

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
Western Baptist Association
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT YARMOUTH, N. S.,
Saturday, Monday & Tuesday, June 13, 15, & 16, 1863.

TOGETHER WITH THE
CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

ALSO,
THE MINUTES OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION,
AND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA
BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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YARMOUTH, JUNE 13TH, 1863.

THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA assembled in the meeting-house of the First Yarmouth Church, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator of last year, the Rev. W. G. Parker. A hymn was sung; when the Rev. C. Tupper led in prayer.

Rev. N. Vidito was elected Moderator; Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Clerk; Bro. J. M. Parker, Assistant Clerk; Bro. Wm. Churchill, Treasurer.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

The following Committees were then appointed:

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. James A. Stubbart, S. Richardson, and G. Armstrong.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. Wm. Hall, D. O. Parker, R. D. Porter.

OF NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PRESENT SESSION.—Revds. H. Angell, A. Martell, A. Cogswell, W. G. Parker and Wm. Burton.

The Letters from the Churches were then read. (See page 9.)

DELEGATES FROM THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Revds. S. W. DeBlois, Joseph Parker and John Chase.

MEMBERS BY INVITATION.

Rev. A. D. Thompson, Agent of Acadia College; Rev. S. Boothby, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society; Rev. S. T. Rand, Micmac Missionary; Revds. W. G. Goucher, Alfred Chipman and W. Jackson; Bros. T. H. Bishop, A. H. Fisk, H. Allen, E. Huesis, J. Black, J. O. Haley, Lewis Allen and R. Brown.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangement reported, and their report was amended and adopted as follows:—

ON THE CIRCULAR LETTER:—

Rev Wm. Burton, Rev. C. Randall, and bro. Israel Harding.

ON TEMPERANCE:—

Revds. Wm. H. Porter, John Millar, W. Jackson, J. McKenna; bros. Samuel Brown and James Vidito.

ON CHRISTIAN MESSENGER:—

Revds. Wm. Hall, P. F. Murray and A. Shields; bros. Wm. S. Raymond, John Wheelock and Wm. Gavel.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:—

Revds. C. Tupper, James Parker, R. S. Morton, A. W. Barss, A. Martell and E. N. Harris; bros. B. H. Parker, Wm. Richan, and E. J. Stronach.

ON EDUCATION:—

Revds. S. W. deBlois, A. D. Thompson, G. Armstrong, Jas. A. Stubbett, S. T. Rand, Isa. Wallace and A. Chipman; bros. H. T. Goudey, George Dodge, W. S. Parker and John H. Anderson.

ON BIBLE CAUSE:—

Revds. S. Richardson, H. Achilles, D. O. Parker, J. E. Goucher and S. Boothby; bros. A. Lent, A. H. Scott, J. Gavel and Wm. L. Crowell.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE:—

Revds. J. C. Merse, J. A. Moore, Jas. Spencer, and M. Normonday; bros. N. Holmes, J. W. Haley, Harris Potter, J. A. Leadbetter, T. R. Patillo and A. Fisk.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:—

Rev. R. D. Porter; bros. B. B. Mcses, Thos. Munro, Israel Potter, Henry Parsons and John E. Pearson.

ON ACCOUNTS:—

Bros. Joseph Rogers, Ira Raymond and Samuel Brown.

The Committee also recommend that the Association meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., 2 o'clock, P. M., and 7½ o'clock, P. M.; adjourn at 12, A. M., and 5½, P. M.

That all the Committees and Missionary Boards meet on Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

That the Circular Letter be read immediately after the Introductory Sermon.

That the Reports of the Home and French Missions be presented in the Afternoon Session of Monday, and that a public Missionary Meeting be held in the evening.

That on Tuesday morning the Committees on Education and Foreign Missions report.

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That the Sabbath School Convention be the order of the day for Tuesday afternoon.

That there be held meetings for prayer at 6 o'clock every morning.

Voted, on motion, that Dr. Tupper, Rev. C. Randall, and Rev. John Millar be a Committee on Questions in Letters.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

On the Lord's-day, Rev. Dr. Tupper preached at 10½ A. M., Rev. S. W. deBlois at 3 P. M., and Rev. G. Armstrong in the evening. Services were also held in the Congregational and Methodist Churches in town, which were kindly placed at the disposal of the Association, and also with the various Baptist congregations in the township; in which twenty-eight sermons were preached.

Monday, June 15.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. G. Parker from Phillippians iii. 16. He was assisted in the devotional services by brethren James Parker and N. Vidito.

The usual collection for Home Missions was taken up.

Rev. C. Randall led in prayer.

Invitations to seats in the Association were extended to brethren E. Johnston, E. Archibald and T. A. Blackadar, Ljic.

On motion, added to the Committee on Education,—Rev. Jas. Parker and bro. R. Crosby.

The committee on Questions in Letters reported, the first clause of which was adopted.

Adjourned, after prayer by bro. W. H. Porter.

Afternoon Session, June 15.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.

The discussion on the report of the Committee on Questions resumed.

On motion, the two last clauses of the report were adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Voted, That brethren Martell, Richardson, and W. G. Parker be a Committee of Arrangement for the next session of the Association.

On motion, *Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to revise our Constitution. The following brethren were appointed:—H. Angell, R. D. Porter, Wm. Burton and Wm. Churchill.

Voted, That the Home Mission Board be the same as last year.

The Committee of Arrangements for the next Association reported:—Rev. C. Randall to preach the Annual Sermon, and Rev. A. Cogswell to be his alternate; that Rev. John Millar write the Circular Letter. Adopted.

Voted, That all ministers of this body visiting the Central and Eastern Associations of Nova Scotia be our delegates.

Voted, That Rev. A. W. Barsa, brethren Nelson Corning, Wm. S. Raymond, Joseph Shaw, and John Wheelock, be our delegates to the Convention.

The French Mission Board reported. After quite a lengthy discussion, it was added to and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

On motion of bro. Rand, *Voted*, That an agency be established to obtain permanent yearly subscribers, in all our churches, for the support of the French Mission.

The Home Mission Board reported. Adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The Treasurer of the Home Mission Board reported. On motion, it was referred to Committee on Accounts.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to bro. Armstrong for his faithful and successful services as Secretary and Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Voted, That the French Mission Board be located in Yarmouth.

Voted, That all the Pastors of Churches in the Counties of Digby and Yarmouth, with brethren Jos. Shaw, W. G. Goucher, Samuel Brown, Jeremiah Vickery, Israel Harding, Jos. Rogers, Wm. S. Raymond, A. C. Robbins, B. B. Moses, John C. Anderson, Wm. John, Z. C. Vickery, Charlton Sabeau, A. S. Lent, Richard Crosby, Jacob Denton, George Dodge, and Wm. Churchill be members of the French Mission Board.

That bro. Jos. Shaw be Chairman, bro. H. Angell Secretary, bro. Wm. Churchill Treasurer.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported that they had examined the Circular Letter prepared by Rev. R. D. Porter, and recommend that it be read to the Association, and that it be printed in the Minutes. Adopted.

The Circular Letter was then read.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Adjourned.

Evening Session, June 15.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

After singing, bro. S. Richardson led in prayer.

The subject of Foreign Missions was introduced, and ably spoken to by Rev. C. Tupper and Rev. Wm. Hall.

Brethren J. C. Morse, M. Normonday, M. Tromblay, C. Randall and Israel Harding presented, and sustained by interesting addresses, the claims of the French Mission.

The claims of the Home Missions, and of Missions in general, were faithfully and pleasingly advocated by brethren Jas. Parker, S. T. Rand and W. H. Porter.

A collection was taken up for the French Mission.

This very interesting meeting was closed by singing the Missionary Hymn, and prayer by the Moderator.

Tuesday Morning Session, June 16.

The Association met at 10 o'clock, A. M. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. John Millar.

The Committee on Education reported. The subject of the report was spoken to by Rev. S. W. deBlois, Rev. S. Richardson and Rev. S. T. Rand.

Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

That whereas it has been intimated to this Association that the Treasurer of Acadia College, J. W. Barss, Esq., has signified his intention of resigning his connection with the College, as Treasurer,

Therefore Resolved, That we do record our unfeigned regret at hearing such intimation, and earnestly request that he will reconsider his purpose, and be persuaded to continue his invaluable services; assuring him of our entire confidence and hearty co-operation. Passed.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause read and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions read and adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The Report of the Committee on the *Christian Messenger* was read and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Board read and adopted.

