

MINUTES  
OF THE SESSION

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION;

HELD AT LIVERPOOL;

From JUNE 26th to JUNE 28th, inclusive.

1848

TOGETHER WITH

MISSIONARY, AND OTHER ACCOUNTS, ETC.

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MONDAY, 10 O'Clock, A. M. June 26th, 1848.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. Nathaniel Vidito, from Luke, 19: 13, after which a collection was taken in aid of Home Missions, in addition to the collections of the preceding day.

The Association having been called to order, Rev. John Pryor was appointed Moderator, Rev. Wm. Chipman, Clerk, and Bro. Isaac Chipman, Assistant Clerk.

Rev. J. Pryor, I. E. Bill and S. T. Rand were chosen to read the Letters from the Churches, and Rev. R. W. Cunningham, D. W. C. Dimock, and Bro. George Armstrong, to examine the same previously.

The Letters from the Churches were read, from which was obtained the following Table. The names of Ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; those of Licentiates in *Italics*; Ministers not present are marked with an asterisk\*; Churches from which no information was received are marked thus; and vacant Churches are distinguished by a dash—.

N. B. Churches from which no information was received are returned as they stood last year; as also those of which the number is not stated in the Letters.

## STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	ADDED.			Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
		Restored.	By Baptism.	By Letter.				
1st Yarmouth.	H. HARDING,* W. BURTON; Deacons J. Robinson, N. Cor- ney; Brethren E. Huestis, J. Rogers, S. Brown.		7	7	4	1	9	506
Annapolis and Upper Granville.	J. CHASE. H. Chute.	1			2		1	196
Lower Granville.	R. W. CUNNINGHAM.	1		4	1	2	1	203
Wilmot.	N. VIDITO, J. Elliot, H. Fitch, G. Starratt, C. Rum- sey.	1		1	7		2	296
Newport.	G. DIMOCK.				1		3	129
Onslow.	D. W. C. DIMOCK.			5	2	2	3	186
1st Clements.	J. POTTER.						1	258
Lunenburg.	B. TAYLOR.			2	3	1	3	64
Nictaux.	I. E. BILL—Deacon C. Shafner.	3	19	2			1	490
1st Digby Neck.	J. C. MORSE*.				4			92
1st River Philip.								39
Horton.	J. E. COGSWELL.* T. S. HARDING, JOHN PRYOR, I. CHIPMAN, H. Crawley, A. Crawley, T. Crawley.	2	144		6		4	533
1st Cornwallis.	E. MANNING,* A. S. HUNT, W. Eaton, J. Masters, E. Rand.	2	87	2	1		3	318
Windsor.								60
Rawdon.				4	1	3	2	84
Upper Granville.	A. COGSWELL.						1	107
Parrsboro'					3	1	1	27
Chester.							2	276
	Deacon J. Mosher, Bro. N. Webster.							
Amherst.	C. TUPPER.*		13	3	1	2	1	
Port Medway.	G. ARMSTRONG, D. D. Nicols, J. McGregor.			1	4		1	77
2nd Cornwallis.	W. CHIPMAN, Deac. A. Par- ker, Bro. D. Lyons.				1	3	4	230
Sisiboo or Weymouth	C. RANDALL, R. Hankinson. W. HOBBS, W. Rogers.				37	1		28
Waterford or Pugwash.		4	115	7	20	2	1	154
New Albany.	J. Park, S. Tuff, H. Whit- man.		2	1	3			69
Liverpool.	R. B. DICKIE, T. FORD, J. Cobb, J. Dexter, E. Kempton, C. Bill, N. Whitman.		30	6	2	4	2	224
Brookfield.	J. PARKER, T. DELONG, P. Murray, T. Christopher, L. Leadbetter, J. Douglas, D. Freeman.	1		1	1		1	156
Sydney, C. B.	G. RICHARDSON,*		2					15
1st Hillsburg.								84

