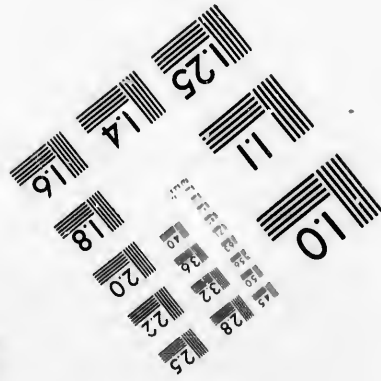
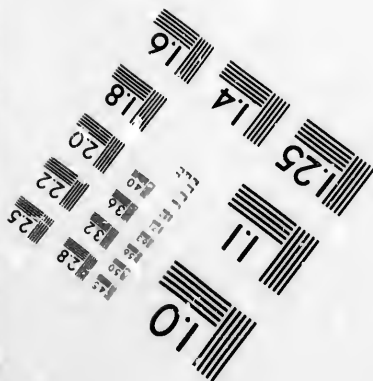
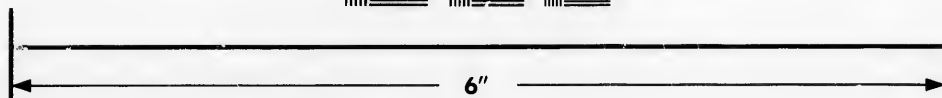
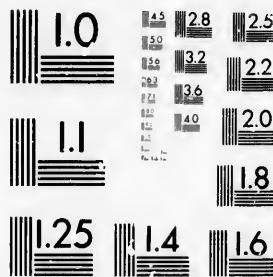


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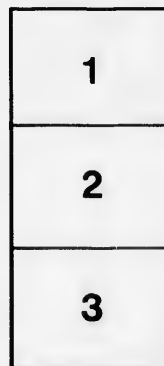
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HELD WITH THE
BAPTIST CHURCH, BRIDGEWATER, Lunenburg Co.,
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 28th, 30th, and July 1st, 1873.

TOGETHER WITH THE
CIRCULAR LETTER,

AND REPORT OF THE
NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

ALSO, THE
FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
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MINUTES.

BRIDGEWATER, LUNenburg CO.,
Saturday Morning, June 28th, 1873.

The N. S. Central Baptist Association convened this day with the Bridgewater Church at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator of last year, Rev. S. March, called the Association to order. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. D. Freeman. The following is the

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Hantsport,—Rev. Joseph Murray.

2nd Horton,—Bro. George O. Gates.

New Germany,—Rev. William E. Hall; Deacons Benjamin William Wagner, David Lantz; Bro. A. E. Durland.

Perseus,—Rev. D. Freeman.

North Halifax,—Rev. J. F. Avery; Bro. James Dumaresq.

Canning,—Rev. D. Freeman.

LaHave,—Brethren C. Kenedy, (Lic.) John Lantz, E. Rodeniser.

New Cornwall,—Deacons Samuel Hallamore, Joshua Venot; Brothers Caleb Spidle, (Lic.) and Elijah Spidle.

Greenwick,—Rev. J. L. Read.

New Ross,—Bro. C. Kenedy.

Sackville,—Deacon F. Webber.

2nd Cornwallis,—Rev. E. O. Read; Brothers William Forsyth, James Craig, and Joseph Skinner, (Lic.)

3rd Horton,—Rev. James Parker.

Wolfville,—Rev. T. A. Higgins.

Tancook Island,—Deacon Alfred Baker.

2nd Saint Margaret's Bay,—Deacon Charles A. Webber.

Falmouth,—Rev. Joseph Murray.

Upper Aylesford,—Rev. J. L. Read.

Bridgewater,—Rev. S. March; Deacon James Grinton; Brothers B. W. Manning, Jonas B. Parker, Isaac Durland, and John Slocumb.

Ellershouse,—Rev. D. M. Welton.

Conard,—Rev. S. B. Kempton.

Chester,—Rev. I. J. Skinner; Deacon Bezanson; Brothers John Whalen, Edward Heckman, E. Frail, and Peter Marriott.

Billtown,—Rev. J. F. Kempton; Deacons Charles E. Parker, M. Kinsman, and Ezekiel Parish.

North West and Malone Bay,—Brothers John Andrews, Gideon Langille, John Maider, and Jos. J. Parker.

Rauxion,—Bro. John McLearn.

Newport,—Bro. James E. Nelson.

Windsor,—Rev. D. M. Welton; Bro. Mark Curry.

Halifax 1st,—Rev. E. M. Saunders; Deacons S. Selden, Alex. Robinson; and J. W. Rhuland.

The ballot being taken, Rev. W. E. Hall was declared Moderator; Revs. S. B. Kempton and J. L. Read were chosen Secretaries; Bro. F. Webber, Treasurer; and Jonas D. Parker, Auditor.

The following Committees were appointed :—

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. E. O. Read, J. F. Kempton, and Bro. James Craig.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, D. Freeman, and Joseph Murray.

ON ARRANGEMENT.—Revds. S. March, W. E. Hall, Brethren Isaac Durland, B. W. C. Manning, and C. Kenedy.

The Committee proceeded to read the letters from the churches.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. Z. Morton, P. R. Foster, E. O. Read, T. C. Delong, Jos. Parker, and Bro. M. Kinsman.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported in part on a letter from a new Church at Ellershouse, requesting admission to the Association. On motion, the Church was received.

On motion, Rev. Joseph Murray received the hand of fellowship for the new Church, in the absence of their delegate.

Committee on Arrangements reported in part as follows :—That there be prayer meeting each morning of the session, at 6½ o'clock.

That the morning sitting begin at 10 a. m., and close at 12.30 p. m. The afternoon sitting at 2.30 p. m., and close at 5 p. m.

That all Committees meet at 8.30 a. m.

That the Associational Sermon be preached at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Monday.

That immediately after the Sermon the Circular Letter be read.

That at 3 p. m. on Monday the Association adjourn to attend the Annual Meeting of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

That on Monday at 7 p. m. the subject of Missions generally be discussed.

That the Report on Education be presented on Tuesday at 10 a. m.

That the following Committees be appointed :—

TO EXAMINE CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. D. Freeman, J. F. Murray, and E. O. Read.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. J. F. Avery, S. B. Kempton, S. March, Brethren James Craig and Dr. Randall.

ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.—Revds. J. F. Kempton, J. F. Murray, Brethren Alex. Robinson, Jas. Dumaresq, and I. Durland.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, D. Freeman, D. M. Welton, Brethren G. O. Gates, (Lic.,) and R. Sanford.

A letter from Rev. R. S. Morton was read to the Association, and on motion it was resolved that it be printed in the *Christian Messenger*. Resolved also that a collection be taken for Bro. R. S. Morton, and that Rev. J. L. Read take charge of the collection—\$21.50—and present it to Bro. Morton in behalf of the Association. The following brethren were invited to a seat :—

Revds. T. C. Delong, Z. Morton, William Parker, Deacons Jos. Freeman, David Delong, Brethren N. Johnston, B. Horlow, W. J. Gates, Rufus Sanford, (Missionary elect), J. B. Freeman, Jos. Miles, Wm. Faulkner, Jos. Freeman, and W. E. Crowe.

Delegates from the Western Association :

Revds. P. R. Foster, A. Cohoon, Brethren Dr. Randall, and J. B. Kinney

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Delegate from the Missionary Union :—

Rev. E. M. Saunders.

Adjourned to 2.30 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. James Parker.

Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Association met for business at 2.30 o'clock. Prayer by Bro.

G. O. Gates, (Lic.)

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That the same number of copies of the Minutes as last year be printed, and Bro. Selden be paid at the same rate.

Resolved, That Revds. I. J. Skinner, J. F. Kempton, and D. Freeman be a Committee to name delegates to the other Associations and to the Convention.

Report of the Infirm Ministers' Fund presented by Rev. S. B. Kempton. On motion, report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That application for aid from the Infirm Ministers' Fund be made hereafter through the Church to which the persons needing aid belongs.

Resolved, That the Infirm Ministers' Board be the same as last year, with the addition of Rev. J. L. Read.

The reading of letters resumed.

Committee of Arrangements resumed their report. Report adopted as follows :—

SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

Bridgewater,—Baptist Meeting House at 10½ a. m., Rev. J. F. Avery; at 3 p. m., Bro. R. Sanford; at 7 p. m., Rev. D. M. Welton.

Presbyterian Meeting House at 3 a. m., Rev. E. M. Saunders.

Lutheran Meeting House at 10½ a. m., Rev. S. B. Kempton; 6½ p. m., Rev. T. A. Higgins.

Pleasantville,—At 10½ a. m., Rev. I. J. Skinner; at 3 p. m., Rev. Z. Morton.

New Cumberland,—At 3 p. m., Rev. S. March.

Lakeville,—At 10½ a. m., Rev. P. R. Foster.

Pine Grove School House,—At 10½ a. m., Rev. T. C. Delong.

Summerside,—At 10½ a. m., Rev. Jas. Parker; at 2½ p. m., Rev. J. L. Read.

New Canada,—at 10½ a. m., Rev. E. O. Read; at 2½ p. m., Rev. D. Freeman.

Mahone Bay,—At 10½ a. m., Rev. J. F. Murray; at 6 p. m., Bro. G. O. Gates.

Lunenburg,—Methodist House at 10½ a. m., Rev. J. F. Kempton.

COMMITTEES.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. D. M. Welton, S. B. Kempton, Z. Morton, R. Sanford, I. J. Skinner, W. E. Hall, E. M. Saunders, and Bro. C. Spidle.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. Jas. Parker, J. L. Read, I. J. Skinner.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. J. F. Murray, Bro. Selden, M. Kinsman and E. B. Kinney.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revds. E. O. Read, D. Freeman and Brother E. Webber.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Revds. J. F. Avery, E. M. Saunders, and Bro. John Rhuland be a Committee to superintend printing the Minutes.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Association be held next year with the first Cornwallis Church—Canard.

Resolved, That Rev. J. L. Read preach the Association Sermon next year, and that Rev. T. A. Higgins be his alternate; that Rev. J. F. Avery write the Circular Letter; and that the Association meet next year on the fourth Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Resolved, That the Revds. S. B. Kempton, D. Freeman, and Bro. J. E. Lockwood, be a Committee to make arrangements with the railway authorities for reduction of fares for those attending the Association next year.

Committee on Nomination reported at follows:—

We recommend that Revds. Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Crawley, T. A. Higgins, S. B. Kempton, J. F. Murray, and Deacon S. Selden, be our delegates to the Eastern Association.

That Revds. Jas. Parker, W. E. Hall, I. J. Skinner, E. M. Saunders, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Prof. Jones, Deacon S. Selden, and Bro. W. J. Gates be our delegates to the Western Association.

That Revds. J. F. Kempton, E. O. Read, and J. L. Read be our delegates to the Prince Edward Island Association.

That Hon. Judge McCully, Dr. Parker, J. W. Barss, D. R. Eaton, and W. C. Bill be our delegates to the Convention.

Also, that any of the members of this Association attending any of the New Brunswick Associations act as our delegates.

Rev. T. A. Higgins introduced the following resolution which was laid on the table for discussion in the evening:—

Resolved, That this Association sympathize with the efforts of well disposed persons in Halifax and other parts of the Province to suppress the sale of intoxicating drinks, and that we recommend all the Pastors of our Churches to preach Temperance Sermons during the year, and otherwise use their influence to promote a healthy Temperance sentiment among the members of their congregations.

It was announced that there would be a public Temperance Meeting in the evening for the discussion of this resolution.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. D. M. Welton.

Saturday—Evening Session.

Public Temperance Meeting. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Z. Morton.

The resolution laid on the table in the afternoon was supported by Rev. T. A. Higgins, Deacon Alex. Robinson, Rev. Z. Morton, G. O. Gates, and others.

Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. J. L. Read.

MONDAY MORNING, June 30th.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. I. J. Skinner from Isa liii. 1.

After the Sermon the Association resumed business. Minutes of previous session read, corrected, and approved.

The resolution on Temperance was discussed on Saturday evening and passed unanimously.

Committee on the Circular reported recommending that it be read.

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Adjourned.

Resolved, That the Circular Letter be received and printed in the *Christian Messenger* and in the Minutes.

Remaining letters from the churches were read by the Committee.

Bro. Selden read a letter from Bro. E. B. Hubly, of the 14 Mile House, containing a statement of interest in all denominational affairs, and enclosing the sum of \$6.50 for the different objects of the Association.

Committee on Benevolent Funds reported. (See Appendix C.)

Committee on Denominational Literature reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Prayer by Rev. E. M. Saunders.

Association adjourned.

Monday—Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Avery.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Committee on Missions reported. Report laid on the table and discussed.

Resolved, That the Association receive the report of the delegation of the Baptist Home Missionary Union.

Rev. E. M. Saunders addressed the Association as the delegate of the Union. The whole question of the contemplated Home Missionary Union was then discussed.

The following resolution moved by Bro. Selden, and seconded by I. J. Skinner, though lost, was ordered to be recorded on the Minutes.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the adjourned meeting of Home Missionary Union to be held at Windsor in August next, to make Denominational Literature a separate department of the Union, on behalf of which appeals may be made and funds provided for the work of Colportage.

Prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Adjourned for the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society to hold its Annual Meeting.

Monday—Evening Session.

Singing of the 866th hymn.

Prayer by Bro. R. Sanford.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Revs J. F. Avery and P. R. Foster asked leave of absence, also Bro. A. Robinson and Rev. Jas. Parker.

The general subject of Missions was then introduced. Brother Rufus Sanford being called on, addressed the meeting in behalf of the Foreign Mission work.

Addresses followed by Revs. J. F. Avery, J. F. Kempton, W. G. Parker, Jas. Parker, A. Cohoon, E. M. Saunders, S. B. Kempson and Dea. S. Selden.

Prayer by Rev. D. M. Welton.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. S. March.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. (See Appendix F.)

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix G.)

A Committee from the Nova Scotia Baptist Missionary Union presented a requisition from the Union, that the Minutes of Union be printed with the Minutes of the Association—the expenses to be met by the Union. Unanimously granted.

Resolved, That the Committee to superintend the printing of the Minutes be requested to prepare a tabular statement from the Letters of the appropriation of funds made by the churches during the past year, and that the same be published with the Minutes of the Association.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :—

Whereas, we have learned that there are serious errors in the Statistics of the religious bodies in the recently published volumes of the Census of this Province, taken in 1871.

Therefore Resolved, That we deeply regret that such errors have occurred, and hope that something may be done to supply a remedy so as to present a correct view of the position of the different religious denominations of the land at as early a period as possible.

Committee on Education reported. Report adopted, (See Appendix H.)

Committee on Obituaries reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix I.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Association be directed to pay over the the moneys intended for the different objects to the treasurers of the different Boards.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the friends of Bridgewater for their kindness to the body during this Session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be presented to the different religious denominations for their kindness in furnishing us with the use of their houses of worship during the past Sabbath.

Prayer by Rev. T. C. Delong.

Adjourned to meet at Canard the 4th Saturday in June 1874.

WM. E. HALL, *Moderator*.

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Ministers in the N. S. Central Association.

NAME.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. Avery, J. F.....	Halifax.....	Oct. 20, 1870	Tawstock, G. B.
" Bancroft, Jeremiah...	Walton.....	March 8, 1840	Rawdon.
" Cramp, J. M., D. D....	Wolfville.....	May 7, 1818	London, G. B.
" Crawley, E. A., D. D.	Wolfville.....	May 28, 1830	Providence, R. I.
" Chase, John.....	Wolfville.....	July 1, 1835	Billtown.
" Clay, Edwin, M. D....	Halifax.....	.....	Pugwash.
" DeBlois, S. W., A. M.	Wolfville.....	Feb. 26, 1854	Chester.
" Freeman, D., A. M....	Canning.....	Aug. 1, 1855	Halifax.
" Hall, W. E.....	New Germany.....	Sept. 23, 1864	New Germany.
" Higgins, T. A., A. M.	Wolfville.....	Aug. 30, 1857	Liverpool.
" Hunt, A. S., A. M....	Dartmouth.....	Nov. 10, 1814	Dartmouth.
" Kempton, J. F., A. B.	Billtown.....	June 5, 1864	Mira, C. B.
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" McDonald, Donald....	Newport.....	Jan. 10, 1873	Newport.
" March, Stephen.....	Bridgewater.....	July 5, 1856	St. Francis, N. B.
" Meadows, James.....	Jeddore.....	Feb. 26, 1808	Jeddore.
" Miller, John.....	Halifax.....
" Murray, Joseph.....	Hantsport.....	Nov. —, 1865	Guysborough
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" Morrow, H.....	Nov. 8, 1871	Sackville.
" Newcomb, James.....	Wolfville.....	May 1, 1849	Hillsborough, N. B.
" Parker, James.....	New Minas.....	May 19, 1842	Upper Wilnot.
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" Philp, Robt. R.....	Maitland.....	Oct. 12, 1856	Margaree, C. B.
" Read, E. O.....	Berwick.....	Jan. 8, 1858	Gaspereaux.
" Read, J. L.....	Upper Aylesford..	June 30, 1858	Hopewell, N. B.
" Saunders, E. M. A. M.	Halifax.....	Dec. 15, 1858	West Cornwallis.
" Sawyer, A. W., D. D.	Wolfville.....	Dec. 27, 1853	Lawrence, Mass, U. S.
" Shaw, D. G.....	Falmouth.....	Jan. 24, 1860	Falmouth.
" Skinner, I. J., A. B....	Chester.....	Sept. 19, 1858	Port Medway.
" Stevens, James.....	Gaspereaux.....	Aug. 4, 1830	Horton.
" Vaughan, B.....	Kempt.....	May 4, 1842	Wolfville
" Weathers, George....	Kempt.....	May 12, 1864	Newport
" Welton, D. M., A. M..	Windsor.....	Sept. 2, 1857	Windsor

Licentiates.

