

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

**Western Baptist Association**

OF

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HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH AT HEBRON, YARMOUTH COUNTY,  
SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY, JUNE  
14TH, 16TH, AND 17TH,

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# MINUTES.

HEBRON, YARMOUTH CO.

Saturday Morning, June 14th, 1870.

The Western Association convened with the Hebron Church this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its Twenty-ninth Anniversary.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by Rev. G. O. Gates. After singing hymn 338,

"All hail the power of Jesus' name.

Prayer was offered by Rev. T. A. Higgins.

Social services of a religious nature were engaged in while the Clerks made out the list of delegates.

## DELEGATES.

*Hebron*—Rev. A. Cohoon, Deacons C. Strickland, John Rose, William Durkee, Stephen Patten, and James Crosby.

*Yarmouth*—Rev. G. E. Day, Deacons A. C. Robbins, W. E. Heustis, P. B. Kinney, and Bro. C. W. Sanders.

*Digby*—Rev. J. H. Saunders.

*Hillsburg 2nd.*—Rev. J. H. Saunders.

*Tiverton*—Rev. L. M. Weeks.

*Hillsburg 1st*—Deacons H. H. Chute, Richard Clark, Bros. E. Clark, and Wm. Miller.

*Ohio*—Rev. John Rowe, Deacons Jos. W. Patten, Ebenezer Crosby, Jacob Durkee, Jno. Churchill, and A. C. Wyman.

*Argyle*—Bro. E. P. Coldwell, (Lic.)

*Pubnico*—Bro. E. P. Coldwell, (Lic.)

*Milton, Queens*—Rev. J. I. DeWolf, and Bro. Arthur Ford.

*Liverpool*—Rev. G. O. Gates, Deacon Thomas Nickerson, and Brother B. Kinney.

*Lower Granville*—Rev. F. Beattie, Bros. B. W. Shafner, and Ebenezer Brown.

*Bear River*—Rev. G. B. Titus, Deacons W. H. Goudy, Jas. Phillips, R. Raymond, Bros. Robt. Rose and Benjamin Gullison.

*Ragged Islands 1st*—Bro. J. W. Weeks, (Lic.)

*French Mission*—Rev. M. Normandy.

*Hill Grove*—Rev. W. L. Parker, and Deacon Robt. Reed.

*Wilmot*—Rev. John Brown.

*Freeport*—Rev. L. M. Weeks, Deacon Edward Denton, Bros. J. W. Bridge and William Denton.

*Woods Harbor*—Bro. Henry Chute.

*New Tusket*—Rev. A. J. Cogswell, Bros. J. G. Nowlan, and Stephen P. Bean.

*Forest Glen*—Bro. Z. C. Vickery, (Lic.)

*Yarmouth 3rd*—Rev. J. C. Stubbert, Deacons Enoch Crosby, R. N. Crosby, and Bro. Moses Porter.

*Tremont, South*—Rev. A. H. Lavers, Deacon Jacob Cavannah, and Bro. Holmes.

- Westport—Rev. L. B. Gates.
- Annapolis and Upper Granville—Rev. W. H. Warren, Bros. Wallace Young and Ansley Brown.
- Acadia—Rev. A. H. Lavers, Deacons Rufus Simonds, B. C. Robbins, and Bro. F. G. Cook.
- St. Mary's Bay—Rev. W. L. Parker, and Deacon Wm. H. Haines.
- Annapolis Royal—Rev. T. A. Higgins, and Bro. D. Whitman,
- Lake George, Yarmouth Co.—Rev. A. Cogswell, Deacons Edward Pennel, W. S. Patten, and Bro. Ira. Porter.
- Tusket—Rev. P. R. Foster, Bros. Archibald Jeffery, E. C. Simonson, W. H. Gavel, and H. S. Lent.
- Barrington—Rev. W. H. Richan, Deacon Geo. Wilson, and Bro. Lewis Porter.
- Lawrencetown and Valley West—Rev. J. C. Blakeney, Bro. M. C. Beale and John E. Armstrong.
- Temple, Yarmouth—Rev. J. Clark, Deas. Joshua Heustis, J. C. Anderson and Bro. James Cain.
- Clements—Deacon James E. Potter.
- New Albany—Deacon Phineas Whitman.
- Lockport—Bro. B. W. Lockhart, (Lic.) and Bros. Clifford Locke, and Sydney Locke.
- Yarmouth, West—Rev. H. N. Parry, Deacons Nelson Corning, Eben Rose, Bros. Zebulon Servant, James Cain, and Jeffery Churchill.
- Milton, Yarmouth—Rev. T. B. McQuillin, Deacons Z. Corning, Wm. B. Rosé and Bro. C. J. Kent.
- Shelburne—Rev. G. H. Goudy.
- Jordan River—Rev. G. H. Goudy.
- Jordan Bay and Sand Point—Rev. G. H. Goudy.
- Nictaux—Rev. W. J. Blakeney; Bros. B. H. Parker, Wm. Brown, and James Crocker.
- Pine Grove—Rev. J. H. Robbins, and Bro. Parker Dodge.
- Port Medway—Rev. Geo. O. Gates.

The Association was then duly organized by the appointment of its

**OFFICERS.**

- REV. JOHN BROWN, *Moderator.*
- REV. G. O. GATES, } *Clerks.*
- REV. G. B. TITUS, }
- BRO. J. C. HENDERSON, *Treasurer.*
- BRO. JAS. CROSBY, *Asst. Treasurer.*

The following Committees were then appointed :

- TO EXAMINE THE LETTERS SENT THE ASSOCIATION FROM THE CHURCHES—Revds. J. A. Stubbert, John Rowe. Dr. Day.
- TO READ THE LETTERS.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, R. D. Porter, W. Warren, J. B. McQuillin.

A partial report of the Committee of Arrangements was submitted and adopted as below :

1st. *Time of Meetings.*—Morning session commence at 10 o'clock, close at 12 noon. Afternoon session open at 2 and close at 5. Evening session open at 7.30 and close at 9.30.

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2nd. They recommend that prayer meeting be held each morning at 6 o'clock, except Sabbath morning, when the hour be 9.30.

They further recommend that the following be the order of the exercises of the Saturday session:—Reading of Letters during the morning and afternoon, that in the evening a Temperance Meeting be held:

### PROGRAMME.

1st. The Report of Committee on Temperance.

2nd. Addresses—1. Rev. J. H. Saunders—subject, "How much honor belongs to the church for the success already attained in the Temperance cause." 2. Rev. F. Beattie—subject, "The necessity of church members being total abstainers and temperance workers." 3. B. W. Lockart, (Lic.)—Subject, Temperance the great moral question of the day."

They also recommend the following for

### SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

- Hebron—10.30 A. M. Rev. John Brown.  
" 7.00 P. M. Rev. Geo. O. Gates.  
" 7.00 P. M. (Wesleyan.) Rev. J. E. Blakeney.  
Hartford—3.00 P. M. Bro. E. P. Coldwell, (Lic.)  
Yarmouth 1st—10.30 A. M. Bro. B. W. Lockhart, (Lic.)  
" 7.00 P. M. Rev. J. C. Blakeney.  
Milton—10.30 A. M. Rev. W. H. Richan.  
" 7.00 P. M. Rev. John Brown.  
Temple—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. I. DeWolf.  
Ohio—10.30 A. M. Bro. W. J. Weeks, (Lic.)  
" 7.00 P. M. Rev. J. H. Saunders.  
Deerfield—10.00 A. M. Rev. James E. Blakeney.  
" 3.00 P. M. Rev. W. J. Blakeney.  
Lake George—10.00 A. M. Rev. A. J. Cogswell.  
" 3.00 P. M. Rev. M. Normandy.  
Chegoggin—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Saunders.  
Overton—3.00 P. M. Rev. L. B. Gates.  
Arcadia—10.30 A. M. Rev. G. H. Goudy.  
South Yarmouth—7.00 P. M. Rev. John Clark.  
Little River—3.00 P. M. Rev. W. L. Parker.  
Chebogue, (Presbyterian)—3.00 P. M. Rev. J. H. Robbins.  
Riverdale—3.00 P. M. Rev. J. I. DeWolf.  
Tusket Lakes—10.00 A. M. Rev. F. Beattie.  
Yarmouth, (Wesleyan)—10.30 A. M. Rev. R. D. Porter.  
" 7.00 P. M. B. W. Lockhart, (Lic.)  
" (Congregationalist)—10.30 A. M. Rev. T. A. Higgins.  
" 7.00 P. M. Rev. W. H. Warren.  
Milton, (Wesleyan)—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. C. Blakeney.  
" 7.00 P. M. Rev. Frank Beattie.

Also that at all the Sabbath services in Baptist Churches a collection be taken for Home Missions.

The following brethren were invited to seats in the Association: Rev. R. D. Porter, Bro. Sau Ah-brah, (Karen—Newton Mass.) Bro. P. T. Whitman, (Lic.) of Newton, Bros. Alex. Syme, and F. C. Snow.

After the singing part of hymn 834, a number of letters from

the churches were read, beginning with that of the Hebron Church.  
On motion the name of Bro. J. E. Armstrong was added to the  
Committee on Sabbath Schools.  
Adjourned after prayer by Rev. A. H. Lavers.

**SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.**

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Richan.  
Minutes of morning session read and approved.  
Reading of Letters resumed and completed.  
Committee of Arrangements submitted a second partial report  
which was adopted. They recommend that Committees appointed  
last year be enlarged and stand as follows :

**DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.**—Revds. J. Brown, P. R. Foster, Deacon  
J. C. Anderson, Bros. B. C. Robbins, E. C. Simonson, A. S. Lent, W. H.  
Haines, and Henry Chute.

**CIRCULAR LETTER.**—Revds. Dr. Day, and J. A. Stubbert.

**EDUCATION.**—Revds. T. A. Higgins, W. H. Richan, W. H. Warren,  
Bros. P. D. Kinney, Moses S. Porter, Wm. S. Patten, Deacon Durkee, and  
Bro. F. C. Snow.

**CHRISTIAN BENEFICENCE.**—Revds. H. N. Parry, J. H. Robbins, G. H.  
Goudy, J. I. DeWolf, Bros. N. Corning, Dimock Whitman, B. W. Shafer,  
and J. W. Eldridge.

**OBITUARIES.**—Revds. J. H. Saunders, W. H. Richan, J. A. Stubbert, W.  
A. J. Blakeney, Deas. Thos. Nickerson, H. H. Chute, and Richard Clark.

**SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Revds. G. O. Gates, L. B. Gates, W. L. Parker,  
Bros. J. E. Armstrong, C. W. Sanders, Ira. Porter, William Rose, B. H.  
Parker, Benj. Hardy, Geo. Wilson, Jas. E. Allen, Jno. Churchill, and  
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**ON MISSIONS.**—Revds. G. E. Day, Jno. Rowe, A. Cohoon, L. M. Weeks,  
Bros. B. W. Lockhart, E. P. Coldwell, (Lic.), A. C. Robbins, Ansley Brown,  
Wallace Young, Lewis Porter, and Jno. Rose.

**QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.**—Revds. J. B. McQuillin, W. A. J. Blakeney,  
P. R. Foster, Jno. Clark, Bros. Ebenz. Rose, and Chas. Kent.

**TEMPERANCE.**—Revds. J. H. Saunders, F. Beattie, Bros. Jas. W. Patten,  
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and Jas. E. Patten.

They further recommend the following arrangements for the  
Sessions of Monday.

Monday morning—Associational Sermon by Rev. T. A. Higgins,  
followed by Circular Letter.

Monday afternoon—Report of Committee on Education, followed  
by addresses. 1st. The present condition and prospects of our  
educational work—speaker, Rev. T. A. Higgins. 2nd. The duty of  
Baptist parents to provide liberal education for their sons and  
daughters—speaker, Rev. W. H. Warren, to be followed by others.

Monday evening—Report of Committee on Missions. Addresses  
1. The obligation of our stronger churches to aid the weaker, and the  
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2. Why we should prosecute our French Mission work more vigorously—speaker, Rev. M. Normandy. 3. What the Foreign Mission work has done for the heathen—speaker, Bro. Sau Ah-brah, of Newton Centre, Mass.

