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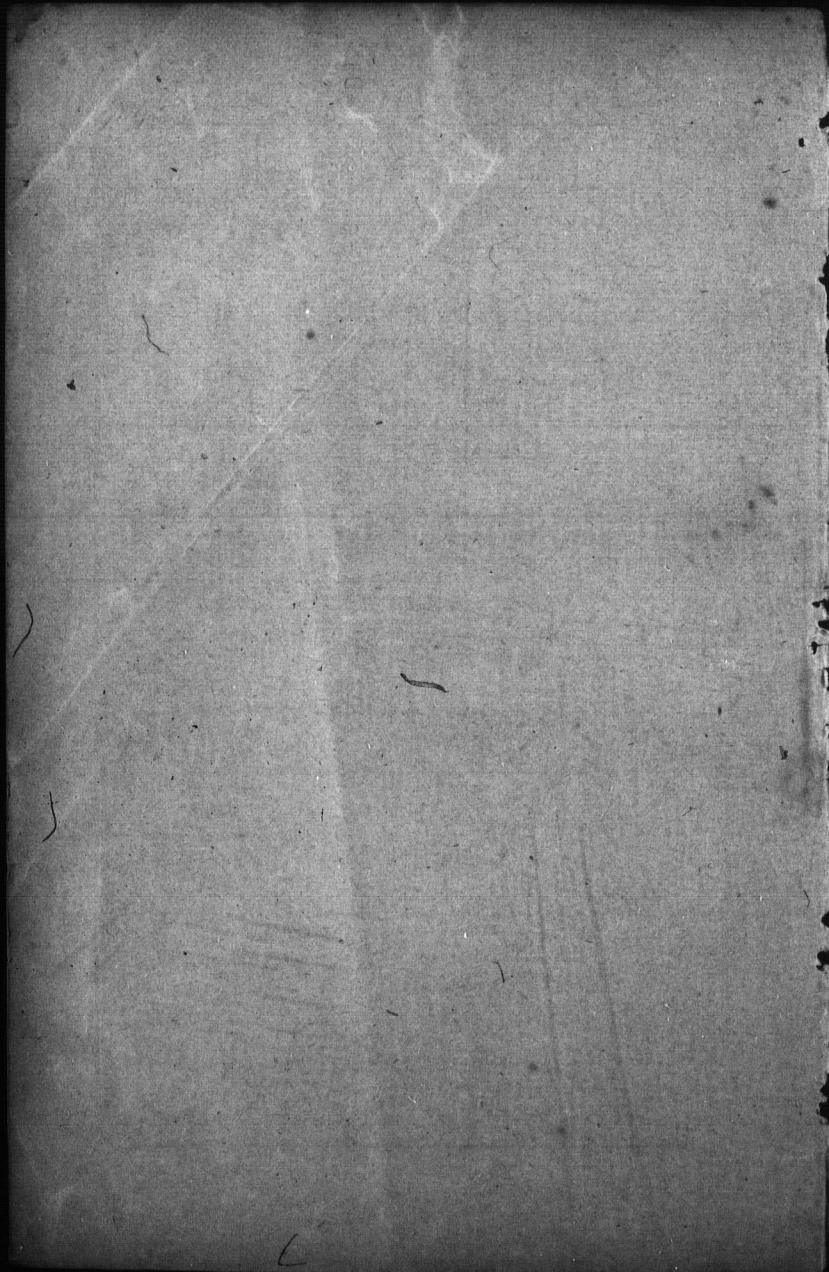
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Sixty-Fifth Annual Meeting.

FIRST SESSION.

Haldimand, June 20th, 1888.

A considerable number having come to-gether from the immediate vicinity of the chapel at which the association was to meet, a devotional meeting was held conducted by Pastor Stobo of Belleville. At 11:15 nearly all the delegates by this time having arrived, Pastor Dowling of the Haldimand Church, called the meeting to order; when it was decided to proceed at once with the Annual Sermon. Pastor Turnbull being the preacher for the occasion, preached a very plain, practical sermon from the text, "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;"—II. Cor. 4:13. After this service enjoyed by all present, the Preacher for the occasion called for the appointment of a Moderator. Rev. E. J. Stobo, of Belleville being elected. The other officers were then appointed as follows: Rev. H. C. Speller, Whitby, Clerk. Rev. W. McGregor, Fenelon Falls, Assistant. The "By-laws" were then read and the following committees appointed:

Business and Arrangements—Pastor J. T. Dowling, W. K. Anderson and Bro. B. Hinman.

