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HELD AT KEMPTVILLE, YARMOUTH COUNTY,

Sept. 12th, 13th and 14th, 1867.

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

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KEMPTVILLE, September 12, 1867.

The Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia convened with the Church in Kemptville, according to previous appointment, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Meeting called to order by the Standing Clerk.

Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

Resolved, That Rev. E. G. Eaton be Moderator for the present year.

Most of the Elders with many of the Deacons were present.

The Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting was well represented.

The Harmony Quarterly Meeting was not represented.

Corresponding Delegates present.

Rev. C. O. LIBBY, from the Maine Western Yearly Meeting of F. W. Baptist, U. S.  
Rev. A. H. MORRELL, from Maine Central Yearly Meeting of F. W. B., U. S.  
Rev. G. A. HARTLEY and } From the General Conference of F. C. Baptist of N. B.  
Rev. W. M. KNOLLIN, }

Visiting Brethren.

Revs. J. E. Roud, C. Donnet, and Bro. Joseph McLeod.

Brethren B. J. Underhill, Wm. Peters, and D. W. Clark.

Constitution and Bye Laws were read.

Resolved, That we raise the Prudential Committee by nomination.

Resolved, That Brethren T. H. Crowell, Asa McGray, and Henry Hambleton, be the above Committee.

Resolved, That all the Corresponding and Visiting Brethren have seats with us, and enjoy all the privileges of Conference except voting.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to report on Missions.

Resolved, That Revs. W. C. Weston, T. Brown, and Brother W. Peters, be the Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to report on Education.

Resolved, That Revs. J. I. Porter, G. A. Hartley, and A. H. Morrell, be the Committee.

Resolved, That D. Oram, C. O. Libby, and S. K. West, be a Committee to report on Temperance.

Resolved, That Brother B. Minard, Rev. W. M. Knollin, and J. E. Roud, be a Committee to report on the Sabbath.

*Resolved*, That Brethren T. H. Crowell, Joseph McLeod, and D. W. Clark, be a Committee to report on Sabbath Schools.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. C. O. Libby.

AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. W. M. Knollin.

The report of Committee on Education was called for and read.

*Resolved*, That the report be received.

After due consideration, the report was adopted, as follows:

**REPORT.**—In view of the wants of the Denomination, your Committee think the time has come when the Free Baptist of Nova Scotia should organize an Education Society: one of the leading objects of which shall be to raise funds for the assistance of young men who intend devoting themselves to the work of the ministry, and to direct them where to study; and to counsel in any other matters that may aid them. We also recommend that a Committee be appointed by this Conference, to form a Constitution for the government of the Society.

J. I. PORTER, *Chairman*.  
G. A. HARTLEY, *Sec'y. Com.*

*Resolved*, That the above report be adopted.

*Resolved*, That Elders Knowles, Morrell, Hartley, Porter, and Deacon Aas McGray, be a Committee to form a Constitution for the government of the Education Society.

*Resolved*, That the report of Committee on Missions be received and adopted.

**REPORT.**—The Committee appointed to report on Missions, in making this report would notice, that we find a Home Mission Society formed in connection with the Quarterly meetings, and have great pleasure in stating that much good is being accomplished by these Societies, and would recommend our people to do all they can to aid the Societies with funds to successfully carry on the work.

Your Committee find as yet there has been no Foreign Missionary Society organized, and the amount of funds raised small; and are of opinion that the time has come when this Conference should take united action in the Foreign Mission work. Your Committee are aware that in New Brunswick the Free Christian Baptist have an organized Society, with which the Churches formerly known as F. O. B. in this Province were associated, but by the union lately effected by the F. W. B. and F. C. Baptists in this Province, that link is apparently severed: in view of these considerations, your Committee would recommend the formation of a Foreign Missionary Society; and would recommend the holding of a public meeting, to bring the matter fully before the people.

W. C. WESTON, *Chairman*.  
W. PETERS, *Sec'y. Com.*

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to frame a Constitution for the Foreign Missionary Society.

*Resolved*, That Brethren Thomas H. Crowell, W. Peters, and Rev. C. O. Libby, be the Committee.

*Resolved*, That there be a Council of five appointed to consider the ordination of Brother T. H. Crowell.

*Resolved*, That Revs. E. G. Eaton, T. Brown, C. Knowles, W. C. Weston, and E. Sullivan, be the Committee.

*Resolved*, That this Conference adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. P. Brown.

Resolved, That Bro. James Robbins be Moderator *pro tem*.

Resolved, That the next Annual Meeting of this Conference be held with the Church on Cape Island, at the Central Meeting House, as per Constitution. (Second Thursday in September, 1868).

The report of Committee to prepare Constitution for Foreign Missionary Society was read.

Resolved, That the report be received.

Resolved, That the report be adopted. (See Constitution "Foreign Missionary Society," Appendix.)

Resolved, That there be a Committee of three appointed to nominate Officers for the Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved, That D. Oram, N. McGray, and G. W. Ferry, be the Committee.

Resolved, That we adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Elder Libby.

Met according to adjournment at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Elder Charles Knowles.

This was our reporting meeting.

Rev. E. G. Eaton, the Corresponding Delegate to the Kennebec Yearly Meeting, made his report verbally, which was interesting and satisfactory.

