

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK,

AND

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND,

HELD AT

WOLFVILLE, N. S.,

September 20th, 22nd, and 23rd, 1851.

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WOLFVILLE, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1851.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island, commenced its sixth annual session at the Baptist Meeting House in Wolfville, on Saturday afternoon.

After a discourse from the Rev. J. Francis, the Rev. T. S. Harding, as President of the Convention, called the meeting to order. The Rev. W. Hall was chosen Secretary, *pro tem*.

The names of Delegates were then announced and received. Professor Chipman, Rev. S. Robinson, Dr. Cramp, brother A. Parker, and Rev. J. Parker were chosen a Committee of Arrangement.

Voted that the Revs. A. S. Hunt, E. D. Very, W. Chipman, and brother J. F. Marsters be a Committee to nominate the Officers and Boards for the ensuing year.

DELEGATES.

Nova Scotia Central Association.—Revs. T. S. Harding, G. Dimock, W. Chipman, Dr. Crawley, and Hon. J. W. Johnston.

Nova Scotia Eastern Association.—Rev. J. Francis.

New Brunswick Western Association.—Revs. S. Robinson, E. D. Very, G. F. Miles, and brother H. E. Seely.

New Brunswick Eastern Association.—Rev. W. G. Parker.

1st Horton Church.—Brethren W. Johnson and S. Fitch.

Acadia College.—Dr. Cramp and Professor Chipman.

Brussels Street Church, N. B.—Deacon Kinsman, and brethren Caldwell and Needham.

Brussels St. Un. So.—Breth. E. B. Demille and J. F. Marsters.

Nictaux Church.—Rev. I. E. Bill.

Nictaux Union Society.—Brethren W. Morton, G. Dodge, H. Chipman, W. H. Morehouse, and H. Randall.

Amherst Church.—Brother H. Charlton.

Maccan Church.—Rev. J. Rowe.

Point DeBute Church.—Brother S. Miner.

1st Cornwallis Church.—Rev. A. S. Hunt and brother T. Elder.

1st Cornwallis Union Society.—Brethren M. Beckwith, and T. and.

Brookfield Church.—Rev. J. Parker.

Sable River Church.—Rev. T. DeLong.

Port Medway Church.—Rev. G. Armstrong.

Maugerville Church.—Brother R. Emerson, (Lic.)

Windsor Church.—Rev. W. Hall.

Rawdon Church.—Rev. J. Bancroft.

Bill Town Church and Union Society.—Revs. A. Stronach and T. H. Porter. Deacon C. R. Bill, and brother J. Bligh.

Granville Street Church.—Brother Nutting.

Portland Church.—Rev. E. D. Very.

Bridgetown Church.—Rev. J. Ring, and brother B. Rice.

Foreign Missionary Board.—Dr. Johnston.

Financial Agent.—Rev. J. Chase.

The following Committees were appointed :—

On Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings.—Brother J. W. Barss, Revs. W. Parker, J. Parker, and Deacon L. Kinsman.

On Religious Publications and Colportage.—Revs. J. Francis G. Armstrong, W. Hall, and brother E. B. Demill.

On Sabbath Schools.—Revs. G. F. Miles, G. Dimock, T. DeLong and brother Caldwell.

On Bible Distribution.—Revs. Dr. Crawley, J. Ring, A. Parker and brother W. H. Needham.

To examine Reports of Treasurers.—Brethren W. H. Troop and H. Seely.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Prayed by brother Thorpe.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. E. D. Very, of Portland, from Amos iii: 3—"Can two walk together except they be agreed." A collection was then made for the purposes of the Convention. After prayer by the Rev. J. Francis the Convention was called to order by the President, and the Secretary of the former year, the Rev. I. E. Bill, read the rules in order for the transaction of business.

Letters from several Churches were read, and the delegates reported.

The following Brethren were invited to set in Council with the Convention.

Rev. R. Burpe and bro. J. Harris.

Also *Resolved*—That Ministers of Baptist Churches in good standing present be invited to take part in the deliberations of this Convention.

The Committee of Nomination then made the following Report :—

They recommend the formation of a Committee to prepare a paper on the state of religion, or the progress of the denomination on the ground of the Convention, in all emphatic points, adapted for insertion in the Minutes, and for reporting the state of the Baptists of these Provinces abroad.

And they nominate as such Committee, the Rev. Dr. Cramp, J. W. Nutting, Esq., and Dr. Johnston.

They recommend a Committee for preparing a Memorial of the Ministers of the denomination who have died throughout the year, also of others, if there are such, who have thus deceased and been active in its deliberations.

