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GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE
Free Christian Baptists

OF
NEW BRUNSWICK,
HELD AT VICTORIA CORNER, WAKEFIELD,
July 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th, 1858.

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VICTORIA CARLTON COUNTY, }
July 3rd 1858.

THE twenty-sixth Annual Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, assembled in their Meeting House at 10 o'clock A. M. Social Conference until half-past 12.

At half-past 2 P. M. met for business. The meeting was organised by appointing Rev. B. Merritt Chairman.

The following members of Conference and others were present.

REV. BENJAMIN MERRITT, CHAIRMAN.

MINISTERS.

REV. SAMUEL HARTT,

" E. McMULLIN,

" J. NOBLE,

" E. SIPRILL,

" C. DOUCETT,

" E. McLEOD,

" T. CONNOR,

" C. E. BELL,

" WM. DOWNEY,

REV. E. WAYMAN,

" W. E. PENNINGTON,

" J. GUNTER,

" W. M. KNOLLIN,

" G. W. ORSER,

" J. PERRY,

" R. FRENCH,

" G. A. HARTLEY,

" WM. KINGHORNE.

LICENTIATES.

G. H. MAXON,

STEPHEN CURRIE,

STEPHEN RIDEOUT,

DELEGATES.

FIRST DISTRICT.—DANIEL TURNER,

SECOND DISTRICT.—E. R. PARSONS, A. HOVEY,

THIRD DISTRICT.—BENJ. ATHERTON, JOHN JONES,

FOURTH DISTRICT.—R. WEBB, ROBT. SLIP,

FIFTH DISTRICT.—JAMES LAKE, T. SMITH,

SIXTH DISTRICT.—GEORGE JONAH,

B. J. UNDERHILL, Recording Secretary.

DELEGATES FROM NOVA-SCOTIA & CONFERENCE.

REV. J. B. NORTON, REV. W. C. WESTON.

REV. THOS. KINNEY, from Free-will Baptists of Maine, Visitor.

The Corresponding Secretary submitted his report which was read and ordered to be Published.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the state of the Free C. Baptist Churches of New Brunswick for the year ending July 1st 1856.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—Grace be unto you, and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. The revolution of another year has brought about the time when we are again called upon to give you a report of the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom among us since our last General Conference. First of all, we offer devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, that so many of us live, and are once more permitted to greet each other in time; while also with melancholy emotions we remember that some familiar faces that we were long accustomed to see at our yearly meetings, we shall see no more. This should admonish each one of us to do our part well now, inasmuch as next year may not be ours. At our last General Conference we chronicled the dangerous illness, in Fredericton, of Elder John Hamilton. Brother H. soon after went to St. John, where he lingered until January last, during all of which time he reposed with confidence on the faithfulness of our covenant keeping God; but more especially as the time of his departure drew near, his soul seemed to be lighted up with new hope and joy, and his departure was triumphant in the Lord. During the short period of this brother's ministry, he laboured ardently and self denyingly in his Master's service, and we doubt not sowed much seed, that in the great day of accounts will produce fruit to the glory of God.

Among the laymen who have departed this life since our last annual meeting, the most prominent has been Deacon Leonard Slipp, well known almost throughout our Denomination. This sad event occurred on the 23rd of June, after a painful illness of some months, although only a few weeks confined to his room, and his death was marked with unusual composure and calmness. His work was done, and well done in health, and in sickness he had only to commit himself in the hands of his Redeemer and die. We have lost a long-ried and faithful friend, whose counsel and contributions were equally liberal, and always to be relied upon. Who among our lay brethren who survive will rise up to supply the place of our late brother, and cultivate in their affections and labours that same deep and abiding interest in religion, which was for so many years enjoyed by him. Others also have died, and relentless death has severed many tender cords since last we met, and we doubt not, but as the eyes of some of our brethren and friends glance over these pages, they will be reminded of some dear departed ones. But oh! how happy the thought of future reunion. If we are faithful to the grace com-

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mitted to us we shall meet again those happy ones who have died in the Lord—we shall greet on the holy hill of Zion, to part no more, those loved ones whom we so often met and communed with here, and in whose society we so much delighted.

From this train of thought, we now turn to our churches, to chronicle their state, and communicate the dealings of God with them during the past year. In doing this it is still with the unwavering assurance that "the Lord is with us, that the God of Jacob is our refuge," and also that if we "honour him, he will honour us, but if we despise him, we shall be lightly esteemed." Within the limits of our First District, which comprised the uppermost churches of our Denomination on the St. John River, there has been but little Ministerial labour during the past year. Elder Sippl has attended occasionally a number of these churches, and with some success. Some have been baptized on the profession of their faith; one new church has been organized. Elder McMullin has also occasionally visited some portions of this District to profit. Although this portion of our Denomination is sadly destitute of that care and labour really necessary to their growth in grace, yet we are rejoiced to be enabled to say that the prospect of these churches is encouraging, and as a field of labour they present some inviting aspects. This first district now comprises nine churches. Sabbath Schools exist in several of them.

