when there was preaching to be done. But in such a rapid journey in such a country, there is something to be done besides preaching. Patience, forbearance, firmness, endurance, courage, hardship, fatigue, hunger, cold, &c. &c., are all demanded. During this trip Moug Pyoo proved himself a useful and reliable man.

"Leaving Mandalay the last Saturday of February, we started for Bhams, the north-eastern Province of the Burman empire, on the morning of the fifth Sabbath after we reached Bhams. We stopped at all the large towns to give books and speak to the people. Moug Pyoo was as active in preaching as he was willing and valuable in steering

and managing the boat. I am more and more pleased with the temper and spirit of the man; he seems to me to be growing both in capacity and desire for usefulness. He has a wife and two children; and is, I should say, about thirty years old. I am cordial in speaking of him as in my opinion worthy of your support."

In view of this very encouraging amount of the faithful and zealous labours of this one native preacher, it affords your Board much pleasure to state, that, through the commendable generosity of several Churches and Sabbath Schools (as will appear from the Treasurer's report), provision has been made for the support of *four* more of these diligent and useful labourers.

In accordance with a Resolution passed by your Board, recommending the holding of combined Foreign Missionary Meetings, for the furtherance of this good work, such meetings were held in the several fields occupied by the pastors then present. The results were obviously beneficial in a high degree. The holding of such meetings is affectionately recommended to our pastors and Churches in general throughout these Provinces. May all pray earnestly for the sending forth of a suitable man, or men, from our midst, and the raising up of an increase of native preachers, for a special blessing to attend the efforts of all our laborers, and in unison with prayer thus offered, contribute liberally for their support!

CHARLES TUPPER, *Secretary.*

FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD *in account of Receipts and Expenses of Miss Minnie B. DeWolfe, with A. T. BAKER, Treasurer.*

1867.		DR.	
Aug. 27.	Paid expenses of Miss DeWolfe from Halifax to Wilmot, to Convention,	.	\$10 75
Sept. 15.	Paid for outfit of Miss DeWolfe,	.	50 00
" 25.	Paid for do. do.,	.	150 00
Oct. 3.	Paid for telegram from St. John,	.	67
" 3.	Paid Miss DeWolfe, for voyage to Boston, and expenses connected therewith,	.	23 00
" 3.	Rem. to Treasurer Foreign Mission Board, Boston, for her passage to Burmah,	.	500 00
1868.	July 30. Paid on account of Miss DeWolfe in Halifax, toward her salary,	.	31 78
	Paid on money order,	.	20
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			\$766 40
1867.		CR.	
Aug. 24.	Rec'd. on subscription at Convention,	\$141 62½	
Sept. 14.	Friend in King's County,	5 00	
" 14.	Deacon Abel Parker, Berwick,	4 00	
" 14.	Mrs. Abel Parker,	1 00	
Oct. 1.	Miss Wealthy Tupper,	75	
" 2.	Collection in Halifax at farewell services,	23 07	
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	Carried forward,	\$175 44½	\$766 40

1867.		<i>Brought forward,</i>	. \$175 44½	\$766 40
Oct. 7.	1st Horton Baptist Church,		. 50 00	
Dec. 4.	Church at New Germany,		. 2 68½	
" 4.	Lower Aylesford and Up. Wilmot Church,		25 09	
" 4.	Sidney Church,		. 4 45	
1868.				
Jan. 21.	Mrs. Ambrose Dodge,		. 5 00	
Feb. 27.	Pine Grove Church,		. 10 00	
Mar. 11.	Mary, widow of Rev. G. Dimock,		. 1 00	
" 11.	Friend in Newport, by C. Skinner,		. 2 50	
June 20.	A friend, by P. R. Foster,		. 1 00	
" 23.	A friend,		. 1 00	
" 26.	Peter Starritt, Paradise,		. 1 00	
	Pine Grove Church, including \$20 sub-			
	scribed by Miss Isabella Dodge, at			
	Convention,		. 36 00	
	Infant class 1st Yarmouth S. School,		. 6 00	
	Church at Lower Aylesford and Upper			
	Wilmot,		. 29 64	
	Kempt Church,		. 1 00	
	Lower Granville Church,		. 10 00	
July 16.	Mrs. Ritchie, Newport,		. 1 00	
	Rec'd. on subscriptions at Convention,		37 00	
				399 81
	Balance due Treasurer,			<u>\$366 59</u>

We have examined the foregoing accounts and their vouchers, and find them correct.

WM. FAULKNER,
J. H. HARDING, } *Auditors.*
L. McMANN,

Dr. Cramp, with a brief but earnest address, moved the adoption of the above Reports. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Murdock, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the A. B. M. Union; Rev. Dr. Fyfe, of the Woodstock Seminary, Ontario; Rev. H. V. Dexter, of Calais, Me., and Rev. Mr. Barker, returned missionary of the A. B. C. for Foreign Missions.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. P. Everett, of Chelsea, Mass.

Tuesday Morning, Aug. 25.

The Convention was opened this morning at 10 A. M., with singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Spurden.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The Committee appointed on the fraternal greetings of the Canada Baptist Missionary Convention, reported as follows:—

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the address of the Canada Baptist Missionary Convention, East, beg leave to report—

That they recommend the printing of the above-mentioned address in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Convention. And they further recommend that a fraternal reply to the address be sent by this Convention to their brethren of the Canada Convention, East, a draft of which they are prepared to submit for the approval of the Convention; and that a copy of the same address, when approved, be handed to the Rev. Dr. Fyfe and Professor Wells, for presentation to the Baptist brethren in the Western part of the Dominion, at their next annual Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. SPURDEN, Chairman.

This Report was adopted.

The fraternal address from this Convention to the brethren of the Canada Convention, East, to be handed to the Rev. Dr. Fyfe and Professor Wells, for presentation to the Baptist brethren in the Western part of the Dominion, at their next annual Convention, was read by the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. Dr. Spurden, and adopted.

Rev. H. V. Dexter, of Calais, Me., having made a kind and fraternal statement in behalf of the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Charles Spurden, D. D., be our delegate to attend the next annual meeting of that body, and present our fraternal greetings; and in case of his failing, any other brother or brethren who might be present, be requested to do so.