To which they nominate Revds. I. E. Bill, J. Francis, and Hon. J. W. Johnston.

Also they recommend a Committee of Statistics, having a twofold object ; to provide material of this sort for the current and next year's Minutes, and to recommend a course for gathering satisfactory denominational Statistics on the ground of the Convention.

For which they nominate the Rev. E. D. Ver y, J. Chase, and J. W. DeLois.

They recommend a Committee of Correspondence with the English Baptist Union, for the purpose of reporting the progress of our affairs to that Body in the English Baptist Manual, and of seeking from them denominational information in return, also of Correspondence of like character with the American Baptist Almanac.

On which they nominate the Rev. Dr. Cramp and J. W. Barss, Esq.

They recommend also a Committee of Baptist History for these Provinces, to advise a course to procure written Biography of deceased Baptist Ministers in these Provinces, or general History of the Denomination on the ground named, also to recommend means of gathering materials for the same previously, and to report in part at this meeting.

The same Committee to make arrangements for a Meeting of *Historical Enquiry* within the limits named, on Tuesday evening, similar to one held at the Convention at Nictaux.

In this Committee they nominate the Rev. Dr. Crawley, and Rev. G. Strong.

Text on the holding of Baptist Public Property, to present in the Minutes of the Convention a succinct and lucid statement of the process necessary

holding such property legally according to existing Statutes, to consider whether these require any modification, and to urge upon the Churches the

feasibility of proceeding in every case according to law.

On such Committee are recommended the Hon. J. W. Johnston, W. H. Needham, and Wm. Johnson, Esqrs.

The Committee of arrangements have two more to recommend and they conclude.

One on Church Architecture, to prepare a paper for insertion in the minutes expressive of the importance of the prevalence of just taste in this department, and procure if possible some means by which may be deposited in a place of public resort, or disseminated abroad, model designs for general information.

Nominations Rev. Dr. Crawley, J. W. Nutting, and J. R. Fitch.

Finally on Sacred Music, to impress if possible on the members of our Churches and Communities through the minutes or otherwise the extreme importance of advancing to a much higher position in this branch of taste and of the worship of God, and recommended means of affecting it.

Nominations Rev. J. Francis, Rev. R. E. Burpe, and Bro. Arthur Crawley.

Time of Reporting for all Tuesday afternoon and evening.

In behalf of the Committee.

ISAAC CHIPMAN,

Chairman.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P.M. Prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. J. Rowe.

The Committee to nominate the different Boards and their officers, submitted their Report, which was adopted.

The Directors of the Convention for the past year made the following Report:

Your Board not finding their duties defined by the Constitution further than to fill up any vacancies that may occur in the Officers and Boards of the Convention between its annual meetings, or to meet for despatch of business when the Convention shall appoint, as expressed in the second and seventh Articles, and not able to judge of their vocation beyond that except by way of implication, report accordingly.

The only vacancies which have occurred among the Officers and Boards during the year, so far as your Board are aware, are occasioned by the death of the Rev. Edward Manning of Cornwallis, one of the Vice Presidents of the Convention, and of the Rev. Alexander McDonald, one of the Boards of Directors. These vacancies your Board have not filled up between the meetings of the Convention, because they have not met for despatch of business, subject as they are to the call of the Convention with respect to plenary meetings.

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The duty of filling such vacancies is of course taken off their hands at the time of the meeting of the Convention. This Board would only remark here that a Committee having been appointed to prepare for the Minutes a Memorial of deceased Baptist ministers and others for the year, any further notice of these vacancies is not necessary on the part of your Board except to express the sense which they know the Convention must all entertain of the great seriousness of the breach which is thus made upon the ranks of those who form its strong pillars and active agents.

Your Board not having been summoned together for despatch of business during the year, as none appears to have arisen which claimed their attention in the view of this Convention, they have no transactions immediately their own to report.

As respects the general business of the Convention, should it be supposed that the *spirit* of the appointment of this Board in any way requires of them to take a summary view of such business in such a Report as the present, they have to reply, that the information necessary to such a course has not been laid before them, in disagreement, apparently, with what is contemplated in the ninth article of the Constitution.

It may not be out of place for this Board to remark, that they esteem it as highly desirable for the action of the Convention to aim more directly than heretofore at the gathering of statistical information respecting the Baptist body and the promotion of many general objects additional to those which are ordinarily brought before the Associations.

In conclusion, your Board would express the desire that from this time the whole Baptist churches of these provinces may combine their energies together without reservation on any ground whatever in support of this Convention and its highly important objects; and gather around it numerous and influential delegations for the united and harmonious propagation of that Faith which is destined to live when the treasures of earth have all vanished away.