The report of Board of Infirm Ministers fund, reported through their Secretary, Rev. A. Cohoon. Adopted. (See Appendix A.)

*Resolved*, That all monies sent this Association, and not appropriated, be divided in the proportion specified on missionary cards circulated among many of the churches.

On motion, *Resolved*, That 1,500 copies of Minutes be printed, the report of Home Mission Board, being incorporated, and that 50 copies be reserved for use next year.

On motion, Revs. J. C. and W. A. J. Blakeney, with Bro. J. E. Armstrong, were appointed our delegates to Central Association.

On Motion, Rev. P. R. Foster was appointed our delegate to P. E. Island Association.

On motion, Rev. T. A. Higgins, Dr. Day, J. C. Blakeney, Bros. H. H. Chute, and Richard Clark, were appointed delegates to the Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that any members of this Association visiting any of the Associations be our delegates upon receiving a certificate duly signed by the Clerks of this body.

On motion the choice of place for holding next Annual Meeting of this body be left to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

On motion the Committee of Arrangements was requested to prepare a list of the various committees required for next year.

After prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster the Association adjourned.

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#### SATURDAY—Evening Session.

##### TEMPERANCE MEETING.

After singing part of hymn 346,

“Come let us join our cheerful songs.”

Rev. John Rowe offered prayer. Minutes of afternoon session read, amended and adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported, and after speeches by Revs. J. H. Saunders, F. Beattie, T. A. Higgins, John Brown, and Bro. B. W. Lockhart, (Lic.) The report was adopted. (See appendix B.)

The interest of the meeting was increased by the music rendered by the choir.

After the singing the doxology and prayer by Rev. J. A. Stubbert this meeting, full of interest throughout, adjourned.

MONDAY MORNING, June 16th.

The Association assembled at 10 o'clock.

After preliminary exercises participated in by Revds. Dr. Day and F. Beattie, the Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. T. A. Higgins from Luke vii. 9.

The sermon ended, prayer was offered by Dr. Day, followed by a collection for Home Missions.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of Saturday evening session read and approved.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported recommending the reading of the Letter, which was complied with by its author, Rev. John Brown—subject, "Religious Declension."

On motion the letter was adopted, to be published in the Minutes, and in *Christian Messenger*.

Then followed the reading of letters, which had come to hand since Saturday afternoon session.

On motion, Rev. T. A. Higgins was requested to prepare his sermon for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

After prayer by Rev. A. Cohoon, meeting adjourned.

MONDAY—Afternoon Session.

Rev. T. A. Higgins in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Blakeney. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

On motion the brethren constituting the Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund, viz. :—Revds. G. E. Day, P. R. Foster, J. A. Stubbart, A. Cohoon, A. H. Lavers, Bros. J. C. Anderson, and W. R. Doty, were reappointed for the ensuing year.

A telegram being read announcing the death of a daughter of Rev. A. J. Cogswell, by request Bro. Cohoon offered prayer for our Bro. Cogswell and his afflicted family.

On motion, ten minutes were granted to Bro. F. T. Whitman to bring to the notice of the body the "Baptist Review," a new publication lately issued in Cincinnati.

Committee on Education reported, spoken to by its chairman, Rev. T. A. Higgins, and by Rev. W. H. Warren on subjects assigned them by Committee of Arrangements followed by Rev. R. D. Porter, Bro. F. T. Whitman, (Lic.,) and Dr. Day. Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

On motion, Resolved, that this Association hold its next session with the Freeport Church.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. W. H. Warren.

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MONDAY—Evening Session.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Meeting opened by singing part of hymn 907.

“From Greenland's icy mountains.”

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. M. Weeks. Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangement submitted a partial report recommending the following, which was adopted :

Tuesday morning session be given to the receiving of reports. 1st. Obituaries. 2nd. Denominational Literature. 3rd. Sabbath Schools, followed by addresses. (a) “Laying Foundations,” by W. H. Richan. (b) “The Sabbath School an inviting field for christian work,” by Rev. John Clark. (c) “The importance of guarding the reading of our youth,” by Rev. J. H. Robbins.

3rd. Report of Committee on Christian Beneficence. Address, “On whom rests the blame for the lack of systematic beneficence,” by Rev. H. N. Parry.

4th. The final report of the Committee of Arrangements.

Tuesday afternoon session. Religious service. Sermon by Rev. Frank Beattie, followed by a social meeting.

Evening session. Praise meeting, followed by sermon by Rev. J. H. Robbins, and a social meeting.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Revds. J. C. Bleakeney and M. Normandy.

Committee on Missions reported—spoken to by Revds. Geo. O. Gates, M. Normandy, and Bro. Sau Ah-brah, of Newton, and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

A collection was taken for the French Mission, after which a most tender appeal was made in behalf of that Mission, by Mrs. Normandy, wife of our French Missionary.

After singing and prayer by Rev. A. H. Lavers, the meeting adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 17th.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. J. I. DeWolf. Minutes of last session read and confirmed.

On motion leave of absence was granted Rev. T. A. Higgins, and Bro. F. C. Snow.

Committee on Obituaries reported—spoken to by Rev. John Clark, and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Committee on Denominational Literature reported—spoken to by Revds. J. H. Saunders, T. A. Higgins, Bro. Nelson Corning, Revds. A. Cohoon, W. H. Warren, John Brown, J. I. DeWolf, Dr. Day, John Rowe. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, followed by addresses by Rev. W. H. Richan—subject, "Laying Foundations," and by Rtv. John Clark, "The Sabbath Schools an inviting field of christian labor."

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. L. B. Gates.

#### TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. G. B. Titus.

Minutes of morning session read and confirmed.

Report on Sabbath Schools adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Committee on Christian Beneficence reported, followed by an address by Rev. H. N. Parry—subject, "On whom rests the blame for the lack of systematic beneficence in our churches." Report adopted. (See Appendix H.)

The Committee on Arrangements reported finally, as below. Report adopted.

#### COMMITTEES FOR 1880.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. J. B. McQuillin, G. B. Titus, and G. H. Goudy.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. W. H. Richan, and John Clark.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. W. H. Warren, J. C. Bleakney, and J. M. Parker.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. Dr. Day, Geo. O. Gates, J. F. McKenne, and John Clark.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, P. F. Murray, J. A. Stubbert.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. H. N. Parry, A. H. Lavers, and Aaron Cogswell.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Revds. W. E. Hall, J. H. Saunders, and F. Beattie.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. J. A. Stubbert, W. A. J. Blakeney, and J. I. DeWolf.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. L. M. Weeks, L. B. Gates, J. C. Morse, W. L. Parker, and J. H. Saunders.

ON CHRISTIAN BENEFICENCE.—Rev. J. H. Robbins, A. Cohoon, J. E. Blakeney.

They further recommend that the Rev. J. H. Robbins preach the Annual Sermon, and that Rev. W. E. Hall be his alternate, and that Rev. Frank Beattie write the Circular Letter.

On motion the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, The annual call, or as it is commonly called the "hiring" of a pastor serves no practical purpose, but tends to render the relation between pastor and people less strong and binding than it might otherwise be, and may in some measure be the cause of such frequent changes, which should be discouraged as far as possible;

*And Whereas*, the custom has evidently given rise to terms and phrases which may be properly enough applied to certain person, but do not well apply to, nor are they worthy the dignity of the christian minister or ministry: such as the church at "so and so," has hired "Mr. so and so," or "Rev. A. B. or C, is 'looking for' or 'has got,' or 'is out of a situation,'"

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*Therefore Resolved*, that ministers and churches be recommended to discountenance and discontinue, as far as possible the custom of engaging a pastor either for a year or any other specified time:

*Further Whereas*, the removal of a pastor to a new field of labor, is generally attended with considerable expense and often heavy loss;

*Therefore Resolved*, That churches which possess parsonages be most respectfully requested to consider the propriety of furnishing such parsonages so far as it is in their power so to do.

According to arrangement a sermon was then delivered by Rev. F. Beattie—"subject, "The Cross," Gal. vi. 14.

The remaining part of the session was given to social exercises, which were of a most interesting character.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. Aaron Cogswell.

• **TUESDAY—Evening Session.**

The closing session of the Association opened with a praise meeting, followed by a sermon by Rev. J. H. Robbins, text 2 Cor. v. 20, after which some time was spent in prayer and exhortation.

The Minutes of afternoon session were then read and confirmed.

On motion, the thanks of the Association were tendered the Hebron friends for the hospitality and kindness shown the delegates and friends of the association during its session.

On motion, it was resolved that the Association do now adjourn until 10 o'clock on the third Saturday of June, 1880, then to meet with the Baptist Church at Freeport. Thus closed, after prayer and the benediction, one of the pleasantest and most soul cheering Associations within the memory of the oldest present. The session was full of interest. The devotional exercise, will long be remembered as seasons of refreshing from on High.

JOHN BROWN, *Moderator.*

GEO. O. GATES, } *Clerks.*  
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## Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Western Association, held in Hebron, June, 1879.

NAME OF CHURCH.	PASTORS' NAME	Year of Settlement.	CURE, AND P. O. ADDRESS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Total Membership.		
				By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Statement.	Restoration.	Dismission.	Exclusion.		By Death.	
1 Acadia French Mission.	1870 M. Normandy	1879	Charlton Prime						1	26	5	31
2 Annapolis Royal	1874 W. H. Higgins	1874	John Brittain	3					1	78	52	80
3 Annapolis and Upper Granville.	1801 W. B. Wiggins	1878	W. W. Saunders	7					1	276	52	228
4 Argyle	1871 E. P. Caldwell, (Lic.)	1878	Heman Nickerson						1	132	11	145
5 Arcadia	1871 A. H. Levers	1877	B. C. Robbins						1	106	14	120
6 Barrington	1854 W. H. Richan	1868	Josiah Smith	1					1	36	8	38
7 Beaver River	1846 G. B. Titus	1877	Reuben C. Raymond	10					4	210	19	229
8 Brookfield	1823		A. J. Leadbetter						1	32	19	51
9 Caledonia	1874		B. L. Talfer	2					1	325	26	249
10 Clements	1810 J. M. Parker	1874	Jas. Potter, Upper Clements.						1	106	34	140
11 Dalhousie West*	1840 J. H. Saunders	1874	Geo. S. Parker	2					1	102	12	114
12 Digby Neck, 1st.	1809 J. C. Morse	1842	W. C. Denton	5					1	251	5	256
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15 Forest Glen	1835		Robert Haslow	5					1	143	20	163
17 Greenfield	1861 T. A. Higgins	1874	Jacob Chute	5					2	4	4	148
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19 Hampton	1827 A. Coboon	1870	T. H. Miller	4					1	264	43	307
20 Hebron	1823								3	98	14	104
21 Hillsburgh, 1st.	1843 W. L. Parker	1878	James M. Aymar						1	33	4	37
22 Hillsburgh, 2nd*	G. H. Goudy	1878	John Dall	2					1	33	4	37
23 Hill Grove, and Sand Point.	1858 G. H. Goudy	1878	Wm. C. DeLong						1			
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27 Liverpool	1851 Geo. O. Gates	1878	Geo. S. Parker, Liverpool	10					4	194	106	294
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29 Lako Georgetown	1840 Aaron Cowswell	1878	Robert Fitz Randolph	4					1	147	19	166
30 Lawrence town	1873 J. C. Blakney	1878	Ebenezer Sprout	10					1	3	194	245
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## Ministers of the N. S. Western Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles .....	Parker's Cove .....	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" W. A. J. Blakeney .....	Nictaux .....	1860	Cambridge, N. B.
" J. E. Blakeney .....	Port Lorne .....	1869	Richmond, N. B.
" J. C. Blakeney .....	Lawrencetown .....	1861	Richmond, N. B.
" John Brown .....	Paradise .....	April 7, 1870	Sodbury, Glo., G. B.
" F. Beattie .....	Lower Granville .....	Dec. --, 1870	Shediac, N. B.
" A. Cohoon .....	Hebron .....	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" John Clark .....	Yarmouth .....	1866	Godmanchester, G. B.
" A. Cogswell .....	Lake George .....	Jan. --, 1843	St. Mary's Bay.
" A. J. Cogswell .....	New Tusket .....	1874	Tusket Lakes.
" G. E. Day .....	Yarmouth .....	Jan. 26, 1866	Yarmouth.
" P. R. Foster .....	Tusket .....	Sept. 9, 1868	Kempt.
" L. B. Gates .....	Westport .....	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" G. O. Gates .....	Liverpool .....	Oct. 22, 1873	Liverpool.
" G. H. Goudy .....	Shelburne .....	June 7, 1877	St. Mary's Bay.
" E. J. Grant .....	New Albany .....	1878	New Albany.
" T. A. Higgins .....	Annapolis .....	1867	Liverpool.
" W. E. Hall .....	Melvorn .....	Sept. 23, 1864	New Germany.
" A. H. Lavers .....	Arcadia .....	Sept. 21, 1876	Port Medway.
" J. C. Morse .....	Digby Neck .....	Nov. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" P. F. Murray .....	Milton, Queens Co. ....	March 14, 1848	Westport.
" J. F. McKenne .....	Ragged Islands .....	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" J. B. McQuilln .....	Milton, Yarmouth Co. ....	1868	Port Hawksbury.
" M. Normandy .....	SaintInterville .....	July 20, 1869	Yarmouth.
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" W. L. Parker .....	St. Mary's Bay .....	Sept. 30, 1863	Upper Aylesford.
" J. M. Parker .....	Clements .....	Oct. 5, 1865	Springfield.
" H. N. Parry .....	Chegoggin .....	April 25, 1877	Gaspereaux.
" W. H. Richan .....	Barrington .....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe .....	Ohio .....		Maccan.
" J. H. Robbins .....	Middleton .....	Aug. 29, 1873	Rawdon.
" J. H. Sanders .....	Digby .....	Aug. 11, 1868	Ohio, Yarmouth Co.
" J. A. Stubbart .....	Deerfield .....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" Chas. Tupper, D. D. ....	Aylesford .....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" G. B. Titus .....	Beaver River .....	March 26, 1874	Osborne.
" W. H. Warren .....	Bridgetown .....	Feb. 8, 1872	Cavendish, P. E. I.
" J. I. DeWolf .....	Milton, Queens Co. ....	Dec. 4, 1874	Uigg, P. E. I.

