

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

FREE BAPTISTS OF NOVA SCOTIA

HELD AT

YARMOUTH, YARMOUTH COUNTY,

September 18 to 17, 1888.

ALSO THE

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AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
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AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
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AND THE TEMPERANCE CONVENTION MEETING.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTERIAL
RELIEF SOCIETY.**

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The Twenty-third Annual Conference of the Free Baptists of Nova Scotia was held in the Free Baptist Church, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County, beginning September 13th, 1888.

Was called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The opening exercises were conducted by the retiring Moderator, Rev. C. B. Atwood.

After singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," etc., the 84th Psalm was read by the Moderator; prayer offered by Rev. L. A. Lang.

Members of Conference present:

MINISTERS.—C. B. Atwood, S. K. West, W. C. Weston, J. L. Porter, W. Millar, E. Crowell, J. W. Freeman, G. E. Sturgis, W. M. Knollin, T. H. Siddall, A. Kinney, D. T. Porter, S. N. Royal.

DEACONS.—B. B. Woodworth, R. Sims, Wm. Snow, A. Cooke, B. Hines, B. F. Kenney, N. Corning, J. Rodney, J. Tedford, J. Elderage, E. Perry, A. R. Durkee, J. A. Landers, D. Bethune, A. Pitman, R. Prossor, D. R. Porter.

DELEGATES FROM THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.—C. Cooke, B. Sims, A. Gayton, E. Wiman, G. C. Brown, S. Crosby, E. Pinkney, W. Wilson, W. S. Porter, G. P. Bowers, E. Ring, J. E. Cushing, J. Larkin, A. Trefry, J. Brown.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES.—From the N. B. F. C. Baptist General Conference, Rev. G. A. Hartley; from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting of Free-Will Baptists, Rev. J. B. Jordan; from the Massachusetts Association of Free-Will Baptists, Rev. F. L. Hayes, of Boston.

VISITORS.—Rev. G. F. Curry, of the New Brunswick Conference, and Rev. J. McLeod, D. D.; Rev. L. A. Lang, from the Halifax Free Baptist Church; Rev. E. N. Fernald of Boston, representing the "Morning Star" Publishing House.

Rev. E. Crowell nominated Albert Gayton, Esq., M. P. P., as Moderator, which was duly seconded, when it was resolved that the nominations cease. The Assistant Clerk cast the formal ballot, and Bro. Gayton was declared elected. After some very fitting remarks, he was conducted to his seat.

The retiring Moderator made some appropriate remarks. Rev. W. C. Weston was elected Assistant Moderator in the same manner as the Moderator.

The Assistant Clerk read the By-Laws of the Conference.

The Minutes of the meetings of the Executive of Conference was read by the Secretary of that Board, in part as follows:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.—J. W. Freeman, D. T. Porter, G. E. Sturgis, S. K. West, W. M. Wilson, B. F. Kenney, B. Hines.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC QUESTIONS.—C. B. Atwood, W. C. Weston, W. Millar, S. N. Royal, Albert Gayton, B. B. Woodworth, N. Corning.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WORK.—T. H. Siddall, J. I. Porter, D. T. Porter, W. M. Knollin, L. A. Lang, W. Snow, B. Sims.

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted, except the part relating to Halifax church matters.

Resolved, That that part of the report be laid on the table.

Resolved, That the meetings be convened on local time.

Moved by Rev. W. M. Knollin, seconded by W. C. Weston, that the annual sermon be preached on Sabbath morning.

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee, as has reference to the holding of the Home Mission Meeting this evening, be on the table.

Resolved, That the remainder of the report lay on the table.

Resolved, That this Conference adjourn, to meet this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. W. Millar.

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Prayer by Rev. S. N. Royal. 2.30 o'clock, P. M.

Roll called; other names taken.

The Committee on Appointments reported as follows:

Home Mission Board—see last page cover.

This part of the Report was received and adopted.

Remarks were made on the necessity of localizing the Board.

This Committee reported further, as follows:

Appointments for the Sabbath—see under head of Devotional.

This was adopted.

The Report of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting was read by the Clerk, Rev. J. W. Freeman, as follows:

REPORT OF THE YARMOUTH AND SHELBURNE QUARTERLY MEETING.

While the future is hid from us, the past has been travelled, and we have become acquainted with many things of care and toil, with the sorrows and joys of another year, and we may, with profit and thankfulness to Almighty God, enjoy the present, while taking a retrospective view of what has been done for us by our Lord and Master.

We thus stand in a position to-day where we may, with that which we have learned of God and His cause, and of each other, better fulfil the Divine command, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." That the Lord is with us we have abundant proof, and humbly acknowledge His great goodness and infinite mercy; that He will continue with us we feel assured, as long as we continue and strive to walk obediently and reverently in the way which He hath marked out for us.

Ours has been no exception to the experiences of others who have earnestly labored in the field of Christian work; that there are hindrances and circumstances over which we do not always have control that retard and blight prospects of greater success. But the past year we have had fruit of labor performed in the home, in the Sabbath-school and other church work that gladdens our hearts. There have, during the past year, been gathered into the churches of our Quarterly Meeting one hundred and fifty-eight by baptism, and some by letter. The loss by death, etc., has been larger than some other years.

PASTORATE No. 1.—Including First Barrington and Port la Tour churches, and their branches—Oak Park, Village Dale, etc. The pastor of this important field of labor is Rev. T. H. Siddall. He preaches five times a month at Barrington and three times a month at Port la Tour. He has also preached in other parts of the pastorate. Bro. Siddall's earnest labor has again borne good fruit. Last winter, during a series of meetings at First Barrington, pastor and people were rejoiced to see eighteen converts brought to Christ and unite with the church by baptism. Last

October Bro. D. T. Porter, a member of First Barrington Church, and one of our licentiates, was ordained to the work of the ministry, and went forth to pastoral work at Advocate Harbor, N. S.

PASTORATE No. 2.—Including Centreville and Clark's Harbor churches. Rev. C. B. Atwood is the pastor of these large and flourishing churches. He spends half of his time with each church. Valuable and timely work has been performed by Bro. Atwood in connection with the people of his charge. Last winter special effort was put forth in revival meetings on this pastorate, and as a result forty-two were added to the churches by baptism, as follows: Nineteen at Centreville, and twenty-three at Clark's Harbor. Rev. Geo. Sturgis, M.D., faithfully united and assisted for some time in the good work. Bro. Sturgis has moved his family to Clark's Harbor and is engaged in practice as a physician.

PASTORATE No. 3.—Including Second Barrington, Bear Point, Shag Harbor and Wood's Harbor churches. These churches have the faithful labors of Rev. William Miller. A quarter of his time is given to each church. The Lord has again graciously blessed pastor and people in revival work. During last fall and winter, at Wood's Harbor and Shag Harbor, special efforts having been put forth, there were gathered into the churches by baptism forty-one, as follows: Wood's Harbor, eighteen; Shag Harbor, twenty-three. Our late August session of Quarterly Meeting was held with the Shag Harbor Church, and was a pleasant and profitable session.

PASTORATE No. 4.—Including Upper and Lower Pubnico, First and Second Argyle churches. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Freeman, spends all his time with these churches. The Lord has been pleased to greatly bless this pastorate. Last winter in revival work connected with these churches there were fifty-two added by baptism, as follows: Lower Pubnico, ten; Upper Pubnico, fourteen; First Argyle, sixteen; Second Argyle, twelve. The pastor and people's hearts were thus gladdened at seeing the manifest power and mercy of our Lord.

PASTORATE No. 5.—Including Tuskot, Riverdale, Plymouth, Little River and Brooklyn churches. This pastorate is under the efficient care of Rev. W. M. Knollin. Reports speak well of the religious interest on the pastorate. During last fall extra meetings were held in different parts of this field of labor. One was united to the Plymouth Church by baptism, and three to the Brooklyn Church. Bro. Knollin preaches regularly to all the churches of this pastorate, except Riverdale, and with this church he has performed some labor.

PASTORATE No. 6.—Including Yarmouth, Chebogue and Session Hill churches. Rev. Edwin Crowell is the successful pastor, who preaches four times a month at Yarmouth and twice a month each at Chebogue and Session Hill. There is still a good religious interest manifest. At Yarmouth the work is progressing favorably, and three have been received into church fellowship by baptism. While we pray for Divine aid, it is desirable that this Yearly Meeting may be a mutual blessing to the Yarmouth church and those who come. The Chebogue Church is doing nobly; one has been received into the church by baptism, as well as others by letter. They have completely repaired their Meeting House, and it was reopened in May last, when our Quarterly Meeting session was held there.

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PASTORATE No. 7.—Including Beaver River and Sanford churches, and their branches—Cedar Lake and Short Beach. Rev. Aaron Kinney has had the care of these churches. He has no engagements with the ministerial committee of the Bear River Church. He has during the year held a number of protracted meetings in different parts of the pastorate. Sanford reports religious interest "good" and one added by baptism. Beaver River report gives expression of gratitude to God for spiritual and temporal blessings enjoyed by them during the past year, but regrets that there is unfortunate division. There certainly should be harmony, and we do well to pray for that oneness of spirit and aim all through this important and interesting field of labor. Bro. Kinney added three to the Beaver River Church by baptism.

PASTORATE No. 8.—Including Kemptville and Carleton churches, and preaching stations—Rockingham, Forest Glen, etc. After the return of Rev. J. J. Barnes to New Brunswick, which took place about the first of last October, Rev. Geo. Sturgis, M. D., labored over two months with them, and his efforts were appreciated. Rev. S. K. West has, as in years past, preached on this pastorate occasionally. There have also been other brethren who have made visits and preached to the appreciation of the people. The brethren are looking forward to the efficient labors of a regular pastor, and it is to be hoped they will succeed.

The Advocate Harbor pastorate, in Cumberland County, has been cared for by their chosen and much-esteemed pastor, Rev. D. T. Porter. His labors have been blessed by the Lord. A new church has been formed at Port Greville of eleven members, three of those by baptism.

Revs. Albert Swim and W. C. Weston live within the limits of our Quarterly Meeting, and are interested in the Lord's cause.

Rev. J. I. Porter supplied for a few weeks on the Kemptville pastorate. Since last spring he has had the oversight of the Port Matoun Church in Queens County.

Among others whom we miss at our Quarterly Meeting and who took an active part, we deeply feel the loss of Brethren Nehemiah and Martin McGray. They died trusting in the Lord.

Our brethren have well arranged prayer and conference meetings in connection with the churches occupied by our brethren in the ministry. It is true, and this has been found to be a hindrance to greater achievements in the Lord's vineyard, that too many members do not attend to all the means of grace open to them when even they have the opportunity of doing so. It is also true that, notwithstanding many of our lay brethren are away from home a large portion of the time during the year, yet there are many Christian workers who remain and who sustain the cause of God and are ever found on duty.

Earnest and energetic work is being prosecuted in our Sabbath-schools with marked success. Every year we have good fruit from work that has been carried on in this line of labor in the number who come into the churches from the Sabbath-schools having been brought to Christ. There is, however, chance for improvement, and we hope to gain greater efficiency and have a larger number to unite efforts in this direction.

Too little has been done in Missions, both Home and Foreign, but something of what has been done may be gathered from reports under those heads.

The great question of temperance is held as being of vast importance, and our united efforts are in the direction of the suppression of the liquor traffic wherever we have an influence.

All our Quarterly Meeting sessions were held, excepting February, and it was thought to be as well to omit that one.

We have thus been occupying the fields of our Quarterly Meeting, the fields bequeathed to us by our fathers, and having the sanction of the great Head of the church. We are, as in the past, still "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." It would be difficult, if not impossible, to furnish you with all the facts concerning what has been done and of the present and future needs of the churches; but, to be true to our Lord and Master and the interests of His cause, we have other sacrifices to make to insure a greater increase and development of the work already in our hands.

"Who so takes the world's life on him and his own lays down; he, dying so, lives."

J. W. FREEMAN

Q. M. Clerk.

September, 1898

Resolved, That the Report be received and laid on the table.

Churches.	Added by baptism	Added by letter.	Dismissed	Restored	Suspended	Expelled	Died	Total	Money raised for Church purposes	No. & Schools	Teachers	Scholars	Money raised
*Port la Tour							1	78	\$ 260 00	1	12	70	\$ 26 00
Cape Negro							10						
First Barrington	8	1					1	877	875 00	1	16	180	20 00
Centreville, C.S.I.	28		4				6	261	550 00	1	11	104	6 50
Clark's Harbor	19			1			7	329	618 00	1	18	120	62 90
2nd Barrington								44	175 00	1	7	50	17 00
Bear Point								70	185 00	1	6	50	10 00
Shag Harbor	23	1	2				2	71	125 00	1	8	54	10 00
Wood's Harbor	19						3	183	125 00	1	7	50	10 00
Upper Pubnico	14							128	115 00	1	7	55	7 00
Lower Pubnico	10	1					2	117	140 00	1	5	55	7 00
First Argyle	16	1					5	219	234 25	1	8	66	50 00
Second Argyle	12	1	1				3	332	160 00	1	6	80	4 23
Tusket								60	125 00				
Riverdale								18	30 00				
Plymouth	1	1	1					59	167 00	1	6	32	27 00
Little River							2	72	180 00	*1	7	40	5 00
Yarmouth	3						3	68	400 00	1	10	80	50 00
Chaboung Point	1	4						22	735 00	*1	8	65	45 00
Brooklyn	3	1						22	80 00	1	6	46	4 00
Session Hill								84	140 00	1	7	50	6 00
Sanford	1						1	170	250 00	2	14	60	15 00
Beaver River	3						5	348	300 00	2	18	130	36 00
Carleton								33	30 00	2	8	50	8 00
Forest Glen								127	100 00	3	20	134	17 00
Kemptville	1	1					1	15		1	1	20	5 00
East River								27	300 00				
Advocate Harbor	7							11	100 00				
Port Greville	3	8											
Total	158	26	14	2			49	3258	\$6000 25	28	211	1571	\$448 81

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Rev. S. N. Royal, Clerk of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting,
read his Annual Report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE HARMONY QUARTERLY MEETING.

TO THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST COMPOSING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
CONVENED AT YARMOUTH. SEPT. 13th, 1888.

Dear Brethren,—In reporting the Harmony Quarterly Meeting, allow me to state that at present we are composed of nine churches—Halifax City Church, in Halifax County; Canning, Hall's Harbor, Black Rock and Avonport churches in Kings County; Port Medway, East Medway, Port Mouton and Harmony churches in Queens County. As you look at the map you observe territory enough for two Quarterly Meetings. You will also see that the churches are in scattered groups. As all of the older brethren are aware, some of these churches have seen great powers of good in raising and sending out ministers and churches. Owing to circumstances beyond their control, they are financially weak.

Halifax Church has had the labors of Rev. L. A. Lang since March last. His labors have been blessed to the encouragement of the church, the conversion of souls. Bro. Lang is with us in Conference, and will, I have no doubt, fairly present their conditions and needs. During the year they have had preaching and visits by Bros. G. E. Sturgis and S. N. Royal, while Bro. Baker was preaching to them.

Avonport Church is unfavorably situated for growth, located in a community where denominational boundaries are established and respected, and the limits are rather restricted. Allow me to state that were every church among us to do as much for God and the denomination, in proportion to their means and numbers, we should be a power for good.