Circular Letter—Pastors W. McGregor, S. Tapscott and H. A. McConnell.

Resolutions—Pastors A. Murdoch, T. H. Carey and Bro. W. J. MacKay.

The first report of the business committee, a partial report, was as follows: (1) Adjourn forthwith to resume at 2:30 p. m. (2) That the afternoon session continue until 5:30 p. m. (3) That routine business be first in order, and continue 'till 3:30. (4) At 3:30 Rev. M. McVicar, L. L. D., of McMaster Hall, present claims of Standard Pub. Co., and of Colleges at Woodstock and Toronto. (5) Collection for Ministerial aid be taken. (6) That routine business continue until adjournment.

On motion the report was received, and adopted. After prayer the meeting adjourned to meet again at 2:30.

SECOND SESSION.

At 2:30 the Moderator resumed the chair, gave out a hymn, and called upon H. A. McConnell of Whitevale to offer prayer. At the call of the Moderator the Clerk then proceeded to read the church letters, and continued until 3:15, when visiting brethren were called to report themselves. In response Bro. Graham of Peterboro, spoke a few words of cheer, telling of the

work in Peterboro and expressing the hope that they might soon have sent to them an under shepherd. He closed by wishing the association much of the presence of the Holy Spirit in its deliberations. Rev. A. Murdoch newly elected Pastor of Fort Hope, was the next to respond, and in a few well chosen words, referred to the small progress made by the churches during the year at least, so far as additions were concerned, and expressed the hope that the year upon which we were now entering, thorough energetic, prayerful effort might see this state of things remedied. It being now 8:30, Dr. McVicar proceeded to present the claims of the Standard Pub. Co., especially that part of its work relating to the publication of the "Canadian Baptist." In a few trenchant sentences the Dr. made all feel that baptists at least could not do without the paper. His next subject "Ministerial Education" received from him that careful handling that it deserved, and left, we doubt not an impression on the minds of the brethren that our Colleges at Woodstock and Toronto deserve our most liberal, and prayerful support. Pastor Murdoch of Port Hope, followed with a few remarks upon the same subject. A collection in behalf of this interest was then taken up amounting to \$10.02.

The reading of the church letters was resumed, and this part of the routine business completed. It was deemed advisable by the association, owing to the incomplete state of the letter from the Port Perry church, that it should be returned; a motion to that effect was put and carried. The second partial report of the business committee was now submitted which was as follows: (1) That a public service be held this evening, at which the doctrinal sermon prepared by Rev. Dr. McVicar be delivered. (2) That a farther collection in behalf of Ministerial Education be taken. (3) That general business follow the public service till close of session. On motion, this report was adopted. Meeting closed with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

At 7:45, a large audience being assembled, the meeting opened by singing the doxology, the Moderator leading in prayer. Father Tapscott then read portions of scripture, and engaged in prayer. After which the Rev. Dr. McVicar preached a doctrinal sermon from Heb. 10:31; after a most able and solemn discourse, a further collection amounting to \$3.79 was taken in behalf of Ministerial Education. Routine business was now resumed, when resolutions on Ministerial Education, and the "Baptist Book Room" were presented, that on Ministerial Education being adopted, the one on Baptist Book Room, being laid over for future consideration.

A third report of the business committee was now presented, and on motion was referred back to the committee for some slight alterations in the order of exercises. Amended it read as follows: (1) Meeting for prayer, 9 a. m., led by Bro W. J. MacKay, of Oshawa. (2) That at 10 o'clock, a public preaching service be held, Rev. A. Murdoch to preach the sermon. (3) That the committee on resolutions report. (4) That the "Circular Letter" be read at the opening of the afternoon session. (5) That general business (unfinished or otherwise) continue until final adjournment. (6) That in the evening a platform meeting be held in the interests of Home and Foreign Missions, meeting in the newly erected chapel in the village of Colborne; and that the speakers be as follows:

- Home Missions. { REV. W. MCGREGOR, Fenelon Falls.
 " E. S. STOBO, Belleville.
- Foreign Missions. { REV. A. MURDOCH, M. A. L. L. B. Port Hope.
 " S. TAPSCOTT, Stouffville.