A Report of the Second District up to the time of the District Meeting, which was held in October last, has been furnished us by the Clerk. According to this Report, the District comprises Sixteen Churches; thirteen of which were reported in the District Meeting. A number of these are without any pastoral care, and but little Ministerial labour of any kind is enjoyed by them. At the time of the District Meeting several were reported in a weak state; others were not reported at all. The year, however, has not passed without some revival. Elders McMullin and Orser have added a number to one of the Brighton churches.

Elder Bell who holds the pastorate of the churches at Victoria and Presque Isle has baptized ten during the season, and the present attending of these churches is more efficient than at some former periods. The church at Woodstock has enjoyed a year of unprecedented prosperity. More additions have formerly been made in the same length of time, but the efficiency and influence of the church for good—has been promoted. The meeting house, a large and commodious building—has been completed, and with the continuance of proper pastoral labour, that church may exert a salutary influence on the neighbouring sister churches. Brother Hartley reports baptized by him during the year twenty-seven in Woodstock and other places. In some of the churches in this district a good Sabbath School interest exists under faithful superintendents, and costly and valuable libraries are in use. The losses of Elder Hart have been principally lost to these churches.

during this year, in consequence of his engagement with the General Conference. The whole membership of the thirteen churches reported in this District is 732, which including the three not reported would probably make an aggregate of considerably over 800.

The Report of the Annual Meeting of the Third District held in October last, has been furnished us by the clerk. Great destitution of ministerial labour exists in this District. Elder Perry has held the pastorate of the church in Douglas until a few days since; when he resigned his charge. Some revival was enjoyed in a branch of the congregation in Douglas latterly, and twelve were baptized. The Church at Kingsclear has secured the labours of Elder French for a part of the time. Elder Gunter labors with the church on the Nashwalk; twenty two have been added, and Elder Kinghorn has been engaged in the itinerancy during the year. The church in Fredericton, a most important place where the cause should be efficiently sustained, is, we learn, without any regular labourer. Not many additions have been made to the church in this District during the last year. In Caverhill some revival has been experienced this summer. Some of the brethren of the church were blessed in promoting an interest among the people. A number were converted to God, and eighteen were baptized by Elder Hart. The Sabbath School interest in several places is exerting a hallowed influence, and preparing the way for a future harvest to the church of Christ. The nine churches of this District whose statistics have been furnished amount in the aggregate to 320, which, with the two not reported, would probably make about 400.

The Fourth District embraces the churches between Fredericton and Upper Hampstead including those on the Branches of the Oromocto. Soon after our last General Conference an extensive work of revival took place on the Oromocto under the labours of Elder Pennington, reaching we believe about five churches; and nearly two hundred were added by baptism. A work also continued at Rushagornish where Elder Gunter laboured, who has since held the pastorate of the church there. During the last four months Elder Wayman has been labouring with the churches on the Oromocto with great acceptance, and promoting gospel order among them. Elder McKenzie holds the pastorate of the church in Upper Hampstead and also in Garey; Elder Downey in Gagetown. The people of Gagetown have erected a new and substantial place of worship, which was opened in January last. The small church in Lincoln is not prospering. Sabbath Schools are in nearly or quite all the churches in this District. The statistics we are not in possession of, no report of the last district meeting being furnished us.

The Fifth District embraces about eighteen churches, including these in St. John and Carleton, and the Islands of Grand Manan and Campobello. The last meeting of this District was

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held at Wickham in February last. Since then a new Church has been organized by Elders French and Downey, on the west side of Long Reach. Some considerable prosperity has been enjoyed by some of those churches during the last year. Elder French has laboured several years with the church at Springfield, and under God has been the means of much good among them in promoting gospel order, gathering a congregation and preparing the way for a great in-gathering to the church. During a visit made to this church soon after brother French left, by Elders Conner and McKenzie, a revival commenced and about fifty have been added to the fellowship of the church. Several were baptized at Tenant's Cove, and about 14 were added to the last Greenwich Church, by Elder Conner. Some wanderers from the fold have also been reclaimed. Elder McKenzie now exercises the pastoral office there. Elder Knollin has laboured during the year a considerable portion of his time with the church in Jerusalem, and some of the time during the early part of the year in New Ireland, where some revival was enjoyed and several baptized by Elders Knollin and Conner. We learn that the congregations in Jerusalem are large and attentive.

Brother Knollin during the last few months has visited Carleton every other Sabbath. In the Church in Carleton one of the most efficient and flourishing Sabbath Schools in the Province exists under the excellent superintendence of brother Clark, one of the deacons of the church. The 2nd church in Johnson still retains the pastorate of Elder Perry, and is in a prosperous condition. A considerable number have been added during the year. A young brother (Barnes) who is a licentiate from the church in St. John has been labouring in Henderson Settlement Church, and Lewis' Cove to profit, his deep interest in the cause of Sabbath Schools is accomplishing much for the young. Elder Merritt has laboured, as the door has been opened for him, during the present year without any engagement with any church. His general care we believe has been exercised over some destitute churches in Wickham and Hampstead. The church at Little river, Hampstead, had several added last winter by Elder Conner, but has had no pastoral care since Elder Conner left them. The recent death of one of their deacons, which melancholy event has already been noticed in this report will be a severe loss to this church, and the community in generally. Elder French labours a part of his time on the Reach; Elder Downey also visits the church on the East side of the Reach monthly; he also visits monthly a portion of the Grand Lake, where none of our ministering brethren have before travelled. A good interest was felt during the latter part of the winter and the spring in St. John and Portland. Over fifty have been added by baptism during the year, and about twenty who were previously baptized, making the entire resident membership of the church in St. John considerably over 200. Two Sabbath Schools are in successful operation under faithful Super-