Canning Church is doing what they can to maintain the means of grace; have preaching at least twice a month; prayer meetings on Lord's day mornings when they have no preaching, and a prayer meeting one evening each week, and regular monthly conference meetings. It continues to be what it so long has been, a feeder for other churches, raising up members to go out and be a power for good in other lands and churches. They are making an effort to reduce the debt on their house of worship with some success. They have a Sabbath-school in the place of worship, and members of this church conduct a Sabbath-school northeast from them. During the year they have had visits from Elders A. Kinney, J. M. Lowden, of Portland, and Bro. H. C. Lowden of Lewiston, who have preached to them to the encouragement of the church.

Hall's Harbor Church has preaching within its limits three times a month. They maintain two prayer meetings each week, one at the Hall and one at the Meeting House, with the regular conference meeting each month; they also have two Sabbath-schools, are comparatively few, and are scattered over quite an area of the county. During the year they had a visit from Elder A. Kinney.

Black Rock Church has preaching within its limits three times a month, and a Sabbath-school at the meeting-house, and members of this church are managing or assisting in other schools. As a church, they are poor and scattered; removals and deaths have seriously effected them; but there are those who are in harmony with us, and who are

doing what they can to advance the Redeemer's cause among them. These churches in Kings County have had the preaching of Elder S. N. Royal during the past year as pastor, and are doing something to extend the Redeemer's cause. They are evidently loyal in practice and principles. Family religion prevails among the Free Baptists of this county. Harmony Church will complete the fiftieth year of its existence on the 29th inst. As in that half-century it has stood, it stands to-day. Up to July they had the pastoral care of Elder A. Kinney. Situated a long distance from any other F. B. Church, they therefore labor under a serious disadvantage. They maintain regular monthly conference meetings, and have a weekly prayer meeting. They have an interest in a village Sabbath-school, and are deeply interested in the work of missions. There is an evident determination to exist among them. Since our last report Deacon Charles Cushing, the oldest standard bearer in the Quarterly Meeting, has gone home. Although an old man, he is missed here. Their loss is his gain.

East Port Medway Church has had but few sermons by F. B. ministers. Rev. J. I. Porter made them a helpful visit last April. Death has been at work among them, and they realize their loss. They have a good Sabbath-school.

Port Medway Church had a visit last April from Rev. J. I. Porter, who sought to reconcile difficulties existing to the serious harm of this church. It was no fault of his wisdom or faithful effort that he did not succeed. They have a few who maintain prayer meetings and Sabbath-schools. There is much to discourage and dishearten; to look manward it looks dark. There are those who are determined to live by the grace of God. May He who hath promised "He is faithful that promised," make darkness light, crooked places straight before them, and open the way for them.

Port Matoun Church has had, since April, the labors of Rev. J. I. Porter. They were somewhat discouraged. An attempt had been made for revival, but failed, owing to causes about which there was a division of opinion. This, with some other reasons, had somewhat discouraged them. Elder Porter's visit and services since have been appreciated, and the church express themselves as hopeful, and praying that they may be able to make a report at our next Annual Meeting of still greater blessing in the conversion of souls and building up of the cause. We are doing a good work in our Sabbath-schools. Bro. G. F. Francis, were he able to be present, would be a candidate for Conference license. Bro. G. M. Wilson, now at Lewiston, Me., and Bro. E. Parker, now at Pittsfield, Me., are licentiates of this Quarterly Meeting. Brethren, pray for us as a Quarterly Meeting.

S. NASON ROYAL,
Quarterly Meeting Clerk.

STATISTICS OF THE HARMONY QUARTERLY MEETING.

Churches.	Added by baptism	Added by letter	Died	Dismissed	Number members	President members	School scholars
Halifax	9	2	2	87	51	47	48
Canning	2	1	1	59	44	44	38
Hall's Harbor	3	3	3	79	46	46	77
Black Rock	2	2	2	78	21	21	147
Avonport	1	1	1	18	10	10	118
Port Medway	1	1	1	114	57	57	85
East Port Medway	1	1	1	87	34	34	80
Port Matoun	1	1	1	105	88	88	75
Harmony	1	1	1	72	88	88	338
	11	20	20	587	380	380	893

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Resolved, That the Report be received and laid on the table.*Resolved*, That these Reports be taken from the table for consideration at 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Rev. G. A. Hartley, the delegate from the New Brunswick Conference, said:

I have much pleasure at being able again to visit Nova Scotia. The people I represent are making quiet and steady progress. In temperance, Sabbath-school work and missions they are active and deeply interested. The Union Baptist Seminary at St. Martins is one that reflects great credit upon those united in the good work.

He also explained the position of the Baptist Union question and the action of his Conference. He hoped that the Nova Scotia Conference would continue the work begun. Their present membership is 11,500, with 140 churches and 49 ordained ministers. Two had died during the year and four had gone to the Western States. They had raised \$20,000 for various purposes; had 97 Sabbath-schools, 690 teachers and 5,850 scholars. They appreciate the correspondence, and hope it may continue. This report was well received.

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Rev. J. B. Jordan, Delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, spoke of his joy at being able this year to be present. He extended greetings, and paid a good tribute to our way of doing business, and said we must be loyal to truth. The Yearly Meeting was composed of 99 churches, 79 ministers and 15,000 members. They were trying to merge the three Yearly Meetings into one. The Yearly Meeting feels a special interest in this people, as the late Quarterly Meeting that makes a part of this body was once a member of the Maine Central. He spoke of the Divine blessing that had attended that late union here. *The children should be trained to love best their own home.* He gave a general survey of the work of his Yearly Meeting, denoting progress. Special attention was given in his Report to the "Society of Christian Fidelity," of the grand results coming from these organizations; also to the wisdom of organizing such societies. He hoped the correspondence enjoyed in the past would be continued.

Bro. Jordan made a full statement, is a ready speaker, his spirit and words most helpful throughout the Conference. Glad he was able to come this year.

Rev. F. L. Hayes, Delegate from the Massachusetts Association of Free-Will Baptists, made a most interesting report. He came to bear the greetings of his Association, which felt that it ought to be represented at our General Conference, because so many of our people were in their churches. In his own church, on Shawmut Avenue, Boston, 75 persons were from the Provinces, most of them being from this Province, some of whom he named. He desired to get acquainted with the friends of his friends, and also to express the interest of his Association in our work. They had 13 churches (most of them in cities), 2,449 members and 20 ministers—250 members added the past year. Every member believes in the utter abolition of the liquor traffic. Our Sunday-schools are larger than the membership of the churches, 150 being added to the his church in Boston. The young people are organized for Christian work, are efficient and support a missionary. Their

Association meet a less number of times than quarterly; the churches represent to the meeting of the Association. He hoped that a delegate would be sent to their Association.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, on being called, said he did not represent anything, but had a deep interest in our work. The hospitality he met with and enjoyed was unbounded. They had not counted the Baptists, but the Baptists have counted them. They desired, if they could, to have a union, but not to give up our convictions. He spoke of the excellent influences of those organized societies of young people. His many good words were inspiring.

Resolved, That this meeting heartily appreciates the excellent addresses of the messengers from other bodies, and the visiting brethren, and herewith express our thanks for their kindly words.

Remarks were made by Revs. T. H. Siddall, E. Crowell and W. M. Knollin.

Resolved, That this Conference adjourn to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. K. West.

FRIDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Jordan.

Roll called; most of the members answered to their names.

The request of Rev. Dr. Sturgis, for leave of absence, was granted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The order of business, as appointed, was considered.

The Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting Report was considered.

It was moved and seconded that the Report be amended by striking out the clause referring to the pastoral relation of Rev. A. Kinney.

Resolved (in amendment), That there be a committee of five appointed to consider the matter under discussion, and report.

Resolved, That Bros. B. Hines, E. King, B. F. Kenney, N. Corning and Elijah Pinkney be the above committee.

Resolved, That the Moderator, Bro. Gayton, represent us at the public temperance picnic, and that Dr. McLeod accompany him.

Resolved, That these brethren report to this Conference, and that it be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Report on Temperance was read by Rev. W. C. Weston, as follows:

It is a gratifying fact that this Conference, and the body of people it represents, have an honorable record on the temperance question. Members of Free Baptist Churches covenant not only to be total abstainers, but to promote, by every means in their power, prohibition of the drink traffic. The action of this Conference has always been uncompromising in its opposition to the drink trade and earnest in its urgings upon members of the denomination to vote as they pray. The cause of temperance and prohibition is everywhere making substantial gain. In our own country the feeling in favor of illegalizing the deadly traffic is surely becoming stronger and more widespread, for which we devoutly thank God. Lasting laws for the restriction and suppression of the evil, when rightly enforced, are having good effect, especially as educators of the people, and an encouragement to insist on the enactment of the desired complete prohibition.

This Conference again puts on record its utter abhorrence of the drink trade, and pledges itself to do everything possible for the annihilation of the evil thing. It is the wish of the Conference that the ministers continue to faithfully proclaim the truth on this important subject, and that the voters of the denomination support for representative positions only such men as are known to be thoroughly sound on the temperance question, and are who are pledged to use their utmost endeavors to secure the enactment of a prohibitory law.

W. C. WESTON,

Chairman.

Resolved, That the report be adopted and referred to the Public Picnic Meeting, and the public meeting in connection with this Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference adjourn to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. D. T. Porter.

4.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Assistant Moderator in the chair.

The Conference knelt by request of the Moderator, while Rev. G. A. Hartley led in prayer. A deep solemnity prevailed. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Rev. J. W. Freeman, representing the Foreign Mission Society in connection with this Conference, reported the interview with the Woman's Board, as follows:

I have had a very pleasant interview with said Board, and we have decided to amalgamate the Woman's Aid Society and the General Foreign Mission Society for a year. Time of holding the meeting and order of exercises are agreed upon.

The Report of the Committee on the amendment of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting Report, was read as follows:

Your committee appointed to consider the clauses in the Quarterly Meeting Report, in reference to Rev. A. Kinney being employed as supply to the Beaver River and Sanford churches, beg leave to report that the said clause be struck out, and the Report of the Clerk of the Beaver River Church be accepted. They recommend that the churches on the Beaver River and Sanford Circuit, as well as those of all the Pastorates, be recommended to supply pastors in the future only through a constituted ministerial committee.

B. HINES,

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting Report be adopted as amended and engrossed in the minutes.

Resolved, That the question of the pastoral relation of Rev. A. Kinney at the present time, be referred to a committee of this Conference—thus, Can a church or churches engage a pastor disregarding a regularly appointed pastoral committee?

Resolved, That the Report of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting be taken from the table.

Its clerk explained some amendments, when it was resolved that the Report be adopted and engrossed in the minutes.

Resolved, That this Conference adjourn till to-morrow at 8.30, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. N. Royal.

SATURDAY, 8.30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Moderator in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. W. M. Knollin.

Roll called.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

The Report on the Sabbath was read by the Moderator, Rev. A. Gayton, as follows:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments," are the words of the Divine Master. He came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. It is the firm command to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. The tendency altogether too prevalent among men to use the Christian Sabbath day in the way of sinful indulgence and carnal amusement, is greatly to be deplored. The nation that fails to honor God in the keeping of this Sabbath, is not in the way to be exalted.

The Conference would urge the importance of this subject of Sabbath observance upon all who have it in their power to heighten a regard for its sanctity and its privileges.

A. GAYTON.

Resolved, That the Report be adopted.

Bro. Gayton reported his visit to the Temperance Picnic. He and Bro. McLeod found it a very enjoyable time. They had much pleasure in representing this Conference there. Their visit and representation seemed to be duly appreciated.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference is due, and is hereby accorded, to these brethren for their able representation of this body.

The Report on Obituary was read by Rev. S. N. Royal, as follows:

Your Committee on Obituary have learned, with sadness, that Deacon Charles Cushing, of Harmony Quarterly Meeting, has gone home. The date of his departure was September, 1887. We learn that he was one of eight or more who were organized into a church at Caledonia Corner, September 29th, 1838. At or about that time he was chosen deacon, and for nearly forty-nine years he was emphatically a standard bearer. Even

in old age, he was warm-hearted. He was always loyal to his denomination, to the doctrines of "Free Grace," "Free Communion," and "Believers' Baptism." He was a true temperance man. Every minister who ever saw or knew him found in him a friend. We extend to his aged companion our sympathies, and to his children, with the prayers that the Lord of the harvest would strengthen and bless them, and raise up young men to fill the places Dea. Cushing and others gone before him have left.

While such brethren as Bros. Cushing (among the aged), Martin and Nehemiah McGray, George Frost and other brethren are going home, it leads us to pray for this and that. We counsel our young men to guard well the legacy left them by the others.

Your committee would take this opportunity to express our sympathy with our Sister Sullivan in her bereavement, caused by the departure of her daughter, Sister Minnie, commending her to Him who said, "I will be with thee."

S. NASON ROYAL,

Sub-Committee.

Resolved, That the Report be adopted.

The Report on the Sabbath-school was read by Rev. S. N. Royal, as follows:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools would report that they learn with gratitude of the increasing interest in Sunday-schools among us as a people. We are also thankful for the fact that never, as a Conference, or as a people, have we been indifferent to the claims of that institution upon us; but we do rejoice in the increasing interest. We find in the Sunday-school one of the places to study the Word, to compare thoughts and opinions about its truths, though its lessons are now generally adapted and the variety of helps now issued to become better acquainted with the opinions of good men the world over; for as good and godly wise men have gotten around it; and best of all, as a practical means and blessed way of learning of God, His love to man, of Jesus and His love of our duty to God and one another, a place where we can gather the little ones, and by means, and loving means, learn them of Jesus, teach them the way to Heaven, train them for usefulness here and glory beyond. We succeed as Sunday-schools just so far as we succeed in bringing them to Christ and guiding them heavenward; training them so they may successfully resist temptation; preparing them for useful labor here; fitting them to know and do the will of the Heavenly Father, and to enjoy glory beyond. Let us not forget that the Sabbath-school is not only for the children to learn, and older ones to teach, but for all to attend and do what they can for the building and extension of the Redeemer's kingdom; to teach them temperance, total abstinence, our privileges in missionary work, our own denominational views and principles.

Hoping the youth and children of the land may be reached and saved, hearing and heeding the blessed invitation of the Master, "Learn of Me."

In behalf of Committee, of which I have the honor to be a member,

B. B. WOODWORTH,

S. N. ROYAL.

The Report was received and adopted, and referred to the Sunday-school Convention.

The Report on Education was read by Rev. C. B. Atwood, as follows:

We, as a Conference, are more than willing to reaffirm our hitherto strong position on the question of education. We believe that the gospel ministry should be thoroughly equipped; and while we want to depend upon the help of the Holy Spirit, yet we are aware that certain preparation is necessary in order that one may be a successful preacher and teacher. We also believe that it is necessary that all our children be nourished in the public schools, in order not only to raise the standard of general intelligence, but to furnish the Church with a nursery from which it can supply its ministry.

(Signed) NELSON CORNING,
C. B. ATWOOD.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted, and referred to the education meeting this evening.

The Nomination Committee further reported, as follows:

(See Report: The Education Board, and Ministers' Relief Society Board. See last page; cover.)

Rev. C. B. Atwood reported his visit to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, as follows:

Dear Brethren.—As your messenger to the recent session of the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, I herewith submit the following report:

I attended the session held at Oakland, Me.; was very cordially received, and every attention was accorded me. As your representative, I tried to represent you faithfully. I was much interested in the movement on foot of consolidating the three Yearly Meetings of Maine into one Association; was also much interested in the reports of the growth, work and special literature of the advocates of Christian fidelity. For particulars in reference to these questions, I refer you to their messenger, Rev. J. B. Jordan, who is present with us to-day. Their deliberations were characterized by a most estimable spirit, and the message they send to you by my hands is more tender than I can express. They desire this annual intercourse to be maintained.