Voted, That Mrs. Coldwell receive from the Infirm Ministers' Fund the sum of \$20.

Voted, That Mrs. Cunningham receive \$40.

Voted, That the Board of Infirm Ministers' and Widows' Fund be the same as last year.

On motion, *Voted*, That 1000 copies of the Minutes be printed. That bro. Selden print them; and that he be paid the sum of \$56.

Voted, That 50 copies of the Minutes be kept for the use of the Association. That bro. Selden be requested to forward them to the Moderator.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Report of the Committee on Temperance read. Spoken to by the Chairman, and adopted. (See Appendix I.)

Voted, That the present session continue, until the business of the Association is concluded.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was presented and adopted. (See Appendix J.)

On motion, *Voted*, That Rev. Dr. Tupper, and Rev. G. Armstrong be a committee to prepare a Catechism, as recommended in the report on Sabbath Schools.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to correspond with Rev. J. Davis, on the subject of publishing the Memoir of the late Father Harris Harding.

Voted, That bro. Wm. Burton, C. Randall, and Israel Harding be that Committee.

Voted, That Dr. Cramp be requested to republish his History of the Baptists of Nova Scotia.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the Baptist Church and congregation of Yarmouth for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session. Also to the friends of the Congregational and Methodist churches in town, for the use of their places of worship on Lord's-day.

The Union hymn was sung. Prayer by Rev. Jas. Parker.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Wilmot Church, at Paradise, on the second Saturday in June, 1864, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. H. SAUNDERS,
CLERK.

N. VIDITO,
MODERATOR.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE		DECREASE		TOTAL.	
		By Baptism.	Restored. By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded. Died.		
Annapolis and Upper Granville.	Rev. G. Armstrong. Deacon J. W. Haley. Bro. W. Ricketson. W. H. Morse.	14	5	3	1	1	4240
Argyle.....	Rev. A. Shields. Deacon T. H. Frost. Bro. Thos. Nickerson.	1	...	...	...	3	44
Brookfield	Rev. D. O. Parker. Bro. D. McPherson, A. J. Ledbetter.	13	2	...	1	1	3120
Barrington.....	W. H. Richan, Lic. Bro. Wm. L. Crowell. Rev. A. Cogswell.	...	...	...	...	1	40
Beaver River.....	Bro. Ira Raymond, Aaron Jeffery, Wm. H. Goudey, Wm. S. Raymond. Cyrus Perry.	9	2	...	2	...	2210
Clements	Rev. S. Richardson. Bro. Israel Potter, Isaac Potter, Daniel Chute, Harris H. Potter.	7	1	...	2	...	6247
Chutes' Cove.....	Rev. P. F. Murray.	2	...	...	...	1	106
Dalhousie.....		...	...	...	...	1	28
Digby	Rev. James Spencer. Rev. J. C. Morse.	4	2	...	...	...	48
Digby Neck 1st	Deacon Jacob Denton. Bro. C. E. Gilleland, Chas. Denton, Wm. Johnston, Manning Denton.	17	5	3	2	4	2135
Digby Neck 2nd....	Rev. John C. Morse. Bro. Hanford Denton.	...	...	...	4	1	590
Greenfield	Rev. Robert Walker.	...	...	...	8	1	60
Graywood	C. Kennedy, Lic.	9	6	...	...	...	40
Hill Grove.....	Rev. James Spencer. Rev. J. A. Moore.	1	...	...	...	2	71
Hillsburgh 1st.....	Bro. A. Morse, Wm. Brown.	15	4	...	1	3	165
Hillsburgh 2nd.....	Rev. James Spencer.	12	...	...	...	1	100
Jordan Bay.....	Rev. Jno. F. McKenne.	8	5	...	2	2	64
Jordan River.....	Rev. A. W. Bars. Bro. Byron C. Hayden.	...	...	...	...	...	25
Kempt.....	Rev. D. O. Parker. Deacon D. DeJong.	...	...	2	2	2	145
Liverpool	Rev. E. N. Harris. Bro. T. R. Patillo.	2	2	...	2	1	3172

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.—Continued.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE		DECREASE		TOTAL.
		By Baptism.	Restored By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.
Lake George.....	Rev. J. A. Stubbart. Deacon Joseph Crosby, B. B. Moses, E. Pennal. Bro. Charles Crosby, N. C. Saunders. Rev. C. Tupper.	...	1 ..	6	3	1
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.	Bro. John Wheelock, Henry Parsons, John E. Pearson, E. J. Stronach, Lic.	1	1 2	8	9	5
Lower Granville	Rev. Isa. Wallace,	40	1 ..	...	...	5
Litchfield	Rev. H. Achilles,	5	...	...	...	41
Long Island.....	Rev. W. Hall.	101	4 5	5	8	7
Lewis Head.....	Rev. J. F. McKenne. Bro. Joseph Page.	...	...	1	...	84
Milton.....	Rev. E. N. Harris.	2	...	2	1	...
Middlefield	Rev. Robt. Walker.	...	...	...	...	22
Nictaux	Rev. W. G. Parker. W. S. Parker, Lic. J. M. Parker, Lic. Bro. B. H. Parker, Jas. Vjdito.	...	2 ..	12	3	9
New Albany	Rev. Robt. Morton.	9	3 2	1	1	1
New Tusk.....	Rev. C. Randall, Bro. Peter Mullen.	...	...	1	...	2
Ohio.....	Rev. Jos. H. Saunders. Deacon N. Crosby, Z. C. Vickery.	40	4 ..	4	...	172
Port Medway and Mills Village.	Bro. Jos. W. Patten, James C. Robbins. Rev. John E. Goucher.	5	...	...	3	2
Pine Grove	Rev. W. H. Porter, Bro. George Dodge, T. H. Randall.	22	15 2	1	2	2
Parker's Cove.....	Rev. H. Achilles.	7	1 ..	...	...	56
Pubnico	Rev. A. Shields.	2	...	1	...	32
Ragged Islands	Rev. A. W. Bars. Deacon Isaac Lloyd.	12	1 ..	1	1	124
Sissaboo	Rev. C. Randall, Bro. Wm. Lent.	2	...	2	...	117
Springfield. No letter.	...	...	...	...	...	37
St. Mary's Bay.....	Rev. C. Randall, M. Normonday, Deacon Wm. John.	...	...	1	...	2
Sable River	Rev. J. F. McKenne.	...	...	...	...	39
Sherbrook, West....	Bro. Robt. Wilson.	2	...	...	...	39

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.—Continued.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE			DECREASE			TOTAL.
		By Baptism.	Restored.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	
168	Tusket	Rev. A. Martell, Deacon S. Chandler. Bro. Israel Harding, H. T. Goudy, Wm. H. Gavel, John Gavel.	25	1	2	2	4	109
486	Tusket Lakes.....	Rev. Wm. Burton. Bro. A. Hurlburt, Wells Hamilton, Jacob Gavel, J. Cavanah.	4	7	..	..	1	44
236	Willmot.....	Rev. N. Vidito, Bro. H. E. Fitch, E. Bachman.	..	3	..	3	..	5360
41	Willmot Mountain...	Rev. P. F. Murry.	..	..	..	1	..	1171
281	Westport	Rev. John Millar. Bro. James Peters. Rev. H. Angell. Bro. S. Brown.	62	4	2	..	3	2161
84	Yarmouth 1st, (Town.)	Wm. Gridley, Joseph Shaw, C. Haley, Wm. Churchill.	16	6	4	12	12	418
174	Yarmouth 2nd, (Hebron.)	Rev. R. D. Porter. Deacon Joseph Rogers, C. Strickland, H. Saunders, N. Patten.	40	6	1	6	1	313
22	Yarmouth 3rd, (Deerfield.)	Bro. Jas. Crosby. Rev. Jas. A. Stubbett. Deacon R. Simonds, J. Vickery, E. Crosby.	..	1	1	2	1	208
399	Yarmouth, South, (Chebogue.)	Rev. Wm. Burton. Deacon A. H. Scott, N. Holmes. Rev. Jos. H. Saunders. Deacon K. Rose, John Rose, N. Corning, E. Rose, Jacob Vickery.	4	4	..	..	2	170
76	Yarmouth, West, (Chegogin.)	Rev. Jos. H. Saunders. Deacon K. Rose, John Rose, N. Corning, E. Rose, Jacob Vickery.	16	6	..	1	6	154
92	Churches,	52	Dismissed,	90				
172	Pastors,	30	Excluded,	79				
188	Added by Baptism,	529	Died,	104				
242	" " Letter,	107	Total,	7473				
56	" " Restoration, ..	28	Gain for the last year, ..	301				

P. S.—The true total of last year is 7172, instead of 7160, as reported. The apparent deficiency in the net gain of the year arises from the careful revision of some church lists, and the incorrect returns of others.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren,

In our annual epistle we have selected as the subject on which to address you, *the obligations of church members to the churches to which they belong*. And in selecting this theme we have been guided not so much by a consideration of its importance in itself, as by the apprehension that these obligations are not perceived as clearly or felt as forcibly, as the welfare of the churches and the glory of God, as well as the highest individual prosperity of christians themselves require. It is feared that many members in our churches have never recognized at all, and many more, never as they should, the fact that in becoming members of the church of Jesus Christ, they take upon themselves obligations of a grave character, and of more sacred binding force than any other which are, or can be, assumed in life.

