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RULES OF ORDER

CONSTITUTION

E. S. Eastern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association; and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council; none but delegates being entitled to vote, and such only as represent churches being eligible to office, or to vote for officers.

ART 2nd.—Each church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the moneys contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—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. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending any Letter, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes, unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be handed to the clerk, who shall retire and make out a list of the delegates—the Moderator meanwhile shall conduct devotional exercises.

2nd.—From the list so prepared the Moderator shall be chosen by ballot—no brother shall be chosen two years in succession.

3rd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

4th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

5th.—When any Church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last before the final adjournment.

7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered by the Association.

8th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

9th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

10th.—The Committee of Arrangement shall, in addition to the provision for the "order of business," provide also for the discussion of the more prominent topics, Education and Missions, by appointing one or more persons to speak upon them: Said Committee shall further recommend the place for the succeeding Association, the preacher of the Associational Sermon, and the writer of the Circular Letter.

11th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

12th.—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of each annual session of the Association.

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MINUTES.

RIVER HERBERT, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Saturday Morning, July 8th, 1876.

The N. S. Eastern Association assembled in its Twenty-sixth Annual Session at 10 o'clock, A. M.; the Rev. J. E. Goucher, Moderator, in the chair.

During the preparation of the list of Delegates by the Secretaries, devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

The Secretary then announced the list of Delegates, as follows:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Portauiniqu—Brethren Thomas Fulton, George Davison, and John Robinson.

Great Village—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Upper Londonderry—Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Bro. Wm. McCully.

Folly Lake—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, and Deacon I. W. Irving.

Sydney, C. B.—Bro. C. R. King.

Wallace—Rev. J. A. Moore, Deacon Ephraim Howard, and Bro. P. R. Piers.

West Onslow—Rev. S. March, Deacon Daniel Blair.

Glenville and River Philip—Rev. J. A. Moore.

Brookfield—Bro. H. B. Shaffner, Lic.

East Onslow—Rev. S. March, and J. Wilson Lynds.

Greenville—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, and Bro. Edward Webb.

Parrsborough—Rev. D. Freeman, Deacons Samuel Spencer, and F. L. Jenks, and Bro. B. Newcomb.

Homeville—Dr. McDonald.

North Sydney—Dr. McDonald.

Amherst—Rev. D. A. Steele, Brethren John Logan and Jno. Hillsom.

River Hebert—Rev. H. Bool, Deacons Job Seaman and Thos. Shipley, and Bro. John Wood.

Pugwash—Rev. D. W. Crandall, Deacons A. McDonald, William McLean, and Bro. Edward Munro, Lic.

River John—Rev. E. T. Carbonell, Deacon Nelson Sutherland, and Bro. Archibald Rogers.

Goose River—Rev. D. W. Crandal, Deacon Hance B. Hunter, and Bro. John M. Hunter.

Little Rider—Bro. Holland Rushton.

Lower Steviacke—Bro. H. B. Shaffner, Lic.

Westbrook—Rev. D. McKeen, Deacons Roscoe and Lewis, Brethren Hans Mills and Joseph Atkinson.

Truro—Rev. J. E. Goucher, and Bro. Wm. Faulkner.

New Glasgow—Bro. W. F. Linton.

Folleigh Lake—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, and Deacon J. W. Irving.

Maccan—Rev. H. Bool, Brethren Wm. Blenkhorn, Amos Atkinson, C. Edwin Atkinson, and Wm. Sharp.

Oxford—Bro. J. B. Woodland.

Acadia Mines—Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Deacon David Nelson.

Amherst Shore—Deacon Chas. D. Rockwell, and Bro. Calvin Murray.

Diligent River—Bro. Thomas Bentley.

From the N. S. Central Association—Bro. S. Selden.

Invited—Revs. W. B. Boggs, J. I. DeWolfe, H. B. Shaffner, Lic., Prof. D. F. Higgins, Deacon Alex. Robinson, Charles C. Archibald, J. Chipman Archibald, Lic., George Christie, and Isaac Logan.

Centreville and Mount Pleasant—Rev. E. B. Corey, and Deacon Walker.

The ballot having been taken, Rev. D. A. Steele was announced as chosen Moderator for the ensuing year. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. I. DeWolfe. Rev. M. P. Freeman and J. Chipman Archibald, Lic., were elected Secretaries; and Deacon Job Seaman, Treasurer.

The Moderator then read the Rules of Order.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

OF NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENT.—Revs. H. Bool, D. W. Crandal, and Brethren Hans Mills, John Wood, Deacon Job Seaman, and Wm. McCully.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revs. S. March, E. T. Carbonell, and Bro. S. Selden.

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revs. J. E. Goucher, J. B. McDonald, and Deacon Wm. Faulkner.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revs. D. Freeman, J. J. Armstrong, and Brethren H. B. Shaffner, Lic., and J. W. Lynds.

While the Committee of Nomination and Arrangement were preparing their Report, a number of Letters from the Churches were read.

The partial report of Committee on Nomination and Arrangement was then received, and, after some discussion, referred back to the Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. S. Selden.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session commenced at half-past two with singing, and prayer by Deacon Wm. Faulkner.

The following were appointed Committee on Circular Letter: Revs. W. B. Boggs, H. Eagles, and Bro. C. King.

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted clause by clause.

The Report, after slight modification, was adopted, as follows:

That the Association meet in the morning session at 10 o'clock and close at 12; and that it meet in the afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock, and adjourn at 6. That prayer-meeting be held on Monday at 9 A. M.

That the following be the appointments for the Sabbath:

Baptist Meeting House—11 A. M. Rev. S. March.
" " 3 P. M. Rev. W. B. Boggs.
" " 7 P. M. Rev. E. T. Carbonell.

Minudie—11 A. M. Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Maccan—11 A. M. Rev. D. Freeman.

Amherst Point—3 P. M. Rev. D. Freeman.

Amherst—11 A. M. Rev. J. B. McDonald.

And that collections for Home Missions be taken at the close of each Sabbath service.

Your Committee further recommend that Rev. S. March preach the next Associational Sermon, and that Rev. E. T. Carbonell be his alternate; and that Rev. H. Bool write the Circular Letter.

They recommend the appointment of the following:

COMMITTEES.

Education.—Rev. D. Freeman, Prof. Higgins, Rev. D. McKeen, Deacon D. Nelson, and Bro. C. King.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Deacon Wm. Faulkner, Rev. D. W. Crandall, Deacons George Davidson and Daniel Blair, and Brethren John Wood, and W. F. Linton.

MISSIONS.—Revs. S. March, W. B. Boggs, E. T. Carbonell, and M. P. Freeman, and Deacon Thomas Fulton.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revs. J. B. McDonald, J. L. DeWolfe, J. J. Armstrong, and Bro. Hains Mills.

And further, that the Committee on Education report, if possible, after the reading of the Letters this afternoon session.

Reading of Letters was then resumed.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported that churches at the Acadian Mines, Folly Lake, Homeville, and New Glasgow, recently organized, have requested by Letter to be received into this Association.

Letter from the Acadian Mines Church was then read, and a motion for their reception having passed, the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to Deacon D. Nelson, delegate of the Church.

The letter from Folly Lake was next read, and the Church was in like manner received, and the hand of fellowship extended to Deacon J. Irwin in behalf of the Church.

The letter from Homeville was next read, after which it passed that this Church be received into the Association. The right hand of fellowship was then given to Rev. J. B. McDonald, appointed by the Church to represent them.

The letter also from New Glasgow was read, and the church having been received, the hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. W. F. Linton in behalf of the Church.

The reading of letters was then resumed.

The Chairman of Committee on Questions in Letters reported a letter from the Oxford Church, recently organized, requesting ad-

mission into the Association. It was voted that the church be received. The right hand of fellowship was then extended to Bro. J. B. Woodland, delegate from the Church.

Reading of letters resumed.

Bro. Wm. Faulkner presented the following statement of Bro. T. M. King, Trustee of the Pictou Meeting House Fund :

Eastern Baptist Association in acct. and Interest acct. with T. M. King.
1875.

Nov. 25. By Pictou Meeting House Fund received this day...\$493 78
1876.

July 7. By Interest to date at 6 per cent..... 18 18

Amount due this day.....\$511 96
T. M. KING, Trustee.

Reading of letters resumed.

On motion of Bro. S. Selden it was Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider what improvement may be made on the blank forms of letters.

The following brethren were appointed : S. Selden, W. B. Boggs, J. E. Goucher, and S. March.

Resolved, That Rev. J. B. McDonald, with the Secretaries of this Association, be a Committee to revise the List of Ministers.

Moved that 1250 copies of the Minutes of this Association be printed for the use of the Churches, at the same rate as last year, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association next year.

The Chairman of Committee on Education presented their Report. Moved and seconded that the Report of the Committee be received for discussion.

After addresses by Professor Higgins, Brethren Wm. Faulkner, S. Selden, Rev. J. E. Goucher, E. Taylor, Rev. W. B. Boggs, and Rev. J. B. McDonald, it was resolved that the Report lie on the table for future discussion.

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement further reported : That they recommend that the Report on Missions be presented immediately after the reading of the Circular Letter on Monday ; and that the Reports on Sabbath Schools and Denominational Literature follow in succession.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. A. Moore.

MONDAY MORNING, July 10th.

The Association Sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Goucher, from Dan. xii 8.

The Moderator having taken the chair, a collection was taken for Home Missions.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. B. Boggs.

The Minutes of the session of Saturday afternoon were read and approved.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported that they had read the Letter, and recommend that it be now read.

Resolved, That the Letter presented by the writer, Rev. M. P. Freeman, be adopted and printed with the Minutes, and that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to publish it in the columns of that paper.

Resolved, That Rev. S. March be appointed on the Committee to revise the list of Ministers.

Reading of letters was next resumed.

Resolved, That Bro. Goucher be requested to furnish a copy of the excellent sermon just delivered, for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

Moved that the following be delegates to the Convention: Brethren Wm. Faulkner, Chas. R. King, George Davidson, Benjamin Douglass, and T. M. King.

Moved that Revds. S. March and E. T. Carbonnell be delegates from this Association to the Association of P. E. Island.

Moved that the following be delegates to the Central Association: Revds. J. E. Goucher, J. B. McDonald, and any other ministering brethren to the number of five.

Moved that Bro. S. March be appointed delegate to the Western Association of N. S.

Adjourned with benediction by Moderator.

MONDAY - Afternoon Session.

Opened by singing the 90th hymn, and prayer by Rev. H. Eagles. The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

It was resolved that the Report on Education be next in order, and Rev. D. Freeman presented the Report of the Committee in an amended form.

Moved that the Report now presented be adopted by this Association.

After an animated discussion, in which Brethren D. McKeen, J. B. McDonald, Prof. Higgins, M. P. Freeman, W. B. Boggs, J. I. DeWolfe, S. Selden, and J. Chipman Archibald participated, the Report passed unanimously. (See Appendix A.)

Rev. S. March presented, as next in order, the Report of the Committee on Missions.

The Report, on motion, was received.

Moved that the clause of the Report relating to Foreign Missions be first taken up.

Rev. W. B. Boggs, returned Missionary, opened the discussion with a most interesting address, after which a collection was taken in aid of Foreign Missions.

After an address by Rev. J. E. Goucher, the Association was invited to unite in special prayer, with Bro. D. Freeman leading, in behalf of Bro. Churchill, that his present voyage to Australia may be blessed in his restoration to health.

The clause of the Report relating to Foreign Missions passed.

Moved that the remaining portion of the Report relating to Home Missions be adopted.

After addresses by Brethren J. B. McDonald, D. Freeman, W. B. Boggs, H. Eagles, and W. F. Linton, further discussion was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Goucher.

TUESDAY MORNING, July 11th.

Opened with singing 858th hymn, and prayer by Bro. William McCully.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The List of Delegates was then read and corrected.

The Secretary reported that several Churches had failed for three years to send letters to this Association.

Moved that Brethren McDonald and King be a Committee to report on the state of the Churches of Mabou and South Bar.

Voted that Rev. A. W. Bars be requested to visit the Church at Sand Point, and report their condition to the next meeting of the Association.

The following letter was presented by Bro. Goucher from Rev. G. E. Day, in behalf of the N. S. Western Association:

YARMOUTH, July 7th, 1876.

To the Eastern N. S. Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren,—During the session of our Western Association the following facts were brought before the minds of the brethren assembled:

1. There are certain advantages arising to Churches and Societies from Acts of Incorporation.

2. Although certain Societies connected with our denomination are incorporated, and several individual Churches, the denomination as a body is not incorporated.

3. By a vote of the Legislature last winter a petition for an Act to incorporate even one Church must be accompanied by the sum of \$50.00.

4. It is possible to have an Act passed by the Legislature incorporating the whole Baptist body in Nova Scotia. This can be done for \$50.00, the same that it would cost to get one church incorporated. Under this Act any church, by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting called for the purpose, can have the benefits of incorporation without any expense.

A Committee was then appointed to prepare a Draft Act of Incorporation and present it to the Association. This was done, and the draft was unanimously adopted. The Association then appointed a Committee of three to present this draft to the Central and Eastern Associations, with the request that they each would appoint a Committee of three to meet the Western Committee during the time of the Convention at Sackville.

The draft was brought before the Central Association and unanimously adopted. A Committee was appointed to meet the other Committees at the time and place before named.