It was announced to the Convention that Sir Henry Havelock was in the city, whereupon it was moved and carried that the President, Rev. Dr. Crawley, Hon. Judge Johnston, Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. G. M. W. Carcy, and Rev. I. E. Bill, be delegated to convey to him the compliments of this Convention.

The following Resolution was moved and carried: That the Rev. D. Freeman be requested to condense his discourse as delivered yesterday morning, in

order to its publication in the columns of the *Visitor* and *Messenger*.

Voted to resume the order of the day, viz.: addresses relative to the Report of the Board of Governors. The following brethren then addressed the Convention, viz.: Rev. E. M. Saunders, Prof. Wells, Dr. Fyfe, W. S. McKenzie, T. Harley, Prof. Higgins, G. M. W. Carey, D. Freeman, and John Barss, Esquire.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. John Davis.

Tuesday Afternoon, 2½ o'clock.

Convention reassembled. Prayer by Rev. W. Hall. Minutes read, corrected, and approved.

Committee of Nomination further reported, recommending that the next meeting of this body be held with the Granville Street Church, Halifax, and that Rev. G. M. W. Carey preach the Convention sermon, and Rev. W. S. McKenzie be his alternate.

Resolved—That this Report be adopted.

Resolved—That brethren I. E. Bill and Timothy Harley be appointed our delegates to the next meeting of the Missionary Convention of Ontario.

Resolved—That the Convention proceed at once to nominate and elect six Governors of Acadia College, to fill the place of six that retire this year in course.

Resolved—That Hon. Judge Johnston, Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D., D. Rupert Eaton, Esq., A. F. Randolph, Esq., Rev. W. S. McKenzie, A. M., and Rev. John Davis, be elected; and that Z. G. Gabel, Esq., be appointed to fill the place made vacant by the death of Hon. W. B. Kinnear.

The Committee on the State of the Denomination presented the following Report, which was adopted :

STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

The State of the Denomination, as presented in the Minutes of the Association, appears in the following statistics :—

NOVA SCOTIA.

Western Association,	57 Churches,	410 Baptisms,	8,030 Members.
Central	“ 41	“ 256	“ 5,289
Eastern	“ 61	“ 303	“ 3,841
	—159	—969	—17,163

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Western Association,	62 Churches,	165 Baptisms,	4,332 Members.
Eastern	“ 66	“ 347	“ 5,220
	—128	—512	—9,552

Total,	287	1481	26,715
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The number of baptisms is 50 per cent. greater than last year, averaging a little more than six per Church in Nova Scotia, and four in New Brunswick: general average, five. The clear increase is 934, being somewhat more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in Nova Scotia, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in New Brunswick: general average, $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Eleven brethren have been ordained, viz. :—

Sept. 3,	1867.	J. A. Steadman,	St. George, N. B.
“ 4,	“	W. D. Manzer,	Shediac, N. B.
“ 23,	“	J. E. Hopper,	Fredericton, N. B.
Oct. 16,	“	Elisha Corey,	Canterbury, N. B.
Dec. 10,	“	O. E. Cox,	Chegogin, Yarmouth, N. S.
Jan. 24,	1868.	Elijah J. Corey,	Point de Bute, N. B.
Feb. 6,	“	J. E. Bleakney,	South Richmond, N. B.
“ 26,	“	James Meadows,	Jeddore, N. S.
Mar. 31,	“	J. W. Manning,	Hawkesbury, C. B.
June 25,	“	G. E. Day,	M. D., Yarmouth, N. S.
July 12,	“	D. Carpenter,	Bayside, N. B.

The formation of four new Churches has been reported, viz., 2d Fredericton and South Musquash, in New Brunswick; and 2d Sable River, and Mill Village, Queens Co., Nova Scotia.

New meeting houses have been opened at South Richmond, and Hopewell, N. B.; Arcadia, Yarmouth, N. S.; and North River, P. E. I.

The brethren in Prince Edward Island having formed themselves into an Association, the statistics of that Island—heretofore included in the returns of the Eastern Nova Scotia Association—will be henceforth reported separately, in their proper place.

Our hearts would have been greatly gladdened if the reports of the year had told of rapid progress and extensive victory over evil. But, grateful as we ought to be for the accessions now recorded, it must not be concealed that our Churches, with few exceptions, exhibit small increase; that some are even losing ground; and that in only here and

there an instance does the advance made equal the expectations that might be justly founded on our Lord's Commission, the promise which was annexed to it, and the success of the primitive Church. Doubtless it is a glorious achievement to save a soul from death, and no honour can be greater than that which falls to the lot of him who is employed as God's instrument for this purpose. Yet who among us is satisfied with the existing state of things in our churches? Who does not feel assured that we should have wrought greater deliverance, if our faith had been stronger, our self-denial more marked, our sympathy with Jesus more powerful, and especially if there had been throughout our ranks a more conscientious and general devotedness of every talent and opportunity to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom? We may well be astonished that the Saviour should bless us at all, while we are bound to confess, with humility and shame, our numerous shortcomings and defects. How much more brilliant would have been the course of our denomination, if all its members had been "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost"—each one living "not to himself, but to him that died for him and rose again."

That bright course may yet be attained. Let us all follow the example of our Divine Lord, whose pregnant words, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" embodied that principle of life and action which should pervade the hearts of all Christians, and presented Him to us as a model to be devoutly and constantly imitated. Let us realize the truth and faithfulness of God—

" Whose promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet."

Let us "pray without ceasing," and "always abound in the work of the Lord." Let us adopt for our motto the words of the immortal Carey, "Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God." Let every Christian show himself a willing follower of our great Exemplar, and "go about doing good." Then will the Lord "bless us, and lift up upon us the light of His countenance, and give us peace."

The review of the past confirms your Committee in the conviction that at least an annual meeting for special thanksgiving and prayer is desirable for the Churches. A blessing has frequently rested on it. The recommendation to devote the first Thursday in December to this object is therefore repeated. So much good has resulted in many places from the observance of the week of prayer at the beginning of the year, that your Committee cherish the hope that the observance will become general in the Churches, either by themselves or in union with Christians of other denominations, as may be deemed advisable.

