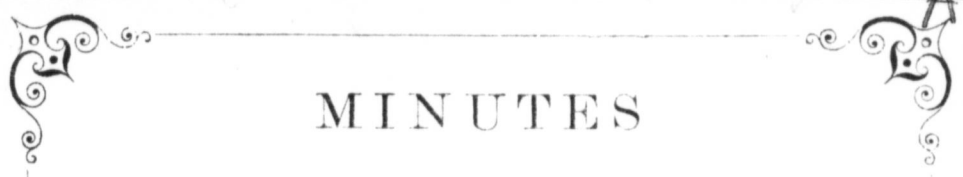


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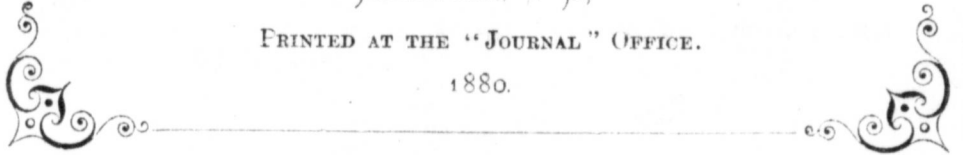
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SEVENTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

OF ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

STONY BEACH, *Friday Morning, Sept. 17, 1880.*

The Convention convened with the Baptist Sunday School, Stony Beach, this day at 9.30 A. M., in its Seventh Annual Session.

In the absence of the President, M. L. Fields, Vice President, W. V. Vroom, Esq., took the chair, and called the Convention to order.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

ANNAPOLIS, B.—Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M., Harry A. Snow, M. L. Fields, and Mrs. T. H. Randall.

ANNAPOLIS, M.—Rev. A. W. Nicolson, A. M., Jas. H. Gates, James McKay, and Mrs. Newcomb.

BRIDGETOWN, B.—Rev. W. H. Warren, A. M., Wm. Miller, Benj. Miller, Oliver Miller, and Miss Eliza Miller.

BRIDGETOWN, M.—Miner Tupper, and J. P. Murdoch.

CIARENCE, B.—S. N. Jackson, Alfred Wilson, J. F. Roach, and Joshua Ray.

CLEMENTSVALE, B.—Dow D. Potter, and Rev. J. M. Parker, A. B.

CLEMENTSPORT, M.—W. V. Vroom, and Minnie Vroom.

GRANVILLE FERRY, B.—James Reid, Mrs. M. Wylie, and Annie E. Delap.

GRANVILLE FERRY, M.—H. M. Irvine.

INGLISVILLE, B.—Wm. B. Beals.

LAWRENCETOWN, B.—Wm. B. McKeown, Norman Balcom, and Miss Lalia A. M. Balcom.

LOWER GRANVILLE, B.—Luke Covert.

MELVERN SQUARE, B.—Shippy Spurr, and Prof. Gates.

NEW ALBANY, B.—Rev. H. B. Shafner.

NICTAUX, B.—A. D. Brown, and John M. Morse.

PARADISE, B.—Rev. J. T. Eaton, Avar Longley, M. P., S. Shafner, Mrs. J. T. Eaton, and H. Longley.

PARADISE WEST, B.—I. M. Longley, B. A.
 PRINCE ALBERT STREET, B.—Ingles C. Craig.
 ROUND HILL, B.—Anderson Healy, J. A. Baucroft, Mrs. M. E. John, and Miss L. Bancroft.
 SPRINGFIELD, B.—Rev. H. B. Shafner, and Sydney Saunders.
 STONY BEACH, B.—Rev. F. Beattie, J. D. Halfyard, W. E. Armstrong, Whitman Armstrong, C. F. Armstrong, Solomon Farnsworth, and John J. Ray.
 UPPER CLEMENTS, B.—A. M. Chesley, Simeon Whitman, Jas. Potter, Jas. D. Potter, and John H. Potter.
 WADEVILLE, B.—Ebenezer Bent.