The Western Association instructed their Committee to kindly request you to adopt this draft as it is, or suggest to your Committee what modifications you desire. If you give your Committee authority to act for you, the Draft Act of Incorporation can be examined

by the three Committees at Sackville, and then presented by them to the Legislature at their next session.

Western Committee.

G. E. DAY, *Chairman*,
J. H. SAUNDERS,
A. COHOON.

Central Committee.

J. W. BARSS,
B. H. EATON,
W. A. PORTER.

Truly yours, &c.,

G. E. DAY.

It was voted that Brethren Wm. Faulkner, T. M. King, and Benjamin Douglas be the Committee to carry out the arrangement proposed.

The Treasurer, Bro. Seaman, presented his Report.

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported further that they recommend that this Association meet with the Church at Portauisque and Upper Economy next year.

The Committee on Blank Forms reported progress. On motion, the matter was referred back to the Committee to report at the next Association.

Voted that the thanks of this Association be tendered to the managers of the Railway and Steamboat Companies for the courtesy extended to the delegates of this Association in reducing their fares.

Voted that the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Baptist Church and friends of River Hebert for their generous hospitality extended to the delegates of this Association.

Passed by a rising vote.

The Report on Missions was then taken up.

Addresses were delivered by Brethren Wm. Faulkner, D. McKen, J. E. Goucher, C. R. King, H. Eagles, H. B. Shaffner, E. T. Carbonell, D. A. Steele, and D. Freeman, after which the Report was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer, in handing over to the H. M. Union, the funds now in his hands, be requested to call the special attention of the Board to the necessity of paying Bro. Corey, and other missionaries within the bounds of this Association, the arrearages due them without further delay.

Report on Denominational Literature was presented by Chairman, J. B. McDonald. The Report was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Bro. Faulkner presented the Report on Sabbath Schools, which was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Moved that Brethren March and Goucher be a Committee to prepare an Abstract of Letters to be published with the Minutes.

Moved that we adjourn to meet with the Church at Portauisque, the 2nd Saturday in July, 1877, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

D. A. STEELE, *Moderator.*

M. P. FREEMAN,

J. CHIPMAN ARCHIBALD, } *Secretaries.*

25 Indian Harbor..... Allen McMillan..... 1
 26 Isaacs Harbor..... J. E. Hitchins..... 1
 27 Little Chace Bay.....

28 Little River.....	1849 Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	1876 T. M. Johnson.....	1	28	1	112
29 Lower Stewiacke.....	1832	W. W. Pickings.....	1		1	87
30 Mabou, C. E.***						24
31 Macoon.....	1844 Rev. H. Beol.....	1874 Amos Atkinson.....	6		6	73
32 Margase.....						48
33 Mira Bay.....	1838	A. J. Spencer, Mira Gut.....	16	10	37	20
34 Merigonish***						19
35 New Hannan**						30
36 North Sydney	1825 Rev. J. B. McDonald.....	1873 A. G. Musgrave.....	8	4	3	180
37 New Glasgow	1876	W. S. Blanchard.....				59
38 Onalogo East.....	1809 Rev. S. March.....	1876 Edward Douglas, Truro.....	4	1	6	52
39 Onalogo West.....	1809 Rev. S. March.....	1874 Charles M. Dickson, Central Onalogo.....	6	1	1	184
41 Orford.....	1876 Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	1876 James E. Reid, Oxford.....	15	10		90
42 Parraboro Village	1839					49
43 Pictou*						107
44 Portapique and Upper Economy	1843	Thomas Davidson, Portapique Mountain.....	33	2	4	193
45 Pugwash.....	1827 Rev. D. W. Crandall.....	1874 Wm. Dickie.....	57	1	2	25
46 River John.....	1843	1876 Robert Allen.....	13	4		28
47 River Hebert.....	1873 Rev. H. Beol.....	1874 John Barnes.....	1			10
48 St. Anna**						22
49 Sandy Point***						61
50 St. Mary's 1st.....	1840 Rev. H. Fagins.....	Zobah Howitt, Sheerbrooke.....				63
51 St. Mary's 2nd.....	1849 Rev. J. B. McQuillin.....	1875 John A. Kirk, Cross Roads, St. Mary's.....	13	3	4	69
52 Sydney.....	1846	Charles R. King.....				22
53 South Bar, C. E.**						54
54 Tatamagouche	1848					99
55 Tracadie.....						280
56 Truro.....	1868 Rev. J. E. Goucher.....	1878 Wm. Faulkner, Box 187, Truro.....	19	2	8	33
57 Upper Londonderry	1851 Rev. M. P. Freeman.....	1873 Richard McCully, Debert Station.....	1	1	4	39
58 Upper Stewiacke*						33
59 Wentworth*						18
60 West Bay, C. E.		William McKenzie, West Bay.....	2	11	5	41
61 West Brook.....		Stephen Roscoe.....	2	1	4	13
62 Westchester.....			2	1	4	99
63 Wallace.....	1849 Rev. J. A. Moore.....	1875 P. C. Woodland, Wallace Bridge.....	329	51	22	594432

Ministers in the Eastern Association.

Name.	President Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. J. Armstrong.....	Greenville.....	1874	Greenville.
" A. W. Barrs.....	Guysborough.....	1869	Coatbridge, Scot., G.B.
" Henry Bool.....	River Hebert.....	1868	Point DeBute, N. B.
" E. B. Corey.....	Oxford.....	1864	Carridock, Ont.
" D. W. Crandal.....	Pugwash.....	1860	Wentworth.
" Obed Chute.....	Upper Stewiacke.....	1876	River John.
" E. T. Carbonnel.....	River John.....	1842	Kempt, Hants Co.
" Henry Eagles.....	St. Mary's.....	1863	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" M. P. Freeman.....	Great Village.....
" David Freeman.....	Parrabero'.....
" J. E. Gouche.....	Truro.....	1860	Gagetown, N. B.
" T. B. Layton.....	Central Onslow.....	1866	St. Francis, N. B.
" Stephen March.....	Athol.....	1864	River Hebert.
" David McKeen.....	North Sydney.....	1870	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" J. B. McDonald, M.D.....	St. Ann's, C. B.....	1873	North Sydney.
" Daniel McLeod.....	St. Ann's, C. B.....	1870	Hawkesbury.
" J. B. McQuillin.....	Antigonish.....	1822	Hammond's Plains,
" George Richardson.....	Sydney.....	1866	Wolfville.
" D. A. Steele.....	Amherst.....	1862	Westbrook.
" Saml. Thompson.....	Little River, Cum'd.....	1874	Canso.
" G. W. Thomas.....	Canso.....
" L. M. Weeks.....	Hawkesbury.....

LICENTIATES.

- J. Chipman Archibald, Upper Stewiacke.
- Chas. Martell, Mira Bay, C. B.
- James Morrison, Onslow West.
- Edward Grant, North Sydney.
- Caleb Hentington, Grand Mira, C. B.
- William McKenzie, West Bay, G. B.
- John W. Weeks, Sydney, C. B.
- Edward Munro, Pugwash.
- W. Parker Anderson, Polly Lake.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Cultivation of Brotherly Love.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

We present an important subject for your consideration. Than this, we know of nothing more worthy of careful thought at the present time. Dr. Albert Barnes affirms that "perhaps no command of our Saviour is so little apparent to the world as that which enjoins the love of the brethren."

We do not undervalue the truth. The landmarks set up by the Lord of the way, in the New Testament, we must by no means despise, and neglect. As Baptists it behoves us to be true to our mission until all the professed followers of Jesus, rejecting human traditions, bow to the teachings of the sacred word. But religion does not consist in the maintenance of a sound creed, nor in the proper observance of gospel ordinances. Its essential element is love. Our orthodoxy may be above suspicion, our religious forms may be scriptural; our sanctuaries may be costly and moulded after the most approved architectural designs;—but these will not compensate for the absence of love. Without this there is rottenness at heart, and imbecility and death. If we are wanting in love for the brethren our profession is only as sounding brass. Without the existence of love amongst ourselves, our efforts for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom will appear to the world absurd and contemptible. Instead of eliciting their admiration, we shall attract notice, to secure contempt and scorn.

Brotherly love is the distinguishing badge of the Christian Church. Other organizations are known, by some peculiar doctrine, mode of dress, or sign, or outward token. "By this," said the Great Teacher, "shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." This divine principle is implanted in regeneration, and its existence is represented by John as a proof of having passed from death to life. The same apostle declares, "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."

This, then, is the sacred tie binding together the followers of Jesus; the golden chain, stronger than brass, that never galls nor burdens. He who finds a place in the church, but yet lacks in love, is out of his proper sphere, and should either repent, or go out again to his own company. For that want nothing can atone. Who would value apparent amiability of temper, in one who, in his own family is morose and unkind? Be he what he may abroad, at home

he should cultivate charity and peace;—a professing christian is judged, not by his attachment to men of other creeds, but by his love for the household of faith to which he belongs.

We have the character of love portrayed in the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians—"Charity suffereth long, and is kind." It is an emanation from Him who is "slow to wrath." It is to be lamented that the world so seldom witnesses an exhibition of this heavenly grace. Not that the opportunity is wanting. The occasions for its exercise are frequent. In the fervor of religious feeling to love is easy; but let another treat us with indifference or injustice, and how quickly is the spirit of resentment aroused! It is well if the sun does not go down on our wrath, thus in an evil hour provoked. But how often does the returning day fail in dispelling the dark shadow from our heart. The bitter feeling is nursed to a glowing heat. The fire is kindled, and fuel added thereto until the peace of a whole community is disturbed, and the church rent asunder. "Charity," the apostle adds, "is not easily provoked." This agrees with the words of Peter "Charity will cover a multitude of sins," and with those of Solomon when he says that it "covereth all sins." There is no room for resentment, and enmity in the heart, where charity dwells. A counterfeit is supposed to resemble that for what it is taken. If there are such in the churches what surer test do we have, by which to prove their worthlessness, than this that shows them to be wanting in the grace we are considering. Love is not extinguished by the breath of provocation. It "suffereth long"—it "is kind." This loving temper cannot fail under any provocation. "It beareth all things"; or, as the original implies, *covers up and conceals all*, even as the Lord does with the iniquities of his people.

Does this spirit prevail in our churches? Are the brethren endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace? Instead of selfishly enjoying his own mercies, is each earnestly seeking the other's wealth? Do all resist the devil and his wiles, and do they stand shoulder to shoulder, against the united hosts of darkness? Then are we eliciting the admiration of the world. Then do we realize the blessed ideal of the Psalmist when he exclaimed, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." And who would mar this beautiful picture? What hand so ruthless as to destroy an edifice so fair to look upon? Brethren if it be so let us add to the growing lustre of our name, and extend this heaven born principle to the ends of the earth.

But, alas! it is not so with us. If the picture represents what ought to be, it is not overdrawn. But that we do not realize the ideal, we must sadly confess. Look at the professing people of God before the hosts that oppose them, under the leadership of Satan. These stand in unbroken ranks,

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like unanimity and zeal. We see lines broken, disorder here and there. Their arms are turned against each other as though they were foes, and oblivious of the fact that the enemy is covering them with defeat and shame. O for a trumpet voice to sound out above the din of these contending factions, and to restore order along these ranks. Brethren, shall we appeal in vain. By the love of God, by the glories of heaven, by the terrors of hell, by all that is precious to man for time and eternity we entreat you let there "be no divisions among you." Let nothing alienate your affections, or break your union.

We do not wish to prefer any charges against the denomination so dear to our hearts, that cannot be sustained. If there be reproof in the language we employ, it is the reproof of love. Some of our churches are walking in love, and many of our members are promoters of peace. But if there be a single instance of departure from the gospel rule, the word of admonition is required. That there are too many such cases is evident. We must not close our eyes to the fact, but rather protest against, and seek to remove the evil.

It remains to show briefly how brotherly love may be promoted. And first we would remark that one ought never to expect provocation from another. Many causes of offence would never have been found if they had not been sought. Some are too sensitive, too ready to misconstrue the motives of others. They expect so much deference, and are so suspicious that the very shade of neglect or provocation awakens their resentment.

Again; a frank and open-hearted manner of dealing with each other would tend to the increase of brotherly love. This would strengthen confidence and mutual respect. Our Saviour has given a rule for a specific case: "If thy brother offend thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Be frank, plain, and affectionate. The simple *going* and *telling* the brother his fault does not fulfil the command. We must go with the right spirit. This will almost certainly ensure success.

We must further observe the law of forgiveness, enforced by the Saviour, "I say not unto thee until seven times but, until seventy times seven." The lesson is obvious. He who has not the law of forgiveness in his heart cannot offer acceptable prayer. He may seek for pardon as he forgives, if he does not forgive all offences against him he cannot expect forgiveness for all that he has committed against the Lord. We are required to love our enemies and to pray for those who use us despitefully, even though they continue to repeat their injurious acts. Their evil conduct is a temptation to us, but not our justification in wrong doing. "It takes two to make a quarrel." Forgive, and you cannot contend. Forgive, and there cannot be strife. The Chinese emperor who promised to destroy his enemies claimed that he had fulfilled his word, when by his kindness towards them he made them friends. Confession is another duty that is plainly taught us in the word.

"Confess your faults one to another." It is humiliating, and therefore hard, to acknowledge "I have sinned," but when it becomes a duty it should be cheerfully performed. He who thus humbles himself is truly noble, and more worthy of honor than many who gain the laurel wreath of fame. We are to be reconciled to a brother in order to place ourselves in a position to render acceptable worship. "First be reconciled to thy brother, then come and offer thy gift." He who would seek reconciliation with heaven, must have his conscience clear of offence towards man. How can one bow in true penitence before God, who cannot confess a fault to a brother?