These obligations are, 1st. To love the Church. Every person connected with the church of Christ, ought to love it for what it is. As an institution it is divine in its origin and organization, and the worthy object of the intense affection of God the Father, and the purchase, by his blood and life, of Christ the Son. In the language of Dr. Angus, "it combines the advantages of every form of society into which men have been gathered. It is not a *caste*, for it despises none, and rejects none; yet like caste, it preserves, amidst human change, a sacred order; *all*, 'kings and priests unto God.' It is not a *secret society*, for it practices no reserve, and yet its members have a hidden life, and a joy with which a stranger

intermeddleth not. It is not a *nation*, for it selects individual persons from among each of the nations, and will ultimately include all : yet it is as clearly defined, though more extensive. It is not a *family*, and yet its bonds are equally tender, only they are incomparably more expansive." The Church is the repository of the truth,—its "pillar and ground." The objects in which it is interested, and the labours in which it engages, are identical with those which are the most dear to every christian. Its triumphs and destinies are those in which every christian hopes and expects to participate. For its high origin and exalted character ; for its dearness to God and its relation to Christ ; for the position it occupies, the privileges and benefits it confers, and the community of its interests and destinies with those of every child of God, the church should be loved by its individual members, more intensely than any other local organization or any earthly object.

2nd. To give constant attendance upon the services of the church. On gaining converts to christianity and gathering them into societies, the apostles taught them to meet stately in Christ's name, to celebrate his praise, to receive and impart instruction, and to observe his ordinances, and enjoined upon them "not to *forsake* the assembling of themselves together." And in all ages of the christian church, the spiritual improvement of individual christians, and the promotion of the interests of Christ's Kingdom, have been secured by the use of the means of grace, in general, stated assembly. What is the duty of the whole, in this connection, is the duty of the individual members.

3rd. To engage in earnest, devoted efforts, and sacrifices of self, to promote the objects of the church. These objects, legitimately, are the conversion and sanctification of the world, and should be sought by all scriptural and suitable means. Touched with the transforming rod of saving love, the soul recognizes the authority of its Lord, and rises toward a sympathy with his benevolent affections. He loves the souls of

his fellowmen and the Kingdom of his Redeemer, and recognizes his duty to do what he can to extend that Kingdom by bringing souls into blessed allegiance to his gracious King. This duty he learns, not simply from the rectified tastes of his regenerated nature, but from the explicit teaching of the word of life, as well as from the instincts of natural reason. And the limit of his efforts and self-sacrifice for this end is that accepted by Paul,—“as much as in me is.” He is no longer his own, after having been bought with the precious blood of Christ, the contract having been sealed, and the delivery made. All that he is, consecrated for life, with all he may possess, his Savior claims, to be used in his service for the promotion of his glory. So far as the end may be best reached by *individual* effort, he is bound to put it forth. When *associated* effort is demanded, the church is the divinely appointed society for accomplishing *all which it may be able to effect*; and with this he should act, and personally endeavor to raise it to that degree of effectiveness, in which it can best glorify Christ in the accomplishment of his work.

4th. To regulate his life and affairs with a reference to the honor and the influence of the church. As members of churches, individuals are parts of a whole. That the whole is injured by the injury of the parts is a truism which need scarcely be urged here. “If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it.” Considering the origin, christian design, and destiny of the church of Christ, it is manifest that an injury done it, is an offence of grave moment. Every member of a christian church who, as an individual, allows his christian reputation to suffer, dishonors the church and robs it of influence. In view of the personal interests of his brethren, of the objects to be accomplished by the church, and the glory of Christ, the Church’s head, every member should bear constantly in memory the duty resting upon him to honor christianity and the church of Jesus, by consistency of deportment, in his daily life. How gross the shame, and great the sin, that

individual brethren should be injured, the church paralyzed in its efforts, its vital energy sapped, and profession of religion made a by-word, by the personal irregularities and delinquencies of its individual professors. And yet how frequent the instances in which we have to witness it. "If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy."

5th. To yield to the requirements and decisions of the church, made conformably with christian principles and law. The self-government and independence of our churches, according to the divinely given models, require that the few should submit to the many, where differences occur in matters which do not require a sacrifice of conscience. With christian charity in exercise, and every one desirous of "pleasing his brother for his good to edification," union in action and cheerful co-operation are easily secured. The voice of the majority then becomes the voice of the church. But this is not the unexceptionable rule, by any means, it is feared. In societies of human organization, the members can mutually agree to submit to well constituted majorities. The church, in this respect, as in all others, should be a model society and above reproach. *True religion* demands that refractory insubordination of the few to the many, should never be exhibited in the holy society of the church. Christian charity requires that sullen, inactive acquiescence should not be practiced, but that cheerful and hearty compliance should be yielded, by the few, with the deliberate action of the many. If the voice of the majority be the voice of the church, he who offers persistent opposition to the many, is persistently opposed to the church, and sets himself against it. And without agreement, there can be no harmonious, happy and prosperous walk together. Christian principle, the platform of association, and common reason would dictate, that in christian churches, considerate, loving, and active compliance and co-operation should be practiced by the few, in case of their differing from the many.

In all probability, it would be freely admitted by all members

of churches, that they ought to love the church more ardently than any other society, or any earthly object, that for their own spiritual improvement, and the promotion of the interests of the body, they ought to give constant attendance upon the services of the church, that they ought to engage in earnest and devoted efforts to secure the objects had in view by the church, that they ought to regulate their lives and affairs with a reference to the honor and interests of the church, and that they ought to yield to the requirements and decisions of the church, made conformably with christian principles and law. But while the *duty* is admitted, the *obligation* which is involved in the admitted duty, is not perceived or felt. The *ought* is acknowledged, but the constraint and the restraint of the bond of obligation is not realized. The results are, that our churches are deficient in affection and devotion for the institution of the church; in self-sacrificing and zealous efforts for the promotion of its interests; in careful christian consistency in the walk and deportment of individual members, and in ready, charitable compliance, and co-operation in the enterprises and actions of the church, when differences obtain.

Desirous of having you realize more sensibly, if possible, dear brethren, these obligations, we will consider briefly the *sources* whence they arise. Perhaps it might be regarded sufficient to remark that because it is our *duty* or *right* to love the church, &c., therefore we are under *obligation* to do it,—that the *perception* of *rectitude* is sufficient to establish the *bond of obligation*. That ought to be so. What is our *duty* to do, we are under bounden obligation to do always. But there are *external* obligations, in addition to this, binding us to the church, a few of which we will mention.

1st. The obligation arising out of the expressed will of God. God as Creator and proper Sovereign of his creatures, has a right to command them, and they are under obligations to obey him. But being, as he is, the head of his Church, and the re-creator of its members, his right to reveal to them his will

as their law, and *their* obligations to respect and comply with that law, appear in greater clearness and intensity. In his Word he has bound them to his church in obligations to love, and to labor, and to make sacrifices for the promotion of its objects and the advancement of its interests.

2nd. The obligations arising out of the church relationship freely entered into. We accept in our "Declaration of Faith and Practice," this definition; viz. "A particular visible church of Christ is a number of his saints by mutual acquaintance and communion, voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and *embodying* together for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth his declarative glory, and for their own edification." Each member added to the church is *embodied* with, and forms a part of it. "We give up ourselves to one another," in the language of our covenant; "framed together," in the language of Paul. While a member continues with it, he is obligated to it, as a member to a body,—a responsible part, to a whole. In voluntarily entering into the compact he acquired *rights* to the love, the fellowship, the watch-care, the counsels, the instructions and admonitions of its members and teachers; to an equal voice in the transaction of its business, and the privilege of communion at the Lord's table, and co-operation with the church in its labors for Christ. And, acquiring these rights by entering the compact voluntarily, he also assumes *responsibilities* and accepts *obligations* in connection with them. While he is welcomed to equal *rights* and *privileges* in the church, the acceptance of the position involves *commensurate obligations*, according to the measure of ability. The *obligations*, as well as the *rights* and *privileges*, are reciprocal. In proportion as there is neglect in the discharge of the former, the claim upon the latter is vitiated. In proportion as the relationship is tender, the obligations are pressing. In proportion as there is neglect of obligations there is schism in the church, and a marring of its unity.