Thankful for the privilege of bearing your message, I am, yours, in Christ,
C. B. ATWOOD.

Rev. J. W. Freeman reported his visit in 1887, as follows:

Bro. Moderator.—Your Delegate appointed to attend the Maine Central Yearly Meeting for 1887, attended to that duty. It was held at Phillips, Me., commencing on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, last. It was an

interesting and important occasion. The Maine State Home Mission Society met with them, and resolutions were passed seeking and looking forward to the union of this Society with the Yearly Meetings of Maine into one Convention. The business was transacted with despatch, and there appeared a oneness of heart and spirit all through.

I was very cordially received, and being requested to preach in connection with the Home Mission Society, I complied. I asked for a continuance of correspondence, and Rev. J. B. Jordan was appointed as Corresponding Delegate to our Yearly Meeting.

Thanking you for the privilege, I remain with you,

Yours respectfully,

J. W. FREEMAN.

Rev. Wm. M. Knollin, delegate to the New Brunswick General Conference in 1887, said:

I received a warm welcome and renewed old associations. I was agreeably surprised to see the talent our brethren in New Brunswick are able to bring to their work, especially their younger men. I was also glad to see them engaged in educational and other work. I extended greetings, and requested a continuance of the correspondence. Glad to meet Rev. G. A. Hartley at this Conference.

Resolved, That the written and verbal reports be adopted.

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee be taken from the table.

The Report was read by the Assistant Clerk (see Minutes of the Executive Committee).

Resolved, That that part of the Report referring to the Halifax Church be considered.

Resolved, That Bro. G. E. Downey, who has been elected a teacher to the Union Baptist Seminary be invited to a seat with us subject to rules of Conference.

Rev. E. Crowell made some remarks. Deacon Wm. Wilson reported the state of interest and the condition of the business of the church. Rev. A. L. Lang said he was glad to speak. He went to the States to gather help and saw the Home Mission Board of New England. They will help. He thinks to go on a collecting tour in aid of the church. He spoke with much interest and zeal. His remarks were calculated to awaken new interest. There seems to be some prospect of a sale of the church.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to report on the Halifax matter.

Resolved, That E. Crowell, J. E. Cushing, A. Gayton, R. Sims and F. B. Kenny be the above committee.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Executive Committee on Halifax Church matters be adopted.

A communication from the Clerk of the New Brunswick Conference was read as follows:

Woodstock, 10th Sept., 1888.

Rev. J. I. Porter, Secretary F. B. General Conference of Nova Scotia:

DEAR BROTHER: Under another cover I enclose Minutes of our last annual session. I beg to request that you will submit to your Conference the report and resolutions on Baptist union on pages 44, 45, 50 and 51, especially Resolution 87, page 51.

Yours sincerely,

D. McLEOD VINCE.

Secretary N. B. General Conference.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of three be appointed to report on the above communication.

Resolved, That A. Gayton, C. B. Atwood and J. I. Porter be the said committee.

The Secretary of the Ministers' Relief Fund read his report (see Minutes of this Society). Bro. Millar made good remarks. Rev. W. C. Weston made touching remarks concerning the need of Elder Swim.

Resolved, That a collection be taken at this time for Elder Swim.

The collection amounted to \$16.00.

Touching remarks were made by Revs. A. Kinney and J. I. Porter regarding Sister Sullivan's bereavement (see Obituary Report).

Resolved, That the visit of Rev. F. L. Hayes, of the Massachusetts F. B. Association, to this Conference has been most heartily appreciated, both on account of the close relations between our bodies that have been emphasized by his visit, the evident advantage of our improved acquaintance between the Free Baptists of Massachusetts and Nova Scotia, and also

because of his personal helpfulness in our meetings; and further, that we reciprocate the visit of the delegate of the Massachusetts F. B. Association by appointing a corresponding delegate to attend their annual meetings.

The committee to nominate the General Pastorate Committee reported as follows: E. Crowell, J. W. Freeman, N. Corning, R. A. Sims, Charles Robbins, J. E. Oushing and B. C. Sims to be said committee.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves—brothers, pastors and people—to try with greater zeal to urge the claims of the *Religious Intelligencer*, and strive to further increase its circulation.

The Report on Missions was read by Rev. A. B. Atwood as follows:

The spirit of missions in general is the leading characteristic of the Christian faith. The objectors to missions are not the best exponents of pure and undefiled religion. Any lack of interest among our people in the different lines of missionary work is to be deplored. Any method of work that tends to more systematic offering ought to be welcome. We do thank God for the good work of the past, and pledge ourselves for the future.

C. B. ATWOOD.

Resolved, That we adjourn, to meet at the close of the Conference Meeting this p. m.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Freeman.

SATURDAY, 5.40 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. A. Hartley.

Resolved, That we adjourn, to meet on Monday, at 8.30 a. m., in committee of the whole.

Benediction by Rev. W. Millar.

MONDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Sturgis.

Roll called.

Resolved, That we go into committee of the whole, and that the rules of Conference prevail.

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Resolved, That Bro. A. Gagton act as Chairman. The motion referred by the Elders' Conference to the General Conference was introduced; when it was

Resolved that said matter be taken up by the Committee. (See report, Minutes of Elders' Conference).

It was moved and seconded, that the Report be considered by this Committee.

Resolved, That the motion prevail.

Moved by Rev. G. E. Sturgis, seconded by Rev. W. Millar, that the Report be adopted.

After an animated discussion this Report was adopted; votes twenty-one to ten.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to Conference.

Resolved, That the Report from Committee of the whole be received and adopted.

Resolved, That the announcement of the Committee on Nomination be, that they stand the same as last year.

Resolved, That we adjourn till 2.30 p. m.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Freeman.

2.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. K. West.

As requested by Conference, the Moderator gave his view or statement of the Rev. A. Kinney's relation to the Conference since its late action, as follows:

Brother Kinney is legally a member of the Conference; his disqualifications is moral. The Conference, by withdrawing its sympathy and fellowship, has only stated its attitude towards him.

The report on absent brethren was read by Rev. E. Crowell, as follows:

Your Committee on Absent Brethren would report: The reason for the absence of Elder Albert Swin is apparent to all who know him, namely, old age. We rejoice that he can attest to the promise, "Even to your old age I am He."

Licentiate Bro. Geo. F. Francis is detained at Halifax by ill-health. Licentiate Bro. E. T. Parker is at school at Pittsfield, Maine, U. S.

Licentiate Bro. Geo. M. Wilson is desirous of remaining at Lewiston. At present he is in Massachusetts.

Licentiate Bro. J. W. Smith is at Pittsfield, Maine.

We close this report with the prayer that Bro. Swin may be sustained by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, as we believe he will be,—that our young brethren may have the way opened before and for them.

B. B. WOODWORTH,
S. N. ROYAL,

The Report of the Committee on Halifax Church interest was read by Rev. E. Crowell as follows:

Your Committee on Halifax interest recommends the Free Baptist General Conference to assume the interest of \$1400 of debt now due on the Star Street Church property in order to encourage the brethren for the present year, hoping that meanwhile opportunity will occur for the sale of that property in accordance with the resolution adopted last year.

E. CROWELL,
for Committee.

The Nomination Committee further reported, as follows:

Officers and Executive of Temperance League (see cover). Also, that Rev. W. C. Weston be delegate to the N. B. General Conference, and that Rev. W. Millar be substitute. Rev. S. K. West to the M. C. Y. Meeting, and that Rev. T. H. Siddall be his substitute. To the Massachusetts Association, Rev. E. Crowell; substitute, Rev. D. T. Porter. And further, thus: "The 'Religious Intelligencer,' the recognized organ of our denomination, is highly appreciated by our people, and is constantly increasing in favor among them. Believing it to be one impartial means by which the interests of our denomination are advanced, we request that special effort be made on the part of all interested to increase the circulation of this valuable publication.

The "Morning Star" is highly esteemed by our people, and we hope its circulation may be largely increased.

In view of the importance of our Foreign Mission work we trust that the "Missionary Helper" may have a wider circulation.

We recommend strict attention to the introduction of good religious literature in church and Sabbath-school work.

These clauses of the Report of the Nomination Committee were adopted.

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the services and valuable help of the corresponding delegates and visitors.

Rev. Bro. Fernald made good remarks.

Rev. Jos. McLeod made remarks as he was about leaving.

The matter of Baptist union was taken up, when it was
Resolved, That this matter be referred to the Executive of
 Conference.

The report of Revs. G. A. Hartley and J. B. Jordan to the
 Elders' Conference, referring to this, was read and adopted.
 (See minutes Elders' Conference).

Resolved, That Rev. E. Crowell be requested to write
 to Brothers G. M. Wilson and C. S. Parker, and see if
 they can come home for a while and work under the direction
 of this Conference.

The Nomination Committee further reported: Conference
 Executive Board (See first page, cover), and that Dea. Isaac
 Hopkins be the Treasurer of the Halifax Mission. Adopted.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks be given to the pastor
 and people of Yarmouth for the very excellent way they have
 entertained this General Conference.

Resolved, That there be a collection taken this evening for
 the benefit of the Yarmouth church.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby tender its thanks
 to the Western Counties' Railway, Yarmouth & Shelburne
 Steamship Company, the Yarmouth Steamship Company,
 and Oscar Davison, Esq., for their kindness in granting
 reduced rates to our delegates; and the friends outside our
 own denomination, who have so generously contributed by
 their friendly acts to the success of this annual gathering.

Resolved, That the Assistant Clerk receive five dollars, in
 consideration of his expense for stationery, postage, etc.

Resolved, That if there should not be sufficient funds to
 meet the obligations of this Conference, the Executive have
 power to hire the needful amount.

Resolved, That the minutes of the Woman's Society be
 published in our minutes.

Resolved, That we are glad of the quickened interest in the
 Halifax church, and trust the new interest may continue, and
 soon the friends of Halifax may dispose of their present
 building, and be able to start anew in a more suitable location.

Resolved, That Brothers E. Crowell, S. N. Royal and B. Hines be a committee to consider the papers to be reported upon at this evening's session.

Resolved, That it is with very great pleasure that we extend to our Moderator this expression of thanks for the very efficient and helpful manner he has presided over this Conference.

Resolved, That we adjourn, to meet at the close of the Temperance Meeting this evening.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Weston.

9.45 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. D. T. Porter.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Conference be given to the organist and choir for the pleasing and good music they have rendered during these gatherings.

Resolved, That 1,400 copies of the minutes be printed and published, and that the Clerk receive the sum of \$25.00 for preparing the same.

Resolved, That the collections taken in the Conference Sabbath be divided as follows: Morning, Ministers' Relief Fund; afternoon, Home Mission Society; evening, General Conference Fund.

Resolved, That if no request for next General Conference, the locating of same be left with the Executive of Conference.

Resolved, That we recognize with gratitude the evident approval of God of the organized movement among the young people of the Church of Christ generally; and

Whereas, A society with this object in view has been formed in the church of our faith in another part of our field, and is now in successful operation;

Resolved, That we hereby approve of this work purposed by the Advocates of Christian Fidelity, and recommend to all our churches the formation of such societies wherever it is practicable.

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The report of the committee to report on the present standing of Rev. A. Kinney was presented as follows:

Your Committee on the Report of Elders' Conference regarding Elder A. Kinney's position and relation to the Conference, beg leave to recommend that the decision of the Chair defining that Brother's position be recorded on the minutes of Conference, viz.: That on inquiry of Elder A. Kinney as to whether the resolutions passed concerning himself by the Conference, expelled or suspended him from the Conference, the same being submitted to the Moderator for ruling, the ruling was: That Elder A. Kinney, legally, was not expelled or suspended, but was disfellowshipped by the Conference.

Your Committee further recommends that the resolutions referring to the disfellowshipping of Elder A. Kinney be published in the printed minutes, and not sooner, unless some circumstances may make their publication necessary in the opinion of the Executive of Conference. The said papers are not to be given to the public if Elder Kinney complies with the condition prescribed for his reinstatement.

(Signed)

S. NASON ROYAL,
EDWIN CROWELL,
BENJAMIN HINES.

The foregoing was considered clause by clause, when it was *Resolved*, That the report be adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was read by Rev. G. E. Sturgis:

Resolved, That this Conference request the Home Mission and Education Boards to care for and direct and aid our young men for the ministry, and consider the matter of their education fully.

Resolved, That we accord a vote of thanks to our Assistant Moderator for his efficient help during the sessions of this Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference rise.

Prayer by Rev. L. A. Lang.

J. I. PORTER,

Clerk of Conference.

DEVOTIONAL

A welcome meeting was held on Wednesday evening. This meeting was of unusual interest. A good congregation was present in the neat and well appointed church. Rev. E. Crowell, the pastor, gave, in the name of the church and congregation, a hearty welcome to the members of the General Conference.

Rev. J. M. Fisher (Methodist), on behalf of the ministers of the town, extended to the members a most cordial welcome.

Revs. C. B. Atwood and J. I. Porter, on behalf of the Conference, responded in appropriate and happy addresses.

Rev. F. L. Hayes made a taking and excellent speech.

Revs. J. B. Jordan and G. A. Hartley both made admirable addresses.

It was a grand meeting. The choir gave some choice music, adding much to the pleasure of the meeting.

The Social Conference was held Saturday at 2.30 p. m. Rev. S. N. Royal presided. This meeting, which is always the spiritual feast of the Conference, was indeed a "feast of fat things." The Master was present, and joy filled the house, and great gladness. One and all said, We have been made glad, and have been refreshed in the way. This was a large assembly, a great number took part, and the strength of the Master of Assemblies prevailed. The weather was all that could be desired.

Sabbath: The day opened bright and fine. At 9 o'clock, A. M., prayer meeting, led by Rev. J. W. Freeman. This was an excellent meeting, much enjoyed by the large number who attended—a time of willing service and spiritual refreshing.

At 10.30 A. M. the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Millar. Text: Acts xxvi. 16-18. Theme: The Ministry and Witness of Paul. I. We have the Apostle's call to the ministry. II. The extent of his call. III. His ministry and

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At 2.30 P. M. Rev. J. B. Jordan, of Augusta, Maine, preached. Text: Acts xxvii. 23. Theme: The Christian's Relationship and Service. I. It was a service that was inspired and controlled by one pervading and absorbing purpose—the *personal experience*, (1) Continuous conflict with self, (2) Pressing toward perfection of life. II. It was a service marked by humility and complete self-abnegation. III. It was a service pervaded by great earnestness and consecration. IV. The Apostle did not lose sight of the reward offered. None but those who heard can realize the blessing of this excellent sermon, given with great fluency, grace and directness, in the demonstration of the Spirit.

At the close the Lord's Supper was administered. Revs. E. N. Fernald and S. K. West officiated. The Master was within the doors. A very great number took part, and a gracious spirit pervaded the place. The emblems were borne by our venerable brethren, Deacons A. Robbins and W. Snow.

At 7 P. M. Rev. G. A. Hartley preached. Text: John xiv. 6. Theme: Christ the Way. I. He is the way to be saved. II. He is the way into holiness. It is "Christ formed in us," "groweth in grace," on our part reception, on His part bestowment. *Christ is more in us than we realize.* III. He is the way into Heaven. This was a powerful sermon, delivered with characteristic conviction, clearness and zeal. It held the attention of the crowded congregation, and made a deep impression. Long will its influence be felt as a power for good.