In behalf of the Board of Directors,

JOHN CHASE,
Chairman.

Bro. C. R. Bill and H. E. Seely were appointed Treasurers of the Convention.

The Committee on Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings submitted the following Report:

Our Committee have only to reiterate the sentiments of this Convention traced in former Reports in relation to the above named objects. They are deeply convinced that no system can be adopted of more efficiency in raising funds to sustain our various benevolent operations than that of Union Societies. And they view their organization not only beneficial as an agen-

cy for collecting funds, but very essentially important in educating our churches in systematic benevolence. They would therefore urge upon this body the necessity of adopting more efficient means for extending the operation of these highly useful Societies. In conjunction with which they highly approve of the holding of Quarterly Ministerial meetings as a great agency for furthering the objects contemplated by the Union Societies.

J. W. BARSS,
Chairman.

The following Resolution then passed :

Resolved, That the Report on Union Societies be received and adopted and this Convention at the same time express their firm conviction that the Union Society system however admirable in its constitution, can never succeed practically unless an active and efficient agent be constantly employed to visit every church to arouse attention to the objects at which the Union Societies aim, and that the Rev. Messrs. Robinson, Bill, Hunt, and brother Barss, be a Committee to enquire concerning the best person to be procured as an agent, and to report to this Convention to-morrow.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Convention, that the Educational business of the Convention, at this session, be conducted in the Academy Hall, to be proceeded by the delivery of Dr. Cramp's introductory lecture to his Theological course, as Professor of Theology in the College.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY Evening, 7 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. J. Francis.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted their Report which was adopted (Appendix, A.)

Several interesting addresses were then given by Brethren Hunt, Burpe, Dr. Crawley, Hall, Francis, Miles, and the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Benediction by Father Harding.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met, according to adjournment, at the Academy Hall.

Prayer by Rev. J. Francis.

The President of Acadia College then delivered a lecture on Ecclesiastical History; after which the Report of the Governor of Acadia College was submitted.

Report received and adopted. (Appendix, B.)

The following Resolutions were also adopted:

1. That the Report now read be received and adopted; and that it is the duty of this Meeting to acknowledge most gratefully the goodness of God, so strikingly manifested in connection with the interests of Acadia College, especially within the last two years.

2. That this meeting congratulate the Governors of the College on the encouraging state of its affairs, and, the satisfactory arrangements which have been made during the past year, and, hereby tender to the Professors the assurance of cordial support and co-operation.

3. That the friends of the College throughout the Provinces be affectionately reminded of their obligation to sustain it both by subscriptions and donations, and by encouraging and advising students to select it as the place of instruction, so that native talent may be developed at home, and devoted to patriotic uses.

4. That at the present time, when education is so widely diffused, and is extending its benefits to all classes and orders of society, and when the demand for cultivated mind is presented in every direction, it is incumbent on all who are connected with Educational Institutions to exert their most strenuous efforts for the continued improvement of those Institutions, and their adaptation to the growing wants of the age.

5. That the Churches connected with this Convention are bound to regard Acadia College with deep interest, and to render it liberal support, on the ground of the advantages therein enjoyed by candidates for the Christian Ministry; and that it is highly important to secure the services of a Classical Professor at the earliest possible period, in order that the President may be enabled to devote more time and attention to the Theological Department.

6. That the friends of Literature and Science throughout these Provinces be earnestly solicited to contribute to the Library and Museum of the College, that the former may be well furnished with the materials of learning, and that the latter may be enriched by constant accessions to its stores, and become a repository of the curious and valuable, in various departments.

Addresses were given by Brethren Francis, Robinson, Needham, and Dr. Crawley.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be given for the elaborate lecture which Dr. Cramp has given on Church History, and that it be inserted in the *Messenger and Visitor*.

Adjourned to meet at half-past 3 o'clock.

Met, according to adjournment, at the meeting house.

Prayer by Rev. S. Robinson.

The Committee appointed in reference to an Agent for Union Societies, Report as follows:—

That they would recommend that our Foreign Missionary when his health will admit of it, be an agent, and that all the collections at public meetings made while he is on the agency be for Foreign Missions, and that he form Union Societies in all churches.

S. ROBINSON,

Chairman.