An address of Welcome to the Delegates of the Convention was delivered by Rev. F. Beattie, in behalf of the Sunday School at Stony Beach. The following Committees were appointed:—

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.—Rev. F. Beattie, Shippy Spurr, and J. H. Charlton.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.—Harry A. Snow, H. M. Irvine, and Alex. Clark.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

WARD 1—SHIPPY SPURR,
 2—OBADIAH DODGE,
 3—MINER TUPPER,
 4—HON. WM. B. TROOP,
 5—JOS. D. HALFYARD,
 6—BENJ. W. SHAFNER,
 7—WM. V. VROOM,
 8—DOW D. POTTER,
 9—T. S. WHITMAN,
 10—H. HARDING MORSE,

WARD 12—JOHN M. MORSE,
 13—SYDNEY SAUNDERS,
 14—WM. DUKESHIRE,
 17—C. W. SHAFNER, M. P. P.

SECRETARY.

GEO. E. CROSCUP, B. A.

ASSIST. SECRETARIES.

I. M. LONGLEY, B. A.
 A. D. BROWN.

TREASURER.

JAMES H. GATES.

The Committee of Arrangements presented their report, recommending that the Morning Session close at 12, noon; that the afternoon Session open at 2 o'clock and close at 5; and the Evening Session open at 7 o'clock.

On motion, it was resolved to hold the next Annual Session with the Sunday Schools of Lawrencetown, -also resolved that:—J. W. Whitman, Ichabod Newcomb, Wm. B. McKeown, Jas. Wheelock, and John Hall, be the Committee of Arrangements for the ensuing year.

Rev. R. Philp, Deacon Wm. Shafner, and others were invited to a seat with the Convention.

The Rev. A. W. Nicolson then read a very interesting paper,

upon, "How to make the Sunday School attractive and beneficial."

Addresses on the subject of the paper were made by Revs. T. A. Higgins, and F. Beattie, Anderson Healy, and S. Saunders.

The next subject—"Is our Sunday School work keeping pace with the Times?" was opened by a valuable paper read by Rev. W. H. Warren, of Bridgetown.

The discussion was continued by A. Longley, M. P., James McKay, H. Robblee, and others.

(As these papers, by unanimous request, are to appear in the County papers, no synopsis of either was furnished for the Minutes.)

Benediction by Rev. J. T. Eaton.

Afternoon Session.

After singing, Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Nicolson, A. M.

Minutes of Morning Session read and corrected. Reports were then received from the following Vice Presidents, A. D. Brown Shippy Spurr, Miner Tupper, W. V. Vroom, J. W. Whitman, S. N. Jackson.

The outlook was represented as encouraging; the Sabbath School cause was surely progressing, and the work was being more and more intelligently and faithfully done.

W. V. Vroom read a stirring paper, on "A Love for and Faith in the Work,"—followed by remarks from Revs. F. Beattie, T. A. Higgins, and J. M. Parker.

The report of the Secretary then presented, contained the following Statistics:

No. of Schools reported, 44, including 29 Baptist, 10 Methodist, 2 Episcopalian, and 3 Union.

No. of Teachers, 277. No. of Scholars, 2597. No. Volumes in Libraries, 5742. Amount expended for Books, etc., for year ending Sept. 1, 1880, \$550.67.

Amount Contributed for Benevolent objects for same period, \$37.30.

It was upon motion of A. Longley, M. P., resolved to accept the tender of W. H. Banks, for Printing Minutes.

I. M. Longley, Treasurer for 1879, presented his report, showing a balance in hand of \$3.53. Report adopted.

Several Bills were presented and ordered to be paid.

The next Subject for discussion—"Sunday School Concerts,—

their Use and Abuse,"--was then opened by a paper, replete with valuable suggestions, read by M. L. Fields;--

This paper discussed first, money as the supposed leading object of most Sunday School Concerts. The great need justified its being obtained. But though Sunday School Concerts were recommended as a means of securing money, the paper denounced the introduction of all secular matter. The desire to raise funds was the chief cause of the growing tendency toward scenic and theatrical performances in connection with the Sabbath School and Church. The search for the hidden treasure in God's Word, and the cultivation of the moral nature far transcends the base lust for gold.

Second. The next great use of Sabbath School Concerts might be to promote the memorizing of the Word. The only abuse here might be an unhallowed use of the Word.

The third use might be to cultivate a taste for pure wholesome literature. The pupils to select and the teachers criticise selections and choose the best for programme. By care and charity any offense by criticism would be avoided.