3rd. The obligations arising out of promises, solemnly given. In uniting with the church, each member enters into a covenant with the body, minute and comprehensive, acknowledging his everlasting and indispensable obligations to carry out its conditions. Considering the character of this covenant, and the ground and manner of his entering into it, no promises, beside, can be so binding, no pledges so solemn. On the basis of the atonement of Jesus Christ, in view of regeneration experienced by the power of the Holy Ghost, and looking to life-long service for him by whom he has been bought, each individual entering the holy precincts of the church of God, formally, and in the most awful presence, and solemn manner, conveys away his last interest in himself, to the church of Christ, and to Christ himself, through his church. In the sacred ordinance of baptism, the oath of allegiance to heaven's King is taken, and the badge of fealty is accepted; in the giving and receiving of the hand of fellowship of the church, there is expressly uttered assurances of close, affectionate, holy union of soul, which grows out of love to God, and faith in Christ as a common Saviour, and there are mutually given, pledges and promises for communion, and labor, and reciprocal efforts, for the promotion of individual holiness and preparation for heaven; and verbally, in covenant meetings, and as often as the death of Christ is communicated in the Supper, these promises are most solemnly repeated, and these pledges given afresh. Sons of Temperance, Free Masons, and Knights of the Golden Circle, may think their several initiative ceremonials impressive, and the obligations devolved by their several orders, binding; but in comparison with the sacred circle of the christian church, their ceremonials are shadows, and their obligations, ropes of sand. May God grant to the church an appreciation of its dignities, its privileges, and its obligations, for the honor of his cause and the glory of his name.

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APPENDIX.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

In answer to the Question from Lake George Church, viz : "What course should a church pursue toward members who reside within the limits of other churches, and having been repeatedly visited and advised to remove their membership, still neglect or refuse to commune with either church?" your Committee would advise, that if it be only neglect, forbearance should be exercised, and labor continued ; but in case of absolute refusal, that they be forthwith excluded.

In reply to the suggestions from the First Yarmouth Church, your Committee remark, that the present session of the Association can not be consistently prolonged ; but they recommend that in future it commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday ; so that there may be due time for the despatch of business, and for devotional exercises. They also advise that a committee be appointed to examine our Constitution and Rules of Order, and to make any revision that may be needful.

They also recommend, that the next Session of the Association be held with the Wilmot Church, in Paradise.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT OF THE FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

In presenting their annual report, the Board would record the labors of the year that is past, and would urgently enforce the claims of the mission upon the increased sympathy and support of the denomination. Our missionary has a hard field to cultivate. The firm hold of Romanism upon the masses of the people, the temerity and indecision of inquiring

minds, who are exposed to bitter persecution, should they openly abandon their ancestral faith, the vigilance and determinate opposition of the Romish priesthood,—to which we may add the deep-rooted depravity of the human heart,—all present obstacles the most difficult to overcome, and utterly discouraging, but for the power of the gospel and the promises of God. Cheered by these, our missionary, though sometimes “faint,” has yet been “pursuing,” and we rejoice to say not without evidence of success. During the year he has preached 123 sermons, made 236 family visits, besides constant endeavours to reach the people by conversations with them by the wayside. There are several enquiring after the truth, though only one person has professed faith in Christ and been baptized. His case is deeply interesting. He is a native of Canada, and was educated at a Romish College. He has for many years been convinced of the errors of the Romish church, and though formally connected with it, has been decidedly sceptical. In the providence of God he was led to the mission-house, and through the faithful labors of our missionary, we trust, has found peace in believing in Jesus. He is evidently qualified for usefulness, and is desirous to labour for the eternal welfare of his benighted people. The Board are anxious to establish a mission school under his superintendence, and would appeal earnestly to the churches to assist them.

The Board regret that owing to deficiency in the funds, our missionary has been obliged to employ a portion of his time in appealing to the churches for pecuniary aid. This is exceedingly undesirable, and we trust that the friends of the mission will so rally to its aid during the ensuing year, that sufficient funds may be procured, and the missionary labor on in his field undisturbed by the want of pecuniary support.

To carry on the mission and mission-school during the year, we need at least £300, and we feel confident the amount can be raised, if the pastors and members of the churches will only take hold of the work heartily.

Your Board would gratefully record the generous act of brother Davis, of Liverpool, who has bequeathed a piece of land for missionary purposes, a portion of the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the French Mission. We would commend his example to the friends of the Mission.

HENRY ANGELL, Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

Owing to claims on account of Missionary labour performed in the preceding year having been met out of the funds placed at the disposal of your Board during the year now closing, the amount of work done since the last Association is comparatively small. *Fifty-one* week's labour has been expended on the Mission field as comprised in the following places:—Jordan Bay and Sand Point, East and West Dalhousie, Argyle, Pubnico, Wood's Harbour, Young's Cove, Graywood, Perot, Birch Town, Guinea and Shelburne.

Two hundred and fifteen sermons have been preached by your missionaries; *seventy-two* other meetings of a religious kind have been held, and *four hundred and eleven families* visited, to whom the gospel message has been preached, and with whom prayer was offered for the Divine blessing. It is impossible to state what amount of good has been accomplished; but the word of God when faithfully preached and accompanied with prayer is never wholly without fruit.

Ten converts have been baptized by your missionaries, on a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and *five* other persons, previously immersed in connexion with another Denomination, have been received into ours. The missionaries have collected while engaged in their work, the sum of *one hundred and forty-seven dollars and forty-eight cents* towards the funds of the Board.

It affords us much pleasure to learn that our beloved brother, W. S. Jacobs, late of Liverpool, has bequeathed *one thousand dollars* to be employed by this Board in carrying on its work of home evangelization.

We are also pleased to learn that our dear brother, the late Charles Davies, also of Liverpool, has bequeathed a lot of land to be sold, and half of the proceeds to be appropriated to the cause of the Home Missions connected with this Association. Both of these brethren were members of the Baptist Church at Liverpool. We thank and adore God for the grace bestowed upon them,—that in life they served Him, and in death devised liberally for the support and spread of the

Gospel. May many follow their example ; and both living and dying honour God and Christ, not only in their bodies and spirits, but also with their *substance*.

If our churches would be faithful to the souls of the destitute in our own country and along our shores, there must be an enlargement of our Home Missionary operations. There ought to be much more labour, liberality, and prayer employed in connexion with this work.

It is feared that few among us, either as churches or individuals, are sufficiently alive to our obligations to communicate or send the gospel to those who have it not ; and therefore so many among us are not disposed or prepared to make the sacrifices required, or to seize on the opportunities so abundantly furnished by Divine Providence, to reach, enlighten and instrumentally save sinners. It is not perhaps too much to say that both ministers and people need to be deeply baptized in the Missionary spirit,—the Spirit of Christ.

Your Board is of opinion that in our Home Missionary operations more concentration of our efforts is needed. Localities thought most favourable for missionary work should not, after a few week's labour has been expended with more or less promise of success, be left for months or years before they are again visited by a missionary. We should make the labour, at all events, at important points, as continuous as possible.

Your Board do not, however, think that it would be advisable, benevolent, wise or right to discontinue the practice of sending missionaries to fields for short periods. Much good has often resulted from very short missionary tours. The seed of truth is thus sown, and God has blessed the handful of corn with an abundant harvest.

What is meant is this,—that we should, as far as possible and expedient, systematize our missionary operations, and gather up and put in permanent form, as far as may be, the spiritual results of our labour in this field.

This may be done by selecting important points as centres of operation, and labouring there with persevering faith for the salvation of sinners, till the blessing is obtained ; or until Providence indicates that we should go to another field.

The same object may be advanced in another way, viz., by helping feeble churches to whom we have been accustomed to

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send a missionary for a few weeks, and who seem therefore to depend upon the Board to supply them with the ministry of the word.