The Committee on Bible Distribution made the following Report:—

That they have considered this subject and regard it as one of serious importance to our churches. They regret that the attention of the denomination has not been directed to this object as steadily as the case demands, and in order that our efforts may assume a more regular and fixed aim, would recommend the formation of Societies in our Churches, congregations, and Sabbath Schools, auxiliary to the American Foreign Bible Society, where the Union Societies do not embrace similar objects. The Committee rejoice that such Societies already exist in several of our Churches, and thus far they have produced favourable results, and hence we feel assured that were our churches to form such Societies generally the result would be a wider circulation of the Word of God, and a more general diffusion of that knowledge that saves the soul.

J. RING,

Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

The following Resolutions were then passed:—

Resolved, That the Convention for the next year be held at Sackville, New Brunswick, and that the Rev. G. Armstrong preach the Introductory Sermon, and the Rev. J. Parker be his alternate.

Resolved, That Bro. Francis W. Parker, L. Lawrence, J. Rowe, and B. Cutten, be a Committee of arrangements.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution Reported.

Report received and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Brother Needham on behalf of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of holding Baptist public property, Reported, that the Chairman not having arrived and nothing having been laid before them for the present to take into consideration, they ask that they may be continued as a standing

Committee for the year, and that J. W. Johnston, W. Needham, and W. Johnson, be said Committee.

The Committee on deceased ministers reported:

Resolved, That this Convention acknowledges, with devout gratitude to God, the obligation imposed upon the Denomination by the remarkable gifts and graces with which those good men have been favoured, who have served the Churches, and through whose successful exertions many of them were formed.

Among these some have been especially conspicuous. Remarkable endowments of mind sustained by vigorous constitutions, have given them a commanding influence for a long series of years. Their number, however, has of late years been thinned, and during the past year we have been called to lament the loss of one whose faithful, self-denying, and successful ministry, protracted for more than half a century, has secured through all that period the most profound veneration.

Elder Edward Manning, to whom we refer, sustained the office of a Vice-President to this Convention from its organization.

We heartily endorse the just tributes of respect bestowed by the several Associations of these Provinces to his character and labours, and we believe our largest expectations of still increasing extension and prosperity will be realized, if we shall be favoured in the good providence of God with men of like character and endowments in our ministry. A singular providence has deprived the Denomination during the past year of the presence and services of a much younger brother, Elder Alexander McDonald, who fully appreciated the excellencies of our esteemed Father Manning, and who was closely treading in his steps, and who had secured by his amiable disposition, his sound judgment, his discriminating views, and steadfast adherence to scriptural truth, and his untiring exertions in behalf of the best interests of the Churches, the most unqualified esteem and affection of his brethren.

Neither would we forget in this connexion, the piety, zeal, and successful exertions in the cause of our Redeemer, of the lamented Elder James [?], of Tuskent. His earnest prayers and faithful warnings, will long be remembered. May the seed of truth sown by him produce a rich harvest of souls, which shall be as stars in his crown of rejoicing, forever.

We may in justice also allude to the disappointment experienced by many of the death of brother John Wheelock, a licentiate of the Church at Nic[?], who was giving promise of great usefulness, but who has been early called, in the midst of his studies, to his final rest and reward.

That of which is respectfully submitted by the Chairman.

The Committee on preparing statistics of the Denomination, recommend that there be a standing Committee for the ensuing year, and that Revs. E. D. Very, Chase, and brother S. W. De- [?], be that Committee.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following Report:

They contemplate with great satisfaction the fact, that this Institution has so demonstrated its advantages as not to require from us, or from any one, an argument in its favour. Churches without Sabbath schools are happily now the exception and not the rule, nor do we see how any Church can be so indifferent to its interests as to neglect an institution so frequently blessed to the enlargement of Churches, and to the increase of their efficiency. We consider a school one of the strongest bonds to keep a Church and congregation united in sentiment and harmonious in action, with reference to all that pertains to their welfare. The interests of every school we are persuaded require as principle elements of prosperity, punctuality in attendance by Teachers, intimate personal acquaintance between teacher and scholar, with occasional visits, which shall indicate to parents that others sympathise strongly and affectionately with them in their responsible care and duties as Parents. And not less than these in importance is the supply and occasional renewal of the Library for want of which many schools languish. The facilities for procuring large and valuable libraries at a cheap rate, are such that but little effort or expense is necessary, and we are happy to learn from authentic sources that the colporteur agency has been made available, to a very encouraging extent, in the supply of good Sabbath School Libraries.

Now that the Churches are generally convinced of the advantage of Sabbath schools, we hope a careful attention will be given to what will conduce to their efficiency.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Chairman,

GEO. F. MILES

Adjourned to 7 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Francis.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Dr. Crawley.

Report resumed of the Committee to nominate officers of Convention.

Board for Foreign Missions adopted as reported.