Your Committee regret to learn that no steps have yet been taken to bring about a union between the Churches of these Provinces and those of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. They trust that the object will not be lost sight of, and that the presence at this meeting of the Rev. Dr. Fyfe, President of the Canadian Literary Institute, Woodstock, Ontario, and of Prof. Wells, of the same Institute, will furnish occasion for such conference and mutual communications as shall ultimately issue in the accomplishment of the desired object.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to draft a Resolution expressing our remonstrance against the matter of Precedence, as published in the Dominion *Gazette*; and further

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. Dr. Fyfe, and Rev. J. Davis, constitute that Committee.

The Committee on Departed Brethren presented the following Report, which was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTED BRETHERN.

Our late truly venerable brother JARVIS RING, was born in the year 1780; obtained hope in Christ in 1793; was baptized in 1800; preached for a few months in 1801; but subsequently, in connection with the faithful discharge of the duties of a Deacon, confined his public labors to prayer and exhortation. At a later period, however, feeling himself constrained to devote the remainder of his life to the Gospel ministry, he was ordained on the eighth day of August, 1846. From that time he labored diligently, faithfully, and usefully, in Bridgetown, and other parts of Annapolis County, N. S., and afterwards as a City missionary in St. John, N. B., and adjacent places, until the year 1860, when, at the age of 80 years, infirmity compelled him to desist from stated public labors.

The Chairman of your Committee enjoyed a pleasing acquaintance with our worthy brother Ring for half a century, and esteemed him highly, as a kind-hearted, benevolent and excellent man, and a devout and exemplary Christian. He possessed equanimity of mind in an unusual degree. In wealth and affluence, he was neither haughty nor elated; and when, through losses by fire and other adversities, these were taken from him, he was neither depressed nor disquieted. In every state he appeared uniformly humble, contented, and cheerful. When enfeebled through age and infirmity, and during his last protracted illness, he remained patient, affable, and happy, evidently enjoying much of the Divine presence, and looking forward with steadfast and consoling hope to the heavenly rest. On the 22d day of April, 1868, in the 88th year of his age, there was unquestionably "administered" to our dear brother Ring, beloved by all in the circle of his acquaintance, "an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Rev. E. MANNING STARRATT professed faith about 12 years since. Not far from a year subsequently, he felt constrained to devote himself to the Christian ministry, and commenced laboring in his native place—Caledonia, N. B.; and was well received, licensed by the Church, and afterwards called to be their pastor. Aware, however, of the value of education, and his need of it, he resigned his charge for a time, and entered the Academy at Wolfville, N. S. While there, his earnest longings for the salvation of souls prompted him to preach Christ frequently in the surrounding parts of the country. He subsequently

returned to New Brunswick, and labored faithfully in the Northern parts of the Province, and at Cape Demoselle, and afterwards settled with the 3d Baptist Church of Elgin. Brother Starratt was a faithful, zealous, and useful minister of Christ. It pleased God, however, in His inscrutable Providence, to call His servant home on the 9th day of April, 1868, at the early age of 36 years.

Our late invaluable brother, the truly *Honorable* WILLIAM BOYD KINNEAR, was unquestionably an extraordinary man. So firmly fixed were his principles of piety, through the power of grace, that neither the cares nor the temptations attendant on the exercise of the legal profession, and the filling of various stations in political and civic life, could ever draw him from the paths of strict integrity and genuine godliness. Amidst the diligent and prompt discharge of his numerous public duties, attention was invariably paid by him to the exercises of devotion and the claims of true religion. His place was constantly filled, as far as possible, in the house of God, by attendance on preaching, in conference and prayer-meeting, in which he took an active part, often delivering highly instructive addresses and impressive and useful exhortations. He also labored very diligently and beneficially in the Sabbath School. He was indeed emphatically "ready to every good work."

Our brother Kinnear was endued with a remarkably amiable, mild, and pacific disposition. He would never flinch from the bold advocacy of what he conscientiously regarded as *right*; but this firmness was invariably coupled with prudence; kindness, and affability. How much soever others might differ from him in their views of religion, politics, or matters of any kind, he was so manifestly "an Israelite indeed in whom was no guile," and his candor and sincerity were so transparent that all who knew him, even his opponents, acknowledged him to be an exemplary and excellent man. The general esteem in which our worthy brother was held, was evidenced by his appointment to the Presidency of the Auxiliary Bible Society, and also to that of the Young Men's Christian Association.

On his removal from the scene of mortality, which occurred on the 22d day of February, 1868, in the 72d year of his age, there was evidently a general feeling of undissembled grief, under the consciousness of a great public loss sustained. His numerous friends, however, were consoled and cheered by the full assurance of his admission into the blest realms of endless joy.

Brother BENNET CHUTE, a Licentiate from the 2d Baptist Church of Cornwallis, died in April last, in full hope of eternal life, by faith in the name of Jesus. For more than two years this young brother had been engaged in preaching the Gospel, as far as his necessary employments would permit. Bro. Chute designed to devote himself to Foreign Missionary work; and labored by school-teaching to provide means to pursue a course of collegiate and theological study for that purpose. But God has ordered otherwise, and called him early to higher and purer work above.

Though not permitted to fulfil his desire, brother Chute remembered the work on which his heart was set, and made a bequest of \$100 to

our Foreign Missionary Board, to be devoted to preaching Christ among the heathen. May many others devise liberal things for Christ and his cause. Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, Chairman.

The Committee above named on "Precedence," presented the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, There has been published in the Canada *Gazette* an "Order of Precedence," wherein certain honours are conceded to persons bearing ecclesiastical titles, and they are thereby placed by Royal proclamation in a superior position; be it therefore

Resolved, That since there is no State Church in these Colonies, the placing of ecclesiastics, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, in a position above their fellow-citizens, by the exercise of public authority, is offensive to other Christian ministers, and calculated to disturb the peace and harmony of society, and perpetuate invidious distinctions between different religious bodies.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Resolution, signed by the President and Secretary of the Convention, be forwarded to the Secretary of State of the Dominion; and that copies be also forwarded to the *Christian Visitor* and *Christian Messenger*.