It is now proposed that a plan be adopted to this effect:—that feeble churches to whom missionaries may have been sent for a few weeks in the year, should be encouraged and induced to help themselves, by pledging, according to their means, a certain proportion of the salary to be paid to the missionary; and that missionaries accept appointments with the understanding that they are to look to the people, and not to the Board, for the sum so pledged, whatever it may be.

Let this be made a condition ordinarily necessary to receiving aid from the Board in the form of missionary appointments to feeble churches.

This plan, it is believed, would tend much to excite the people, on the one hand, to liberality and to efforts for self-support and extension; and the missionaries, on the other, to more zeal, spiritual enterprise, labour and self-sacrifice for Christ and the salvation of sinners.

The Board feel it to be of great moment in making appointments that care be taken to appoint the best men that can be obtained for the respective fields,—men adapted to teach, edify, indoctrinate and counsel.

Our work is so important in its bearing on the eternal interests and relations of men through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, and so closely connected with the highest glory of God, that we should prosecute it with untiring vigour, zeal, and faith, looking to our Heavenly Father, for the blessings promised to faithful labourers in the Lord.

If we are unfaithful in this work, we need not be surprised if God hide his face from us, and confer upon others,—in this respect at least, more faithful, devoted and zealous,—the high honour of diffusing more widely, and with saving results, the savour of Christ and his cross.

Let us, as a people, awake to our obligations and duties, and in the name and strength of the Lord, devise liberally, and work mightily and perseveringly in the noble and divine cause of missions.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board,

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Secretary.*

(D)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

While we feel an interest in all educational efforts those of our own denomination, necessarily, claim our first attention. We believe our Institutions, at Horton, are growing in the affections of our people. Nearly two hundred pupils have received instruction in Horton Academy, during the past year. Rev. T. A. Higgins continues to discharge the office of Principal, and your Committee feel that the present prosperity of that Institution is largely owing to his untiring efforts. The Female Seminary, under the efficient superintendence of Miss Townsend, aided by competent teachers, maintains its position and the increased number indicates that as the Seminary becomes better known it is more highly appreciated.

The tokens of Divine favor, so often manifested, have not been withheld during the past year. Fourteen in the female department, including one of the teachers, and two in the male, have been baptized and united with the Church at Wolfville, and others, we trust, have been hopefully converted.

The number of students in the College during the year was thirty three, there were also two resident graduates—eight have matriculated for next term, and several more intend applying for admission in September.

Dr. Pryor having accepted the Pastorate of Granville Street Church, Halifax, has resigned his professorship. Arrangements are in progress by which the vacancy thus created will be, to some extent, supplied. A necessity, however, exists that four regular professorships should be sustained in order to the thorough efficiency of the curriculum of study. The endowment agency is still being continued though necessarily intermitted from time to time. Rev. A. D. Thomson is encouraged in his work by many manifestations of sympathy and substantial donations. The Treasurer, J. W. Barss, still continues his work, but has intimated his intention of resigning the office of Treasurer, an event your Committee would deplore as disastrous to the interests of the College.

Your Committee having learned with pleasure of the munificent legacy of £1000 bequeathed to Acadia College, by Bro. W. S. Jacobs, late of Liverpool, the second received by our College from inhabitants of that place, record with gratitude

their appreciation of the spirit which prompted its bestowal. Finally let us thank God and take courage. Our Institutions *must live*, and while many now living bless God for the founders of Acadia College, many yet to come will look back to these times with thankfulness for the large hearted liberality which secured their continued existence.

(E)

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee, assured that the Kingdom of Christ is maintained and advanced by the Statutes of its king—the holy Book of books—beg to recommend the “Bible Cause” to our Churches, as demanding our earnest attention, warmest sympathy and most cordial support, until the Bible shall be sent to all the families of the earth.

Respectfully submitted.

S. RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*

(F)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A letter recently received from Bro. A. R. R. Cawley, addressed to the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board, dated “Henthada, Feb. 20th, 1863,” states, that six native preachers have been employed the year past. During a portion of the time five of them have been instructed in necessary branches of learning, in order to qualify them better to discharge their duties. Bro. C. remarks, “What are these native preachers doing in the work of evangelizing their countrymen? is the one question whose answer will be most interesting to those who sustain them. This is the reply. Our Church record shews an addition during the year of sixteen new converts. *These were mainly, if not exclusively, brought in through the labors of these native preachers.* Their operations are by no means confined to their stations alone. In addition to his labors in town, Ko Eing has spent six or eight weeks in visits to places which seemed to call for especial effort. Ko Choke, at Donabew, and Moung Yan Gin, at Taingdaw, have each itinerated to some extent among the villages of their

districts. In the early part of this month (February) Ko Eing was, at the request of the Church at Henthada, ordained as their Pastor. He sustained a very creditable examination; and he is, I believe, well adapted to the work to which he has been set apart."

These cheering facts may well encourage and animate the friends of this Mission to perseverance in the good cause.

The generous bequest of £500 by our late valued brother Jacobs, should stimulate to increased liberality in contributing to the funds, in order that an independent and permanent Mission may be speedily established. Our Brethren of the American Union are ready to present us with an inviting field of labor. Your Committee are encouraged to hope that this field may ere long be occupied by a Missionary sent from our midst. They would respectfully recommend this Mission, with the promising School at Henthada, to the sympathy, prayers, and generous support of all.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT ON THE *CHRISTIAN MESSENGER*.

- The Committee upon the *Christian Messenger* beg to report: Your Committee would express their confidence in the *Christian Messenger*, as a faithful exponent of the principles of the Denomination, and their increased satisfaction with the matter with which its columns are enriched.

It affords your Committee much satisfaction to express their unqualified approbation of the decided yet calm and dignified spirit exhibited by its respected Editor on all matters of a controversial nature with other bodies of Christians, and the improvement which is so perceptible in its management is worthy of all praise.

They would express their sympathy for the Brother engaged in conducting it in his arduous labors, and would recommend to the ministering brethren and all interested to assist in increasing its circulation and affording ready pecuniary returns for its support.

- All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HALL, *Chairman.*

(H)

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath beg leave to report as follows :

That they believe that true love to God implies deep veneration for the Lord's Day, and that no person has a right to the name of Disciple of Christ, who is in the habit of conversing on worldly subjects, planning secular business, seeking carnal pleasure on the Sabbath. We would therefore recommend to all the most careful remembrance of the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.

Your committee also urge upon the members of our churches especially, to endeavor by precept and example, to induce all to respect this day of rest, and thus honour God, that the wrath of the Lord be not poured out upon the people.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. MORSE, *Chairman.*

(I)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee feel assured that the cause of Temperance is entitled to the sympathy and support of the good. That the Christian church and ministry are not diverging from the old Heaven-marked paths in endeavoring to push forward, by all proper means, its claims.

They would recommend that the ministers be encouraged and requested to denounce, agreeably with God's word, Intemperance as a crying sin : by urging church members to total abandonment of all fellowship with the iniquitous cause : by promulgating temperance principles through means of good societies and sound temperance publications, and by devoting at least one sermon in the year to the subject of temperance.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. PORTER, *Chairman,*

(J)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The truth of God is an indispensable agency for extending his kingdom, the Church of Christ is God's appointed organization for the work; youths are the most promising subjects for their efforts, and the Sabbath School their most promising field.

Your committee view with pleasure the increasing interest taken by our churches in Sabbath Schools, and the increasing success which attends their efforts put forth in this department. They would earnestly recommend that the churches give to Sabbath Schools their warmest sympathies, their earnest prayers, and their active labor.

With reference to a catechism or book of instruction for the young, your committee would recommend that this Association appoint a Committee of two to act in conjunction with committees which may be appointed by the Central and Eastern Associations, for the performance of such a work, the result of whose labors might be submitted to a committee of revision before its publication.