Brother Jordan, at the close of the sermon, by request, explained the Young People's Society, "The Advocates of Christian Fidelity," which seeks to enlist the services of the young under the control of the church in the work of Christ. During the service Miss Hitchens gave a solo, "Consider the Lilies," with exquisite taste, skill and effect. Thus ended

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

FREE BAPTIST CONFERENCE in account with J. I. PORTER, Treasurer.

Amt. in fund Sept. 22nd, '87 \$64 51

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John Leneter	\$0 25
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Mrs. Frederick Volger	10
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Mrs. Sophia Leneter	12
Mrs. Jacob Bowers	12
Mrs. Elizabeth Cohoon	10
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Mrs. Emma Armstrong	12
Daniel Vaughan	25
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Leonard Cohoon and wife	37
James Phalen and wife	37
Western Phalen	25
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Amanda Mann	12
Stephen Park and wife	25
	<u>\$4 39</u>

KEMPTVILLE CHURCH.

By Deacons Prosser and Traverses,
Nov. 7th, 1887.

Abijah Ring and wife	\$0 35
Robert Prosser and wife	25
John Marshall and wife	25
James Prout and wife	25

George Ring	\$0 25
Frank Prosser	25
Mrs. Matthew Roberts	10
Annie Prosser	10
L. R. Prosser	10
Lizzie Prosser	10
Lemuel Hamilton and wife	30
Samuel Hamilton and wife	35
Winnie F. Hamilton	15
Elkanah Travis and wife	30
Nathaniel Travis and wife	35
Lettie Travis	15
Dolict C. Greenlaw	10
Maria Hurlbert	10
	<u>\$4 10</u>

CENTERVILLE CHURCH.

CAPE ISLAND.

Benjamin Atkins	\$0 12
Mrs. Cyrus Brown	25
B. F. Kenney and wife	25
J. R. Kenney and wife	25
Mrs. S. B. Donaldson	15
Benjamin Goodwin and wife	25
Mrs. Isabella Smith	10
Mrs. Avard Smith	10
Mrs. Thomas Cunningham	05
Mark Smith and wife	35
Mrs. Esther Kenney	10
Mrs. Margaret Smith	05
Timothy Smith	15
Charles E. Ross and wife	25
Deborah Ross	05
Emma Brannen	10
William Powell and wife	25
Mercy Cunningham	18
Elizabeth Cunningham	10

Margery Cunningham,	\$0 10	Mrs. Ruth H. Nickerson,	\$0 10
Elizabeth Cunningham,	10	Mrs. Solomon Newell,	10
Henrietta Ross,	10	Mrs. Mahala Nickerson,	05
George Ross and wife,	10	Mrs. Susan Swim,	05
Maria Brown,	10	Mrs. Thomas Kenney,	10
Caroline Atkins,	10	Mrs. Levi Kenney,	05
Hilbert Atkins,	10	Mrs. Alfred Kenney,	10
Howard Atkins and wife,	15	Mrs. John Lowe,	05
J. C. Atkins and wife,	25	Mrs. James Simonds,	06
Mrs. James Cunningham,	10	Mrs. Eldridge Newell,	10
Mrs. Rodney Cunningham,	05	Levi Kenney and wife,	30
Mrs. Abbie McGray,	25	Mrs. John Kenney,	15
Capt. David L. Ross and wife,	25	Mrs. Charles Kenney,	10
Mrs. Arthur McGray,	10	Mrs. Robert Shay,	10
Mrs. Mary J. McGray,	20	Mrs. Rodman Murphy,	05
Mrs. Elizabeth McGray,	05	Mrs. Seth Nickerson,	10
Mrs. James C. McGray,	10	Mrs. David Daly,	10
Mrs. Sophie McGray,	10	Mrs. Alexander Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Susanna Ross,	10	Mrs. Charles Murphy,	10
William A. Smith and wife,	25	Mrs. Tabitha Newell,	10
Mrs. Edmund Smith,	05	Mrs. Joshua Nickerson,	13
Miss Grace A. Smith,	10	Mrs. William H. Kenney,	10
Miss Sarah J. Smith,	10	Mrs. George Smith,	10
Ernest Kenney,	10	Mrs. Henry Kenney,	10
Job Cunningham,	05	Miss Isaura Kenney,	10
Capt. John C. Cunningham,	20	Mrs. Peter Kenney,	10
Capt. Thomas Newell and wife,	35	John G. Nickerson and wife,	50
Mrs. Vincent Smith,	10	Mrs. Vincent Kenney,	05
Miss Mina Smith,	05	Mrs. Samuel Penny,	10
Miss Zipporah Newell,	10	McCallum Nickerson and wife,	25
Capt. Jethro N. Smith and wife,	25	Mrs. Nathaniel Crowell,	10
Mrs. William Smith,	10	Mrs. Freeland Nickerson,	10
Miss Aurilla B. Smith,	07	Mrs. Joshua Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Hervey Newell,	10	Mrs. Charles Smith,	05
Lewis Nickerson,	25	Mrs. Philip Jones,	10
Seth Smith,	25	Mrs. Reuben Smith,	05
Edgar Smith,	25	Judah Kenney,	10
Mrs. Herman Smith,	20	Mrs. Dorcas Kenney,	05
Charles Wickins,	25	Mrs. David Duncan,	15
Parker Smith,	25	Mrs. John Duncan,	15
	\$8 92	Mrs. William Hopkins,	05
		Mrs. William Crowell,	05
		Mrs. John Crowell,	10
		Mrs. George Swim,	10
		Mrs. Nathaniel Swim,	10
		Mrs. Reuben Cameron,	10
		Mrs. Albert Thrun,	10
		Mrs. James Osborne,	05
		Mrs. Jedida Smith,	05
		Mrs. A. Crowell,	05
		Prince Hopkins and wife,	25
		Miss Estella Duncan,	10
		Mrs. Job Swim,	15

CLARK'S HARBOR CHURCH.

CAPE ISLAND.

Mrs. Arnold Newell,	\$0 11
Mrs. Samuel Atkins,	10
Mrs. G. Henry Newell,	08
Mrs. James Newell,	05
Mrs. Charles Atkinson,	10

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Collected
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Sophia
Locke R
Lyman S
Lydia S
Mrs. Ori
Edward
Isaac Ry
Anthony
Mrs. Her
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Mrs. Stillman Crowell,	\$0 10	Alva Spinney,	\$0 10
Mrs. George Phillips,	10	Ezra C. Spinney,	25
Mrs. Mary Crowell,	05	William Ryder,	25
Mrs. Alexander Phillips,	10	John Ryder,	25
Mrs. George N. Smith,	10	Enos Spinney,	25
Mrs. James Lowe,	10	Harvey Ryder,	25
Mrs. Mark Atwood,	10	Deborah Ryder,	25
Mrs. Alamander Atwood,	05	Etta Ryder,	10
Mrs. Steward Smith,	05	Albert Spinney and wife,	35
Miss Eusebia Smith,	05	Lucina Spinney,	10
Miss Augusta Cunningham,	05	Belle Ryder,	10
Joseph Nickerson and wife,	20	Daniel Ryder,	25
Mrs. Israel Cunningham,	10	Freeman Owen,	25
Mrs. Robert Stephens,	05	Mrs. George Owen,	10
Mr. A. S. Penny,	05	Emma Owen,	10
Mrs. Crowell Penny,	05	Caleb Spinney and wife,	35
Mrs. Abijah Penny,	10	Frank L. Gayton,	25
Leonard Penny,	15	Albertha H. Gayton,	10
Isaac Penny and wife,	15	Myra J. Gayton,	10
Jacob Penny,	10	Theresa M. Gayton,	10
Mrs. Berry Atkinson,	05	Albert Gayton and wife,	35
James Atkinson,	10	Seddie Hipson,	10
Mrs. Thomas Nickerson,	05	Rebecca Hipson,	10
Mrs. Coleman Nickerson,	10	Mrs. Elizabeth Goodwin,	10
Mrs. Barry Nickerson,	10	Mrs. Jonathan Goodwin,	10
Mrs. Levi Nickerson,	05	Blanche Goodwin,	10
Mrs. Churchill Smith,	10	Annie Goodwin,	10
Mrs. Isaac Nickerson,	10	Mrs. Rebecca Goodwin,	10
Mrs. Doane Nickerson,	10	Mrs. Mary B. Everett,	10
Mrs. James N. Nickerson,	05	William Goodwin,	25
Prince W. Penny and wife,	15	George Goodwin,	10
Mrs. Martin Penny,	05	Howard Gayton and wife,	35
Mrs. Ophia Penny,	05	Mrs. Jerry Gayton,	10
Mrs. Clarke Penny,	15	Nellie Harding,	10
	\$3.92	Jeremiah Harding and wife,	35
		Josiah Harding,	25
		Mrs. Bertie Ryder,	10
		Mrs. Alva Pennington,	10
		Ella Spinney,	10
		Eben Spinney,	25
		David M. Spinney and wife,	35
		Jeremiah Spinney and wife,	35
		Whitman Spinney, Jr.,	25
		Grace Spinney,	10
		Whitman Spinney, sr.,	25
		J. Freeman Harding and wife,	35
		Mary Goodwin,	10
		Eliza J. Harding,	10
		William Kenney and wife,	35
		Benjamin F. Spinney and wife,	35
		Jesse Morton,	25
		Emma Harding,	10
		Lily Harding,	10

FIRST ARGYLE CHURCH.

Collected by Belle Ryder, Theresa Gayton, Grace Spinney and Alva Spinney.

Sophia Ryder,	\$0 10
Locke Ryder,	25
Lyman Spinney and wife,	35
Lydia Seeley,	10
Mrs. Orlando Van Emburg,	10
Edward Ryder and wife,	35
Isaac Ryder and wife,	35
Anthony Seeley and wife,	35
Mrs. Herbert Hines,	10
May Ryder,	10

Eliza Harding,	\$0 10
Eliza A. Hamilton,	10
Alice Ryder,	10
Jonathan Goodwin, sr.,	25
Simeon Spinney,	25
Agnes M. Spinney,	10
Theora R. Spinney,	10
Denis Spinney and wife,	35
Solomon Ryder and wife,	25
Mrs. Stayley Hines,	10
Angus Spinney,	25
Capt. Benjamin Hines and wife,	35
Miss Gracie Hines,	10
Miss Ella Hines,	10
Miss Lallah Hines,	10
Miss Theora Hines,	10
Miss Adora Spinney,	10
Mrs. Lovett Hines,	10
Mrs. Leonard Spinney,	10
Mrs. Miner Spinney,	10
Charles H. Forbes and wife,	35
Miss Ella M. Spinney,	10
David Spinney and wife,	35
Lewis Spinney and wife,	35
Mrs. Norman Spinney,	10
Mrs. Benjamin Spinney,	10
Isaiah Roberts,	25
George L. Roberts,	25
Fred F. Roberts,	25
A. W. Horner,	25
James Gayton,	25
Mrs. James Gayton,	10
Daniel Gayton,	25
Mrs. Daniel Gayton,	10
Harvey Spinney,	25
Mrs. Harvey Spinney,	10
James McLaren,	25
Mrs. James McLaren,	10
Ephraim Pearce,	10
William McNair,	25
George Gayton,	25
Edward Spinney,	25
Mrs. Charles Fox,	25
Gertrude Spinney,	10
Louisa Gayton,	10
Julia Spinney,	10
Clemmie Gayton,	10
Seddie Gayton,	10
Estella Goodwin,	10

\$20 45

SECOND ARGYLE CHURCH.

James Kenney,	\$0 25
Reuben Goodwin and wife,	35
Israel Kenney and wife,	30
Wentworth Goodwin and wife,	35
Benjamin Crowell and wife,	35
Flavilla Goodwin,	10
Herbert Kenney and wife,	35
Leonard Roberts and wife,	25
Isaac Kenney and wife,	25
Evalena Whitehouse,	10
Parasanda Kenney,	10
George Whitehouse,	25
Abram Crowell,	25
Ford Crowell,	25
Laura Crowell,	15
Ida B. Whitehouse,	10
A. Friend,	25
Jane Crowell,	10
James Frost and wife,	40
Morris Forbes and wife,	30
Mercy Frost,	10
Daniel Sargent and wife,	25
Sylvanus Ricker,	25
Charles Jeffery and wife,	25
James R. Frost,	25
Archibald Watson and wife,	30
Tamzin Frost,	10
John Morrill and wife,	35
Maxwell Sargent,	25
Ida J. Frost,	10
Albert W. Frost and wife,	35
Oliver Pitman and wife,	25
Mary Roberts,	10
David B. Frost,	25
Agnes Sims,	10
Louisa A. Crowell,	15
Ada B. Crowell,	10
Lavinia M. Sargent,	10
Lucinda Ricker,	10
Forrester Ricker,	25
Willard Forbes,	10
Nellie Forbes,	10
Cora Roberts,	15
Giles Ricker,	25
Jessie Ricker,	10
Phebe Allen,	10
Joseph Roberts,	25
Hiram Roberts,	25
Oscar Roberts and wife,	35
Lily Roberts,	10
William Abbott,	

Mrs.
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Martha Elwell,	\$0 10	Mrs. Rosella Goodwin,	\$0 10
Martha Roberts,	10	Mrs. Thomas Montague,	10
Maturim Ricker and wife,	35	Mrs. Whitfield Goodwin,	10
Jane Nickerson,	10	Mrs. Robert Hines,	10
Athea Crowell,	10	Mrs. Matilda Goodwin,	10
Annie Hays,	10	Jeremiah Goodwin,	25
Albert W. Roberts and wife,	35	Mrs. Charles Goodwin,	10

\$11 95**EAST PUBNICO CHURCH.**

Caleb Larkin,	\$0 25	Mrs. Isaac Van Emburg,	10
Mrs. Byron Hines,	10	Mrs. Hezekiah Smith,	10
Rose Hines,	10	Miss Matilda Smith,	10
Whitman Goodwin and wife,	25	Mrs. Huldah Lennox,	10
Edward B. Goodwin,	35	Mrs. Michael Lennox,	10
Albert Goodwin,	25	Mrs. Aaron Goodwin,	10
Mrs. William Goodwin,	10	Mrs. William Morton,	10
Hallet Goodwin,	25	Stillman Goodwin and wife,	35
Freeman Goodwin and wife,	25	Mrs. Fannie Lennox,	10
Mrs. Stillman Goodwin,	10	Joseph Goodwin and wife,	35
Moses Larkin,	25	Mrs. Henry Lennox,	10
Mrs. Noah Goodwin,	10	Mrs. Annie Murphy,	10
Mrs. Miner Goodwin,	10	Mrs. Caleb Mood,	15
Joseph Goodwin and wife,	35	Mrs. Priscilla Hamilton,	10
Mrs. Daniel Larkin,	10	Miss Lizzie Hamilton,	05
Mrs. John F. Larkin,	10	Mrs. Alma Harding,	10
Benjamin Goodwin and wife,	30	Mrs. John Goodwin,	10
Jeremiah Goodwin and wife,	35	Mrs. Barbara Hamilton,	10
Hannah Goodwin,	10	Mrs. Ardella Goodwin,	10
Joel Worthen and wife,	25	Mrs. John Huskins,	10
David Blades and wife,	25	Mrs. Jeremiah Murphy,	15
Jones Larkin and wife,	35	Miss Bertha Murphy,	10
Mrs. Nathaniel Larkin,	10	Mrs. William Larkin,	10
Mrs. Smith Larkin,	10	Mrs. Caleb Hines,	10
James Larkin and wife,	35	Miss Aletha Hines,	16
Mrs. Matilda Larkin,	10	Miss Ada Hines,	10
Mr. Crowell and wife,	10	Mrs. Barbara Hines,	10
John Larkin and wife,	35		
Mrs. Jones Hipson,	35		
Mary H. Larkin,	10		
Emeline Larkin,	10		
Della E. Larkin,	10		
George Hipson,	25		
Mrs. Fannie Hipson,	10		

\$5 20**SECOND BARRINGTON CHURCH.****CENTRE SECTION.**

Collected by Mrs. D. Nickerson.