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# CIRCULAR LETTER.

## Religious Declension.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

That there is a large amount of religious declension in the Church at the present time, few I presume will be disposed to deny; and its removal is a consummation devoutly to be wished. A feeble state of piety in a church impairs and hinders its usefulness, depriving it of power to carry on Christ's work. To many a Christian, and many a church the charge brought against the Church at Ephesus might be made:—"Thou hast left thy first love."

It may be profitable to look at some of the causes of religious decline.

1. The spirit of selfishness so prevalent in the Church.

It is greatly to be feared that the love of money which Paul describes as "the root of all evil" lies very largely at the root of religious declension. As the love of gain increases, the love of God decreases. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." There is perhaps no greater danger to which Christians are exposed than that against which Christ utters a distinct warning: "Take heed and beware of covetousness," which Paul calls "idolatry." It was this that led to the betrayal of our Lord and Saviour by Judas: "What will ye give me, and I will betray him unto you?" There is still a very close connection between love of money and betraying and forsaking the Lord Jesus.

Nor does the evil rest with the individual alone; it extends much further, because that which might be well expended in furtherance of Christian work, and fulfilling the commission of Christ is hoarded up, or loaned out at an exorbitant percentage, thus robbing God of his own, the heathen of the gospel, himself of peace, turning himself into an idolator and an extortioner, concerning which men, the Bible is exceedingly clear as to the future: "Nor idolators. . . nor extortioners (whether in the matter of interest, or buying, or selling, or employment of labour) shall inherit the kingdom of God." This love of gain is a worm that knaws at the very heart of many of the professed people of God, and although condemned by God himself, it prevails, we fear, to an extent that is fearful to contemplate.

2. Neglect of the means of grace.

To the principle just named may often be traced neglect of the Lord's house on the day or days usually set apart for prayer and

praise during the week. The man above described does not see the wisdom of going to meeting when he can much better improve his time either in making money, or laying plans whereby it may be made. "Not forgetting the assembling of yourselves together" is a Divine command, and he who faithfully obeys it is a great gainer thereby, and he who does not is a great loser. Sabbath attendance is scarcely a criterion of the spiritual state either of a church or an individual. You must consult the week-night prayer-meeting if you would know how the church pulse beats. Spiritual prosperity, growth in grace, advancement in holiness, should be the Christian's highest aim, and he who neglects the ordinary means of grace, neglects one important means whereby these blessings may be realised, and enters on a course of decided religious declension.

Possibly there is room for improvement in the manner of conducting our prayer-meetings, to make them more attractive (a subject well worth careful consideration) but till we find how it is to be done, staying away altogether is certainly not the way to do it. And indeed as to attraction, the promise of God that whenever two or three are gathered together in his name, he will be in the midst of them, ought to be attraction enough to any and every follower of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Another means whereby spiritual decline is brought about, is,  
3. Neglect of God's Word.

Careful, thoughtful, prayerful attention to this is as necessary to a Christian as close attention to the chart and compass is to the mariner; neglect in either case may prove disastrous to the voyager. "Moreover," says David "by them is thy servant warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward." To him they were "more to be desired than gold yea than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb."

When a man holds, and continues to hold, God's Word in the manner just described, he is in little danger of backsliding from God and on the other hand, immediately his value of that book declines, his godliness declines also; he is on the down grade, and in a fair way of turning his back upon God. The book that has God for its author, and Heaven for its aim, given by God to men to teach them how to reach that Divine abode, cannot be safely neglected by any one.

4. Neglect of family worship also tends to spiritual declension. This has reference more especially to parents. No family where both, or even one, of the parents is a Christian should be without the protection and safeguard of family prayer.

The benefits to the parents, and especially to the children is more than can be told. Care should be exercised in the conducting of this most important duty that it be made attractive to every member of the family. It is well that reading, singing, and prayer should find a place in the exercise. It has been well said "Those who pray do well, those who read and pray do better, but those who read, sing, and pray, do best."

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Of Abraham God said: "I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." When this can be said of Christian fathers, and it ought to be of every such father, a blessing to the family will be secured, christian stability made more stable still, and religious declension much more rare. Where "piety at home" is carefully cultivated, it will manifest itself abroad, and help in no small degree to prevent the sad experience of backsliding from God which the neglect of it is so apt to produce.

5. May not the backsliding of some of our young converts arise from our neglect to look after them?

Is it not to be feared that in too many cases we are satisfied with getting them into the church? as if that were the sum total of our duty? Does not our interest in them often begin to flag when they have received the right hand of fellowship? Do they not need as much careful attention after union with the church as they did before? Jesus says: "Feed my lambs;" do we not often starve them by neglect and cold indifference, instead of feeding them with brotherly love, and kindly admonition, and loving counsel, and faithful caution, and christian experience, and cheerful encouragement, and lively hopes? May not the relapses of many of our young converts be the fruit of negligence on the part of the church, of which, it must not be forgotten, the pastor is a member, and to whom these duties largely, though by no means entirely, belong.

6. Another cause of backsliding and indifference may arise from too much dependence upon spasmodic efforts.

Evangelists, as ordinarily understood, are means of great blessing, if they are sent of God. Revivals are blessings when they come down from God, but not when "got up" by man. Such seasons are often sources of vast good, but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that in many cases just in proportion as religious life and enthusiasm run high at such seasons, does it run correspondingly low when the revival has past; just as the highest spring tides are succeeded by the lowest ebb.

The fact that revivals take place, show that they should never be needed. The very word 'revival' implies a state of things that should not exist. Did we but live as it is our duty and privilege to live—by daily dependence upon God and communion with him, then instead of the extremes of heat and cold which too many suffer from, we should enjoy a much more constant and healthy temperature; the church would enjoy better spiritual health; revivals as commonly understood would become much less frequent, while at the same time, as many, if not more would be added to her numbers. All the benefits of revivals would be enjoyed without the usual drawbacks, among which the chief may be the low state into which so many fall after the revival, so much so, that the question presses itself upon one's attention whether revivals are to be sought after, and extraordinary means used for a longer or shorter season, or whether

it would not be better to expend our strength in seeking to get ourselves to understand more clearly our relation to God, to the Lord Jesus, to the world, and to one another, by use of the ordinary means. A revival is better, infinitely better, than a state of dearth and inactivity, but a regular, healthy, steady though slow growth of the church in grace and in numbers, is very much better than a revival, in which in most cases there is a great blaze of zeal and earnestness which frequently appeareth for a little while and then for a long while vanisheth away. We should not then have so often to mourn the low estate of Zion, nor grieve over the backsliding state of so many who once bid so fair, and promised so much fruit, nor our own coldness in the cause of our Redeemer.

The last I shall name, though far from the least, is,

### 7. Neglect of private prayer.

It is here perhaps more than in anything else, backsliding begins. There are many temptations to neglect this all-important and indispensable christian duty, every one of which must be stoutly and manfully resisted. It stands true as ever that

“Prayer is the christian’s vital breath,  
The christian’s native air.”

Nor is it any less true that

“Long as they live must christians pray,  
For only while they pray they live.”

Beyond doubt many there are who have wandered far from hope, and happiness, and heaven, and God, who might trace it all back to the neglect of this holy duty, or rather say holy privilege. No justifiable reason can be urged for putting it aside even for a day. It is not safe. “I pray,” said Mr. Spurgeon, “many times in a day, and I pray because I cannot help it.” “When the Lord’s people often enter into the secret place of the Most High:” when the soul often darts heavenward: when drawn by the irresistible power of love, they commune with their Lord because they “cannot help it,” there will be little or no danger of falling into a cold, indifferent state of mind and heart.

No christian can afford to neglect that which brings the peace of God into the heart, and keeps sin out. Even in the busiest season he should find his parenthesis for prayer. A praying heart will ever find both a time and a place to pray, and whenever the thought to pray enters the mind give it room, let no excuse prevent its exercise, it needs but little time to go to Heaven and come back again for the wings of faith are swifter than the swift-winged lightning. It was not without purpose that the Saviour taught this high privilege when he said, “And thou when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father &c.” Were there not moreover an earnest need for it we should not find the admonition, “Pray without ceasing,” for we are in want without ceasing, in dangers without ceasing, in temptations without ceasing. If the duty could be dispensed with, and if it were not

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We do not ask for less *public* prayer, but more *private* prayer. It is here our main strength is obtained to battle with the world, the flesh, and the devil. It is here humanly speaking, the battle is lost or won.

#### THE REMEDY.

What is the remedy for the low state of religion we so often see in churches and individuals?

1. By a close and careful examination as in the sight of God and eternity seek out the *cause*. Seek by God's help to retrace our steps to the place where we turned aside from the straight path of duty, and then with a prayerful vigilance watch against the next temptation in that direction.

2. Pay good heed to the directions given in the Bible against apostasy. "Be watchful" says John in Rev. iii, "and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die; for I have not found thy work perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard; and hold fast and repent." Paul says in Heb. x, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised," with many other exhortations, and especially that found in Eph. vi: "Finally brethren be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil . . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication, &c."

3. Frequent meditation of the life and death of Jesus Christ.

Let all who in any way suffer the woeful effects of religious declension, or are in danger of it, and who is not? often, very often think of the price paid for their redemption, of the agony endured in Gethsemane, the scourging, the crowning, the mocking, the shame, the spitting, the untold suffering both in body and mind of the Redeemer; of his death which ensures our life; of his resurrection which ensures ours: of where he now is: of the promises made to his followers, and the never-to-be told joy in store for them through him: of the mansions he is prepared for them that are his where they shall dwell with him in light and life eternal. These, and other thoughts that cluster around the name of Jesus the Christ, when and devoutly indulged in will serve in no small measure to prevent us from falling into a state of coldness and indifference, which is alike injurious to ourselves and to the cause of truth, as well as dishonouring to God. At the same time such meditations will also tend to increase our love to God and our Lord Jesus and bring us more into conformity with his image; to attain which, the christian should bend all the powers of his heart, and mind, and soul, and strength.