In behalf of the Committee,
R. D. PORTER, *Chairman.*

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MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Where ordained.
Rev. H. Angell,.....	Yarmouth,	Feb. 13, 1853.	Milton.
" H. Achilles, ...	Parker's Cove,...	Nov. 1, 1854.	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong, ..	Bridgetown, ...	Dec. 30, 1848.	Port Medway.
" A. W. Barss,...	Ragged Islands,	June 6, 1855.	Lunenburg, N.W.
" W. Burton, ...	Chebogue,.....	July 20, 1828.	Westbrook.
" A. Cozswell,...	Beaver River,...	Jan. —, 1843.	Chute's Cove.
" T. C. Delong,...	New Germany,...	Feb. —, 1831.	New Albany.
" W. G. Goucher, ..	Hebron,	May 11, 1853.	Hebron. [N. B.
" J. E. Goucher, ..	Port Medway, ..	Oct. 5, 1859.	Upper Gagetown,
" W. Hall,	Long Island,...	July —, 1842.	Fredericton, N. B.
" W. Jackson,...	Beaver River,...	Mar. 31, 1836.	Brier Island.
" J. C. Morse,...	Digby Neck, ...	Mar. 30, 1842.	Digby Neck.
" A. Martell,.....	Tusket,	Mar. 20, 1849.	Antigonish.
" John Miller,...	Long Island,...	.....	.....
" J. A. Moore,...	Hillsburg,	Aug. 5, 1857.	Port George.
" P. F. Murray,...	Chute's Cove,...	Mar. 14, 1848.	Westport.
" R. S. Morton, ..	Nictaux,	Feb. —, 1852.	Nictaux.
" J. McKenne,...	Sable River,	Oct. 20, 1859.	Greenfield.
" M. Normonday,	Tusket,	July 26, 1859.	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker, ..	Aylesford,.....	Feb. 21, 1844.	Wilmot.
" W. G. Parker, ..	Nictaux,	Jan. 20, 1843.	New Albany.
" D. O. Parker, ..	Brookfield,	Mar. 23, 1861.	Liverpool.
" R. D. Porter,...	Hebron,	Sept. 17, 1857.	Dartmouth.
" W. H. Porter,...	Wilmot,	Sept. 5, 1862.	Wilmot.
" C. Randall,...	Weymouth,.....	July 11, 1833.	Weymouth.
" J. H. Saunders,	Ohio, Yarmouth.	Aug. 11, 1858.	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stubbett, ..	Deerfield, do.	Dec. 17, 1843.	Port Medway.
" James Spencer,	Digby,	May 17, 1853.	Chester.
" A. Stronach,...	Aylesford,.....	.....	.....
" C. Tupper, D.D.	Aylesford,.....	July 17, 1817.	Canard.
" N. Vidito,	Wilmot,	May 10, 1832.	Wilmot.
" J. A. Walker,...	Aylesford,.....	June 3, 1856.	Aylesford.
LICENTIATES.			
Samuel B. Kempton,	Wolfville, .....	.....	.....
Thomas Blackadar, ..	Wolfville, .....	.....	.....
Andrew Parker,	Aylesford, .....	.....	.....
W. L. Parker,	Aylesford, .....	.....	.....
Joseph G. Thompson,	Kempt, .....	.....	.....
Zephaniah Porter,...	Beaver River,...	.....	.....
C. Kanady,	Litchfield, .....	.....	.....

ACCOUNT OF MONIES PAID IN AT THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT
YARMOUTH, JUNE 13, 1863.

CHURCHES.		Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Infirmary.	Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	French Mission.	Gaelic Mission.	Am. & Foreign Bible Society.	Acadia College.	Totals.
Annapolis and Upper Granville,.....	\$16 00	\$10 00	\$0 00	\$3 25	\$4 00	\$15 00					\$48 25
Argyle,.....	6 00	0 62									6 62
Brookfield,.....	7 10	7 20	4 00	4 43		5 17					27 90
Beaver River,.....	9 95	7 75	5 20	3 80		23 30					50 00
Clements,.....	10 80	6 00									16 80
Chute's Cove,.....	2 25	4 12	1 62			2 60					10 60
Digby,.....		1 00		4 00							5 00
Digby Neck 1st,.....		4 00	2 62			4 07					10 70
Digby Neck 2nd,.....						5 37					5 37
Greenfield,.....	4 00	2 00				4 00					10 00
Graywood,.....	1 38										1 38
Hill Grove,.....	5 85										5 85
Hillsburgh 1st,.....	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		6 00					12 00
Hillsburgh 2nd,.....	4 47	0 35	0 65			3 28					8 75
Jordan Bay,.....	10 00					4 65					14 65
Jordan River,.....	1 25					1 25					2 50
Kempt,.....		3 00	2 00			3 00					8 00
Lake George,.....	2 37	3 80				3 80			1 00		16 55
Liverpool,.....	17 00	11 00				5 05				6 00	38 05
Lower Aytesford and Upper Wilmot,.....	12 00	12 00	2 64	5 00	5 00	6 16		0 50	1 50		42 30
Lower Granville,.....	11 75	12 00	5 00			3 25					36 25
Long Island,.....	4 50					4 62					9 12
Lewis Head,.....	8 79										8 79
Coll. at Association for French Mission,.....	1 00	1 00	0 41			33 07					33 07
Litchfield,.....	11 20	5 20	3 70	3 20		7 20					2 41
Milton,.....		1 00	1 00			2 00			4 50		38 00
Middlefield,.....											
New Albany,.....	12 20	11 65	1 30	2 10		13 32		0 35			23 02
New Tusket,.....		1 62	0 25			1 57					3 44
Ohio,.....	1 45	2 00				14 42					16 05
Port Medway,.....	9 00	7 00				13 47					17 00
Parker's Cove,.....		1 00	0 50	3 00		4 00					23 00
Pubnico,.....	2 00			0 50		1 62					

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The above sums are paid to the Treasurers of the various Societies, &c., above named.

* This sum includes \$22.00 raised by the Juvenile Missionary Society, part in the Sabbath School, in first Yarmouth Church, towards supporting a native teacher in Burmah, and \$3.72 for the Bible Union, forwarded by the friends of the cause.

+ This sum includes \$3.00 raised by the Sabbath School Missionary Society in the second Yarmouth Church, for the same purpose as above.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Treasurer, in account with the
DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD of the Western Baptist
Association.

1862.		DR.	
June 18.	George S. Parker, Treasurer of the Association, the amount contributed by the churches, &c., for Domestic Missions,	\$363	46 1/2
	Per George S. Parker, collections at Association:—		
	Liverpool,	39	08
	Milton,	4	75
	Donation from Wm. S. Jacobs,	20	00
	" " Joseph Shaw, Esq.,	4	00
	Collected by Missionaries:		
June 19.	Rev. H. Achilles, on 8 weeks' mission at Young's Cove and Phinney's Brook,	8	00
Aug. 23.	T. M. Munroe, Licentiate, on 10 weeks' mission at Dalhousie West,	2	00
Sept. 9.	Bro. C. Kanady, Licentiate, on 6 weeks' mission at Greywood, Birch Town and Guinea,	2	05
Octr. 4.	Rev. R. S. Morton, on 4 weeks' mission to West Sherbrooke,	12	00
Nov. 17.	Rev. P. F. Murray, on 6 weeks' mission at Argyle, Pubnico and Wood's Harbor,	33	60
18.	W. L. Parker, Licentiate, on 6 weeks' mission at Jordan Bay, &c.,	23	70
Dec. 10.	Rev. H. Achilles, on 4 weeks' mission at Young's Cove,	6	00
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June 8.	Bro. W. L. Parker, Licentiate, on 5 weeks' mission at Dalhousie West,	12	38
	Rev. A. Shiel's, on 8 weeks' mission to Argyle, Pubnico and Wood's Harbor,	31	75
13.	Rev. A. W. Barss, on 2 weeks' mission in Shelburne Town,	16	00
	J. W. Barss, Esq., per Rev. N. Vidito,	4	00
		\$582	77 1/2
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June 18.	Balance due Treasurer, per last year's account,	8	48
	Rev. H. Achilles, for 8 weeks' mission performed last year at Young's Cove and Phinney's Brook, at \$3.00 per week,	64	00
	Rev. James Spencer, balance due on 12 weeks' mission to South Range, &c., performed last year,	32	00
	Paid S. Selden for printing Minutes,	52	00
24.	Rev. James Parker, balance on 2 weeks' mission in Kempt, Queen's Co., performed last year,	2	84 1/2
	Expenses on his mission,	0	50
July 17.	Bro. C. Kanady, Licentiate, on acct. of his mission to Greywood, &c.,	4	00
Aug. 23.	T. M. Munro, Licentiate, 10 weeks' mission to Dalhousie West, at \$3.00 per week,	60	00
		\$223	82 1/2