Voted unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the brethren and friends of the Germain Street Baptist Church, for their kindness in entertaining the members of this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Superintendent of Railways, for facilities of travelling afforded to members of this Convention.

Adjourned to meet at 7½ o'clock this evening.

Prayer by Rev. G. M. W. Carey.

Tuesday Evening, August 25th.

The evening session was opened with singing and prayer.

Rev. John Davis was called to the Chair, and Rev. Dr. Crawley addressed the meeting on the subject of education. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. Dr. Murdock, and Rev. Dr. Fyfe.

The President resuming the Chair, it was moved and carried that this Convention do now adjourn, to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the first Saturday after the 18th day of August, 1869, with the Granville Street Baptist Church, Halifax, N. S.

Adjourned, to meet as above.

Prayer by the Rev. W. S. McKenzie, and singing of Doxology—

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.”

A P P E N D I X .

ADDRESS OF THE CANADA BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

To the Baptist Missionary Convention of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, about to assemble in annual meeting at St. John, N. B., the Canada Baptist Missionary Convention, East, sends Christian greeting.

Dearly beloved brethren in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, holding as Supreme Head the one Lord Jesus Christ, the one faith, and the one baptism—we wish you grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal Spirit.

At the ninth annual meeting of our Convention, held in Montreal in September, 1867, it was in the minds of our brethren that a closer intercourse than has hitherto subsisted between the Baptists in the different Provinces of this Dominion, ought to be established; whereupon it was resolved that the undersigned brethren be appointed a Committee to draft a fraternal address, in the name of the Baptist Home Missionary Convention of Canada East, to your Convention, to be presented by our President, George B. Muir, Esq., and any other member or members of our body, who may be able to visit St. John, as our delegates to your annual meeting for 1868.

Although comparatively few of us are known to each other "by face," yet we rejoice in your joy, and pray that "you may prosper and be in health, even as your souls prosper."

There are many things for which we feel bound to thank the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ on your behalf. He has raised you, within a short space of time, from small beginnings to number many among the thousands of Israel. He has blessed you in times past with holy, zealous, devoted and gifted men, who counted not their lives dear, so that they might "testify the Gospel of the grace of God." He has blessed you with the spirit of liberality, in extending the sphere of your influence into neglected districts of your own land, and enabled you, for some years past, to send the same precious Gospel to foreign lands, by means of a Foreign Missionary organization of your own. Added to these, He has blessed you with educational institutions of a high order, in which your children can be qualified for discharging the various duties of life, and filling the learned professions, without neglect or injury to their moral training, and in which your young men who give evidence of piety and gifts for the Christian ministry, can graduate and go forth equipped in the armour of light and truth, to battle for the Lord on the high places of the field.

We would fain indulge the hope that the day is not far distant when we shall all be more intimately acquainted and associated in the various

religious, benevolent, and educational organizations in which Baptists cordially unite; thereby strengthening each other's hands, inciting to love and good works, and mutually profiting by each other's counsel.

While we rejoice to hear that upon many of your Churches, as upon some of our own, the Lord has been pouring copious showers of blessing, to the awakening and conversion of sinners; still the saddening fact stares us in the face, that very many Churches, in both parts of the Dominion, have made no visible progress during the past year, and that some of them must have retrograded.

From a tabular view of the numbers added by baptism in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, to 279 churches, whose statistics have been reported for 1866-67, we find 1,066—being a fraction under *four* on the average of each church.

Our reports show, as nearly as we have ascertained, 258 churches, with a reported increase of 1074, showing an average of *four*, with a small fraction over, for the same year.

Brethren, while we fully and devoutly recognize the Divine sovereignty in the bestowment of the blessings both of providence and grace, is it not our duty to inquire, what in us acts as hindrances to the Divine bestowment?

We rejoice that the Lord does grant to His Churches, both here and among yourselves, showers of blessing. But have not many of the churches been led, from that very circumstance, neither to ask nor to expect the blessings of divine grace in conversion to attend the ordinary ministrations of the Word and ordinances? And has not the correlative evil arisen therefrom, namely, that sinners, when pressed to an immediate surrender to Christ, have thought that they must wait for a revival?

We trust we are thankful for those revival showers, but He who has promised to give the showers in their season, has likewise promised, "I will be as the dew unto Israel." Both the rain and the dew have their separate destinies to fulfil in the kingdom of nature. It requires them both, and so do we in the economy of grace. O for more of those gently-distilling dews from on high!

We have to deplore, in common with you, the great disproportion of the number of ministers to that of the churches; and, in some instances, the pushing of the principle of church independence to the vicious extent of multiplying weak interests in localities, and under circumstances, which afford no probability of their ever becoming vigorous or self-sustaining.

Still the evils which we deplore in this respect, are but little when compared with those arising from the almost indiscriminating admission of members practised by some other bodies, the majority of whose members must necessarily be of the unconverted; nor can we be so unfaithful to our principles as to allow that those evils are inseparable from them. Must not those evils arise from our ignorance of, or unfaithfulness to our own principles, rather than from the principles themselves?

Recognizing no hereditary membership, no transmissible piety, no sacramental or ritual salvation, and demanding from all who seek admission into our churches, repentance towards God, faith in our Lord

Jesus Christ, and immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as evidence of their belief and our hope that they are already washed from their sins in the precious blood of the Lamb,—the cases of hypocrisy and self-deception will be comparatively rare. Still, it is to be feared that some cases have occurred which have eluded all the vigilance of the most vigilant of Zion's watchmen; and others, in which a too ardent zeal to make converts and to swell the lists of membership, have led to the admission of persons to the Churches who should still be classed with "the world." Far better would it be to report even a decrease, than to swell our ranks with the unconverted or self-deceived.