intendents. No report by letter or otherwise has been received from the churches at Campobello, Grandmanan, or St. Stephens. Elder Taylor is pastor of the church in the former place, and resides among them. Elder Doucet has visited Grandmanan, and a few have been added. From St. Stephens we have heard nothing directly, but have reason to believe the church there has nearly or quite lost its visibility for want of ministerial aid and care. Two of three other Churches in this District are without pastors, but on the whole, these churches are among our most prosperous. Sabbath Schools are promoted in nearly all, and in nearly all a disposition is manifested to support the gospel. We have not the complete statistics of this District but know that it considerably exceeds 1,200. The ordination of brother Downey took place in this District about the first of March last.

The Sixth District embraces all our churches East of St. John, Belisle excepted. Elder Noble has laboured with several churches in Sussex and Studholm, and one in Middleland during the past year. But the field is quite too large for only one minister. Congregations however have been gathered, and some revival recently felt at the latter place. In Coverdale a large and commodious Meeting house has been erected. Several ministering brethren were present at its opening in January. Elder Wayman laboured about three and a half months with the churches in Westmorland during last autumn under an engagement from the Missionary Board; and at the time when the Meeting house was opened a good revival followed. Elder McLeod baptized twelve, Elder Hart who remained a few days longer, baptized eight, and Elder Pennington, who has been there a portion of the time since, also baptized a number. The churches in Dorchester and Dover have not been visited since brother Wayman left them, and we apprehend they suffer from neglect. Brother Dobson was ordained in Coverdale in January last. Nearly all the churches in this District support Sabbath Schools, some of these are quite efficient, and numerously attended. We are unable to give the statistics of this District, the report of the last meeting having not yet come to hand.

The exact number added to the Denomination during the year we cannot give, but rejoice to be enabled to say that the additions by baptism alone exceed Six HUNDRED.

Before closing the report of churches we wish to say that Elder Hart's time this year has been almost exclusively taken up with the agency entrusted to him by the General Conference. This has deprived a large number of churches of the care which it has been his lot to exercise over them, and has doubtless caused both them and him to feel a loss.

We have thus endeavoured to sketch briefly the state of our Denomination during the last year so far as it regards additions and general standing. We think we have unmistakable signs of God's hand still being with us for good. Nevertheless there are

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struggles. The strength, efficiency, and piety of a church or Denomination is not merely in numbers. A host might be added, and our power for good lessened rather than increased. True such ought not to be the case, but it may be nevertheless. Hence we believe that the efficiency for good in every Church, and Denomination, will depend on government as well as members. God has instituted the house hold relation, and provided for the care and government of families; and who does not know that the child trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord will be a far more useful man, and better citizen than another who has grown up under parental indulgence and without proper family government. So with the household of faith—and hence the weighty responsibility of the man who assumes the oversight of the flock of God. Would we be efficient and useful in promoting the Redeemer's Kingdom; would we fulfil our share of that great commission—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," then let every member of Christ's body, which is the church, find his or her proper sphere of action, and so labour that it may be said of them, as of the woman in the gospel "she hath done what she could." Then would practical godliness shine forth, then would Christ shine through his members as the fairest among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely, and the church of the first born exhibit inviting aspects to the world. Piety in the Meeting-house, or piety on the Sabbath is not enough, Piety at home, piety abroad, piety in the field, and in the store—yea, a religion welling up in the heart, and running out in the life, diffusing itself throughout all our words and actions, and constantly aiming at God's glory, and the salvation of the world, is that religion, and that only, which will make christians happy here, and qualify them for the enjoyments of heaven hereafter.

We cannot close our report without referring to the serious financial embarrassment which is now upon our Conference, and which threatens with extinction every enterprise in which we have felt an interest. This Annual Session upon which we have entered is a most important one; inasmuch as matters of such magnitude must come before us, as involves our standing and usefulness as a people. The difficulty to which we allude are of a financial character. Of the character of our paper we have not heard any complaints, and we rejoice to know that it finds a welcome reception in hundreds of families outside of our own churches. We know that the thanks of this Conference will be unanimously bestowed upon those friends whose liberalities have been contributed, and it is earnestly desired that God may open some way by which Elder Hartt may be relieved from his arduous care, and the Conference saved from embarrassment. With our numerous membership, an equality would effect the desired object; and none be burdened. Shall the publication of the *Religious Intelligence* expire at the close of this Conference, or not? Are our churches prepared to do without it? These questions can be answered by themselves only. May the response be according to the will of God.