		Amount brought forward,.....	\$159 82½
Sept. 6.	Bro. C. Kanady, Licentiate, on acct. of his mission to Greywood, &c., at \$6.00 per week,.....		20 00
	9. Balance on his mission of 6 weeks, as above,.....		12 00
Oct. 4.	Rev. R. S. Morton, 4 weeks' mission to West Sherbrooke,.....		32 00
Nov. 17.	Rev. P. F. Murray, 6 weeks' mission at Argyle, Pubnico and Wood's Harbor,.....		48 00
	20. W. L. Parker, 6 weeks' mission at Jordan Bay, at \$6.00 per week,.....		36 00
	Expenses on this mission,.....		37
Dec 10.	Rev. H. Achilles, 4 weeks' mission at Young's Cove,.....		32 00
1863.			
June 8	W. L. Parker, 5 weeks' mission to Dalhousie West,.....		30 00
	15. Rev. A. Shields, 8 weeks' mission to Argyle, &c.,.....		64 00
	Rev. A. W. Bars, 2 weeks' mission in Shelburne,....		16 00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....		514 19½
			68 58
	Correct.		\$582 77½

JOSEPH ROGERS,
IRA RAYMOND,
SAMUEL BROWN

FRENCH MISSION in account with WM. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

		DR.	
1862.			
June 10.	To balance per acct. rendered Association,.....	£21 4 6	
1863.			
Feb. 2.	To Missionary's expenses on collecting tour,.....	3 3 1	
	Labor, fencing, and painting Mission house, &c,.....	6 0 0	
May 20.	Missionary, to pay for horse and waggon, &c.,.....	30 0 0	
	do. to assist Mr. Tromley,.....	15 0 0	
	do. one year's salary to date,.....	120 0 0	
	Paint and Oil for Mission house, &c.,.....	8 0 0	
	2 years' insurance on Mission-house,—'61, '62,.....	6 7 6	
		£209 15 1	
		CR.	
1862.			
June 20.	By Western Association,.....	£50 12 9	
	Dr. Cramp, donation,.....	1 0 0	
	Collection taken at Liverpool Association,.....	4 5 8	
	1 ring taken in said Collection, (price per goldsmith),.....	0 1 3	
July 16.	Eastern Association,.....	2 2 0	
Aug. 12.	Central Association,.....	2 10 0	
Dec. 3.	Mrs. Frederick Morton, Wilmot, bequest,.....	3 0 0	
	Amount carried forward,.....	£63 11 8	

1863.	Amount brought forward.....	£63	11	8
Feb'y. 2.	Collected by the Missionary, as follows:			
	Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.....	6	1	6
	Nictaux, Canard, Canaan, Valley West, &c.,...	3	13	10
	Pine Grove, Brookland, Salem or Port George,	3	1	9½
	Handley Mountain, 6s. 3d., Wilmot, £6 Os. 8d.	6	6	11
	Bridgetown, £2 4s., Granville, (2 c. arches,)			
	£2 2s. 1½d.....	4	6	1½
	Digby, Digby Joggin and Smith's Cove.....	2	2	9½
	Westport, £2 5s. 7½d., Long Island, 18s. 9d.,...	3	4	4½
	Clements, by Rev. A. Cogswell.....	3	13	0
	Port George.....	1	15	7½
	Chute's Cove.....	1	10	3
	Digby Neck.....	1	1	8
	Bridgetown.....	1	0	7
	Bridgeport.....	1	0	7
	Deerfield.....	1	16	6
	Lake George.....	1	10	0
	Locke's Island.....	3	3	9
	Hayden Town.....	1	10	7½
	Ragged Islands, east side.....	0	10	11
	Sable River.....	0	4	1½
	T. R. Patillo, Esq., donation.....	5	0	0
	W. H. Jacobs, Esq., do.....	1	9	0
	T. T. Calkin, Esq., do.....	1	0	0
	B. O. DeWolf, Esq., do.....	1	0	0
	Collected in Liverpool.....	1	15	0
	James DeWolf, Esq., donation.....	0	7	6
	Collection in Milton.....	0	17	6
	do. in Port Medway.....	1	10	0
	do. in Mills Village.....	0	19	10
	Rev. D. O. Parker, donation.....	0	5	0
	Coll'n. in North Brookfield, 19s. 7d. & 6s. 3d.....	1	5	10
	do. in Pleasant River.....	0	9	9½
	do. in Caledonia Corner.....	0	13	4½
	do. in Kempt.....	0	8	8½
	Joseph Sabeau, Esq., donation.....	0	10	0
	Collection in Tusket Lakes.....	0	18	0
	do. in 2nd Yarmouth, (Hebron,).....	0	17	5
	do. in Ohio, 9s. 3d. and 2s. 9d.....	0	12	0
	do. in West Yarmouth.....	0	7	10½
	Beaver River—the Raymond firm.....	3	7	6
	Small sums collected at Beaver River.....	0	3	9
	Collected by Mrs. A. M. Gidney, at Bridgetown,...	0	11	3
	do. by Dr. Tupper.....	0	12	6
	Wm. Gridley, donation, 1st Yarmouth.....	1	0	0
	Mrs. Ann Lovitt, do. do.....	0	2	6
	William Churchill, do. do.....	1	0	0
	Samuel Brown, do. do.....	1	9	0
	Jos. Shaw, Esq., do. do.....	3	10	0
		142	11	11
	To balance.....	67	3	2

Correct, E. E. W. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.
 JOSEPH ROGERS,
 IRA RAYMOND,
 SAMUEL BROWN.

INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND, in account with CHARLES RANDALL, Treasurer.

1863.	Dr.	
June 25.	To paid Mrs. Cunningham, as ordered by the Association,	£10 0 0
June 28.	Paid William Raymond, Esq., for Rev. W. Jackson,	5 0 0
1863.		
Feby. 2.	Paid Jacob Denton for the benefit of Rev. W. Jackson,	15 0 0
Feby. 5.	Forwarded to Rev. George Richardson, for his benefit,	5 0 0
		<u>£35 0 0</u>

1862.	Cr.	
June 17.	By Cash in hand as per acct. rendered in 1862,	£58 17 3
18.	Recd. from G. S. Parker, Treasurer of Association,	11 14 7
27.	Recd. Interest,	1 4 0
July 10.	Recd. from John W. Barse, Esq., Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers Fund of the Central N. S. Baptist Association for the benefit of Rev. W. Jackson,	5 0 0
		<u>£76 15 10</u>
	Total now in hand,	£41 15 10

Yarmouth, June 16th, 1863.

CHARLES RANDALL, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall be composed of Ministers and other Delegates, who shall be members of the churches which they represent, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such other Brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

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

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

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for a vote for a Moderator, which vote shall be given by ballot; no brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association, and maintain due order. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the press.

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

ART. 6th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its Messengers present the right-hand of fellowship.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communication for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge for itself of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ART. 9th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 10th.—Alterations or amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At every sitting business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2nd.—Ministers and Members of Churches and Delegates invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

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

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

RULE 5th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 6th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

RULE 7th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

Year.	Where met.	Moderator and Clerks.	Sermon, by whom preached.	Circular Letter, by whom written.
1851.	1st Yarmouth	R. B. Dickie	I. E. Bill	James Barker
		G. Armstrong.	Psalm lxxii. 19.	
1852.	Milton, Queen's Co.	S. Brown.	Wm. Burton	

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1851..	1st Yarmouth	E. B. Dickie	L. E. Bill	
1852..	Milton, Queen's Co.	G. Armstrong	Psalm lxxii. 19.	
1853..	Westport	S. Brown	Wm. Burton	James Parker.—On the importance of an uncompromising adherence to the truths of God's word.
1854..	Clements	G. Armstrong	1 Corinthians ii. 2.	E. W. Cunningham.—On co-operation.
1855..	Clarence	C. Randall	James Parker	
1856..	Caledonia	J. E. Balcom	2 Corinthians v. 7.	
1857..	Hebron, Yarmouth	W. G. Goucher	J. Davis	J. C. Morse.—On what constitutes our fitness for the service of God on earth and the joys of Heaven.
1858..	Bridgetown	G. Armstrong	Hebrews xlii. 7.	N. Vidtoe.
1859..	Aylesford	J. E. Balcom	S. N. Bentley	
1860..	Hillsburgh	W. G. Parker	Psalm li. 18.	S. N. Bentley.—On a revival of religion.
1861..	Beaver River	I. J. Skinner	H. Angell	A. Martell.—On Missions.
1862..	Liverpool	G. Armstrong	Acts ix. 31.	
1863..	1st Yarmouth	J. V. Tabor	C. Tupper	C. Tupper.—On the reciprocal duties of parents and children.
		J. H. Saunders	1 Corinthians xv. 58.	T. A. Higgins.—On Discipline.
		J. V. Tabor	J. C. Morse	A. H. Munro.—How can our churches be more efficient?
		G. Armstrong	Philemon ii. 16.	J. A. Stubbett.—On Communion.
		H. Angell	G. Armstrong	
		J. H. Saunders	Psalm xlviii. 12, 13.	
		W. G. Parker	T. A. Higgins	
		H. Angell	Isaiah i. 4.	
		J. C. Morse	T. C. DeLong	
		H. Angell	Isaiah lli. 1.	
		A. W. Barsa	James A. Stubbett	G. Armstrong.—On the scriptural authority for the observance of the first day of the week as the Sabbath.
		W. G. Parker	Isaiah xxvi. 4.	R. D. Porter.—The obligations of members to the churches to which they belong.
		I. Wallace	W. G. Parker	
		N. Vidtoe	Philemon iii. 16.	
		J. H. Saunders		
		J. M. Parker		

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N. B.—The Nictaux Church reports three schools. The Pine Grove report embraces four schools. The Lower Aylesford, and Upper Wilnot report six schools. The Lower Granville reports five schools. Over these the Pastors exercise a general superintendence. The Lake George School reports increased interest. The Long Island School reports a revival of religion. In Yarmouth a County School Convention was organized in 1861, and is exerting a healthy influence on the Schools in its connection.