After speaking of his warm reception by that body, he made a statement of the manner in which they received and disposed of the subject of the union of the F. W. and F. G. Baptists of this Province, which he submitted to them for their consideration. He said that they heartily and unanimously sustained us in our proceedings, wished us God speed, and desired that our christian correspondence with them might be continued.

Resolved, That the report be received.

Rev. J. I. Porter, the Corresponding delegate to the New Brunswick General Conference, was called upon for his report, which was read, and was as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN—I am happy to be able to say that in the providence of God I was permitted to visit our Brethren in their Annual Conference, held at South Branch Orancton, Sunbury County, in July last. Your delegate received a hearty welcome. It was cheering to meet those Brethren again, with whom we had before formed an acquaintance, and once more grasp the friendly hand on this mortal shore. But our hearts were sad with the thought that some we did not meet we should meet no more on earth. The venerable Father Harris was not among the Fathers whom we met; the deeply lamented Rev. B. McLeod, who was co-delegate with Rev. Wm. Downey at Canning, Cornwallis, one year ago, and who laboured so earnestly for the union in which we rejoice to-day—his hard working late editor of the *Reformer*, whose loss we mutually share—he was not there to welcome your delegate. Your delegate could but feel to join (in behalf of this Conference) in expressions of sympathy and condolence.

There were about thirty ordained Ministers present and about fifteen Licentiate, besides delegates from the several districts, as well as a good many visiting friends. We were also glad to meet Rev. E. Sullivan of this Conference, who went as a visitor.

The Brethren in New Brunswick do not hold Quarterly Meetings as with us, but their denominational field is divided into seven Districts, which hold each a yearly meeting; and these Districts are represented at the Annual Conference.

Notwithstanding the great loss from the Ministerial ranks, and of the labour of two of their Ministers with us the greater part of last year, it was a year of encouraging prosperity. The several Societies in connection with the Conference appear to be in a healthy condition. Their Home Mission Society is doing a large work, with rapidly increasing funds. Notwithstanding the comparatively little done in this Province (concerning which we have unfeigned regret), their Foreign Mission Society has been able to meet all demands upon it. These Societies hold public meetings at the time of General Conference. Those meetings were enthusiastic and successful, and large sums were raised. They have an educational Society; but on account of the death and absence of some of the members of the Board, were unable to hold a public meeting to forward this desirable object; but the members of the Board present expressed themselves as resolved to convene at another time, and take immediate action.

Some of the most important business of the Session was the framing of a scheme upon the circuit system, to be recommended to the churches for their approval, upon which it will be carried into effect at the next Annual Conference. Also, the formation of a Society for the relief of needy Ministers and their families. The way in which the Brethren took hold in this Society affords gratifying evidence of its being a great blessing to the denomination.

Our brethren in New Brunswick seemed highly pleased with the union of the two bodies which compose this Conference.

Upon the request of your delegate, Brethren Hartley and Knollin were appointed Corresponding Delegates to this Conference, whom we are happy to see with us. We recommend that the correspondence be continued.

*Resolved*, That the above report be received.

The Rev. C. O. Libby, of the Maine Western Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist of the United States having laid an official paper on the table, stating that he had been appointed by that body to represent them in our Conference, was now called upon.

He gave a very interesting account of the condition and prospects, not only of the Yearly Meeting which he represented, but of the Free Will Baptist General Conference, with which said Yearly Meeting stands connected. It was indeed gratifying and stimulating to hear of the success with which they are carrying forward the various benevolent objects of the day. They have in connection with the General Conference about 30 yearly meetings, 145 quarterly meetings, 1,260 churches, 56,250 communicants, 165 licensed preachers, and 1,075 ordained preachers. They have three colleges, one theological school, and about eight seminaries and academies. They have also a printing establishment, which publishes the *Morning Star* (the organ of the denomination), and various other publications, all of which are productive of great interest to the denomination. The *Freeman*, a denominational paper, recently started in the West, though it was thought that it would militate somewhat against the general good, is proving itself to be a blessing. Brother Libby said many things which were stimulating, encouraging and instructive to us as a young denomination, and which we hope will be a lasting benefit to us. His report was in every way interesting and satisfactory. In behalf of the Maine Western Yearly Meeting, he requested that correspondence between them might be continued.

Rev. A. H. Morrell, Corresponding Delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting of F. W. Baptist of United States, being called upon, said:—

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Bro. Morrell also referred to the Freedmen's Mission cause, in which he was about to labor as a missionary, in a very affecting and able manner, and asked the sympathy and prayers of this Conference in their behalf, and in his behalf while away from friends and home, laboring for the elevation of those down-trodden fellow creatures.

Rev. G. A. Hartley, Corresponding delegate from the Free Christian Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick, being called upon, laid on the table an official paper, certifying the appointment by that body of himself and Rev. W. M. Knollin as co-delegates. Our Corresponding delegate having spoken with reference to their present and anticipated system of working, Bro. Hartley did not go over that ground. He referred to their Home and Foreign Mission Societies, which are in very successful operation. They are laboring to sustain Rev. J. L. Phillips and wife, missionaries in India.

Bro. Hartley did not overlook the Educational question, but spoke of what they were doing in their Province, and thought that we ought to labor together to erect an institution of learning, and to aid our young men in obtaining an education, so that they would not be obliged to go so far from their homes for that purpose. He made some very affecting remarks with reference to their loss from their ministerial ranks by the death of their and our Brethren Hart and McLeod. He said that it was a source of gratification to them to know that we had effected our denominational union, and congratulated us most cordially on the same. He said many things which were calculated to interest, comfort, and stimulate us to renewed effort in the cause of Christ, and in behalf of the body he represented asked for a continuation of correspondence. Their number of churches is 100; communicants, 7,000; ordained ministers, 36; licentiates, 14; number baptized during year, 585.