In conclusion, we commit with trembling our report to your hands: it is an eventful moment. May he who holds his creatures in his hand, and turneth the hearts of the children of men as the streams of the South, direct the deliberations of this Conference in that perfect way which will most promote His own glory. Amen.

E. McLeod, Corresponding Secretary.

Heard the Report from Nova-Scotia General Conference, and the state of the Denomination, given by their Delegates.

On motion being made, and seconded, it was resolved that the Conference bow down before the Lord and offer public thanksgiving to Almighty God for his mercy and blessing vouchsafed to us during the past year.

Prayer and Thanksgiving offered by Elder McLeod.

Adjourned, to meet on Monday, at 8 o'clock.

The Sabbath was as usual occupied in prayer and preaching services at Victoria Corner, Woodstock, and at Jackson-town.

Monday July 5th.

Met pursuant to appointment, a number of Brethern were admitted to a seat.

The following report from the Delegates to the last General Conference of Free C. Baptists in Nova-Scotia, was read by Elder McLeod and unanimously adopted.

The Delegates appointed by the last New Brunswick General Conference of Free Baptists to attend the General Conference of Free Baptists in Nova Scotia, having attended to that duty submit the following Report:—

The Nova Scotia Conference met in September last at Hantsport. There were nine ordained Elders present, and three or four licentiate. Although the place where the Conference was held was a long distance from the body of the Free Baptist Churches in the Province, yet a very large representation of some of the Churches was present. Nearly all the ministers in that Province labour in Pastoral relation to Churches; some having under their care several Churches and congregations. Itinerancy beyond the limits for which their services are engaged is rare, which we conceive accounts for the small increase in limits and numbers which has been experienced by them during the last few years. Some of the Churches last year had enjoyed revival, and a considerable number had been added to them, others like some in our own Province, were stationary. There are altogether belonging to that

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Conference eighteen Churches and twelve ordained Elders. The exercise of gospel order and discipline in the Churches generally, as far as we could learn, is similar to our own.

An effort has been made during the last year or two to prosecute the Home Missionary work, Elder Norton had been employed as an Agent to lay the matter before the Churches, and had succeeded in raising a considerable amount. The enterprise however did not meet with the entire approbation of Minister and people and some trial resulted from the disaffection which existed. Elder Norton and a few others are warmly attached to this department of labour, (which to us seems indispensably necessary to their prosperity) and we believe the Home Mission work is likely to be prosecuted hereafter with more vigor. Some matters of serious trial existed in the Conference. The health of Elder Knowles having failed for the last year or two, has been a loss to the Churches in which he laboured.

We have pleasure in saying, that as the Delegates from this Conference were received with great cordiality and brotherly affection, and invited to deliberate with them in all matters affecting their interest.

The devotional meetings did not result in any revival, or special religious interest.

In conclusion, we feel it our duty to recommend that two discreet brethren be appointed from this Conference to meet them at their next Conference to be held in Yarmouth in September next.

On motion *Resolved*, that the Delegates from Nova-Scotia General Conference be received and admitted to all the deliberation, of the Conference.

The following Committee were appointed :

- ON REPORT FROM DISTRICT MEETINGS.—Elders W. C. Pennington, John Perry, G. W. Orser, C. E. Bell, and J. Noble.
- ON ACCOUNTS, as submitted by B. J. Underhill, Agent of General Conference—Elders G. A. Hartley, Samuel Hart, C. McMullen, and Brethern J. W. Smith, and Benjamin Atherton.
- ON LETTERS.—Elders Wm. Downey, E. Wayman, and R. French.
- ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Elders Wm. Kinghorn, Wm. M. Knolin, and Brother Wm. Peters.
- ON TEMPERANCE—Elders J. Gunter, C. Doucett, Thos. Connor, and Brethern R. Slipp, and R. Webb.
- ON THE SABBATH—Elders E. Sipprill, W. C. Weston, and Brethern J. Lake, G. Jonah, S. Currie, and S. Rideout.
- ON HOME MISSIONS—Elders E. McLeod, W. E. Pennington, J. B. Norton, and Brethern Hovey, and Jones.

ON DELEGATION TO NOVA-SCOTIA—Elders B. Merritt, and E. McLeod.

ON EDUCATION—Elders E. Wayman, G. W. Orser, C. E. Bell, G. A. Hartley, W. E. Pennington, and Brother James Lake.

A New Church organised at Letter B. Township, Aroostook County, State of Maine, applied by letter for Membership to this Conference, and was referred to the next meeting of the second District.

The Question, will this Conference sanction an application to the Legislature for a grant of money to a Free Baptist School in the City of Saint John was Referred to the Committee on Education.

The following Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools, was submitted and read by Wm. Peters, and sustained by addresses from several brethren and adopted.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools have much pleasure in reporting to General Conference that they see a decided improvement, and an increase of interest among our Sabbath Schools generally, and that the number of schools are also increasing, and consider the interest manifested by some of our public brethren as one means through which these happy results have been brought about.