We should cultivate whatever tends to the strengthening of mutual love. "Follow after the things that make for peace." We have need to guard our words and our conduct. We should give no countenance to the tale bearer and the slanderer. We should be less ready to give credence to what injuriously affects the character of a brother; and more willing to believe whatever is reported to his credit. Christians should manifest their kindly feelings when they meet by a smile of recognition, or by a pleasant word, or by the friendly grasp of the hand. True the church is not a mutual admiration society. We know others are not perfect, and we cannot lay any claim to that distinction ourselves. If then the Lord can forgive us and love us, it is a small matter if we love our brother. For brethren to go to law with each other is a direct violation of this rule we are seeking to enforce; and he who would be guilty in this respect should be treated as an offender by the church.

To know our duty towards the brethren, we have need to study more closely the character of Christ to consider his meekness and forbearance, in the midst of calumnies, insults and cruelties. We have need to consider the spirit of forgiveness that He endured even to the end, and that in the midst of suffering breathed out a prayer for his murderers. Jesus has given us the rule by which we are to determine the measure of love we owe to each other. "*As I have loved you.*" Find the limit of Christ's love. Until your love has passed beyond those lines, disobedience to this command can have, in God's sight, no palliating circumstances.

We might enlarge to show the desirableness of cultivating brotherly love—its effect upon the church, and upon the world, but we forbear—and close in the words of an inspired apostle, "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children and walk in love."

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APPENDIX

(A) REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report that our institutions at Wolfville have, during the past year, been much prospered. The attendance in the Academy has been greatly increased in both the male and female departments. There is still a debt on the new building of about \$12,000, which should at once be removed.

In the College about fifty students were in attendance. Probably the number will be greater next year, as the matriculation class promises to be larger. We are suffering greatly from the need of a Theological Department sufficient to retain our candidates for the ministry, in order to cultivate our own destitute mission fields, and build up our churches. This matter should receive early and earnest attention.

As to the adoption of the scheme proposed by the Government for establishing one examining Board for all the Colleges, we would not now, as a body, decide. This matter will be dealt with by the Convention of these Maritime Provinces. But we would disapprove of any measure which would lead or look towards the subversion of Acadia College, and merging it with other Colleges into one Teaching University for the Province.

Your Committee also would urge that no side issues, however important, should be allowed to divert our attention from our own work of fully endowing the College, and watching over its best interests.

—D. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

(B) REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows:

1. Your Committee earnestly recommend that our Foreign Missionary enterprise continue to engage the sympathies, contributions, and prayers of the Churches of this Association.
2. The marks of the Divine favor which have rested, in an *unwonted measure*, upon the efforts of our Missionaries among the English-speaking population of India, as well as among the Telugu people, during the past year, call for devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father. Notwithstanding some of our Missionaries have been compelled to retire from the work of proclaiming Christ among the heathen, and others are, for a season, prevented from active labors by illness, yet your Committee trust that even this, instead of producing any misgiving or distrust will only stimulate our

faith, and lead to more determined efforts to aid those still in the field, with the means of carrying on their work, and to fill up the ranks of those who are called to the rear.

3. Your Committee would call attention to the fact that some of our Churches are contributing little or nothing to this important work, and would urge upon ~~the~~ the duty of ~~exhibiting~~ exhibiting their energies and means in hastening on the glad day when "all nations shall call our Redeemer blessed."

4. The continued efforts of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies are worthy of praise, and should be more widely extended, until shared in by the entire sisterhood of our Churches.

5. Our Home Mission demands an increased share of our attention. More funds are imperatively needed, so that the fields already won may be held, and reinforced with efficient workers, who will gather in the ripening harvests of the Lord. A good work has been done during the past year. Much seed has been sown, and a goodly number of converts have "become obedient unto the faith." But the hands of the Union Board are shackled by lack of the needed means. "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

6. The French Mission also calls for the liberal and hearty support of our Churches, and cannot but commend itself to our patient sympathies and prayers. The Missionary, Bro. Normandy, is laboring on amid many discouragements to bring the French under his care into the fold of Jesus.

7. Your Committee venture to hope that in all these departments the coming year will witness more signal displays of the power of the "truth as it is in Jesus." For this let us all unitedly, and believingly pray.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MARCH, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

The press is an indispensable agency in fostering and forwarding all great enterprises. We rejoice that it is wielded with such power and success in spreading the gospel throughout the world, and promoting christian culture in the church. The progress of the age demands of us, as a denomination, more vigorous and systematic effort in the dissemination of pure religious literature. The time may not have arrived yet for the founding of a Dominion Baptist Publication Society. It is, however, an enterprise of such vital importance that the consideration of it presses upon our attention. In the mean time existing, Baptist publishing houses should receive liberal patronage at our hands.

The *Christian Messenger* continues its successful career as an unflinching advocate of truth, and the commodious vehicle for the inter-communication of thought. We cordially recommend it as a

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good family newspaper, not only to Baptists but to others as well. We also recommend *The Baptist Teacher*, and the International Series of Bible Lessons to be used in all our Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. McDONALD, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report that they have not had an opportunity of examining the returns or statistics from the different schools, but from hearing those reports read we believe more work has been done during the past than in former years.

Your Committee would urge upon the Churches the necessity of this department of Christian work, as we believe no Church can be in a healthy condition without an effective Sabbath School. Your Committee would urge upon young men and young women to attend the Sabbath School. We would also recommend every member of our Churches, as far as possible, to attend the Schools, either as teachers or scholars, and not to leave this important work to be cared for exclusively by the ministers and Superintendents.

Brethren, let us bring "all the tithes into the store-house," and try me "saith our God, and He will pour out such a blessing that there will not be room to receive it.

These few scattered thoughts are respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Association.

By order of the Committee,

WM. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND in account with H. L. DOUGLAS, Treasurer.

1875.		CR.	
July 1.	Balance account rendered.....		\$181 50
16.	Amount received from Association.....		32 36
Sept. 30.	Interest on the Jacobs Legacy.....		40 00
1876.			
July 21.	Balance of Interest to date.....		13 50
			<u>\$267 36</u>
1875.		DR.	
July 21.	Postage.....		\$ 0 03
Sept. 6.	Cash to the Rev. Mr. Thompson.....		10 08
1876.			
Mar. 20.	Cash to the Rev. James Parker.....		20 00
			<u>\$30 11</u>
	Balance in Treasurer's hands.....		\$237 25

Amherst, July 1st, 1876.

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION in account with JOB SEAMAN, Treasurer.

1876. To cash paid S. Selden, Esq., for reports, letters, postage, &c. \$ 61 00

July 11.	To cash paid S. Selden, Esq., for reports, letters, postage, &c.	\$ 61 00
"	Rev. H. Pool for Stationery	0 40
"	for Stationery and Postages	0 50
"	Bank Cheques, Bank of Nova Scotia	1 41
"	E. B. Corey forwarded by Rev. D. Steele	50 00
"	Mrs. S. Selden for Missionary Band	14 67
Aug. 2.	B. Douglas, Esq., for Infirm Ministers' Fund	32 61
"	Rev. Dr. Day, Yarmouth, H. and F. Missions	254 13
"	Thomas P. Davies, St. John, Foreign Missions	261 86
"	J. W. Barsse, Esq., Wolfville, Ministerial Education	11 90
"	Dr. Barsse, Wolfville, Acadia College	78 45
	Total	\$761 93

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By Monies collected at the Association at River Hebert, (See statement) \$761 93

JOB SEAMAN, Treasurer.

Barringtonfield, 2nd August, 1876.

By order of the Committee,
Wm. PARKER, Chairman.

WESTERN MINISTERS' FUND in account with R. E. BODDIE, Treasurer.

July 1.	Balance account rendered	1875
18	Amount received from Association	10 00
Sept 30.	Interest on the Jacobus Agency	40 00
1876		
July 31.	Balance of interest to date	18 50
		\$207 50
1876		
July 31.	Postage	\$ 9 03
Sept 5.	Cash to the Rev. Mr. Thompson	10 08
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Mar. 20.	Cash to the Rev. James Parker	20 00
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Balance in Treasurer's hands July 1st 1876 \$287 39

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Treasurer's Account of Moneys for Benevolent Objects received at the Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association, held at River Hebert, July, 1876.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Mission.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Indian Ministers.	Total.
1 Advocate Harbour.....	\$2 50						\$2 50
2 Amherst Shore.....	2 28	\$5 00					7 28
3 Antigonish.....	12 00	12 00			\$6 00		30 00
4 Acadia Mines.....	10 19						10 19
5 Amherst.....	56 54	63 08		\$4 75	30 00	\$15 00	169 37
6 Centreville and Mount Pleasant.....	12 00	4 00			2 00	2 00	20 00
7 Cow Bay, C. B.....	6 50	1 75	\$0 75	0 50	0 50	2 00	12 00
8 Diligent River.....	1 25	1 00				0 25	2 50
9 East Onslow.....	3 00	3 00			2 50		8 50
10 Folley Lake.....	2 67						2 67
11 Goose River.....	2 75			2 50	7 00		12 25
12 Greenville.....	3 00	2 34					5 34
13 Great Village.....		24 38	5 45				29 83
14 Guysborough and Manchester.....						4 00	4 00
15 Glenville and River Philip.....	1 00						1 00
16 Homeville, C. B.....	9 00	9 00					18 00
17 Indian Harbour.....	7 40						7 40
18 Lower Economy.....	5 30	3 70					11 35
19 Little River.....	5 80	2 25		0 35	1 00	1 00	8 05
20 Lower Stewiacke.....	5 20	4 80					10 00
21 Lower Macan.....	8 00			2 00	2 00	1 00	13 00
22 Mira Bay, C. B.....	4 00	2 00					6 00
23 North Sydney.....	20 00	40 00			10 00	3 61	73 61
24 New Glasgow.....	2 90	3 40					5 40
25 Parrsboro Village.....	9 25	1 00			1 00		11 25
26 Pugwash.....	9 00						9 00
27 Portauisque.....	17 44	10 86			4 45		32 75
28 Tatamagouche.....	4 00						4 00
29 Port Hawkesbury.....	6 00	2 00	1 00				11 00
30 Upper Londonderry.....		9 00	4 32				13 32
31 West Onslow.....	7 00	7 50	3 00		2 50	3 10	23 10
32 West Brook.....	7 20	5 90					13 10
33 Wallace.....	7 25	5 71			2 80	1 40	17 16
34 River John.....	20 95	6 85				2 00	29 80
35 River Hebert.....	10 00	19 00	2 00	1 00		1 00	23 00
36 West Bay.....	1 00						1 00
37 St. Mary's 1st.....	7 00						7 00
38 St. Mary's 2nd.....		4 00					4 00
39 Sydney.....	12 25	5 50	0 25	2 80	2 25	2 00	25 05
S. S. Mission Band, Gt. Village.....		14 67					14 67
Mrs. Matthew Donkin.....	1 00						1 00
Henry A. Davison.....		2 00					2 00
Collections at the Association.....	37 57	12 00					49 57
	\$341 21	\$277 69	\$16 77	\$13 90	\$74 00	\$38 36	\$701 93
Minutes and Expenses.....	51 15	1 16	2 70	2 00	0 55	5 75	63 31
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Sabbath School Statistics.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAME OF SUPERVISOR.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in S. S. and B. C.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.				
1 Antigonish	T. M. King	40	30	70	4	6	10	96	180	\$18 00	
2 Amherst	J. R. Black and M. A. Lacey	56	50	106	5	6	11	9	180	75 00	
3 Brookfield	W. H. Barrett and Jacob Stevens	13	25	40	3	3	6	13	115		
4 Cape Canso	W. H. Thoms	30	30	60	3	3	6	10			
5 Cow Bay	R. D. Pilon	30	30	60	3	3	6	13	50	10 00	
6 Centreville & Mount Pleasant	John R. Smith	13	12	25	3	3	6	5	50	10 00	
7 Diligent River	D. H. Jenks	11	20	31	3	3	6	3	70	7 00	
8 Folly Lake	Ken Slack	9	6	15	3	3	6	15	200	4 00	
9 Gooshen	John Sutherland	30	30	60	4	4	8	7	80	2 00	
10 Great Village	Ken Layton	30	30	60	4	4	8	5	100		
11 Goose River	Sam Hunter	30	30	60	4	4	8	5			
12 Guysboro and Manchester.	J. McE. Cunningham										
13 Indian Harbour	W. Sutherland										

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E. C. Banks	16	14	30	24	1	1	1	1	7	250
E. T. Stibley	16	14	31	25	1	1	1	1	7	144
William Strapson	22	24	46	40	1	1	1	1	2	100
Levi Johnson	17	23	40	25	1	1	1	1	18	5 00
15 Moose River	17	10	24	20	1	1	1	1		
Amos Atkinson	24	24	30	20	1	1	1	1		
James Mun	24	22	34	30	1	1	1	1		150
John Grant	17	18	25	25	1	1	1	1		80
Samuel McKinlay	32	18	40	30	1	1	1	1	14	100
John P. Johnson	10	10	30	20	1	1	1	1	6	20 00
Charles Douglas	15	20	30	20	1	1	1	1		
James Douglas	10	10	30	35	1	1	1	1		
Thomas Seaman	10	10	30	30	1	1	1	1		
H. Hollis	80	40	70	30	1	1	1	1	12	200
N. Sutherland	10	18	38	25	1	1	1	1	11	100
Thomas Armstrong	12	30	38	30	1	1	1	1		
Zebah Hewitt	20	30	50	40	1	1	1	1		100
Edward McKean	20	28	34	35	1	1	1	1	13	55 00
P. R. G. Archibald	20	24	34	30	1	1	1	1		12 00
T. Stevens	20	23	52	40	1	1	1	1	35	100
Wm. McCully, Union Sabbath School	12	10	32	30	1	1	1	1	8	200
Stephen Rosco, Union Sabbath School	18	16	34	25	1	1	1	1	10	100 00
Ephraim Howard	18	16	34	25	1	1	1	1	8	100

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Abstract of the Letters from the Churches to the N. S.
Eastern Baptist Association.