The fourth use mentioned was the cultivation of the musical talents of the scholars.

The fifth the aid they might give in overcoming the natural diffidence of some, and the improvement in the address of all. The abuse might be a fondness for the stage resulting from the introduction of theatricals.

A sixth use of Sabbath School Concerts would be to deepen the loyalty and attachment of the scholars to the school.

And the seventh, the Concert might be made very effectual in gaining the interests of careless parents and the outside world. The sweet voices and happy faces of the children would attract to the Sabbath School.

The discussion was continued by Revs. W. H. Warren, A. W. Nicolson, and R. Philp.

Resolved that the Editors of the Local Papers be requested to publish the Papers read before the Convention assembled.

Benediction by Rev. F. Beattie.

Evening Session.

Convention called to order at 7.30 o'clock. After singing, Prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Parker.

Minutes of the Afternoon Session read and approved.

Geo. E. Croscup, then read a paper on—"How to teach the Lesson,—with some suggestions on the Teacher's preparation for his Work."

The Art of teaching is fixed in well-defined and discoverable laws,—which whether intuitively discerned and applied by the apt teacher, or discovered

through the persistent study of the less endowed, must in every case be recognized to ensure success.

The Sunday School teacher should study **HIMSELF**,—that by prayer and watchfulness he may “be able to conform his life to that of the Great Teacher.”—to be ensample in all things to those he seeks to instruct.

He should also study his **SCHOLARS** their varied characters and dispositions, and the best means to be used in dealing with each.

Success in teaching, moreover depends greatly upon a thorough preparation of the Lesson;—the study of which should be systematically and prayerfully pursued.

First, fix the leading facts of the lesson in mind, by a careful reading of the entire passage with the context.

Helps may be used in obtaining in this connection information respecting places, persons, customs, etc., also the circumstances of writing, to whom addressed, chief objects of writing, etc. Commentaries are useful, but should be used with care. Scripture must be compared with Scripture for its clearer interpretation.

Secondly, the practical truths which the lesson teaches are next to be sought,—such as are suited to the ages and circumstances of his class are to be taken and applied,—he must seek the means of communicating these truths, by the clearest explanations and illustrations.

Lastly, and most important, is preparation of heart.

The first work of the teacher as he appears before his class is to secure the attention of his pupils, and hence to awaken their interest in the lesson.

Thorough preparation on the part of the teacher and the use of a variety of means readily suggested to the practical and intelligent teacher will ensure these conditions.

Secondly, ascertain by proper questioning what the pupils know about the lesson before any attempt is made to convey information. The more the powers of the scholars are employed, the greater is the value of the teaching. The teacher must restrain his own loquaciousness, and draw forth the minds of his pupils, and leading from the known to the unknown, correct and enforce as occasion may demand.

A small part of the time devoted to the lesson, should be given to reviewing the work of the preceding Sabbath, and before its close, the leading points in the succeeding lesson might profitably be referred to.

The grand aim of the teacher being spiritual, he should at every fit opportunity bring the truths of the lesson home to the consciences of his pupils, and seek to lead them “along the pathways of truth into the felt presence of the God of Heaven and the Saviour of Men.”

After singing by the Choir, an interesting discussion was continued by J. A. Bancroft, Rev. H. B. Shafner, J. W. Whitman, Shippy Spurr, A. D. Brown, A. M. Chesley, Anderson Healy, and others.

An illustrative lesson was then taught by I. M. Longley, taking

for his subject the International lesson of the preceding Sabbath. It was a fine example of natural and intelligent teaching, and was listened to with great interest throughout

On motion of J. W. Whitman, it was resolved that the expenses of one delegate to the Maritime Sunday School Convention, to be held at Moncton in October, be paid by this Convention, -voted that Geo. E. Croscup be our representative at the Maritime Convention.

Moved by J. W. Whitman, seconded by S. Spurr, that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the people of Stony Beach for their kind attention and hospitality; also to the Choir for their invaluable services during the day.

By motion of J. H. Gates, seconded by M. L. Fields, a vote of thanks was given the Secretary for duties performed.

A collection was taken amounting to \$3 62.

After the benediction by Rev. Mr. Philp, the Convention adjourned to meet at Lawrencetown, on the third Friday in September 1881.