Cornwallis 1st.—Rufus Sandford and George W. Thomas.
 Cornwallis 2nd.—Charles Norwood and Isaac Skinner.
 Cornwallis 5th.—James DeWolf.
 Halifax 1st.—A. W. Eaton.
 Halifax 2nd.—Robert Burgess.
 Horton 1st.—Judson Stevens, John R. Stabbert and Charles Martell.
 New Cornwall.—Caleb Spidle.
 New Guysborough road.—Jacob Allen, (colored).
 Preston 2nd.—John Crawley, (colored).

Circular Letter.

THE CLAIMS OF SMALL CHURCHES.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CONVENED AT BRIDGEWATER IN ANNUAL SESSION, JUNE, 1873, TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Beloved Brethren,

We purpose in this letter, to ask your attention to a few thoughts on the inequality, which exists among our Churches in their religious privileges. Our aim is to call attention to the destitution of our small churches, and to ask those that are "strong, to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please themselves." An inequality exists:

1. In the amount of preaching enjoyed. Too largely the gospel privileges of our churches are commensurate to their wealth; the rich being filled with good things, and the poor sent empty away.

Churches have been planted, chiefly by the labors of our fathers, and other missionaries who have succeeded them in almost every portion of our province. Many of those Churches are yet without the stated ministry of the gospel, and some but seldom hear a Baptist preacher. Whether it was wise in all cases to form those small communities into separate churches, is not our object now to discuss. Neither would it alter the features of the case. There are christian disciples in those places who are one with us in their views of New Testament truth. Many of them have been led to embrace those views in the midst of persecution, and have passed through hard struggles with former prejudices before the "truth made them free." Led by the teachings of God's word, and following honest convictions of duty, they have identified themselves with our body, and if properly cared for each little interest is the nucleus of a strong Baptist Church to wield a powerful influence among the perishing around them.

The 166 churches connected with our Denomination in this Province, tell something of our strength, but not all. Mr. Costly in his Registration Report for 1871 says, "The Baptists, as a religious body are almost as generally diffused over the Province as the Roman Catholics. They are the most numerous body in four out of the eighteen Counties, and are all well represented in all the others, with the exception of Antigonish, Inverness, Pictou, Richmond and perhaps Cape Breton County." It is known to us, however, that there are Baptists in most, if not all of these excepted Counties, and in some of them Baptist Churches. Now it is evident that the whole of this ground needs to be occupied. But for 166 churches we have only about fifty-eight Pastors, and the Minutes of our three Associations last year, show seventy-nine churches without pastoral labor. True, most of these destitute are small, and not able to

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support a minister: yet they are an essential part of our body and their weakness is the grand reason why they have demands upon our Denomination for help. The question is, shall we help them, or will we allow them to dwindle and die? Will we neglect our duty and allow the other denominations to occupy the land which God in His providence has given to us? We cannot afford to do so in honesty to our principles, or in fidelity to our God. His word commands us to "comfort the feeble minded, and support the weak; to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the laws of Christ." Such appellatives as "feeble, weak, burdened" will justly apply to many of our churches. The Minutes of our three Associations last year report twenty churches whose membership does not exceed twenty.

The most of these are planted in our poorer agricultural and fishing communities, and far removed from the hum of commercial thrif and the flow of commercial wealth, yet planted where souls are precious and among those whom Christ has said should "have the gospel preached to them." But unless generously assisted by their brethren many of our churches must remain in spiritual destitution, and have we not already neglected them to our dishonor. A glance at the small sums contributed to give the gospel to the poor should crimson the cheek of every Baptist with an honest blush; fill his soul with deep humiliation before God; lead him to a fresh consecration of his all to the Redeemer, and send him to his closet to weep over the waste places of Jerusalem, and earnestly to plead with the "Lord of the harvest till He send forth more laborers into His harvest.

In this matter of satisfying the poor in Zion with the bread of life, every christian is "under law to Christ." There was no more and no other obligation resting on Paul, viewed simply as a christian, than rests upon each member of every Baptist Church to carry the gospel into the regions beyond. But never will our churches fulfil the whole mission assigned us by our Head, until as a people we are all awake to duty. Let us continue to move with the slow march, which has marked our progress for the last ten years, and how long before all this land will be possessed; how long before the peans of victory will be sung by God's conquering host over a land redeemed; "the wilderness and the solitary place be made glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose."

2. Again, this inequality is seen not only in a disproportionate quantity of preaching, but also in the quality. Our wealthy churches secure the labors of our ablest men and best preachers, and our poorer churches must be content with such gifts as they can secure.

We do not blame any church for "coveting earnestly the best gifts." The blame is in monopolizing those gifts. Instead of releasing our Pastors a portion of each year to preach to the destitute; do we not generally require more of their services at home than is consistent with loving our neighbor as ourselves? We

would not unsettle our Pastors, and establish a system of itineracy to be controlled by a Bishop or a Conference. Such a course would probably be as unwise as unscriptural. But each Pastor could perform some mission work every year without relinquishing the pastorate, and unless our destitute fields are more adequately supplied than it is possible for a few Missionaries to supply them, they must continue to languish.

And it may be questioned whether the Missionaries employed are in all cases suited to the fields they are called upon to occupy. We would say nothing to the dishonor of our Missionaries. They are doubtless men of God, honorably discharging their duty, and in the end will receive the approbation, "Well done." Yet many of them are young, and have not had the advantages of experience, and of growth. Probably too, applications may sometimes be made to the Board for the appointment of a mission, not as much from a love for mission work, as from the fact of the applicants being for the time out of employ. Now, would it not be better for our denomination as a whole, to somewhat equalize our labor, and as churches, invite our Pastors to alternate with our Missionaries. The Pastors occasionally occupying the mission field, and the Missionary for the time acting as a supply for the Pastor.

Such a course would be beneficial to the Pastor, for being brought into connection with destitution he would be likely to imbibe more of the spirit of Missions. Our young men would be improved. The influential position would draw them out, and strengthen them for their life-work. The Missionary zeal of our larger churches would be stimulated; and our smaller ones would not only be cheered by the warm hearted appeals of our young men, but would by our strong men be fed with instruction, and established in the faith.

It may be urged, however, that the better literary advantages, as a general rule by the more wealthy communities, compared with our newer rural sections, and the importance of the position which they hold in our denominational interests; demand the constant attention of our ablest men. Had we an adequate supply of men to meet the wants of all our churches, we would not advise that any pulpit should be vacant for a single Sabbath. As the matter stands we deem it better that every church should occasionally lack, than that others should be left uncared for. So far as our denominational interests are involved, we would by no means have our large churches wholly neglected; neither so far as the destinies of eternity, and the interests of souls are concerned should we overlook our small churches and allow them to dwindle and die. Besides, our destitute churches are some of them in important county towns and villages, and in the midst of good educational advantages. They need strong men; and yet how few of the graduates of our College are to-day engaged in our Home Mission work.

3. Another example of this inequality may be seen in the places provided for public worship. Some of our churches have no place of worship, except the low crowded school-room; or the private

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dwelling. Others actually expend more in an expensive style, or mere adornments, than would suffice to build a comfortable place of worship for some needy church. We have no less authority than Dr. Wayland for the following, "We have no belief in holy places or places where God may be acceptably worshiped. We do not profess to build a shrine, which, standing in a holy place, shall address the eye and overcome us by its magnificence. We assemble to offer spiritual sacrifice. We meet to hear the word of God explained, and brought home to our consciences and hearts, and to bring under the sound of the Gospel as many as possible. Hence, we need a neat, convenient audience-room, well ventilated, well warmed, and also perfectly adapted to the wants of both speaker and hearers. We want this to be provided at a small expense as possible, for two reasons: first, we wish to bring the gospel within the reach of the poor: and secondly, we need a great many such houses, because, if faithful to Christ, we expect an abundant increase. I regret however that in the building of meeting houses we have acted at variance with all these principles.

We have our *Gothic temples* instead of our *Baptist Meeting-houses*. Who would think of erecting a Gothic building for any purpose (except a church) where the object was to enable a large number of persons to hear a speaker. Now in all this we underrate ourselves, and do injustice to our principles. Could we unite upon some plain, neat, convenient, and economical model for a meeting-house, we might build two, where we now build one; and attract to the worship of God thousands who are now excluded from a place in the sanctuary. Can any reasons be assigned why we should sacrifice these advantages, for the sake of imitating the gorgeous structures of the Roman Catholic Churches" (Principles and Practices, chap. 26.) The sound sense of this quotation will justify its length. How many of our churches in their zeal for the elegant have crippled their contributions to the benevolent. And it may be doubted whether the expenditure of the money which is yearly lavished upon the gaudy would not be more acceptable in the sight of Jesus if given to provide places of worship for the poor. Had we as a denomination acted on the plan above suggested by Dr. Wayland, it is probable that every one of our churches in this Province might to-day have a comfortable place of worship, sufficiently large to meet all its wants.

In review of the whole does not an inequality exist among us too great to be among brethren. For while some churches are surfeited, others are starved; while some have more privileges than they appreciate, others have few to appreciate; and yet we hear the Spirit saying to a church, collectively considered, "I mean not that other men be eased and ye burdened. But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want; that there may be equality." Brethren when shall our practice be a living comment on that Apostolic rule? Not till a spiritual patriotism for

the kingdom of Christ glows in every bosom, and the tone of our zeal is primitive and fervent.

How then, we ask, is more equality to be secured?

1. We need more prayer. We need it that the laborers may be multiplied. For a supply equal to all demands of the field, we should continue to pray the Lord of the harvest till every locality is blessed with a living ministry, and all our whitened fields are gathered into the granary of God. And we should pray too for those who are now laboring, that each may possess the missionary zeal of the Master, and that disentangled from every yoke of worldly bondage they may give themselves entirely to the things of God. Prayer also is needed for ourselves as churches, until an earnest longing for God's glory becomes the all-absorbing passion of the soul, and the call "come over and help us" meet a ready response from every christian.

But we do not pray unless the object for which we plead is sufficiently desired to lead us to sacrifice our own privileges and wealth as means to its accomplishment. Hence we need :

2. The spirit of entire consecration. We profess to belong to God. "We are not our own but bought with a price." "We are the Lord's"—and we sometimes sing,

"All that I am, and all I have, shall be forever thine."

Let us see to it that the sentiment does not end with the song, for is it not to be feared that benevolence with too many is a matter of convenience rather than of conscience. If anything can be given, and the want of it not perceived, it may possibly be given to God. Such offerings are unworthy of the name of sacrifice. We are to give till we do feel. When this is the case, and all is honestly consecrated, there will be no lack in God's treasury, and then our weak churches in their applications for aid will not be told, "depart in peace, be warmed and filled."

3. We need to love our neighbours as ourselves. This alone would give to our churches privileges more equal. Cherishing such a principle, what christian, or church could Sabbath after Sabbath sit, and be feasted in the sanctuary without remembering their brethren who are fainting for the bread of life." With this in our hearts we could not behold our neighbour and brother in want, and with the priest or the Levite "pass by on the other side." Every member of the Brotherhood has claims on the sympathies of his brethren, and there should be an abiding confidence in the heart of each, of receiving aid in times of need. That confidence should not be shaken—neither should the individuality of our churches cause us to forget the brotherhood. No distance of location or variation of condition can weaken our obligation to "distribute to the necessity of saints." We may love our own church, or that separate organization to which we belong, because we have common interests involved. We might give largely to provide for it elegant places of worship, and a stated ministry because it would be for our own comfort, and tend to our own advantage: and yet possess an

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isolated, selfish spirit which would shut up, within the limits of our own congregation, all our concern for the cause of God and our denominational growth. But the question having lost none of its force would still come down to us upon the stream of time: "Where is thy brother?" Here too we may learn an important lesson from our Wesleyan friends—when they gain a footing in a locality they keep it. This is probably attributable to their having what we

4. Need—a more efficient system of Home Mission work. Hitherto our interests and our zeal have been sectional, and our efforts desultory. And in proportion as we have localized our strength and means, in just that ratio have our conceptions become narrow, and our work limited. The conclusion is that our care one for another and especially for the weak is not proportional to our means and should test our profession by the Divine inquiry. "Whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

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Mountains shall fall, valleys shall rise, and every enemy shall be subdued before our face. A great work is committed to our hands, perishing millions of our race, are looking to us for the "bread of life," and the Master is saying to us, most emphatically, "give ye them to eat." Let us not stop to enquire "from whence," but obediently, begin to bring the loaves and fishes to Him, that he may bless, and return them to us "to set before the multitude." And rest assured, the more we feed, the more shall we have left, for that is God's purpose, "He that watereth shall be watered." I repeat the saying of Carey, Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God. Always expect, (before putting forth an effort) that, God will certainly prosper your undertaking. It will of course be necessary, first of all, to see that the desire of our heart is in accordance with the revealed will of God. Now I believe the desire of my brethren is, that sinners may be saved and Christ honored, if so, do not doubt that effort in that direction will succeed. It is God's to give the increase. Men and money are at his disposal, pray ye the Lord of the harvest, and he will provide both. I shall not, in all probability, ever meet with you in an Association on earth again. Almost five years of continual pain have already been allotted me, but doubtless the end is approaching and in view of my last change I write to you, the time has doubtless come, when Baptists should not be ashamed of their principles, I believe Baptist doctrines to be Bible doctrines, and am pleased therefore, that it is intended by the Home Missionary Union to circulate Baptist literature, if other denominations are vigilant in spreading their sentiments, surely Baptists should not be behind in so good a work. I am interested in all our denominational enterprises and my prayer is that great grace and wisdom may be granted you, at your present meeting, and asking an interest in your prayers, I remain your brother and companion in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.

ROBERT S. MORTON.

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REPORT ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

Your committee on benevolent funds beg to report that in consideration of the great work to be done in the cause of Christ both at home and abroad, and the trifling sums reported as given by the majority of our churches, God's people are called upon for *largely increased liberality* and also for *more earnest attention to Bible system* as laid down in 2 Cor. 16: 1, 2, in contributing to the cause of Christ.

Your committee would also remind the churches by way of incentive to increased attention to this subject, that in addition to the pressing wants of our Home Mission fields and educational institutions, there are at this moment no less than eight dear brethren

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and sisters under appointment for the Foreign field, and others also desirous of entering upon the same work.

In view of the foregoing facts your committee are of opinion that increased and systematic liberality are *imperatively demanded* by the Master. And, finally, they would recommend that this report, if adopted by your body, be printed in the *Christian Messenger* once or twice during the year, that the brethren generally throughout the Province may be made acquainted with your sentiments on this subject. All of which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Committee,
J. F. KEMPTON, *Chairman.*

(D)

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We, as your committee, desire to express our sense of the great importance and need of using the press, that mighty engine for good or evil, turning it as much as possible to supply information respecting the operations of our denomination and to disseminating the truths we hold so dear.

The *Christian Messenger* we believe is doing good service, and by careful piloting, with the support of our brethren, may do much to instruct the people in the things and ways of God.

We also think much good might be accomplished by means of the circulation of tracts, care being taken in the selection and writing of the same, to see that therein nothing but Christ be lifted up, and "one Faith, one Lord, one Baptism" clearly defined.

If Colportage and Mission work could be combined, it appears to us that the visits of such an agency would be welcome in many an outlying district, and the sale of cheap, but good sound literature the means of enlightenment and blessing long after the herald has gone to sow in other fields. We feel that the books must be interesting, aiming at the moral and spiritual advancement of the people, and that at first no great profit could be obtained from such sales, but that in time such sales would increase, and a greater interest awakened both in the vendor and his wares, and who can tell the results that will follow the bearing of such precious seed from door to door among the scattered homesteads?