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1st Falmouth.  
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1st Windsor Ro.  
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1st Mabou  
Tracadie.  
1st Sherbrooke.  
Stewiacke.  
1st Jeddore.  
1st Margaret's B.  
Economy.  
1st Three Rivers.  
1st East Point, P.  
1st Canso.  
3rd Cornwallis  
1st Wilmot Moun.  
Tasquet.  
Greenfield and  
Springfield.  
Dalhousie.  
2nd Yarmouth.  
Long Island.  
Charlotte Town.  
1st 2nd Digby Neck.  
1st Bay of Islands.  
Advocate Harb.  
1st Barrington.  
Digby.  
1st 2nd Hammond's  
Preston.  
Wallace River.  
Antigonish.  
1st Lot 49, P. E. I.  
1st 2nd Horton.  
New Germany.  
2nd Hillsburgh.  
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Bryer Island.	P. F. MURRAY.							
1st Falmouth.	B. VAUGHAN.*			1		6	93	
† Ragged Islands.	_____					2	165	
† West Chester.	_____					1	78	
Granville Street.	E. A. CRAWLEY.		14	4		15	35	
† Manchester and } Guysborough. }	W. C. RIDEOUT.*					2	200	
† Windsor Road and } Sackville. }	_____						30	
† Mabou	_____						41	
† Tracadie.	_____						29	
† Sherbrooke.	_____		2			7	72	
† Stewiacke.	_____						31	
† Jeddore.	D. PINEO.*						80	
† Margaret's Bay.	W. HOBBS.						106	
† Economy.	_____						82	
† Three Rivers, P. E. I.	J. SHAW.*						38	
† East Point, P. E. I.	J. SHAW.*						45	
† Canso.	_____						101	
3rd Cornwallis.	A. STRONACH.						12	
† Wilmot Mountain.	Deacon C R. Bill. }		1			1	211	
† Tusket.	J. LENT.*						129	
Greenfield and Chelsea	J. STUBBERT, R. Harlow, S. }		23	2	3	2	83	
Springfield.	Hunt, Senr. }		5	1		3	75	
Dalhousie.	R. MARSHALL,		1			1	31	
2nd Yarmouth.	H. HARDING,* J. Rogers.		1	1		1	33	
Long Island.	P. M. MURRAY.					2	238	
† Charlotte Town, P. E. I.	S. T. RAND.					3	77	
† 2nd Digby Neck.	J. C. MORSE.*		2	3		1	32	
† Bay of Islands.	_____						55	
Advocate Harbour.	_____						17	
† Barrington.	_____						16	
Digby.	_____		3				8	
† 2d Hammond's Plains.	Dr. BENT.						18	
Preston.	_____		1			1	42	
Wallace River.	_____						125	
Antigonish.	W. HOBBS, —. Rogers.					10	22	
† Lot 49, P. E. I.	J. WHIDDEN.*		3				35	
† 2d Horton.	B. SCOTT.*		1			1	36	
New Germany.	J. STEVENS.*						149	
2d Hillsburgh.	B. TAYLOR.						32	
† Petite Passage.	J. B. COGSWELL.*		1	2	4		36	
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Kempt.	H. EAGLES.							85
Portapique.	O. CHUTE.						2	65
3d Yarmouth.	S. M. RANDALL.*							40
Sable River.	L. MARSHALL.	4	2			2		44
	E. DURN.							14
†Indian Harbour, West Amherst Shore.	C. TUPPER.*							10
†1st Hammond's Plains	W. HOBBS.							53
†Cavendish, P. E. I.								7
Dartmouth.	J. MILLAR.							45
†Little Forks.			4					20
York and Elliot Point, P. E. I.	M. ROSS.	1				3	3	150
2d Falmouth.	B. VAUGHAN*							16
Digby Joggins.	C. RANDALL.				1	1	3	37
Beaver River.			3					53
New Tusket.	C. RANDALL.							24
St. Mary's Bay.	C. RANDALL.						3	61
†Margaree.								63
†Port Pizwick and Mus- quodoboit Harbour.								7
†Lawrence Town.								14
†Tryon, P. E. I.			1				9	44
†Mirudie.			3					21
†Indian Harbour, East.								59
†Burton Church, New Guysborough Road.								27
†Mira Bay, C. B.	H. ROSS.							69
Upper Aylesford.	W. CHIPMAN, E. D. HARRIS, }						2	38
†St. Mary's.								24
†Isaac's Harbour.								27
†Coddall's Harbour.								15
†New Harbour.								10
Argyle.			4	2				35
	L. MARSHALL.							
North Sydney.								140
	H. ROSS.		59					
Upper Wilmot & Low- er Aylesford.	E. STRONACH,* O. PARKER, W. Welton, O. Wheelock, J. MILLAR, Deacons J. W. Barss, D. McPherson.							111
North Halifax.								33
Bridgewater.	O. PARKER, B. Manning.							18
River John.								29
West Sherbrooke.								21
Goose River.								27
Tatamagouche.								31

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Mem.—There being a want of correspondence between the Letters from many of the Churches for this year, and their published aggregate for a former year, it was decided, contrary to former practice, to conform to reports in Letters for the year 1847—8. It was at first thought that a separate column would be opened, in which these discrepancies might be made to appear in connexion with each Church where they exist, in order that if necessary correction may be effected. As an approximation to this, it may be as well to state that as many as 8 letters show from 1 to three each less than printed Minutes—that of Pugwash shows 18 less; Sable River, 13; Liverpool, 12; and 3d Yarmouth, 10; while 2 Letters show 1 each more than printed Minutes; 2d Falmouth 8 more, and York and Elliot River 27. In the whole these discrepancies will cause a loss of 31 in aggregate numbers. It will, of course, be very important that all possible care should be employed in all cases hereafter to make returns correct. There is demanded an improvement in some instances in the matter of *distinctness* in making Returns.

Of one of the Churches in the Table we make mention in this notice, on account of changes which have occurred during the year, the Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot Church. It being made up of materials which formerly composed two Churches, but which were amicably dissolved for purposes of union, there is as yet a loss of 199 members, who have not been gathered into the new body. This circumstance should be considered in connexion with the Baptisms of the year, and, in conjunction with losses from Reports in Letters, will explain the fact that the first named do not appear to create so large an increase as might be expected.

Let it be observed also that from Manchester and Guysboro' no letter has been received, where report says as many as 50 have been baptized during the year.

The eight Churches last named were received during the present Session, the hand of fellowship having been presented by the Moderator, in behalf of the Association to the Brethren who were appointed and are named above, as their representatives for such purpose.