And now my brethren beloved in the Lord, may the God of all grace, who brought again our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, stablish and strengthen you in every good word and work, to do his will, out of his abundant and abounding mercy in Christ Jesus, grant that both you and all his people of every name and place may ever be sustained and upheld by grace divide: that you and they may ever live in the conscious enjoyment of the smiles of our Father's face, and that when your work for God and humanity shall end, there may be "ministered unto you an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

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## APPENDIX.

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### Report of the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

At the first meeting of your Board the Officers of the past year were re-elected, viz., Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., Chairman, and Rev. A. Cohoon, Secretary-Treasurer.

Your Board are thankful to be able to report that the matter of the Marshall property has been arranged without loss to the Board. As enough was not offered at the day of sale to cover the debt and costs of foreclosure, it was bidden in by Rev. J. H. Saunders, who has kindly acted as our agent, and to whom our thanks are due. It has since been sold to a responsible party for \$850.00, \$100.00 down, and \$750.00 remaining on mortgage at 7 per cent.

Aid has been granted to two of our aged Ministers and two widows.

The following shows the amount of receipts and expenditures :—

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account.....	\$23 82
Received from J. C. Anderson, Treasurer of Association..	87 03
“ On property sold, \$100.00; rents, \$19.66.....	119 66
“ Interest on money invested.....	10 00
“ On money in hand.....	2 20
Total.....	\$242 71

#### PAID OUT.

To Rev. Robert Morton, \$20.00; Rev. Henry Saunders, \$45.00.....	\$65 00
Widow Randall, \$20.00; Widow Richardson, \$15.00; Post Office Orders, Postage, &c., \$1.28.....	36 28
Foreclosure of mortgage, \$84.08; taxes on property, 32.00.....	116 08
Rev. J. H. Saunders for acting as agent.....	19 66
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Balance on hand..... 2 69  
Funds now invested bearing interest at seven per cent, \$890.00.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

A. COHOON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

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## Report of Committee on Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance beg to report:—That it is well for us, as the Representatives of Baptist Churches, to notice and emphasize the fact that intemperance in the use of intoxicating drinks is a vice of civilized lands. The traffic in these could only reach their present huge proportions under the fostering care of civilization. Nor should we forget that we regard the Bible as directing us in all the affairs of national life. Under the patronage of church and state this evil has been growing for ages. Here its most respectable supporters are still found. The manufacture, sale and even immoderate use of these beverages do not disqualify for membership in Churches of Christ, so called, nor does it prevent them from holding the most honorable and responsible positions in the gifts of the Governments. So in our civilization is found a prolific soil for this terrible evil into which it has rooted itself so thoroughly, as to seriously damage our religious and national life.

A recognition of these facts is necessary to the application of proper remedies.

Under cover of a nominal and false Christianity this evil has grown, as have many other evils now afflicting both Church and State. Because of this religion is in disgrace. The Church of Christ is particularly interested in the conflicts of this question, both for the regard she has for her own character, as well as for the love she bears the world.

In the Church alone lies the power to overcome, and the only true remedy for this evil. This power she can never exert, and this remedy she can never apply successfully, until she recognizes the fountain of both in Jesus Christ her Lord. As Baptists we need not change our creed to do this. We need only understand experimentally, if not technically, the subjective as well as the objective of the religion of the Bible.

All the substantial checks this evil has met has been in the power of Christ through His people. All the disgrace and difficulty that have come to civilization through this vice has been the result of attempting to establish a Christianity without a proper recognition of Christ as the head, heart and soul of it. When Christ is properly enthroned in the hearts of His people and the Church this and all other evils will be successfully attacked, and not till then; for there is none other name whereby we can be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman.*

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## Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee are glad to be able to report that a fair measure of success has attended our educational efforts of the past year.

The attendance at the College has been larger than heretofore, seventy-three in all, thirteen of whom having completed the course received their first degree at the Anniversary June 5th.

A Matriculation Class of about twenty-five is expected for next year.

There were 119 at the Academy, sixty-two males and fifty-seven females. Three of the latter have completed the three years' course, and received certificates to that effect.

The great event of the year has been the erection of the new buildings to replace those destroyed by the fire of 1877. The Committee in charge of this work have pushed it on with commendable zeal, and we have now two new and superior buildings in lieu of the one which went up in smoke leaving only ashes and sorrow behind.

The new College is completed, and was formally opened on Wednesday, June 4th, with due ceremonies, with speeches, full of reminiscences of the past and hope for the future, and prayer for the Divine blessing.

The Seminary building is a fine structure, and is to be ready for occupancy by the opening of the next term.

Contract price for both buildings, \$34,500; for heating, \$2,300; fitting rooms and furniture for College, \$1,000; for Seminary, \$3,000; total, \$40,300.

At the time of last payment to contractors, \$25,698 had been paid. By July 1st \$16,102 will be due.

These figures show that a great calamity called for the assumption of a great responsibility, that a great work has already been accomplished, and that a great work remains to be done. We are able to finish. May God make us willing

Collecting funds both for the buildings and for the endowment of the College will still press upon the denomination. But the body that has endured pressing for the last 1800 years, without losing all its vitality, may stand it a little longer.

The new Seminary building not only asks for funds, but it wants pupils now. Its rooms are inviting, its situation is healthful, its teachers competent, and it is hoped that a large number of our young women will hasten thither for instruction.

It is hoped that great benefit may result to the rising Ministry, and to the denomination, from the Theological instruction to be provided for hereafter at Wolfville. But these hopes must be disappointed unless funds are supplied to make that department efficient. However zealous and competent our teachers may be they cannot "make bricks without straw." There is a loud call

Chairman.

for money, faith, prayer, consecration and sacrifice upon the part of the entire denomination that we may keep abreast of the times, and push our own times, if possible, far ahead of the times of our fathers, and do a mighty work for God. Let us work and work together, work and with a will "while the day lasts," for the night cometh when no man can work.

T. A. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions are thankful to be able to report that our Missions at home and abroad are in a prosperous condition. The Foreign Mission which is located in the Madras Presidency, India, and whose operations are confined chiefly to the Telooogos, has been making progress during the past year. Brethren George Churchill and R. Sanford and their wives, have been greatly cheered by the arrival of Miss Carrie Hammond, of New Brunswick, at Bimlipatam, their field of labour. The work of the Lord has prospered in their hands. Several have put on Christ by baptism, and quite a number seem to be feeling after God. The native assistants of the missionaries on this field, Lazarus Edwin, Mark Leslie, and John Andrews, are proving to be helpers indeed. Rev. W. F. Armstrong and wife have been labouring indefatigably, and with encouraging success at Chicacole. Their four assistants, including a Colporteur and a female teacher, have greatly aided them in their work.

Your Committee regret that Mrs. Armstrong's health became so enfeebled as to seem to demand, at one time, her immediate return to her native land. More favourable reports, however, concerning her health have since been received.

The Mission to the Oryan people, in the Jeypore district, under the direction of Rev. R. Sanford, is producing encouraging results. The little church organized there some two years ago is quite vigorous. In this connection your committee must express their gratitude to God for the wonderful blessings which have rested upon the labours of our American brethren on the Telooogo field, where nearly 10,000 converts were added to the church by baptism in one year. Truly we may say in reference to this, "What hath God wrought!"

Our Home Missions have been doing a noble work for the Master on the whole field during the past year. 123 Mission Stations have been occupied. 50 weak churches have been aided by subsidies; and by the help of the Home Mission Board, they have enjoyed the means of grace. Pastors have been encouraged to look after feeble interests, and many young men have been recommended to fields of labour. 35 missionaries have been employed, who have laboured

921½ weeks. Other meetings and 101 baptisms, there is influence is a full bearing. Hence it is a their treasure do more for Your Commission Home Missions and they hope wider field of the Lord.

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921½ weeks under the direction of the Board. Sermons 2,407. Other meetings 1814. Over 7,000 family visits have been made, and 101 baptized, and 37 received by letter. This Home Mission work, therefore, seems to be of incalculable importance. Its influence is not confined to its own immediate field; it has a powerful bearing on the cause of Education and of Foreign Missions. Hence it is a matter of regret that larger receipts did not come into their treasury, that the Home Mission Board might have been able to do more for the Master in this department of christian work.

Your Committee rejoice in the great success of N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union during the seven years of its existence, and they hope that the new Board of Home Missions will have a wider field of labour, and be able to do more and better work for the Lord.

The French Mission has been conducted very much as in former years. Rev. M. Normandy has laboured diligently, as his reports to the Board clearly shew. But as the difficulties on his field are very formidable, the apparent results have not been very marked. Good has undoubtedly been done, and the seed sown last year as well as during the many previous years of the mission must ripen into an abundant harvest.

Your committee believe that this Mission should be sustained by the prayers and contributions of our Denomination, and that the operations connected with it should be greatly enlarged and improved.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. E. DAY, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Obituaries.

The duties of this Committee are more than ordinary at this time. Among the many who met with us at our last Association, for the last time on earth, are three from the ranks of our Ministry.

The Rev. G. Willard Parker was then appointed Chairman of this Committee, but it is now the duty of others to record his death. He was born in Wilmot April 4, 1816. He was converted at the age of 12 years, and united with the Nictaux Church. In 1840 he began to preach as a Licentiate, and was ordained at New Albany October 28, 1843. In 1846 he was called to the pastorate of 2nd Baptist Church of Sackville, N. B. Here he spent five years, and two years at Point de Bute an adjoining field. These were years of successful labor. He accepted the pastorate of the Nictaux Church in August 1853. After a pastorate of nearly seventeen years he removed to Milton, Queens Co., where he labored nearly four years; when his pastorate terminated here, he was called to take charge of the Church at Lawrencetown and

Valley West. In 1875 he became Pastor of the Pine Grove Church, where he ended his labors of earth extending over a period of 38 years. He was active to the end of life, and died with a few hours' illness, Dec. 4, 1878.

A large measure of success attended his labors in all the fields he occupied. It is estimated that he baptized 2,000 persons. The theme of his preaching was Christ. His manner was genial and attractive. We miss him to-day in this Association over which he so often presided.

Our beloved brother and father in the Gospel, Rev. T. C. DeLong, whom God has called to his heavenly rest, was a good man, full of faith and good works, of whom it might well be said, "He was an Israelite indeed, in whom was no guile." Those who knew him best could best appreciate his worth as a warm-hearted Christian Minister. He possessed a clear, strong mind, well read in the great and glorious truths of the Gospel, which he so much loved to preach. The greater part of his pastoral labor was spent in the Counties of Queens, Yarmouth and Lunenburg, where he was very highly esteemed for his work's sake. Our brother was also well known in other parts of the Province where he labored as a Missionary, especially in the eastern part of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, where he was honored in bringing many to Jesus. Many of his younger brethren will not soon forget his last meeting with the Association in Yarmouth in 1876, especially his farewell address, in which he urged so tenderly fidelity to Christ and His cause, and carefully keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. May the good man's mantle fall on us who survive him, while he rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

Bro. B. P. Shaffner, A. B., Lic., who also was with us at our last Association, died July 28, in the 26th year of his age. He was converted when quite young. At the age of 16 he was baptized by our departed Bro. W. G. Parker. He soon decided to give himself to the service of God in the Ministry. His exalted views of this great work led him to seek the most thorough preparation for it. This he was most ardently pursuing when he was unexpectedly called up higher. As a student our young brother was diligent and successful; as a Teacher apt; as a friend genial, loving and faithful; as a Christian steadfast and devoted. We who knew him thought the Lord had called him to a grand career of usefulness in His Church on earth. We now see that He did much for our good by him in a short time, and then called him to the more glorious services of heaven.

The Rev. G. D. Cox died March 25, 1879, aged 40 years and 4 months. He spent more than 19 years of this short life in preaching the Gospel and preparation for this work. For 6 years he was Pastor of the Clement's Church, where he was ordained January 4, 1865. In November, 1870, he was called to the pastorate of the 1st Hillsburgh Church. In both these important fields he was suc-

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cessful in gathering in many to the membership of the Churches, and was highly esteemed by his people, even more highly than he himself imagined. Most of these years of toil were years of great physical suffering. While pursuing preparatory studies at Wolfville he took a severe cold which destroyed his health, and was the cause of his early death. His ardent temperament and vigorous style made him a powerful preacher of the Word. We trust he now rests from the sorrows, toils and infirmities of this life, saved not for his works or sufferings here, but by the precious blood of Christ.