Three great principles underlie the polity for which God calls us to contend, and for which our fathers in the faith laboured and bled, namely:—*Christ the King, Head, and Law-giver of His Church; His subjects, a willing people; His word, their only rule of faith and practice*

Fathers and Brethren, our prayer is, that you may ever continue faithful to those great principles, and transmit them to successors who shall perpetuate them till the coming of the Lord from Heaven.

Done by order and on behalf of the Canada Baptist Missionary Convention, East, this first day of June, 1868, at Montreal, Province of Quebec.

GEORGE B. MUIR, President of C. B. M. C. E.,
JOHN ALEXANDER, Secretary of Bap. Mis. Con. East,
WM. A. CALDWELL, Pastor Perth, Ontario,
Committee.

REPLY.

To the baptized believers in our Lord Jesus Christ of Quebec and Ontario, represented in the Canada Baptist Missionary Conventions, East and West.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN—We have, with much pleasure, received from the Canada Missionary Convention East, the Address, signed by the President, George B. Muir, Esq., and by other brethren, appointed for that purpose; and we also cordially welcome our esteemed brethren the Rev. Dr. Fyfe and Professor Wells, the representatives of the Baptists in the Western part of the Dominion, who have, by word of mouth, expressed to us the kindly greeting and Christian sympathy of our brethren in those parts.

We heartily approve the sentiments contained in your Address, and confirmed by your delegates; and in our turn would convey to you the sincere expression of our confidence and brotherly love.

We also, with yourselves, could desire that more intimate relations than present circumstances seem to admit, might exist between us; for we join with you in the devout recognition of the kingly authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the head of His people in the covenant of grace, in the acknowledgment of a willing submission to His claims, and a loving trust in His mediation as the only ground of fitness to share in the blessings of His salvation, and the privileges of His kingdom;

and in adherence to the great principle of the sufficiency of the sacred writings to be the rule of our faith, and the authoritative guide of our actions.

We rejoice, dear brethren, in the measure of spiritual prosperity which the Lord has graciously vouchsafed to your evangelistic labours. To Him be ascribed the praise of all our success ; and we deplore with you the drawbacks and obstacles which have arisen, both in our own Provinces and among yourselves, to hinder the progress of the truth of Christ, and to retard the full development of the Christian life.

We shall gladly avail ourselves of every favourable occasion for cultivating a closer fellowship and more combined action than has hitherto been practicable, with our brethren in Quebec and Ontario, who not only hold the fundamental truths of the Gospel of Christ, but who also regard the ordinance of baptism as the symbol of a personal consecration to the service of our Lord, the administration of which ought to be confined to those who have exercised repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ, and profess a desire to be publicly consecrated to His service.

And now, dear brethren, "we commend you to God and to the word of His grace," and "unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God and Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever." Amen.

Signed, on behalf of the Convention.

E. A. CRAWLEY, *President of the Convention.*

ISAIAH WALLACE, }
W. S. MCKENZIE, } *Secretaries.*

St. John, 25th August, 1868.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

For the support of a Professor of Natural Science in Acadia College—said subscriptions to be continued annually for three years—commencing, should the services of said Professor be secured this year, in September, 1868, or as soon after as the man can be obtained.

Rev. John Francis, . . .	\$40 00	Z. G. Gabel, Esq., . . .	\$40 00
Rev. E. M. Saunders, . . .	40 00	C. Clinch, Esq., . . .	40 00
Rev. D. M. Welton, . . .	40 00	Rev. T. H. Porter, jr., . . .	40 00
Rev. T. Harley, . . .	80 00	R. M. King, Esq., . . .	40 00
Rev. S. B. Kempton, . . .	40 00	W. Ackhurst, Esq., . . .	40 00
Revds. John Davis and M.		Rev. G. F. Miles, . . .	40 00
T. Freeman, . . .	40 00	Rev. W. H. Porter, . . .	20 00
J. W. Barss, Esq., . . .	40 00	T. H. Rand, Esq., . . .	40 00
Rev. A. H. Munro, . . .	40 00	J. F. Marsters, Esq., . . .	40 00
Rev. Isaiah Wallace, . . .	40 00	Rev. S. March, . . .	20 00
Rev. D. Steele, . . .	40 00		
B. H. Eaton, Esq., . . .	40 00		
			\$840 00