Brethren John Rowe, Patrick Shiells, and Nelson Baker, Licentates, Nova Scotia, were invited to a seat in Council.

Also Bro. James Farquharson, Agent for the Am. and Foreign Bible Society, and Rev. Samuel Elder of Fredericton.

Rev. Rigby, Messenger from Associations in New Brunswick, took his seat.

The following were appointed a Committee to examine and report upon questions referred by the Churches to the Association in their letters, viz:—I. E. Bill, E. A. Crawley, T. Delong, R. W. Cunningham, Wm. Burton, P. Murray, and J. Mosher.

The following Committees were also appointed:

On Temperance—S. T. Rand, Abel Parker, Perez Murray, J. W. Barss, J. Parker, Thos. Christophër, Levi Marshall, David Freeman, Edward Heustis, Luther Ledbetter, and Nelson Corning.

To Report upon the state of Religion in the Churches, decide upon a day of Thanksgiving, also of Fasting and Prayer, and call public attention thereto—J. Pryor, I. E. Bill, Peleg Murray and John McPherson.

To examine the Circular Letter, and consider the subject of reading the same before the Association—J. Ferguson, J. W. Nutting, I. E. Bill, Handley Fitch, W. L. Bent.

On the Bible Cause—I. E. Bill, J. Parker, J. Stubbart, N. Vidito, A. Stronach, J. Millar, James Farquharson, E. A. Crawley, D. W. C. Dincock, R. B. Dickie, J. W. Barss, and J. Chipman.

On Sabbath Schools—G. Armstrong, W. Hobbs, M. Ross, O. Chute, E. Kempton, and Robt. Harlow.

After Prayer, adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment, and opened with Prayer.

It was resolved that the Rev. W. Cunningham be our Messenger to the Eastern Association of New Brunswick, and receive in that capacity, £7 10.

Appointed Rev. C. Tupper to write the Circular Letter for the ensuing year.

Chose Rev. R. W. Cunningham to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. S. T. Rand his Alternate.

Appointed J. W. Nutting to Superintend the Printing of the Minutes, with information from the Clerk of the Association what number it will be advisable to print.

The following were appointed Delegates from the Association to the ensuing Meeting of the Convention at Fredericton—Rev. C.

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Tupper, I. E. Bill, J. Chase, D. W. C. Dimock, and Bro. J. W. Barss.

From the Foreign Missionary Board—J. W. Nutting.

From the Board of Home Missions, Rev. R. B. Dickie.

From the Committee of the N. S. Baptist Education Society—Rev. E. A. Crawley—his Alternate, Rev. N. Vidito.

Appointed, Rev. J. Chase and I. Chipman, to receive monies for all objects except Bible Translation; for which Bro. J. W. Barss was appointed. Time of payment, 8 o'clock, Tuesday morning.

The following were appointed a Committee to form a plan of proceedings for a Public Foreign Mission Meeting, on Tuesday evening—Rev. E. A. Crawley, B. Taylor, J. Millar, and Bro. C. Sheffner.

The following to consider the most advisable mode of printing our Public Reports, whether in the Christian Messenger, in detached forms, or in one collective document—J. Ferguson, Rev. N. Vidito, J. Parker, T. Delong, Bro. J. Cobb, A. Parker, J. W. Barss, and J. Mosher.

The following to consider the propriety of hereafter organising the Association on Saturday instead of Monday—Rev. N. Vidito, C. Randall, J. Parker, M. Ross, T. Delong, Bro. J. Mosher, H. Chute, J. Ferguson, John Saunders.

The following to consider whether the existence of the Convention does not supersede the necessity of a delegation to the Associations of New Brunswick for the years in which the Convention sits in that Province—Rev. W. Burton, A. S. Hunt, G. Rigby, S. Elder.

After Prayer, adjourned, to meet at 7, P. M.

Met according to adjournment, when a Meeting was conducted under circumstances of uncommon interest in promotion of Home Missions.

*Resolved*, That the prosperity which has attended our Home Mission efforts calls for devout gratitude to God, and for increased efforts on the part of the Church.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Meeting there still exists a lamentable deficiency amongst us as a Denomination with reference to a just estimation of the extent of the Home Mission field, and of our ability to occupy it.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Tuesday, 10 o'clock.—Met according to adjournment; when the business of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society by established usage, was attended to.

Adjourned, to meet at 3 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment, and opened with Prayer.

The Reports of Committees previously appointed were then heard and acted upon. The order of presentation is not fully observed in this Record.

The Committee on Questions in Letters, reported as follows:

1. With reference to the request from the two parties professing to represent the Church at Kempt, they advise that the question be referred to the Home Missionary Board, with the recommendation to appoint a Missionary to visit them and give them advice in their present difficulties.

2. That the suggestion of the 1st Horton Church with reference to the adoption of the Psalmist by our Churches, is approved of by this Committee.

3. In reply to a question from the Greenfield and Chelsea Church, this Committee state that they deem it highly improper in any Minister of the Denomination to intrude his labours within the sphere of those of a settled Pastor, or to associate himself with excommunicated persons so as disturb the peace of the Church under his charge.