Death has also been bearing from us many dear brethren and sisters. Among these departed ones we find the name of Deacon Manthorn of the Port Medway Church, with that of his beloved wife. "He was a good man full of faith and good works."

On the 16th of April last our beloved brother Dea. Wm. S. Raymond, one of the old standard bearers of the Beaver River Church, was called, after a protracted illness, to his heavenly rest.

So the redeemed hosts of earth are marching into Canaan, and many of us here to-day are evidently near the margin of the narrow stream that divides us from those departed ones. As we journey after them let us sing, and if needs be let us sigh and suffer, if by this we can but induce the lost ones of earth to arise and go with us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman.*

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### Report on Denominational Literature.

Your Committee beg to report it as their opinion, that the press is becoming more and more one of the most powerful influences either for good or evil: and that as a consequence, too much care cannot be taken, by those most concerned, that no literature find its way into the family or Sunday School, but such as contains good, sound, wholesome teaching.

This watchfulness becomes all the more necessary, since a constant stream of most questionable literature finds its way into these Provinces through the mails, and is often introduced by some attractive chromo, which serves as a sort of sugar to coat the pill, which taken, tends not to health but to moral sickness and decay. Your Committee are further of opinion that every Baptist family should, if at all possible, take their denominational paper, inasmuch as this will tend to increase, where needed, an interest in the various branches of denominational work; nor do they see how any person who can afford to take such paper, yet does not, can be at all interested in the success of the body to which they belong.

Your Committee also consider that while excellent service is being done to the denomination and the cause of Truth, by means of

the *Christian Messenger* and *Christian Visitor*, that an amalgamation of the two papers, and published under the direct auspices of the denomination in connexion with a book concern, might be an advantage. But until such amalgamation take place, your Committee recommend that the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces do their best to extend the circulation, and increase the interest of the papers now existing.

Your Committee also consider it a matter of importance that there should be established a denominational repository, where publications of a purely denominational character might be obtained.

They have also reason to fear that in this intensely literary age, when even good papers are so cheap and abundant, there is great danger of the reading and study of the Bible becoming neglected; a danger which cannot be too carefully guarded against.

Respectfully submitted,

On behalf of the Committee,

J. BROWN, *Chairman.*

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### Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee appointed at the last session of the Association, regret that in bringing in their present report they have not had access to the statistics of the Sabbath Schools of this Association for the past year. We beg to recommend that during the present session of this Association some definite action be taken whereby the Committee for next year may have at hand some two weeks previous to the yearly meeting facts from the Sabbath Schools, from which a report can be made at once practical and reliable.

Your Committee, in calling to mind the history of Sabbath Schools, rejoice that God has abundantly blessed work performed in this department of Christian labor. We regard the Sabbath School as belonging to the Church, with interest in common with those of its parent.

So intimate is the union between these they should be regarded as standing or falling together. While the world needs the one it will need the other. While the Sabbath School, to be really prosperous, needs the watch-care, sympathy and aid of the Church, not less does the Church need the Sabbath School. That Church will be most prosperous, that has the best instructed and most prosperous Sabbath School.

Your Committee would urge upon Pastors and Church members, both old and young, the necessity of bringing into the Sabbath School their united wisdom, influence and love. See to it that you make its meetings attractive; let its sessions be graced with your presence; let your voices join in its songs of praise and your most earnest prayers be offered in its behalf.

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Your Committee are pleased to report a continued and increased interest in Sabbath Schools during the past few years, and as a result of this a more extended and deeper knowledge of the Word of God. We think the adoption of the "International Lessons" really beneficial, and recommend the continued use of them.

Your Committee would also recommend that all Sabbath Schools be kept up during the whole year; no reason why the School should stop in autumn; a little self-sacrifice and plenty of heart enthusiasm, and the winter school will be as attractive as that of the spring and summer.

In closing, your Committee would commend the suggestions of the Sabbath School Committee of 1876, some of which we give verbatim:—

1st. The use in our Schools of a pure, strong religious and Baptist literature as far as possible from the fictional element. 2nd. The spiritual and mental training of the Teacher in Teachers' meetings, which shall combine a close study of God's Word with united prayer for success.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. O. GATES, *Chairman.*

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### Report on Christian Beneficence.

Your Committee feel that the subject of Christian Beneficence is of vast importance, yet indifferently looked upon and poorly understood by large numbers of those called Christians, and composing our churches. While some are doing well our churches as a whole are not doing what they ought. We believe that our financial ability is much greater than the contributions of the churches would seem to indicate. The Word of God plainly says, "Every man shall give as he is able"; hence the lack of giving must be the result of ignorance or disobedience. No doubt both causes usually join to produce this result.

This lack ought, and we think may be remedied by our pastors repeatedly and persistently drawing the attention of our churches to their duty in this respect.

Whatever fears pastors may entertain as to wrong motives being imputed to them, they cannot be faithful to their Master and leave this duty undischarged.

The points which we think should be kept continually before the people are—

1. Every man should give. Yes, and every woman and child, too, if a member of Christ.
2. Every man should give according to his ability.
3. Every man should give systematically. Paul distinctly teaches this in his first epistle to the Cor. xvi. 2.

Giving should be systematical in two respects.

(1). It should be done at stated times. We believe no set system would suit all places. In some churches a weekly, in some a monthly or quarterly, in others a half-yearly donation will do best. Every church may judge what is best suited to them. The point is, give at stated times.

(2). System should characterize the division of our benevolence. Many give only to one object.

This should not be, for every object that we support is worthy, though not equally important; hence each should be remembered according to its relative importance. We are pleased to see evidences of increasing understanding on this subject, and hope all will speedily feel the force of the words, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Respectfully submitted,  
**H. N. PARRY, Chairman.**

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- Annapolis and
- Arcadia .....
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## Treasurer's Account

OF MONIES FOR BENEVOLENT OBJECTS RECEIVED AT THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
HELD WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT HEBRON, YARMOUTH CO.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Arcadia Colleges.	Ministerial Education.	Indian Ministers.	Total.
Amapolis and U. Granville	\$25.02	\$17.89	5.25		0.61	\$3.25	\$62.03
Arcadia	7.15	4.35			2.50	1.00	15.00
Barrington	2.25	1.50	1.00				4.75
Beaver River	8.00	2.90	2.25	1.25	3.24	3.49	21.13
Brookfield	10.30	8.95	8.87		0.68	2.23	31.03
Caledonia	2.00	2.00		2.00			6.00
Clements	4.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	11.00
Forest Glen		2.07					2.07
Freeport	6.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	20.00
Hampton	1.85	11.73	0.50			1.02	14.65
Hebron	20.00	23.31	3.00	7.50	5.41	8.39	72.61
Hillsburg, 1st	16.00	9.00	5.00				30.00
Hillsburg, 2nd	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.40			7.40
Hill Grove	4.00	6.00					14.00
Jordan Bay	1.50	1.50		1.10	1.50	1.00	6.60
Jordan River	3.00	3.81	0.50		1.00	1.00	9.31
Lake George		4.50	6.39		2.50	0.65	13.30
Lawrencetown and Valley West	6.60	8.00	2.85	9.30	0.25	0.65	18.65
Lockport	61.35	22.00	3.00		2.66	4.00	95.35
Liverpool	12.50	12.50	8.00	5.00	2.66	4.00	44.66
Lower Granville	11.33	10.05	3.92		1.31	3.72	30.33
Middlefield		4.00					4.00
Milton, Queens County	11.33	17.75	10.00				39.08
Milton, Yarmouth	12.12	8.50	0.90			0.49	22.07
New Albany	3.65	2.54					9.42
New Tusket	2.63	7.61		3.28			10.24
Nictaux	15.00	29.00	10.00			6.76	51.76
Ohio	14.46	5.00	5.00				24.46
Pine Grove	7.00	7.00	6.00		2.00	4.00	26.00
Port Medway	3.65	0.35	1.00			1.00	6.00
Ragged Islands, 2nd	1.80		1.00				2.80
Shelburne	0.35	2.50	0.15			0.80	3.80
Weymouth	4.00	3.50	3.15				10.65
S. Mary's Bay	6.00	5.00		4.00		2.80	17.80
Trverton	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	5.00
Tusket	8.37	3.25		2.30			11.92
Temple, Yarmouth	37.67	29.87	6.70	10.84	6.68	6.68	98.44
Upper Wilmot	11.61	27.48	8.87	5.10		0.50	58.56
Wilmot	37.85	41.00	16.05	4.80	3.60	7.30	110.60
Wilmot Mountain	2.00	5.00	5.00			2.00	14.00
Wood's Harbor	3.00	8.00	3.00			2.70	16.70
Yarmouth, 1st	5.35						5.35
Yarmouth, 2d	21.55	98.77	8.90	6.00	5.25	5.00	145.47
Yarmouth West		1.00	1.00				2.00
Yarmouth South	5.54	19.45	3.25	3.87	4.17	3.47	39.75
Amapolis Royal	7.43	2.00	2.00	1.00		2.00	14.43
Collections—	19.00	2.00	3.00			1.25	25.25
Hebron							
1st Yarmouth	48.72		20.50				69.22
Temple Church, Yarmouth	9.54						9.54
Milton	4.06						4.06
Ohio	3.72						3.72
Chegogin	2.92						2.92
Hartford Station	1.86						1.86
3rd Yarmouth Church	0.42						0.42
Arcadia	2.25						2.25
Overton Station	1.00						1.00
River Dale do	0.54						0.54
Lake George Church	0.34						0.34
Little River Station	1.21						1.21
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## Sabbath School Statistics.

Name of School.	Name of Superintendent.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible C'ia g.	Members of church in S. S. and B. C.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.	
		Male.	Female.	Totals.	Average attendance.	Male.	Female.					Totals.
Liverpool	J. R. Patillo	40	60	100	85	4	7	11	20	38	.....	
Brooklin	Thomas Annis	13	18	26	24	4	2	6	.....	9	150	
Lockeport	A. H. Fiske	36	34	70	54	5	3	8	.....	10	106 \$25 00	
North Range	Jos. S. McNeill	35	50	85	75	0	7	13	.....	20	150 16 00	
Westport	Henry Glaven	25	50	75	70	3	8	11	10	.....	100 40 00	
Port Medway	C. Manthorn	20	15	35	34	2	4	6	18	12	100 10 00	
1st Yarmouth	P. D. Kinney	70	80	150	137	6	15	21	19	42	450 135 00	
Beaver River	R. C. Raymond	20	25	45	40	2	2	4	6	15	130 25 00	
Maitland	Jas. A. Rose	21	32	53	50	5	5	10	14	26	125	
Bridgetown	Chas. Hill	48	52	100	90	3	4	7	40	45	60	
Wendeville	Valentine Eaton	12	15	30	25	2	2	4	.....	10	.....	
Centreville	Robert Erving	28	32	60	50	3	3	6	.....	15	.....	
South Yarmouth	Jas. Nickerson	16	30	46	22	4	2	6	.....	16	150 30 00	
Arcadia	Alvin Earl	53	104	157	81	6	6	12	15	69	150 25 00	
Middlefield	Jas. Morton	4	5	9	8	1	2	3	4	.....	.....	
Wilnot Mountain	U. Johnson	20	25	45	35	3	3	6	.....	20	100 6 00	
2nd "	J. Graves	25	45	70	46	3	4	7	6	14	150 10 00	
3rd "	B. Marshall	15	30	45	25	3	3	6	.....	10	.....	
Hampton	J. B. Snow	20	25	45	.....	4	3	7	.....	6	12 15	
St. Croix Cove	Ellas Brinton	18	22	40	.....	3	3	6	7	20	.....	
Caledonia	J. B. Harlow	40	45	85	75	6	5	11	.....	6	.....	
New Albany	Burton Hendry	30	38	68	48	2	3	5	.....	33	.....	
Hebron	H. H. Crosby	103	98	196	107	5	7	12	47	65	230 10 33	
Hartford	Zebina Shaw	32	44	76	58	3	5	8	12	23	.....	
Weymouth	N. E. Butler	10	30	40	37	4	4	8	.....	.....	.....	
	John Kinney	8	12	20	18	2	3	5	.....	.....	.....	
Cheggogin	H. N. Parry	80	35	65	.....	2	6	8	15	28	75 9 00	
Rosway	S. W. Cornwell	15	20	35	30	2	3	5	.....	.....	.....	
Centreville	W. M. B. Dakin	20	22	42	36	2	4	6	14	12	50 6 00	
Tusket	S. N. Jeffery	11	11	22	20	2	2	4	.....	.....	4 00	
Riverdale	Arch. Jeffery	11	17	28	.....	2	3	5	.....	.....	.....	
Gavelton	Wm. H. Gavel	12	14	26	.....	3	.....	.....	7	.....	3 00	
Lower Granville	J. D. Halfyard	70	79	149	103	18	7	25	.....	300	20 00	
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The Association will not in any case receive any money from the churches but it may demand its expenses with interest if other proper examination shall be judged by the Association to be warranted. The religious institutions of this Association are those mentioned in the Constitution of this and Practice of the Baptists (London, 1804).