Bro. Hunt appointed Secretary for Foreign Missions.

Bro. Barss appointed Treasurer.

Br. J. T. Marsters was appointed Treasurer of Superintended Ministers fund.

The Committee appointed to Report on the state of the Institution submitted their Report.

Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Resolved, That Bro. J. F. Marsters, and Revs. E. D. Very and Francis be a Committee to carry out the objects of the forgoing Resolution for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Rev. G. F. Miles be agent for six months for the purpose of raising funds for all the objects of the Convention by reviving Union Societies, forming new ones or otherwise, as shall be most expedient, and that £120 per annum besides his expenses be allowed him.

Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Board be a Committee to advise with brother Miles on his agency, and at the end of the six months of his office or an earlier cessation, to reappoint brother Miles, or to appoint some other brother as the case may require.

The Committee on Religious publications and Colportage, Report as follows:—

Your Committee are deeply impressed with a sense of the obligation that rests upon the Convention to praise God for the enlarged circulation to which the Christian Messenger and the Christian Visitor have attained during the past year. And such is our estimate of the value of these periodicals to the welfare of the Church, and their adaptation to the spiritual wants of the provinces, that we earnestly desire that no Baptist family may be found without one of these papers, not only for their own benefit, but that of their neighbours.

Further, your Committee rejoice in the success which has attended the colporteur department in New Brunswick, and ardently desire that the resolution of the Eastern Association of Nova Scotia on the subject, may be successfully carried out; and that the other Associations will engage in the same work.

Convinced as we are that a still more enlarged circulation of our valuable periodicals, and one colporteur at least sustained by each Association would be productive of great good to the cause of God, and of blessing to the mass of the people.

JOHN FRANCES, Chairman.

Resolved, That while this Convention feel cheered by the presence of so many delegates from Associations and Churches, it cannot refrain from expressing its regret that a number of brethren who accepted appointments as delegates, as appears by the Minutes published, are absent, and do hope that henceforth such will be appointed as delegates who will not allow any circumstance over which they have control, to prevent their fulfilling the obligation.

Resolved, That the Convention be recommended to insert in the Minutes of the Convention a copy of the Act to alter the government of Acadia College.

Resolved, That the Professors of the College make an abstract of the report of the Governors of Acadia College, and insert it in the Minutes, not to exceed two pages.

Revs. W. Hall, and E. D. Very, were appointed Secretaries of Convention for the ensuing year.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be given to the inhabitants of Wolfville for their kindness and hospitality afforded to the delegates of the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned to meet with the Second Sackville Church on Saturday in September, 1852.

Prayer by Rev. E. D. Very: benediction by Rev. W. Chipman, Chairman.

THEODORE S. HARDING, President.

Annual Subscriptions for Acadia College,
Received from July 1st, 1850, to September 20th, 1851.

Ackhurst, W.	£1	0	0	Hiltz, P.	£1	0	0
Archibald, M. J.	1	0	0	Harris, G.	1	0	0
Atkinson, J.	1	0	0	Hunt, Rev. A. S., 2 years,	2	0	0
Bigelow, G., two years	2	0	0	Harding, Rev. H.	1	0	0
Barss, T.	1	0	0	Huestis, E.	1	0	0
Beckwith, E.	1	0	0	Harding, Rev. T. S.	1	0	0
Bill, Rev. L. E., two years,	2	0	0	Harding, Dr. E. F., 2 years	2	0	0
Bill, C.	1	0	0	Johnston, Hon. J. W. 2 yrs	6	0	0
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Brown, R.	1	0	0	Jost, C.,	1	0	0
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Barss, J. W.	2	0	0	Johnson, W. Esq.	1	0	0
Bill, C. R. Esq., 2 years,	2	0	0	Kempton, A.	1	0	0
Bent, W. W. 2 years,	2	0	0	Kerr, L.	1	0	0
Bentley, N.,	1	0	0	Kempton, E.	1	0	0
Binney, S. N. Esq., 2 y'rs.	10	0	0	Knowles, J.	1	0	0
Bricken, P. M.	1	0	0	Layton, E.	1	0	0
Cox, C. Esq., 2 years,	2	0	0	Leadbetter, L.	1	0	0
Cornwell, J. 2 years,	2	0	0	Lent, A.	1	0	0
Cutten, E. B., Esq. 2 yrs.	2	0	0	Layton, J. 2 years,	2	0	0
Calkins, T. Esq.	1	0	0	Lynds, Dr, 3 years,	3	0	0
Cook, Mrs. E.	1	0	0	Marsters, J.	1	0	0
Churchill, Capt. W.	1	0	0	Messenger, J.	1	0	0
Corning, N.	1	0	0	McVicar, C.	1	0	0
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Dimock, Rev. D. W. C.	1	0	0	Parker, A. Esq., 2 years,	2	0	0
DeWolfe, B. O.	1	0	0	Parker, Dr	1	0	0
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DeWolfe, J.	1	0	0	Payson, H. Esq.	1	0	0
DeWolfe, Mrs J.	1	0	0	Pryor, Rev. Dr	5	0	0
Dimock, G.	1	0	0	Reed, J. E.	1	0	0
Dodge, A.	1	0	0	Rand, J. E., 2 years,	2	0	0
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Fitch, J. R., M. D.,	1	0	0	Rice, E.	1	0	0
Freeman, S.	1	0	0	Randall, Rev. C.	1	0	0
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Weatherby, T. Esq.	1 0 0	Rowe, Rev. J.	0 10 0
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Barnes, W.	0 10 0	Needham, W. H. Esq.	1 0 0
Chase, R., 3 years,	3 0 0	Very, Rev. E. D.	1 0 0
Casewell, Rev. J. D.	1 0 0		