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION	Baptized.	Members.	NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION	Baptized.	Members.
Advocate Harbour,	5	51	Merrigonish,		22
Alexandra (Lot 49), P.E.I.	3	22	Mira Bay, C. B.,		113
Amherst,	34	273	New Harbour,		29
Amherst Shore,		42	North River, P. E. I.,	3	92
Antigonish,	1	22	North Sydney, C. B.,	4	87
Bedeque, P. E. I.,	2	122	Onslow, East,	22	148
Brookfield,		47	Onslow, West,		75
Canso,		84	Parrsboro',		57
Cape Wolf,		29	Pictou,		14
Charlottetown, P. E. I.		46	Portaupique,		95
Crow Harbour,		33	Pugwash,		57
Coddle Harbour,	6	23	River John,		15
Diligent River,		20	Sandy Point,		24
Earlton,		23	Saint Mary's, 1st,		30
East Point, P. E. I.,		83	Saint Mary's, 2d,		32
Five Islands & L. Economy	3	56	St. Peter's Road, P. E. I.,		13
Glenville & River Phillip,	3	66	Sydney, C. B.,		48
Goose River,	1	38	Tatamagouche,		30
Goshen,		28	Three Rivers, P. E. I.,		26
Grand Mira, C. B.,		19	Tracadie,	20	118
Grand River, P. E. I.,		22	Truro,	23	120
Great Village,	29	126	Tryon,		52
Greenville,		30	Uigg, P. E. I.,		56
Guysboro' & Manchester,	87	289	Upper Londonderry,	1	92
Hawkesbury, C. B.,	22	40	Upper Stewiacke,	1	46
Indian Harbour,		65	Wallace River,	19	93
Isaacs Harbour,		62	Wentworth,		43
Little River,		68	West Brook,		45
Lower Stewiacke,		67	West and Clyde Rivers, P. E. Island,		65
Mabou, C. B.,		20			
Maccan,		111			
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NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN ASSOCIATION			NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN ASSOCIATION		
	Bap.	Mb'rs		Bap.	Mb'rs.
Annapolis & Up. Granville,	..	222	Middlefield,	....	28
Argyle,	4	96	Nictaux,	22	898
Brookfield,	6	110	New Albany,	....	68
Barrington, ....	..	47	New Tusket,	....	128
Beaver River,	....	204	Ohio,	9	147
Clements,	30	300	Port Medway,	....	108
Caledonia,	6	34	Pine Grove,	....	267
Dalhousie,	....	28	Pubnico,	18	41
Digby,	2	46	Parker's Cove,	....	56
Digby Neck, 1st,	....	114	Ragged Islands, 1st,	11	144
Digby Neck, 2d,	29	123	Ragged Islands, 2d,	1	20
Greenfield,	....	56	Shelburne,	....	20
Greywood,	18	75	Sissiboo,	....	128
Hampton,	....	100	Springfield,	....	45
Hill Grove,	....	97	St. Mary's Bay,	5	164
Hillsburg, 1st,	6	184	Sable River,	....	60
Hillsburg, 2d,	6	89	Sherbrooke, West,	....	37
Jordan Bay,	3	61	Tusket, ....	....	94
Jordan River,	....	24	Tusket Lakes,	....	57
Kempt,	23	128	Wilmot,	....	365
Liverpool,	68	255	Wilmot Mountain,	....	208
Lake George,	....	144	Westport,	89	100
L. Aylesford & Up. Wilmot,	..	517	Yarmouth, 1st,	8	485
Lower Granville,	1	379	Yarmouth, 2d,	2	293
Litchfield,	....	40	Yarmouth, 3d,	4	173
Long Island,	25	294	Yarmouth, South,	12	21s
Lewis Head,	....	54	Yarmouth, West,	3	143
Lower Sabbe River,	....	16			
Mill Village,	3	66		410	8030
Milton,	57	57			

NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION		
	Bap.	Mb'rs.		Bap.	Mb'rs.
Aylesford, Upper,	25	229	Kempt,	62	141
Bridgewater,	6	123	La Have,	....	41
Burton,	..	81	Lunenburg,	1	44
Chelsea,	....	119	Maitland,	....	17
Chester,	1	213	New Cornwall,	1	29
Cornwallis, 1st,	2	376	New Germany,	21	179
Cornwallis, 2d,	1	441	Newport, East,	2	83
Cornwallis, 3d,	20	350	Newport, West,	5	135
Cornwallis, 4th,	..	117	New Ross,	....	48
Cornwallis, 5th,	3	150	Preston, 1st,	....	38
Dartmouth,	....	32	Preston, 2d,	....	15
Falmouth,	6	76	Rawdon,	6	122
Halifax, 1st,	2	174	Sackville,	....	26
Halifax, 2d,	29	231	St. Margaret's Bay,	....	100
Hammond Plains, 1st,	....	35	Tancook,	....	109
Hammond Plains, 2d,	..	46	Walton,	....	14
Hantsport,	5	296	Waterville,	....	12
Horton, 1st,	15	240	Windsor,	6	146
Horton, 2d,	7	315	Windsor Plains,	32
Horton, 3d,	136			
Indian Harbour,	92		256	5239
Jeddore,	31	122			

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NEW BRUNSWICK EASTERN ASSOCIATION		Baptized.	Members.	NEW BRUNSWICK EASTERN ASSOCIATION		Baptized.	Members.
Alma,	.....	17		Johnson, 2d,	.....	47	
Buctouche,	.....	18		Kars,	.....	65	
Butternut Ridge,	.....	207		Moncton, 1st,	.....	208	
Bayside,	.....	3	63	Moncton, 2d,	.....	76	
Cocaigne, 1st,	.....	15		Mill Cove,	.....	72	
Caledonia,	.....	14	68	New Canaan,	.....	116	
Cambridge, 1st,	.....	80		Norton,	.....	42	
Cambridge, 2d,	.....	33	92	North River,	.....	38	
Cambridge, Lower	.....	57		Point Migic,	.....	32	
Coverdale, 1st,	.....	47		Point de Bute,	.....	23	
Coverdale, 2d,	.....	56		Pollett River,	.....	12	
Coverdale, 3d,	.....	78		Petitcodiac,	.....	12	12
Dorchester,	.....	27	95	Rockport,	.....	84	
Elgin, 1st,	.....	163		Sackville, 1st,	.....	107	
Elgin, 2d,	.....	85		Sackville, 2d,	.....	233	
Elgin, 3d,	.....	88		Salisbury, 1st,	.....	169	
Fairfield,	.....	32		Salisbury, 2d,	.....	74	
Flatlands,	.....	17		Salisbury, 3d,	.....	40	
Grand Lake, 1st,	.....	65		Saint Martins, 1st,	.....	317	
Grand Lake, 2d,	.....	146		Saint Martins, 2d,	.....	77	
Germantown,	.....	.....	.....	Springfield, 1st,	.....	170	
Glenville,	.....	28		Springfield, 2d,	.....	54	
Hampton,	.....	54		Springfield, 3d,	.....	.....
Hampton Ferry,	.....	20		Studholm, 1st,	.....	.....
Hammond Vale,	.....	6	52	Studholm, 2d,	.....	.....
Harvey, 1st,	.....	11	156	Shediac,	.....	35	
Harvey, 2d,	.....	44		Sussex, Upper,	.....	39	
Hillsboro', 1st,	.....	40	353	Upham,	.....	65	
Hillsboro', 2d,	.....	39		Wickham, Upper,	.....	54	
Hillsboro', 3d,	.....	25		Wickham, Lower,	.....	44	
Hillsboro', 4th,	20	103	Wellington,	70	
Hopewell,	240		Willow Grove,	27	
Jemseg,	1	101				
Johnson, 1st,	56					
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Andover, - -	. .	15		North Eske, - -	. .		58
Blackville, - -	. .	36		Portland, - -	61		324
Blissfield, - -	. .	64		Prince William, - -	. .		35
Beckaguimie, - -	7	66		Pennfield, - -	. .		53
Chipman, - -	1	51		Rushagoruish, - -	. .		31
Canning, - -	. .	88		Richmond, South, - -	1		19
Cardigan, - -	. .	24		Simonds, Middle, - -	. .		37
Centerville, - -	. .	119		Scotch Town, - -	6		19
Canterbury, - -	. .	63		Saint Andrews, Bay Side, . .			90
Douglas, - -	4	12		Saint Andrews, 2d, - -	6		48
Dumfries and Queensbury, . .		30		Saint Davids, Oak Bay, . .			23
Fredericton, - -	16	152		Saint Francis, - -	. .		18
Florenceville, - -	2	18		Saint George, 1st, - -	. .		114
Grand Falls, - -	. .	10		Saint George, 2d, - -	. .		56
Hainesville, - -	2	19		Saint George, 2d Falls, . .			90
Hodgdon and Richmond, . .		34		St. John, Brussels Street, . .	7		502
Jacksontown, - -	3	101		“ Carleton, - -	. .		207
Jacksonville, - -	. .	43		“ Germain Street, . .	18		229
Kingsclear, 1st, - -	1	28		“ Leinster Street, . .	9		146
Kingsclear, 2d, - -	. .	60		Saint James, - -	. .		18
Keswick, 1st, - -	. .	97		Saint Patrick, - -	. .		56
Keswick, 2d, - -	2	44		Southampton, - -	. .		33
Ludlow, - -	. .	18		Springfield, - -	. .		8
Little River, - -	. .	31		South Musquash and Dip- per Harbour, - -	1		14
Little South West, - -	. .	36		Salmon Creek, - -	. .		20
Macknaquaack, - -	1	121		Temperanceville, - -	9		16
Maugerville, - -	. .	93		Upper Gagetown, - -	. .		108
Nashwaak, - -	. .	74		Woodstock, - -	. .		52
New Zealand, - -	. .	23		Woodstock, Lower, - -	. .		46
New Jerusalem, - -	. .	61					
Newcastle, Grand Lake, . .		137					
Newcastle, Miramichi, - -	1	69			165		4332
Northampton, - -	. .	25					