4. That the next Meeting of the Association be held with the 1st Horton Church, agreeably to the request of that Church.

5. That your Committee recommend that an advisory Committee be sent from this Association to visit the Church at Chester, for purposes of counsel, consisting of Brethren J. Millar, I. E. Bill, D. W. C. Dinock, and S. T. Rand.

Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:—

That in reference to the resolution passed last year, we are happy to state that a decided improvement has taken place. It is no longer true that a growing apathy prevails in the Churches and community respecting Intemperance, although much remains yet to be effected. In the capital, and in various parts of the country, a powerful impulse has, during the past year, been given to the work of reform. We would recommend increased exertion on the part of the Churches. Your Committee hail with joy the organization of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, as a measure well calculated to unite the friends of the cause—to hold with a firmer grasp those who are exposed to temptation, and to consummate this great and good work. Our motto should still be Onward—our confidence should be in God,

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Report received and adopted.

The Committee on the state of Religion Reported as follows:—

That in view of the Divine mercy manifested in the outpouring of the spirit upon many of our Churches, it is recommended to observe the second Wednesday in October as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer. It is further recommended to observe the first day of January as a day of Fasting and Prayer.

Report received and adopted.

The Committee on the Bible cause reported as follows:—

Your Committee on the Bible Cause respectfully submit the following preamble and Resolutions:

*Whereas*, The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the only authoritative Divine Standards containing the revealed will of God for the whole human family; And whereas, as Protestants and Baptists, we recognize the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, believing that it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfected, and thoroughly furnished to all good works—that it is essential therefore for the maintenance of pure and undefiled religion, that the Bible should be universally circulated in the vernacular tongues of every nation upon earth.

*And whereas*, The Missionaries of the Baptist Denomination have been long and successfully engaged in translating, printing and circulating the Sacred scriptures in many of the Pagan languages, and were for a series of years greatly assisted in this work by pecuniary grants from the British and Foreign Bible Society, as well as by the American Bible Society, then composed alike of Baptists and Pedobaptists; but for several years past have been refused any further assistance from those Institutions, unless our Missionary Translators would either *transfer* or *conceal* the original Greek word *Baptizo* and its cognates in their versions of the Holy Scriptures, instead of *translating* said words—which it was impossible for our Missionaries to do, or our Mission Societies to sanction, without violating the convictions of their consciences.

And whereas, it became necessary to form a separate organization to assist our Translators to carry forward the great work of giving the word of God to the benighted nations of the heathen—The American and Foreign Bible Society was organized in 1838; FOUNDED UPON THE PRINCIPLE that the *Hebrew and Greek of the Old and New Testaments, are the only authentic standard of the Holy Scriptures*, and that aid for translating, printing, and distributing of them in foreign languages should be afforded to such versions

only as are conformed as nearly as possible to the original text; it being understood that no words are to be *transferred* which are capable of being literally *translated*.—Therefore

*Resolved*, That this Association most fully and cordially approve of the great principle upon which the American and Foreign Bible Society is founded; and of the object of that institution, viz., to aid in the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures IN ALL LANDS.

*Resolved*, That in soliciting annual subscriptions for the different benevolent objects embraced in the Union of this Association; the agents of the Union and the Ministers and brethren who may be engaged in doing so, be requested, against another year, to open an additional money column, for additional or separate voluntary donations and subscriptions for the American and Foreign Bible Society—

*Resolved*, That in the meanwhile as brother James Farquharson, Agent of the Society, is now in the Province, this Association recommend him, and the object of his Mission to the Christian attention and co-operation of the Ministers and churches of the Association.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows :

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to express their deep conviction of the importance of Sabbath School instruction as a powerful auxiliary to the Gospel Ministry, in the diffusion of Scriptural knowledge among the young. That while there is cause to apprehend that in some localities Sabbath Schools have manifested a languid existence, yet abundant evidence may be found in connection with revivals during the last winter, that they have been largely blessed to the souls of many of the Scholars. This is cause of thanksgiving to God.

We would suggest some means to promote the efficiency of Sabbath Schools. As pious Teachers are to the Sabbath School what a pious Ministry is to the Church, *the employment of pious Teachers must be regarded as a prime requisite*. Weekly meetings of the Teachers, frequent visitations of the parents on the part of Teachers, for the purpose of exciting their interest, sympathy, and co-operation in the cause; the formation of Sunday School Libraries, we regard as essential to their prosperity.

In order that books may be more easily obtained, we recommend the establishment of a Depository at Halifax.

Sabbath School Anniversaries might be beneficially held, and Sermons and Lectures on the best mode of promoting the interests of Sabbath Schools would be highly useful.

A regular monthly contribution, however small, from each of the Scholars, has been found by those Superintendents and Teachers who have tried it, an excellent means of replenishing the Library.

We would urge upon all concerned, more activity, more system,

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All which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE ARMSTRONG,

Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

The Committee on printing of Denominational Reports report as follows:—

They recommend the printing of the Circular Letter in the Christian Messenger, and not in the Minutes; as they conceive by this means it would become more widely circulated, and more generally read, as well in our neighbouring Provinces as in our own.

They also recommend that no separate reports of the various Institutions embraced by the Union scheme be published this year; but that a sketch of the proceedings of the Home and Foreign Mission and Education Societies be furnished by the Secretaries of their various Boards, for insertion in the Christian Messenger, so soon as such can be conveniently prepared.