Rev. W. M. Knollin, co-delegate from the New Brunswick Conference, also made some very appropriate and interesting remarks.

The reports from the Quarterly Meetings were then called for. There was no report from the Harmony Quarterly Meeting.

Rev. Charles Knowles, who has been laboring for the last year within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, being present, made a brief statement of its condition, as far as he was acquainted with it. God has blessed his labors very abundantly in the ingathering of souls. He has organized one new church. They have been doing something in the Home Mission work. Rev. A. B. Marsh, of New Brunswick, labored as their Home Missionary for a while, with good success under God. It has been a year of prosperity with the western section of the Quarterly Meeting.

Bro. Samuel Delliver was present from the Eastern section, who also gave a short statement of things there, which was not so encouraging as we could wish.

Some of the churches have had regular preaching a part of the time; others, only occasional preaching, and all have been destitute for some time of pastoral aid.

We may observe here that as we have no formal report from the Harmony Quarterly meeting, and consequently no statistics from the churches connected therewith, and also as we have not the correct statistics from some of the churches of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, we do not publish a statistical table of Conference this year.

The report from the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting was read by the Clerk, which was as follows:

The Yarmouth and Shelburne Free Baptist Quarterly Meeting to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, assembled at Kemptville, Yarmouth County sendeth Christian salutation:

DEAR BRETHREN—

In reporting to you, we feel that we have great reason to praise Almighty God, the Father of all mercies. One year ago you did not exist as you do today. It was only a few months ago, when you assembled at Barrington, the representatives of two distinct denominations, professing the same faith and practice, but who for many years had been isolated in labor and sympathy. And while we remember that then and there you manifested your willingness and desire to throw away all existing difficulties, hail each other as brethren, and to unite in labor and sympathy for the advancement of the cause of Christ, by organizing yourselves into the "Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia," thereby effecting that which so many desired, and for which so many had labored and prayed, we feel that it is cause for gratitude to God.

We are glad that it was our privilege to be co-instruments under God in bringing about such a great and good work, and that we now sustain such relations to you as will afford us the privilege of becoming workers together with you in carrying out that for which it was designed—to cultivate unanimity of feeling and action, strengthen our principles, and advance the cause of Christ. As you will see in the course of our report (by statistics, &c.), even now the results from the union movement are very cheering. God has seemed to approve it by blessing some of our churches in a wonderful manner. To him be all the glory!

In proceeding with our report, we will notice first our Quarterly Meeting sessions. Of these there have been four since your annual gathering. The first was held with the 1st Argyle Church (Strawberry Point), in December. At that time our Quarterly Meeting was organized by a convention of delegates previously appointed from the several churches for that purpose. The most important items of business were the adoption of the Constitution of Quarterly Meetings as recommended by you; the preparing and adoption of a code of By-Laws; the appointing of officers; the appointing of a Committee to draft a Constitution for a Home Mission Society; the appointing of an agent to visit some of our churches, in order to help them on the Union question; and the renewing of the licence of Bro. J. F. Smith.

The second session was held with the church at Sanford, in February. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was very small. The officers were absent. The reports from the churches were very few, both by letter and delegates. Those which were received were quite encouraging. A number of ministers were present, who held religious services for several days, which were very interesting, especially those on the Sabbath.

The third session was held with the church at Shag Harbour, in May. Some of the churches reported in a very encouraging manner by letter and delegates. Other reports were discouraging, and a great number did not report at all, which shows that there is a wrong somewhere. Either there is no interest ta-

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The fourth session was held with the church at Tusket Village, in August. Quite a number of churches were reported by letter and delegates. The most of the reports were quite encouraging. There was considerable business transacted at this session, some of which was to appoint councils to several of the churches, to try to assist and encourage them; to appoint the delegates to the Yearly Conference; and to grant Bro. B. Minard a license to preach the Gospel, after having duly examined him, by the request of the church. The religious services were of considerable interest, both on the week evenings and on the Sabbath. Rev. Wm. Downey, of New Brunswick, rendered efficient service.

We will now proceed to notice our Churches. Of these there are twenty-one. It will not be convenient to speak very particularly of each one; we will therefore only glance at some things of the most importance. We will commence with the Cape Island Church. This is made up of the former F. W. and F. C. Baptist churches on the Island. Since their consolidation it has had the pastoral care of Rev. E. G. Eaton, and for a few months the transient labors of Rev. J. C. Brown, of the United States. Rev. Wm. Downey, of New Brunswick, visited the Island last winter, and labored in protracted meetings several weeks in conjunction with the pastor. His labors were abundantly blessed in the salvation of souls. Since that time the church has continued to enjoy good religious prosperity. During the year there have been 157 added by baptism, 3 by letter, and 15 reclaimed, making the present membership 448. Death has removed 6 from them, we trust to join the Church triumphant. Considerable interest is manifested by this church in the Sabbath School.