NOTE.—Taken from Minutes of 1867.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Rev. H. Achilles, Parker's Cove.	Rev. J. McKenne, Sable River.
G. Armstrong, Bridgetown.	M. Normonday, Tusket.
A. W. Barss, Arcadia, Yar'th.	Obed Parker, Aylesford.
A. Cogswell, Beaver River.	D. O. Parker, Brookfield.
G. D. Cox, Clements.	W. L. Parker, Argyle.
O. E. Cox, Chegogin.	T. H. Porter, Wilmot.
T. C. Delong, New Germany.	R. D. Porter, Locke's Island.
G. E. Day, M. D., Yarmouth.	W. H. Porter, Wilmot.
L. B. Gates, St. Mary's Bay,	C. Randall, Weymouth.
J. Hughes, Milton, Queens.	W. H. Richan, Barrington.
W. Hall, Windsor.	J. H. Saunders, Ohio, Yarm'th.
J. C. Morse, Digby Neck.	J. A. Stubbart, Deerfield, "
A. Martell, Hillsburg.	A. Stronach, Aylesford.
J. A. Moore, Long Island.	C. Tupper, D. D., Aylesford.
R. F. Murray, Chute's Cove.	J. F. Tooker, Port Medway.
R. S. Morton, Nictaux.	N. Vidito, Wilmot.
A. H. Munro, Liverpool.	Isaiah Wallace, L. Granville.

NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Rev. J. Bancroft, Newport East.	Rev. J. Parker, Billtown, C'wallis.
J. E. Balcom, Hantsport.	R. R. Philp, Sackville.
J. M. Cramp, D. D., Wolfville.	D. Pineo, Long Point.
E. A. Crawley, D. D., "	S. T. Rand, Hantsport.
John Chase, "	E. O. Read, Berwick.
S. W. DeBlois, "	J. L. Read, Upper Aylesford.
D. Freeman, Canning.	E. M. Saunders, Halifax.
E. F. Foshay, Wolfville.	I. J. Skinner, Chester.
J. E. Goucher, Halifax.	J. Stevens, Rawdon.
Wm. George, Wolfville.	A. Shields, Lunenburg, N. W.
T. A. Higgins, "	D. G. Shaw, Falmouth.
A. S. Hunt, Dartmouth.	B. Taylor, New Germany.
W. E. Hall, New Germany.	B. Vaughan, Kempt.
S. B. Kempton, Canning, C.	D. M. Welton, Windsor.
S. March, Bridgewater.	George Weathers, Newport.
John Miller, Halifax.	

NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Rev. E. N. Archibald, North River, P. E. Island.	Rev. R. McDonald, Margaree, C. B.
M. A. Bigelow, Antigonishe.	S. McLeod, Uigg, P. E. I.
T. A. Blackadar, Pugwash.	W. McPhee, Baddeck, C. B.
W. B. Boggs, Sydney, C. B.	James Meadows, Jeddore.
Obed Chute, Up. Stewiacke.	J. W. Manning, H'ksbury, C. B.
A. Chipman, Stewiacke.	J. H. Porter, jr., N. Sydney, "
D. W. C. Dimock, Truro.	Ross Malcom, West River, P. E. Island.
J. Davis, Ch'town, P. E. I.	Hugh Ross, N. Sydney, C. B.
H. Eagles, St. Mary's.	George Richardson, " "
M. P. Freeman, Bedeque, P. E. Island.	James Reid, Bass River.
J. F. Kempton, Margaree, C. B.	John Shaw, East Point, P. E. I.
George F. Miles, Amherst.	Benjamin Scott, Onslow.
Joseph Murray, Guysborough.	D. A. Steele, Amherst.
McKeen, L. Forks, Maccan.	S. Thompson, Economy.