S. N. JACKSON, President.
G. E. CROSCUP, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Annapolis County Union Sunday School Convention in Account with
I. M. Longley, Treasurer.*

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| 1879. | DR. | | |
| Sept. 19. | To paid Geo. E. Croscup, Secretary, for Stationery and Postage | \$1.08 | |
| | To paid W. H. Banks, for Circulars | 3.00 | |
| Dec. 28. | “ G. E. Croscup, for Blank Book for Sec’y. | 2.00 | |
| | Cash on hand | 3.53 | |
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| 1879. | CR | | |
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STATISTICS.

| SCHOOLS. | SUPERINTENDENTS. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Average Attendance. | Library. | Volumes in Library. | Expended on School. | Amt. Expended for Benevolence. |
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| 1 Annapolis * | B J. L. Brittain | 9 | 80 | 60 | 250 | \$40.00 | | |
| 2 Annapolis * | M Jas. H. Gates | 12 | 100 | 60 | 250 | 190.00 | | |
| 3 Bear River, W S * | M A. Marshall | 8 | 70 | 45 | 150 | 20.00 | | |
| 4 Bridgetown * | B L. S. Morse, A. M. | 8 | 122 | 100 | 105 | | | |
| 5 Bridgetown * | M John E. Sancton | 6 | 50 | 30 | 100 | 33.00 | | |
| 6 Bridgetown * | Epis. Rev. L. M. Wilkins | 4 | 50 | 40 | 300 | 8.00 | | |
| 7 Centreville | B Robert Ewing | 6 | 40 | 25 | 52 | 4 90 | | |
| 8 Clarence | B S. N. Jackson | 9 | 75 | 60 | 150 | 6.00 | | |
| 9 Clementsvale | B Dow D. Potter | 5 | 53 | 32 | 220 | | | |
| 10 Clementsport * | M Wm. V. Vroom | 5 | 60 | 40 | 215 | | | |
| 11 Cleveland | B Thos. Banks | 3 | 53 | 35 | 100 | 2.00 | | |
| 12 Evergreen | B C. S. Stronach | 5 | 61 | 42 | 75 | 1.25 | | |
| 13 Farmington * | U M. McGregor | 4 | 30 | 18 | 12 | 2 50 | | |
| 14 Farmington Grove | M Henry M. Phinney | 7 | 82 | 55 | 100 | | | |
| 15 Granville Ferry | P James Reid | 8 | 45 | 40 | 100 | 15.00 | | |
| 16 Granville Ferry | M Hugh M. Irvine | 10 | 60 | 50 | 80 | 30.00 | | |
| 17 Hampton | B Joshua C. Foster | 5 | 35 | 25 | 95 | | 17.80 | |
| 18 Island Hill | B W. j. W. Shafner | 8 | 41 | 33 | 155 | 18.00 | | |
| 19 Inglisville | B A. aert A. Dum | 6 | 04 | 45 | 70 | | | |
| 20 Karsdale † | U Edgar H. Porter | | | | | | | |
| 21 Lawrencetown * | B Wm. B. McKeown | 7 | 80 | 44 | 169 | 18.50 | | |
| 22 Lawrencetown * | M Ichabod Newcomb | 5 | 60 | 40 | 130 | | | |
| 23 Lower Granville | B Luke Covert | 6 | 30 | 26 | 20 | 4.00 | | |
| 24 Margaretville | U Wallace Phinney | 5 | 75 | 55 | 60 | 6.00 | | |
| 25 Meadowvale | B Jacob Neily | 6 | 70 | 60 | 150 | | | |
| 26 Melvern Square * | B Leason Baker | 10 | 95 | 84 | 12 | 25.00 | | |
| 27 Melvern Square | U Geo. E. Outhit M D | 5 | 68 | 39 | 75 | 6.50 | | |
| 28 Middletown | M Jacob Slocomb | 5 | 40 | 31 | 152 | | | |
| 29 New Albany | B Burton Hendry | 5 | 40 | 35 | 200 | 1.00 | | |
| 30 Nictaux | B B. H. Parker | 6 | 75 | 55 | 200 | | | |
| 31 Nictaux Falls | M S. Drew | 3 | 35 | 25 | 200 | | | |
| 32 Paradise | B A. Longley, M. P | 7 | 55 | 50 | 200 | 20.00 | | |
| 33 Paradise West | B I. M. Longley, A B | 8 | 57 | 50 | 150 | | | |
| 34 Pine Grove † | B | | | | | | | |
| 35 Port George * | B J. E. Slocomb | 4 | 32 | 25 | 30 | 5.00 | | |
| 36 Prince Albert Street | B John W. Reagh | 6 | 64 | 61 | 200 | 3.08 | | |
| 37 Princeville | B Chas. Dondale | 5 | 70 | 44 | 250 | | | |
| 38 Round Hill * | B Andersen Healy | 6 | 95 | 70 | 20 | 18 78 | | |
| 39 Rosette | Epis. J. B. Whitman | 6 | 30 | 20 | 70 | 20.00 | | |
| 40 Seaman Street | M Robert Early | 9 | 75 | 60 | 300 | 10 00 | | |
| 41 Springfield | B Sydney Saunders | 7 | 65 | 60 | 99 | 11.00 | 9 50 | |
| 42 Stony Beach | B Jos. D. Halfyard | 7 | 51 | 31 | 130 | 8.66 | | |
| 43 To brook | B Henry A. Parker | 7 | 60 | 50 | 125 | 15 00 | | |
| 44 Upper Clements | B A. M. Chesley | 6 | 59 | 26 | 149 | 5.00 | 10.00 | |
| 45 Victoria Beach | B Saml. McGrath | 3 | 20 | 20 | | | | |
| 46 Wadeville | B Ebenezer Bent | 5 | 25 | 20 | 52 | 2.50 | | |
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Annapolis Union Sunday School Convention.