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APPENDIX.

[A.]

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In presenting to the Convention a statement of the proceedings of the F. M. Missionary Board for the past year, we have to regret that our efforts in this department of Christian labour have been extremely limited, and of such a character as may be stated in a few words.

At the Convention last year, the arrival of our esteemed Missionary with his family, was announced, and the enfeebled health under which he then laboured called forth the tender Christian sympathies of the whole denomination. The Convention anxious for the preservation of a valuable life, and rightly judging that efforts, to secure if possible, renewed health, should immediately and carefully be resorted to, advised that bro. Burpe should forthwith give his immediate attention to such means as seemed likely to produce a result so much desired. In complying with this admonition from the Board, bro. Burpe located himself, with his family, in the city of St. John, during the past winter, where he almost entirely abstained from public labour and unnecessary exposure. He also there enjoyed gratuitously the valuable and unremitting professional assistance of Dr Simon Fitch, as well as the most cordial christian friendship of the brethren in St. John. As the spring of the year approached, a season in this country always trying to a feeble constitution, Dr Fitch, fearing that pulmonary symptoms might be excited by the damp and unhealthy spring weather, advised a visit to the south. Accordingly, brother Burpe left St. John in April last, and spent the spring months in the Southern States, returning to this province in June, with his health much improved, and with a reasonable hope of again enjoying, in a good degree, the invaluable blessing of health.

During the summer, brother Burpe has been enabled to travel in various parts of the provinces, and has attended several of our Associations, where personally he has been enabled to present the claims of the heathen with all the earnestness of one who himself looked upon the dark moral waste of Burmah, and who

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nessed the power of the Gospel of Christ to elevate and save.—
The Board trusts that these heart moving appeals have found a
lodging-place in the feelings and understandings of our churches,
and that ere long we all shall be enabled to mark distinctly the
wisdom of that Providence, which rendered necessary the return
of our beloved missionary, and also trace the important connexion
of this return with our future and enlarged progress.

The question now arises, What is to be our next step? To
abandon the enterprise cannot, must not for one moment be con-
templated.

In reference to brother Burpe himself, should his health even
so far recover, as to induce, on his part, a desire to return to his
former toil and christian love, it will remain for the Board to ex-
ercise its most matured judgment in a step so hazardous of life,
and connected with increased expense; and should the Board
deem it their duty to dismiss the thought of sending brother
Burpe again to a heathen land, they will still feel themselves
bound by the most solemn obligations to aid his support, until, in
the providence of God, means for this are at his own command.

If then we are not to abandon this great work, it may be asked
again, How are we to advance? Where are men? Where are
the means? It may not be presumptuous in us to say, that we
trust God hath given us both, and their coming forth only awaits
the consistent efforts of our churches.

This Convention, at its last meeting, recognised the principle
contained in the following extract from the Report of that year:

From the whole of the experience with the character of a missionary
life, which the Board has derived from their connexion with the enterprise
of this Society, they have been led to a fixed conviction on one point,
which they feel it incumbent on them to state with great seriousness, and
that is, that in any future efforts of the Convention in the Foreign Mission-
ary field, it ought to be an inviolable principle, never to send any missionary
missionary family alone. The duties and toils which rest on the single
labourer are too heavy, and the need of brotherly converse and encourage-
ment too pressing and constant, to make it just to him or to his work, or
to the reasonable expectations and wishes of the friends of missions,
to send any one so far away, on so arduous an enterprise, without any
necessary aid.