Art. 10 - This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association.

ART. 1.—This body shall be called the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

ART. 2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

ART. 3.—The objects of the Association shall be, the collection of statistical and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; the promotion of individual godliness and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ART. 4.—The Association shall meet annually on the 3rd Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastors.

ART. 5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for; take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition.

The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the vote of the Association.

ART. 6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed; by dismission, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

ART. 8.—The Association shall not in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

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

ART. 10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1st.**—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

**RULE 2nd.**—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of a Moderator shall be made by ballot.

**RULE 3rd.**—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

**RULE 4th.**—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

**RULE 5th.**—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

**RULE 6th.**—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

**RULE 7th.**—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

**RULE 8th.**—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

**RULE 9th.**—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

**RULE 10th.**—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

**RULE 11th.**—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

**RULE 12th.**—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.

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# NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

## CONSTITUTION.

- 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.
- 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, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
- 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.

HEBRON, YARMOUTH CO. June 13th, 1879.

The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union met in its Seventh Annual Session at Hebron under date as above.

Vice-President Rev. J. H. Saunders called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. John Brown.

Brethren W. H. Warren and B. W. Lockhart were appointed as Secretaries.

The following is a list of

### DELEGATES.

Annapolis Royal—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Dea. J. Healey, and Bro. Dimock Whitman.

Arcadia—Rev. A. H. Lavers.

Beaver River—Deacons W. H. Goudey and R. C. Raymond, with Bro. David Crosby.

Bridgetown—Rev. W. H. Warren, with Brethren Wallace Young and Ansley Brown.

French Mission—Rev. M. Normonday.

Forest Glen—Bro. Z. C. Vickery, lic.

Hebron—Dea. W. R. Doty, with Brethren H. H. Crosby and James Crosby.

Lawrencetown—Rev. J. C. Bleakney, with Brethren Minard Beals and John Armstrong.

Liverpool—Rev. G. O. Gates and Dea. Thos. Nickerson.

Lockeport—Bro. B. W. Lockhart, lic., and Bro. Clifford Locke.

Lower Granville—Rev. F. Beattie.

Paradise—Rev. John Brown.

Temple Church—Dea. J. C. Anderson, Dr. Randall.

Tusket—Bro. A. Hurbert.

Wilmot Mountain—Rev. J. E. Bleakney.

Yarmouth 1st—Rev. G. E. Day, and Deacons A. C. Robbins and W. E. Huestis.

Yarmouth 3rd—Rev. J. A. Stubbart.

Yarmouth South—Bro. Jos. A. Kinney.

Members in their own right—Revs. G. B. Titus, P. R. Foster, A. Cohoon, John Clarke, L. M. Weeks, J. H. Saunders, J. Rowe, H. N. Parry, J. B. McQuillin, W. H. Richan.

Invited—Brethren F. C. Snow and E. P. Coldwell, lic., William Durkee, L. Patten, Dea. Geo. Wilson.

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A letter from Bro. A. P. Shand, President, was read by Bro. Cohoon, explaining reasons for being absent and expressing deep interest in the prosperity of our Union.

The Seventh Annual Report of the Home Missionary Board was read by Rev. A. Cohoon, Secretary.

*Voted*, That the Report be received for discussion, and considered clause by clause.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

The first and second clauses of the Annual Report were then discussed and adopted.

Prayer having been offered by Rev. T. A. Higgins the meeting adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

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#### Afternoon Session.

Opening prayer offered by Rev. W. H. Richan.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The Report of the Board was further considered. The clause relating to the French Mission was discussed at considerable length. Remarks were made by Revs. J. Rowe, G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, A. Cogswell, G. O. Gates, J. H. Saunders, M. Normondy, J. C. Bleakney and P. R. Foster. The clause was then adopted.

The last clause of the Report, in reference to the transfer of the funds and work of the Home Missionary Union to a Board appointed by the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, was fully considered and unanimously adopted.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. C. Bleakney.

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#### Evening Session.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. I. DeWolfe.

The Annual Report having been considered it was now adopted as a whole.

*Resolved*, That this Union recommend the appointment of an additional French missionary as soon as practicable.

Remarks on the foregoing resolution were made by Revs. John Brown, T. A. Higgins, G. O. Gates, A. H. Lavers, Normondy, A. Cohoon, W. H. Warren, J. B. McQuillin and John Rowe.

On motion, the Executive Board of the Union was authorized to transfer the work, funds and property of said Union to the Home Mission Board appointed by the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the President, Secretary and other members of the Executive Board for their faithful and efficient services during the past year.

The thanks of the Union were also tendered to the friends at Hebron for kindness and hospitality.

An earnest closing prayer was offered by Rev. G. E. Day.

With this session the existence of the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Union ceases. Much has been accomplished, under the blessing of Heaven, by this Society. Since its formation, seven years ago, about 1400 converts have been baptized by its missionaries, a large number of weak churches have been cared for, and new interests have been started in many parts of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The meeting adjourned *sine die*, Rev. G. E. Day having offered fervent prayer for the future prosperity of our Home Missions.

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# N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the N. S. Baptist Home Mission Union respectfully submit their Seventh Annual Report.

Knowing that many pressing calls for aid were being made upon our churches, and that the financial depression still continued, your Board have not deemed it wise to undertake all that they would otherwise have undertaken for the benefit of our weak churches and destitute portions of our land. They have judged it better, however, to have faith in God and their brethren, than to close their ears against worthy appeals.

### OUR POLICY

has been to give aid only where union with other Churches in support of a pastor was impossible; or where inability to afford sufficient support remained after union. Much the larger part of the aid given has been in the way of grants to the churches. Only a few mission appointments have been made. While this method lessens considerably the reported amount of receipts and expenditures, your Board regard it as much the safer and more economical plan. Wherever possible the aid given has been extended over the year, *i. e.*, instead of twelve consecutive weeks one week per month has been spent. Thus several that appear in the annexed table as short missions are in reality regular supplies throughout the year.

That the work done, as well as the condition and prospects of the different fields may be the more clearly understood, we shall speak of each separately, and though the remarks must necessarily be brief, we trust that, with the subjoined tabulated statement, they will give all the information required.

### NOVA SCOTIA PROPER.

ANNAPOLIS AND GREYWOOD AND MILFORD, *Rev. T. A. Higgins, Pastor.* Rev. T. A. Higgins has continued to labor on this field— one-fourth of his time being spent with the little church at Greywood and Milford. One hundred and fifty dollars has been given to aid in his support, *i. e.* fifty to Annapolis Church, and one hundred to Greywood and Milford Church. He reports "Congregation large, attention good. Six added by letter. Prospect of baptism soon."

**ARGYLE AND PUBNICO, E. P. Coldwell, Lic.** Just previous to the close of last year Pubnico was united with the Argyle field, and it was hoped that the two united would be able to afford an adequate support. Owing to the extra burdens imposed by the building of two meeting-houses, commenced a few years ago, they have been compelled to ask for aid and a small subsidy has been granted. Bro. Coldwell has labored with them the greater part of the year.

**BARRINGTON AND WOODS HARBOR, Rev. W. H. Richan, Pastor.** Bro. Richan having given up Pubnico and taken new ground at Barrington Head and Villagedale, a grant of \$150 has been given to help forward the work. He writes, "I have preached to very attentive congregations at all my stations, and although I have not been permitted to see large results, I trust that some good has been done. Five have been baptized.

**CROW HARBOR AND WHITE HEAD, Rev. A. W. Bars, Missionary.** Since his settlement in Canso in October last, Bro. Bars has spent one week of each month on this field. He reports the people very poor and in great need of the Gospel.

**DARTMOUTH, Rev. John Clark, Pastor.** In April, 1878, Brother Clark was called to the pastorate of this Church, and the Board, desiring to aid and lift up our weak interest in this important place, in answer to their earnest request for help, granted a subsidy of \$200 per annum. Bro. C. labored faithfully, and his reports have been very satisfactory to the Board. Six were baptized and seven added by letter during the year. We regret that the action of the Church led Bro. Clark to leave the field at the expiration of the year. It is feared that much of the good that would have been accomplished, had the arrangement of last year continued, has been prevented.

**FALL RIVER AND WAVERLY, Bro. Ralph Hunt, Missionary.** This Church is very small and weak. Bro. Hunt's mission was highly appreciated by them, but was too short to be productive of large results. Since the expiration of the Mission, Bro. Clark and a member of the Dartmouth Church have preached to them occasionally. This field should be connected with some other so as to have the labor extended through the year.

**FOREST GLEN, YARMOUTH CO.** This little Church has been supplied with preaching one Sabbath of each month by some of the county pastors, assisted by two lay brethren, without any expense to the Board. The work is reported, however, in table. Three have been received by letter and three by baptism. This Church began a few years ago with but eight members. Though located in a sparsely settled section it now numbers twenty-two, and is exerting a very beneficial influence on the community. They are building a small meeting-house.

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A grant of \$30 for nine months was made to Bro. Lucas to encourage him to give his time more fully to preaching the Gospel to the colored people at Hammonds Plains and other settlements. His reports show that a good amount has been done.

**JEDDORE, Rev. J. Meadows, Pastor.** A grant of \$40 for the year was given to this field, especially to encourage Bro. Meadows to continue the work at the Head of Jeddore, where there is a good congregation, but little financial ability. The work done on the whole field has been reported, less than two-thirds of the brother's time being spent on it. Living at a great distance from the field makes the amount of work somewhat less than it would otherwise be.

**LOWER SABLE RIVER, Rev. E. N. Archibald, Pastor.** For seven months of the year—until his removal to P. E. Island—Bro. Archibald spent one-sixth of his time with this little Church for which he received from the Board \$23.33. In his last report he writes: "We have had blessed little meetings all summer. The eight or nine young men received recently are doing well." He adds: "In retiring from labor in Nova Scotia, I desire to express many thanks to the Board for their kindness and for the joy I have felt in beholding God's blessing on their great work all abroad."

**MATTLAND, HANTS Co., Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Pastor.** Our cause in this field has long suffered from spasmodic effort. Your Board were therefore greatly rejoiced when Bro. Ballentine, graduate of Newton, accepted the call of the Church in June last. To aid them in supporting him \$250 was voted for the year now closed. Bro. B. has entered enthusiastically into this work and already good results are being seen. Seven have been baptized and others received by letter and experience. Steps are being taken for the purchase of a lot of land for a parsonage, and the meeting-house, which is not well located, will be removed to the same lot. Eight or ten stations are occupied and the outlook is hopeful.

**NEW GLASGOW AND BARNEY'S RIVER, Rev. D. Freeman, Pastor.** The interest in this new field is steadily increasing. Bro. McGregor spent his summer vacation with them, and Bro. Freeman has carried forward the work during the winter. Five have been baptized and three added by letter. The Board are anxious to have a good man settled with them. To any one willing to do hard work for the Master, with the prospect of building up a strong Church, this affords an excellent opening. The brethren who have labored at New Glasgow have made occasional visits to Barney's River.

**NEW AND CODDER HARBORS, Rev. A. W. Barse, Missionary.** During the first five months of the year Bro. Barse spent about one-fourth of his time with the little Church at the above named places. One was baptized.