That Sabbath School instruction has, and is proving a great blessing to the young, we scarce need state, and that those engaged in the good work derive much benefit, must be apparent to any careful observer. We learn with pleasure that the Convention held in the Fifth District resulted in good, inasmuch as Teachers and Superintendents were enabled to gather from each other, various modes of interesting and improving the schools. The concerts held with some schools, as noted at the Convention, are among the first to awaken the interest of children, and in some places where they are held, the whole community have thereby been enlisted in the Sabbath School cause.

We are unable to get a correct statement of the number of schools or scholars, and would recommend that each District, as far as practicable, do hold a convention each year, and all the schools send their statistics to such convention, and that each church in future represent the Sabbath School interest at the District meeting with which they are connected, in order that in future a full report might be made.

Your Committee feel persuaded that the moral and religious influence exerted by Sabbath Schools, and Sabbath School instruction, is already very considerably felt, and would express the hope that the day is not far distant when there will be no place in our Province found destitute of this God-honoring and soul-saving institution.

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While we express our heartfelt gratitude to God for the undiminished zeal of some, we are sorry to know that there are some who still stand aloof from the good work, and would recommend that at as early a date as possible some person be employed by conventions or otherwise, to present to our churches their duty in this matter, establish Sabbath Schools where needed, and promote the general good of Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. KINGHORN,

WM. M. KNOWLIN,

WM. PETERS.

The Committee on Temperance submitted their Report, viz:—

They would earnestly recommend that the last years' report be fully carried out, and that churches receiving members make strict scrutiny where persons are suspected of tipping, and would urge upon all our Elders the necessity of being particular in this matter.

J. GUNTER, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Letters submitted their Report, viz:—

We have examined the letter from Brother Taylor, and would recommend that some Elder be appointed by this Conference to visit in conjunction with Brother Taylor, those Churches in that vicinity, to ascertain more fully respecting the prosperity of forming those Churches into a Separate District.

The letter from the Church at Douglas has also been examined and we would recommend that a Committee be appointed to visit them as soon as possible.

E. WAYMAN, *Chairman*.

Committee appointed to visit Campobello, and Grand Manan, with Elder Taylor—Elder B. Merritt, and in case of failure, Elder E. Wayman.

Committee appointed to visit Church at Douglas—Elders E. Wayman, J. Noble, Thos. Connor, and Bro. Jas. Lake.

Committee appointed to visit the Church in Queensbury—Elders E. Wayman, J. Noble, Thos. Connor, and Bro. Jas. Lake.

Committee appointed to visit the Church in Jacksontown—Elders B. Merritt, W. E. Pennington, and S. Hart.

Committee appointed to visit the Church at Mouth Beck, agumic—Elders B. Merritt, J. Gunter, C. E. Bell and G. A. Hartley.

Committee appointed to investigate the matter relative to G. H. Maxon, a Licentiate from this Conference, the Com-

mittee to report forthwith to the Recording Secretary, they having the power to either renew or withhold his Licence—Elders S. Hartt, C. McMullen, C. E. Bell, J. Gunter and Wm. Kinghorn.

The above Committee submitted the following Report dated Presquille, July 11th 1858 :

We the General Conference Committee have investigated the matter relative to Brother G. H. Maxon and have found it necessary to discontinue his Licence until such time as he clears up his character, and is restored to the confidence of the people.

CHARLES BELL,
JACOB GUNTER,
SAMUEL HARTT,
CHARLES McMULLEN.

Committee on nomination of Delegates to Nova-Scotia General Conference recommend Elders G. A. Hartley, and John Perry for such delegation, and Elder E. Wayman a substitute in case of failure of either. The Delegates to report to our next General Conference in writing. Adopted.

Committee on Agent's accounts submitted their report which was read by Elder Hartley.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock A. M. To-morrow.

Tuesday Morning 7 o'clock.

Met pursuant to appointment.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to divide the field embraced by this General Conference into circuits to be supplied with ministerial labour, and by consulting with the Elders of this Conference ascertain from each where he believes he can labour to the best advantage with the understanding that they may exchange as they may wish.

Committee—Elders E. Wayman, E. McLeod, Samuel Hartt J. Noble, and W. E. Pennington.

The Report of Audit Committee on Agent's accounts was again taken up.

Resolved, that the accounts as submitted are correct, and your Committee beg to recommend their reception as submitted. We find the liabilities as follows, viz:

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This is exclusive of what is due Elder Hartt for his present year's labour, and includes all that has been paid to him on the £1000 Fund.

There is due on Ledger account	£84 8 4
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Of this amount we could not realise probably £200. If we had all that is due we would be free of debt but as it is we want some £550, and balance of brother Hartt's salary to clear us of debt.

It will be remembered that if the books on hand are sold we will probably sustain some loss, they being now reckoned at cost.

In viewing the state of the Intelligencer, we consider it cannot be sustained in its present position, and we would recommend that if any of our friends would take it as private property, and continue it as the Organ of the Denomination, that the Conference dispose of it.

If it should remain Conference property your Committee would recommend that the price be raised to 7s. 6d. invariably in advance, as it is now published at a loss of £2 per week.

There is something due on the amounts subscribed to the £1000 fund, but how much we will get we cannot say.