In all future preparations, therefore, for labour in this important and
valuable department of christian effort, the Board earnestly hope that the
Convention will be guided by this principle, and for the enlarged scope of
no missionaries or missionary families lay their future plans."

If we act upon this principle—and if we respect the judgment
and opinion of men skilled in the direction of Foreign Missions
we must act upon it—it will be necessary for us in carrying out
the great object of the convention, to have our attention directed
to candidates for this sphere of christian labour. If brother
Burpe's health shall permit his return to India, the Board feels

pleasure in possessing the proffered service of one whom we believe God has called to this work; and should brother Burpe not again return, it will be seen by the resolution attached to this report, that the attention of this Board is directed to another whose heart we trust God is drawing toward this field of christian enterprise.

It affords us much pleasure and gratitude that we are enabled at the present meeting of this Convention, to present one brother as a candidate for Foreign Missionary labour, one known and loved by us all, one born of God while pursuing his studies at our own college; one, who, for a length of time, has cherished a constant resolve to devote himself to the work of preaching Christ and him crucified to the distant heathen. We refer to brother Arthur Crawley, who now stands ready to respond to the call, we doubt not, in the spirit and hope of Christ's great commission—"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." In a few months brother Crawley will have finished his preparatory studies at Newton, and will then, if the Convention should call him to its service, be ready to depart, with little delay, for the field of his future efforts.

The Board is also informed that brother David Freeman has expressed a desire to be engaged as a Foreign Missionary, and has intimated his readiness to respond to the call of this Board. These two offers for this noble work, by two of our own young men, members of our churches, and students from our institutions, cannot but deepen the conviction that we have pious and devoted young men, longing to go, at the call of our churches, to the distant land of moral darkness and death.

It will, however, be readily seen by us all, that the future operations of this Board must necessarily be measured by the funds placed at its disposal by the churches. If these are sufficient to sustain two missionaries, most joyfully will the Board seek, with prayerful and careful diligence, such men as may seem to possess the essential qualifications of laborious and devoted missionaries.

The income of the Board for the past year, as well as our present financial condition, will appear from the Treasurer's account. By this paper, it will be seen that our income for the year just passed has scarcely met our reduced expenditure, and that the smallest extension of our operations must rest on the enlarged sympathies of the denomination expressed in a most tangible form.

The Board desires to bring this last consideration most distinctly and affectionately before our churches and ministers. We have pledged ourselves to a most important work, and in our efforts to carry it forward, have believed, and the conviction abides with us, that the Baptists of these provinces, distinguished

in so high a degree by every temporal and spiritual favor, do feel, and that most deeply, for those who know not the power of the Cross of Christ. Our aged fathers, years before many of us came to know the toils and cares of life, felt their hearts burn with the fire of missionary zeal and devotedness, as they heard of Carey and Judson, and all that world-wide honoured company of persons in this glorious work: a work to be measured in its issue by eternity alone. We cannot but feel that a large measure of their spirit found a dwelling-place in the bosom of their churches, and now exists in close connexion with all our conceptions of christian duty and obligation, begetting a love and desire to aid in carrying out the most sublime and God-like enterprise that ever demanded the thoughts or taxed the energies of man. We would urge our obligation to the heathen—we would contrast their enlaved and degraded condition with the joys, comforts, and hopes that lie so profusely around us in every step of life:

“ Shall we whose souls are lighted,
By wisdom from on high ;
Shall we to man benighted,
'The light of life deny.”

May we hear this interrogation coming from our inmost consciences, and may our souls, enlightened, and redeemed by the blood of Christ, exclaim, with power and impassioned ardour,—No! Our missionaries shall go and bear the pledges of our love, and tell that the spirit of the first missionaries, now resting from their work, slumbers not,—that it dwells and moves in the bosoms of their successors, and it shall move us to untiring labour, till Christ's kingdom shall extend from shore to shore,—

“ Till earth's remotest nations,
Have learnt Messiah's name.”

We would acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God, and seek, in humble faith the diffusion of that Spirit that prompts to every good word and work.

To the most recent action of this Board, while it demands the most serious attention of the Convention, there has been no time to refer otherwise than by submitting the resolutions hereunto annexed:

Resolved: I.—That with reference to brother Burpe's proposition to return to the Mission in India, this Board have not at present sufficient medical information before them, with regard to his state of health, to enable them to form a satisfactory opinion.

II.—That brother Burpe be requested for the next year to act as the Agent of this Board, in the way of exciting an enlarged interest in the Mission, either by writing, or by visits to the

churches, as his health may permit; and that his salary be continued to him as heretofore: and further, that brother Burpe be requested to make his public exertions strictly dependant on the advice of his physician.