Advocate Harbour.—Rev. D. McKeen, A. M., Pastor. Nothing cheering to write. Our late Pastor was laid aside by sickness early last winter. He is unable to resume his labors. Bro. McKeen has commenced to preach to us for a while, but the location requires some one to be settled on the ground—which is largely missionary—we should require some aid from the Board. Two baptized during the year.

Antigonish.—Rev. J. B. McQuillin, Pastor. Cannot report large accessions, but are grateful that the fruit of former visitations of God's Spirit is abiding. The weekly and Sabbath services are sustained in the absence of the Pastor. The Sabbath School is a specialty of the Church. Three baptized during the year.

Amherst.—Rev. D. A. Steele, A. M., Pastor. The gospel has been faithfully preached by the Pastor during the past year. Thankful to report some additions:—fourteen baptized, five received by letter. Our membership does not increase to any appreciable extent, as we are constantly dismissing members to other churches, ten of our members have gone to join the church triumphant.

Amherst Shore.—[No Pastor.] We have been without stated preaching this year, but had occasional visits from Elders E. B. Corey and D. H. Crandall, whose labors we trust have not been in vain. We believe the cry of many young persons is, "What must I do to be saved?" Brethren, pray for us.

Acadia Mines.—[New church.] It becomes our privilege for the first time to address you as a church engaging to maintain the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel. Feeling that our own spiritual interests would be promoted and the cause of religion advanced by uniting together as a church, agreed to call a council of brethren from sister churches adjacent which met accordingly on the 28th of June. The Council agreed unanimously to accede to the wishes of the brethren, and the church was duly organized. Two baptized during the year. Present membership fifteen. Revd. M. P. Freeman, Pastor.

Brookfield.—Bro. H. B. Shafner, (Lic.) has been laboring with us a part of the time since May. There is a good degree of religious interest amongst us. We are hoping and praying for the outpouring of the Spirit. Three prayer meetings have been kept up during the year.

Barney's River.—[No Pastor.] We are few in number, and of limited pecuniary means, but rejoice to declare our oneness with you in the faith. Bro. Freeman has visited us several times, and strengthened us in the Lord. We have dismissed six members to join the church recently organized in New Glasgow. We have erected a meeting-house, the outside of which is finished and are striving to pay off the debt.

Cape Canso.—Rev. G. W. Thomas, Pastor. We can but sing of the mercy and goodness of the Lord. Since we last addressed you the word and ordinances of the Lord have been faithfully adminis-

tered. Our Pastor, Bro. Thomas, purposes entering Newton Theological Institution at the expiration of his present year. We have been called to mourn the loss of two brethren by death, one of whom, W. J. Bigelow, Esq., had done much by his means and liberality to build, uphold, and further the cause of God here. One baptized during the year.

Cow Bay, C. B.—[No pastor.] When we last wrote you Rev. J. Brown was laboring with us, and continued with us until last September. Since then we have been without a pastor, but the Lord did not forget us but poured out of his Spirit upon us, and we have been reaping the harvest sown by Brother Brown. Eight have been baptized, two added by letter.

Centreville, Mount Pleasant.—Elder E. B. Corey, Pastor. Hither to the Lord hath helped us. We are putting forth effort to support the cause of God. Through the labors of Rev. E. B. Corey we have built and furnished a commodious meeting house during the year. We are happy to say our house is free of debt. The Lord has graciously smiled upon us. Wanderers have returned, and sinners have been converted to God. Bro. Corey's labors are highly appreciated. Thankful for aid from the Home Mission Union. Hope they will still remember us. Six baptized.

Diligent River.—[No pastor]. The church is very small, yet we keep up our Prayer and Conference meetings and Sabbath School. Rev. David Freeman has been preaching to us part of the time this Spring to good acceptance.

Polly Lake.—[New church.] Rev. J. J. Armstrong, Pastor. It is our privilege for the first time to address you as a Church of Christ. We have been duly organized, and humbly desire to be admitted into your body. Our Pastor has been labouring with us since January to good acceptance. We have bi-weekly prayer meetings which are seasons of refreshing. Though numerically and financially weak we are spiritually strong in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thirteen baptized, three received by letter.

Greenville.—Pastor, Rev. J. J. Armstrong. God has not left us without tokens of his favor. We have a few that seem willing to bear the standard of the cross. Our pastor is still laboring amongst us one fourth of his time. One has been baptized. Brethren, pray for us.

Goshen.—Rev. F. B. McQuillin, Pastor. We meet on the Lord's day for prayer and exhortation. Three have been added by baptism during the year. We have been doing a little to our meeting house to make it comfortable, and hope ere long to have it finished. Our pastor meets with us a part of every fourth Sabbath.

Great Village.—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Pastor. We acknowledge the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, and would speak also of His chastening hand. We have not been permitted to welcome accessions, yet we have been favored with tokens of the Divine love. The converts of last year are for the most part doing well; and though financially we may be weaker than we were a year ago, yet, in spiritual power, we think we have gained. The loss sustained by the death of Deacon James Gourley is still deplored. He was a faithful brother, and is greatly missed. One baptized.

Glenville and River Philip.—Rev. J. A. Moore, Pastor. We cannot boast of as great accessions as some of our sister churches, yet the border of the shower has reached us, and we have been cheered with

the presence of God. Death has made inroads taking an elder brother and a sister from us. Sixteen have been added by baptism, two by letter, one restored.

Goose River.—Rev. D. W. Crandal, Pastor. We enjoy the faithful labors of our Pastor one quarter of the time. Our Prayer and Conference meetings are sustained, and there is a good degree of interest in the Sabbath School. One added by baptism. Our prayer is that God's Spirit may be poured out.

Guysborough and Manchester.—Rev. A. W. Bars, Pastor. We have cause of thankfulness, that during the past year we have been favored with mercy drops, and have been made to rejoice in witnessing the power of divine grace in subduing the hearts of a few amongst us. But they were not those whom we seemed to feel the most anxiety for. Truly the ways of the Lord are not as ours. Our faith is still to be tried, and we are yet to plead for those who lie nearest our hearts that they may be brought to the feet of Jesus. Our Pastor has laboured hard in this extensive field, and we look for the seed sown to yield a harvest in due time. Baptized twenty-two, two by letter and three restored.

Port Hawkesbury, C. B.—[No pastor.] We have enjoyed the preaching of the gospel by Rev. L. M. Weeks since May last. He is here on a Mission for twelve weeks.

Homeville.—[New church—no pastor.] Having been dismissed from Mira Church and organized at Homeville, and as the separation has been mutual we hope it will be for the glory of God. We ask to be received into your body. Our present number is 37. Ten of whom were converted last Winter, and baptized by Rev. Dr. McDonald, who kindly visited us four times during the Winter and Spring. Bro. C. Huntingdon, (Lic.) from the Grand Mira Church has been laboring with us in connection with the Mira Church during the past Winter and we trust that the Lord has blessed his labors in the conversion of sinners and the unity of the church.

Isaac's Harbor.—Rev. J. B. McQuillin, Pastor. Again it is our privilege to report progress. The labors of Rev. J. B. McQuillin who spent one fourth of the time with us were greatly blessed, and our number largely increased. Fifty-four were baptized and united with the church, the majority of them heads of families. Surely "God hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." The foundation of a new church building is now being laid, it is to be completed during the Summer of 1877.

Indian Harbor, Guysborough Co.—Rev. H. Eagles, Pastor. We regret that we have nothing cheering to communicate. The two previous years we were enabled to report some additions to our church. Last Winter we held a few weeks special meetings, which were interesting, and as a church we were revived.

Lower Stewiacke.—Since Bro. Meadows resigned the Pastorate of this church he has continued to labor part of his time with the section at St. Andrews where he resides. At Lower Stewiacke it has indeed been a dark and trying time. We were without meetings of any kind for about ten months, having no pastor and no house to meet in. Our new house of worship was completed the last of April since which time we have sustained Conference and Prayer Meetings, and a Sabbath School.

Lower Economy and Five Islands.—[No pastor.]—After the last

Eastern Association we had a short visit from Bro. McGregor which resulted in great good. Six willing converts offered themselves to the church and were baptized by Rev. D. McKeen, who had been sowing the good seed and now they were enabled to rejoice together in the little harvest. As Bro. McKeen's health failed we have had but little preaching since. Bro. Thompson preached occasionally during the Winter.

Little Glace Bay.—[No pastor.] Our Sabbath Day and week night meetings, though not largely attended, have at least been profitable to ourselves, and we have very sensibly felt the presence of the Master to strengthen and cheer us. We are looking and praying for God to revive his cause in our midst.

Little River.—Rev. Samuel Thompson, Pastor. Rev. J. J. Armstrong has labored with us one quarter of his time until May. Since which we have engaged Elder Samuel Thompson, one-half of his time. Twenty-eight members have received letters of dismission and formed a church at Oxford. Brethren pray for us.

Maccan.—Rev. H. Bool, Pastor. Our pastor labours faithfully with us one-third of the time, but the fruit does not appear. When will the set time to favor our Zion come?

Margaree.—Church growing feeble for want of ministerial labor, prospects are dark, needs aid from the Board.

Mira Bay.—[No pastor.] We have reason to be thankful that it has pleased the Lord to pour out his blessing upon the church during the past Winter. We have no stated preaching. Bro. C. Huntington (Lac.) of Grand Mira Church has been labouring with us part of the time, and we have had several visits from Rev. Dr. McDonald of North Sydney, who baptized sixteen converts and received them into the church, with ten more restored, making in all twenty-six additions. We are now entirely destitute of preaching, and hope the brethren assembled at the Association will remember and assist us, if possible.

North Sydney.—Rev. J. B. McDonald, M. D., Pastor. During the past year the spiritual destitution around us has been very great. Six missionary tours have been performed by our Pastor, and nearly forty have been baptized by him outside of our own limits. Our pastor also carried on an extensive correspondence with and on behalf of destitute churches throughout the Island of Cape Breton. Three baptized.

New Glasgow.—[New church.] You are aware that in October last a Baptist Church was formed at New Glasgow, consisting of nineteen members. Since then seven have been added by baptism. We earnestly solicit your prayers on behalf of the little church that her members may be sustained and guided by Almighty power, that the little vine planted here may bring forth much fruit. We are each and all willing to contribute what we can in order to have a settled minister. We are earnestly praying that the Lord will direct one of his servants among us.

Onslow West.—Rev. S. March, Pastor. Our little one has not yet become a thousand, but we have been progressing slowly under the labors of our beloved pastor. Our hearts have been made glad by the addition of six rejoicing believers to our number. We have been engaged during the past year in the erection of a neat and comfortable residence for the Pastor. The land was donated for the purpose by our friend Silas Clark, Esq. It is now nearly completed, and our

pastor already occupies it. This work has largely taken our pecuniary resources.

Onslow East.—Pastor, Revd. S. March. We are not left without some tokens of the favor of heaven. We are still enjoying the labors of Revd. S. March who ministers to us in holy things. Four have been added to our number by baptism, but we regret that we have been compelled to employ the pruning knife and enforce discipline. Two of our number have been removed from the church militant to join the church triumphant.

Oxford.—[New church.] We send you our first annual message, without being able to report any additions to our membership since organization. Our late pastor, Bro. Armstrong, after laboring with us for a year has left us, carrying with him the esteem, the best wishes and the prayers, not only of our entire membership, but of the whole Congregation and community. We are now making arrangements to secure the services of Bro. Samuel Thompson for one-half of the time. May the Lord bless his labors amongst us. Our present membership is thirty-three. Our Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition, and numbers beside the Superintendent, nine teachers and seventy scholars.

Parrsboro.—Pastor, Rev. D. Freeman. Our experience during the past year has been a chequered one. Our late Pastor, Rev. D. McKeen preached for us occasionally until early in September when he was laid aside by sickness. By this providence his labors have been withdrawn. Our sympathy and prayers will follow him in his future work. We at present enjoy the ministrations of the Rev. D. Freeman. Our hope is that his coming among us may be for the glory of God. We are making efforts to build up a system of scripture finance. We feel an interest in the benevolent work of the denomination. We ask your prayers on our behalf. Fifteen added by baptism, ten by letter.

Pugwash.—Pastor, Rev. D. W. Crandall. The past year has been one of prosperity. The Lord has heard the prayers of his people, and has blessed the faithful and earnest labors of our beloved pastor. The timely aid rendered our pastor by Bro. E. T. Carbonell, during our extra meetings last winter, was highly appreciated, and he will ever be held in high esteem by us. Those that have lately come in to our church are working well, showing that the work is genuine. Fifty-seven have been added by baptism, one by letter, two restored.