G. A. HARTLEY,
SAMUEL HARTT,
CHARLES McMULLIN,
BENJ. ATHERTON,
TIMOTHY W. SMITH.

Moved seconded and resolved that the Conference offer the paper to Elders McLeod and Noble.

Elders McLeod and Noble thanked the Conference for the offer of the "Intelligencer," but stated that they did not feel themselves in a position to receive it.

2 Adjourned for dinner.

Half-past 1 o'clock met at the School House.—Elder McLeod proposed that the Conference stop the Intelligencer at the end of July, and that himself and Elder Hartley start a new paper after a week or two from the time of such stoppage, the price to be 7s. 6d. in advance and to furnish present pre-paid subscribers at 6s. 3d. Whereupon the following preamble and resolution was moved and adopted.

Whereas, This Conference have found much difficulty in publishing a denominational paper, and have decided to have the same published as private property, provided any person will take it; and whereas Brethren McLeod and Hartley have proposed to publish a paper as their property, and the organ of the Denomination—

Therefore Resolved, That this Conference do accept such proposition, allowing them to call said paper by such name as they (or other McLeod and Hartley) may prefer; and further **Resolved,** That we, the Elders and Ministers of the Conference, pledge our patronage and influence to it, and endeavour to procure its circulation among our churches and congregations.

Resolved, That Brother W. Peters, and B. J. Underhill take charge of the office, Books and Accounts, and wind up the whole affair, and be paid by the Conference or from the funds arising from the proceeds, and that Elder McLeod be continued Editor until the first of August.

The following Report of the Committee on the Sabbath was presented and unanimously adopted -

They regard the sanctification of the Lord's Day of divine origin, and "a sign between God and us" Your committee deeply regret the laxness with which some Christians keep the Lord's Day. In some instances Church members seem to regard it more as a day for sloth, or visiting, or gossiping than for resting in the true sense, typical of that heavenly rest which remains for the people of God. Your Committee recommend the observance of the Lord's Day by prayer, reading God's Word, family instruction, attendance at the place of worship, and the Sabbath School, and they urge that no secular conversation be indulged in—no visiting from house to house for any purpose except to see the sick—no visiting of fields nor planning of business for the following week—no improper conversation or lounging at meeting house doors, or smoking pipes or chewing tobacco before entering for worship, during worship, or immediately after being dismissed. Your Committee in conclusion would remark, that many persons violate the Sabbath habitually, and justify themselves because they feel no condemnation, but the consequence of this sin is observable in their want of religious enjoyment, their apathy for the welfare of others, and their lack of interest in what ever tends to promote God's glory. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. We furthermore recommend that our ministers and deacons use their influence in the correction of these unlawful and unholy practices both by private and public exhortations.

E. SHIRLEY
J. LAKE
S. RIDEOUT
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Resolved, That a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed who are acquainted with all our Churches and congregation the amounts among them, enough to make up what the

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Conference is now deficient of paying our debts, and report to-morrow at 8 o'clock A. M.

COMMITTEE—Elders S. Hatt, E. Siprell, J. Gunter, B. Merritt, E. Wayman, J. Perry, W. E. Pennington, and J. Noble.

The Committee on Missions submitted the following Report which was read by Elder McLeod, and adopted—

Your Committee, report that during the last year the only labour that has been performed under the direction of the Missionary Board except three months by Elder E. Wayman among the Churches in Westmorland. The scarcity of money and the financial embarrassment of our Conference, has prevented any further Missionary operations during the year; and probably under existing circumstances but little will be done next year, but your Committee advise that this department of labour be kept in view, a Missionary Board appointed, and whatever may be contributed for Mission purposes, expended to the best possible advantage.

Your Committee would also express their high estimate of the Mission work, its importance to the Church, and for the saving of the world, and would urge upon the Churches the necessity of contributing for this purpose. Several poor Churches and numerous poor districts exist which can only be supplied by Missionary labour.

E. McLEOD,

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Church in Holton be written to by the Corresponding Secretary, and recommend that they unite with the Free-Will Baptists, if they prefer to do so.

Adjourned to meet at 8 to-morrow morning.

Wednesday July 7th.

Met at 8 o'clock. *Resolved*, that our next Annual Conference be held at Mill Stream on the first Saturday in July next 1859, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers stand as last year with the exception that Elder Hartley take the place of Leonard Slip deceased, and James Slip the place of Robert McLeod.

Resolved, That the Board of Mission for the ensuing year, be the same as last year except Mr. James Slip, in place of Leonard Slip deceased.

Resolved, That the Delegates to Nova-Scotia General Conference have their expenses paid by this Conference.

The Committee on Education presented their Report, viz:

Your Committee on Education beg to report that they have considered the subject of education amongst us, and are convinced that the educational wants of our young men, and denomination generally, calls loudly upon us to do all we can to encourage and advance it in our midst.

We would recommend that this Conference approve the proposition of Brother Peters in connection with the school in Saint John by allowing the Church there the liberty of using the name of the denomination to give the proposed school a name and character, on the conditions that they erect their own School House, defray all their expenses, and in no way subject the denomination to any liabilities. We think that in view of our want it is our duty to do all we can to secure any Provincial grant that might be obtained to aid in sustaining an Educational Institution among us. We also think that if such a school should be got into operation bearing the name of Free C. Baptist, that the General Conference should appoint an Educational Conference Committee to look after the religious instruction of such school.