They further recommend that an insertion be made in the Minutes of all the monies paid by our Churches, through the Union Societies or otherwise, which can appear in form similar to those prepared for the Collectors of the Union money: the sums for various objects alone to be stated—not the names of the contributors—which would be desirable, but your Committee consider would occupy too much space in the Minutes, and too much time in preparation to enable the Minutes to be published at an early date. The sums total being added up, would show at a glance what our Churches are doing from year to year for the various benevolent objects in which they are engaged.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. BARSS, Chairman.

Report received and adopted, with the following amendment:

That annual subscriptions to the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, when paid, appear for the present in the Christian Messenger.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of organizing the Association on Saturday, beg leave to report,

That it is their unanimous opinion, that it would greatly expedite the business of the Association if the said organization should annually take place on the Saturday previous to the first Monday after the 20th of June.

And your Committee would further recommend that the Ministers and Messengers should prepare to attend said Meeting, to be held

at 2 o'clock, P. M., presenting the letters from the various Churches composing your Association.

Report received and adopted.

☞ The Report of the Committee on Delegation to New Brunswick not now being, from some cause, among the papers of the Association, it is not herein presented.

It was understood to advise, or the action upon it to decide, that for the present year this Association shall represent itself to the Eastern Association of New Brunswick meeting at Moncton, in agreement with a previous entry.

The following are reports of Committees appointed at the last Meeting of the Association :

The Committee on the Guardianship of Feeble Churches, and suggestions as to Ripeness for Organization beg to Report,

That there are within the limits of this Association, a large number of Churches whose circumstances especially require the fostering care and religious sympathy of the Denomination, without which there is but little reason to hope that they will advance, or even maintain their present position. Our most efficient means for aiding them are the labours of wise and judicious Missionaries, competent not only to preach the Gospel to them, but to give them counsel in all matters affecting their interest. We would affectionately press upon our older Churches the necessity of more zeal and benevolence in the Home Missionary enterprise, that the Missionary Board may be able to meet the increasing demands that are made upon them by such young and feeble Churches as have not the means of sustaining Christian Pastors to preside over them.

In reference to ripeness for organization, we would suggest that there should be, on the part of those presenting themselves as Candidates for Church Fellowship, a cordial reception of the sentiments contained in the articles of our faith and practice as a denomination, and a disposition to co-operate in advancing the cause of the Redeemer, and a sufficient amount of religious knowledge to enable them to maintain with propriety the public worship of God together.

Report received and adopted.

The Committee on regulations between Churches, with a view to saving Members who change residence from the district of one Church to that of another, or from this country to another, beg leave to report,

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Members or others, remove their residence from the district of one Church to that of another, they should, to be consistent, take a dismission from the former and join the latter; but if they do not thus remove their membership, the Church to which such members belong should write immediately to the Church where they reside, should any be sufficiently near them;—their letter, should no objection exist, embracing a dismission of the members removed—an account of their standing, and a request of the Sister Church to take them under her guardianship, to exhort them to their duty, and, if free to receive them, to extend to them the hand of fellowship. And your Committee conceive it to be the duty of all Churches, when they shall have received a member by letter from a sister Church; or when such members have been called upon as contemplated in the above directions without obtaining satisfaction, to report the same immediately to the Church of which they were originally members.

Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Quarterly Meetings and Ministerial Conference report as follows:—

That on Saturday afternoon the Meeting commence with a Conference, that its exercises, on the Sabbath, should consist of preaching the Gospel, and that Monday morning or evening, as may be the more convenient, be devoted to the objects embraced by the Union Societies. Your Committee suggest the propriety of presenting these objects in the form of Resolutions, or otherwise, separately, also unitedly, as they are embodied by the Union Societies.

As it relates to Ministerial Conference, your Committee highly recommend that some time in connection with the Meeting be devoted to this matter. The plan adopted by your Committee is as follows:—An outline of a sermon preached within three months preceding is presented for general criticism—A written production is then presented by each member of the Meeting on some doctrine, or in relation to some practical question, or containing an exegesis on some passage of Scripture, which, after a careful examination, if approved, is adopted, and becomes a basis of united action.

Your Committee feel deeply impressed with the absolute necessity of increasingly powerful exertions being put forth at the present period of the world, to inform the judgment, unite the affections, and increase the usefulness of the Ministers of Jesus Christ.

R. B. DICKIE, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

The following in relation to the Christian Messenger was then presented and adopted.

Whereas it is essential to the continuance and progress of all the

enterprises of Christian benevolence in which we are permitted to engage, to the success of our Home and Foreign Missions, of our Educational establishments, of our efforts for the improvement and better maintenance of the Ministry of God's word, and to the general circulation of such religious intelligence as may excite mutual sympathy, and awaken and direct exertions for the promotion of the cause of God, that the Denomination should be aided by the powerful assistance of the Press; all which purposes have been faithfully performed by the Christian Messenger, to the entire satisfaction of the Association; and, as they believe, of the Subscribers and the Public.