(7) That a collection be taken at the close. On motion, the report as thus amended was adopted. A vote of thanks was then tendered Dr. McVicar for his most able, impressive discourse, and the meeting adjourned, the benediction being pronounced.

FOURTH SESSION.

9 a. m., found a goodly number assembled to enjoy the hour of prayer. Under the leadership of Bro. MacKay, a season of much spiritual refreshing was enjoyed. At 10, the Moderator once more took the chair, and the business of the day was commenced by Pastor McGregor leading in prayer. It being thought better that the sermon appointed for this hour should be postponed till eleven, a motion to that effect was put and carried. Routine business was now the order until 11 o'clock. The resolution regarding the Book Room was then read, and after considerable discussion, handed back to the committee for reconstruction. Pastor Murdoch being otherwise engaged, Pastor Speller was requested to take his place for the time being.

The Colborne church having applied for admission into the association, on motion, their application was received, and the right-hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator.

The committee on "Circular Letter," having presented its report, it was moved that the report be adopted, the letter read to the association, and that it be printed in the minutes, and read in all the churches on the Sabbath appointed as a day of special prayer. Carried.

It being now eleven o'clock, Pastor A. Murdoch proceeded to conduct the preaching service appointed for that hour, taking as his text, "He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."—John 6: 37. At the close a collection in aid of Manitoba Missions, amounting to \$8.45 was taken.

A resolution expressive of the gratitude the association felt in having Father Tapscott spared to them so long, and for the abundant labors he had performed during his long life in the ministry was here presented, and after remarks by several of the brethren, carried. Father Tapscott gave some pleasant reminiscences of his past life; specially touching upon his conversion and call to the ministry. Meeting closed with prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

Meeting again assembled at 2:30 the Moderator in the chair; a hymn was sung, and prayer offered. On motion, the reading of the "Circular Letter" was postponed for twenty minutes, and the reading of Sunday school reports taken up. The Pastor of the Colborne church, stated that though no report had been given, yet a Sunday school was organized, and would be hoped report next year. A discussion here ensued as to the present position of the Sunday school interest in this association. On motion a committee, consisting of Pastors Anderson, Murdoch and Speller, was appointed to take this whole matter into consideration, and make such arrangements as they thought fit, to bring our Sabbath school work more prominently before the association.

The "Circular Letter" was here read.

Resolutions on "Canadian Baptist" and Book Room" read, and adopted.

Several Churches not having reported for two years in succession, committees were appointed to visit them as follows.

Manilla.—Pastors Anderson and Speller. Oshawa, though not reporting for three years, on motion was retained, Bro. MacKay of McMaster Hall, now laboring there reporting in regard to it.

Seymour.—Pastors, Stobo and Ainsworth.

Somerville.—Pastor W. McGregor and Bro. H. Graham.

Port Perry and Colborne both having invited the association for next year, Port Perry succeeded in securing the meeting.

Pastor Murdoch was appointed preacher of the Annual Sermon for next year, with Pastor Stobo, for Alternate.

Circular letter, Pastor W. McGregor, with Pastor McConnell, Alternate.

Committee of Arrangement, Pastors Dowling, Murdoch and Speller.

On motion the clerk was instructed to write Dr. McVicar, requesting that he publish his doctrinal Sermon in the Baptist. The same for Pastor Turnbull in regard to his Annual Sermon.

A Resolution was now presented, and adopted by standing vote, thanking the Haldimand church for its hearty, and abundant hospitality.

The Association then adjourned, to meet D. V. with the church at Port Perry, in June of 1884. The Moderator closing with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

In the evening according to arrangement, a platform meeting in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions, was held in the newly erected chapel at Colborne. Stirring addresses were delivered by the speakers appointed, and the meeting ably presided over, by Bro. H. Graham of Kinmount. A collection was taken at the close, amounting to \$4.40. Meeting closed with the benediction.