Jos. H. SAUNDERS, Secretary, Western Board.

PROVINCIAL
Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial S. S. Convention was held with the Eastern Association at Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, July 7th, 1863.

Reports from the Western, Central, and Eastern sections were presented, and addresses given by Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, D. Freeman, J. E. Balcom, and John Davis.

The following officers were chosen :

GENERAL BOARD FOR THE PROVINCE :—S. Selden, President ;
Rev. A. H. Munro, Secretary ; Dr. Pryor, Treasurer.

WESTERN BOARD :—Rev. H. Angell, Chairman ; Rev. J. H. Saunders, Secretary ; S. Brown, Treasurer.

CENTRAL BOARD :—J. W. Bars, Chairman ; Rev. D. Freeman, Secretary ; Rupert Eaton, Treasurer.

EASTERN BOARD :—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Chairman ; T. H. Rand, Secretary ; David Page, Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet with the Association to be held at Paradise, Wilmot, June, 1864.

The experiment made to obtain correct statistics of the Sabbath Schools connected with the Baptist Churches in this Province, by means of Circulars addressed to the superintendents, has not been so successful as might have been anticipated, but it has secured a marked improvement in the returns which are more numerous and full. Last year only 56 churches out of 153 sent in reports of their S. Schools. This year 91 churches furnished reports, 17 of the Circulars sent by mail have not been returned. The following statistics therefore, though as perfect as can be obtained, do not contain by any means, a full statement of all that is done by our churches in the great work of S. School instruction.

A. H. MUNRO, Sec. S. S. Convention.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF SABBATH SCHOOLS connected
with the Baptist Churches in the three Associations.

Associations.	No. of Schools.	Scholars.			Average attendance.	Teachers.			In Bible Classes.	Pupils Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Amount expended.
Western.	38	1484	1594	3078	2582	237	213	450	264	589	6580	\$549.75
Eastern.	25	501	461	962	799	79	80	159	141	111	2768	167.23
Central.	31	1099	1060	2159	1861	171	167	338	171	124	4846	352.15
	94	3084	3115	6199	5242	487	460	947	576	824	14194	1069.19

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Acba Scotia Baptist Education Society.

MALE DEPARTMENT:--

Whole number during the year,	160
Greatest number in attendance at one time,	105
Least " " " "	58
Average " " " "	81

FEMALE DEPARTMENT:—

Whole number during the year,.....	94
Greatest number in attendance at one time,.....	60
Least " " " " ".....	35
Average " " " " ".....	47

The branches studied and the course generally pursued have been much as last year. The year was marked with general and a good degree of prosperity. Eight of the pupils have health entered College. Two of the young women of the Seminary have completed the course of study marked down in our curriculum, and now hold Certificates to that effect.

The religious aspect of the school has been more encouraging during the past year than the year previous. Meetings for exhortation and prayer have been kept by the pupils in the rooms from time to time, and good has resulted therefrom. Two young men belonging to the Academy and quite a number of the pupils of the Seminary have, during the last quarter made profession of religion and have been received into the Baptist Church. Your Committee regard these facts as significant, and believe that there is in this large Denomination, as well as in other christian communities, a growing demand for education. Be assured that an important point is reached, when the people generally value this blessing. We, however, are far from that measure of success at first aimed at, but trust the growing desire for knowledge will excite the increased activity of the many who have, at Horton, been furnished with means of enlarged usefulness.

Reasonably may your Committee rely upon those who go out from Horton to aid in the work of education. If each and all lay the claims of this Society faithfully before their several communities, many more would be found encouraged in the laudable ambition of seeking knowledge.

Your Committee would express their increased conviction that the Principal and his associates are well prepared for their work; the experience of each year adds to their worth; and that the course of instruction is sound and judicious, fitting these instructed at the Institution for the various places of usefulness daily presented.

While the Baptists of this Province may justly congratulate themselves on having, in years past, taken such a high and decided stand in popular education, and while expressing our grateful thanks to the Dispenser of all good, they must

not forget that success necessitates an enlargement of means for a yet higher course of instruction; for education in any country will always seek a higher or lower range. If associated with the religious affections and prayers of the Church of Christ, the tendency will be upward; dis severed from the religious element, the moral range will be downward. The work of education in this and the neighbouring Province is now employing a large number of young men, educated at Horton, and the demand will yet for a long time exceed the supply.

The Committee would direct attention especially to the Female Department of the Horton Institution. For a number of years the idea of an institution for young ladies was before this Society, but the way for the inauguration of this scheme did not present itself until two and a half years since, when, as a mere experiment, a House was rented, Teachers obtained, and the attempt made to supply female education of a high character and within reach of a larger class of society.

Your Committee had fears and hopes,—the former have not been realized, the latter have.

The Female Seminary in Horton is no longer an experiment, but a successful and necessary part of our great educational scheme. The building now occupied has been purchased at a reasonable rate, and furnished. It, however, was found insufficient to accommodate those seeking the benefits of the Seminary, and last winter, at a limited expense, some apartments additional were provided, so that the premises will now accommodate forty.

A Hall adjacent is rented for a day-school, which school is no insignificant part of the entire institution, and has been under the instruction of Miss Anna Shaw. The Principal of the Seminary, Miss Townsend, has proved herself in every way suited to her responsible station. The Committee are persuaded that their choice of a Principal was most happy and advantageous, and feel that they can assure the community at large, that in placing young ladies under the care of Miss Townsend, every reasonable expectation will be realised. At the examination during the year the classes manifested an acquaintance with the different branches, creditable alike to teacher and pupil. Miss Townsend will resume her duties in August.

Your Committee must keep before the mind of the Denomi-

nation the necessity of having an Academical Edifice, adequate to the growing demand for Female instruction. The building now occupied, though large, is by far too small, and in many respects inconvenient and unsuited to the system of domestic management. At any time the property can be sold without loss, perhaps with gain, but a large additional sum would be needed. We trust the time is not distant when the necessary contribution will be cheerfully made. Your Committee feel happy in being prepared to supply, in both departments, a superior education, at an exceedingly low rate. The charge in the Female Department being but about \$80 for Board and instruction.

Let us humbly and gratefully acknowledge the arm that has hitherto helped us, and trace all success to God. With His help we shall do valiantly; without that help our labour is in vain. To-day, as the past is reviewed, we must exclaim, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Let all our duties be contemplated in the light of truth, and success is certain.

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY in account
with S. SELDEN, Treasurer.

1862.		Dr.	
Oct. 9.	To repairs of Academy.....	£8	5 0
Nov. 8.	To do. do.....	20	0 0
1863.			
Jan. 2.	To alterations, &c., do.....	46	0 0
Mar. 5.	To repairs do.....	6	6 4
			79 11 8
Jan. 1.	To settees for Seminary.....	7	10 0
	To Rev. T. A. Higgins' salary.....	125	0 0
	To do. towards Mr. Jones' salary, 40 0 0		
	To 2700 copies of Annual report.....	4	10 0
	To balance.....	40	8 1
			<u>£235 19 4</u>
1862.		Cr.	
June 12.	By balance.....	45	19 4
July 4.	By 1 Qr. Provincial Grant.....	62	10 0
Oct. 7.	By do. do.....	63	10 0
1863.			
Jan. 3.	By do. do.....	63	10 0
April 9.	By do. do.....	62	10 0
			<u>£235 19 4</u>
	By balance in hand.....	40	8 1