And whereas, the Brethren in New Brunswick have judged it to be their duty to commence the publication of the paper called the Christian Visitor, as the organ, to some extent of the Baptist Churches in that Province, by which means the circulation of the Christian Messenger is considerably impeded; and the burden of conducting it increased;

And whereas, also, the general commercial depression which embarrasses so heavily the business of the country, must needs be felt in an undertaking like the Christian Messenger, demanding, as it must, a very large outlay of money in anticipation of uncertain returns, and must tend greatly to increase the pecuniary burden that rests on the Editors, in addition to the toil and time necessarily expended in conducting it:

*Resolved*, That this Association deeply sympathize with their brethren the Editors in their arduous labours, and the severe burdens under which they stand; and strongly impressed with the benefits which that paper confers on all our religious interests, do earnestly solicit the attention of the Churches, and of the Denomination to the duty of rendering to their Brethren the Editors all the assistance in their power, by awakening increased interest in this ably conducted Religious Periodical, by endeavouring to obtain additional subscribers of substantial credit, and by effecting to the utmost extent possible the prompt and punctual payment of subscriptions; and do most urgently exhort all their brethren to impress on their minds the fact, that the continuance of so important an organ as that under consideration has been plainly rendered in the order of Providence, essential to our religious prosperity, and as such is entitled to our warmest attachment and most cordial aid.

Adjourned after prayer to meet at 7 p. m.

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Adjourned, to meet on Wednesday morning, at 9, A. M.

Met according to adjournment, and opened with Prayer.

On motion of Bro. Farquharson the the following persons—J. W. Barss, A. F. Sawers, R. McLearn, George Creed, S. Selden, E. A. Crawley, J. Millar—were appointed a Committee to have charge of the promotion of the Bible cause for the ensuing year, one of whom to be Treasurer, and one Secretary.

Bro. J. W. Barss was appointed Treasurer of all monies received in aid of the Am. and Foreign Bible Society. The Secretary and Depository to receive appointment from the Committee.

The Committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter reported that the Letter be received and read before the Association.

Whereupon the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted:

*Whereas*, The Circular Letter is an Address from the Association to the Churches, and it is very desirable that the same should be communicated as soon as possible.

*Resolved*, That the Pastors and leading Deacons, or other Officers, be requested to read the Letter to the respective Churches and Congregations on the Sabbath immediately after the same shall be published.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Churches to attend to the Monthly Concert for Prayer for the Heathen on the first Sabbath evening in every Month, and that a collection be taken up at such Meetings in aid of the Foreign Misrion Fund, as heretofore.

The last Resolution moved at our Home Missionary Meeting at the Association was not handed to the Clerk. It was as follows:—

*Resolved*, That the condition of the Indians of these Provinces, both as respects temporal and spiritual things, demands the immediate attention of all the friends of piety and philanthropy; and that no reasonable pains or expense should be spared in attempting to do them good; and that they should be considered as composing an important part of the Home Mission field.

The Deputation charged with the formation of Union Societies, and the general guidance of the benevolent operations of the Denomination, presented their Report.

Whereupon it was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Christian Messenger, with the understanding that the part which has respect to the Bible cause should be subjected to revision by its author.

It was further *Resolved*, in carrying out the recommendations of the Report:—

1. That the Rev. J. Chase be engaged to travel for the period, of three months, with a compensation of £37 10s, over the region of the Nova-Scotia Baptist Association, as Financial Supervisor, in charge of the *Union Society* operations, and to act in conjunction with a Committee appointed as follows :

2. That the following persons—I. Chipman, J. Pryor, A. S. Hunt, and J. R. Fitch—be requested to act as a Financial Committee for the coming financial year of the Denomination, empowered to engage the same or another person for a longer period (should they judge the circumstances to demand it) for the same purpose, and at the same rate; and otherwise to provide, so far as they can by suitable oversight, for the prosperity of the several *Union Societies* and their objects.

3. That the rate of remuneration for the writing which may be executed by the Travelling Agent be agreed upon by the Financial Committee.

*Mem.*—The Historical Committee of the past year not having been re-appointed, and the ensuing being the 50th year of the regularly organized existence of this Association, and the opening Session being about to take place in Horton in June, 1849, it will be needful for arrangements for that Session, as the introduction of Jubilee proceedings, to be furnished from some competent source in time for efficiency of action, in accordance with previous decisions of the Association.

*Resolved*, That the Pastors of the 1st Horton Church, and I. Chipman be a Committee of Arrangements for the next Meeting of the Association, having in view the following objects.

1. Direction of preaching.

2. Nomination of Committees.

3. Hours and order of business, &c. &c.

*Resolved*, That the warmest thanks of this Association be given to the Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and the community of Liverpool generally, for the universal kindness and attention which they have shown to the Ministers and Messengers of the Churches during the present Session. And also to our Methodist brethren for the use of their Chapel on the Sabbath—to the holders of the Court House, for its conveniences as a place of business, and to our Congregationalist brethren for the proffered use of their place of Worship.

Adjourned, to meet in the Meeting House of the 1st Baptist Church, in Horton, at Wolfville, on the 1st Saturday after the 20th June, 1848, at 2 o'clock, P. M. This Session, as remarkable as any ever known for harmony and general interest and efficiency, was closed, as is usual, by singing the Union Hymn.