Portauipique.—[No Pastor.] When we last addressed you the Spirit of God was being poured out amongst us. And at that time a number expressed a hope in the Saviour and united themselves with the people of God: but on account of the failing health of our beloved pastor, the Rev. D. McKeen, we have had no stated preaching amongst us for some time. Hence the cause of God has in some measure declined among us, but we desire to trust in God, and believe that in his own good time He will send us an under-shepherd, one whose labors he will own and bless. Thirty-three have been added by baptism. We invite the Association to meet with us next year.

River John.—Rev. E. T. Carbonelli. It is with pleasure we inform you of the stately steppings of the Master of assemblies among us. He has caused the Sun of Righteousness to arise with healing in his wings, and allowed us once more to bask in his smile. Brother E. T. Carbonell coming among us in the Spirit of the Master, the Lord gave him favor in the sight of the people. The church having secured his services for a year asked for and obtained his ordination. Thirteen

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have been baptized, and many more are looking towards us, of whom a number we hope will be enabled to see their way clear to join with us, the Revds. D. Freeman and D. W. Crandall who rendered timely assistance. Our numbers have been trebled.

River Hebert.—Rev. H. Bool, Pastor. Our first words shall be those of welcome. We are glad you have consented to accept our invitation, and we shall have great pleasure as long as you remain in this neighborhood to seek to promote your happiness and comfort. With regard to our Convention we have little of an encouraging nature to communicate. The showers of grace with which others have been revived have not yet reached us. "The Lord hasten it in His time" one added by baptism.

Sydney.—[No pastor.] We acknowledge with gratitude the loving kindness of our Divine Master, and His tender watchful care over us. In November last, our pastor, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, resigned the pastorate to engage in other important work for the Master. During Bro. Armstrong's residence among us, he by his zeal in laboring for Christ, and his christian courtesy won our esteem and christian love, and by his removal the cause in this Island has sustained a loss which it can ill afford. Our efforts to secure a successor to Bro. Armstrong have as yet been unsuccessful. Two of our faithful standard bearers Deacon John Peters, and Sister Henry Crawley have been called to rest from their labors, and although their death brings sadness to our hearts, yet we rejoice that they are free from suffering and pain, having gone to rest with their Saviour, crowned with glory, riches, and honor. During the past winter, the Great Shepherd has been our guide. His reviving spirit has been working with power in our midst, and we have had a precious revival season. Wanderers have been reclaimed of Satan, thirteen have been added to us by baptism and three by letter. These we believe will become a great strength to the church.

St. Mary's 1st.—Pastor Rev. H. Eagles. We cannot report to you the pleasing news of a revival: yet our hope and expectations are that our blessed Lord will revive us again, that his people may rejoice in Him, and that it will be our privilege again as in the past to welcome precious souls into the Church of Christ. God's people are praying, and the gospel seed is being sown—and God giveth the increase.

St. Mary's 2nd.—Pastor, Rev. J. B. McQuillan. We have enjoyed the faithful ministration of our pastor one eighth of the time for the past two years. In the meantime our prayer meetings have been kept up, (both old and young people's,) but no special interest manifested, and no additions for the past year, but we know that "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Truro.—Pastor, Rev. J. E. Goucher. We rejoice that since the last Association, the work of Christ has been steadily advancing, that large numbers have been added to the churches, both East and West, by baptism. We also rejoice, that while the Spirit of God has been hovering over the churches, our own church has shared in the Divine blessing. Since we last reported to your body, nineteen have been added by baptism, and two by letter. Our esteemed pastor, Rev. J. E. Goucher, has been labouring with us three years, during which period one hundred and twelve have been baptized. The Act passed by the local Legislature last session having for its object a change in our Educational Institutions, should be well understood by the

denomination, as an important decision will have to be arrived at in August next at the meeting of our Convention.

Tatamagouche.—(No pastor.) Our position as a church may be described in the words spoken of as Gideon's army: "Faint," &c. Yet we hope to see before long some in our midst becoming disciples of Christ. We have had but five sermons during the past year. We greatly need pastoral care.

Upper Londonderry.—Pastor, Reyd, M. P. Freeman.—The Spirit has in a measure withdrawn His quickening influence from us but we are not without hope. There is a feeling of anxiety manifested by the brethren which leads us to believe that better days will yet come, for we know that God hears the prayer of his people, and that, when they humble themselves before him. He is ready to bless them. Bro. Freeman has labored among us with acceptance, a small portion of his time during the year.

West Brook.—Pastor, Revd. D. McKeen. We are cheered on account of our beloved pastor being able to resume his labors among us. Our prospects are brighter than they have been for some time past. Two have been added by baptism, and we hope others will soon follow. Eleven brethren and sisters residing at Southampton and Athol were dismissed from their respective churches and united with us. We have therefore extended our field of operation.

Wallace.—Pastor, Revd. J. A. Moore. We cannot report any visible progress during the year now ending. We trust that the coming year will be more fruitful. We are endeavoring to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. We have had Bro. Moore for our pastor since last summer whose labors are highly appreciated amongst us, and we trust that the seed sown will not be in vain. Two have been baptized, — one added by letter.

West Bay.—(No pastor.) We cannot report great additions to our church, yet we believe none of our membership desires to forsake our distinctive Bible principles. May grace mercy, and peace be multiplied unto us, and to all the household of faith. Two added by baptism.

every Baptist Pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board and taking part in its deliberations, but not voting. The officers of the Society named above to be ex officio members of the Board.

7. The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.
8. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union held in each of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations in turn to assemble the day previous to the meeting of the Association with which it is held in rotation.

ERRATUM.—Under "Liabilities, &c.," page 47, 1st column, for "Theological Department," read \$306 16, same as in 2nd column.
9. This Union shall appoint annually a Board of eight from each Association comprising the Union, whose duty shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in cases of emergency, and by the written petition of eight or more of whom, the President shall call a special meeting of the Union.
10. No Motion of this Convention shall be made unless by a two third affirmative vote of the members present at an annual meeting.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

1. The Consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both English and French, would, in the estimation of this Convention, tend to the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this Province;—the French Mission to be considered a separate Department, and all gifts, bequests, &c., made to the French Mission to go to that Department.
2. This Convention shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.
3. The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the gospel throughout the Provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and the Island of Newfoundland, the fostering of feeble Churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature.
4. This Union shall be composed of ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their respective churches in the Province, and delegates appointed by the Churches, each Church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates; together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of the Theological Institute, and the Principal of Horton Academy, the same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.
5. The officers of the Union shall be a President, who shall be elected annually by ballot; four Vice-Presidents, one from each Association, two Secretaries, and an Auditor, all of whom shall be appointed by open vote.
6. The Union shall annually appoint and locate an Executive Board of thirteen suitable men, seven of whom shall form a quorum; and every Baptist Pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board, and taking part in its deliberations, but not voting; the officers of the Society named above to be ex-officio members of the Board.
7. The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.
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9. This Union shall appoint annually a Board of Directors to consist of eight from each Association composing the Union, whose duty it shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in cases of emergency, and by the written requisition of eight or more of whom, the President shall call a special meeting of the Union.
10. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless by a two-third affirmative vote of the members present at an annual meeting.

MINUTES

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

YARMOUTH, Friday Morning, June 16th, 1876.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, convened in the Temple, Yarmouth, June 16th at 10 o'clock, A. M.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Rev. I. Wallace, was called to the chair.

Rev. J. E. Goucher led in prayer.

In the absence of Rev. M. P. Freeman, one of the Secretaries, Rev. J. A. Durkee was appointed in his place.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Temple Church.—Dea. J. C. Anderson, Bros. W. A. C. Randall, M. D., and Joshua Heustis.

Ist Yarmouth.—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., and Deas. A. C. Robbins, P. D. Kinney, and W. E. Heustis.

Hebron.—Rev. R. D. Burgess, Deas. W. R. Doty, Jas. Crosby, Bros. Parker & Goucher, and J. S. Hawkesworth.

Digby.—Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Bro. W. H. Aymar.

Lower Granville.—Rev. P. R. Foster.

Weymouth.—Rev. Jas. Bancroft and John Kinney.

Newport.—Rev. A. E. Ingram.

Lockeport.—Rev. E. Whitman, and Bro. John McKenne.

Hillgrove, Digby.—Rev. Jos. Skinner.

Annapolis and Upper Granville.—Rev. J. Clark.

Argyle.—Dea. O. W. Slocomb.

Liverpool.—Rev. G. O. Gates, Bros. Thomas Nickerson, and Thomas Harvie.

Berwick.—Rev. Isa. Wallace.

Cambridge.—Rev. Joseph H. Robbins.

Truro.—Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Ohio.—Rev. James Stubbart.

Arsent.—Rev. T. C. DeLong.

Shelburne.—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

Milton, Yarmouth.—Alfred Sevis, Zechariah Corning, Benj. Cook.

Milton, Queens.—Rev. J. Brown.

Freepoint.—J. W. Eldridge.

Nictaux.—Rev. W. J. Bleakney.

Pine Grove.—Rev. W. G. Parker.

Lawrencetown.—Dea Beriah Daniels.

Wilmot Mountain.—Rev. J. E. Bleakney.

Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot.—Rev. E. O. Read, and Bro. D. Banks.

Wilmot.—Rev. A. Cohoon.

Members in their own right.—Revs. T. H. Higgins, G. B. Titus, W. H. Richan, P. F. Murray, J. A. Durkee, W. B. Bradshaw, W. H. Warren, and D. M. Welton.

Invited.—Dea. W. W. Hogg, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, C. W. Sanders, Deas. Edward Pennell, A. G. West, Alex. Murray, Andrew Goudey, William Haley, Jos. Wilkins, Allen Haley, Jas. Hemeon, Geo. Cain

Resolved, That the Morning Session close at 12 o'clock, that the Afternoon Session open at 2.30 and close at 5.80, and that the Evening Session open at 7.30.

Rev. G. E. Day, on behalf of the Committee appointed to confer with the New Brunswick brethren, with a view to Union in Home Mission work reported: that the Board of New Brunswick did not favour Union.

Rev. G. E. Day, Corresponding Secretary, read the report of the Executive Board, report of Treasurer, also a statement of the Liabilities and Assets and estimate for the ensuing year.

Reports laid on the table.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. George Armstrong.

FRIDAY Afternoon Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. T. A. Higgins.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion report of the Corresponding Secretary was taken up and discussed clause by clause.

The first clause relating to employment of a General Agent was on motion adopted after remarks by Revs. A. Cohoon, G. E. Day, P. A. Shields, J. W. Bancroft.

Second clause concerning Theological Professor was read, discussed by Revs. Isa. Wallace, J. H. Robbins, G. E. Day, D. M. Welton, Geo. Armstrong, A. Cohoon and referred back to the Board for amendment. Afterwards accepted as amended.

Third clause relating to French Mission read, discussed by Revs. J. Clark, Isa. Wallace, M. Normandy, A. Cogswell, J. H. Robbins, J. Rowe, J. A. Durkee, P. Gallagher, P. R. Foster, and a Committee consisting of Revs. J. H. Saunders, J. H. Robbins, J. A. Durkee, W. H. Warren, T. A. Higgins, J. E. Goucher, J. W. Bancroft, appointed, to whom the matter of the future working of the French Mission was referred.

Fourth clause relating to Book Department was discussed by Revs. E. N. Archibald, G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, A. G. Robbins, T. C. Delong, and further discussion reserved till evening session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. O. Gates.

FRIDAY—Evening Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. J. Clark.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Discussion of fourth clause of report resumed by Revs. John Brown, P. Gallagher, E. N. Archibald. Clause adopted.

Fifth clause, relating to general work, read and adopted.

Sixth clause, relating to Newfoundland, read; spoken to by Revs. G. Armstrong, J. Brown, J. E. Goucher, E. N. Archibald, A. Cohoon, and adopted.

Seventh clause, relating to liabilities, read and adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider the clause relating to French Mission reported. Report referred to Executive Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. J. Bleakney.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion, report of Executive Committee adopted as a whole. Treasurer's report again read, and adopted.

On motion, it was voted that the Executive Board be located for the coming year at Yarmouth.

Resolved, That the membership of the Board be the same as last year, viz.: A. C. Robbins, J. C. Anderson, W. A. C. Randall, M. D., J. H. Haley, P. D. Kinney, W. R. Doty, G. E. Day, W. H. Warren, J. A. Stubbart, J. Rowe, P. Gallaher, R. D. Burgess, and P. F. Murray.

Resolved, That the Board be empowered to fill any vacancies occurring during the year.

The officers were elected as follows :

President,—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.; *Vice-Presidents*,—Revs. J. E. Goucher, D. McDonald, E. M. Saunders, and W. G. Parker; *Secretaries*,—Revs. A. Cohoon, and J. A. Durkee; *Directors*,—Revs. J. W. Manning, J. C. Bleakney, D. W. C. Dimock, Deacons J. W. Barss, and Judge McCully, and Revs. S. B. Kempton, and E. O. Read, for Central Association; Revs. E. Whitman, G. O. Gates, G. D. Cox, J. W. Bancroft, J. M. Parker, C. Tupper, D. D., John Clark, and Bro. B. H. Parker, for Western Association; Brethren T. M. King, N. Dobson, Moses Lowe, W. Cummings, J. R. Read, Amos Atkinson, A. W. McDonald, and Rev. D. McKeen, for the Eastern Association; and George McNeil, J. C. Colhoun, Jas. DesBrisay, Geo. Davies, Alex. Scott, Artemas Hooper, Malcom Ross, and Ebenezer Lidstone, for Prince Edward Island.