The Port Latour church is enjoying a good degree of religious prosperity, under the pastoral care and one-quarter labor of Rev. J. I. Porter. He spent some time there last spring in protracted effort, and much good apparently was accomplished. Though the number added was not great, yet the brethren seemed to come up and stand together, and make a renewed effort to hold up the cause of Christ, which effort has not yet been given up. There have been added by baptism 6. One has died. Present number, 60. A good deal of interest is manifested in the Sabbath school by this little church. The number of scholars is 50.

We come next to speak of the 1st Barrington Church. This church has not enjoyed any special general revival for some time, but we think that things with regard to it look a great deal more encouraging since the Union took place. It has the pastoral care and labour half of the time of Rev. J. I. Porter. The other half of the time they have the labors of Bro. Thos. H. Crowell. Considerable protracted effort has been made within the limits of the church during the year, and public and social meetings have been regularly kept up, which resulted in some good, but still there is not that general religious interest which is so desirable. Thirteen have been added by baptism and six by letter. Several, we trust, have gone to the eternal rest. The present membership is 258. The interest in the Sabbath school is good.

The 2d Barrington Church reports to us that they are in good working order. It is under the pastoral care of Rev. J. I. Porter, who labors with them one-fourth of the time, to good acceptance. Elder Swim labors with them also when his health will permit. They have one Union Sabbath-school, with an average number of 55 children; and one not Union, with an average number of 50 scholars. Church membership is 91. One added by baptism.

The Shag Harbour Church reports to us state of religion low; have the labors of Rev. W. C. Weston one-fourth of the time. Rev. W. Downey remained there a short time following the May session of the Quarterly Meeting, and labored in protracted effort in company with Elder Weston. Six were added to the church by baptism. Present number 40. This little church has sustained a great loss in the removal by death of Deacon Isaac Niekerson, who has for many years served them. Their loss is his gain. Sabbath-school prospering; number of scholars, 60.

The Wood's Harbour Church has been in a low state for a good many years; has had but little pastoral labor, owing in a great measure to lack of effort on their part. It is a promising field, and should be looked after by us. They report to us that they have at present the labors of Rev. W. C. Weston one-fourth of the time. The Conference meeting is kept up, and also a little prayer meeting. They have two Sabbath-schools, numbering about 30 each. Their membership is 58. Two have died this year.

We have no report at hand from the Charlesville Church. Rev. David Oram visits them occasionally. This church is small, but generally sustains some of the means of grace.

The Pubnico Church is in a low and tried state. No report as to statistics, &c. We have appointed a council to try to help them.

The 1st Argyle Church enjoyed a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit last winter, under the labour of Rev. Wm. Downey. Eighty two were added to the Church by baptism; but owing to their not securing pastoral labour and care, and as the greater portion of the male members go away from home in the summer season, the Church has again become in a great measure inactive, but we hope that this state of things will not last long. We have no formal report.

The 2d Argyle Church reports in a prosperous condition, under the pastoral care of Rev. E. Sullivan. The Lord blessed his labours last winter in giving them a precious revival of religion, in which forty were added by baptism and one by letter. Present number 115. Sabbath School regularly conducted; number of scholars 40.

The Tusket Church has been for some time in a rather discouraging and trying position. They have had no pastoral labour, and only occasional visits from other Ministers. The last session of the Quarterly Meeting was located there, hoping that it might be the means of helping them; and we think they did take some courage. Some of the brethren remained a few days, and labored for their upbuilding. They have a fine church edifice, and an instrument of music. Church numbers 60; Sabbath school numbering about 30.

The Plymouth Church reports in a rather prosperous condition, under the pastoral care of Rev. E. Sullivan, who labours with them a fourth of the time. They number 95; Sabbath school 55.

The Little River Church reports, that they have been blessed under the labors of Rev. E. Sullivan, and are struggling for greater blessings. They number about 37 members. Sabbath school 50.

The 1st Kemptville Church has had no pastoral care or labour this year, for some reason. They have been visited two or three times by those who have broken to them the bread of life. Nothing special to report with reference to them, but we hope that the anticipated gathering of your Conference at that place will prove, under God, to be a great blessing to the Church and community. Their present number is 101; one has died. Sabbath school 65 scholars, 12 teachers.

The 2d Kemptville Church is in a low state, but trying to live. Rev. S. K. West labours with them. Number of members 18; Sabbath school in a flourishing state; number of scholars 30.

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The Deerfield Church is in a very low and scattered state. No pastoral care for some time. No report. We have appointed a council to visit them.

The Beaver River Church is in a rather scattered condition. No pastoral labour: have had preaching occasionally. They have two good Sabbath schools; number of scholars 60. Church membership 115. We have sent a council to help them.

The Sanford Church enjoyed a little season of revival soon after the session of Quarterly meeting, which was held with them: some few were baptized by Elder Sullivan. They have no pastoral labour, and are now quite low. Church membership 141. They have a Sabbath school, numbering about 60.

The Session Hill Church did not report formally. It is without the assistance of a regular ministry, and consequently the brethren are somewhat discouraged; but they are trying to hold on their way, and we hope they will be blessed. Their church membership is about 25; Sabbath school, 28. Brother Minard, of Queen's County, has visited recently among the three last named churches, and helped them considerably; but his health falling him he had to retire from public duties.

The Brooklyn Church is without pastoral care, but has preaching occasionally. As far as we know there is nothing very discouraging with reference to it. No report. They have a Sabbath school numbering about 35.