But this we do know, if we sow thus in hope, it will please the Lord of the harvest, and the ingathering shall not be small if He cause the increase; which we all might beg for Jesus' sake.

J. F. AVERY, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg to report that the prospects of the Independent Mission to Siam, inaugurated a year ago, are

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encouraging. Three men and five women—eight in all—will leave for that field this fall, and the funds necessary to send them are now in the Treasury, or will be by the time of their departure. The fact that the Baptists of these Provinces have taken upon themselves the entire work under God of supporting and conducting this mission will doubtless have the effect more and more of developing the missionary spirit, and the mission resources of the denomination. The Women's Missionary Aid Societies have performed important service during the past year, and it is hoped that the aid which these societies have shown themselves capable of rendering, will be greatly increased in the future.

Your Committee heartily favor the principle of union and concentration in our Domestic Missions, and recommend that the Constitution of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, as recently modified and amended by the union, and adopted by the Western Association, be adopted by this Association. God in his Providence is opening effectual doors in both the Home and Foreign field. God grant that the Baptists of these Provinces may arise and enter them.

D. M. WELTON, *Chairman.*

(F)

REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance would urge on all the duty and the privilege of obeying the command of God, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," Exodus xx. 8. We know that specious arguments are used to undermine the obligations of the Lord's Day. But we would not sanction any doctrine or practice which would tend to diminish the blessing which the Sabbath, rightly observed, is fitted to confer. We believe with Dr. Wayland that the desecration of the Sabbath "is the beginning of the end of all social happiness and prosperity."

We believe, moreover, that the right observance of the Sabbath implies the assembling of ourselves together to worship God: "Ye shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary." The early disciples met on the Lord's Day to commemorate his death and resurrection. Christians should make this day their delight. Lounging idly at home, walking the fields, boating, driving for pleasure, visiting friends, and receiving social visits, are desecrations of the Sabbath. Indispensable works of mercy, private and family devotion, the delightful exercises of the sanctuary, and the prescribed ordinances of the Gospel, constitute the engagements of the Christian Sabbath. These obligations fulfilled cannot fail of a blessing. The Sabbath is a true type of heaven. "There remaineth a rest (a Sabbath keeping) for the people of God." Let us so observe the one on earth that we may enjoy the other in heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. READ, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools desire to report that they regard that sphere of christian labor which embraces the young, as the most hopeful of success. To induce our youth to abandon the fatal street school, and incline them to receive the truth, thereby laying a sound and broad basis for a religious character, is surely the greatest good for the world and the church.

We hail with gladness the increased attention and support given to this subject, and hope soon to see suitable rooms and all necessary help provided for our schools, and the young and aged alike coming together on the Sabbath to learn of Jesus.

Your Committee also wish to express their high approval of the movement for "Denominational Literature," and would suggest that each delegate make strenuous efforts to supply their Sabbath Schools with libraries, periodicals, &c., from our Baptist Publication Societies. The Publication Society in Philadelphia will readily and advantageously supply all demands.

Your Committee do not deem it necessary to furnish a lengthened report on Sabbath Schools annually, thereby occupying time and incurring expense, while there is a Sabbath School Convention in connection with this Association which is performing this work so nobly and efficiently. The Convention above-mentioned meets this year with the Canard Church, Cornwallis, and it is desirable that all our Schools should be represented, and that full statistics be sent in from all our Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
J. MURRAY.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is cause for rejoicing that Education is advancing rapidly in this country. This fact of itself makes it the more imperative that the Baptists should support and improve in every possible way their own Institutions at Horton. Those Institutions have enjoyed during the year a fair share of prosperity. About 40 students have been in attendance at the College—from 40 to 60 in the Academy.

A class of 12 young men, five of whom have devoted themselves to the work of the ministry, have just completed their College course. Fifteen, from the Academy, are prepared to enter College next year.

All the classes in the Academy have been thrown open to Female pupils. About 20 young ladies have availed themselves of the advantages offered. From a report presented to the Nova Scotia Governors at their last session, June 2nd, we learn that the experiment so far may be regarded as a success.

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Your Committee would urge upon the churches the duty of supporting their own institutions by their sympathies, prayers, and contributions. To stand still in these times of progress is rapidly to recede. We must, in this matter, keep fully abreast of the age. If possible, we should lead the van, and stimulate others to greater exertion.

Young people of both sexes, who have good mental ability, should be encouraged to devote themselves to mental culture; to go to Horton where they may catch the spirit of the student, and imbibe the atmosphere of those who have become ambitious to excel, first in the class-room, and then in the work of the world and the church.

We would remind the churches of this Association of the duty and importance, in a special manner, of urging and assisting young men called to preach the gospel to prepare themselves, by a thorough mental training, for this great work. The day has gone by in Nova Scotia, when men however gifted by nature, can hope to be useful and successful for any lengthened period in the ministry unless this matter is attended to. The church which encourages young men because full of words, warmth, and zeal, to content themselves with meagre preparation for their life's work, may inflict a grievous wrong both upon the parties themselves and upon the denomination. Men with limited culture may be useful for a time as Colporteurs or Missionaries, but ordination should not be thought of either by Licentiates or the churches for which they labor until, at the least, a thorough English education has been secured.

The endowment of the College is still in process of completion. Much has been accomplished, much remains to be done. Let us work, work hard, work long, and work altogether, till our Institutions at Horton are acknowledged to be second to none in the land.

In behalf of the Committee,

T. A. HIGGINS.

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ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries beg to make honourable mention of the following brethren:—

Rev. Robert Walker departed this life during the past year, and now rests from his labours. His early religious education was in connection with the Church of England, but he was made the subject of divine grace at about the age of thirty years, and united with the Baptist Church in Aylesford. Soon after he was chosen deacon, the duties of which office he discharged with credit to himself and profit to his brethren. Late in life he entered the ministry, and was ordained as an evangelist, and continued labouring in the Home Mission field as opportunity offered, till called away by death. He was sound in the faith, and his aim was the glory of God and the salvation of souls. In his last hours he was sustained

by the gospel which he endeavoured to preach, and died in the triumphs of faith.

Deacon John Bezanson has also been called to his reward during the past year. He was one of the oldest members of the Baptist Church of Chester, of which the venerable Joseph Dimock was pastor. He was early chosen deacon of the church. In the absence of the pastor—which was frequently the case on missionary tours—he very efficiently supplied the pulpit, and many members of the church, even now, refer to his labours as having been instrumental in much good. He was a sound, earnest, and faithful advocate of the truth. In the evening of his life he enjoyed christian peace and joy. To him death was no terror, but with a calm serenity of mind he breathed his last on earth, and has doubtless entered into the “rest that remains for the people of God.”

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PARKER, *Chairman.*

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*Treasurer's Account of Monies for Benevolent Objects received at
the Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association, held at
Bridgewater, June, 1873.*

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Indirm Ministers.	TOTAL.
Aylesford, Upper.....	\$6 00	\$21 00	\$4 80	\$0 50	\$6 85	\$0 50	\$30 65
Bridgewater.....	5 01	32 24	0 80	1 42	2 25	2 85	44 57
Canning.....	4 50	5 50	2 20	.....	5 50	.....	17 70
Chelsea.....	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 74	22 74
Chester.....	32 65	38 46	.....	2 30	0 50	1 60	84 60
Cornwalls 1st, Canard.....	16 80	81 09	.....	12 75	.....	11 00	121 64
Cornwalls 2nd, Berwick.....	24 40	25 10	9 45	.....	6 00	7 05	72 00
Cornwalls 3rd, Billtown.....	8 62	41 22	0 50	.....	11 40	.....	61 74
Cornwalls 4th, Greenwick.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	8 00
Cornwalls 5th, Pereaux.....	5 15	10 44	.....	3 45	10 39	4 35	33 78
Falmouth.....	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	1 50	2 00	10 50
Fall River.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Halifax 1st, Granville Street.....	47 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 22	53 22
Halifax 2nd, North Church.....	30 00	15 00	15 00	.....	40 00	10 00	110 00
Hammonds Plains 1st.....	12 00	8 00	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	25 00
Hammonds Plains 2nd.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Hantsport.....	.....	15 12	.....	.....	21 88	.....	37 00
Horton 1st, Wolfville.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 12	23 12
Horton 2nd, Gaspereaux.....	9 75	25 00	0 75	.....	0 50	4 00	40 00
Horton 3rd, New Minas.....	12 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	20 00
Jeddore.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	7 65	.....	11 65
Kempt.....	10 77	18 13	.....	.....	7 50	.....	42 40
LaHave.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	3 00	0 50	8 50
Lunenburg.....	5 00	6 00	4 00	5 50	5 50	5 00	31 00
Margaret's Bay 1st.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Margaret's Bay 2nd.....	12 75	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00
New Cornwall.....	2 31	2 31	2 31	.....	.....	2 30	9 23
New Germany.....	5 62	14 87	0 93	.....	0 97	0 97	23 41
Newport.....	7 39	35 26	.....	7 24	17 20	5 85	72 94
New Ross.....	8 64	3 95	0 51	.....	0 85	0 74	14 60
Preston 1st.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Rawdon.....	5 07	32 07	1 64	1 88	2 32	0 06	30 24
Sackville.....	16 00	7 00	2 00	.....	4 00	.....	29 00
Tancook.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
Waterville.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Windsor.....	60 00	60 00	5 00	15 00	.....	5 00	145 00
Chelsea Sabbath School.....	.....	1 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 84
E. B. Hubley.....	2 50	1 50	.....	.....	1 25	1 25	6 50
George Baker.....	2 00	2 00	4 00
John McLearn.....	1 00	1 00
Collections.....	43 79	14 06	57 85
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Statistics of the Churches in Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association, held at Bridgewater, June, 1873.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Increase.		Decrease.				Present Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	
1 Aylesford, Upper.....	1846	Rev. J. L. Read.....	1869	Whitman Morton.....	2	6	2	1	4	180	
2 Bridgewater.....	1848	Rev. S. March.....	1862	W. J. Gates.....	1	1	1	1	1	141	
3 Burton's.....	1870	Rev. D. Freeman.....	1861	James S. Witter, Canning.....	3	2	1	1	1	22	
4 Canning.....	1870	Rev. D. Freeman.....	1861	James S. Witter, Canning.....	2	2	1	1	1	32	
5 Chelsea*.....	1811	Rev. I. J. Skhner.....	1861	John A. Church, Chester.....	1	1	5	2	3	94	
6 Chester.....	1811	Rev. I. J. Skhner.....	1861	John A. Church, Chester.....	1	1	5	2	3	95	
7 Cornwallis 1st.....	1811	Rev. S. B. Kempton.....	1868	Otis Eaton, Centerville.....	4	5	9	4	5	364	
8 Cornwallis 2nd.....	1811	Rev. S. B. Kempton.....	1868	Otis Eaton, Centerville.....	2	2	7	3	6	421	
9 Cornwallis 3rd.....	1855	Rev. E. O. Read.....	1870	F. H. Parker, Berwick.....	2	3	6	3	4	383	
10 Cornwallis 4th.....	1855	Rev. J. F. Kempton.....	1870	Melstiah Kinsman, Billtown.....	3	3	1	1	1	151	
11 Cornwallis 5th.....	1852	Rev. J. L. Read.....	1862	E. C. Charlton.....	2	3	2	2	3	150	
12 Dartmouth.....	1852	Rev. D. Freeman.....	1862	D. H. Newcomb, Peregaux.....	5	5	0	0	0	49	
13 Ellershoush.....	1843	Rev. Joseph Murray.....	1870	J. W. Johnston.....	2	2	2	2	2	16	
14 Fall River.....	1856	Bro. John Crawley.....	1870	A. Shaw, Falmouth.....	6	1	3	3	3	93	
15 Halifax 1st, Granite St.....	1826	Rev. E. M. Saunders.....	1867	Benjamin Richardson.....	1	1	1	1	1	19	
16 Halifax 2nd, North.....	1848	Rev. J. F. Avery.....	1873	B. H. Eaton, Halifax.....	1	5	1	5	2	190	
17 Hammond's Plains 1st.....	1842	Rev. J. F. Avery.....	1873	A. W. Clarke, Halifax.....	1	1	6	3	1	237	
18 Hammond's Plains 2nd.....	1842	Rev. J. F. Avery.....	1873	A. W. Clarke, Halifax.....	2	2	2	2	1	55	
19 Hammond's Plains 3rd.....	1842	Rev. J. F. Avery.....	1873	A. W. Clarke, Halifax.....	2	2	2	2	1	55	
20 Indian Harbor*.....	1849	Rev. S. W. DeHobbs.....	1869	D. C. Walpole.....	3	3	2	2	1	2	
21 Indian Harbor*.....	1849	Rev. S. W. DeHobbs.....	1869	D. C. Walpole.....	3	3	2	2	1	2	
22 Jeddore.....	1843	Rev. James Walker.....	1869	J. Marzesson, St. D.....	1	1	3	1	1	250	
23 LaHave.....	1842	Rev. J. Meadows.....	1870	T. E. Martins, Wolfville.....	1	1	17	4	4	253	
24 Lunenburg.....	1842	Rev. Geo. Weathers.....	1868	W. H. Seaman.....	3	3	1	1	1	253	
25 Lunenburg.....	1842	Rev. Geo. Weathers.....	1868	Finis Covey.....	1	1	6	6	2	177	
26 Lunenburg.....	1842	Rev. S. March.....	1868	Finis Covey.....	1	1	6	6	2	177	
27 Lunenburg.....	1842	Rev. S. March.....	1868	Finis Covey.....	1	1	6	6	2	177	
28 Lunenburg.....	1842	Rev. S. March.....	1868	Finis Covey.....	1	1	6	6	2	177	
29 Lunenburg.....	1842	Rev. S. March.....	1868	Finis Covey.....	1	1	6	6	2	177	
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34 Lunenburg.....	1842	Rev. S. March.....	1868	Finis Covey.....	1	1	6	6	2	177	
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14 Falmouth.....	1843	Rev. Joseph Murray.....	1843	Jacob Miner.....	0	1	1	1	2	250
15 Fall River.....	1843	Rev. John Crawley.....	1843	A. Shaw, Falmouth.....	1	1	1	1	1	196
16 Halifax 1st, Granville St.....	1827	Rev. E. M. Saunders.....	1827	Benjamin Richardson.....	1	3	0	0	1	337
17 Halifax 2nd, North.....	1842	Rev. F. Avey.....	1842	B. H. Eaton, Halifax.....	2	1	2	3	1	55
18 Hammond's Plains 1st.....	1842	Rev. S. March.....	1842	A. W. Clarke, Halifax.....	2	3	2	1	2	50
19 Hammond's Plains 2nd.....	1842	Rev. R. R. Philip.....	1842	D. A. Whalley.....	3	3	2	3	2	19
20 Falmouth 1st.....	1843	Rev. S. W. DeFolco.....	1843	W. Marzesson, M. D.....	3	1	1	1	1	250
21 Falmouth 2nd.....	1843	Rev. James Parker.....	1843	P. E. Higgins, Wolfville.....	3	1	2	1	1	253
22 Indian Harbor.....	1843	Rev. J. McDowds.....	1843	W. H. Seaman.....	3	3	3	3	1	179
23 Jeddore.....	1842	Rev. Geo. Weathers.....	1842	F. Elias Covey.....	7	1	1	1	1	77
24 Kent.....	1842	Rev. S. March.....	1842	E. Jos Baker.....	2	2	0	1	0	129
25 LaHave.....	1849	Rev. R. R. Philip.....	1849	Joseph D. Masters, Somerville.....	2	3	3	3	2	32
26 Lunenburg.....	1866	Rev. R. R. Philip.....	1866	J. Parker, Lunenburg.....	3	3	2	2	2	132
27 Malabar.....	1866	Rev. R. R. Philip.....	1866	David L. McCurdy.....	3	3	3	3	3	30
28 Musquodoboit*.....	1866	Rev. W. E. Hall.....	1866	John Spidle, New Cornwall.....	1	2	2	2	2	16
29 New Cornwall.....	1842	Rev. D. McDonald.....	1842	A. E. Durland, New Germany.....	1	3	3	3	3	46
30 New Germany.....	1842	Rev. D. McDonald.....	1842	Enoch Sweet.....	31	2	4	5	5	167
31 Newport.....	1831	1831	Joseph Lantz, New Ross.....	4	1	1	1	1	220
32 New Ross.....	1831	1831	4	1	1	1	1	47
33 Preston 1st*.....	1823	1823	John McLearn.....	12
34 Preston 2nd***.....	1823	1823	Benjamin Hubbley.....	5	1	0	1	1	143
35 Rawdon.....	1823	1823	G. B. Hubbley.....	2	2	2	2	2	59
36 Sackville.....	1823	1823	Albert Pearl.....	82
37 St. Margarets Bay 1st.....	1823	1823	Francis Parker, Walton.....	23
38 St. Margarets Bay 2nd.....	1823	1823	Elisha Zwicker, Waterville.....	112
39 Tancook.....	1823	1823	Thomas I. S. Bennet.....	6	6	9	4	2	15
40 Tancook.....	1823	1823	8
41 Tancook.....	1823	1823	207
42 St. Margarets Bay 1st.....	1823	1823	19
43 St. Margarets Bay 2nd.....	1823	1823	19
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Amounts reported in the Letters to have been set apart by the Churches for the following objects.