**NEW ROSS, C. Haverstock, Missionary.** This station has been much blessed during the year. As a result of Bro. Haverstock's

mission of twelve weeks, eight baptisms were reported and others were subsequently baptized by Bro. Wm. Hall. Bro. Haverstock visited them again during the Christmas vacation, but was hindered in his work by severe illness. Though not under appointment, or paid by the Board, he kindly reported his work which is incorporated with his mission. He returns to that field this summer.

NEW CANADA, LUNENBURG CO., *H. E. S. Maider, Lic, Missionary.* Bro. Maider, who is engaged in teaching at Mahone Bay, has preached at this and surrounding stations during a part of the year. In order to make the mission self-sustaining, according to the offer made by himself, in undertaking the work, he has contributed from his own funds \$10.25 toward its support.

RIVERDALE, YARMOUTH CO., *Rev. P. R. Foster, Pastor.* This interest is properly a branch of the Tusket Church. During the year a neat little meeting-house has been opened, and a Sabbath School organized. One has been received by baptism and three by letter and experience!

RIVER JOHN, TATMAGOUCHE AND NEW ANNAN, *Rev. D. W. Crandall, Pastor.*—Bro. Crandall has completed his second year on this large and interesting field. He has baptized thirteen at River John, and regards New Annan as white for the harvest. A new meeting-house is being built at Lake Road, Tatmagouche. He says the people are willing to pay all they are able and even beyond their ability, so great is their anxiety to help on the cause.

SHELburne, JORDAN RIVER AND JORDAN BAY AND SAND POINT, *Rev. G. Goudy, Pastor.* These churches were without pastoral labor the first six months of the year. In November last Bro. Goudy accepted their call, and the Board granted a small subsidy to aid in his support. The interest in Shelburne town has been much weakened by the removal of useful members.

SHERBROOKE WEST, *Rev. E. J. Grant, Pastor.* Aid to the amount of \$40 per annum was granted to this church to assist them in securing the services for one-fourth of the time of Rev. E. J. Grant, pastor at Albany and Springfield. Bro. Grant remained on the field five months, and then resumed his studies at Newton. His labors during that time were much blessed. Six were added by baptism and the Church much encouraged. He reports the Church in good working order, the community very intelligent, and the people willing to give towards the support of the Gospel all they are able. Bro. Grant has returned to the field.

TRACADIE AND GUYSBORO' (colored), *A. H. Deakins, Missionary.* After a mission of six weeks among these people Bro. Deakins took charge of a school at Big Tracadie and continued to preach on the Sabbaths, and do such other mission work as he was able. He has reported in full to the Board. He regards some parts of the field as very encouraging, others discouraging.

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long been in a low state. After the formation of the Hants Co. Aux Board, several of the pastors visited and preached to them. Since October Rev. M. W. Brown has labored with them one-fourth of the time. As the result of his labors the condition of the Church has been much improved. Five have been baptized. A few of the brethren of the Hants Co. Board have generously given from their own private funds a donation of twenty-five dollars to pay for this work.

WENTWORTH, WILLIAMSDALE AND FOLLY LAKE, *Rev. T. B. Layton, Pastor.* On the recommendation of the Pastors' Conference of Colchester and Cumberland, a small subsidy was granted to these Churches to assist them in supporting Rev. T. B. Layton. The labors of the Bro. have been much blessed, especially in Wentworth, where twelve were added by baptism and three by letter. We are sorry to know that the work has proved too great for our brother's strength. His health has again failed, and he has been obliged to retire from the field, at least for a time.

WATERVILLE, HANTS Co., *A. Whitman, Lic., Supply.* The efforts of the Hants Co. brethren to unite this Church with Falmouth under one pastor, having failed, they advised the Board to grant them a subsidy of \$40 to assist in giving this little Church the preached word. Under the direction of A. P. Shand, Esq., President of the Union, they have been supplied with preaching every other Sabbath, chiefly by Brethren A. Freeman and A. Whitman. Brother Shand reports the good work steadily progressing, Attendance and attention good. Three have been baptized.

#### CAPE BRETON.

COW BAY, LITTLE GLACE BAY, MIRA AND HOMEVILLE, *J. C. Spurr, Pastor.* Early in June last Bro. J. C. Spurr, graduate of Newton, at the request of the Board went to this field. The character of his work and the results will be best judged by the following from his report: "Your missionary drives twenty miles every Sabbath, and preaches three times. This, with visiting, attending prayer and conference meetings, &c., studying, &c., makes my life a busy one. I have good health and a contented mind, and believe that God in His own good time will convert the unconverted, and add to His Church such as shall be saved. There seems to be a steadily increasing interest in every part of the field. At Glace Bay the congregation has more than doubled within the last six months, and still continues to increase. This Church has only a few members, but they are true and form an excellent nucleus, since they are intelligent and highly respected in the community. At Homeville the people seem to be in earnest. They are repairing their meeting-house. A neglected and disgraceful building is being transformed into a neat and comfortable chapel. At Mira we have been compelled to vacate the old meeting-house and to hold our services in the school-house. The frame for a new one is

hewn and is to be hauled to the site and framed without delay. At Cow Bay the interest is good and the congregation increasing." We will only add that a suitable property has been purchased at Cow Bay for a parsonage, the deed of which is held in trust by the Board.

**MARGAREE AND MABOU, Rev. J. A. Stubbert, Missionary.** At the beginning of the year the church at Margaree was in a very unhappy state. Through the labours of Rev. J. A. Stubbert, who spent three months with them a much better state of feeling was brought about and the cause of the trouble removed. He baptized one, and Bro. J. Kempton, who visited them shortly after baptized two or three more. On the return of Bro. S. the Board, desiring to encourage them to settle a pastor, voted to aid them to the amount of one hundred dollars for one year. But we are sorry to report that they are yet pastorless.

**WEST BAY, Rev. M. Ross, Missionary.** In the early part of the year now closing, this church enjoyed for a few weeks the labours of Rev. M. Ross. Subsequently, Bro. Wm. McGregor of Port Hawkesbury, was requested to labour on this field one week out of each month for the remainder of the year. The church at Port Hawkesbury, not concurring in the arrangement the appointment was cancelled. The Board regretted this, as this is the only economical way of supplying this small and poor church with the preached word.

#### **P. E. ISLAND.**

**ALBERTON AND CAPE WOLF, &c., Rev. E. B. Corey, Pastor.** On this large and important field our cause is advancing rapidly. In September last Rev. D. H. Simpson resigned his charge to resume his studies at Newton. He reported the field encouraging. Converts holding on their way. Baptist principles still gaining ground. Rev. E. B. Corey, by request of the Board went to that field shortly after Bro. S. left. His work has been much hindered by the presence of small-pox at Alberton during a greater part of the winter, but of late he has been blest with revival influences at Oleary Station. Ten have been baptized and eight others received for baptism.

**CAVENDISH AND BELMONT, Rev. J. B. Woodland, Pastor.** Bro. Woodland has continued to labor faithfully throughout the year. He has not been permitted to see large remits, but these will appear in due time. Cavendish has paid for all the work done there, but Belmont has been a heavy charge to the Board.

**DUNDAS, LOWER GRAND RIVER, &c., Rev. F. A. Kidson, Pastor.** After four months' labor in this field Bro. Kidson, through failing health, was obliged to retire from the work. He reported the prospects encouraging. New Testament principles taking hold on the minds of the people. This field is now united with East Point under the pastoral care of Rev. J. A. Gordon, who is now doing excellent work.

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**MONTAGUE AND MURRAY RIVER, Rev. H. Foshay, Pastor.** Bro. Foshay has continued to labor in this field throughout the year. For six weeks Bro. Malcolm Ross united with him in laboring among the Gaelic-speaking people. Much good was done. Bro. F. has resigned and removed to Charlottetown. It is hoped that this field will be united with Uigg and Belfast, and thereby become self-sustaining.

**SOURIS, Rev. J. A. Gordon.** In September last a grant of fifty dollars was voted to aid in securing for this place the services of Rev. J. A. Gordon for one fourth of his time. No reports have been received, and it is not known whether the arrangement has been carried out or not.

### FRENCH MISSION.

No change has taken place in the condition or prospects of the mission during the year. The Missionary's report shows a good amount of work done. Although six weeks was spent on a collecting tour, and appeals for aid have been made every month by the Secretary, the mission is still in debt to the amount of \$333.16.

There has been some correspondence with Rev. A. H. Munro of Montreal, in reference to another missionary, but we have not yet succeeded in finding one suited to our field.

### BOOK DEPARTMENT.

But little has been done in this department. A few Sunday Schools have been supplied with books, and a large number of religious and denominational tracts and pamphlets have been put in circulation. The sales have amounted to little over \$200.

### AUXILIARY BOARDS.

But one county (Hants) has regularly organized under the vote passed by the Union at its annual session. This Board has co-operated most harmoniously with the Executive Board, being scrupulously careful not to exceed the powers given to it by the vote of the Union. Besides much valuable information relative to the mission fields of the County, it has forwarded to our Treasury \$138.23 for Home Missions and \$9.61 for French mission. Your Board believe that similar organizations in each county, conducted as this one has been, would not only greatly aid our Home Mission operations, but our denominational work generally. That their modes of working may be more clearly understood we give this report in full:

*Report of the Hants Co. Auxiliary Home Mission Board for the year 1878-9.*

TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE HOME MISSIONARY UNION :

Dear Brethren :

We beg to report in brief the work done by this Board during the past year.

The Board was organized at Summerville, on the 5th of August, 1878, when 18 laymen, representing the eleven churches of the county, were appointed by the Pastors to be members of the Board.

The following officers were chosen : *President*, Bro. A. P Shand ; *Vice-President*, Bro. Andrew Shaw ; *Secretary*, Rev. J. A. McLean, *Treasurer*, Rev. M. W. Brown.

Nine meetings of the Board have been held during the year at the following places : Summerville, Hantsport, Falmouth, Windsor, Rawdon, Newport, Maitland.

At these meetings consideration has been given to the needs of the following places and the best means of supplying them with preaching, viz. : Walton, Waterville, Falmouth, Windsor Plains, Shubenacadie, Nine Mile River, Kennetcook, Cogmagun.

By vote of the Board the churches having settled Pastors were requested to allow their Pastors to spend two Sundays in the year in destitute places in the county. By leave of the churches some work of this kind has been done by most of the Pastors, and by Bro. J. O. Redden, A. B. (Lic) By this means Home Mission work has been done at Shubenacadie, Nine Mile River, Cogmagun, Falmouth, Windsor Plains, Walton.

Several sermons have been preached in most of these places, and several families visited. It is hoped that all these places will need preaching in the future.

Considerable labor has been required in the way of travelling, correspondence, &c, to ascertain the needs of the county.

FINANCES.

The Board recommended the churches to adopt the quarterly envelope system for collecting funds for benevolent objects.

Most of the churches have adopted this system, and it is hoped that more regularity and success will attend its use during the coming year.

The Board has endeavored by public missionary meetings, by sermons, and by furnishing envelopes gratuitously (by liberality of the President), to aid in collecting funds for the Union, and to cultivate systematic and general giving. By the efforts and influence of this Board, as it is thought, the contributions from this county will exceed those of last year.

The Board appointed a Treasurer to receive the collections taken at our public meetings, and such funds as the churches might choose to forward through him.

Our work for the past year strengthens our conviction of the necessity and usefulness of such an organization as the Auxiliary Board. It promotes fellowship and unity of action among the churches, secures a more general interest in our denominational enterprises, increases the knowledge of local needs and prospects, and gains for our worthy endeavors greater liberality on the part of the membership of the churches.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

J. A. McLEAN, *Secretary*.  
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## GENERAL SUMMARY

Of work performed under the direction of your Board and the results.

Assistance has been given to 50 churches, 123 stations occupied the whole or part of the year by 35 laborers, who together have labored 921½ weeks, and preached 2407 sermons, attended 1814 other meetings, made 7781 pastoral visits, distributed 12,195 pages of tracts, baptized 101, and received by letter 37. In aid of this work the Board has granted \$3143.94.