RESOLUTIONS.

EDUCATION, TORONTO COLLEGE.

In view of the increasing demand for an educated and consecrated ministry, and also in view of the great scarcity of such laborers to occupy the rapidly multiplying fields in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba;

Resolved,—First, that we will pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest.

Second.—That we heartily endorse the work the Toronto Baptist College is performing in training young men for the Christian Ministry, and commend it to the generous support of our churches.

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE.

Recognizing the value, and great necessity of christian education in the symmetrical development of moral character; and recognizing the signal blessing of Almighty God, upon our College at Woodstock, in the revival and conversion of many souls during the Collegiate year;

Resolved,—Therefore, we have renewed reason for commending "Woodstock College" to the prayerful consideration, and financial support of our churches in this association.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Whereas:—According to the accounts given in the different church letters, the state of religion within the bounds of this association is not in as prosperous condition as it should be;

Resolved:—Therefore, that we pledge ourselves to renewed consecration, and special effort for the ingathering of souls. And that the 1st. Sabbath in October, be set apart as a day of special prayer for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

CANADIAN BAPTIST AND BOOK ROOM.

Whereas,—Our principles are not so well understood as they ought to be, either by our church members or others, and whereas, the "Canadian Baptist" is eminently fitted for the dissemination of knowledge in regard to Bible principles;

Resolved,—That we give it our hearty support, by doing all in our power to increase its circulation.

Resolved *Secondly*,—That we receive with gratitude the consummation of the scheme, through the munificence of our brother, the Hon. Wm. McMaster, for the establishment of a publication society through which our principles may the better be made known; and pray that it may be made the means under God of placing in the hands of our people a literature of a high moral, and christian character, and that we urge our people to give it their liberal patronage.

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas,—The liquor traffic is a great and growing evil, sending hundreds, and thousands of our fellowmen to untimely graves, and to reap the fearful consequences of the drunkard's life;

Resolved,—That we recommend our churches to pray, and work for the suppression of intemperance, to do everything in their power for the accomplishment of that end.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved,—That we rejoice in the abundant success of our Foreign Mission work and that we pledge our prayers and our means, in still further carrying out the great commission.

HOME MISSIONS.

Whereas, we recognize the necessity of continuing aid to weak churches, and of planting the gospel in new fields throughout our country;

Therefore Resolved,—that we will endeavor to secure from all our churches contributions to our Missionary convention.

In Re-Retirement of Father Tapscott,

Resolved.—That we record our gratitude to Almighty God for his kind preserving care manifested, and his grace given to Father Tapscott, in the preservation of his life, and the maintenance of that consistency of bearing so helpful to our churches, almost to the bounds of four-score years; and also in permitting him once again to meet with this Association nearly fifty years after he first filled the pastorate of this church.

Mover, Bro. P. Hinman.
Seconder, Rev. W. K. Anderson.

HOSPITALITY.

Whereas, we the delegates of the churches of the East Ontario Association, have had a hearty welcome from the church, and have been most kindly provided for, and entertained by the ladies, and friends of this place;

Resolved.—That we tender to them our hearty thanks, and wish them God's speed.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the East Ontario Association.

INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN EFFORT.

By individual Christian Effort, we mean something very different from united effort, which has often been productive of much good, as when the church in Jerusalem continued daily with one accord in the temple.

United effort in connection with Bible Societies, Missionary Societies, and other organizations of a kindred nature, has done much for the glory of God, and the best interests of our race. While United effort is divine in its origin and necessary to the prosperity of the cause of Christ, it is not all that is necessary to this end.

Individual effort not as opposed to, but in harmony with, the united efforts of the church is essential to the spread of Christian truth and the development of spiritual growth in the members of the church. When persecution scattered the disciples at Jerusalem, they went everywhere preaching the word.

They began then to act in their individual capacity as they had never done before. Every disciple became a centre of moral light and power, to dispel moral darkness and deliver lost souls.