WEST PUBNICO CHURCH.		Mrs. Olivia Banks,	\$0 10
Mrs. Esther Morton,	\$0 10	Miss Sarah E. Banks,	10
Howard Goodwin,	25	Mrs. Drusilla Nickerson,	10
		Mrs. Lucy Banks,	10

Mrs. Jeremiah Nickerson,	\$0 12
Miss Ada Swim,	10
Thomas Nickerson and wife,	35
Thomas Banks and wife,	25
Miss Effie Nickerson,	10
J. R. Kenney,	25
John L. Crowell and wife,	35
Miss Annie V. Crowell,	10
Benjamin Swim and wife,	35
Mrs. Sarah Banks,	10
Judah Crowell and wife,	25
Isaac A. Banks,	25
Daniel Crowell,	25
M. P. Nickerson and wife,	35
Miss Marella Nickerson,	10
Joseph Atwood and wife,	35
Crowell Smith and wife,	35
Mrs. William Lyons,	10
Mrs. Mary E. Nickerson,	10
Miss Annie Nickerson,	10
Arthur Nickerson and wife,	35
	<u>\$5.02</u>

BEAR POINT SECTION,

Jesse Smith,	\$0 25
Joseph Stoddart and wife,	37
David Nickerson and wife,	35
Mrs. Ensign Hopkins,	30
Mrs. Moses Smith,	12
Edwin Smith and wife,	35
William Kenney and wife,	37
Samuel Atwood,	25
Mrs. Henry Atwood,	10
Mrs. William Hopkins,	05
Jesse Crowell and wife,	25
Thomas Swim and wife,	35
Mrs. Oscar Devine,	05
Maggie Swim,	10
Ida Kennedy,	12
Mrs. Crowell Swim,	10
Miss Annie Swim,	10
Mrs. William H. Goodwin,	25
Levi Hopkins,	25
Gideon Smith and wife,	30
Reuben B. Stoddart,	25
Isaac Stoddart,	25
Jeremiah Stoddart and wife,	37
Mrs. Caleb Stoddart,	08
William Atwood and wife,	30
Charles Swim,	25
	<u>\$5.68</u>

SHAG HARBOR CHURCH.

Collected by Rebecca Smith and Jessie Nickerson.

Mrs. David Nickerson,	\$0 10
Mrs. Joseph Devine,	10
Mrs. Joseph Nickerson,	10
Miss Ruth Stoddart,	10
Miss Georgie Nickerson,	10
Miss Libbie Nickerson,	10
Samuel Kendrick,	25
Edward H. Kendrick and wife,	35
Edward Kendrick and wife,	35
James W. Smith and wife,	25
Amaziah Smith and wife,	35
Solomon Nickerson and wife,	35
Alfred Stoddart and wife,	35
Robert Nickerson and wife,	35
Doane Crowell and wife,	35
Judah Crowell,	25
Ephraim Larkin and wife,	35
Miss Hattie B. Larkin,	10
Zenas Nickerson and wife,	35
Master Delma Nickerson,	12
Master Adelbert Nickerson,	15
Isaac Nickerson,	25
Herbert Smith,	25
Mrs. Caleb Garron,	10
Mrs. Samuel Smith,	10
Mrs. Joseph Atkins,	10
Abraham Nickerson,	25
Mrs. William Stoddart,	10
William Stoddart,	25
Eaton Nickerson,	25
Miss Mercy Nickerson,	12
Philip Crowell and wife,	35
Warren Crowell,	25
Mrs. Elizabeth Nickerson,	0
Thomas Banks and wife,	35
Mrs. James Banks,	10
Charles Nickerson,	25
Mrs. Joseph Nickerson,	05
Mrs. Samuel Kendrick,	10
Miss Rebecca Smith,	10
Jessie E. Nickerson,	10
Arthur Miller,	25
	<u>\$8.64</u>

WOOD'S HARBOR CHURCH.

Mrs. Phebe Malone,	\$0.10
Mrs. Samuel Malone,	10
Jeremiah Malone and wife,	85
Benjamin Knowles and wife,	25
Mrs. Maria Knowles,	10
Stanley Knowles,	10
Andrew Malone and wife,	10
Barney Malone and wife,	35
Alice Malone,	25
John Malone,	10
Mrs. Rosanna Malone,	25
Mrs. Andrew Chetwynd,	10
Israel Chetwynd and wife,	10
Mrs. Elizabeth Chetwynd,	85
Mrs. George Swaine,	10
Orlando Malone and wife,	10
Mrs. Samuel Goodwin,	35
Mrs. Ezia Jeffery,	10
Mrs. George Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Thomas Nickerson,	11
Isaiah Smith and wife,	10
Solomon Smith and wife,	31
Washington Smith and wife,	20
Mrs. Levi Nickerson,	25
Isaiah Hatch and wife,	10
Mrs. Leah Nickerson,	80
James Nickerson and wife,	10
Lottie Nickerson,	85
Mrs. Freeman Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Jacob Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Mary E. Snow,	10
Mrs. Ephraim Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Amos Nickerson,	10
Samuel Hanf and wife,	10
Zaccheus Chetwynd,	12
Mrs. Letitia Chetwynd,	20
Nelson Stoddard and wife,	05
Mrs. Lizzie Stoddard,	85
Mrs. Alice Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Sarah A. Nickerson,	05
Jeremiah Nickerson,	10
Emeline Nickerson,	05
Asenath Nickerson,	10
Martha Brannan,	10
Lilla Nickerson,	10
Lydia Nickerson,	05
	10
	<u>\$7.14</u>

YARMOUTH CHURCH.

Collected by Mabel Jeffery.

Eudora Hilton,	\$0.25
Alfretta Hilton,	15
Grace Cook,	10
Walter Cook,	10
Hannah Perry,	10
Hannah Huestis,	10
Mrs. C. K. Smith,	10
Etta Van Horn,	10
Arthur Van Horn,	10
Mrs. Sarah Maurice,	25
Crocker Hemeon and wife,	10
Minnie Knollin,	80
Amos Jeffery and wife,	10
William Haley,	85
George Jeffery,	25
W. Larkin and wife,	25
Mrs. Hersey,	80
Norman Jeffery and wife,	10
Mabel Jeffery,	85
Helen Wilson,	10
Mrs. Marling,	10
Charles Marling,	10
Mrs. Brannen,	25
W. G. Sims,	25
J. Boyd and wife,	80
Hattie Sims,	85
Ada Sims,	10
Mrs. Joseph McGill,	10
M. Stanwood and wife,	10
Mrs. Lewis Chipman,	50
Mrs. John Chipman,	10
Mrs. Lydia Marshall,	10
Mrs. Scott,	25
H. Scott,	25
A. Cook and wife,	10
Albert Cook and wife,	85
David Nickerson and wife,	85
Frank Cook,	85
Balfour Randall,	25
	25
	<u>\$8.20</u>

CHEGOGGIN CHURCH.

Collected by Hattie Corning.

Nelson Corning and wife,	\$1.35
Thomas Brown, sr., and wife,	35

Adolphus Corning and wife,	\$0 35	Emery Hamilton,	\$0 25
Thomas Brown, jr., and wife,	35	Edward Larkin,	25
Mrs. Nehemiah Doane,	25	Ella Larkin,	10
John Brown,	25	Agnes Larkin,	10
DeTully Wyman,	10	Amos Larkin and wife,	35
Mrs. Fred Crowell,	20	Frank Trefry,	25
Mrs. Augusta Trask,	10	William Larkin and wife,	35
Mrs. Lizzie Gammon,	10	Charles Perry,	25
Mrs. Hattie Corning,	10	A Friend,	10
	<u>\$2 50</u>	John Cook and wife,	35
		Jane Forrest,	10
		Andrew McGray and wife,	25

A Brother (name forgotten), \$0 25

\$4 50

CHEBOGUE CHURCH.

TUSKET CHURCH.

Rev. W. C. Wiston,	\$0 25	Asa Robbins and wife,	\$0 35
James Killam,	25	Mrs. Stayley Hatfield,	10
Mrs. Ira Robbins,	10	A Friend,	20
Mary Robbins,	10	Mrs. Knowles,	25
Elizabeth Robbins,	10	Mrs. Calvin Harburt,	25
Charles K. Robbins,	25	R. R. Blauvelt and wife,	35
Edward Robbins,	25	Mrs. Adelbert Wood,	10
Charles Weston and wife,	35	Mrs. D. Wagner,	10
Mrs. Abram Weston,	10	Evelyn Wood,	25
Mrs. John Allen,	10	John A. Hatfield and wife,	35
Mrs. Charles Grant,	10	Mrs. Samuel Robbins,	10
Mrs. John McKinnon,	10	Mrs. Van Norden,	10
Josie McKinnon,	10	I. F. Crosby and wife,	35
John Vickery and wife,	35	Mrs. Jane Hatfield,	10
Joseph B. Haskins and wife,	30		
Mrs. Eben Kelley,	30		<u>\$3 95</u>
Mrs. John Gavel,	10		

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

Elijah Pinkney and wife,	\$0 35	Jotham K. Johnson and wife,	\$0 35
William Pinkney,	25	Mrs. Margaret Johnson,	10
Annie Pinkney,	10	Maggie Johnson,	10
Mrs. William Cook,	10	Lillie Johnson,	10
Mary Cook,	10	Etta Johnson,	10
Mrs. Maud Allen,	10	Robert Sims and wife,	35
Mrs. Wealthy Allen,	10	Byron Sims and wife,	35
Mrs. Prince Larkin,	10	Mrs. Frank Johnson,	10
Nehemiah Larkin and wife,	35	Mrs. Eleanor White,	10
Mrs. Minard Vanhorn,	10	Loren Shaw,	15
Warren Morton,	15	Isaac Hemeon,	10
		Odessa Purdy,	10
		Jeremiah Sims and wife,	65
		Bertha M. Sims,	10

Money

\$0 25
25
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\$0 85

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George W. Sims, \$0 25
Ebenezer Sims and wife, 85
Mrs. Zilpha Sims, 10
Walter Scott, 25
Edward Scott, 25
Grace E. Sims, 25
A. Friend, 10
Edward Crocker, 25
Mrs. Thomas Purdy, 10
\$4 35

BROOKLYN CHURCH.

Mrs. Francis Ryerson, \$0 12
Mrs. Ella M. Pitman, 10
Mrs. Wealthy Stephens, 12
R. T. Pitman and wife, 87
J. D. Morrell and wife, 35
James Earl and wife, 35
Maggie S. Oram, 12
Eether Allen, 12
Annie Ryerson, 10
Mrs. Charles E. Pitman, 10
Mrs. Alfred Pitman, 12
Edward Ryerson, 25
Joseph Murphy and wife, 85
Amos H. Pitman and wife, 85
Mrs. Fannie Allen, 12
Mrs. Elizabeth Holden, 10
\$3 24

CARLETON CHURCH.

James Durkee and wife, \$0 35
William Brittain and wife, 25
Arthur Brittain, 10
Peter Robichau and wife, 25
Mrs. Asa Pitman, 10
Lizzie Durkee, 10
Annie Richardson, 10
A. R. Durkee, 35
\$1 50

HALIFAX CHURCH.

(No list of names.)

Money received, \$5 25

ADVOCATE HARBOR CHURCH.

W. H. Myers, \$0 25
Mrs. W. H. Myers, 25
Julia Myers, 25
Jacob Spicer, 25
Amasa Loomer, 25
Enoch Blenkhorn, 25
William Elliott, 25
W. E. Blenkhorn, 25
Edward A. Potter, 25
Mrs. Susan Potter, 10
Mrs. Mary Canning, 10
Stephen Canning, 25
Mrs. Majoria A. Knowlton, 10
Capt. Stephen Knowlton, 25
Mrs. Mary E. Dewis, 10
F. H. P. Dewis, 25
John W. Turple, 25
David Loomer, 25
Mrs. Katie Milberry, 10
Mrs. Hugh Spicer, 10
Mrs. Josephine Elliott, 10
Robert W. Spicer, 25
Mrs. Robert W. Spicer, 10
John Spicer, 25
William Mosher, 25
Elias Brown, 25
\$5 20

PORT GREVILLE CHURCH.

James Howard, \$0 25
Mrs. James Howard, 10
Joseph Ayer, 25
Mrs. Joseph Ayer, 10
Samuel Crossman, 25
Mrs. Harding Ayer, 10
Mrs. Amos Welch, 10
Hugh Slater, 25
John W. Burns, 25
Emily Bennett, 10
Rachael McCully, 10
\$1 85

CANNING CHURCH.

B. B. Woodworth and wife,	\$0 37
Jacob Lockhart and wife,	37
Daniel Cox and wife,	37
Leander Cox and wife,	37
Henry Coffin and wife,	18
Mrs. Emma Cox,	20
Mrs. Mary Henniger,	12
Miss Effie Woodworth,	37
Isaac Ellis and wife,	37
	<u>\$2 67</u>

HALL'S HARBOR CHURCH.

Z. West and wife,	\$0 35
J. Fred Whitney,	25
Asa Steele,	25
Mrs. Alice J. Whitney,	10
Mrs. Henry Steele,	10
Mrs. Mary J. Roscoe,	10
Mrs. Julia Boylen,	10
Benjamin A. Akerley and wife,	25
Olive Akerley,	10
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BLACK ROCK CHURCH.

E. M. Margeson and wife,	\$0 35
L. Huntley and wife,	50
Whitney Foote and wife,	50
R. H. Foote and wife,	35
	<u>\$1 70</u>

AVONPORT CHURCH.

George Cox and wife,	\$0 35
Miss Dora Cox,	10
Miss Florence Cox,	10
Miss Effie Cox,	10
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BEAVER RIVER CHURCH.

A. Corning and wife,	\$0 35
Mrs. Daniel Ellis,	10
Mrs. Juston Ellis,	10
Mrs. Edmund Ellis,	10
Lewis Tedford,	25
W. S. Porter and wife,	35
E. Raymond and wife,	35
Grace Raymond,	10
T. W. Curry and wife,	35
G. C. Brown and wife,	40
Mrs. R. McHenry,	13
Addie McHenry,	12
Mrs. J. E. Barteaux,	12
Charles Cann, Jr.,	10
Mrs. T. H. Corning,	12
Mrs. E. Sanders,	10
Mrs. J. W. Raymond,	10
Jacob E. Cann,	25
Mrs. John Jeffery,	10
Mrs. E. C. Byrnes,	15
Annie Byrnes,	10
Mrs. Josiah Ellis,	10
Almina Hall,	10
E. M. Peters and wife,	35
Jessie Sanders,	20
J. C. Moses and wife,	35
Clement Perry and wife,	35
Irene Perry,	05
Mrs. J. E. Perry,	10
Mrs. B. E. Perry,	10
M. W. Perry,	25
Alvin Ellis,	25
J. E. Coates,	25
Mrs. E. J. Fox,	50
Mrs. Charles Cann,	10
Mrs. Lillian Porter,	10
Mrs. Nellie Thomas,	10
Alice Doty,	10
Jacob Tedford and wife,	35
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SPRINGFIELD AND CEDAR LAKE CHURCH.