Resolved, That Wm. Faulkner, of Truro, be Auditor.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Union be tendered to the Board for their efficient services the past year.

Adjourned to meet with the Eastern Association next year.

A. COHOON,
J. A. DURKEE, } *Secretaries.*

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union beg to present their fourth annual report. Immediately after the Anniversary of the Union, your Board met to review the past, examine the present and prepare for the future. The past was radiant, the present was somewhat clouded, the future was an intermingling of light and shade. The financial pressure seemed to be growing more severe. Your Board believed that their general policy in the past was sound, and they were ready to pursue the same course. But circumstances seemed to indicate that it might be advisable to make certain changes in the manner of their work.

General Agency.—Your Board had the Rev. D. Freeman employed as their General Agent. He had laboured faithfully and with a good measure of success. Probably he could have prosecuted this work with favourable results, but objections had been raised by prominent brethren against the General Agency work. All the Associations had recommended that instead of an appeal to the churches for financial aid by the voice of an Agent, application should be made to them by letter. Your Board, therefore, although doubtful of the propriety of this course, felt morally bound to relinquish their hold on a General Agent. The Rev. Mr. Freeman who had acted in this capacity was subsequently stationed at New Glasgow, where he laboured for some time with encouraging success.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Associations, your Board prepared an appeal to the churches for financial assistance. A circular containing this Appeal was sent to each church in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island. Your Board regret to say that, except in a few instances, the churches did not respond, and the appeal was almost a complete failure. What was to be done? The French Missionary needed his salary. The money was not in hand. Your Board were compelled to act against their former expressed opinions. They were forced to take the missionary from his legitimate work and send him on a collecting tour. The churches visited kindly responded to the appeal made to them, and it is hoped that the addresses delivered by the missionary may awaken a greater interest in the French Mission.

Other brethren who had labored for the Board requested payment of the amounts due to them, to meet, if possible, these claims, the services of the Rev. P. A. Shields, as a financial agent were secured for a few weeks. He hurriedly visited several of the

churches, and, considering the season of the year, and the general depression in money matters, he met with a good degree of success.

In view of their own experience, and the experience of many societies in the United States, your board strongly recommend that a suitable General Agent be almost constantly in the field.

Theological Professorship.—Your Board are pleased to state that Prof. D. M. Welton has been laboring for them for five months—from January to June—in the Theological Department of Acadia College. His time during the summer vacation and for the following four months was occupied mainly in reference to the New Academy Building. His salary for that time was paid by the building Committee.

As Prof. Welton had devoted a part of his time during the winter to regular College work, your Board thought that the Governors of the College should pay a part of his salary. A request to that effect was sent to them. They report that they cannot accede to this request. Your Board are pleased to recommend that Prof. Welton be continued in the Theological Department, and that the Governors of the College pay his salary.

The following extract of the Professor's report will show the nature of the work done :—

“ My time during the past term has been pretty equally divided between the Theological Department and the College proper.

In the Theological Department I have had Homiletics and *Church History*. Twenty-five young men having the Christian ministry in view, have attended the lectures in Homiletics, and the work of the term in this branch has been arranged in the following order :—

1st. On one week, the reading of a sermon by one member of the class, said sermon open to criticism by all present.

2nd. On next week the placing of the plan of a sermon on the black-board by one member of the class appointed for the same purpose, said plan open to criticism by all the members of the class.

3rd. On the following week, a lecture by myself on some topic connected with the preparation and delivery of sermons. The topics on which I have principally dwelt are :—1st. Arrangement in sermons. 2nd. The different species of sermons, noticing three, the topical, the textual, and the expository. 3rd. Preparation and delivery of sermons, noticing three methods of delivery, reading, recitation, and extemporaneous speaking. 4th. On the proper method of conducting public worship. 5th. The guarantees of a successful ministry.

Five have been in the class in Church History, viz :—L. M. Weeks, J. W. Weeks, Chas. Bishop, Wm. Robinson, Otis Redden.

The last two are members of the graduating class.

The periods gone over are :—1st. The Apostolic period to A. D. 100. 2nd. The Martyr period to A. D. 313.

I may be permitted to say that the young men have shown

themselves deeply interested in their studies, and have, I believe, received great benefit from them."

French Mission.—Nothing of special interest has occurred during the year. The Missionary has been toiling on as usual. There has been some encouragement. One soul has professed faith in Christ and has been added to the company of believers. Others have been inquiring after the truth as it is in Jesus. The heaven is working, albeit its progress is slow. The ground is hard. The harvest is scanty. Your Board nevertheless would not give up the work. There must be a future for this Mission. Too much money has been expended thereon and too many prayers have been offered in its behalf for it to become a failure. During the spring there was quite a religious interest in the French Mission church, but the fruits do not yet appear.

Your Board are of the opinion that the French Mission premises at Tusket should be sold as soon as they can be disposed of to advantage. They also recommend that a Mission be commenced among the French in the Eastern part of the Province as soon as the man and the means can be obtained for such a work.

Book Department.—Your Board have long felt the importance of having a Baptist Book Depository in this Province. They have been working for the last few years with this object in view. At one time three colporteurs were in the field, and a good deal of work was done. Had a fair share of encouragement been given to the Board an immense deal of good would have been accomplished in this department, but objections were raised against the whole plan, and the efforts of your Board were in a great measure thwarted. The Board believe that the world has need of a Baptist literature. Baptists need it too. When Temperance Reformers wish to create a temperance sentiment, they spread abroad a temperance literature. If Baptists wish to spread their principles and indoctrinate their youth they should use a Baptist literature. The Board wish to create a correct sentiment on this subject, but they find it a difficult task. While prominent Baptist ministers and influential laymen are officers of a so-called *Union Book and Tract Society*, and while Baptist churches supply their Sabbath Schools from that source it is not an easy matter to make much progress in this department. Our Methodist brethren have their *Book Concern*. Our Presbyterian friends have a similar society. Why should Baptists be behind them? Your Board do hope that the pastors of our churches will look at this matter in the proper light.

Your Board have had one Colporteur employed during the larger part of the year. He occupied a good portion of his time in taking orders for books. He has sold quite a large number of volumes—chiefly small ones—and given many away to the destitute. A good many books have also been sold at the Depository. Altogether about 3000 volumes of pure Baptist literature have been put in circulation. Thousands of pages of tracts in English, French,

German, Swedish, and Norwegian have been distributed. As these books and tracts teach the truth with as small a percentage of error as can likely be found in merely human productions, your Board cherish the belief that much good has been done in this department during the past year. But they are not satisfied. They wished to do more. Many circumstances, however, seemed to be against them. They take pleasure in recommending that more vigorous measures be put forth in this department in future.

HOME MISSIONS PROPER.

1. *Nova Scotia.*—As the returns began to come in after the summer vacation, your Board found it would not be wise to undertake to accomplish all the work which they desired to do. The important points, however, have been held, and much missionary work of a general nature has been done. The Redeemer's cause has prospered in Annapolis. The largest congregation in the town waits upon the ministry of your missionary there. A flourishing Sabbath School has also been gathered. The change for good in Annapolis since your mission was started in that place has been remarkable, and claims the gratitude of the Baptists in this Province. Shelburne, too, has been held. The cause in the Shelburne field is for the most part very prosperous. A mission has been commenced at New Glasgow. As an immediate result a church has been organized there. A piece of land has been secured for a building lot. Efforts will be made immediately to erect thereon a suitable house of worship. The Rev. D. Freeman labored there with gratifying success. They hope he will be succeeded by a christian worker of similar energy and faith.

Your Board are pleased to state that the Kentville church, which was assisted by the Union last year, has become self-supporting. The cause there is making remarkable progress under the faithful labors of the Rev. Mr. Stevens.

The churches on the Barrington field, which formerly received assistance from your Board, are this year supporting the gospel among them without any external aid. Annapolis, Shelburne and New Glasgow will undoubtedly be able in a short time to do the same. These points are important, and in the mean time they must be encouraged by the Board.

2. *Prince Edward Island.*—There has been a large amount of Home Mission work done in P. E. Island during the year. The General Missionary of the Board, Rev. D. McDonald, has labored with marked success. The blessing of the Lord followed his labors in every place. On the first of May last he resigned, to take the pastorate of the Charlottetown church. Your Board reluctantly gave him up, but they were pleased to learn that he would assist them to the best of his ability in giving information and offering advice. Brethren Kidson, Gordon and DeWolf, C. C. Burgess, Schurman, and others have been under the direction of the Board. These all have labored faithfully, and the Master has been with

them. Your Board are glad to learn that Baptist principles are making quite rapid progress in this important Island. They therefore recommend energetic measures in Home Mission work. The prospects are encouraging, and success is sure to follow faithful efforts in this field.

3. *Newfoundland*.—Your Board have long felt a deep interest in the Province of Newfoundland. They wished to explore the country with a view to establish one or two Baptist missions there, but a suitable person could not readily be found to perform this work. In July last your Board were happy to learn that the Revs. George Armstrong and Dr. McDonald were willing to visit and explore the Island. These brethren undertook the work and performed it with entire satisfaction to the Board. They prepared and sent forward a voluminous and excellent report. Your Board believe with this committee of exploration that *two missions* should be planted in Newfoundland as early as circumstances will permit, and that *two others* should soon follow them. Your Board sincerely hope that some of our brethren who were once filled with the Foreign Missionary spirit, but were deterred from going abroad, will be divinely directed to labor in Newfoundland. The following extract from the committee's report will shew how necessary it is for your Board to undertake missionary work there :

"The work which you were pleased to assign to us, viz : to preach the gospel in Newfoundland, to explore the country with a view to ascertain the spiritual condition and wants of the people, and to find out any of our brethren who may be there, and to see what openings exist for missionary work by our denomination, we have performed to the best of our ability in the limited time at our disposal."

"*St. John's, Newfoundland*.—It is no easy matter to trace the course of the Baptists who from time to time settled here. Mr. Turner, from England, preached in the Temperance Hall, a few years ago, for about twelve months. He was supported by a Mr. Muir, a wealthy merchant of the place. Mr. Muir died after Mr. Turner had been here about a year, and his widow went home to England. Mr. Turner was, by this providence, deprived of his support, and left the colony. The few members gathered in by him being open communion, readily became absorbed by the other denominations. The most of them united with the Congregational church."

"*Harbour Grace*.—There is one solitary Baptist in this town of 9000 inhabitants. He is a respectable man, a druggist. He now worships with the Presbyterians. The District Judge is a son of Deacon Bennett, of Windsor. He has become an Episcopalian. We believe he would be friendly to the Baptists were we to start a mission there."

"*Notre Dame Bay*.—Quite a number of Nova Scotians, and among them several Baptists, were employed at the copper mines recently opened at Betts' Cove, in Notre Dame Bay, by Mr. Ellershouse, well and favorably known in Nova Scotia. It was deemed highly proper and desirable that one of us should proceed northward on the work of exploration, examine the above named Cove in particular, see the friends, and preach the Gospel, ascertain all the facts possible bearing on the objects of our mission, and do all in our power to further the

cause we have at heart, the glory of God, the salvation of sinners, and the promotion of truth and holiness in the world. Brother Armstrong accordingly, with the full consent of his brother missionary, undertook the toil and responsibility of this interesting and important part of our mission."

"We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the openings observed and the prospects of success in mission work in the name of the Lord on the important Island of Newfoundland.

We recommend that missions be commenced in the following places as soon as it is in the power of the Board to do so, which we faintly hope is the case now, viz.:

1st.—At St. John's as soon as possible.

2nd.—At Notre Dame Bay, with centre of operations at Betts' Cove.

3rd.—At Harbor Grace, in Conception Bay.

4th.—At Fortune Bay, with centre of operations either at Grand Bank or Fortune."

Liabilities.—Your Board regret to state that their liabilities are comparatively large. This fact, however does not discourage them. Many Societies of a kindred nature are in the same position. The causes of our liabilities are apparent. Among the number we may mention the following:—the immense deal of work done the previous year, the absence of a General Agent; incorrect ideas of missionaries and churches in regard to the resources of the Board; lack of love to the Master and a failure to understand their obligations to him on the part of his professed followers. Care has been taken of late not to increase the indebtedness of the Board but to look to its removal. But few appointments have been made recently. Many brethren have been recommended to churches that are able to support them. Several have in this way settled for the present. Others have made their arrangements in an independent manner. Your Board sympathize with the students who depend upon the proceeds of their labor during the summer vacation to help them through the College year, and sincerely hope that they may not suffer loss by the decision of the Board not to make many appointments. They trust that these brethren will see the necessity of being more zealous in the matter of collecting funds and that the churches will feel the full weight of their responsibility. If they do not, neither Acadia nor Newton will furnish for them an adequate supply of ministerial help.

The following is a list of the missionaries employed by the Board during the year, and their fields of labor:

Missionaries and their Work.