By the individual efforts of the scattered disciples, a moral fire was kindled in every city and town both far and near. They did not confine themselves to Judea and Samaria, but went as far as Phenice, and, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching Christ, and we are informed that great numbers believed. Their individual effort was followed by great results. Individual effort, is personal effort; put forth by individuals apart from united action; such as distinguishes an assembly engaged in worship.

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If the strength of the members is increased that of the church must be augmented.

Were every member of our churches in a right frame of mind, each individual would be a centre of moral light and power, scattering the gloom and resisting the onsets made by the emissaries of the pit.

Each one would be a witness for Christ both in word and deed.

God of old said to his people "Ye are my witnesses," and after Christ rose from the dead he said "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Every Christian is a witness, whose evidence should be positive and convincing. Were this the case, what a power for good our churches would exert upon the unsaved. If the evidence of two witnesses can satisfy a court as to the guilt or innocence of a prisoner, how much more would the testimony of our churches as witnesses for Christ convince the world of the truth, were their evidence only as positive and consistent as it might be. But how few feel their responsibility as witnesses for Christ. A large portion of our church members appear to think that since they have made a public profession, been baptized, and added to the church, that from henceforth if they give of their means, attend church, and live morally that is enough. It is this negative christianity on the part of many that renders our churches so ineffective in aggressive christian work. Christ never calls any into his Kingdom to indulge in listless ease.

There is some direction in which each soul may find a sphere of usefulness and do aggressive work for Christ. There are few, indeed, but could find some person or persons over whom they could exercise more influence for good than any one else, were they only consecrated to Christ. All parents for instance have, or might have, more influence over their children than any one else. The family circle affords opportunities to all parents to do good, where all the circumstances are favourable to success. The natural affection of the children predisposes them to receive the instructions, believe the statements, and imitate the example of the parents. These facts give the parents golden opportunities for personal effort to bring their children to Christ, and to train them for future usefulness. It devolves upon parents not only to pray for, and with their children; but with all affection to instruct them in the ways of the Lord, and to live a life of faith before them, entreating them to come to Christ. The faithful discharge of duty on the part of parents at home will fit them for christian effort in spheres beyond their homes, where they may woo souls from the paths of sin and death. But some say we are young and inexperienced—Be it so. However young and inexperienced—you can surely find some one over whom you have or may obtain influence for good. Go pray for that person alone. Then get another to go with you to the throne of grace to plead for that soul.

God blesses those who act thus and makes them a blessing. You may do much by kindly entreating your companions to turn to the Lord. You may go into the highways and gather neglected children into the Sabbath School, or during the week you may induce some one to come to church. You may visit the sick and speak a word of comfort. You may give a religious tract to the careless. In some way or other you may tell "The Old,

Old Story" to the saving of souls. We believe there are doors of usefulness open to every saved soul, though so few seem to find them. On account of this failure their talents are lost to the church, their own souls spiritually dwarfed for the want of exercise, and their reward if any will be a starless crown.

Dear Brethren, the field before us is large—there are many open doors and a thousand circumstances call upon us to awake and work for Christ. Amen.

Numerical Statistics.

CHURCHES.	Reported last year.	Increase.				Decrease.			Present total.
		Baptism.	Experience.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion Dropping.	Death.	
Belleville.....	72	9	0	7	0	5	1	0	82
Bobaygeon.....	48	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	47
Brighton.....	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Baillieboro.....	30	18	0	7	4	5	0	0	45
Brook.....	23	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	21
Claremont.....	204	10	0	0	0	3	2	0	207
Cramahe 2nd.....	59	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	57
Colborne.....	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Fenelon Falls.....	65	0	1	5	1	4	0	1	67
Goodwood.....	88	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	42
Haldimand.....	78	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	75
Kinmount.....	28	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	32
Lindsay.....	57	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
*Manilla.....									
Reaboro.....	89	18	0	1	0	2	0	3	48
*Oshawa.....									
Pickering.....	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Port Hope.....	88	2	0	4	0	4	0	1	90
Port Perry.....	28	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	30
*Seymour.....									
Sidney.....	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
Stirling.....	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44
*Somerville.....									
*Sunderland.....	82								
Uxbridge.....	145	5	0	3	0	4	0	2	145
Whitby.....	54	4	0	0	0	5	0	3	50
Whitby 6th con.	26	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	25
Whitevale.....	90	2	0	0	0	3	1	9	79
*No report.									
Totals.....	1489	78	1	36	6	48	5	15	1489