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	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Infirm Ministers.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses.	Meeting House.	Parsonage.	Church Poor.	Other Purposes.	Totals.
1 Aylesford, Upper.....	\$21 00	\$10 80	\$ 7 35	0 50	\$600 00	\$50 00	\$1400 00	\$50 00	.....	.....	\$39 65
2 Bridgewater.....	32 24	61 81	22 67	2 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2210 57
3 Burton or Preston, 1st.....	38 46	32 65	11 89	1 60	190 00	45 00	370 00	.....	.....	8 00	92 60
4 Chester.....	5 50	19 00	10 34	.....	600 00	100 00	10,000 00	.....	.....	10 00	630 04
5 Cornwallis, 6th.....	81 09	56 80	11 75	11 00	600 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,961 64
6 Cornwallis, 1st.....	25 10	33 85	6 00	7 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 00
7 Cornwallis, 2nd.....	41 22	98 94	11 40	2 00	368 00	40 00	.....	400 00	.....	89 00	1,048 56
8 Cornwallis, 3rd.....	2 00	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
9 Cornwallis, 4th.....	10 44	5 15	13 84	4 35	.....	29 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 78
10 Cornwallis, 5th.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
11 Fall River.....	.....	9 00	1 50	2 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 50
12 Falmouth.....	5 00	47 00	57 06	6 22	1200 00	375 51	2676 96	.....	80 00	*709 21	5390 38
13 Halifax, Granville Street.....	298 48	45 00	40 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110 00
14 Halifax, North.....	15 00	45 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
15 Hammonds Plains, 1st.....	8 00	14 60	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
16 Hammonds Plains, 2nd.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	1086 00
17 Hantsport.....	15 12	69 00	21 88	.....	480 00	.....	400 00	.....	.....	.....	23 12
18 Horton, 1st.....	.....	12 00	.....	11 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
19 Horton, 2nd.....	25 00	10 50	0 50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
20 Horton, 3rd.....	4 00	13 00	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 35
21 Indian Harbor.....	.....	25 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	291 65
22 Jeddore.....	.....	4 00	7 65	.....	290 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 40
23 Kempt.....	18 13	16 77	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108 50
24 LaHave.....	2 00	3 00	3 00	0 50	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	445 00
25 Lunenburg.....	6 00	9 00	21 00	5 00	375 00	29 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 41
26 New Germany.....	14 87	6 60	0 97	0 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 43
27 Newport.....	35 26	7 39	24 44	5 85	7 90	14 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 24
28 New Cornwall.....	2 31	4 62	.....	2 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 69
29 New Ross.....	3 95	9 15	0 82	0 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	615 15
30 Neckville.....	7 00	18 00	4 00	1 25	280 00	51 15	225 00	30 00	.....	.....	16 50
31 St. Margaret's Bay.....	1 50	2 50	4 00	409 60
32 Tancook.....	5 00	1 25	995 00
33 Westville.....	12 50	5 00	800 00	400 00	4 00
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association, and such other brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3rd.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Moderator shall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, as hereinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is chosen.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—At each annual Meeting the letters from the Churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place after which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator shall not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. When large committees are judged desirable they shall be appointed by the Association, and two-thirds of the members appointed shall be competent to act.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order; this being done and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in the behalf of the Association, give to one of its messengers present the right-hand of fellowship.

ART. 8th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communication for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 9th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is claimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge for itself of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

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ART. 10th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia.

ART. 11.—That the Moderator be authorized at any time during the year, to call a special meeting the Association in pursuance of a requisition signed by ten members thereof.

ART. 12th.—Alterations and amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer; and immediately after the opening, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and corrected.

RULE 2nd.—No member of the Association shall leave the Session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject unless by permission of the body.

RULE 5th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

RULE 6th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

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SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The Annual Meeting of the Meeting of the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Society was held at Bridgewater on Monday, June 30th. The President, Bro. S. Selden, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. March. After opening remarks by the President, in absence of the Secretary, the Report of the Board was read by Rev. S. B. Kempton.

On motion it was Resolved, That a list of the delegates and members of the Society be made.

Granville Street Church,—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Bros. S. Selden, John Rhuland and Alex. Robinson.

Lunenburg,—Bro. G. Langille.

2nd Halifax,—Rev. J. F. Avery and Bro. J. C. Dumaresq.

2nd Cornwallis,—Rev. E. O. Read.

1st Cornwallis,—Rev. S. B. Kempton.

Members in their own right,—Revds. Jas. Parker, I. J. Skinner, S. March, M. Welton, W. E. Hall, T. A. Higgins, J. L. Read, D. Freeman, J. F. Kempton, J. F. Murray, Bros. F. Webber, (life member), Geo. O. Gates, John McLearn, Chas. A. Webber, W. J. Gates, M. Curry, Jos. Parker, M. Mansman, Wm. Faulkner, C. Kennedy, Edward Parker.

On motion it was Resolved, That the Reports of the Secretary, and also of the treasurer, after being audited, be accepted and printed under the direction of the Board.

Whereas, in the view of the action of the Eastern Association last year on the subject of the Home Missionary Union and of the acceptance of the principle of Union by this Society at its annual meeting last year at Truro,

And whereas, in view of the modifications made in the Constitution of the Union made at its late annual meeting at Bridgetown, and of the action of the Western Association, and its acceptance of the Union as now constituted, and of the action of the Central Association at its present meeting at Bridgewater, and of its acceptance thereof,

Therefore Resolved, That this Society, comply with the request of the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Union as presented by its delegate, and that the Board of this Society be hereby directed, after all liabilities are met, that this Society is legally empowered to transfer its funds to the Union, and the Union is, by Incorporation, legally qualified to receive them, to transfer its funds to the Union to be employed by it for the purposes for which they were donated, and to pass over all books and records to the Librarian of Acadia College, and request him to put them in the Library in safe keeping.

On motion it was Resolved,—That the officers of the Society and the Board of Managers be the same as last year, substituting the names of Rev. I. J. Skinner, for that of Dr. Cramp, John Rhuland for that of Alexander Robinson, by request, and the addition of Rev. J. F. Avery.

On motion it was Resolved, That the Board be located at Halifax for the coming year.

On motion it was Resolved, That the tabular statement prepared by Rev. E. M. Saunders be attached to and published with the Minutes, and that he receive the thanks of the body therefor.

After prayer by Bro. G. O. Gates, the Session adjourned to meet with the Eastern Association next year.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

S. Selden, <i>President</i> ,	Judge McCully, <i>Treasurer</i> .
John W. Barss, } <i>Vice Presidents</i> .	R. N. Beckwith, <i>Secretary</i> .
John King, }	John Steele, <i>Auditor</i> .

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Rev. J. F. Avery,	Rev. E. M. Saunders,	Bro. David Thompson,
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" J. E. Goucher,	Bro. H. R. Cunningham,	" L. S. Payzant,
" A. S. Hunt,	" A. Clark,	" B. H. Eaton,
" G. F. Miles,	" Wm. Cummings,	" John R. Ruhland,
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R. N. BECKWITH, *Secretary*.

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In again presenting their Annual Report your Board have to state that during the year 21 Missionaries have been employed, who report 248 weeks labor performed; 782 sermons delivered; 393 prayer and conference meetings attended; 2107 family visits made; 7921 pages of tracts distributed; and 66 baptisms, being an increase over last year in the number baptized of about *one hundred per cent.*

These statistics, however, but imperfectly shew what has been accomplished by the missionaries. The accompanying extracts from letters received indicate that the seed has been faithfully sown, and while some fruit has appeared, much yet remains to be gathered in, and the future only will reveal the actual results of the missionaries' toil. There is much reason for encouragement from what we do know has been done, but the necessity for continued and increasing effort on behalf of the destitute in our Home Mission fields is still imperative.

The Eastern sections of our Province particularly present one vast field of Missionary labor, and call loudly for help. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth more labourers into his harvest." There is but one settled pastor in connection with our churches in the whole Island of Cape Breton. Port Hawkesbury, Margaree, Mabou, Cow Bay and adjacent mines, and Mira are destitute; North Sydney has been for some time, but we are glad to learn has recently successfully called a Pastor who will shortly enter upon his duties. Cape Canso, Guysborough town, and many smaller churches throughout that County are also destitute, as well as parts of Cumberland and Colchester.

Your Board might also refer to the outlying portions of Halifax County, Hants, and Lunenburg in the West. What is to be done? Here are the men to be found to occupy these inviting fields is the absorbing question?

Your Board have been endeavouring to supply the demand as far as possible, and are largely indebted to students at Acadia, whose services have been secured during their vacations, and more recently have been gratified by receiving applications from students at Newton, who are desirous of giving their talents and energy to their native Province, some of whom have been employed, and others probably will be. Still there is room. Much of the ground remains to be occupied.

The Treasurer's account shows an increase over last year of \$2.07 in the receipts from the two Associations, but we regret to see that from other sources they have been diminished by \$146.51, independent of two sums amounting to \$389.33, bequeathed to the Society as in last years report. The total receipts are \$1835.85,

of this sum \$853.47 have been collected by the Missionaries in the more destitute localities. It is evident from these figures that the contributions from more highly favoured churches and individuals, are exceedingly small, very far below what they ought to be; certainly it cannot be said that they have given as the Lord "has prospered" them. Such however is the divine standard—the rule of christian beneficence.

Your Board have had under consideration the increase of compensation to Missionaries in their employ, and have decided to increase their pay from 1st April as follows:—Married and ordained to receive \$10 per week; married Licentiates and unmarried and ordained \$9; unmarried Licentiates \$8.

Referring to the Missionary Union, your Board, for the following reasons, concluded that it would be better to let things remain as they are until the Home Missionary Society at its Annual Meeting should take definite action, on this subject of organized Union for Missionary work.

First—The Eastern Association did not express its unequivocal approval of this institution as conditionally formed at Berwick.

Second—Your Society did not take final action to dissolve its organizations, and merge the elements thereof into that Society, whose formation it was supposed, would have been perfected by the Eastern Association and the Home Missionary Society at their last annual meetings.

For these reasons your Board declined to transfer its funds on application made by the Secretary of the Board of the Home Missionary Union, preferring if this were to be done it should be by the direction of the Society itself, and for these reasons your Board was of the opinion that nothing would be gained by conferring with the Board of the Union, according to the resolution passed by the Home Missionary Society at its last Annual Meeting. In view of this, as well as the general state of the whole subject, there has been no correspondence between the two Boards to accomplish this special end expressed in your Society's directions, as given at its last annual meeting, and awaiting such final action, your Board, as the guardians of the interests of the Society, felt called upon to petition the Legislature against the passage of a Bill submitted during the last Session, asking for an Act to incorporate the Home Missionary Union, unless said Bill be so amended or modified as to be unexceptionable to the Society as represented by your Board.

GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1st, 1872.....	\$300
From Treasurer of Central Association.....	217
“ “ Eastern Association.....	140
“ “ Interest on Government Debentures.....	50
“ Other sources.....	150
Collected by the Missionaries.....	500

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Paid to Missionaries for services to May 31st.....	\$737 36
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Collections received by the Missionaries and retained.....	896 96
Paid Secretary for years services including Postage and Stationary.....	100 00
" S. Selden, printing Reports, &c.....	55 00
Balance in hand.....	342 80

Estimated liabilities of the Board to Missionaries now in the field, \$700, in anticipation of receipts from the Associations. \$2305 34

Tabular Statement of Missionary Labor.

NAMES OF MINISTERS & LICENTIATES.	Weeks Labor.	Sermons.	Prayer & C Meetings.	Family Visits.	Baptisms.	Tracts Distributed.	Miles Travelled.	Travelling Expenses.	Collections.
Caleb Spidle, (Licentiate).....	12	23	28	61	4	150	368		\$21 77
Rev. John Miller.....	8	33	2	70	4	200	309	8 75	28 40
Rev. Augustus Shields.....	6	34	6	125	2	061	240	5 25	12 50
Rev. Obed Parker.....	6	20	4	50	..	..	..	16 17	10 35
Rev. M. A. Bigelow.....	12	32	71	86	6	..	..	..	28 00
J. C. Archibald, (Lic.).....	12	29	20	91	..	1000	300	22 82	47 15
Daniel McLeod, (Lic.).....	14	67	33	180	..	..	..	8 00	13 30
Rev. Alfred Chipman.....	13	40	3	132	..	..	554	8 00	66 90
Rev. J. B. McQuillin.....	7	..	..	120	5	..	..	483	10 00
Rev. Malcom Ross.....	12	48	11	115	2	..	..	448	2 25
Charles I. Graves, (Lic.).....	9	30	13	65	..	..	..	650	16 74
G. W. Thomas, (Lic.).....	7	30	9	100	..	..	..	697	33 32
Rev. E. B. Corey.....	52	210	66	165	40	1650	1770	354	26 75
C. H. Martell, (Lic.).....	11	44	36	311	..	..	..	525	17 75
J. C. Skinner, (Lic.).....	12	34	8	124	1	280	580	250	15 00
A. J. Stevans, (Lic.).....	12	27	12	145	..	..	..	831	33 32
R. D. Burgess, (Lic.).....	14	42	60	50	8	600	400	5 50	91 94
J. J. Armstrong, (Lic.).....	12	33	11	117	..	1040	743	8 51	54 97
John Crawley.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23 00
Rev. H. E. Morrow.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80 46
Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	37 50
Rev. J. B. McQuillin.....	43 99

Salaries supplemented, no particulars.

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ANTIGONISH COUNTY.

Rev. M. A. Bigelow spent 12 weeks in the service of the Board at Tracadie. Preached 32 sermons, attended 71 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 86 family visits, Baptized 6, collected \$28.00. Bro. Bigelow reports as follows:—The church at Tracadie thank the Board for the Mission. I found the church in a low state, having been so long without the preaching of the gospel, but a great change has taken place, Bro. Graves has been with me here for several weeks. I trust God was with us. The Church is very much revived. Eighteen expelled members were restored, six were added by Baptism, and some others have obtained a hope. I succeeded in getting a school house 20 x 26 and 10 feet high, nearly finished. I intend returning to Tracadie again soon. This people need a minister much, I hope the Board will remember them.

CAPE BRETON.

Rev. Malcom Ross again visited Cape Breton in the autumn of last year, and remained 12 weeks and 4 days. Preached 48 ser-

mons, attended 11 Prayer and Conference meetings made 115 family visits, Baptized 2, travelled 650 miles, collected \$82.53, travelling expenses \$16.74.

Bro. Ross spent the greater part of his time at Mira and Cow Bay, and respecting this field says: "It is now or never with us as regards this locality. Shall we relinquish such advantage ground, having won it so fairly with the weapons of truth.

When it is considered that there is but one Minister of our denomination devoted exclusively to the preaching of the Word on this Island, it is to be feared that some of the churches will lose their visibility unless men are obtained to occupy these destitute fields. In the absence of settled Pastors the time of the Missionary is largely taken up in settling grievances and healing breaches in order to keep the churches together. I can say, respecting several of the localities I visited, there is a growing attachment to Baptist principles."

Rev. Alfred Chipman continues to labour one-fourth of his time in mission fields adjacent to Sydney.

On the 29th Nov., 1872, Bro. Chipman reported to the Board as follows:—

"I have, in accordance with your request, spent the chief portion of the time given to mission work at Victoria Mines, including however, during my last appointment, South Bar. The little Church at this place is in a low condition, yet affords some evidence of visibility, and during the summer season maintains an interesting Sabbath School.

At Victoria Mines there are several nominally Baptist families and a few worthy members of Baptist Churches, also a few hopeful Christians of other denominations. But as a community the place yet contains very little vital and exemplary religion, and christian labor expended there must probably for some to come be largely "work of faith and labor of love."

Extracts from letter 26th May, 1873:—

"I have since January been visiting Cow Bay, Glace Bay, and the New Mines, (Lorway and Reserve). My method has been to hold a Sabbath morning service once a month at the New Mines, visiting and having a Conference meeting on Saturday at Cow Bay each month, and preaching there twice on Sabbath, visiting and holding a service at Glace Bay on the preceding Friday.

I have also twice held a service and visited some of the families at Homeville, Mira, and once at Mira Bay.