You see from our report with reference to churches, that there is a great lack of pastoral care and ministerial labor among them. This is owing in some measure to their being too particular about who they will have, and in a great measure to the lack of efficient laborers in the denomination. Dear brethren, shall we not therefore, as we have been admonished by the Great Head of the Church "Pray the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

We have elected as delegates to represent us in Yearly Conference the following brethren:—Nathan Snow, J. C. Smith, Martin McGray, Nehemiah McGray, Beverly Smith, Joseph Trefry, Jonathan Smith, J. R. Knowles, Benjamin Banks, Benjamin Knowles, Josiah McKomesky, Hallett Goodwin, Whitman Spinney, Daniel Sargent, J. A. Hatfield, Hervey Hamilton, John Redding, Samuel Crowell, G. W. Perry, Nathaniel Simms, Dennis Weston, Amos Pitman, Henry Thurston, and Jesse Churchill. We have given these brethren the power of substitution.

The next thing which we wish to notice is our H. M. Society, which was organized May 4th, at Shag Harbour. It is called the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Society. Its object is to aid destitute churches, and spread the gospel in our Quarterly Meeting.

The regular meetings are held in connection with each session of our Quarterly Meeting. As there have only been two sessions since the Society was organized, we have only had two meetings. The first was at Shag Harbour. That was a very interesting meeting. A large number of people were present; several of the brethren warmly advocated the cause of missions; and at its close there was collected and pledged towards the funds of the Society, the amount of about one hundred and five dollars. The second meeting was held at Tusket Village. This was not so favorable an opportunity to promote the interests of our Society, because there were not so many gathered from the different parts of the country to the Q. Meeting, but still the Meeting was quite a success. The exercises were calculated to infuse a missionary spirit into the people. At the close about forty-eight dollars were collected and pledged in aid of the Mission Fund.

Since the organization of the Society we have had Rev. C. E. Eaton employed as a missionary. He visited the Beaver River, Sanford, Session Hill, First and Second Kemptville, Carleton, Deerfield, Pubnico and First Argyle churches; preached and visited among them, and labored for their upbuilding. At

Kempville he baptized a sister, and received her into the church. We trust that his mission was the means of much good, and hope that this is only the beginning of a great deal more we may do through such instrumentality. Bro. Eaton collected among the churches which he visited about forty dollars in aid of the Mission Fund. We have no one at present in the field, as we are hoping after our next Q. Meeting to secure the labors of some one who will efficiently prosecute this great work.

We feel that with the present want of ministers to take the pastoral care of our churches, the H. M. Society is the best machinery we can set in motion for their upbuilding. And we hope that our brethren will all assist to oil that machinery, keep it in order and in motion by their sympathy, labor, money and prayers, so that great good may be accomplished.

The officers of this Society for the current year, are as follows:—  
Rev. W. C. Weston, *President*; Rev. J. I. Porter, *Vice-President*; Mr. Ebenezer Crowell, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*. The Committee who, together with the officers, constitute the Board of Directors, is as follows:—Mr. Solomon Kendrick, Mr. David Larkin, and James E. Smith, Esq.

We feel that the mission cause should claim our attention, and while we have been trying to do a little for our brethren at home, we are not forgetful of the dark and benighted heathen lands.

You are aware that previous to your present organization, the F. W. Baptists and the F. C. Baptists of this Province, through their several modes of operation, had been doing something for Foreign Missions.

You are also no doubt aware that owing to the unsettled state of things, and the multiplicity of business since the Union question was agitated until the present, the subject of Foreign Missions received but little attention, and consequently comparatively little has been done in that direction.

We think now, however, that the time has come when renewed effort should be put forth to assist in the work. We would therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of your taking the matter into consideration at your coming session, and mature some mode of operation.

There are other subjects to which we might refer, but we fear that our report is already too lengthy. We however have to express our regret that Rev. E. G. Eaton who has so long labored in this Province for the cause of Christ, and who has rendered such efficient service in the Union movement, is about to leave us and return to his native land. Especially do we feel to regret this, when we look at the whitening fields and then at the small number of laborers. But if it must needs be, may God bless his labors elsewhere, and make it up to us some other way.

In conclusion, we wish you a pleasant session. We feel that important matters will be brought before you and disposed of, which will shape in a great measure our denominational destiny, and tell upon the cause of Christ. We therefore pray that the Master of assemblies may be present with you to give direction and aid in all of your deliberations and doings, so that all may result in the glory of God.

Barrington, September, 1867.

THEO. H. CROWELL,

Q. MEETING CLERK.

*Resolved*, That we continue the correspondence with those Yearly Meetings represented in this Conference.

*Resolved*, That Rev. C. Knowles be corresponding delegate to Maine Western and Maine Central Yearly Meetings.

*Resolved*, That Rev. D. Oram be corresponding delegate to New Brunswick F. C. Baptist General Conference.

*Resolved*, That the delegates have the power of substitution.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer's report be received.

*Resolved*, That the report of Committee appointed to nominate officers for the Foreign Mission Society be adopted. (See Appendix "List of Officers.")

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*Resolved*, That the report of Council on the ordination of Bro. T. H. Crowell be received and adopted.

REPORT.—Your Committee recommend that Bro. Theo. H. Crowell be ordained as soon as convenient.

C. KNOWLES, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That the report of Committee appointed to frame a Constitution for the government of the Education Society be received, and laid over till to-morrow morning.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

### SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. T. C. Brown.

*Resolved*, That Elder Oram be Assistant Moderator.