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CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial.	Gospel at Home.	Supernatural.	Sabbath School.	Minutes.	Church Edifice.	Church Purposes.	Other Purposes.	Totals.
Bellefleur	\$ 84 43	\$ 39 38	\$ 20 64	\$ 647 33	\$ 10	\$ 64 08	1 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 190 63	\$ 505 28	\$1516 27
Bolcaeyson	8 00			226 00		14 56	50	40 00	70 60	16 00	339 10
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West Brock	23 00	8 50	2 00	228 00		32 00	1 00	30 00	30 00	11 35	218 40
Balleboro	4 85			147 00		23 60	2 75	904 00	60 00	50 00	984 60
Claremont	58 15			700 00		25 60	1 00	323 00	5 50	283 92	1074 00
Cranmah	25 33			214 00	3 20	2 89	1 00	1757 00	60 00	1974 00	3731 00
Colborne	2 00	2 00	1 00	150 00	1 00	20 00	1 00	55 40	84 72	465 42	682 54
Fenelon Falls	21 00			308 00		23 00	30	150 00	20 00	396 00	547 00
Goodwood	7 95	7 10	5 00	300 00	1 85	25 00	2 00	200 00	354 45	900 00	1404 45
Laidman	20 00			60 00			1 00	95 44	2000 00	80 50	2106 94
Lindsay	26 25	26 25		450 00			1 00				532 50
Manilla	5 60			150 00		10 00	1 00	1002 59			1178 09
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Oshawa	80 12	78 55	42 05	900 00	20 00	70 00	2 00	350 00		1549 72	1629 84
Port Hope				195 00		12 00	1 00	231 84		8 00	427 84
Port Perry				150 00			50				170 50
Pickering											
Seymour											
Sidney											
Starling	37 61						1 00				37 61
Sunderland	19 00	12 00	84 25	835 00		9 36	1 00	87 57	20 27	502 09	1000 28
Uxbridge	11 00		9 00	200 00			1 00	87 33			317 33
Whitby	11 71	12 56	10 00	235 00		25 40	1 00	10 00	10 00	311 67	474 74
Wesley 6th con.	21 30	45 00		333 00		47 00	2 00	39 72		26 00	519 72
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Churches, Pastors, etc.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	DELEGATES.
Brighton	Rev Wm. Ainsworth	E. P. Ainsworth.	J. B. Chapin, Rev. Wm. Ainsworth.
Bullerills	" E. J. Tobo	Robt. Bogle.	Rev E. J. Stobo, G. Brintnell, W. W. Bourne.
Bobayagon	" W. McGregor	Thos. Ball.	Rev Wm. McGregor.
Basiloboro	W. C. W.	John Riddell.	W. Weir, T. E. Peugely, Albert Perrin.
Brook	Rev G. T. Colwell	David Reekin.	
Claramont		Theophilus Chapman.	Dea. Bundy, Breth A. Bundy, J. Evans
Cramake	Rev. Wm. Ainsworth	J. N. Bradley	Rev J. Ainsworth, J. N. Bradley, W. Winn, J. Richards.
Colborne	" J. T. Dowling	R. Graham.	Rev W. McGregor, T. Graham, R. Webster.
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Fenelon Falls.	" T. H. Carey	E. B. Hinman (Wicklow)	" J. T. Dowling, Deas A. H. Bradley, P. Hinman, Breth. H. J. Rutherford, E. D. Cart.
Goodwood	" J. T. Dowling	H. Graham	C. E. Baker, H. Graham.
Haldmaid		Geo. Mathews	T. Richardson, H. Silver, Rev W. K. Anderson.
Kinmount	C. E. Baker		
Lindsay	Rev W. K. Anderson		
Manilla			
Onawa	W. J. Mackay		
Piscataway	Rev H. A. McConnell	F. L. Fowke.	Rev. H. A. McConnell.
Port Perry	" A. Murdoch, M. A. L. L. B	Dea. Madill	Rev A Murdoch, Breth Hansman, Tapscott, Martin, J. W. Craig.
Reaboro		H. L. Ebbels.	J. Jary, J. Holman
Stirling	" W. K. Anderson	L. Fisher.	Rev W. K. Anderson, P. Fisher, F. Veals.
Sidney		W. Spicer, Chard.	J. S. Chard, J. Butler.
Seymour		W. H. Faulkner	S. Faulkner, L. Saries.
Sunderland		W. Pater (Menie)	
Somerville		A. Masson (Baddow).	
Uxbridge	Rev T. H. Carey	W. Crosby.	Rev T. H. Carey, W. Crosby, N. McDougall.
Whitby 6th con	" H. C. Speller	M. Golt	" H. C. Speller, M. Golt, Dees, Hemphries.
Whitevale	" H. A. McConnell	F. W. Hodson	" H. C. Speller, K. Doolittle, G. Holman, G. F. Holman, J. Dryden.
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Sabbath-School Statistics.