In all these places I have found the cause of Christ pretty low. Yet with some regularity and some success prayer meetings are sustained, and at Cow Bay the Sabbath School, though small, is quite an efficient condition.

The people, especially at Cow Bay, attend our preaching services well, at the other places named the attendance is somewhat poor, singing, and in all these places a disposition is manifested to contribute liberally in proportion to their means towards my mission.

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At the New Mines, where a large population is already established. I have been very much gratified and encouraged. The attendance is very good, and attention to preaching excellent. A friendly reception is also given me at their homes. A friendly saving fruit of our labor be not at present manifest, yet we are bidden to continue to sow the seed."

Bro. Daniel McLeod, (Lic.,) has spent 14 weeks in the service of the Board at West Bay and St. Ann's. Preached 67 sermons, prayer and conference meetings 33, family visits 180, miles travelled 554, collected \$13.30, travelling expenses \$8.00, and reports as follows: "The Church at West Bay hold their regular meetings, and are bearing the cross amidst much opposition. I hope that my labor has not been in vain, the Church has been revived, and our meetings have been interesting."

St. Ann's is a field which should not be neglected, there are many here who are, I believe, not far from the kingdom of God. His word is being read and pondered. Our meetings are well attended, and great interest manifested. I hope that the time is near at hand when the God of all grace will send faithful laborers to this Island, among the people who are perishing for want of the truth as it is in Jesus."

COW BAY.

Bro. J. C. Archibald, Lic., had an appointment of 12 weeks at Cow Bay and vicinity, preached 29 sermons, attended 20 prayer and conference meetings, made 91 family visits, distributed 1000 pages of tracts, travelled 300 miles, collected \$47.15, travelling expenses \$22 82.

The following report was received by the Board:

"I entered upon the work in this field on Sabbath, July 7th. The meetings in general have been well attended; have reason to believe that although there has been great declension on the part of professed followers of Christ, there are still many who are offering earnest prayer for the prosperity of Zion.

I visited, a short time, the Reserve Mines, about nine miles distant from Cow Bay. It is somewhat populous, and a rapidly growing settlement, in which there is, as yet, no stated preaching by any denomination.

Held a meeting one Sabbath evening at Big Glace Bay. A large number were present.

The mines at Schooner Pond are now in active operation. They have a meeting-house here, built by the Rev. Hugh Ross. There are loud calls for the preaching of the Gospel in these places. The Church at Little Glace Bay take a collection monthly for Home Missions, and thus have always something on hand to aid in supporting the missionary sent among them."

PORT HAWKESBURY AND WEST BAY.

Bro. Charles I. Graves (Lic.) laboured under the direction of the Board 9 weeks, preached 30 sermons, attended 13 prayer and conference meetings, made 65 family visits, distributed 697 pages of tracts, travelled 354 miles, collected \$26.75, travelling expenses \$8.75, and reports as follows :

"I arrived at Port Hawkesbury June 4th, and at the earnest request of Bro. Peter Paint, Jr., to whom I was referred for directions, laboured with the church there three weeks.

At West Bay found some interest manifested; they sustain a prayer-meeting regularly, and are very attentive to the preached word. We organized a Sabbath School, which bids fair to be a great blessing to the community. Their superintendent is a man that any school might be proud of. He is a Baptist, because the Word of God made him so. He labors with much fidelity and ability to promulgate the pure doctrines of the New Testament.

The field is large and very needy. There are no ministers of any denomination stationed in this region. I preached in the following places: At the church near the Marshes, Marble Quarry, Kempt Road, Grant Ann's, and on the South Shore Road. The people listened attentively to the preached Gospel, and I trust seed has been sown which, under the fostering care of the Holy Spirit, will result in the salvation of souls and strengthen God's children.

MARGAREE, C. B.

Mr. R. N. Beckwith :

DEAR SIR,—The field of Missionary labor which the Board assigned to me is a large and interesting one. They have had very little ministerial labor since brother Kempton left them, but have regularly maintained Sabbath services. There are those in the church who are well able to conduct divine service, either in the form of "social prayer meetings" or by "proclaiming the gospel from the sacred desk."

As is generally the case with sheep destitute of a spiritual shepherd, some have wandered from the fold and become cold and unfruitful in the service of the Master; while others, with unshaken confidence in the immutable promises of Jehovah, are praying earnestly, and laboring zealously for the growth of the church.

The brethren gave me a warm reception, and treated me with the utmost kindness throughout. Other denominations welcomed me to their homes and places of worship, and frequently formed a large part of the congregation in our own meeting house. The congregations upon the Sabbath were invariably large and attentive to the Conference and weekly prayer meetings, which for a time have been somewhat neglected, were revived, and steadily increased in interest. A Sabbath school is conducted during the summer months, but the distance which many have to travel in order to attend renders it necessary to close it during the winter.

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I spent a third of my time in Mabou, where the little flock, though mostly all living at a long distance from the place of worship, gladly assembled to participate in the blessings of the gospel. Here, as well as in Margaree, they remember with gratitude the valuable assistance which the Missionary Board has rendered them in the past, and evinced their thankfulness for a continued remembrance of them, by contributing quite liberally for the support of the mission.

It was not without feelings of regret that I took my departure from so warmhearted a people, and from so important a field of labor. It is gratifying, however, to know that the period of cessation from Oollege work has been improved in the service of the dear Redeemer, and to be able to feel the conviction that the seed sown, will, under the fostering care of Him without whose notice not a sparrow falls to the ground, spring up and bear rich fruit.

Yours fraternally,

A. J. STEVENS.

Horton, Sept. 25th, 1873.

Twelve weeks service by A. J. Stevens. Preached 27 sermons, attended 12 prayer and conference meetings, made 145 family visits, distributed 831 pages of tracts, travelled 330 miles, collected \$80.46, travelling expenses \$23.00.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

A report of six weeks mission in the County of Guysborough. I visited the town of Guysborough, Cook's Cove, New Canada, Crow Harbor, Philip's Cove, and Half Island Cove, in all these places there are some Baptists, not a church, but parts of churches. Some belong to the town, and some to the church at Canso, in fact they have no shepherd, neither prayer meeting nor conference meeting for years, except in the town. Here is a little band who have a Sabbath afternoon and Friday evening prayer meeting. I visited all those sections, preached to them and prayed for them. In preaching twenty sermons I never felt nor saw any want of interest. The Conference at Cook's Cove was good, but the last at New Canada was a special one, and my last Sabbath was one, I trust, long to be remembered. I was pressed hard to continue longer. Manchester and Port Mulgrave are destitute, and I was pressed to visit them, but could not for various reasons. And now dear brethren, in reviewing my labors amongst these dear people, I believe good was done, at least those that I visited thought and said so. Now dear brethren, if we wish to possess the land we must send the right men and sustain them, and I do think a mission here would very soon become self-sustaining.—For other matters connected with my mission I refer to my account rendered.

OBED PARKER.

Halifax, Sept. 13, 1872.

Preached 20 sermons, attended 4 prayer and conference meetings, made 50 family visits, distributed 44 pages of tracts, travelled 650 miles, collections \$10.35, travelling expenses \$16.17. This mission was sustained by Mr. Joseph H. Cook, of Milton, Queen's County.

I have spent eleven weeks in the service of the N. S. Home Missionary Board at Isaac's Harbor and vicinity, viz.; Melrose, Country Harbor, Seal Harbor, Island Harbor, and Isaac's Harbor, spending the greater part of my time in the place last mentioned. I preached as far as I was able Jesus Christ and him crucified, as the only hope for the guilty sinner. Many were interested, some expressed a desire to seek Jesus. I am not privileged to report of any putting on Christ by a public profession, yet I have great reason to believe that some with whom I have conversed have found Jesus to be precious. "The Lord knoweth them that are His." The Baptist Church at Isaac's Harbor was first organized by the Rev. George Richardson, in the year 1840. Since that time God has blessed His little Zion and the number has been increased. For the last few years they have been without much ministerial labor, and as we may expect from such circumstances the church is somewhat scattered, as sheep without a shepherd.

The Harbor is fast increasing in population, and a larger meeting house is indispensable.

C. H. MARTELL.

Isaac's Harbor, Sept. 11, 1872.

Preached 44 sermons, attended 36 prayer and conference meetings, made 311 family visits, distributed 40 pages of tracts, travelled 653 miles, collected \$91.94, travelling expenses \$12.93. This mission was more than self-supporting—an overplus of \$13.01 was paid into the treasury.

Rev. Augustus Shields received an appointment of six weeks in destitute parts of this county. The following report has been received:—

"My Mission has not been without deep interest to me as I laboured among the bays and coves from Clam Harbor to Island Harbor, including too many places to mention. Sad faces meet you all along in these places on account of the scarcity of fish, but we feel it to be a delightful duty to point them to the true riches and the heavenly rest, to which God in his infinite love and mercy has chosen the poor of this world.

I preached 34 sermons, attended 6 prayer and conference meetings, made 125 family visits, distributed 904 pages of tracts, travelled 240 miles, collected \$12.50, travelling expenses \$5.25."

ACADEIA COLLEGE, Oct. 8th, 1872.

To R. N. Beckwith Sec'y. N. S. H. M. B.

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S. H. M. B. the following report of the labour I have performed under their direction during the past summer.

The first part of my mission was spent at Sand Point. The church which was organized in this vicinity a few years ago has now become almost invisible. Some of its members have moved to other localities, while others have passed to their reward. Thus but a few remain who have declared their intention to renounce the world with its deceitful toys, and have been numbered with the church of Christ. Among the few some were found who, through these years of darkness and discouragement, have remained faithful to the principles they once embraced. Although in many instances they are deprived of many of the enjoyments of life, yet we believe that when the master appears to make up his jewels they will be counted worthy of a place at his right hand.

The people seemed unanimous in their expressions of thanks to the Board for the favours they receive from them from time to time. The congregations at Sand Point were not large, but kept steadily increasing, numbering upwards of 40 at my last service.

I next visited Clam Harbour. This station is properly within the limits of the Guysboro' Church. It is, however, a very inviting station for Baptist preaching, and, we believe, a profitable place for mission labour. The few weeks spent at this station passed away pleasantly and, we have reason to believe, profitably. Although there was no professed conversions yet we cannot but feel assured that the solemn influence prevailing in many of our meetings will not be forgotten and lost. The attendance was good and the attention marked.

It was also my privilege to visit New Canada and the Cove, holding a few services at each place.

On my return I tarried a few days with the brethren at Hawkesbury. There seems to be much need of christian labour in this place. Those who are professors need to be awakened and encouraged to renewed endeavors for Christ, and while there is also room for the rescuing of the unsaved and heedless ones. It was sad to see Satan's servants so actively engaged, and so little earnestness manifested on the part of many of the members of the church. May God send our brethren a faithful, zealous pastor to break unto them the bread of life.

Having now returned from my tour in the eastern part of the province, and remembering the scenes which I witnessed, I can only urge upon the Board the importance of this part of our Mission field. The people are favourable to Baptists and Baptist principles, and there is great need of christian labour in their midsts.

Be assured, brethren, if the church is not awake and active in the cause committed to her trust, the servants of Satan are alive in their Master's service. Second Adventists, Infidels, Spiritualists, and other equally nefarious sects are eagerly striving to commend their principles to the minds of the people. Shall we then fold our arms

and looking on the scene with a calm indifference, exclaim, "I am not my brother's keeper?"

While I laboured in your service I endeavored to scatter the seed faithfully and prayerfully, looking at all times for guidance to the Great Head of the Church, with whom I desire to leave the results of my weak and imperfect endeavors, knowing that "Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God alone giveth the increase."

Yours in Christ,

G. W. THOMAS.

Statistical report of 7 weeks service:—Preached 30 sermons, attended 9 prayer and conference meetings, made 100 family visits, distributed 525 pages of tracts, travelled 250 miles, collected \$15.00.

COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Bro. J. J. ARMSTRONG, writes:—

WOLFVILLE, Sept. 14th, 1873.

To the Board of Home Missions, Halifax.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Under appointment from your Board I spent twelve weeks in the county of Colchester, under the direction of the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock. My mission was performed in the following places,—Onslow West, Onslow East, Upper North River, East Mountain, DeBert River and Great Village.

I endeavoured, by the help of God, to preach Christ and his truth to the people; and was much encouraged in my work by the large attendance on the services of the sanctuary, and the earnest and solemn attention given to the word preached. I cannot report conversions, but there was evidence that my poor labors were not unprofitable, if the awakening and nurturing of Christian emotion by means of the truth, and the ready contributions of the people in support of the mission are indications of usefulness. It is much to be desired and hoped that coming days will reveal greater fruit in the salvation of sinners, by the word which has been preached in the places named.

I have great pleasure in testifying to the kindness of the people, and their readiness to attend on the ministration of the Gospel. The field is large and important, but there is much destitution of the Gospel. The word of God is prized, and those who proclaim it are respected and loved by the people.

Preached 33 sermons, attended 11 prayer and conference meetings, made 117 family visits, distributed 1040 pages of tracts, travelled 743 miles, collections \$43.99, travelling expenses \$8.51.

To the Home Missionary Board, Halifax.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Having spent twelve weeks under your direction in New Annan and at the head of Tatamagouche Bay, I now send you a brief report.

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Church with a very small membership. And the members are so widely separated from each other, and living at such distances from the places of worship that it is very difficult for them to keep alive a religious interest among themselves when there is no one laboring with them. And when one visits a people that have been for a length of time without the gospel ministry he is almost sure to find a great degree of coldness and indifference with reference to holy and sacred duties. But the heart of the missionary is cheered when in the performance of his work he finds that his christian hearers are desirous and willing to throw off their sluggishness and again gird on the christian armor. And until this is the case with professed believers in the Lord Jesus, we cannot with consistency hope or pray for an ingathering of souls. The men of the world are not so ignorant as not to know what a christian should be. And when they see the life of Christ exhibited in the lives and conduct of professors, they are attracted and an influence is at work, which, by the power of the Holy Spirit will effect a glorious result.

But when these little churches are left for so long a time without a shepherd the labors of a missionary for a few weeks are to a great extent unavailing to the outside world. For oftentimes as soon, or shortly after, an interest is manifested on the part of the church, a coming up to duty and taking hold and laboring with us, the time allotted for our mission has passed by and other duties force us to come away.

I offer these thoughts as suggestive of my own experience while laboring with those kind people.

I had large and attentive congregations. On one occasion a large assembly of people gathered at the baptismal waters, where a deep solemnity seemed to prevail. And one young man who was determined to follow his Lord and Master, was buried with Christ in baptism by Rev. E. B. Corey.

The churches were thankful to the Board for again remembering them, and they still hope that in the future they may not be forgotten.

ISAAC R. SKINNER.

Preached 34 sermons, attended 8 prayer and conference meetings, made 134 family visits, baptized 1, distributed 280 pages of tracts, travelled 580 miles, collected \$54.97, travelling expenses \$6.80.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

LITTLE RIVER, May 15th, 1873.]

R. N. Beckwith, Esq.,—

We commenced special services at Wallace Bridge on the 19th of March. The Lord was pleased to hear and answer prayer in behalf of those who had wandered and poor sinners were quickened and made alive.

We held meetings in the above named place four weeks and much good was done. Eager listeners crowded the building every

night to hear the glad tidings, and many were made to rejoice in Jesus' love who had been brought up in wickedness and surrounded by evil influences all their lives. But the blessed Saviour can use poor feeble means to carry on his work ; and none can hinder.

At Wallace River we had meetings daily for three weeks. The church was much revived, and many sinners converted from the error of their ways. Among them were some very remarkable conversions. Some who came to scoff and make derision were convicted and led to cry out " Lord have mercy upon me."

A few meetings were held in the Crawford settlement with good results.

We have begun special services at the Six Mile Road. God is blessing the people in a wonderful manner there. Three have professed faith in the Lord Jesus, and were baptized on Sabbath last. Thus you see the Lord is working like himself.

We have baptized for seven successive Sabbaths, and, strange to say, there has been no storms to prevent the people from meeting to witness the sacred rite. The congregations have been large and attentive.

Weeks service 14, sermons preached 100, prayer and conference meetings 25, baptized 40, travelled 300 miles, collected for Home Missions at Wallace Bridge, Six Mile Road, and Wallace Church, fifty six dollars and fifty cents.

The good work is going forward in a settlement between Wallace River and the Head of the tide. We expect to baptize next Sabbath.

E. B. COREY.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Bro. R. D. BURGESS, wrote:

FALL RIVER, HALIFAX CO., October 1st, 1872.

To the Home Missionary Board :

DEAR BROTHERS.—My appointment from your Board having expired, I must send you some account of my work.