MISSIONARIES.	FIELDS OF LABOR.										Subscriptions to Ch. Messenger.	Baptisms.	Weeks of Labor.	Churches Organized.	Sabbath Schools Organized.	
	Miles Travelled.	Sermons.	Other Meetings.	Visits Made.	Tracts Given.	Donations Received.	Tracts Given.	Other Meetings.	Sermons.	Miles Travelled.						
1 H. Sanders.....	250	26	43	45	45	\$192 68	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
2 I. M. Weeks.....	133	21	25	178	178	118 31	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
3 C. H. Martell.....	563	46	26	86	86	114 37	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
4 E. J. Grant.....	76	25	6	212	212	44 00	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
5 M. W. Brown.....	249	39	12	147	147	25 28	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
6 Trueman Bishop.....	2004	105	46	194	194	11 94	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
7 Obad. Parker.....	924	34	41	453	446	67 06	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
8 J. A. Gordon.....	1008	134	174	713	350	4 22	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
9 B. P. Shafner.....	132	6	14	143	80	517 81	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
10 Charles Norwood.....	1884	31	31	367	2282	87 58	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11 T. A. Higgins.....	3948	138	49	116	130	319 41	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
12 Wm. Craigie.....	455	41	184	1048	6750	45 00	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
13 Geo. Armstrong.....	2407	193	98	287	2500	126 82	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
14 M. Normandy.....	1428	148	41	207	100	46 53	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
15 P. S. McGregor.....	426	23	89	205	10	46 60	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
16 E. N. Archbold.....	236	21	23	135	10	60 00	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
17 E. T. Carboneal.....	300	24	24	135	10	60 00	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
18 C. W. Bishop.....	300	24	24	135	10	60 00	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
19 W. H. Robinson.....	300	24	24	135	10	60 00	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
20 G. E. Good.....	300	24	24	135	10	60 00	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

21 J. W. Higgins..... Millville, East Branch, &c..... 578 69 98 306

18 P. S. McGregor..... 2396 21 38
 19 E. N. Archibald..... 300 24 33
 20 E. T. Carbonell..... 135
 21 E. T. Bishop.....
 22 C. W. Wine and Indian Harbors.....
 23 W. H. Robinson.....
 24 G. E. Good.....

21 J. W. Higgins.....	578	52	28	306	70 00	16 12
22 A. W. Bars.....	074	38 14				5 12
23 Fred. D. Crawley.....	324	36 49	116		55 00	12
24 D. McDonald.....	4395	253	120	573	590 08	91 43
25 R. H. Bishop.....	468	24	10	330	01 35	12 1
26 J. O. Reddin.....	3 0	13 13	83		17 00	5
27 D. H. Simpson.....	320	20 11	200		10 00	12
28 J. G. Schurman.....	330	33	31			
29 J. J. DeWolf.....	2000	110 78	485		350 00	4
30 C. C. Burgess.....	1300	144 68	325		490 42	5 52
31 J. E. McQuillin.....	250	10 6			15 74	2 6
32 G. W. Thomas.....	180	15 5	17		14 00	6
33 C. I. Graves.....	316	26 23	80	2000	280 90	39
34 P. A. Shields.....	828	159 18	264	300	496 70	12 31
35 J. C. Plumb.....	135	16 11	30	452	8 50	6
36 Wm. Spencer.....	350	18 2	50			0 1
37 F. A. Kidson.....	150	20 5	30		28 30	0
38 W. B. Bradshaw.....	2652	171 27	544		171 80	4 48
39 D. Freeman.....	1918	78 133	649		160 01	1 26
40 J. B. McDonald.....	1200	6			4 50	3 1
41 John Shaw.....					50 01	10
42 Prof. Welton.....						22
43 D. W. Crandall.....	150	6				2 6
44 Gardner Tufts.....						37
45 D. McLeod.....				10000		
General Distribution.....						
	38142	2405	1044	10116	29000	\$5235 96
						13 211 814
						3 9

Summary.—It will appear from the foregoing list that 45 missionaries and agents have been in commission during the year, several of whom have been re-appointed. Together they have travelled 39,142 miles; preached 2465 sermons; attended 1644 other meetings; made 10,116 family visits; distributed 29,090 pages of tracts; 20,000 pages of books; received 13 subscribers to the *Christian Messenger*; baptized 211; built or carried to completion 1 meeting-house; organized 3 churches and 9 Sabbath Schools; and performed 801 weeks' labour. Collected on the field \$5235.36.

In conclusion, your Board wish to record their sincere thanks to the Giver of all good for his mercies to them, their agents and missionaries during the past year. Their lives have been spared, a great deal of money has been collected, and much work has been done for the Lord. A special cause for thankfulness is found in the fact that although the pressure in money matters was so severe, about the same amount of funds came into the Treasurer's hands as were received last year from the regular sources of supply. Your Board, therefore, must speak hopefully of the future. The amount of work done, the large sums of money collected and expended during the past three years, and the glorious results, must convince the unprejudiced that *union* is better than *isolation* in Home Missionary work. The Board feel that they have labored faithfully in the cause of the Master, and that he has blessed them. Their aim has been the glory of God in the spread of true religious principles in the whole field of their labor. They are now ready to give the honours and responsibilities of their office to their successors, accompanied with their sympathies and prayers. They sincerely hope that the whole denomination may co-operate with them so that a far greater work for God may be accomplished this year on the Home Mission field than ever was done before.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Board,
G. E. DAY, *Cor. Secretary.*

Yarmouth, N. S., June 16th, 1876.

Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with ***Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.***

		Dr.	\$	0	67
1875.					
June 26.	For Postage and Telegrams			1	64
"	Stationery, \$0.37. Telegrams, \$1.29			30	00
28.	Paid A. H. Lavers, \$30.00			30	85
July 3.	Z. C. Vickery, Forest Glen Mission			96	95
11.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle Mission			205	00
13.	" E. B. Corey, Cumberland "			2	62
"	Charges on Monies received from Rev. W. H. Warren			3	55
"	Telegrams, Postages, &c., \$2.19. Do., \$1.36			138	84
14.	S. Selden, for Printing			10	00
19.	E. T. Carboneil, Acadia Mine Mission			67	88
21.	A. H. Lavers			200	00
23.	G. H. Springer			50	00
Aug. 4.	Chas. Norwood, Blue Mountain and New Ross			89	79
"	Rev. D. Freeman			66	48
"	G. F. Tufts, salary and expenses			67	00
6.	F. A. Kildson, P. E. Island			5	00
"	J. G. Gordon, P. E. Island				

Aug. 6.	Rev. D. McDonald, account salary	\$147 50
"	Rev. J. H. Sanders, Digby	50 00
"	Cartage, Telegrams, Postage &c., \$1.27 Do. \$4.35	5 62
27.	Rev. J. Brown, Cow Bay, \$100.00 Expenses 54 cts.	100 54
Sept. 1.	G. H. Springer, for Books \$158.00 Do 86 cts.	158 86
7.	Rev. W. Craigie, Pictou and New Glasgow	50 00
"	" A. W. Bars, Guysboro' and Manchester, \$25.00 Expenses, \$1.08	26 08
16.	" T. A. Higgins, Annapolis	100 00
"	" W. C. Craigie, Pictou and New Glasgow	30 00
"	" J. I. DeWolfe, P. E. Island	350 00
"	" E. M. McDonald,	20 00
Oct. 22.	Stationery, Postage, Telegrams, &c., \$1.77 Do., \$4.93	6 70
Nov. 2.	E. J. Grant, Annapolis Co., \$65.00 and \$25.00	80 00
11.	Rev. D. Freeman	30 00
"	Trueman Bishop, Hants Co.	55 28
"	J. Otis Redden	23 00
"	B. P. Shaffner, Hants Co.	22 00
"	G. E. Good, Colchester Co.	104 00
"	C. H. Martell, Hants Co.	120 00
"	P. S. McGregor, Cumberland Co.	43 41
"	C. W. Bishop, Hants Co.	45 53
"	R. H. Bishop,	61 35
"	I. R. Skinner, Cape Breton	83 44
"	D. H. Simpson, Cornwallis	10 00
Dec. 1.	Jas. W. Higgins, Cumberland Co.	70 00
"	Rev. G. Armstrong, Cape Breton	40 89
"	" J. B. McQuillin, Antigonishe Co.	16 00
"	E. T. Carbonell, Colchester and Cumberland Co.	181 22
"	Rev. P. A. Shields, Riverdale, Yarmouth Co.	60 00
"	P. O. Order, Postages, &c., \$2.76 Do., \$1.60 Stationery, \$1.00	5 36
24.	Rev. A. W. Bars, Guysboro'	25 00
1876.		
Jan. 7.	Rev. D. W. Crandall, Pugwash	12 50
8.	" T. C. DeLong, Tancook	50 00
"	" L. M. Weeks, Guysboro' Co.	118 31
"	M. W. Brown, P. E. Island	44 00
21.	Rev. J. M. Cramp, for Books	57 00
"	" L. M. Weeks, Guysboro' Co.	42 64
"	" W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle	181 00
"	Trueman Bishop, Hants Co.	40 72
Feb. 29.	Rev. Mr. Gordon, P. E. Island	59 00
March 4.	" O. Parker, Lichfield, &c.	47 00
9.	" A. W. Bars, Guysboro' Co.	25 00
"	Duty on Books, \$4.00 Stationery, 16 cts.	4 16
"	Geo. H. Springer, for Books	100 00
"	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Shelburne Co.	30 00
"	P. O. Order, Postages, &c., \$1.00 Do., 99 cts. Do., \$2.29	4 28
14.	Rev. G. Armstrong, Cape Breton and Newfoundland	128 84
"	F. A. Crawley, Lunenburg Co.	55 00
"	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw	119 00
24.	G. H. Springer, for Books, \$60.00 Premium, 25 cts.	60 25
"	Rev. P. A. Shields	120 00
April 8.	E. T. Carbonell	12 35
"	Rev. F. A. Kidson	28 50
"	W. H. Robinson	59 50
"	Rev. T. A. Higgins	348 58
19.	" J. B. McQuillin, coll. on field	7 74
"	Duty, Postage, &c., \$6.30 Do. \$1.55	7 85
"	G. H. Springer, for Books	20 47
"	M. W. Brown	12 50
"	Rev. C. I. Graves	255 53
May 23.	C. W. Bishop	50 47
"	Rev. D. Freeman	160 01
25.	" G. Armstrong	10 00
"	J. C. Plumb	20 00
31.	W. H. Robinson	36 50
"	B. P. Shafner	31 00
"	Rev. D. McDonald, P. E. Island	277 47
"	Telegram, Postage, &c., \$3.40 Do. 59 cts.	3 99
"	Rev. Dr. McDonald	4 50
"	Jas. W. Higgins	39 00
"	Geo. H. Springer, for Books	105 00
"	Rev. J. B. McQuillin	43 41
"	Telegrams, Postage, &c.	2 63
"	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Shelburne	575 06
"	S. Selden, for Printing	6 00
"	Chas. Norwood	4 22
"	Rev. T. A. Higgins	109 23

May 31	Rev. J. Shaw, P. E. Island.....	\$50 00
"	A. W. Barrs.....	25 00
"	C. C. Burgess, P. E. Island.....	490 42
"	Gardner Tufts.....	334 00
"	Rev. P. A. Shields.....	195 00
"	E. T. Carbonnell.....	2 26
"	Rev. J. H. Sanders, Digby.....	192 65
"	Balance in hand.....	220 59
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1875.		\$338 49
June 23.	By Balance in hand.....	6 00
	28. Received from Prof. D. M. Welton, account of Windsor Church.....	8 53
July 3.	Books sold, \$6.00. Do., \$2.53.....	10 00
"	Z. C. Vickery, Forest Glen Mission.....	15 50
"	5. Chebogue, (Yarmouth County) Church.....	5 00
"	Peter Paint, jr., Esq., Port Hawkesbury.....	12 00
"	Saml. Hall, Esq., Annapolis Ferry.....	1 00
"	Mrs. Alex. Robertson, Halifax.....	300 00
"	7. Central Association.....	29 58
"	Western do balance.....	2 00
"	16. N. P. Olding, Esq., New Glasgow.....	43 80
"	Interest on Debentures.....	4 00
"	19. Wm. Frizzle, \$2.00. Jas McDonald, \$2.00.....	6 00
"	A Friend, P. E. Island, \$5.00. Mrs. M. Chandler, Arichat, \$1.00.....	279 55
"	20. Eastern Association.....	34 79
"	24. Interest from bequest of Hon. C. R. Bill.....	3 00
"	Beaver River Church, Yarmouth Co.....	5 00
"	30. Matthew Archibald, Esq., Truro.....	6 16
Aug. 2.	New Tusket Church, \$4.16. Mr. Sabeau, \$2.00.....	1 00
"	Friend at New Tusket.....	86 57
"	6. Books sold by G. Tufts, and others.....	192 00
"	Prince Edward Island Treasury.....	47 50
"	Rev. D. McDonald, P. E. Island.....	25 00
"	23. Geo. S. Parker, Milton, Queens Co.....	2 09
"	David Lyons, \$1.00. Mrs. Jas. Caldwell, \$1.00.....	2 25
"	West Bay Church.....	3 00
"	S. Freeman, Esq., M. P. P., \$2.00. T. H. Randall, \$1.00.....	1 48
"	X. Z. Chipman.....	2 00
"	C. Pinkney, Esq., \$1.00. Avar Longley, Esq., M. P. P., \$1.00.....	5 00
"	Rev. S. March, \$1.00. Mark Curry, Esq., \$4.00.....	21 07
"	Sale of Books, \$2.43. Do., \$9.39. Do., \$9.25.....	13 00
Oct. 9.	Indian Harbor Church, \$7.00. 1st St. Mary's Church, \$6.00.....	2 90
"	11. Mrs. John Legge, \$2.00. Mrs. Luke Pineo, 90 cts.....	30 00
"	14. Pictou and New Glasgow.....	350 00
"	Uigg, Alexander and Belfast.....	25 29
"	16. Books, \$21.20. Do., \$4.09.....	300 00
"	Matthew Stewart Graham's legacy.....	60 00
Nov. 17.	G. E. Good, Stewiacke collection.....	114 37
"	C. H. Martell, Maitland and Noel collection.....	25 00
"	E. J. Grant, Parker's Cove and Lichfield collection.....	43 41
"	P. S. McGregor, Cumberland and Colchester.....	45 53
"	C. W. Bishop, Hants County.....	61 35
"	R. H. Bishop, ".....	25 28
"	Trueman Bishop, ".....	40 89
"	19. I. R. Skinner, Cape Breton.....	10 00
"	D. H. Simpson, Pereaux.....	20 00
"	26. A Friend, Guysboro'.....	70 00
Dec. 7.	Jas. W. Higgins, collected Colchester and Cumberland.....	40 89
"	Rev. Geo. Armstrong, collected Cape Breton.....	16 00
"	" J. B. McQuillan, " Pictou, \$8.00. Donation, \$8.00.....	120 82
"	E. T. Carbonnell, " Folly Lake, Colchester.....	30 00
"	Rev. P. A. Shields, " Riverdale.....	5 00
"	Wm. C. Bill, Esq., Billtown.....	10 00
"	22. Portauquique Mission Society.....	43 80
"	24. Interest on Debentures.....	53 14
"	Books sold, \$2.20. Do., \$50.94.....	18 00
1876.		
Jan. 7.	Westport Church, \$11.00. Onslow West Church, \$7.00.....	118 31
"	L. M. Weeks, collection Isaacs Harbor, &c.....	44 00
"	M. W. Brown, " P. E. Island.....	3 00
"	14. E. Bayner, \$1.50. John McLean, Hants Co., \$1.50.....	32 00
"	Wolfville Baptist Sunday School.....	12 00
"	19. Rev. J. M. Cramp.....	4 23
"	Indian Harbor (west) Church.....	2 77
"	2nd Church St. Margaret's Bay.....	18 77
"	24. Brookfield Church, Queens Co., \$8.37. 25th—Great Village Ch., \$10.40.....	2 00
"	25. H. A. Davidson, Esq., River Philip.....	