G. A. HARTLEY, *Chairman.*

Adjourned for Dinner.

Half-past 1 o'clock.

Met at Brother Boyer's.

The following Report of the Committee of Ways and Means was presented, and adopted,

We, the Committee appointed to consider and devise the best method to raise means to relieve the Conference of its present embarrassment, come to the following conclusions:—That the public men raise all they can from the several Churches coming under their care, and pledging ourselves to B. J. Underhill for certain amounts, with the expectation of raising it from the Churches and Congregations with which we labour, said money to be paid, within one year.

Notes given payable one year from date:—

Rev. S. Hartt,	£25	0s. 0d.,	paid in settlement of his services.
Rev. E. Siprill,	10	0s. 0d.	
“ W. E. Pennington,	25	0s. 0d.	
“ J. Noble,	25	0s. 0d.	
“ E. McLeod,	25	0s. 0d.	
“ J. Gunter,	25	0s. 0d.,	returned to him.
Bro. Geo. Jonah,	2	10s. 0d.	
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Rev. B. Mawett,	£25	0s. 0d.	
“ E. Wayman,	25	0s. 0d.	
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Resolved, That Wm. Peters be appointed Treasurer of General Conference.

Resolved, That Elders McLeod and Hartley be a Committee to prepare the Minutes of Conference, and have printed £10 worth.

District Meetings.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING—to be holden with the Church in Upper Ken, commencing the last Saturday in August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING—to be held with the Church in Woodstock, commencing the last Saturday in October, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THIRD DISTRICT MEETING—to be held with the 3rd Church in Queensbury, commencing second Saturday in October, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING to be holden with the Church at Grinnoc, commencing the third Saturday in October, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING—to be holden with the second Church in Johnson, commencing third Saturday in February, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING—to be holden with the Fourth District Church in Sudholm, commencing the fourth Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Elders labouring within the bounds of each District Meeting are appointed to attend.

Resolved, That the Churches all be expected to furnish from 1s. 3d. and upwards, for each member of the Church as a Conference Fund, to pay for printing minutes paying expenses of Delegations, &c., and to be disbursed by the Conference as may be required.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to examine Elder Hart's accounts, and settle with him.

Committee—Elders J. Gunter, E. Wayman, C. McMullin, G. A. Hartley, and C. E. Bell.

Resolved, That we adjourn during the pleasure of the Chairman, or until the first Saturday in July next, 1859.

B. J. UNDERHILL,
Recording Secretary.

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OF

ADJOURNED GENERAL CONFERENCE.

HAMPSTEAD, LITTLE RIVER, }
October 13th, 1858. }

Adjourned General Conference called by the Chairman in accordance with Resolution of Conference in July last, met pursuant to notice given.

Meeting opened with prayer by Elder J. Noble. The Chairman Elder B. Merritt took the chair and called the meeting to order.

Elders and Brethren present,

REV. BENJAMIN MERRITT, CHAIRMAN,

MINISTERS.

REV. E. WAYMAN,	REV. J. NOBLE,
" G. A. HARTLEY,	" J. WALLACE,
" J. MCKENZIE,	" W. M. KNOLLIN,
" R. DOBSON,	" C. DOUCETT,
" R. FRENCH,	" J. PERRY,
" THOS. CONNOR,	" E. McLEOD.

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REV. F. RATTERAY.

BRETHREN.

D. W. Clark,	W. Peters,	B. McKeezie,
L. Slipp,	R. Slipp,	P. Smith,
A. Machum, Senr.	A. Machum, Jar.	J. Slipp,
Seth Erb,	M. Short,	John Good,
W. McLeod,	F. Morrell,	Jas Clark,
W. Vanwart,	J. Stockford,	Dani. Smith,
E. Gavvity,	C. Gaunce,	B. Palmer,
G. Vanwart, Senr.	G. Vanwart, Jnr.	J. Golding,
J. Vanwart,	S. Lewis,	S. Parsons,
S. Taylor,	G. Slip, Jnr.	W. Whittekir,
Thos. W. Carpenter,	T. Carpenter,	and others.

RESOLVED, That a reasonable time be spent in allowing the business Committee to answer such questions as may be asked by any member of the meeting, and give such explanations as may be required.

A lengthy discussion was entered into by a number of the members present. Many questions were asked and answered, when the meeting adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

2 o'clock meeting opened with prayer by Elder Perry.

RESOLVED, Provided this meeting adopt the principle to assess the Churches, the notes and pledges made at the July Conference be relinquished.

RESOLVED, That an amount is now necessary to be raised by assessment or otherwise, to relieve the liabilities of the Conference.

RESOLVED, That the Conference go into Committee of the whole to-morrow at 8 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of dividing the amount required for the liquidation of the Conference Debt among the several Churches, and ask their concurrence therein. Adjourned.

Thursday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Conference assembled in Committee. Brother Stephen Parsons was moved to the chair.