The field allotted me was Fall River and Lawrencetown ; but nearly all my labour has been expended at the former place—I had only been there a short time when there were indications of a movement among the people, and I thought it inexpedient to leave when God was blessing his word and the people anxious to hear. I consequently continued preaching, publicly and from house to house, and the power of the Most High was present with us. Eight professed faith in Jesus and were baptized, seven by Bro. Morrow and one by Dr. Clay. They, with a few members from other Churches, were formed into a church on the 25th September. The work is still going on, souls are still seeking anxiously the salvation which Jesus purchased by shedding his own precious blood and if proper effort were put forth a much greater harvest might be reaped. I have promised to visit them during the winter as often as my

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studies will permit. I stayed longer than the time specified in my appointment, for the reasons above mentioned.

14 weeks service, preached 42 sermons, attended 60 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 50 family visits, distributed 500 pages of tracts, baptized 8, as above, organized 1 church, travelled 400 miles, collected \$37.50. travelling expenses \$5.50.

Bro John Crawley has had a mission of 2 weeks to labor among the colored people in Halifax County and has received \$16 from the funds of the Board.

REVIVAL AT FALL RIVER, WAVERLY.—*Dear Brother.*—You will be pleased to learn that God is blessing Fall River with an outpouring of His Spirit. Bro. Burgess has been labouring there under the appointment of the Baptist Home Missionary Board, and has been the instrument of much good. Mr. McNaughton, Presbyterian, spends part of his time with them and renders efficient service. A few weeks ago I had the privilege of baptizing three, and yesterday four more followed Christ in that ordinance. Four of the baptized are heads of families, and promise to be useful in the Redeemer's cause. Our Presbyterian brethren have also had valuable accessions to their numbers. The meetings are conducted together, and the greatest harmony prevails. Yesterday our Presbyterian brother took occasion to refer to their mode of baptism, and we felt called upon to present the New Testament teaching on the subject in the evening. We hope however that understanding each other better they may work still more unitedly in waging war on our common enemy. It is in contemplation to form a Baptist church there on Wednesday next.

Yours &c.,

H. MORROW.

Sackville, Sept. 23, 1872.

LUNENBURGH COUNTY.

Rev. John Miller laboured with the church at New Ross 8 weeks. Preached 33 sermons. Attended 2 Prayer and Conference Meetings. Made 70 Family Vists. Baptized 4. Distributed 200 pages of tracts. Travelled 308 miles. Collected \$28.40. Travelling Expenses \$8.75.

On the 12th Nov., Bro. Miller gave the following particulars respecting his mission :

The people at New Ross received me with great pleasure, and were thankful that the Board had remembered them. This is a very proper field for Missionary labor, the church numbers about fifty members, but their means are limited. They are a very industrious people, but owing to the distance from a market, and the rocky nature of their land, they are poor. They are anxious to maintain religion and exert a good influence over the young. I was much pleased to find that a number of their young people, give decided attention to spiritual things. The four I baptized are young from 20 and upwards.

They might sustain preaching among themselves a fourth of the time, if they could secure a minister. I think the Board would do well to remember them in the future.

Bro. Caleb Spidle had 12 weeks mission in this county under the direction of Revds. S. March & W. E. Hall a part of which time was spent in Bro. March's field of labor and a part at New Ross.

June 20, 1872, Bro. Spidle reports that he was first directed to New Cumberland, a branch of the Bridgewater church. We have reason to be thankful that God revived his work in the hearts of his people here, some who had wandered from their Father's house returned, and I trust seed has been sown that will bring forth fruit to the glory of God. I spent one Sabbath at Crouse Town where there are only two or three Baptists, but had good congregations. I spent one Sabbath at Pleasantville, here they are building a meeting house and expect to finish it this summer, also one Sabbath at Lapland. I believe that Baptist principles are spreading in this county. The fields are white already to harvest but the laborers are few.

At New Ross I found the church in a low and depressed state, we met for worship twice a week besides the Sabbath services, which were well attended.

Preached 23 Sermons. Attended 28 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 61 Family Visits. Distributed 150 pages of tracts. Travelled 368 miles. Collected \$21.77.

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NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH
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1872.		DR.		
Aug.		Amount paid	Missionary labor, C. Spidall.....	\$100 00
"	"	"	A. Shields.....	40 75
Sept.	6.	"	C. Spidall.....	34 23
"	"	"	R. N. Beckwith, year's salary, post- age, &c.....	100 00
Oct.	15.	"	J. H. N. Bigelow.....	24 00
"	"	"	C. I. Graves.....	36 00
"	"	"	A. J. Stevens.....	14 54
"	"	"	J. J. Armstrong.....	36 52
"	"	"	H. D. Burgess.....	52 00
"	"	"	Isaac R. Skinner.....	23 85
"	"	"	H. E. Morrow.....	25 00
"	"	"	Rev. E. B. Corey.....	54 50
"	"	"	Rev. O. Parker.....	53 82
Nov.	14.	"	Rev. J. B. McQuillin.....	25 03
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"	"	"	S. Selden, printing reports, &c.....	55 00
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Jan.	9.	"	Rev. Malcom Ross.....	35 21
"	"	"	John Miller.....	44 35
"	"	"	E. B. Corey.....	45 56
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June	1.	By balance on hand per account rendered.....		\$ 362 99
July	18.	From Central Association, per R. N. Beckwith.....		371 83
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Nov.	14.	R. N. Beckwith from Clerk of Eastern Association.....		28 44
"	18.	S. Selden, Jno. Covey \$1. B. Covey \$2.....		3 00
"	"	Fall River Church.....		3 75
"	"	Lunenburg Co. Ministerial Quarterly Meeting.....		2 00
"	"	Mrs. Noonan, St. Margarets Bay, 50cts.; Geo. Chipman, \$1..		1 50
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Jan.	1.	Proceeds sterling, coupons as above.....		29 20
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"	"	1st Margarets Bay Church, \$6; 2nd Margarets Bay do., \$5.50.		11 50
Feb.	12.	S. Selden, Lunenburg Ministerial Conference per Z. Morton.		5 00
"	"	1st Horden Church per Rev. S. W. Deblois.....		48 00
March	12.	S. Selden, J. H. Cook, Milton Queens Co.....		50 00
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By cash on hand per account.....				342
Audited and found correct.				J. MCCULLY, Treasurer.
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CAPE BRETON.
(Collected by Rev. A. Chipman.)
VICTORIA MINES & SOUTH BAR.

John Peters	\$0.25
Matthew Stubbert	0.20
C. Brown	0.25
Alexander Ross	0.26
Mrs. A. Ross	\$2.19
Mrs. W. Ross	3.00
Mrs. C. Musgrave	
E. Leslie	\$23.19
Others	
E. Peters	
Mrs. H. Ross	
Mrs. W. Richardson	
Wallace Richardson	
Arthur R. Richardson	
Minnie R. Richardson	
Mrs. C. Bown	
Mr. & Mrs. Brown	
D. Radcliff	
Mrs. W. Meech	
J. Leslie	
S. Musgrave	
J. Salter, Esq.	
J. V. Ross	
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Collections	

GRAND MIRA.

Mr. W. Huntington	13.40
H. Huntington	4.00
A. Huntington	2.40
J. Huntington	1.10
C. Huntington	0.50
Libbie Huntington	0.50
Mr. J. Huntington	0.50
Mrs. J. Huntington	1.00
Mr. F. Huntington	1.00
Mrs. F. Huntington	1.00
H. Huntington	1.00
Susie Huntington	1.00

(Collected by Bro. Daniel McLeod.)

Alexander McKenzie	1.00
Angus McGregor	1.00
John Campbell	1.00
Donald McPhee	1.00
Collections	1.00
Hector McLeann	0.50
Donald McLeann	0.50
John McKay	0.25
Miss McKay	0.50
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COW BAY.
(Collected by Bro. J. C. Archibald.)

Collections taken	\$6.00
D. Spencer	2.00
S. E. Peters	2.00
R. Rice	3.00
Wm. Shepherd, Sen.	3.00
Wm. Shepherd, Jr.	1.00
Joel Shephard	0.50
John McPherson	0.50
Albert Shephard	1.00
Mrs. R. D. Rice	0.50
Mrs. S. E. Peters	1.00
Mrs. John Powers	1.00
Mrs. Wm. Shephard	1.00
Mrs. D. Spencer	0.25
Mrs. A. Shepperd	0.25
Mrs. McInnis	0.50

Mrs. Davison	\$0.50
Mrs. R. McDonald	0.30
Mrs. John Martell	0.50
Mrs. Benjamin Shepherd	0.25
Miss S. Woods	1.00
Miss Mary J. McInnis	0.45
Miss Annie McDonald	0.30
Miss Annie Shepherd	0.25
Wm. Holmes	0.75
Joseph Holmes	0.40
Wm. Munro	2.00
John Menzle	0.60
D. Currie	0.50
R. McDonald	0.58

BIG GLACE BAY. \$30.40

Alexander McPhail	0.83
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RESERVE MINES

Collection	1.52
Mrs. Penwarden	2.97
Mrs. D. McLeod	0.25
Wallace McLeod	0.05
Emma McLeod	0.10

MIRA. \$4.80

Collection	6.25
Philip Spencer & family	2.32
Charles Martell	2.00
Mrs. Edward Dickson	0.30
Mrs. Edward Peters	0.10
Mary J. Dickson	0.24

(Collected by Bro. Charles I. Graves.)

Mr. J. H. Kennedy	\$0.48
Mr. D. F. Forbs	0.50
Mrs. R. McLeod	0.24
Mrs. A. McLeod	0.58
Miss J. McKennin	0.62
Miss H. McKennin	0.00
Miss Mary McKennin	1.00
F. Hughlins	0.25
Angus McLeod	0.59
Alexander McPhee	0.50
Rebecca McKay	0.25
Kittie McFarlin	0.49
Widow McLeod	0.55
Mary McFarlin	0.25
Walter Flynn	0.77
Anna McLeod	0.24
Sarah McLeod	0.24
Mrs. J. McKenzie	0.50
Wm. McKenzie	0.50
Miss Bew	1.03
Geo. Thompson	2.50
Mrs. Chandler	3.00
Mr. H. McKennin	0.50
John Morrison	0.24
Mrs. J. McDonald	0.25
Mormau McIntyre	1.60
Peter Palut	1.00
N. J. Brown	0.50
Solomon Emery	0.50
Isabella McLeod	0.24
Collections	2.34

MARGAREE. \$26.75

(Collected by Bro. A. J. Stevens.)

Mark Croudis	0.50
Joseph Burton	1.00
James G. McDonald	1.50

John McDonald, Jr.	\$1 00	William Frazer	\$2 00
Murdoch McDonald	2 50	Miss Charlotte Rood	1 00
Mrs. Murdock McDonald	1 00	Benjamin Hynes	0 01
William Hart, Sr.	0 58	Simon Haley	1 00
Lauchlin McDonald	3 00	James Henderson	2 00
William Ingraham	3 00	Henry Myers	1 00
Mary McKenzie	0 47	Benjamin Myers	0 55
Joseph L. Ross	1 00	David McPherson	1 00
Kenueth McKensie	0 48	Whitman Giffin	3 00
James Burton	2 00	Elijah Hynes	0 92
Robert Burton	1 25	Luke Harpel	1 00
Joseph A. Ingraham	3 07	Andrew Blackly	1 23
Donald McDonald Esq	3 00	Allan McMillan	1 00
James Frizzle	3 00	Alfred McMillan	0 50
Alexander Carmichael	1 00	I. Giffin	1 00
Donald McDonald	1 00	Wm. Pride	1 00
John N. McLeod	2 00	Joseph D. Giffin	1 75
Mrs. Wm. E. Hart	0 60	George Blakely	1 50
Collections	9 00	John McMillan	3 00
Mrs. Fred Hart	0 48	Ruben H. McMillan	2 00
David Carmichael	1 00	Isa. P. Giffin	1 00
Donald McDermid	1 00	Archy McDonald	1 00
Caleb Ross	1 00	Simon Giffin	2 00
John Carmichael	1 00	Spencer H. Giffin	2 00
G. P. Murray	2 00		
William Phillips	0 37		
Joseph Ross, Jr.	0 48		
John Ingraham	0 50		
William F. Burton	1 50		
James M. McDonald	0 10		
John McDonald, Sr.	0 60		
Mrs. James Ross	1 10		
John E. Ross	2 00		
Martha Ross	0 12		
Rachael Ross	0 05		

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Samuel McKeen	0 60
Mrs. Samuel McKeen	0 24
Robert Frizzle	3 00
Edward Irish	0 47
Flora McDonald	0 60
David Smith	3 50
Collection	2 46
William Frizzle	3 87
Henry Frizzle	0 60
Joseph Hunt	2 50
Alexander Pushee	2 50
Mrs. Potter	4 97

*This kind Sister gave your Missionary \$4.50, for Foreign Missions, making in all \$9.47

(Collected by Rev. Obed Parker.)

Mrs. Joseph Horton	0 50
Mr. Cremars	1 00
Mr. Nowland	0 75
John Ehler	1 00
Albert Horton	0 50
Mr. Whitman	1 00
Collected at New Canada	1 10
Hibert & John Cunningham	3 00
Mr. Bixby	0 50
Bro. Whiden of Antigonishe	1 06

WEST SIDE ISAACS HARBOR.

(Collected by Bro. C. H. Martell.)

Peter Sinclair	4 00
Allan McMillan	5 00
Simoon Rood	4 00
John Rood	1 00
Al Rood	1 00
James Longley	2 00

EAST SIDE ISAACS HARBOR.

E. J. Giffin	4 00
S. R. Giffin	2 00
James McLellan	2 00
Harriet J. Giffin	1 00
Smith C. Giffin	1 25
Euntee Giffin	0 25
Bessie B. Giffin	0 15
Theresa Pushee	0 24
Rachael Giffin	0 25
Frances Silver	1 00
Eliza Silver	0 50
Theodore H. Giffin	0 25
Simon Giffin	0 25
Catharine Doliver	0 24
Isabella Davison	0 24
Robert Giffin	1 00
Joseph Pushee	1 00
Zebbee Giffin	0 25
George Giffin, Jr.	1 00
George Giffin, Sr.	3 00
Howard E. Richardson	1 00
John McNeil	1 00
Sarah McNeil	0 50
Thomas Doliver	1 00
Sophia Gunn	0 35
Oliver Giffin	0 45
Stephen Sweet	2 00
Charlotte N. Prood	0 00
William Harkles	0 00
William Johnson	0 40
Ann Paris	0 30
Fanny Clyde	0 00
Margaret Harigan	0 50
John Keah	0 30
Collection at Melrose	4 30
Collection at Seal Harbor	4 00
Collection at St. Mary's	1 30
Collection at Country Harbor	1 00

NEW ANNAN.

(Collected by Bro. Isaac R. Skinner.)	
Mr. William Cutten	\$10 35
Mrs. William Cutten	1 00
Mrs. John Murphy	0 50
Mr. George Shearer	1 00
Mrs. George Shearer	1 00
Mr. Luther Fields	0 50
Mr. William McCumbe	1 00
Mr. Jacob Wortman	0 50
Mrs. George Cook	0 50
Mrs. Peter Hynds	0 50

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Mr. Simon
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Amos Hunter
Martin Hunter
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Timothy Ho
John Huskin
Mount Pleas
John Biglow
Arch. Dickey
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C. R. Smith
Col. at Green
Mr. Amger
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David McKen

Miss Rachel Downing.....	\$4 00
Mr. George Nelson.....	1 50
Mr. Robert Kent.....	2 00
Mr. Daniel Gray.....	4 00
Miss Abbe Gray.....	1 00
Mr. John Cox.....	1 50
Mr. Israel Welch.....	0 50
Mr. David Wilson.....	2 00
Mr. Robert Wilson.....	0 50
A friend.....	1 00
Mr. Daniel Fields.....	2 00
Mr. Robert Higgins.....	1 00
Collections.....	7 00

John Biglow, Esq.....	\$1 50
Wm. O'Brien.....	1 00
Alex. McKenzie.....	4 00
Mrs. Metcalfe.....	1 00
John R. Purday.....	4 00
Wm. Matheson.....	9 00
Per John R. Purday.....	1 25
Wm. Carter.....	0 50
Collection at Greenville.....	1 47
Mount Pleasant.....	10 00

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(Collected by Bro. G. W. Thomas.)

Collected at Sand Point.....	0 50
Clam Harbor.....	1 56
Friend to Mission.....	0 88
Collected at New Canada.....	0 23
Cove.....	0 72
Manchester.....	2 82
Guysboro Town.....	4 00
Hawkesbury.....	4 00

\$15 00

(Collected by Bro. R. D. Burgess.)

Miss S. Bishop.....	1 00
Mr. W. Miller.....	1 00
Mr. A. Williams.....	0 25
Mr. S. Williams.....	0 25
Mr. C. Williams.....	0 25
Mr. B. Clarke.....	0 25
Mrs. R. Williams.....	0 75
Mrs. F. Williams.....	0 25
Miss B. Williams.....	0 25
Miss E. Williams.....	0 25
Mr. J. Williams.....	0 25
Mr. R. Williams.....	0 25
Collections.....	32 50

*Also \$5 for Foreign Missions.
HEAD OF TATAMAGOUCHE BAY.