Daniel Bethune and wife,	\$0 25
E. H. Clements and wife,	25
Edith Bethune,	10
Lily B. Hurlburt,	10
Jacob H. Ellis and wife,	20
Stephen Wetmore and wife,	25
Jesse Wetmore,	10
Mrs. Aaron Scovill,	15
Mrs. Harley Goudey,	15
John P. Durkee and wife,	80
Ernest Durkee,	10
Mrs. Rebecca Porter,	10
Mrs. George W. Pierce,	10
Alfred Wetmore and wife,	25
Mrs. C. N. Floyd,	10
G. B. Porter,	10
Adelbert Porter and wife,	20
John Scovill and wife,	25
Alfred Ellis and wife,	25
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Daniel Horter and wife,	20
Elkanah Porter and wife,	25
James Pierce and wife,	15
Isaac Porter and wife,	25
George S. Pierce and wife,	25
George Moses and wife,	20
Hartley Moses,	10
P. B. Hurlburt and wife,	25

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PORT MOUTON CHURCH.

Solomon Stewart, sr.,	\$0 25
Solomon Stewart, jr., and wife,	25
Thos. Wagner and wife,	25
Edward McPherson and wife,	25
Mrs. Parden Gardner,	10
Mrs. Desiah McPherson,	10
Mrs. Moses Abbott,	10
Mrs. Gamaliel Gardner,	10
Mrs. Thos. Leslie,	10
Mrs. Lendel Stuart,	10
Frank Cole and wife,	25
John H. Smith and wife,	25
Mrs. Jabez Wagner,	10
Mrs. B. Wagner,	10
Mrs. Wm. Lloyd,	10

Ellie McPherson,	\$0 10
Mrs. Rachel Leslie,	10
David Daney and wife,	25
Mrs. Hannah Smith,	10
Mrs. Sarah Stuart,	10
Mrs. Caleb Leslie,	10
Mrs. S. Campbell,	10
Mrs. Peter Fisher,	10

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Mrs. Rose Hammond,	\$0 25
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KEMPTVILLE CHURCH.

Lemuel Linkham,	\$0 25
Mrs. C. A. Hurlburt,	10
Mrs. Sarah Crowell,	15
Eva Hurlburt,	5
Lemuel Hamilton and wife,	25
Mrs. Jeremiah Gray,	10
Loran Gray,	25
Mrs. James Mood,	10
Elkanah Travis and wife,	25
Lettie Travis,	10
Winnie Hamilton,	10
Mrs. Samuel Hamilton,	10
Mrs. John Hurlburt,	10
Nathaniel Travis and wife,	25
John Forbes and wife,	25
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Jeremiah Gray,	25
Mrs. West,	10
John Gavel and wife,	25
Thomas Hamilton and wife,	20
Lizzie Mood,	10
Annie Mood,	10
Obed Hamilton and wife,	25
Mrs. Charles Reeves,	10
Mrs. Laura Hatfield,	10
Mrs. Abijah Hurlburt,	10
Handley Roberts and wife,	30
Jonathan Randall and wife,	25
Wm. Randall and wife,	25
Robert Randall,	25
Sadie Randall,	10
Robert Prosser and wife,	25
Lizzie Prosser,	10
Lois Prosser,	10
Albert Ring and wife,	25
Abijah Ring and wife,	25

James Prout and wife,	\$0 35	Annie M. Smith,	\$0 12
Mrs. Greenlaw,	10	Emma Smith,	13
Mrs. Rosanna Roberts,	10	Bessie M. Smith,	10
E. E. Ring and wife,	35	Mrs. Jacob Hiltz,	10
George Ring,	25	Beulah Morine,	10
Annie Ring,	10		
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Annie Prosser,	10		
Wm. Hurlburt,	25		
Amiel Spinney and wife,	30		
Nellie Spinney,	10		
Cassie Spinney,	10		
Solomon Roberts and wife,	35		
Mrs. Emma Tinkham,	10		

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PORT MEDWAY CHURCH.

Mrs. Simeon Foster,	\$0 10	Deacon William Snow,	\$0 25
J. J. Letson and wife,	35	Mrs. Joseph Snow,	10
Mrs. William Morine,	10	Hezekiah Huskins and wife,	35
Asa Morine,	25	Minnie Huskins,	10
Edwin Morine,	25	Nathan Salisbury and wife,	35
E. E. Letson,	25	Mrs. Mercy Swaine,	10
Spencer Cohoon and wife,	35	Matilda Swaine,	10
Eldred Cohoon and wife,	35	Mrs. Sarah Swaine,	10
S. T. Foster and wife,	27	Mrs. Susan Nickerson,	10
E. W. Foster,	25	Joseph Crowell and wife,	25
Emma Foster,	13	Mrs. Matilda Crowell,	10
John Dolliver and wife,	40	Mrs. Jemima Swaine,	10
Mrs. Edward Neville,	10	Seth Snow and wife,	35
Mrs. Benjamin Foster,	10	James Crowell and wife,	25
Joseph Hopkins,	25	Emeline Swaine,	10
Mrs. John Cohoon,	10	Mrs. Sophia Bethel,	10
Mrs. James Hopkins,	10	Prince Stoddard,	10
Joshua Harnish and wife,	35	William P. Snow and wife,	30
Ella Harnish,	10	William Smith,	25
Charles Harnish,	25	James Nickerson,	25
Dorcas Cohoon,	12	Harvey D. Smith and wife,	35
Eliza Cohoon,	12	Mrs. Mercy Snow,	10
Mrs. Edward Clawson,	10	Mrs. Nancy Smith,	10
Bessie Clawson,	10	Mrs. Matilda Smith,	10
Marian Atkins,	10	Thomas D. Smith,	25
Edith E. Atkins,	10	Nathaniel Crowell and wife,	50
Mrs. Alex. Manthorn,	10	David Smith,	25
Rosie B. Cohoon,	10	Joseph A. Smith and wife,	35
James Atkins and wife,	40	Abbie Smith,	10
Annie C. Atkins,	10		\$5 80
Ella L. Cohoon,	10		
George Smith and wife,	35		
Mrs. Nell McDonald,	12		

CALEDONIA CHURCH.

George Seldon,	\$0 25
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Charles Cole,	25
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Hallett Cole and wife,	\$0 37	Isadora Bower,	\$0 15
Stanley Cole,	25	Mrs. Lorendo Thurston,	25
Edna Cole,	12	Jacob Tedford and wife,	25
Mrs. Sullivan,	12	William Churchill and wife,	25
George Middlemas and wife,	37	Norman Harris,	25
Samuel F. Cushing and wife,	37	A. Friend,	25
Mrs. C. M. Cushing,	10	Joseph Smith,	25
Charles F. Cushing and wife,	37	Elias Smith and wife,	25
James E. Cushing and wife,	37	Hattie Smith,	25
Lena Horne,	12	Josiah Tedford and wife,	10
Susie Smith,	12	Mabel Trask,	25
Mrs. Forbes Dolliver,	13	Belle Robinson,	10
May Dolliver,	12	Mrs. Aaron Harris,	10
Herbert S. Annie,	25	Mrs. Rachel Williams,	25
Zobeth Minard and wife,	37	Mrs. Steven Wyman,	10
Theoph. Cushing and wife,	37	Mrs. William Wyman,	10
Clara V. Stanley,	10	Mrs. Jacob Foote,	25
James M. Cushing,	14	Mrs. Ada Williamson,	15
Mary E. Cushing,	12	Jacob Harris and wife,	10
Zobeth Cushing,	25	Mrs. Ellen Harris,	35
Ewan Ramey,	25	Mrs. Flora Anderson,	10
Lillie Ramey,	12	Mrs. Frank Jenkins,	10
Avard Wile and wife,	37	Mrs. Abram Thurston,	10
Edna Wile,	18	Mrs. Howard Thurston,	25
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		Mrs. Elizabeth Rodney,	15
		Edgar Landers and wife,	25

CAPE ISLAND CHURCH.

Abram Ross, \$0 25

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FIRST BARRINGTON CHURCH.

Richard Churchill and wife,	\$0 25	R. H. Crowell,	\$0 25
Laura A. Churchill,	10	Mrs. A. Morton Wilson,	10
Matilda Churchill,	10	Mrs. Smith Kendrick,	10
Mrs. William McCrae,	20	Mrs. Kneaman Smith,	10
Jessie Churchill and wife,	35	Mrs. Thomas H. Smith,	10
Joseph Eldridge and wife,	35	Mrs. Charles Stanley,	25
Calvin Churchill,	25	Mrs. Michael Stanley,	10
Mrs. Ruth Churchill,	10	Mrs. Wm. S. Hopkins,	10
Mrs. Eleazer Churchill,	10	Bertie Hopkins,	10
Mrs. M. A. Bent,	10	Sadie M. Hopkins,	10
Mrs. E. H. Sabean,	10	Annie M. Hopkins,	10
Henry Churchill,	25	Mrs. James Keeny,	10
Alvina Scovil and wife,	35	Joseph E. Trefry and wife,	37
Irvin Churchill,	25	Mrs. Letitia Kendrick,	25
Frank Harris,	25	Mrs. Andrew Trefry,	13
Aaron Shaw,	25	Mrs. Sylvanus Nickerson,	10
Annie Durkee,	10	Mrs. Eleazar Nickerson,	13
George Bowker and wife,	25	Mrs. Charles Wilson,	10
Lewis Churchill and wife,	25	Mrs. Wishart Robertson,	10

H. D. Trefry and family,	\$0 55	Maggie M. Hopkins,	\$0 10
Mrs. Thomas Robertson, sr.,	13	Wm. S. Hopkins and wife,	35
Mrs. S. W. Crowell, sr.,	13	Isaac Hopkins and wife,	30
Paul E. Crowell,	50	Louisa Hopkins,	10
Mrs. W. Twining Freeman,	10	Mrs. Michael O'Brine,	10
Mrs. Fitz W. Sargent,	10	Nathan Hopkins, sr.,	25
Mr. Silas Lyons,	10	Maggie Hopkins,	10
Mrs. John Lyons, jr.,	10	Mrs. Colin Hopkins,	10
Mrs. Sarah Crowell,	10	Mrs. Obadiah Hopkins,	20
Samuel Nickerson and wife,	35	Mrs. Henry Hopkins,	10
Mrs. Ellen Nickerson,	10	Mrs. Thos. Hopkins, sr.,	10
Mrs. Nathan Hopkins, jr.,	10	Marietta Hopkins,	12
Seth W. Crowell,	25	Mrs. Benj. Hopkins,	10
Joseph W. Hopkins and wife,	35	W. H. Wilson,	27
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Joseph C. Hopkins and wife,	35		
Warren Wilson,	25		
Arch. Hopkins and wife,	35		
		Total amount to credit,	\$276 71

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Nov. 7.	To paid Rev. J. W. Freeman, delegate to the Maine C. Y. meeting, additional,	\$ 5 00
	Rev. W. M. Knollin, delegate to N. B. G. Conference, additional to former charge,	1 00
	Barnes & Co.'s bill printing minutes,	68 00
	P. O. order, etc.,	46
	Freight bills from St. John to Barrington,	46
	Postage on Minutes sent to the churches,	2 76
1888.	Material for packing Minutes,	40
Sept. 13,	New book for Treas. of Conference,	50
	Stationery at time of Conference,	50
	Rev. C. B. Atwood, delegate to the Maine Central yearly meeting,	16 00
	The carrier boy at Conference,	17
	Lawson's bill,	80
	The Assistant Clerk, Rev. T. H. Siddall, for postage, etc., as per vote of Conference,	5 00
	Rev. T. H. Siddall for telegrams, etc.,	1 50
	Clerk's bill for making out minutes,	25 00
	Clerk's bill for stationery and postage during year,	3 15
	Mistake of money in the Sanford list,	2 20
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	Balance in fund October 12, 1888,	\$144 75

The collection on Conference Sabbath not received. \$3.20 of the Sanford Church does got into the F. M. Fund.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The two Foreign Missionary Societies having united, arrangements were made for a meeting on Friday evening. Mrs. James Cushing presided. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. A. Lang, after which responsive reading was conducted by the President, followed with singing by the choir. Rev. J. W. Freeman, Secretary of the Society, then read an interesting report. Rev. Edwin Crowell moved the adoption of the report, and spoke of our sacrifices in missionary work being rewarded; referred to Dr. Bachelor's visit, and the importance of the work which those widely separated from us were carrying forward; spoke of the importance of schools, medical work, etc.; urged the importance of greater effort in missionary work.

Rev. G. F. Carrie, in seconding the resolution, said: "The commission is, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel;'" spoke of the benefit of the Gospel, and the importance of conveying it to the heathen; hoped that the union of the societies would be beneficial and permanent. Choir sang "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

The report of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was read by Miss Swaine.

Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Freeman. Miss Minnie Knollin moved that the report be received. Mrs. C. B. Atwood seconded the motion.

The list of officers of the society for the ensuing year was moved, seconded and adopted. (See last page, cover).

The President then made a few remarks. Spoke of the privileges enjoyed by us that are denied those who live in heathen lands; spoke of the great privilege of being able to engage in this work, and hoped that all would go forward to work more earnestly.

Rev. F. L. Hayes, of Boston, was the next speaker. He said: The disciples thought that their work consisted in caring for the Jews, but were taught that they were to go to the Gentiles. All the Apostles except one died in foreign lands, proving that they obeyed the command. Free Baptists have an important work to perform. Every pastor has a parish in India. Every church should have a monthly meeting in the interests of missions.

Singing by the choir.

An interesting letter from Mrs. Burkholder was read.

Rev. Dr. McLeod addressed the meeting. He said: I am glad always to speak in the interest of missions. We live in a grand age of the world. God is greatly blessing His people. Spoke of the importance of the Mission Conference in London; hoped that the time would come when "nations would be born in a day;" spoke of the importance of systematic method in churches.

The speaking was good. The choir added greatly to the interest of the meeting. Amount of collection \$18.75.

D. T. PORTER,

Recording Secretary.

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FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

Dear Friends.—It affords an opportunity for deep reflection and an aid to memory concerning our privilege and duty, as we, at the end of another year, look over what we have done or might have done in Foreign Missions, to assist those who have made this their life work in carrying light and truth to those in heathen darkness. We have a Gospel that, in accordance with the divine command, should be preached unto all the world, a Gospel that enables us to look forward to the day when prophecy will be fulfilled and "the kingdoms of the world will become the kingdoms of our Lord."

That the missionaries have already done much for the civilization of India, there are many witnesses and authenticated facts. Lord Lawrence said that the missionaries had done more to benefit India than all other agencies combined. Sir Bartle Frere, who became Governor of Bombay in 1862, said that they are working changes more extraordinary than anything witnessed in modern Europe.

But this report has to do particularly with that part of the foreign field in India occupied by the F. B. Missionaries. Mr. George and family returned last January on account of the ill-health of Mrs. George. Others who are there have been working faithfully for the Master during the past year, and have lost nothing of earnestness and zeal in such work. I will make a few extracts from the India published report:

An extract from Rev. Mr. G. F. Griffin's report of Balasore church: "We held special meetings for thirteen days with the church, beginning early in November. The visible results were not as good as last year, though some were converted."

Jellalore church: "There are a large number of candidates for reinstatement, and some for baptism, but as some of them are those who gave much trouble in former years, we are keeping them on probation for a time. Paul Nayak, an able and earnest graduate of the Bible School, has been chosen as pastor."

Santipore church: "Immediately following the meeting at Jellalore we began another series at Santipore. As the apparent result sixteen were baptized."