Name of School.	Name of Superintendent.	No. on Roll		No. in attendance.		No. of Classes.		Teachers and Officers.	Books in Library.	Papers Taken.	Joined Church.	Collected for Mission.	Amount subscribed for Association.
Bobcaygeon	Wm. Thos. Ball.	54	32	8	10	150	50						
*Brighton													
Bellville . . .	H.A. Hodgson.	104	60	9	14	200	20	4	15	34			
Bailieboro . .	Albert Perrin.		45	4	5	40	4						
Brunwick Hill	J. B. Wurts.	68	34	4	6	100							
Claremont . . .	T. Gibbons.	35	45	9	11	250	80		10	00			
Cranabe . . .	J. Phinn.	45	30	5	8	200	30						
Fenelon Falls	D. Curtis	30	45	5	6	65	157		7	70			
Goodwood . . .	E.A. Bradshaw.	65	37	7	9	100	72		5	00			
Haldimand . .	P. Hinman	100	51	9	9	200	75						
Lindsay . . .	Geo. Matthews.	120	70	9	13	175	80	2	11	97			
*Manilla . . .													
Reaboro . . .	P. Fisher.	62	48	6	7	150		9					
Port Hope . .	Wm Craig.		130	15	200	250			45	00			
Port Perry . .	J. Jury.	35	30	5	6	187	43						
*Sidney . . .													
*Sine Settlem't													
Uxbridge . . .	Wm. Hawkins.	100	62	11	17	100	50		9	60			
Whitby . . .	R. Johnston.	32	27	5	6	75	3	4					
Whitby 6th con	J. Dryden.	61	40	6	7	250	245		10	00			
Whitevale . . .	D. McPhee.	105	60	9	11			2			1	00	

*No Report.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—This Association shall be called the “**EAST ONTARIO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**”

ARTICLE II—This Association shall be composed of such Churches as embrace the following doctrines: The being and unity of God; the existence of three equal persons in the Godhead; Divine inspiration of the Old and New Testaments as the complete and infallible rule of faith and practice; the depravity and just condemnation of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; Election of grace according to the foreknowledge of God; the proper Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ; the sufficiency of His atonement, through which believers are justified freely by grace; the necessity of the Holy Spirit in regeneration; perseverance of the saints; believers baptism by immersion only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted into fellowship in our Churches; the resurrection of the body, and general judgment; the final happiness of the saints and misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely; to believe what God says, and practice what God commands; and the religious observance of the First Day of the week.

ARTICLE III—The object of this Association shall be to promote, by correspondence and personal intercourse, unity of faith and practice, fellowship, cordiality of feeling, union of effort in promoting the interest of the Churches, and the furtherance of the cause of Christ throughout the world.

ARTICLE IV—This Association shall recognize the power and independence of the Churches, and shall in no case exercise authority or jurisdiction over them. Nevertheless it shall have power to drop from its connection any church which, in the opinion of the Association, may have essentially departed from the faith, either in principle or practice, and to exclude from a seat in its meetings any minister or delegate who is manifestly corrupt either in theory or practice; the facts in either case may be ascertained in any way not inconsistent with the Gospel.