Jan. 27.	Pleasant River Branch Brookfield Church, Queens Co.....	\$7 00
Feb. 1.	Deacon Amos H. Scott, Chebogue.....	3 00
3.	Chester Church, \$10.00. J. W. Bars, Esq., \$25.00.....	35 00
"	Berwick Church.....	19 23
7.	Cambridge Church, \$6.00. Mrs. Sarah Shaw, 50 cts.....	6 50
"	Miss Sophia Bishop, \$1.00. A Friend, Guysboro', \$16.00.....	17 00
23.	East Ragged Island Church, \$5.00. 29th—Port Hawkesbury Ch., \$7.00	12 00
March 6.	Guysboro' and Manchester Ch., \$25.00. 9th—River John Ch., \$20.95..	45 95
13.	Rev. G. Armstrong, collection in Newfoundland.....	12 27
"	Part of Legacy of Hon. C. R. Bill.....	116 57
"	F. A. Crawley, collection Lunenburg, \$51.00. Donation, \$4.00.....	56 00
"	Rev. O. Parker, " Lichfield, &c.....	45 00
14.	" W. B. Bradshaw, collection Argyle.....	150 00
23.	Books sold, \$60.00. Co., \$35.66 and \$16.58.....	112 24
April 1.	Rev. P. A. Shields, collection Osborne, \$100.00. Donation, \$20.00.....	120 00
3.	A Friend, Guysboro', \$20.00. Great Village Church, \$2.75.....	22 75
8.	Upper Londonderry Church, \$9.60. Wilmot Church, \$10.00.....	19 60
"	Montague, P. E. Island, \$4.50. Grand River, P. E. Island, \$24.00.....	28 50
"	W. H. Robinson, collection Wine Harbor and vicinity.....	59 52
"	Rev. T. A. Higgins, " Annapolis.....	348 58
19.	2nd St. Mary's Church.....	7 74
May 14.	Port Williams Sunday School, a collection.....	12 50
"	Rev. C. I. Graves, donation.....	255 53
"	" P. A. Shields, collected.....	170 00
"	" D. Freeman, " Pictou Co.....	160 01
"	Estate Hon. C. R. Bill.....	10 00
"	Ohio Church, Yarmouth Co., \$3.97. Wilmot Church, \$20.00.....	23 97
31.	First Yarmouth Church.....	409 75
"	Interest on Debentures.....	45 80
"	Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	86 67
"	Milton ".....	20 00
"	Rev. D. McDonald, collected.....	177 47
"	P. E. Island Treasury.....	100 00
"	Rev. Dr. McDonald, collected in Newfoundland.....	4 50
"	Books sold.....	39 40
"	Rev. E. N. Archibald, collection Sheburne & vicinity.....	575 00
"	D. Weber, \$3.00. Mrs. S. A. Weber, \$1.00 } By	6 00
"	A Friend, \$1.00. Mrs. Noonan, \$1.00..... } S. Selden.	
"	C. Norwood, collected New Ross.....	4 22
"	Annapolis and Round Hill.....	69 23
"	Rev. T. A. Higgins, donation.....	100 00
"	" J. Shaw, collection Cape Breton.....	50 01
"	Jesse Warner, per Rev. J. H. Sanders.....	1 00
"	C. C. Burgess, collection North River, P. E. Island.....	490 42
"	G. Tufts, books sold.....	334 00
"	Rev. P. A. Shields, collected on missionary tour.....	195 00
"	" J. H. Sanders, " Digby and vicinity.....	192 65
June 1.	By balance in hand.....	220 59
		\$8278 22

Examined and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, }
J. H. HALEY, } Auditors.

Acadian French Mission in account with **Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.**

1875.		DR.	
July 6.	For cash paid Rev. M. Normandy.....	\$140 00	
26.	" " " ".....	7 00	
28.	" " " ".....	26 00	
Aug. 2.	" " " ".....	134 67	
Dec. 2.	" " " ".....	1 50	
1876.			
Mar. 6.	" " " ".....	307 63	
April 8.	" " " ".....	10 00	
May 31.	" " " ".....	18 46	
		\$644 26	
1876.			
June 1.	Balance due Treasurer.....	\$177	
1875.		CR.	
June 23.	By balance in hand.....	\$146 70	
"	" from Western Association.....	63 00	
July 8.	" Central ".....	27 60	
16.	Mrs. Joseph Reid, Minudie.....	4 00	
20.	Eastern Association.....	33 54	
26.	Beaver River Church.....	12 00	

July 26.	Mrs. Jos. Shaw, Milton Church.....	\$25 00
Aug. 2.	Deerfield Church.....	8 00
Dec. 2.	M. Normandy, collected on field.....	1 50
1876.		
March 6.	" " on missionary tour.....	307 63
"	Rev. Obed Parker.....	2 00
May 8.	Wm. Armstrong, Granville.....	1 00
"	M. Normandy, collected.....	8 45
31.	Balance.....	1 77
		<u>\$644 25</u>

Examined and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, } Auditors.
J. H. HALEY, }

N. S. Baptist H. M. Union—Theological Department—in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.

Dr.		
1875.		
July 7.	For cash paid Prof. D. M. Welton.....	\$105 00
Aug. 4.	" " " ".....	100 00
24.	" " " ".....	35 00
Nov. 16.	" " " ".....	100 00
Dec. 20.	" " " ".....	20 00
1876.		
Mar. 30.	" " " ".....	100 00
May 9.	" " " ".....	60 00
		<u>\$520 00</u>
June 1.	For Balance due Treasurer.....	\$217 29
Cr.		
1875.		
June 23.	By Balance in hand.....	\$ 7 00
July 7.	Cash from W. N. Wickwire, Esq., Halifax.....	10 00
"	Unappropriated funds of Central Association.....	50 00
"	Wm. Cummings, Esq., Truro.....	25 00
"	Isaac Blair, Esq., ".....	5 00
"	Prof. D. M. Welton.....	50 00
"	J. W. Whitman, Esq., Halifax.....	5 00
"	A Friend at Eastern Association.....	6 31
"	28. Collection at P. E. Island Association.....	17 50
"	" Aunt Jessie," P. E. Island, \$5.00 U. S. Currency.....	4 40
"	Mrs. F. Huestis, Temple Church.....	2 50
Dec. 2.	C. Jost, Esq., Guysboro'.....	20 00
1876.		
Mar. 30.	Prof. D. M. Welton, donation.....	100 00
May 31.	Balance.....	217 29
		<u>\$520 00</u>

Liabilities & Assets Home Mission Board, May 31, 1876.

LIABILITIES.

Home Mission. Nova Scotia Proper.

E. J. Grant.....	\$ 16 00	Rev. E. T. Carbonell.....	31 43
Rev. A. E. Ingram.....	138 00	" P. A. Shields.....	40 00
" E. N. Archibald.....	95 00	" D. W. Crandall.....	12 50
" John Brown.....	54 64	J. C. Plumb.....	19 50
P. S. McGregor.....	52 59	F. A. Crawley.....	41 50
R. A. Bishop.....	34 65	M. W. Brown.....	39 50
D. McLeod.....	150 00	Rev. Obed. Parker.....	123 00
I. R. Skinner.....	134 56	" D. Freeman.....	99 99
Rev. G. W. Thomas.....	156 00	" W. B. Bradshaw.....	65 00
" T. A. Higgins.....	723 88	Charles Norwood.....	95 78
Wm. Spencer.....	50 00	S. Selden.....	55 25
D. H. Simpson.....	86 00		
Rev. D. McDonald.....	40 00		
			<u>\$2,359 77</u>

<i>P. E. Island Branch.</i>		<i>Book Department.</i>	
Rev. John Shaw	\$49 99	G. H. Springer, books	\$396 16
" J. J. DeWolf	50 00	Gardner Tufts	45 97
" J. A. Gordon	50 00		
" F. A. Kidston	81 50		\$240 68
" D. McDonald	118 92		
	\$300 41	TOTALS BROUGHT DOWN.	
<i>Theological Department.</i>		Book Department	240 68
Prof. Welton, (probably)	\$160 42	French Mission	160 42
<i>French Mission.</i>		Theological Department	396 16
Rev. M. Normonday	\$160 42	P. E. Island branch	300 41
		Mission, N. S. Proper	2,359 77
			\$3,457 44

ASSETS.

<i>Home Mission Proper.</i>		
Balance of Legacy of Hon. C. R. Bill, due in July	\$274 00	
" " " unsettled, other legacy		
8 Debenture Bonds at £100 stg. each	1,460 00	
In Rev. P. A. Shields' hands above expenses (probably) ..	40 00	
In good subscriptions, Yarmouth County	60 00	
		\$1,824 00
<i>Book Department.</i>		
In Depository 278 vol. of Books, Tracts, &c.	\$278 58	
In Gardner Tufts' hand	\$250 00	
" " "	104 44	
		354 44
Due from Milton, Yarmouth, S. School	21 39	
" Beaver River, "	11 85	
		665 76
<i>French Mission.</i>		
Premises at Saulnierville	\$8,000 00	
" Tusket	2,000 00	
		5,000 00
Total assets		\$7,499 76

*Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account
with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.*

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT.

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By Balance in hand from last account	\$ 338 49
Collected by travelling missionaries	1376 01
" " agents	465 00
<i>Collected by Stationary Missionaries and Churches, viz.:</i>	
Annapolis, and vicinity	\$417 81
Digby, "	192 65
Argyle, "	150 00
Shelburne, "	575 00
Sydney, C. B., "	40 89
Pictou, New Glasgow, and vicinity	190 01
Various other churches	1566 86
Prince Edward Island	868 84
Individuals	1084 89
	564 41

Books sold.....	\$680 33
Central Association.....	390 00
Western " balance.....	29 58
Eastern ".....	279 55
Wolfville Sabbath School.....	32 00
Portaupique Missionary Society.....	10 00
Interest on Debentures.....	131 40
" bequest of Hon. C. R. Bill.....	34 79
Matthew Stewart Graham legacy.....	300 00
Part of legacy of Hon. C. R. Bill.....	126 57
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	\$8278 22

Dr. Paid travelling missionaries.....\$2513 21

<i>Paid Stationary Missionaries and Churches, viz.:</i>	
Church at Annapolis, and vicinity.....	\$617 81
" Digby, ".....	242 65
" Argyle, ".....	396 93
" Shelburne, ".....	605 00
" Sydney, C. B., ".....	100 89
" New Glasgow, ".....	240 01
Mission work on Prince Edward Island.....	2203 29
Rev. D. Freeman and Rev. P. A. Shields, agents.....	1542 40
Colporteurs.....	404 79
Books.....	498 45
S. Selden, for printing.....	718 53
Postages, Telegrams, Stationery, &c.....	144 84
Balance in hand.....	32 12
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	220 59
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	\$8278 22

Summary.

HOME MISSIONS.

Receipts, (including balance of last account, \$338 49).....	\$8278 22
Expenditures.....	8057 63
Balance in hand.....	<hr/>
	\$220 59

FRENCH MISSION.

Receipts, (including balance of last account, \$148.70).....	\$642 48
Expenditures.....	644 25
Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 1 77

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Receipts, (including balance of last account, \$7.00).....	\$302 71
Expenditures.....	520 00
Balance due Treasurer.....	\$217 29
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	\$219 06

Total receipts.....	\$9223 41
" expenditures.....	9221 88
Balance in hand.....	<hr/>
	\$ 1 53

PEARL D. KINNEY, Treasurer.

Yarmouth, N. S., June 1st 1876.