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P. S.—It may be needful to state in explanation of the small amount which appears after the names of some of the Churches, that from some cause, no collections have been forwarded from them in addition to the sums received by the Travelling Agent; while a few others are inserted as blank, because it was thought desirable to furnish in this sheet a complete list of the Churches composing the Association. The number, therefore, of those which have not forwarded monies for the past year, in proportion to the whole, is thus made to appear exceedingly small, considered in relation to uncertainty of transmission and other accidents.

In some cases where distribution was not reported, it was effected according to fixed rates.

The preparation of this sheet has been a work of more labour, and requiring more time for its satisfactory completion, than they can have any idea of, who are not conversant with its particulars. It was protracted longer than would otherwise have been the case, for the purpose of seeking, by correspondence and otherwise, explanations of difficulties which arose from imperfect reporting in connexion with transmission or delivery of monies; and also, because this being the first trial year of the validity of the Union Scheme, it was wished to make it show, for the satisfaction of all concerned, to as good advantage as practicable. There being now £100 due on the Education Society list alone, and remittances being still expected from several of the Union Societies for the past year, the transactions of the year, will not, it is presumed, appear in an unfavourable light. It is to be hoped that by means of early organizations of the Societies for another year, more timely collections, and, if possible, more prompt transmission and orderly reporting of monies, a similar task for 1848—9 can be brought to its conclusion sooner after the meeting of the Association.

Should any errors be found to exist in any of the entries, we beg to be early informed of it.

For disposal of monies, beyond the particulars which appear in the Home Mission Account, hereto appended, reference must be made to the Report of the Financial Deputation for 1847—8, when published.

ISAAC CHIPMAN,  
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\* Of this sum the C. Juvenile Foreign Missionary Society contributed £3 10s.

Receipts from Churches, Congregations, &c. connected with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, by means chiefly of Union Societies, for Home and Foreign Missions, Education Theological and Secular, Infirm Ministers, and Bible Translation, for the years 1847-8.

CHURCHES, &c.	Bible Translation.		Ministerial Education.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Infirm Ministers.		N. S. Bap. Educ. Soc.		Total.	
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Grand River,			4	3½	1		5 2½	5 2½	1				2 1 11 4	
Granville Lower,			2	12	3	17 9	3 19 11	3 19 11	1	7½	7	16	19 7 3½	
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Granville Street, Halifax,			7	7 1½	7	7 1½	5 10 4½	5 10 4½	13	16 9½	36	10	70 11 5	
Hammond's Plains, 1st,			1	1	1	8 7	1 8 9	1 8 9	11	2½			4 4 8 11½	
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Of this sum there was contributed by the Juvenile Foreign Missionary Society £5 16s. 0½d and at M. Concert £7 5s.





Receipts from Churches, Congregations, &c. connected with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, by means chiefly of Union Societies, for Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Theological and Secular, Infirmary Ministers, and Bible Translation, for the years 1847--8.

CHURCHES, &c.	Bible Trans'lion.		Ministerial Education.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Infirmary Ministers.		N. S. Bap. Edc. Socy.		Total.	
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Prince Ed. Island Missionary Society, for Home Missions and by them expended,			5		2	10	6						17	10
A Friend, Cape Breton,					2	10	2	10					11	
A Friend, per Dr. Crawley,					2	10	2	10					5	
A Friend, Halifax, per do. do. Mrs. N.							1						5	
John Nisbet, Sable Island,							5						1	
Sundry Donors to Indian Mission, per Rev. J. Chase,					1	11 3							1	11 3
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\* Other receipts for Micmac Mission not reported.

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Dr. *The N. S. Baptist Board of Home Missions in Account with Mayhew Beckwith, Treasurer.*

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" 17.	" Rev. J. Millar, Mission of 4 weeks,	6	0	0
" 19.	" Rev. B. Scott, 9 weeks,	13	10	0
	Expenses,	2	10	0
	Received in aid,	16	0	0
		3	15	6½
" 20.	" Rev. H. Eagles, 8 weeks,	12	0	0
	Expenses,	0	7	8
	Received in aid,	12	7	8
		4	19	10½
" "	" Rev. J. Rowe,	7	10	0
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	Received in aid,	8	10	7
Dec. 2	" Rev. H. Ross, 9 weeks,	13	10	0
	Expenses,	0	4	6
	Received in aid,	13	14	6
		3	10	0
" 13.	" Rev. D. Harris, Wallace and Pughwash,	10	0	0
	Expenses,	0	19	3
	Received in aid,	10	19	3
		6	11	9
" "	" Rev. B. Taylor, his Mission,	4	7	6
" 19.	" Rev. W. Jackson, Shelburne County, 6 weeks,	3	0	0
	Received in aid, G. Harbour,	9	0	0
	" Lewis Head,	1	14	0
	" Shelburne, & J. Rr.	0	12	3
		0	13	9
	Received in aid,	3	0	0
" "	" Rev. C. Tupper, 5 weeks, P. E. I.	8	5	0
	Expenses,	1	9	5
	Received in aid,	9	14	5
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May 11.	" Rev. W. Rideout, on account of his Mission,	4	1	3
	" Postage,	0	1	6
	" Rev. B. Taylor, on account of his Mission,	2	0	0
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\* Other receipts for Micmac Mission not reported.