Chandball and Bhudrack—extracts from Rev. M. J. Coldren's report: "These churches have had their share of prosperity. All are hopeful. Titus has been working hard among the Telegus. Several candidates have been delaying their baptism, and the time has been appointed; but at the last their courage failed them. Still they are waiting."

"Dubrage is doing a good work in Bhudrack. He is not a man of over ordinary energy, but a good man, and has the respect of all."

The Dainmori church—extracts from Sashidananda's report: "Every time I go there I give my hearty thanks to God, because this is my native village, and the Lord Jesus—blessed be His name—called this miserable one out of the darkness there. Since that time one after another are coming to embrace the cross of the Redeemer. Within the past seven years seven Hindoo families have joined with this church, and others are now seeking to do so."

Palasbani church: "While I was there they brought a few persons who were seeking the Kingdom of God. One widow, with her two

sons, are almost ready to be baptized, and I hope to take them into the church at my next visit. May God bless this little church for His glory."

The Midnapore church—extracts from Jacob Misbra's report: "During the year a middle-aged woman and two young men have come out from Hindooism and put on Christ, and also four of our Christian boys have been baptized. Six have been baptized from the school during the year."

Bhimpore church—extract from Rev. T. W. Burkholder's report: "Here, as everywhere, faithful work has been followed by reward. This little church in the jungles has had its experiences, and some have been added to the saved. Two have been 'delivered over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus,' and two have passed over the river to swell the number of the blessed."

Schools: The various schools in operation, under the care of the missionaries, are a wonderful power and influence upon heathenism for good. Gradually this work is being vigorously and prayerfully prosecuted, and in many instances with good results. This is apparent already, though time will still make greater changes.

It is also interesting to read reports of the woman's work, medical work, bazaar work, English work and the press. In many ways efforts are being put forth in faith and prayer that India will yet yield to the power of the Gospel.

Now, as to what has been done by us: For two or three years it has been under consideration by some in both societies to unite the two societies in one. Most of what has been raised has been done through the Woman's Aid Society. Last year this society paid over the balance in hand to the Woman's Aid Society. It was thought better to let the money go in the one direction. At this yearly meeting the Parent and Woman's Aid Society united to work together until such time as might seem advisable to work separately.

Let us consider and look well to what is before in the plain command of God's word, and seek and strive to perform the requirements of the Gospel in this matter. If we do this the blessing of the Lord will assuredly rest upon us.

Go, to the world, return, nor fear to cast

Thy bread upon the waters, sure at last

In joy to find it after many days.

Yours respectfully,

J. W. FREEMAN,

Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Dear Christian Friends,—Another year, with its improved or neglected opportunities for work in the service of the Master, closes. Much has been accomplished; much more might have been.

I have received reports, either written or verbal, from all our districts. With one exception all are encouraging. A lack of interest is noticeable in most of the districts, and faithful ones are praying that something be suggested at this meeting to awaken the disinterested, rouse to action the idler, and stir us all up to diligence in the great work of Missions. In our meeting this morning a way was suggested to accomplish this, but no action taken.

It is encouraging to notice that in our Sabbath schools the missionary interest is increasing. It is of great importance that the young be so trained that later in life they shall be workers, not idlers, in God's vineyard—givers, not merely receivers.

Our faithful Missionaries are struggling bravely on amidst many discouragements. There is an earnest call for more laborers, who will respond, "Here am I—send me, send me." To all I would say, Let us pray fervently that the Lord of the Harvest send forth laborers.

"Freely ye have received; freely give." "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered himself."

While we regret that our report is not a grand one, yet we thank God for what has been achieved in the past and take courage.

"Not ours the mighty record, the red shaft
Of tropic daylight flashing on the night,
But the slow breaking of the clouds, the mist
Fading, and passing in the deepening light."

EMELINE SWAINE,
Corresponding Secretary.

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY,

In Account with S. A. CROWELL, Treasurer.

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District No. 1:

Harmony Society,	\$ 7 00
" Band for native preacher,	25 00
Mrs. J. E. Cushing,	25 00
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District No. 3:

Avonport—Mrs. George E. Cox and daughters,	\$ 3 00
Mrs. E. N. Cox,	1 00
Canning—Mrs. Ann Cox,	1 00
Mrs. Sarah Coffin,	1 00
Half's Harbor—Miss C. West,	10
Mrs. Alice Whitney,	1 00
Mrs. Helen Royal,	1 00
West Half's Harbor—Sabbath School,	3 00
Mrs. J. F. Whitney,	25
Mrs. M. Wood,	10
Miss Stella Royal,	1 00
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District No. 4:

Barrington Society,	\$25 86
Rev. T. H. Siddall,	2 00
E. N. Crowell,	1 00
Barrington Sabbath School,	17 97
Port La Tour,	18 40
East Pubinco,	7 50
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Liverpool—Mrs. Ross Hammond,	\$ 7 00
Ross Hammond,	2 00
Gertrude Hammond,	1 00
Emeline Hammond,	1 00
J. R. Hammond,	1 00
Arglye,	10 84
Glenwood,	10 45
West Pubinco,	8 55
Shag Harbor,	5 00
Barrington Centre Sabbath School,	5 25
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District No. 5:

Yarmouth,	\$14 50
Yarmouth Juvenile,	3 25
Sanford—Mrs. Howard Thurston,	5 00
Maitland—Mrs. Amy Perry,	1 00
Little River,	5 65
Forest Glen,	65
Carleton,	3 25
Kemptville,	15 09
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Carried forward, \$2,889 \$198,77

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Weymouth,	\$28 89	\$198 77
Mrs. Scott,	10 46	
Miss Scott,	1 00	
Moses Harris,	1 00	
Brooklyn, for Mrs. Boyer,	5 00	
Brooklyn Church,	5 00	
Maitland,	1 87	
Sanford,	10 74	
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Mrs. Stayley Porter,		92 21
Mrs. Frost,	\$ 2 00	
Mrs. Leonard Weston for native teacher,	2 00	
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District No. 6:

Centreville C. S. J. Society,	\$17 78	
Band Willing Helpers,	8 64	
Monthly Collections,	6 98	
Clark's Harbor Society,	14 80	
Band,	4 90	
Received from Treasurer F. B. Foreign Mission Society,	\$8 75	52 55
A Friend,	2 00	
Collection, Public Meeting, Yarmouth,	18 00	
		23 75
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Remitted to Bro. Arthur Given per Rev. E. N. Fernald,	\$287 05	
Remitted by draft to Bro. Arthur Given,	90 23	
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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

President B. F. Kenny presided. Singing; prayer by Rev. A. Kinney. The Secretary then read the following annual reports:

HOME MISSION ANNUAL REPORT.

"I serve," is the expressive motto of the Prince of Wales, "I am among you as He that serveth," said the Prince of Peace, Emanuel. God with us, "who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister," in a mission of grace, by a service of love and glad ministry of light and life. Because of that mission, that service, that ministry, we are here; the world continues, this society exists, and the Church of God abides; "to serve Thee still." For, "we are workers together with Him," whose watchwords are, "Follow Me," "Confess Me," "Love Me," "Abide in Me," "Serve Me," then, "Be with Me." United to Him we link hands, join hearts, to serve one another in love, as helpers together, "being heirs together of the grace of life."

"I said it on the mountain path,
I say it on the mountain stairs,
The best things any mortal hath
Are those which every mortal shares."

ACHIEVEMENT. Last year we made special efforts to conserve and build up our interests. Our income did not meet our obligations. Holding to the Divine counsel, "Owe no man anything," the discharging of our just debts from the funds of this year has limited our operations. Again, we have afforded aid to the Yarmouth pastorate, which has been both acceptable and beneficial. The help granted to this pastorate in the past has borne excellent fruit, as the fact that we can now meet in yearly conference with this church in this centre of wealth and influence abundantly testifies. Our hope is that our visit will be fruitful of lasting good and result in great blessedness to church and people through the years that remain.

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In response to a Macedonian cry from Port Matoun, we requested Bro. Porter to go to their help, and aided him to do so. His visit was productive of good, and resulted in an engagement with them for the current year. He also visited Port Medway. Your Secretary and Bro. Miller have each paid a visit to Port Matoun. The church is now in a better condition than it has been, and the outlook most encouraging. This pastorate urgently calls for settled pastoral care and labor. It is expected of us at this Conference in some way to help the entire field. As in other years, much Home Missionary work has been done without cost to this Society beyond regular pastorate work.

It is pleasing that we can again report that, practically, all our churches have been cared for, and during some part of the year had ministerial service. Thanks to the wise system of pastorates, which, year by year, grows in the esteem and regard of our people. A polity of prudent adaption is a polity of common sense.

The more perfectly to carry out our pastorate system a parsonage is needed on each pastorate. Happily, this is now partly realized, and being carried out.

Our churches, being grouped together for mutual help, mutual benefit, our work as a society is chiefly to aid the weak pastorates to become strong, to confer a blessing upon the strong by affording an opportunity and being the medium to help the weak, so both be blessed and grow together. For to give is to get, and to do good is to get good. The pathway of sacrifice is the pathway of blessedness.

"He to no noble purpose lives,
Who much receives, and nothing gives;
Whom none can love, whom none can thank;
Creation's blot, creation's blank."

ANTICIPATION. "The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand." "Forward! is our watchword, steps and voices joined."

"Come up higher" is the ever-present call of our Master. The golden age is before, not behind us, "and there is much land yet to be possessed." "I aspire," is the voice of throbbing life. The cathedral of love is never completed. "It is upward and onward, and never say fail." The mission spirit has gathered force this year, and a great and mighty wave of influence rolled across Christendom. From its uplift we expect, anticipate greater things. The world has been vividly viewed in the light of the Cross, and Christian obligation in the light of the "unspeakable gift." A church indifferent to Missions is living but half its life, and that is ready to perish. To be self-contained means death; "he that loseth his life shall find it." To live is to make others needs our own. There is nothing fruitful but sacrifice. Self-sacrifice is God's chosen angel to distribute blessings. The Mission spirit is the Spirit of Christ, to be cherished and nurtured. To-day we have abundant organizations as channels in which faith, affection and sympathy can flow. Our need is the organization of the individual sense of obligation. Nothing fitful is a remedy for wants that are constant. The spirit of duty to live and fulfil itself must be organized. The sense of obligation dies in the hour of its birth, unless it is carefully dealt with by the man who exercises it.

Good impulses will end in barrenness unless there is a personally chosen plan to give expression to them. Plan and method as to service and giving are as essential to maintain the spirit of duty as branches are for fruit to grow upon. Let the sacred sense of duty in each be organized in earnestness and in practical wisdom, then, in the opening year as a society our brightest anticipations will be surpassed.

There are churches looking to us for assistance. They are part of us, and claim our regard and interest. It is not a Christian maxim "to let the work go to the wall." To do so would be to discredit ourselves, and dishonor our Lord and Master.

"We desire in the coming year to have a settled pastor in each pastorate; to obtain that a much larger income will be needed than we have yet received. The blessings of the regular means of grace we must all dearly prize. To be deprived of them we cannot fail to realize must be a great loss. Should we not as brethren do what we can that all united with us shall enjoy the blessings we so deeply cherish? keeping in mind that we are to "bear each others burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.

The religion of Jesus Christ is social and fraternal, forming ties, forging chains, to bind us together in a holy brotherhood; for the service of God is the service of man: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Then let us look back to the Cross for inspiration; look around for work, our own work, at the call of duty; look forward for larger blessings, richer harvests, as crowns of rejoicing; look upward for "the exceeding and eternal weight of glory;" and the "Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, and I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

T. H. SIDDALL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Rev. S. K. West, in a good speech, moved the adoption of the reports, which was seconded by Rev. Mr. Sturgis, who made an interesting address. The reports were adopted.

Rev. G. A. Hartley made a telling and instructive speech. He said praying and giving should always go together; and we should give as we pray, and pray as we give.

Hon. A. Gayton moved the list of officers. (See outside page). In doing so he urged that more attention should be given to Home Mission interests in the local church. His address was timely and well received. Rev. J. I. Porter, in a few remarks, seconded the resolution, which was adopted.

Rev. Wm. Miller, the President-elect, then took the chair.

Rev. S. N. Royal made a good closing address.

The meeting was one of excellent interest.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1887-88.		CR.	
	Balance in hand,		\$ 0 27
Oct 11.	Acknowledged in Minutes,		87 61
Nov. 5 and 6.	Howard Thurston,		2 00
	Quarterly Meeting, Kemptville: Collections,		14 07
	A. N. Durkee,		1 00
6.	Collection, Carleton,		1 00
	" Rockingham,		92
7.	Kemptville, per E. E. Ring,		1 00
May 5, 1888.	Q. M. Chebogue collections,		4 41
Aug. 15, "	Rev. Dr. Sturgis,		1 00
	Q. M. Shag Harbor collections,		18 44
			<hr/> \$126 72
		DR.	
Sept. 16.	Paid to Kemptville Pastorate,	\$30 00	
	" Yarmouth "	7 96	
28.	Rev. J. I. Porter for services in Kings County,	20 00	
Oct. 18.	Rev. Dr. Sturgis,	20 00	
Nov. 29.	Rev. J. I. Porter to visit Beaver River,	6 00	
Dec. 28.	Miss Sears,	5 00	
Mar. 26, 1888.	Rev. J. I. Porter, to visit Port Mantoun,	10 00	
	Yarmouth Pastorate,	25 91	
	Postage, etc.,	59	
			<hr/> \$125 46
Balance in hand,			<u>\$1,26</u>
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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.

1888.		CR.	
Sept. 13.	Balance in hand,		\$ 1 26
	Mrs. Joseph Durkee,		1 00
	Miss Maggie S. Oram,		25
	Mrs. Andrew Stephens,		25
	Miss Estey Allen,		5
	Isaac Thomas,		15
	Centreville Society, Cape Island,		3 90
	Clark's Harbor " "		12 50
	W. S. Porter,		2 00
	Deacon B. F. Kenney,		1 00
	Mrs. J. U. Smith,		1 00
	Deacon B. Hines,		2 00
	Annual Collection,		10 20
Carried forward,			<hr/> \$35 56

<i>Brought forward.</i>	.....	\$35 56
J. C. Anderson,	.....	2 00
Rev. J. W. Freeman,	.....	1 00
Moses Harris,	.....	5 00
For 1887. Miss Odessa B. Purdy, Plymouth,	.....	50
Mrs. Wentworth Johnson,	.....	1 00
Deacon G. W. Sims,	.....	50
Freeman Johnson,	.....	1 00
Deacon N. A. Sims,	.....	2 00
B. C. Sims,	.....	1 00
For 1888. Miss Odessa N. Purdy,	50
Deacon G. W. Sims,	50
Freeman Johnson,	1 00
Deacon N. A. Sims,	2 00
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Sept. 13. Paid to Yarmouth Pastorate.	\$24 09
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Paid over to the President, Rev. Wm. Miller.

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MINUTES
OF THE
ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

Wednesday, Sept. 12th, 2.10 P. M.

All the Elders were present during the sessions except Father Swim, who is now too feeble to attend. None of the Licentiates were present. Delegates and visitors present: Revs. G. A. Hartley, F. L. Hayes, E. N. Fernald, J. B. Jordan, G. F. Currie, Jos. McLeod, and L. A. Lang.

Prayer: Rev. W. M. Knollin.

Resolved, Rev. E. Crowell be the President, and Rev. C. B. Atwood the Vice-President.

Resolved, Delegates and visitors be invited to a seat with us.

The articles of faith were read, and after some discussion adopted.

The resolutions of last Elders' Conference were presented.