After much deliberation, the following report was prepared and submitted to General Conference assembled at 12 o'clock.

They recommend that the amount required to liquidate the Conference debt be divided as follows, among the Churches belonging to this General Conference, viz :

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Millstream,	£66 16 0 pd.	Brought up,	£436 4 0
Lower Hampstead,	50 0 0	U. Settmt. Sussex,	18 0 0
Upper do	32 0 0	Smith Creek,	8 10 0
Upper Gagetown,	6 0 0	Head of Mill Stream,	3 12 0
Lincoln,	12 0 0	Millstream & Jordan Mt.	3 0 0
Mouth Oromocto,	2 5 0	Canaan Rapids,	2 8 0
Rushogovish,	9 0 0	North River,	3 0 0
Nth. Bre'n Oromocto,	9 0 0	Dover,	3 0 0
South do do	12 0 0	Taylor Village,	5 0 0
Patterson Settlement,	3 12 0	Fredericton,	6 0 0
Mill Road Oromocto,	2 8 0	Moncton,	6 0 0
Garey,	3 12 0	Naskwaak,	6 0 0
New Jerusalem,	8 8 0	Douglas,	18 0 0
New Ireland,	6 0 0	Kingsclear,	2 0 0
Upper Greenwich,	18 0 0	Lower Queensbury,	6 0 0
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Henderson Settlmt.	3 12 0	3rd Tier Jackson,	13 0 0
Shannon, do	2 8 0	Williamston,	2 8 0
Bald Hill,	3 8 0	Victoria Corner,	12 0 0
Belisle East side,	18 0 0	Simonda,	1 16 0
Johnston, Perrys	12 0 0	Mouth Presquille,	1 16 0
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Belisle Creek,	1 3 0	Tobique River,	2 8 0
Rosse Settlement,	6 0 0	Fitzherbert's	3 12 0
Wards Creek,	2 8 0	Mouquart,	9 0 0
Upper Brighton,	3 12 0	Middle Brighton,	6 7 0
Mouth Beckaguime	3 12 0	Upper Beekawinnie,	3 12 0
Lower Brighton,	8 15 0	Douglas Valley	2 0 0
Dutch Valley,	1 10 0	Fort Fairfield,	2 8 0

Carried up, £436 4 0

Total, £632 10 0

Adopted.

RESOLVED, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an appeal by circular to be sent to the several Churches.

Committee. Revs F. Wayman, G. A. Hartley, and Thos. Connor, and Brothers D. W. Clark and James Slip.

Adjourned

Met again at 3 o'clock. Heard Report of Committee appointed to prepare appeal.

RESOLVED, that the appeal prepared by the Committee appointed to prepare the same be adopted.

AN APPEAL

To the churches composing the F. C. Baptist General Conference in New Brunswick, and our Friends.

DEAR BROTHERN.—As you are aware, we are under a heavy burden of financial embarrassment, brought upon us by the mismanagement of our business in connection with our Paper and Book Concern. We have published the *Intelligencer* too cheaply, and too long on credit, but although conscious of having erred we have aimed at doing good. The past is gone, we cannot recall it, our present condition is discouraging, and unless relieved from present liabilities we must become nearly useless in advancing the cause of God, but in our appeal to you, to whom we have never gone in vain, we have hope. We sincerely regret that circumstan-

ces compel us, as our only hope of aid, thus to come to you. We now ask your sympathies whilst in trouble, and your means to assist in the liquidation of our liabilities. Much has already been given, and many brethren and friends shall ever live in our affections. Elder Hartt, laboured faithfully last year and accomplished much, to him and those contributing to him we are grateful; nevertheless, we are yet in want, and as brethren in need appeal to you for aid. At the adjourned Conference held at Little River, Oct. 13th a Committee was appointed to ascertain what amount would be required from each church by dividing the whole equally, according to the ability of the churches, and ask our brethren if they will, under these circumstances of need, give us the amounts assigned them. The amount assigned you is

We want, exclusive of what we hope to receive from the amounts due from unpaid subscribers £630. If you will respond to the call, you can send the money to the agent, Bro. B. J. Underhill, St. John, as soon as convenient. Asking you to pardon our errors and hoping we may never again trouble you with such unpleasant business,

We remain yours in Christian Bonds, &c.

BENJAMIN MERRITT.

Oct. 14th, 1858.

Chairman of General Conference.

Whereas, certain reports have gone out and are in circulation prejudicial to the character of Brothers B. J. Underhill, and Wm. Peters in connection with the business intrusted to them.

Therefore **RESOLVED**, that this Conference fully exonerate them from all charges whatever, and that we appreciate very highly their past services and would earnestly solicit their further continuance.

RESOLVED, that notice be given in the *Intelligencer*, for Tenders to be received up to the 15th of November, from persons disposed to purchase the bills due for the *Intelligencer* at that date; the contractor being required to give security for the amount of his Tender payable in 3, 6 & 9 months from the date of contract.

RESOLVED, that Brothers B. J. Underhill, & D. W. Clark, be a Committee, to receive the Tenders and carry out the above resolution.