*Resolved*, That Elder G. E. Eaton, Brethren Joseph Trefry and N. McGray be a Committee to nominate a Council to attend to the ordination of Bro. T. H. Crowell.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of Education Society be taken up for adoption.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution be adopted as a whole. (See Appendix.)

The report on the Sabbath was called for and read.

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the Sabbath be adopted.

REPORT.—Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:—The Sabbath is one of those divine institutions given by the great Creator for the good of the entire race; not indeed for the advantage of a part, but for the good of the whole. The good objects God had in view in setting apart and sanctifying one day in seven were two-fold, viz., resting from all secular labor, and for the purpose of divine worship. Experience teaches us that it is needful in order to possess vitality in our physical and spiritual natures, that it is absolutely necessary to observe this divine institution. The history of the world emphatically declares that man becomes prematurely old and enfeebled by the neglect of the proper observance of this day. Yes, when man was holy, God set apart a day of rest; how much more so now since he has become degraded and wretched, and lives in a world contaminated with sin, and surrounded by the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil! Looking from every stand point, it appears plain to us that man needs the Sabbath as a day of rest and devotion. For the proper observance of this day, and to spend its hours as God has commanded, is to attend to the duties of public and private worship, reading God's Word, meditation, praise, and prayer; in fact any exercise that shall draw us near to God, or benefit the human race, is suitable employment for the Lord's day.

In conclusion we would say, "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and manfully fight against Sabbath desecration, and in favor of keeping the Lord's day holy, that when life is ended with us we may enter that rest prepared for the people of God.

B. MINARD, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That the report of Committee to nominate Council on ordination be adopted.

REPORT.—Your Committee to nominate a Council to attend to the ordination of Bro. T. H. Crowell, recommend that Revs. C. O. Libby, G. Knowles, E. G. Eaton, and E. Sullivan be the Council.

**Resolved,** That the report on Sabbath schools be received and adopted.

**REPORT**—Your Committee on Sabbath schools, beg leave to submit the following report:—

We find that in the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting there is considerable general interest taken in Sabbath schools; but yet we think there is not all that deep interest that there should be, especially in some of the churches. With regard to the interest in the Harmony Quarterly Meeting, we can say but little, as there is no report at hand. We believe, however, that some of the churches are doing what they can.

Your Committee believe it to be advantageous to every church in the denomination to have a Sabbath school connected with it, whether that school be made up of children, the middle aged or the aged. We believe that too much labor cannot be spent in Sabbath schools, as we believe them to be the nursery of the church. Your Committee would recommend that the members of the Conference encourage the establishment of Sabbath schools, and do what they can to increase the usefulness of those in operation.

T. H. CROWELL, *Chairman.*

**Resolved,** That the report on Temperance be received and adopted.

**REPORT**—The Committee on Temperance beg leave to present the following report:—

1st. **Resolved,** That we still adhere to the principles of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors.

2d. That we deem it imperative on christians to carry their temperance principles into all departments of life, individual, civil, and religious.

3d. That as the history of past years show temperance to be the handmaid of religion, the prosperity of God's cause demands direct and strenuous efforts to carry forward this cause.

D. ORAM, *Chairman.*

**Resolved,** That the delegate to the Maine Western and Maine Central Yearly Meetings receive from this Conference Fund thirty dollars, and the delegate to the New Brunswick General Conference receive twenty dollars, to pay expenses.

**Resolved,** That J. L. Porter and T. H. Crowell prepare the Minutes for the press.

**Resolved,** That the Committee appointed to prepare the Minutes for the press &c., be paid ten dollars from this Conference fund.

**Resolved,** That the senior deacon of each church connected with this Conference, be requested to collect from each member of the church to which he belongs, the Conference funds, and forward them, with a list of the names of contributors, to the Treasurer of the General Conference. These lists are to be published in the minutes of Conference.

Notice is hereby given of the intended alteration of Article Three of the Constitution of this Conference, which has reference to the choosing of Moderator, making it read "chosen each session," instead of "annually."

T. H. CROWELL.

**Resolved,** That there be one thousand copies of the Minutes printed.

**Resolved,** That Elders T. C. Brown, C. Knowles, and Bro. Asa McGray, be a Committee to nominate officers for Educational Society.

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*Resolved*, That this Conference believes it right to aid our brethren in New Brunswick in the support of their missionary in the Foreign field, so long as such help is necessary; and hereby advise the Executive Committee of our Foreign Missionary Society to do so.

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee appointed to nominate officers for the Educational Society, be adopted. (See Appendix "Constitution Educational Society.")

*Resolved*, That we give a vote of thanks to the friends in this place for the manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

*Resolved*, That we accord a vote of thanks to the officers of this Conference for the able manner in which they have conducted the business of the session.

*Resolved*, That we accord a vote of thanks to the corresponding and visiting brethren for the help which they have afforded us during this session.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn without date.

Rev. E. G. Eaton, Moderator, being about to take his leave of the brethren in this Province and remove to the States, made some very feeling remarks; and then prayed very fervently for the prosperity of God's cause amongst us. This closed a very pleasant business session of our Conference.

The religious meetings were as follows:—

Thursday evening, Rev. W. M. Knollin preached. Quite a number of the brethren spoke of the love and goodness of the Lord; and the evening was truly a time of refreshing.

Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock, met for social conference. Those present at this meeting must have felt it good to be there. Very many gave hearty expression to the love they felt for God and his people. The afternoon was much too short for all to speak who desired to do so. Surely the presence of the Lord was with us.

Saturday evening Bro. J. McLeod, editor of the *Religious Intelligencer*, preached; subject—Romans i. 16. Several of the ministerial brethren followed. A deep solemnity pervaded the whole assembly.

Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock, many of the people met for prayer. The Lord's presence was enjoyed by his people. 10½ o'clock Rev. C. O. Libby preached; subject—Psalm lxi. 2. This sermon was preached on the occasion of the ordination of Brother T. H. Crowell, who, after the close of which, was set apart to the work of the Christian ministry by the imposition of hands, in the order following:—Ordination prayer by Rev. E. Sullivan; charge by Rev. C. Knowles; hand of fellowship by Rev. E. G. Eaton; benediction by Rev. Theo. H. Crowell.







church to which he belongs are collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the Conference (T. W. Wilson, Barrington), with a list of the names of contributors, so as to have said lists printed in the minutes of Conference.

We cannot publish the names of contributors to this fund this year, as with a few exceptions they have not been forwarded to us.

## CONSTITUTION OF FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

### I.—NAME.

1.—This Society shall be called the NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

### II.—OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

2.—The object of the Society is to diffuse Christian knowledge among the destitute in heathen countries.

### III.—MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

3.—Persons of good moral character may become members of the Society on the following terms:—A male may become an annual member by paying into the Treasury yearly the sum of ~~two~~ dollars; and by paying twenty dollars, may become a life member. A female may become an annual member by paying into the Treasury yearly one dollar; and a life member by paying ten dollars.

### IV.—OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

4.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and an Executive Committee of eleven, who shall be appointed annually by the Society. The foregoing officers shall hold their respective offices until others are chosen.

5.—It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at each meeting of the Society, and to perform such official acts at any time as the Society shall direct by its rules and votes. In the absence of the President and all the Vice-Presidents, the oldest member present shall call the meeting to order; after which a presiding officer shall be chosen for the occasion.

6.—The Executive Committee shall form its own rules and regulations, appoint its own meetings, fill any vacancy that may occur in its own members, or among the other officers of the Society during the year, and call special meetings when, in their opinion, the interests of the cause require it. It shall determine the compensation of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and provide for defraying the contingent expenses. It shall institute such agency or agencies as the interests of the enterprise may require, and make an annual report of its doings to the Society. The Executive Committee shall, as soon as practicable after it is chosen, organize by appointing one of its members Chairman and another as Clerk. The Clerk shall be the Recording Secretary of the Society, if there shall be no good reason for appointing some other member of the Committee to the office. The Clerk shall keep a full record of the meetings of the Committee, and sign all their official acts. The records of the Committee shall always be open to the inspection of the Society. The two Secretaries of the Society, and also the Treasurer, if he will consent to be one of the number, shall be members of the Executive Committee. Five of its members shall form a quorum at any of its regular meetings.

7.—The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds belonging to the Society, and keep an account of the same, showing the sources from which they have been derived, and the purposes for which they have been given. He shall invest the funds of the Society in the safest and most productive forms; but no permanent investment shall be made or changed by him without the concurrence of the Executive Committee. It shall be his duty to give and receive

deeds in the name of the Committee.

8.—The Auditors shall at least once a year accurately cast, and account for, the receipts and disbursements, and shall give his certificate in the presence of the Treasurer, who shall be by him examined.

9.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of the Society, to receive and answer those who apply for membership, subject to the demands, and to the approval of the Society, and to the Executive Committee, if the Society shall so direct.

10.—The Recording Secretary shall keep the records of the Society, and shall cause the same to be immediately after each meeting.

11.—This Society shall be a Free Baptist Church, and shall have an Executive Committee, and shall have necessary business meetings, and shall be directed either by the Executive Committee, or by the Executive Committee; but a

12.—A Committee shall be appointed in such manner as shall be determined by the Society.

13.—Any Member of the Society may at any time or oftener into the Executive Committee of the Foreign Mission Society.

14.—No alterations shall be made in the Constitution of the Free Baptist Church, or in the rules and regulations of the Executive Committee, without the consent of the members present at a meeting of the Executive Committee, and shall have been previously approved by the Executive Committee.

15.—Money received for the support of the missionaries of the Free Baptist Church, or for the support of the Executive Committee of the Parent Society, shall be

deeds in the name of the Society, and under the direction of the Executive Committee.

8.—The Auditor shall examine carefully and thoroughly the Treasurer's books at least once a year; and if he shall find the accounts correctly kept and accurately cast, the payments well vouched, the balance satisfactorily stated and accounted for, and the evidence of the property shall be duly exhibited, he shall give his certificate accordingly, which certificate he shall enter at large in the Treasurer's books, and give a duplicate of it to the Recording Secretary, to be by him entered upon his book of records.

9.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to prepare and transmit all communications that may be necessary to promote the best interests of the Society, to receive all such as are made through him to the Society, and to answer those which, in his opinion, require it; and when the nature of the subject demands, he shall ask advice of the Executive Committee in relation thereto, and proceed as they may direct. He shall prepare the annual report of the Society, which report shall be heard and accepted by the Executive Committee, if they desire to do so, before it shall be presented to the Society.

10.—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Society, which he shall enter in a book of records, and certify that the records of each meeting are true. If necessary, he shall be sworn into office immediately after his election or re-election.