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June 28.	Paid	Rev. C. Randall, 4 weeks, E. Shore,	6	0	0
" "	"	Rev. J. Stubbert Sherbrook, Springfield, &c. 8 weeks,	12	0	0
		Received in aid,	3	18	0
" "	"	Rev. J. Park, Wallace River, &c. 6 w.	9	0	0
		Expenses,	0	13	0
		Received in aid,	9	13	0
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" "	"	O. Parker, River John, 12 weeks,	18	0	0
		Expenses,	0	5	0
		Received in aid,	18	5	0
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" "	"	Rev. J. Millar, Halifax Co. 6 weeks,	9	0	0
		Expenses,	2	19	0
		Received in aid, H. Plains, 9s. 4d. Dartmouth, 15s. 9d., Hfx., 15s.	11	19	0
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" "	"	Rev. O. Chute, Margaret's Bay, 8 weeks,	12	0	0
		Received in aid,	2	10	0
" "	"	Rev. J. Parker, Barrington, &c. 6 w. 2 d.	9	10	0
		Expenses,	0	7	8
		Received in aid,	9	17	8
			1	10	6
" "	"	Rev. T. S. Harding, 6 weeks	9	0	0
		Received in aid,	2	7	6
" "	"	Rev. W. Hobbs, Pugwash. 6 weeks,	9	0	0
		Received in aid,	7	0	0
" "	"	Rev. B. Taylor, 5 weeks,	7	10	0
		Received in aid,	6	19	0
July 4.	"	Eds. C. Mess. printing Minutes 1848, Binding, Carriage, parcels, &c.	18	0	0
			4	0	0
August 8.	"	Rev. J. E. Cogswell, Cum. Co. 5 weeks,	7	10	0
		Received in aid,	2	8	0
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"	" " Rev. Ebenezer Stronach, 3 weeks,	4	10	0					
	Received in aid,	2	3	11					
							2	6	1
"	" " Rev. W. C. Rideout, Antigonish, &c. 20½ w.	30	15	0					
	Expenses,	1	4	11					
	Received in aid,	31	19	11					
		8	8	11					
	Received from Treasurer, (charged by do. above.)	23	11	0					
		4	1	3					
"	" Paid Rev. C. Tupper, 12½ weeks,	18	15	0			19	9	9
	Expenses,	0	9	1					
	Received in aid,	19	4	1					
		9	10	5½					
"	" " Rev. A. Stronach, 2½ weeks,	3	15	0			9	13	7½
	Received in aid,	0	14	3					
"	" " Rev. S. T. Rand (account presented as from	129	7	6					
	1845 to 1148, [May] for items,)—see below.*	106	19	4					
	Received by do. as credited,								
							22	8	2
"	" " Rev. G. Richardson, Cape Breton, 8 weeks,	12	0	0					
	Expenses,	2	6	4					
	Received in aid—Canso,	3	7	1½					
	Bridgeport,	0	5	2½					
							10	14	0
"	" " Rev. R. W. Cunningham, Messenger to N.								
	B. Association,								
"	" " Rev. H. Ross, Balance of his account be-								
	fore rendered,								
							0	4	6
							271	10	10½

*The N. S. Baptist Board of Home Missions in account with Mayhew Beckwith  
Treasurer.*

		£	s.	D.
1847.				
Nov. 2.	By Balance from last year's Minutes,	87	19	5
" 19.	Received from a Friend,	0	4	5
1848.				
March 1.	Received from Liverpool Church, per J. Ells,	2	3	9
June 28.	By Cash received from hands of J. Chipman, (the same being proceeds in part of Union Societies, &c. for 1847-8; the particulars of which, together with the balance still coming to the Home Missions, will appear in the foregoing sheet of Receipts, and in his Union Society Report).	181	2	5
	Overdrawn,	0	0	9
		271	10	10

\* Dr. *The N. S. Baptist Board of Home Missions in account with S. T. Rand.*

		£	s.	D.
1845-6.	To 10 weeks Agency,	15	0	0
	Expenses on do,	0	17	6
1847.				
April 27.	Cash paid Treasurer,	13	10	0
May 1.	Missionary Labour, Charlotte Town, 6 months,	50	0	0
1848.				
May 1.	do. do. do. with expenses,	50	0	0
		129	7	6
		106	19	4
		£ 22	8	2

		£	s.	D.
1846.				
June 24	By Monies collected on Agency,	53	0	8½
July	Cash from Treasurer,	20	0	0
1847.	Subscriptions and Collections on way to C. Town,	1	17	10
	Cash received in Charlotte Town, as per order on Board to J. W. Nutting, Esq.,	6	18	1½
August	do. do. do. do.	2	2	8
Nov. 15.	Cash from Treasurer,	20	0	0
Oct.	Order in favor of Prof. Chipman in behalf of Education Society,	1	0	0
	Cash received in aid,	2	0	0
		£106	19	4

The Table showing the state of the Churches, makes the numbers as follows:—

Restored, 22; Received by Baptism, 559; by Letter, 57; Removed, 46; Dismissed, 112; Excluded, 61; Died, 60; Total, 9329.

The Memorandum on the 19th page was intended to follow, not precede the Table showing Receipts from Churches.