ARTICLE V—The meetings of this Association shall be held annually, on the third Wednesday in June, at 10 o'clock, a. m., by the representatives of the churches, who are not to exceed five from each Church, at such place as the Association may appoint.

ARTICLE VI—The churches composing this Association are required to send letters to all its meetings, addressed to the Association, expressing the names of their messengers, the state of the Churches, with their alterations and present numbers.

ARTICLE VII—Churches may be received into this Association by letter, setting forth their desire to be admitted, their faith, order and willingness to conform to the rules of the Association, and on satisfaction and reception, the Moderator shall give the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE VIII—Any Church connected with this Association that shall neglect to make an annual report at its meeting for two successive years shall be visited by a committee of this Association to enquire into the case; and if the same neglect be repeated the third year it shall be dropped from the minutes.

1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call the meeting to order, and to preside at the same, and to see that the rules of the Association are observed. He shall also be the organ of communication between the Association and the churches, and shall be the organ of communication between the Association and its officers.

2. After the meeting has been called to order, the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three members, who shall be the organ of communication between the Association and the churches, and shall be the organ of communication between the Association and its officers.

3. The letters of churches shall be read, and the Moderator shall be the organ of communication between the Association and the churches, and shall be the organ of communication between the Association and its officers.

4. Visiting churches may next be reported, and the Moderator shall be the organ of communication between the Association and the churches, and shall be the organ of communication between the Association and its officers.

5. Every speaker shall be allowed to speak for ten minutes, without any interruption, unless necessary to a right understanding of the subject.

6. The Moderator shall be the organ of communication between the Association and the churches, and shall be the organ of communication between the Association and its officers.

7. No subject shall be considered as lost.

8. No one shall be admitted to the Association, unless recommended by the Moderator.

9. All persons attending the meeting shall be considered as members of the Association.

10. In time of session, the Moderator shall be the organ of communication between the Association and the churches, and shall be the organ of communication between the Association and its officers.

11. Meetings shall be held at such place as the Association may appoint.

12. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the Association.

13. Any member who shall be guilty of any offence, shall be liable to be expelled from the Association.

14. These By-laws shall be subject to the election of officers.

15. The Secretary shall be the organ of communication between the Association and the churches, and shall be the organ of communication between the Association and its officers.

16. Any of the members of the Association may be elected to the office of Moderator, and shall be the organ of communication between the Association and the churches, and shall be the organ of communication between the Association and its officers.

BY - LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the retiring Moderator, or, in his absence, of any delegate to the Association, to call the meeting to order for the nomination and election of its officers.
2. After the choice of a Moderator and clerk, the following committees shall be appointed, viz: On Business and Arrangements, on Circular Letter, on Resolutions—each to consist of three members.
3. The letters of the Churches shall be read, then the other business shall follow as it may be presented.
4. Visiting brethren from other Associations and agents of denominational societies may next be invited to a seat, and may move, second and debate on all subjects, but vote on none.
5. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator, and shall have the liberty of seconding any motion, or of speaking on any subject regularly laid before the body, without any interruption, except he depart from the subject, or some explanation be necessary to a right understanding of it.
6. The Moderator shall have the same right to speak as any other member, provided the chair be filled.
7. No subject shall be discussed until seconded; if not seconded it shall be considered as lost.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave from the Moderator.
9. All personal reflections shall be particularly avoided in the deliberations of this body.
10. In time of session all private conversation shall be dispensed with, and undivided attention shall be given to the business of the Association.
11. Meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.
12. All questions of order shall be decided by the Moderator.
13. Any member of this Association attending the meetings of any sister Association shall be our representative at said Association.
14. These By-Laws shall be read distinctly from the chair immediately after the election of officers at each session.
15. The Secretary of this Association shall receive for his services the sum of five dollars.
16. Any of the Articles or By-Laws (excepting the second article of the constitution) may be altered at any meeting of the Association, by the vote of two-thirds of the members.

Financial Report, 1883.

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To Cash from Association, per the churches,	\$ 23 75
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The Association meets with the church in Port Perry on the third Wednesday in June 1884. Preacher of annual sermon, Pastor A. Murdoch; writer of circular letter, Pastor W. McGregor.



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