While the number of baptisms is less than in some former years, it is pleasing to notice that so many of the missionaries report some increase in this way. It is to be remembered that the year past has not been a year of great revivals in any of our churches. Your Board are satisfied that your missionaries have done good earnest work, and regard the outlook on several of the fields as exceedingly hopeful.

## FINANCIAL POSITION.

Your Board hoped that they had kept the expenditure sufficiently low to enable them to close the year free of debt, and are disappointed to find that instead of this their present liabilities are \$1139.49 for Home Missions, and \$333.16 for French Missions.

This is to be accounted for largely by the following considerations: First, a legacy of four hundred dollars, which was counted on in estimating the probable income, has not yet been paid over. Second, P. E. Island has not contributed the amount expected by upwards of three hundred dollars, and third, Yarmouth town, owing to the unusual financial depression of the past winter has not done nearly as much as in former years. But inasmuch as there are three legacies amounting in all to more than eight hundred dollars, which will probably be paid over during the incoming year, your Board consider the financial position as by no means discouraging.

## HOME MISSIONS IN THE CONVENTION.

Your Board regard with much satisfaction the action of the General Convention at its last annual session in Fredericton, in the matter of Home Missions. And inasmuch as the Home Mission Union at its last annual session expressed its willingness to hand over its work to the Convention when proper arrangements had been made by that body to receive it; and inasmuch as said Convention at the meeting above referred to did appoint a Board of Home Missions, which Board is now legally qualified to receive all the work and trusts of your Board, we do therefore respectfully recommend that instead of appointing a new Board you direct your work to be transferred to the Board of the Convention.

(Conclusion of Report on page xv.)

General Tabulated Statement of the Labours of the Missionaries for 1878-79.

PLACES OF LABOUR.	NAMES OF LABOURERS.	No. of Stations.	Total Average Attendance.	Weeks of Labour.	Sermons.	Other Meetings.	Pastoral Visits.	Pages of Tracts Distributed.	No. Baptised.	No. Received by Letter, &c.	Paid by Board.	Salary raised on the Field.	No. Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
1 Annapolis, Greywood, and Millford.	T. A. Higgins	4	.....	52	123	116	496	330	.....	6	\$150 00	.....	3	12	140
2 Argyle and Pultney	E. P. Caldwell	4	.....	76	94	161	295	.....	.....	.....	62 50	.....	4	4	.....
3 Barrington and Wood's Harbor.	W. K. Richan	5	250	52	136	185	375	.....	5	1	130 00	\$330 50	3	13	95
4 Crow Harbor	A. W. Bann	2	.....	22	20	155	200	.....	.....	.....	66 50	8 44	.....	.....	.....
5 Dartmouth	J. Clark	2	190	52	134	103	349	.....	6	7	200 00	535 98	2	12	50
6 Fall River and Waverly	E. M. Hunt	2	180	11	25	31	85	300	.....	3	65 25	22 77	1	3	30
7 Forest Glen, Yarmouth Co.	County pastors	5	.....	15	13	25	85	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
8 Hammonds Plains, &c.	Wallace Lucas	2	160	35	57	48	156	.....	4	1	23 25	35 00	1	3	25
9 Jeddore	T. Meadows	2	80	47	21	12	95	475	.....	7	23 00	350 00	.....	.....	.....
10 Lower Sable River	E. N. Archibald	2	.....	180	39	64	14	365	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
11 Matland, Hants Co.	G. N. Ballentine	10	575	50	139	92	235	256	7	2	58 00	350 00	1	5	40
12 New Glasgow and Barney's River	P. S. McGregor	6	.....	12	30	33	83	.....	.....	.....	150 00	53 91	.....	.....	.....
13 New Glasgow and Barney's River	D. Freeman	6	254	41	117	457	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 77	.....	.....	.....	.....
14 New & Goswold Harbor	A. W. Bann	0	.....	38	38	6	115	.....	.....	.....	30 77	.....	.....	.....	.....

15 New Glasgow	C. W. Macdonald	2	.....	14	24	10	64	.....	.....	.....	10 25	17 55	.....	.....	.....
16 Riverdale, Yarmouth Co.	P. E. Foster	1	170	11	18	12	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17 River John, Talamagouche, &c.	D. W. Crandall	10	130	52	138	147	265	2970	13	4	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 Shelburne, Jordan River, &c.	J. Wallace	3	130	24	75	41	105	.....	.....	.....	30 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....
21 Sherbrooke West	G. Goudy	1	.....	14	24	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22 Tracadie and Guysborough, (col.)	E. J. Grant	1	.....	6	75	6	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 Walton	A. H. Deakins	4	250	26	55	97	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 66	25 00	.....	.....	.....



IN CONCLUSION

Your Board would record with heartfelt gratitude the pleasing fact that during the seven years that have passed since the formation of this Union more than 1400 have been baptized by the laborers employed by your Board. Unto him who giveth the increase be all the glory.

In behalf of the Board,  
A. COHOON, *Cor. Secretary.*

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*Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account  
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HOME MISSION.

Paid Deficiency on last year's work.....	\$ 755 83	
" Missionaries and Subsidies, N. S., Branch.....	1,480 43	
" Printing Minutes Western Ass. & H. M. Union..	129 36	
" Expenses Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.	20 26	
		\$2,385 88

*P. E. Island Branch.*

Paid Missionaries and Subsidies.....	\$605 90	
" Printing Island Minutes, \$48.00, Postage, \$1.05..	49 05	
		\$654 95

*Book Department.*

Paid G. H. Springer, Boston, for books.....	\$138 72	
" Rev. W. B. Boggs for Pamphlets.....	10 00	
" Express, Duty and Freight, &c.....	13 31	
		\$162 03
To Balance carried down.....		7 90
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FRENCH MISSION.

Paid balance due on last year's work.....	\$309 99	
" Missionary on this year's salary.....	266 84	
" Copy of Deed, French Missionary premises.....	1 40	
		\$578 23
Balance due Treasurer brought down.....		3 30

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By balance from last report, N. S. Branch.....	\$125 87	
" Receipts from N. S. Associations.....	1,110 99	
" " " Churches.....	397 81	
" " " Individuals.....	280 50	
" " " Mission Fields.....	321 96	
" " " Miscellaneous.....	90 04	
		\$2,327 17

*P. E. Island Branch.*

By balance in Island Treasury, June 1st, 1878.....	\$31 96	
" Receipts from Association.....	115 05	
" " " Churches.....	82 70	
" " " Individuals.....	110 50	
" " " Mission Fields.....	312 82	
" " " Miscellaneous.....	3 34	
		\$656 37
Book Department per Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.....		227 22
		\$3,210 76

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FRENCH MISSION.

By Receipts from Associations.....	\$283 51
“ “ “ Churches.....	48 83
“ “ “ Individuals.....	74 09
“ Collected by Missionary on field.....	15 50
“ “ “ on agency.....	153 00
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Balance due Treasurer.....	\$574 93
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 JOSHUA HUESTES, }  
 PEARL D. KINNEY. } *Auditors.*

*Detailed Statement of Receipts.*

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*From Associations*—Western, \$422.98. Central, \$334.53. Eastern, \$353.53. Total, 1,110.99.

*From Churches*—Osborne, \$11.00. Sable River, \$8.50. Hebron, \$30.00. 1st Digby Neck, \$1.00. 2nd Digby Neck, \$1.00. West Yarmouth, \$6.20. North Church, Halifax, \$15.00. Liverpool, \$12.50. Amherst, \$40.25. Newport, 14.70. Wolfville, \$45.00. Temple Church, Yarmouth, \$25.00. 1st St. Mary's, \$5.00. Indian Harbor, \$5.00. Upper Londonderry, \$2.80. Great Village, \$4.25. Windsor, \$32.26. Waterville, \$4.32. Falmouth, \$2.50. Rawdon, \$3.92. Maitland, \$3.16. Kempt, \$12.53. Granville St., Halifax, \$38.80. River John, \$15.00. Westport, \$8.00. Total, \$397.81.

*From Individuals*—A Friend, Granville, \$1.00. Benj. Smith, 1.00. C. Eaton, 4.00. Wm. Weddleton, 15.00. Peter Paint, 50.00. Mrs. S. Ryerson, 10.00. Mrs. C. Turner, 1.00. Amos. Scott, 2.00. A Friend, Guysboro, 32.00. Wm. McVicker, 400. Lewis Allen, 5.00. Benj. Hardy, 2.00. W. C. Bill, 5.00. Mrs. Benj. Smith, \$1.00. J. W. Barsa, 25.00. John Smith, 3.00. Mrs. J. W. Lovitt, \$10.00. J. W. Frail, 2.00. Rev. T. H. Porter, 20.00. Miss Whitman, 2.75. E. H. Eaton, 6.50. Mrs. Dr. Syda, 2.00. Legacy of the late Mrs. G. E. Dewitt, Chester, 25.00. Simeon Daniels, 4.00. Miss Nellie M. Nelson, 2.00. Samuel Embree, 9.75. A Sister 2nd Hillsburgh Church, 25c. H. E. S. Maider, 10.25. Special donation by some of the members of Hants Co. Board, 25.00. Total \$280.50.

*From Mission Fields*—West Bay, 7.25. New Glasgow, 49.46. Fall River, 22.77. Tracadie, \$2.00. Margaree and Mabou, C. B., 111.01. Crow Harbor, 3.44. New and Coddles Harbor, 30.23. New Ross, \$78.55. New Canada, 17.25. Total, \$321.96.

*Miscellaneous*—Mission Band, Temple Church, Yarmouth, \$18.00. Hants Co. Aux. Board collection, 17.72. Kings Co. Ministerial Conference, 24.70. Yarmouth Co. Ministerial Conference, 4.05. Wolfville Baptist Sabbath School, 24.00. Col. at Port Medway and Mill Village, 1.75. Total, \$80.04.

P. E. ISLAND BRANCH.

Association, July, 1878, \$115.05. Baptist Church North River, 56.50. Long Creek, 6.75. Cavendish, 10.00. Clyde River, 9.45. Total, \$282.50.

*From Individuals*—Late G. P. McDonald, \$10.00. Geo. Davis, 100.00. Geo. Houlett, 50c. Total, \$110.50.

*Collected by Missionaries*—Jos. S. Brown, \$4.00. M. Ross, 6.67. Rev. J. B. Woodland, \$302.07. Total, \$302.62.

*Miscellaneous*—Refunded by J. B. Woodland, \$2.44. Do. Railway Fare, 90cts. Total, \$3.34.

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FRENCH MISSION.

From Associations—Western Association, \$223.48. Central, \$45.03. Eastern, 15.00. Total, \$283.51.

From Churches—Canard, \$4.50. Hebron, 4.00. West Yarmouth, 1.65. Third Yarmouth, 10.00. Great Village, 2.15. Lower Village, Truro, 4.00. Osborne, 2.00. Upper Londonderry, 92cts. Granville St., Halifax, 10.00. Windsor, 7.40. Maitland, 46cts. Newport, 97cts. Rawdon, 78cts. Total, \$48.83.

From Individuals—J. B. Chute's deceased children, \$3.04. J. B. Chute's wife, 1.00. Donald Grant, 80cts. Legacy of the late Mrs. Dewitt Chester, 25.00. Mrs. Walker, 5.00. Wallace Sanders, 1.00. Mrs. J. Newcomb, 1.00. Mrs. Jos. Shaw, 10.00. A. E. P., 2.00. G. F. Allen, 10.00. A. F. Harlow, 1.00. Mr. & Mrs. Hatfield, 3.00. Debtor, P. E. I., 1.00. A Friend Guysboro, 2.00. A Friend, 6.00. Wm. Shaw, 1.00. S. Daniels, 1.00. A Sister, 2nd Hillsburgh Church, 25cts. Total, \$74.09.

Collected by Missionaries on field—\$15.50. On Agency, \$153.00. Total, \$168.50.

Financial Position.

The state of the Finances at this date, June 1st, 1879:

Amount due Missionaries in Nova Scotia .....	\$816 06
"    "    "    P. E. Island .....	323 43
"    "    "    French Missionary .....	333 16
Total .....	\$1,472 65
Less balance on hand .....	7 90
Deficiency .....	\$1,464 75

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