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| <p>Rev. I. E. Bill, Saint John.
 George Burns, Macnaquack.
 J. C. Blakeney, Woodstock.
 W. A. J. Blakeney, Petitcodiac.
 J. E. Blakeney, S. Richmond.
 W. H. Beckwith, U. Gagetown.
 W. W. Corey, Keswick.
 Elisha Corey, Canterbury.
 E. C. Cady, Saint John.
 G. M. W. Carey, "
 G. R. Campbell, Eel River.
 W. M. Edwards, Blissfield.
 G. Estabrooks, Simonds.
 Alex. Estabrooks, Boiestown,
 Miramichi.
 Wm. Harris, Keswick.
 J. E. Hopper, Fredericton.
 W. L. Hopkins, Pennfield.
 J. G. Harvey, Up. Woodstock.</p> | <p>Rev. B. N. Hughes, Jacksontown.
 E. Hickson, Newcastle, Mira-
 michi.
 T. Harley, Saint John.
 B. Jewett, Prince William.
 W. S. McKenzie, Saint John.
 B. F. Rattray, Saint Andrews.
 W. C. Rideout, Saint Davids.
 C. Spurden, D. D., Fredericton.
 James Spencer, Saint John.
 T. M. Saunders, Pr. William.
 J. A. Steadman, St. George.
 A. D. Thompson, St. Andrews.
 James Tozer, Keswick.
 J. H. Tupper, Kingsclear.
 James Walker, Mascarine.
 E. Webb, Nerepis.
 John Williams, Butt'nut Ridge.</p> |
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| <p>Rev. S. Bancroft, Butternut Ridge.
 David Blakeney, Elgin.
 D. Crandal, Springfield, K. C.
 W. A. Crandal, Elgin.
 Elijah J. Corey, Point de Bute.
 D. Carpenter, Bayside.
 N. Cleaveland, Alma.
 W. A. Coleman, Petitcodiac.
 W. A. Corey, Springfield, K. C.
 W. T. Corey, Hillsborough.
 W. W. Corey, Moncton.
 Henry Charlton, Range, G. L.
 John M. Currey, Kars.
 Patrick Duffey, Hillsborough.
 J. E. Fillamore, Turtle Creek,
 W. O.
 J. F. Goldrup, Stoney Creek,
 Coverdale.
 James Herritt, Havelock.
 H. Harris, Cambridge.
 James Irving, Baltimore, A. C.</p> | <p>Rev. Elias Kierstead, Collina.
 W. D. Manzer, Shediac.
 Donald McPhail, Buctouche.
 Alex. Mutch, Fairfield.
 A. C. Macdonald, Cambridge
 (Narrows),
 W. Pulcifer, Hillsborough.
 P. O. Reece, Salisbury.
 J. A. Smith, St. Martins.
 P. Spragg, Springfield, K. C.
 G. W. Springer, Jemseg, Cot-
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 J. C. Steadman, Elgin, Little
 River.
 George Seely, Harvey, A. C.
 Thomas Todd, Sackville.
 James Trimble, Elgin.
 W. A. Troop, Springfield.
 James Wallace, Coverdale.
 A. Washburn, St. Martins.
 J. Williams, Hopewell.</p> |
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Constitution of the Baptist Convention

OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND P. E. ISLAND.

I. That the Convention be called "The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island," and shall consist of the Members and Delegates hereinafter specified.

II. That the objects of the Convention shall be to maintain the following Institutions, viz. : Acadia College and Foreign Missions ; and to advance the interests of the Baptist denomination generally, by devising and carrying out, as far as possible, such means as may, by the Divine blessing, tend to promote its welfare.

It is earnestly recommended that at the Annual meetings of the Associations, brethren be appointed to furnish Reports to the Convention, on the state of Religion and the progress of the cause of God within the limits of those Associations respectively.

III. That the business of the Convention shall be conducted by a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Secretaries (one residing in Nova Scotia and the other in New Brunswick), and a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five members, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing (in addition to Life Directors), to be chosen annually by the Convention. The Board to have the power to fill up any vacancies that may occur previous to the next meeting of the Convention.

IV. That every member of a Baptist Church in good standing, who shall pay annually ten shillings or upwards towards any of the objects embraced in the Union Societies, or into the funds of the Convention, and also every ordained Baptist minister in the three Provinces, in good standing, shall be a member of the Convention ; any person paying five pounds or upwards shall be a life member ; and the payment of twenty pounds or upwards, at one time, shall constitute a life director. Every Church connected with an Association, and contributing ten shillings towards any of the objects embraced in the Union Societies, shall

be a member of this Convention, and be at liberty to send one delegate to represent such Church, and if five pounds are collected, two delegates. Every local Union Society collecting annually five pounds or upwards, shall be a member of this Convention, and shall be at liberty to send two delegates to represent them therein, and one delegate for every additional five pounds collected: so as no Church or Union Society be at liberty to send more than five delegates; and that each Association connected with the Convention be allowed to send five delegates. The Missionary and Educational Boards shall also be at liberty to send one delegate each.

V. That all monies contributed by individuals for membership, or for the general purposes of the Convention, shall be appropriated, after the payment of incidental expenses, as the Convention shall direct, unless otherwise ordered by the donors.

VI. That the Board of Directors shall be empowered to meet quarterly, or oftener, for the despatch of business, at such places as the Convention shall from time to time appoint; nine members shall form a quorum. The Board shall also be empowered to convene special meetings of the Convention, whenever the same may be judged necessary by a majority of its members.

VII. That the Convention shall meet on the first Saturday after the 18th day of August, annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the body; when, in addition to the appointment of the Office-bearers and Board of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting in accordance with Article 2 of this Convention, a Missionary Board or Boards shall be chosen, each consisting of fifteen members of the Convention, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in regular standing. These Boards shall hold their meetings at such places as the Convention shall annually appoint; at least one-third of the members of each Board shall reside in the place of meeting, or in its vicinity; and five shall constitute a quorum.

The Convention shall also appoint, once in three years, six Governors of Acadia College, in place of six who will then go out in rotation, in accordance with the Resolution passed by this Convention at its annual meeting in September, 1859, and in accordance with the Act 14 Vic. of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, chap. 37.

VIII. That this Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention, by two-thirds of the members present.

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