Mr. Geo. Slade.....	2 00
Mrs. Geo. Slade.....	0 80
Mr. Thomas Roberts.....	1 00
Mrs. Thomas Roberts.....	0 50
Mr. Henry Roberts.....	0 50
Miss E. Dumphy.....	0 50
Mr. James Coal.....	1 00
Mr. Joshua Slade.....	4 00
Mr. Daniel Goodwin.....	1 00
Mrs. Daniel Goodwin.....	0 50
Mr. Joseph Harrington.....	0 50
Mr. Joseph Spinney.....	0 25
Mrs. William Roberts.....	0 50
Mrs. Jane Cenida.....	1 00
Mr. Simon Mallerie.....	0 50
Mr. William Holms.....	1 00
Collections.....	2 42

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(Collected by Rev. E. B. Corey.)

Collections at Goose River.....	5 17
John Hunter.....	1 00
Hans Hunter, Esq.....	2 00
Amos Hunter.....	1 00
Martin Hunter.....	1 00
John Mills.....	1 00
Timothy Hollis.....	0 50
John Huskin.....	0 50
Mount Pleasant & Centerville Col.....	5 29
John Biglow, Esq.....	1 00
Arch. Diekey, Esq.....	2 00
John Smith.....	5 00
Collection at Wallace.....	5 13
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."

II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble Churches, and the planting of new ones.

III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards annually, to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time shall be a Life Member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds so contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall have the privilege of sending a delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds, such church shall be entitled to send one delegate for every five pounds contributed,—*Provided*: That no Association, Auxiliary or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.

IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.

V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, members of Baptist Churches, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and five shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such meeting being given; to appoint missionaries, and assign their respective spheres of labor; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, providing that all amounts contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the donors; to employ agents for the collection of funds, and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society; and to furnish a report of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.

VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contributions; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.

VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.

VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present deem expedient.

IX. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

BYE LAWS

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MINUTES

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union,

CONVENED AT

BRIDGETOWN,

Friday, June 20th, 1873.

BRIDGETOWN, Friday, June 20th, 1873.

"The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union," convened at 10 o'clock, in the Baptist Meeting-house, Bridgetown.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. James Parker was appointed President, pro. tem.

The meeting then opened with singing, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Day.

In the absence of the Secretaries, Brethren J. F. Kempton and Isa. Wallace, were appointed Secretaries, pro. tem:

The Minutes of the last meeting were then read.

The delegates to the Union then reported themselves, as follows:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Milton, Yarmouth,—Rev. I. Wallace, Brethren Charles Kent, Wallace Crosby.

Arcadia,—Rev. I. Wallace.

Cornwallis, 3rd,—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Brother James Bligh.

South Yarmouth,—Rev. W. H. Porter.

Port Medway,—Rev. P. A. Shields.

Halifax, Granville Street,—Brethren Ebenezer S. Hubley, R. N. Beckwith, and S. Selden.

Melvern Square,—Rev. O. Parker, Brother E. Gates.

Springfield,—Brother John Plumb.

Pubnico,—Rev. W. H. Richan.

Great Village,—Brother Ezra Layton.

Upper Aylesford,—Rev. J. L. Read.

Digby,—Rev. J. M. Parker.

Little River, Digby Neck,—Brother George Cornwell.

Digby Neck, 1st,—Brother Wells Cornwell.

Liverpool,—Rev. J. Jones, and Brother Thomas Nickerson.

Freeport,—Rev. W. L. Parker, Brethren Isa. Thurber, Shippey Lent, Jas. Aldridge.

Middlefield,—Rev. H. Achilles.

Beaver River,—Rev. J. H. Saunders, Brethren Robert K. Rose, W. H. Goudey, and H. N. Perry, Lic.

Cornwallis, 1st,—Brother E. N. Beckwith.

Port Williams, Annapolis Co,—Rev. P. F. Murray.

Horton, 3rd,—Rev. James Parker.

New Albany,—Brother B. Miller, Lic., C. W. Sanders, and Albert Oakes.

East Dalhousie,—Brethren B. Miller, Lic., and Ainsley Wilson.

Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot,—Rev. Henry Bool, Brethren Jacob Neiley, A. Banks, and A. T. Baker,

Caledonia,—Rev. G. Ballentine, Brethren L. Telfer, and Robt. Middlemas.

Kempt,—Rev. G. Ballentine, Brethren Abial Harlow, James Kempton, and Simon Delong.

Hantsport,—Rev. J. Murray, Brother C. I. Margeson, M. D.

Clements,—Rev. J. Williams, Brethren J. E. Patton, J. Douglass Potter, and James Potter.

Cornwallis, 2nd,—Brethren J. D. Skinner, and Edward Parker.

Nictaux,—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Brethren B. H. Parker, and William C. Shaffner.

Horton, 1st,—Revds. S. W. DeBlois, J. M. Cramp, D. D.

Brighton,—Rev. A. Cogswell, Brethren Charles McNeil, W. McNeil, and John Andrews.

Newport,—Brethren Joseph Walley, and Eben Sweet.

French Mission Church,—Rev. M. Normondy, Brethren Andrews, Senr., James Wright.

Mill Village,—Rev. P. A. Shields, and Brother E. Steadman.

Yarmouth, 1st,—Rev. Dr. Day, Brethren P. D. Kinney, and A. C. Robbins.

Temple, Yarmouth,—Rev. W. H. Porter, Brethren J. W. Lovitt, J. B. Kinney, W. A. C. Randall, M. D.

Hebron,—Rev. John Rowe, Brethren W. R. Doty, John Rose, and W. Durkee.

Ohio,—Rev. J. A. Stubbert, Brethren N. Crosby, Isaiah Crosby, J. W. Patten.

Deerfield,—Rev. J. A. Stubbert.

Lake George,—Rev. J. A. Stubbert.

Tusket,—Rev. P. R. Foster, Brethren W. H. Gavel.

Wilmot,—Rev. A. Cahoon, Brethren R. Marshall, W. H. Balcom, and Geo. Starratt.

Brookfield,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Brethren Peleg Murray, James Freeman, and A. J. Leadbetter.

Members in their own right,—Revds. G. W. Parker, Edward Whitman, Edw. M. Saunders, and Albert Coldwell.

The following brethren were then invited to a seat with the Union:

Revds. T. C. Delong, R. D. Porter, D. W. C. Dimock, John Chase, Z. Morton, Brethren Eben and Kelley Rose, D. Whitman, U. Johnston, N. E. Patten, N. W. W. Hogg, David Delong, C. D. Randall, Licentiates J. W. Bancroft, and J. A. Durkee.

Meeting then adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

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Friday—Afternoon Session.

Met at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Union met again, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer offered by Rev. R. D. Porter.

Minutes of the last meeting were then read.

The Annual Report of the Board of the Union was then called for and read. The Report was adopted.

The Circular sent to the Churches by the Union, was then read and remarks were made by Brethren W. H. Porter, A. Cahoon, George Armstrong, S. W. DeBlois, J. Rowe, E. M. Saunders, D. W. C. Dimock, James Parker, G. E. Day.

The meeting then adjourned by prayer, to meet again at 7½ o'clock, this evening.

Friday—Evening Session.

Met at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Union again assembled. Prayer offered.

Minutes read. After this a resolution presented by Bro. Cahoon, and discussed by Brethren M. P. Freeman, James Parker, Thomas Delong, J. F. Kempton, Z. Morton, D. W. C. Dimock, and Isaiah Wallace—was withdrawn to give place to another—presented by Dr. Day, viz. :—

Resolved, That this meeting approve the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union; with the following modifications:

1. That the French Mission be considered a separate department of the said Union; and all gifts, bequests, etc., made to the French Mission go to that department.

2. That in the Constitution of the Union the word *Ordained Ministers* be substituted for "*Pastors*," and that the Professors in Acadia College and Male Teachers in Horton Academy, who are regular members of Baptist Churches, be members of the Union.

3. That a Committee be appointed to present the cause of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union to the Western, Central and Eastern Associations, at their respective annual meetings, and also to the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, for their acceptance or, if they cannot accept the Union, pure and simple, that they would each suggest the modifications of the Constitution of the Union that would suit each of them.

4. And, that, in the latter case, each body appoint a committee of three, to report at a special meeting of the Union, to be held at Windsor, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the Thursday preceding the next meeting of the Convention.

Remarks were then made by Brethren G. E. Day, A. Cahoon, M. P. Freeman, R. N. Beckwith, E. M. Saunders, and George Armstrong.

The resolution passed, clause by clause.

Moved that Brethren Geo. Armstrong, Isa. Wallace, and E. M. Saunders be a committee to present the cause of the Union to the Western, Central, and Eastern Associations; also the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society in accordance with the above resolution.

Resolved, That the Union proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The ballot having been taken for President Dr. Cramp was elected to that office.

Also voted, That Revds. A. Chipman of the Eastern; D. M. Welton of the Central, and George Armstrong, of the Western, Associations, be Vice-Presidents. That Brother Joseph F. Kempton and M. P. Freeman, be Secretaries. That Brother R. N. Beckwith be Auditor, and that the Directors be the same as last year

Voted also, That the Board be located in Yarmouth. That the Board of the Union be the same as last year, with the substitution of Dr. W. A. C. Randall, for Rev. Warren L. Parker, removed.

On motion of Dr. Day it was resolved, that the Board have power to fill up any vacancies that may occur during the year.

Resolved, That the Secretaries request the three Associations to print the Minutes of the Union and their Annual Report with their Minutes.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to visit the Eastern Association respectfully request the Association to hold its next Annual Meeting as far West as they conveniently can.

Resolved, That the expenses of Committee to the Association be met by this Union.

Resolved, That this Union do now adjourn to meet at Windsor on the Thursday preceding the Convention at 10 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the President.

J. F. KEMPTON, } Secretaries of the
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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

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NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, beg to present their first Annual Report. Soon after the close of the Home Missionary Convention, held at Berwick, in June, 1872, your Board met in the Vestry of the First Yarmouth Baptist Church, and elected their Officers for the year. The result of the election was as follows :—

A. C. ROBBINS, Chairman.
SAMUEL BROWN, Treasurer.
G. E. DAY, Corresponding Secretary.
W. H. PORTER, Recording Secretary.
J. H. HALEY, }
P. D. KINNEY, } Auditors.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, they adopted for their guidance the following Bye-Laws, based on those of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE 1.—This Board shall meet for the despatch of business at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Tuesday of each month; also, at such other times as duly called by the Chairman, Secretaries, or three members of the Board.

ARTICLE 2.—Each meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting be read and approved.

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

ARTICLE 4.—The Board will not bind themselves to pay any Agent, Missionary, or Colporteur who changes his field of labor or extends the time of his service beyond appointment without consent of the Board.

ARTICLE 5.—The compensation allowed, generally, for married and ordained missionaries shall be \$10 per week, for married Licentiates and unmarried ordained missionaries \$9 per week, and for unmarried Licentiates \$8 per week.

ARTICLE 6.—All persons employed by the Board are empowered and expected to make all reasonable effort during the time of their service to collect funds for the Board, and transmit the same forthwith to the Treasurer, or report to the Board to be credited towards labor performed.

ARTICLE 7.—On the expiration of each four weeks service, or oftener if called for by the Board, reports shall be made to the Board by persons employed by the same, of the number of sermons preached, visits made, miles travelled, pages of tracts distributed, books sold, baptisms performed, sabbath schools visited, other meetings attended, churches, sabbath schools, prayer-meetings, and temperance societies organized; amounts by collection or otherwise, with the names of the donors, and such other information in reference to their labors as may be of general interest.

ARTICLE 8.—The Recording Secretary of the Board shall furnish for the *Christian Messenger*, monthly, an account of the meetings of the Board, the names of the members present, the appointments made, the business of the Board, and the work of its agents, with any other information connection therewith, that he or the Corresponding Secretary may think desirable, or that the Board may direct.

ARTICLE 9.—No money shall be paid, except on an order signed by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE 10.—The Chairman and Corresponding Secretary shall sign no order for money from the Treasury unless for accounts checked by the Auditors.

ARTICLE 11.—The Board shall not accept and submit accounts to the Auditors unless presenting full particulars as stated in Article 8.

ARTICLE 12.—No account shall be audited until ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 13.—A copy of these Bye-Laws shall be furnished by the Corresponding Secretary to each person employed by the Board.

ARTICLE 14.—Schedules shall be furnished by the Board to each person employed by them to aid him in preparing his reports.

ARTICLE 15.—No change shall be made in these Bye-Laws except by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular meeting; notice of the intended change having been presented in writing at a *previous* meeting.

Being thus equipped for labour, your Board felt anxious to enter fully and at once upon the work assigned them by the Union. They, therefore, hastened to correspond with the Western Domestic Missionary Board, and with the Board of Management of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, to learn if they would transfer their work and funds to your Board. As replies in the negative reached them from both those Boards, your Board felt somewhat disheartened, and perplexed. Applications for appoint-

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ment to destitute fields had been made to them by worthy brethren from different parts of the Province. And it was with no little regret and sorrow that they were now forced to inform these brethren of their inability to appoint them.

Your Board had intended to put in the field a General Agent, who, before the winter set in, would commence his operations in the extreme East, and then urge his way westward. They had selected for this important work the Rev. Isaiah Wallace, and offered him the appointment. But the failure of the Board to obtain the assistance of the other Home Missionary organization compelled them to desist for a time from this highly important undertaking.

What then could your Board do? They were willing, yea even anxious to work, but they had no field for their operations. The path of duty, however, soon opened before them. On the 6th of August, 1872, in accordance with the vote of the Western Nova Scotia Baptist Association at its last Anniversary, and in harmony with the Constitution of the Union, the Acadian French Mission Board transferred their work and funds to your Board, who thereupon assumed the responsibility and control of the French Mission.

In order that your Board might be more fully acquainted with the wants of the French Mission, and the condition of the French Mission Church, and be prepared to work intelligently in that field, they appointed a Committee of enquiry to investigate matters touching the interest of the Mission. That Committee attended to their duty promptly, and presented the subjoined interesting report.

“The Committee appointed to visit the French Mission Church at Wagoner Settlement, with a view to obtain information as to the operations of our Missionary in that vicinity, beg to submit the following Report:—

They met an orderly and attentive audience on Tuesday, the 15th October, 1872, of 40 or 50 persons—6 or 7 of whom were converted French people. The new Meeting House in which we met is quite comfortable, but greatly needing better seats.

After holding a regular preaching service, the Committee stated the object of their visit, and elicited the following information:

1. That a great change had taken place in that community under the labors of the French Missionary, when he entered upon his labors in that locality, but two or three of the English were converted, now nearly all have been converted and baptized under his instrumentality. In connection with his labours, some 25 of the English people have been reclaimed and baptized, and 15 of the French.

2. That Bro. Normanday is held in very high esteem by the members of the French Mission Church as well as by the community generally, and the continuance of his services in that region is greatly desired by the people.

3. That of the surrounding population consisting of about 89

families, two-thirds are French people, and these are all accessible to our Missionary, welcoming him to their homes, and receiving from him religious instruction.

4. That preaching stations have been partly established between Doucet Settlement and Moclar Settlement four miles from the Mission Chapel, where about 25 French families and 25 Irish Catholic families reside, and at Burton Settlement, six miles from the Mission Chapel where about 15 English and French families reside. There is also a Settlement of 11 French families residing in St. Mary's Bay, contiguous to Wagoner Settlement where preaching services have been held for several years, and where several members of the French Mission church reside.

5. That 8 of the children of the French Converts, and about 17 of the children of other French families, in all 25, could be gathered into a School at Wagoner Settlement, besides several children of English families. The practicability as well as the vast importance of establishing an efficient School in that community must consequently be apparent.

6. That in view of the need of preaching at Wagoner Settlement and the surrounding Settlements, and especially the great need of Colporteur work, it would seem desirable that our Missionary spend at least one-fourth of his time in that part of the French Mission field.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS,
ISAIAH WALLACE.