#### V.—THE ANNUAL MEETING.

11.—This Society shall hold its annual meeting during the session of the Free Baptist Conference, to elect officers, to hear the reports of the Treasurer, Executive Committee, and Corresponding Secretary, and to transact all other necessary business of the Society. On presenting the annual report, the Corresponding Secretary shall read the whole of it or an abstract, as he shall be directed either by the Executive Committee or the Society. A quorum of nine members shall be requisite to transact business at all meetings of the Society; but a less number may call to order and adjourn.

#### VI.—MANNER OF CHOOSING THE OFFICERS.

12.—A Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Society, in such manner and consisting of such members as may be thought best, whose duty it shall be to nominate the officers for the ensuing year.

#### VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

13.—Any Missionary Society may become auxiliary to this by paying annually or oftener into the Treasury of this Society such sums as they may collect for Foreign Missionary purposes.

#### VIII.—AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

14.—No alteration of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Society shall be made except on recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Free Baptist denomination in Nova Scotia, and by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, or unless the proposed alteration shall have been submitted to the Society in writing at a previous meeting.

#### IX.—DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.

15.—Money received by this Society shall be appropriated for the support of the missionaries, stations, schools, and native preachers of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Society, to be applied by that Society to such stations as may be designated by the Executive Committee of this Society, and to the support of such missionaries and native preachers as may be selected by the Executive Committee from among the appointed missionaries and preachers of the Parent Society.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA F. BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President.

Rev. J. I. PORTER.

Vice-Presidents.

Rev. D. ORAM,

“ E. SULLIVAN,

“ S. K. WEST.

Rev. THEO. H. CROWELL, Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. GEO. W. PERRY, Recording Secretary.

ASA McGRAY, Esq., Treasurer.

JAMES E. SMITH, Esq., Auditor.

Executive Committee.

Rev. THEO. H. CROWELL,

Mr. G. W. PERRY,

ASA McGRAY, Esq.,

T. W. WILSON, Esq.,

ELDRÉD CAHOON, Esq.,

B. B. WOODWORTH, Esq.,

Mr. JAMES ROBBINS,

J. H. HAMILTON, Esq.,

MR. DAVID LARKIN,

Rev. DAVID ORAM,

Rev. S. K. WEST.

The first annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society was held in the Kemptville Meeting-house on Tuesday evening, September 18, 1867.

President in the Chair. Meeting opened by singing and prayer.

The President made a few appropriate remarks; stating the origin of the Society and the object of the meeting. After which he introduced the Rev. C. C. Libby, of the United States, who delivered an able and interesting discourse on the subject of missions. He was followed by many of the ministerial and lay brethren, who gave excellent addresses, adding greatly to the interest of the Meeting. After which a collection was taken in aid of the funds of the Society, amounting to \$18.50. Subscription papers were also circulated, when there was paid \$19.30, and pledged \$41.25. Received from the Sabbath school in connection with the First Free Baptist Church, Barrington, \$6.80, making the amount in Treasury of Society, October 1st, \$36.20.

The friends who have pledged amounts to the funds of this Society, will please forward the same to the Treasurer as soon as convenient.

CONSTITUTION

This Society.

The object of this society is to promote the Christianization of the heathen.

Any member of this Society who fails to attend the meetings of the Society for five consecutive meetings shall be considered as having resigned.

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The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Society shall be held on the first Sabbath after the first of October, and the Committee and members of the Society shall be notified of the same by the Secretary at least one month before the same.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be known as the NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

### ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to encourage and raise funds for the assistance of young men who may wish to study preparatory to entering the ministry.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any member paying one dollar annually to the Society shall be a regular member of the same, and by paying ten dollars at one time shall be a life member; any female, by paying fifty cents, shall be a regular member, and by paying five dollars at one time shall be a life member.

### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a Committee of five;—said Committee with all the officers shall form a Board, who shall have the management of all the business of the Society.

### ARTICLE V.—ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.

Any male member of this Society shall be eligible to office in the Society.

### ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD.

SEC. 1.—The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside over all meetings held by this Society.

SEC. 2.—The Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence of this Society, keeping a copy of the same; he shall also keep a correct record of the meetings and doings of the Society.

SEC. 3.—The Treasurer shall receive and dispense all monies belonging to the Society; no money to be paid out by the Treasurer except by the written order of the Secretary, endorsed by the President of the Society.

SEC. 4.—The Secretary and Treasurer shall each prepare annually a written report, giving a full statement of all the business transacted in his department, and lay said report before the Society at each annual meeting.

SEC. 5.—The Board shall hear and advise with any young men who may wish assistance from the Society as to the best place for them to study, and the course of study to be pursued; they shall disburse the funds of the Society as they may think will best promote the object of the Society, but shall have no power to contract a debt beyond the amount in the Treasurer's hands, or bona fide pledges made.

### ARTICLE VII.—TIME OF MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Society shall be held during the sitting of the Free Baptist Conference. Special meetings may be held at any time when the President and two of the Committee shall think it necessary. All the officers and Committee shall be notified in writing by the Secretary at least two weeks before the time of meeting, when a special meeting shall be called. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A less number may adjourn.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a majority vote of the members of the Society present, twelve members constituting a quorum. No alterations can be made unless notice thereof be given in writing and recorded one year previous.

OFFICERS OF EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. J. L. PORTER

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