Adjourned 5.15 P. M.

THURSDAY, 9.15 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. L. A. Lang.

The following resolution was considered:

I. *Whereas*, The Word of God, and the interests of our denomination demand that we should, as Elders, be in harmony as to our teachings and practices;

II. *And whereas*, There has been a difference of view as to the doctrine of sanctification;

III. *And whereas*, We believe that sanctification is progressive;

IV. *Therefore resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to be loyal to our articles of faith, covenant and usages, and to the government and rules of our denomination; also to each other, and seek to help each other in the Lord, and promote the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

Sections I. and II. were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, It be adopted as a whole; 9 for, 2 against.

Resolved, That we have the utmost confidence in Free Baptist doctrines and practices.

Resolved, That the following be a committee: Revs. E. Crowell, T. H. Siddall, Wm. Miller, G. E. Sturgis, and W. M. Knollin, to consider our present relations and circumstances as to the resolutions re-affirmed, and make such recommendations as they shall deem fit and wise, and report at a future session of this Conference.

Adjourned 9.50 A. M.

FRIDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Prayer: Rev. S. N. Royal.

The following report was then read:

Dear Brethren.—A year ago, in applying the usual tests of loyalty to our denominational faith, our Elders' Conference found that a doctrine contrary to Scripture and foreign to our Treatise of Faith had been introduced among our churches, and had been diligently emphasized by one of the brethren of this Conference. In view of the practical results of that doctrine where it had gained a foothold in F. B. organizations it was deemed wise to express an opinion which would be recognized as of denominational authority, and therefore, with all due and charitable regard for individual conviction consistent with the position of a Free Baptist minister, resolutions were passed, referring to the doctrine involved and asserting mainly our purpose to be loyal to the faith, rules, and practice of the denomination.

The vote of dissent on the part of one member of this Conference led to the reference of the matter to the General Conference, when, after consideration, the restrictive resolutions of the Y. & S. Q. M. (p. 19, Min. of Con., 1837) were almost unanimously adopted as a necessary safeguard against the further invasion of our churches.

The moderation of last year has not, however, been followed by the hoped-for conformity to the practices and rules of this denomination, and we regret that it is too evident that Elder Aaron Kinney has violated the spirit of the afore-mentioned preambles and resolutions by teaching and preaching views of sanctification declared by this Conference to be unscriptural. His lack of submission to the rule of the Conference is characterized by a disregard of the claims springing out of the peculiar relations of the F. B. ministers to each other and the denomination—by a more vigorous advocacy of the proscribed doctrine, evidently assuming that this Conference dare not enforce its will, and holding its rulings in contempt by the persistent circulation of literature promotive of unholy division by utilizing our denominational gatherings for that purpose; by representing the existing variance as our denominational departure from the true F. B. faith; by overturning the financial methods and ignoring the organic church relationship secured by long endeavor in places where personal friendship or doctrinal sympathies offered the opportunity; by preaching those destructive views not only in pulpits of his own pastoral charge, but also in the pulpits of his brethren, who, with brotherly kindness, have invited him to preach from time to time.

Whereas, At our last Elders' and General Conference we defined our teaching and belief as a denomination of the doctrine of sanctification;

And whereas, We have at this Elders' Conference reaffirmed the resolution of last year;

And whereas, We believe that the teachings and belief of the doctrine termed entire instantaneous sanctification are not, and never have been, the teachings and belief of this denomination;

And whereas, The experience of another year confirms us in the presumption that such teachings and belief are erroneous, hurtful, and a fruitful source of discord and disunion amongst us, impairing our usefulness as a people, retarding our prosperity and imperilling the heritage bequeathed to us as a branch of the Church of God;

And whereas, We believed with the brother who has been the means of largely separating such teachings and belief in our churches at our last Elders' Conference, and did all possible to secure harmony as to faith and practice and loyalty to our rules and usages, but without success, and after all our efforts in the spirit of Christian brotherhood, with a knowledge of our action and decisions, the aforesaid brother has continued to teach what we declared was not in accord either in form or in spirit with what we held and taught as a denomination; and further, he has, by a spirit of disloyalty to our laws and usages, been the cause of sorrow, turmoil and discord;

And whereas, Under the present state of things we cannot any longer, as Elders, do the work God has given us to do, and serve the best interests of our beloved denomination;

Therefore resolved, That we, as an Elders' Conference, with deep regret and heartfelt sorrow, have to declare that we are out of sympathy with the aforesaid brother, and cannot any longer fellowship him as a loyal Free Baptist so long as he propagates amongst us views so injurious to our Christian interests, and manifests a spirit of disloyalty to our laws and usages, and pursues a course of action destructive to all that is dear to us as a people.

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Further resolved, That we recommend the foregoing be presented to the General Conference for their consideration and prayerful action, and we recommend the same be considered at a session of the General Conference.

(Signed)

E. CROWELL,
T. H. SIDDALL,
G. E. STURGIS,
WM. MILLER

Resolved, The report be received.

Adjourned 10.20 A. M.

Met 2.30 P. M.

The session was devoted to considering the report. Before the close several brethren engaged in prayer.

Adjourned 4.40 P. M.

Assembled again 10.30 P. M.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted; 8 for, 1 against.

Resolved, That we request Revs. G. A. Hartley, Joseph McLeod, J. B. Jordan, F. L. Hayes, to give a written statement as to their impressions of the Spirit, and efforts made to adjust matters of difficulty in this Conference.

Adjourned 12.40.

MONDAY, 8.30 P. M.

After prayer the following report of delegates and visitors was read:

REPORT.

After having attended the Elders' Conference of the Free Baptist brethren held in this town, we are asked by that body to express our impressions as to the spirit of the elders and their manner of dealing with a difficulty that existed, by which the harmony of the Conference had been disturbed. We have to say that seldom, if ever, have we witnessed such melting power, and so glorious a manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power in a meeting in which difficulties were sought to be settled, or such patience, forbearance and loving kindness as were exercised and emphasized by the brethren towards Rev. A. Kinney, one

of the members of said Conference, in their sincere desire to save that brother with them, by trying to induce him to fall in line with the denominational modes of work and general usages.

G. A. HARTLEY.

Delegate from F. C. Baptist Gen. Conference of N. B.

JOHN B. JORDAN.

Delegate from Maine Central Yearly Meeting, of Maine.

Resolved, That it be adopted and sent to to General Conference.

Adjourned to call of the chair.

The sessions of the Conference were many. The one subject specially considered was thoroughly and prayerfully examined, and the conclusion arrived at was not made in haste but after the most thoughtful and earnest attention had been given to it. With heartfelt sorrow and deep regret the Conference adopted a course which they gladly would not have taken if any other had been possible with a due regard to all interests.

T. H. SIDDALL,

Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
FREE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 15, 1888.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7.30.

Rev. J. W. Freeman in the chair.

Singing: "The Light of the World is Jesus." Prayer by

Rev. J. B. Jordan. Singing: "Guide me, O! Thou Great Jehovah."

The Secretary then read the Constitution and the Secretary-Treasurer's reports.

Rev. E. N. Fernald, in moving adoption, referred to education as the grindstone on which the fit material was made keen for service. He spoke at large of F. B. publications for church, home and Sunday schools.

Rev. J. A. Gordon explained the U. B. Seminary, and urged its claims, speaking of its adaptability to our needs by its academic professional Ladies' Seminary courses. Report adopted.

Anthem. Collection, \$11.11.

The Conference nomination of officers was adopted, after speeches by Rev. T. H. Siddall and G. A. Hartley, the former especially advocating our need of loyalty to the truth, which was our especial heritage. (See last page).

Singing. Benediction.

E. CROWELL,

Sec'y-Treasurer.

The Secretary of the F. B. Education Society presents the following account of the year's work, with its lessons and indications for the future:

The expenditure for the year has been less than one hundred dollars, shared nearly equally by three beneficiaries, all of whom have spent a large part of the time at school. More might have been done with the funds received had the subscriptions been more promptly paid, for it is well to bear in mind that your pledge for one dollar or five is of no use to settle the board bill of the student at school until the pledge is redeemed.

A gratifying feature of the work of this Board showing progress in the right direction deserves mention. Last Christmas your Secretary sent out, in accord with the Directors' wishes, appeals to the different churches for special collections for the Educational Fund. There were several responses, and not only was there immediate financial advantage, but also the more pleasing result of a wider distribution of interest in our young men. Grant us, brethren, a wider application of the church collection for this and all other benevolent schemes, and let every collection be accompanied by a thorough explanation of its denominational and evangelical utility; and be assured our treasures shall not be unsupplied. "Honor the Lord with thy substance who fills thy barns with plenty," an ancient Latin author expressed as a principle of action, and it holds true to-day that men's crimes are largely owing to the opportunity of committing them. Let it be recorded here and in your memories, you managers of the affairs of our churches, that what our people frequently want is only the opportunity to contribute, to swell the coffers of our societies. As the gentle rain soon fills the ground and pools on which it falls, so the little offerings from the various churches will, in the aggregate, be ample for the purpose.

The advantages of education are everywhere evident, and generally recognized. Whatever the men in the ranks may be, the officers must be trained men. No one demands this more emphatically than those who are in the ranks. The time has come when the Lord's shorter prayer, "Send forth laborers into the harvest," should be at the end of every Free Baptist petition as the Lord's longer prayer is at the end of that of the Methodists. Then, like the cyclist, the praying man running in the way of the Lord, will, by throwing his weight upon the lever of prayer, bring up the lever of opportunity to the point at which his whole personal weight may be applied with God-honoring performance. This is the fervent effectual prayer of the righteous man which availeth *much*—hath *much* avails. We will deserve and receive the answers to our prayers, only when we are willing to have them answered. Do you wish that ten young men should this year offer and be accepted for the School of the Prophets? The answer can be yes, only if you will assume a just share of the burden of their education.

The Apostle Paul was debtor for Christ's sake to Greeks and barbarians. For his own brethren sake he might wish to be accursed. "Whoso provideth not for his own household, hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever." We are debtors to our own homes, to furnish through the divinely appointed means the undefiled truth to

the growing children. We are debtors, for Christ's sake, and for the Father's sake, who made some sacrifices in the purchase of privileges, to hand them intact and with accrued interest to our children.

Therefore pray for and care for the training of our ministry while yet the control is so greatly in your power. for the safety and stability of the churches is most vital from the standpoint of the Christian home.

EDWIN CROWELL.

Secretary.

FREE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

In Account with E. CROWELL, Secretary.

1887.		Cr.	
Sept. 10.	By Balance Sept. 10, 1887, (p. 59, Min. Con.)	\$ 22 00	
	Cash, Isaac Hopkins,	50	
	Benj. Hines,	2 00	
	Jos. A. Smith,	1 00	
	Josiah Tedford,	1 00	
	Mrs. Nath. Crowell,	5 00	
	A. Corning,	1 00	
	A. R. Durkee,	1 00	
	Edwin Crowell,	2 00	
	Addie McHenry,	1 00	
	Collection Clark's Harbor,	12 84	
	Mrs. W. S. Hopkins,	1 00	
	Mrs. Ross Hammond	1 00	
	Mrs. R. H. Crowell,	1 00	
	Mrs. Phoebe Malone,	1 00	
	From Rev. H. Kinney,	25 00	
Nov. 10.	Jas. Killam,	5 00	
Dec. 25.	Collection Yarmouth,	1 60	
	" Chebogan,	1 78	
Feb.	" E. Pubinco,	5 14	
	Mary H. Larkin,	1 00	
May 5.	Collection Caledonia Church,	5 00	
	Bro. Selden,	2 00	
	Collection, Advocate,	2 56	
	" Sanford,	...	
Sept. 13.	Major Durkee,	1 00	
	Centreville C. I. Collection,	5 32	
Aug. 24.	Annie L. Crowell,	1 00	
	Annie Porter,	1 00	
		<u>\$111 88</u>	
1887.		Dr.	
Sept. 13.	To Cash Ezra Parker,	\$25 00	
	G. M. Wilson,	22 00	
Oct. 20.	Remittance J. W. Smith,	20 00	
	Expenses	71	
Carried forward,		<u>\$87 91</u>	<u>\$111 88</u>

Brought forward, 1888.			
Feb. 20.	Cash Miss Sears,	\$6.77	\$111.38
Aug. 4.	Jas. W. Smith,	5 00	
	Balance on hand,	10 00	
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1888.			111 38
Sept. 14.	By Balance, CR		
15.	Collection Yarmouth,	\$25 67	
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17.	J. W. Freeman,	8 44	
	E. Swaine,	1 00	
	Jos. A. Smith,	4 00	
		1 00	

MONDAY, 2.30 P. M.
The Sabbath School Convention was held at 2.30 P. M. Rev. S. N. Royal presided.

After routine business, Bro. G. A. Downey made a most interesting speech, and Bro. Wm. Snow, of Port la Tour, addressed the meeting. He said he had been superintendent of one school for fifty-two years, and still loved his work. He was neither weary in it, nor of it.

Rev. E. N. Fernald explained the Sabbath-school helps, published at the *Star* office.

Rev. J. B. Jordan and Miss Emeline Swaine spoke briefly.

Rev. Mr. Macintosh (Congregational) said he was glad the Conference had been held here. He felt that as Christian denominations, Free Baptists and Congregationalists are very near to each other. The difference between us, he thought, was very slight. It was a profitable meeting.

MONDAY, 7.30 P. M.

A temperance meeting was held at 7.30 o'clock.

A good congregation was present.

Rev. E. Crowell presided.

The Moderator read the vote of thanks passed to the pastor and people of Yarmouth Church for their care of the members and friends of the Conference. In doing so he expressed, in a few words, his continued and growing interest in the great temperance reform.

Bro. Gayton is a true and sturdy temperance worker, unflinching in his fidelity to his principles. He has rendered valued service, and is deservedly held in honor for his zeal and devotion to the cause of temperance.

The following made each a seven minutes' speech: Revs. J. B. Jordan, F. L. Hayes, S. K. West, E. N. Fernald, D. T. Porter, G. E. Sturgis, Wm. Millar, T. H. Siddall, J. I. Porter, L. A. Lang and S. N. Royal. They were sensible as well as short speeches. It was a pleasant meeting, and could not fail to do good. Over fifty signed a temperance pledge. This was a good meeting.

T. H. SIDDALL,

Secretary Temperance League.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND AID SOCIETY.

1887.		INCOME.	
Sept. 14.	By Balance in hands of Rev. W. C. Weston,	...	\$ 2 32
	Collection, Clark's Harbor,	....	21 00
	Cash, Mrs. Ross Hammond,	....	21 00
	" Rev. E. Crowell,	....	1 00
1888.			
Jan. 8.	By Cash, Little River Church,	....	4 40
	" Plymouth "	....	1 14
	" Shag Harbor "	....	6 28
	" Kemptville "	....	1 79
Feb.	" Bear Point,	....	8 16
	" Advocate Church,	....	2 56
	" East Pubnico, ....	....	2 49
	" Glenwood,	....	5 89
	" James Pittman,	....	1 00
	Collection, Q. Meeting, 2nd Barrington,	....	15 00
Aug.	" " " Shag Harbor,	....	....
	" " " Pubnico,	....	....
			<u>\$69 08</u>

EXPENDITURE.			
Sundry payments to Rev. A. Swain,	....	....	\$66 68
Balance,	....	....	2 40
			<u>\$69 08</u>

INCOME.			
Collection in business session, Yarmouth,	....	....	\$16 00
Collection, Yarmouth, Sept. 16,	....	....	7 50
W. Weston,	....	....	1 00