In view of the favourable report of the Committee concerning that portion of the French Mission field known as the Wagoner Settlement and the Burton Settlement, and the pressing want of buildings that should serve, in one case, the double purpose of school house and place of worship, and in the other as a school house only, your Board contributed \$100 towards the erection of such buildings,—\$75 for the Wagoner Settlement, and \$25 for the Burton Settlement. They are happy to state that one house has been so nearly completed that religious service has been held in it, and the other is so far advanced as to be nearly ready for use. Your Board believe that the money expended there will be a good investment.*

Feeling themselves shut up almost entirely to their own County as a field of Missionary effort, in the early part of the winter the Board requested the Rev. Isa. Wallace to devote a few weeks of ministerial labor to Argyle and vicinity. These places were then almost entirely destitute of religious services. Bro. Wallace entered upon his work with faith and zeal, and the Lord crowned his labors with abundant success. His report to the Board is so interesting that we give it in full. He says:—

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"I have performed four weeks missionary labor at Argyle, and have witnessed glorious displays of Divine grace. When I entered upon my labors at the Head of Argyle, I found the cause of religion exceedingly low, but the Spirit was poured out in connection with my efforts, and blessed results followed. Knowing that the term of my labor there must be short, I consecrated myself most laboriously to the work before me. I attended, on an average, two meetings a day, often preaching at both services, besides visiting extensively, and conversing with many individuals personally upon the interests of their souls. My labors were extended to Central Argyle, where I also witnessed the power of God.

Rev. H. Achilles came as I was leaving, and will, I hope, carry forward the work so graciously commenced, and settle as Missionary Pastor in that interesting field. The fields all along that Atlantic coast are white, ready to the harvest. Oh for more laborers to gather the whitening sheaves. The following is a brief summary of my labors:—

Sermons preached 41; Social and Conference meetings 18; Family visits 128; Miles travelled 96; Baptized 42; Received by letter 1; Received by subscriptions and collections \$42.50.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAIAH WALLACE.

In order to collect funds sufficient to meet their engagements, and to awaken an increased interest in Home Missions, your Board decided to hold a series of Home Missionary meetings, one at least with each Church in the County of Yarmouth. On account of unusually stormy weather and the prevalence of a fearful disease, they did not, however, carry out their original programme. But a large number of meetings was held with the most encouraging results. Great interest was manifested in the subject of Domestic Missions, and large amounts in collections and subscriptions were raised.

As your Board were appointed to perform the missionary work of the Union, they thought it within their province to take any legitimate steps that would aid them in the discharge of their duty. Believing that they could more successfully fulfil their mission by having the Union incorporated, they prepared a draft Act of Incorporation, and submitted it to the Legislature in the earliest part of the session. As the Bill to Incorporate the Union was entirely permissive, and did not encroach upon the rights of any Societies or individuals, your Board had no reason to expect any opposition to its passage. They were somewhat surprised, therefore, to learn that a few gentlemen had constructed a petition against the passage of the Bill, and laid it before the Legislature. Subjoined is the draft Act of Incorporation, and the petition that accompanied it.

(COPY.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NOVA SCOTIA
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The petition of Abel C. Robbins, Samuel Brown, William R. Doty, John H. Haley, Pearl D. Kinney, George E. Day, William H. Porter, Isaiah Wallace, James A. Stubbert, Joseph H. Saunders, John Rowe, and Paoli R. Foster.

Respectfully sheweth, That whereas certain religious societies connected with the community of christians, known as the Baptists of Nova Scotia, now exist, and were Incorporated by the Legislature of Nova Scotia. And whereas there has been a generally expressed desire by the Baptists of Nova Scotia, that these societies should be consolidated. And whereas the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia did at its last annual meeting, order the Home Missionary Board which it annually appoints, to transfer their work and funds to the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, as soon as convenient :

Your petitioners humbly pray that an Act may be passed Incorporating the said Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, and empowering the other societies when they choose to transfer their work, funds and property to the said Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union after the manner set forth in the accompanying draft. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed.)

ABLE C. ROBBINS,
SAMUEL BROWN,
JOHN H. HALEY,
PEARL D. KINNEY,
JAMES A. STUBBERT,
GEORGE E. DAY,
JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS,
PAOLI R. FOSTER,
WILLIAM H. PORTER,
ISAIAH WALLACE,
JOHN ROWE."

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 24th, 1873.

(DRAFT.)

An Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

(PREAMBLE)

1. Incorporation powers.
2. Chap. 47, Acts 1868, Chap. 59 and 68, Acts 1865, conditionally repealed and property of Corporations established thereby vested in Union.
3. Present Bye-Laws valid.

Preamble,—Whereas certain religious Societies now exist, and are established in connection with the religious community known as the Baptists of Nova Scotia, and which said Societies are re-

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pectively incorporated under and by virtue of 31 Vic. chap. 47, 1865—28 vic. cap. 59, 1865, and 28 vic. cap. 68, 1865 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia; and by the names respectively of the Board of Managers of the French Mission of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, the Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia; and the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society:

And whereas, there has been a general expression by the respective Baptist Churches and Associations of this Province of the desirableness and expediency of an Union of the said Societies, and that the same would tend to the further and better promotion of the objects of the said Societies, and the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in this Province.

And whereas, the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia at its last Annual Meeting, did by unanimous vote express its assent and willingness to and for the said Board of Managers of the French Mission of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia and the said Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia to transfer their work and funds to such Union when formed.

And whereas, at a Convention duly called and composed of delegates from the said respective churches of Nova Scotia, and held at Berwick on the 21st and 22nd days of June, 1872, a basis of Union was agreed upon, and a Society formed under and by the name of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, and having for its object the promotion of the spread of the gospel throughout the Province of Nova Scotia, the fostering of feeble churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature, and which said Society is now composed of the Pastors of Baptist Churches of the Province, and Delegates appointed by the churches, each church in good standing with its respective Association, sending not more than three delegates, and governed by rules and regulations made at such Convention, and its business and affairs managed by an Executive Board, and it is desirable that the said Society shall be and become incorporated.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows:—

1. George E. Day, William H. Porter, Isaiah Wallace, James A. Stubbart, John Rowe, Joseph H. Saunders, Warren L. Parker, Paoli R. Foster, Abel C. Robbins, Samuel Brown, William R. Doty, John H. Haley, Pearl D. Kinney, and such other persons as now or may hereafter become members of such Union according to the rules and regulations thereof, shall be and hereby are appointed a body politic and corporate in deed and in name, under and by the name of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, and by that name shall have successors and a common seal, and by that name shall sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded at law and in equity, and in all courts and places, and be capable in law to accept legacies and donations, to have, hold, purchase, get, receive

take, possess, and enjoy lands, tenements, hereditaments and rents in fee simple or otherwise, and also goods, chattels, and all other things, real, personal and mixed, and also by deed or other proper conveyance duly signed under the hands of the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Board of such Union, or such other officer or officers as may from time to time be duly appointed for such purpose, and under seal of such Union to give, grant, sell, let, assign, mortgage, convey or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof, and the rents and proceeds and profits to dispose of for the use of the said Union, but according to the intention of the grants or donors, and to execute all other things in and about the same as shall or may be thought necessary and proper, and also shall have from time to time, and at all times full power, authority and license, to constitute, make, establish, and amend such constitution, bye-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances as may be thought necessary for the rule and good management of the said Union, the choosing of officers proper for the management of its affairs, and declaring the extent, duration, and authority of the offices and officers of the said Union, and the mode of appointment and generally for promoting the objects of the Union, provided such constitution, bye-laws, regulations and ordinances be not contrary or repugnant to the laws and statutes of this Province, or those in force within the same at the time such constitution, bye-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances may be constituted, established or amended.

2. The Board of Managers of the French Mission of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and the Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, (incorporated respectively under chap. 47, Acts N. S., 1868, and chap. 59, Acts N. S., 1865) by vote or resolution of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of said respective Boards, and the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, (incorporated under chap. 68, Acts, N. S., 1865) on a vote or resolution of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the said Society, and duly convened for such purpose, may be and are hereby empowered to transfer their work, funds and property into the corporation hereby established, and thereupon the members of such Board or Boards, Society or Societies, or either of them shall cease and determine, and the Act or Acts of the Legislature relating to them or either of them shall be and is, as if they had never been passed, and all the real, personal or other estate which the said Board or Boards, Society or Societies, or either of them is, or are, or at any future time may be interested in or entitled to, shall be vested in the Corporation hereby established, and every conveyance, grant, bequest, devise or gift of any lands, goods, chattels, or real, personal or mixed estate whatsoever that may have been made of, to, or unto any, either, or all of said Board or Boards, Society or Societies, or may hereafter be made unto them or either of them, shall be deemed to be made to and vested in the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary

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ary Union, hereby incorporated by operation of law, in the same manner and as fully to all intents and purposes as if specially given, granted, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to the said Union by its proper title, and such Union shall have full power and authority to sue for and recover the same, either at law or in equity, and to assign, transfer, sell, incumber, lease, change, or otherwise dispose thereof, but shall appropriate the sum, proceeds and profits thereof to and for the purposes and objects for which the same was or were specially given or intended to be given by the donors or grantors.

3. The Constitution and Bye-laws now in force, and which were adopted at the Convention, held at Berwick, the 21st and 22nd days of June, A. D., 1872, shall be valid and continue in force until altered or repealed in accordance with the provisions of the said Constitution and Bye-laws, and the Officers of the said Union and appointed thereat shall remain in office until others be appointed in accordance with the said Constitution and Bye-laws.

The petition that was presented against the passage of this Bill, was, in the opinion of your Board, calculated to produce a wrong impression on the minds of the Legislators. They, therefore, prepared a letter of information, and addressed a copy to each member of the House of Assembly. But as a strong and direct influence was brought to bear upon the members of that body, the Bill to incorporate the Union was finally rejected by a majority of one. The following is a copy of the letter referred to.

YARMOUTH, March 31st, 1873.

Honorable Sir,—

We, the undersigned, presented to the Honorable the House of Assembly, through Samuel Freeman, Esq., M. P. P., a petition praying that an Act might be passed incorporating the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union. A draft Act of Incorporation accompanied our Petition.

We have been surprised to learn that a Committee of the Board of Management of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society have presented a counter Petition asking that our Bill may not pass your Honorable House. Permit us therefore, to invite your attention to the following facts:

First. The Society that appoints the Board which is represented by the Petitioners against our Bill, ordered at its last annual meeting that Board to correspond with us who pray to be incorporated, with a view to a complete Union of the Societies. This fact is acknowledged in the Petition against our Bill.

Second. Our Bill, as you will perceive by careful examination, is only *permissive*. It does not interfere, in any particular, with any established rights and privileges of any society or individual. It grants a privilege which may or may not be used, just as the parties themselves choose.

Third. The Bill is in perfect harmony with the Constitution of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union; and two of the three petitioners against our Bill were members of a Committee that framed that Constitution. They are really petitioning against their own work.

We, therefore, respectfully ask your assistance toward passing our Bill the *present session*, and without any modification, as delay in this matter would seriously interfere with our prospective operations in Home Mission work.

We are, dear sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed)

A. C. ROBBINS,
SAMUEL BROWN,
PEARL D. KINNEY,
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GEORGE E. DAY,
JOHN ROWE,
W. H. PORTER,
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ISA. WALLACE,

Members of the Executive Board of the Union.

Your Board, anxious to do all in their power to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom, appointed a Committee to visit the Churches in Argyle and Pubnico, to hold missionary meetings with them, and, if possible, to assist them in the settlement of a pastor. The Committee attended to their duty, and reported very favourably. They were impressed with the fine appearance of the places visited, the improvements that have been made of late, and the great necessity of having them supplied with ministerial labor. They believe that with even a small amount of Missionary and Colporteur work given to these sections strong Baptist interests would be seen where now the cause is comparatively feeble.

Your Board, believing that a system of Colportage is of absolute importance in prosecuting successfully the Home Missionary work, endeavored to make a beginning in this department of labor. For this important work they sought the services of Bro. A. H. Lavers, a young man of zeal and energy, of tact and talent. Quite recently he left the Methodist Society, and united with us. He expects to devote his life to the work of the christian ministry. In view of his many good qualities your Board thought it advisable to give him an appointment as Colporteur for six months. He will be ready to commence his labors under the direction of the Board on the 1st of August next.

In connection with this matter your Board corresponded with Howard Gannet, Esq., of the Bible and Publication Society. His reply was indeed cheering. He offered to select personally all books and papers ordered, to make a discount of 25 per cent. on catalogue prices of all books purchased, to wait for remittances a convenient

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time, to furnish gratuitously a number of French tracts, to aid with his advice, and, if necessary, to be present at some of the meetings of the Board. With circumstances so favourable at the commencement, your Board believe that there is a bright future before the Baptists of Nova Scotia in Colporteur work, if they seize with hopefulness and vigor the present opportunity.

Your Board, thinking it desirable to spread before the Baptist public of Nova Scotia all possible information about the Union, in the early part of the winter instructed their Corresponding Secretary to furnish for the *Messenger* an account of the steps that led to the formation of the Union, and the minutes of its first meeting; to state the Society's aims and its prospects. The Board report that he has attended to that duty to their entire satisfaction.

Your Board thought it necessary, also, to urge the churches to attend by their delegates the Annual Meeting of the Union. They, therefore, addressed a circular to each Baptist Church in the Province, requesting that a full delegation be sent to the Anniversary meeting of the Union at Bridgetown.

The following is a copy of that circular:

TO THE _____ BAPTIST CHURCH IN _____

Beloved Brethren,—

Permit us to invite your attention to the fact that there is to be a meeting of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union at Bridgetown, on Friday, June 20, 1873, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Constitution of the Union providing "that this Union be composed of the Pastors of the Baptist Churches in the Province and Delegates appointed by the Churches—each Church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates.

You will see, therefore, that you can send to the meeting of the Union three delegates beside your Pastor, who is a member of the Union in his own right.

Matters of great importance are to be brought before the Union at its Annual Meeting in June next. Permit us, therefore, to urge you to send to that meeting your full number of delegates, and instruct them to vote for the consolidation of all our Home Missionary organizations into one body, or for the continuance of separate societies, or with such modifications and improvements in either case as may be agreed upon at the meeting.

J. M. CRAMP, *President of Union.*
A. C. ROBBINS, *Chairman of Board.*
G. E. DAY,
W. H. PORTER, } *Secretaries.*

Yarmouth, May 2, 1873.

In conclusion, your Board beg to report that they have had but two Missionaries employed. Rev. Mr. Normandy, the French Missionary, has labored for the Board 45 weeks, and Rev. I. Wallace 4 weeks. The result of this labor has been of the most cheering character.

Summary of labor performed:—Visits made, 309; sermons preached, 137; other meetings attended, 30; miles travelled, 2213; tracts distributed, 3415; Bibles given, 19; testaments given, 14; Subscribers to "C. Messenger," 3; Baptisms, 42. Several conversions have taken place in addition to the baptisms reported. Amounts collected by Missionaries, \$62.50. Receipts from all sources, \$658.44.

In view of what has been done during the past year, your Board desire to be abundantly thankful to God.

With but little more than one County for a field of operation, and with but 49 weeks of labor expended thereon, 42 have been baptized, an additional number has been converted, and there are many inquirers after the truth.

The French Mission, too, never presented a more favourable appearance, or had before it brighter prospects. Many are gradually breaking away from the bonds of Popery. Others are beginning to realize their bondage, and to desire the liberty of the Gospel. The French Missionary never at any time during his lengthened service had a wider influence among the French people than he has to-day, or a more favorable opportunity for doing them good.

But in the midst of their thankfulness your Board feel humble. The fact that they would have done much more for God had the way been open before them, causes them no small amount of sorrow. They trust, however, that what has been done this year is but the first fruits of an abundant harvest which their successors shall gather in, when existing obstacles shall be removed, and when the churches North, South, East, and West shall vie with each other in seeking to extend throughout the whole Province the Kingdom of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Board,

G. E. DAY, *Cor. Secretary.*

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CONSTITUTION

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Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

1. The Consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both English and French, would in the estimation of this Convention tend to the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this Province;—the French Mission to be considered a separate Department, and all gifts, bequests, &c., made to the French Mission to go to that Department.

2. This Convention shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

3. The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the gospel throughout the Province of Nova Scotia. the fostering of feeble churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature.

4. This Union shall be composed of ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their respective churches in this Province, and delegates appointed by the Churches, each Church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates, together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of the Theological Institute, and the Principal of Horton Academy, the same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

5. The officers of the Union shall be a President, who shall be elected annually by ballot; three Vice-Presidents, one from each Association, two Secretaries and an Auditor, all of whom shall be appointed by open vote.

6. The Union shall annually appoint and locate an Executive Board of thirteen suitable men, seven of whom shall form a quorum; and every Baptist Pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board, and taking part in its deliberations, but not voting; the officers of the Society named above to be ex-officio members of the Board.

7. The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.

8. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union held with each of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations, in turn, to assemble the day previous to the meeting of the Association with which it is held, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

9. This Union shall appoint annually a Board of Directors to consist of 24 members, eight to be taken from each Association, whose duty it shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in cases of emergency, and by the written requisition of 8 or more of whom, the President shall call a special meeting of the Union.

10. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless by a two-third affirmative vote of the members present at an annual meeting.