- ARTICLE 1. This Convention shall be called the Annapolis County Union Sunday School Convention,
- ART. 2. The Convention shall be composed of delegates from the Sunday Schools of this County ; no school being allowed to send more than five, and all Pastors and Superintendents shall be members *ex-officio*.
- ART. 3. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the interests of the Sunday Schools of this County.
- ART. 4. The officers of the Convention shall consist of a President, and Vice-Presidents from each section of the County ; a Secretary, two Assistant Secretaries, and a Treasurer.
- ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the PRESIDENT to preside at the meetings of the Convention ; and in case of his absence the oldest Vice-President present shall take the chair.
- ART. 6. The SECRETARY shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, together with a list of the Sunday Schools in the County, the name of the Superintendent, the number of Scholars, the Post Office address of each school, and make a report at each annual meeting.
- ART. 7. The ASSISTANT SECRETARIES shall write out the minutes at each meeting and render such assistance to the Secretary as may be necessary.
- ART. 8. The TREASURER shall keep a faithful account of all moneys collected for the benefit of the Convention, and report at each Annual Meeting.
- ART. 9. The VICE-PRESIDENTS shall have the general supervision of the Sunday Schools in their respective sections, and report to the Secretary ten days before the Annual Meeting.
- ART. 10. At each meeting of the Convention a committee shall be appointed to nominate officers.
- ART 11. At each meeting there shall be appointed a COMMITTEE of ARRANGEMENTS, whose duty it shall be to make arrangements for the meeting of the Convention, the entertainment of delegates, and persons attending the Convention, and to invite such persons from abroad as shall add to the interest of the Convention.
- ART. 12. The Annual Meeting of the Convention shall be held on the second Friday of September, subject to alteration by the Managing Committee.
- ART. 13. This Constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates at any regular meeting.

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OFFICERS OF CONVENTION,

FOR 1880-'81.

President.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON.

Vice-Presidents.

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| Shippy Spurr, | Dow D. Potter, |
| Obadiah Dodge, | Thos. S. Whitman, |
| Miner Tupper, | H. H. Morse, |
| Hon. Wm. B. Troop, | John M. Morse, |
| Jos. D. Halfyard, | Sydney Saunders, |
| Benj. W. Shafner, | Wm. Dukeshire, |
| Wm. V. Vroom, | C. W. Shafner, M. P. P. |

Secretary.

George E. Croscup, B. A.

Assist. Secretaries.

Israel M. Longley, B. A.,
A. D. Brown.

Treasurer.

James H. Gates.