III.—That this Board receive with pleasure the application of brother Arthur Crawley, and that he be received as our future Missionary.

IV.—That efforts be immediately made to secure funds from our churches, to enable this Board to carry out the preceding resolution; and also for the employment of a second Missionary, viz., brother Burpe, if his health should permit,—the Board being convinced that invariably two missionaries should be engaged in this department of christian labour.

V.—That while the Convention look forward to the hope that brother Burpe shall again be well enough to resume Foreign Missionary labour, still it is important for this Board to be guarded against the possibility of the failure of his health, or the necessity of retaining him at home as our agent, and that if any other suitable person shall offer for foreign service, it is desirable that this service be secured; and as brother David Freeman has been named as desirous of Foreign Missionsry labour, that the Secretary be requested to correspond with him and state to him the determination of the Board to raise the necessary funds.

A. S. HUNT,
Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions.

(B.)

The Report of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, to the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, for the year ending 20th September, 1851:

The brief abstract of the years proceedings, which can appear in the Minutes of the Convention, will not admit of the extended remark which the wants of the College would render desirable at this time. This must be reserved for another occasion.

One of the first occurrences of the year to which attention may be called is the passing of the Act to alter the government of Acadia College. Concurrently with the decision not to receive legislative aid to the College, and throw it entirely for support upon the contributions of its friends, arrangements were perfected for changing its government by placing its control in the hands of this Convention.

One significant clause in the Act is that which bestows the power of conferring degrees permanently. In procuring this Act the Board have to acknowledge the services of the Hon. Mr Johnston, so long and so well known as an active and tried friend of Acadia College.

The Board will further remark in connection with this decision of the Baptist body to take the entire support of the College upon their own shoulders, that they trust the spirit of this decision will be acted up to most fully with all good will and energy, remembering that now a public Institution is wholly thrown upon their hands, long since acknowledged to have great value, and every day becoming more important to the interests of the denomination to which it belongs, it becomes them, in justice to the enterprise which they have assumed, to the youth of the country for whom they act, to their own reputation, above all to the kingdom which is not of this world, thus to employ in its behalf their ungrudging activity and devotedness.

Acadia College, this Board have much satisfaction in declaring, has its instruction in the charge of men in whom they place much confidence for faithfulness in the performance of their duties and ability in guiding the minds committed to their care.— The Gentleman at its head as President, the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., late President of the Baptist College Montreal, is well known for his enlarged theological attainments, the rare excellence of his historical Compositions, his general ripe scholarship, and public business talent and energy. Under his oversight, aided by the assistance of his condjutor, the Board have hope that the College will add largely to its numbers, prosperity and usefulness, before a distant day.

This Board had occasion to regret that so much delay arose in procuring the services of a Presiding Officer for the College. To engrave a proposal under the circumstances existing as assuming the post presented to him, Dr. Cramp did not think it prudent to respond without protracted deliberation. He arrived in Charlton the last of May, but did not engage in instruction till September, his time having been occupied in the necessary preparations.

On the 20th of June an impressive ceremony of Inauguration was combined with the Anniversary exercises, when the President elect was inducted into office. After conferring the Bachelors degree, the degree of A. M, was conferred in course upon the Rev. A. S. Hunt, S. Elder, G. Armstrong and R. E. Burpe, and the honorary degree of A. M. upon the Rev. Charles Spurrier, Principal of the Baptist Seminary, Fredericton. The whole occasion was noted for its orderly and emphatic character.

The instruction of the College during the year has been conducted under the superintendence of Professor Chipman aided by Randall, late Classical Principal in the Academy; and under circumstances of peculiar difficulty which existed, the Board much cause for gratitude to an overruling hand that from so low a level of depression, the internal condition of the College

has risen to what must be pronounced a highly promising preparation for future progress.

Instruction has been given during the year in the Ancient Classics, in Elementary and higher branches of Mathematics, Analytical Mechanics, in Moral Science and Political Economy, in Whateley's and Hedge's Logic, Blair's and Whateley's Rhetoric. The Greek Testament has been read daily, and English Compositions criticised weekly. Quarterly examinations have been held as usual.

The Board wish to express the strong satisfaction which they feel on being assured of the prevalence of a high spirit of study during the year among the young Gentlemen composing the classes of the College. It is hoped that they may receive the encouragement which so honourable a course merits, and cherish the confidence that every provision will be made for their progress which this Board are called upon to make, so soon as circumstances can admit.

The number in attendance, Candidates for the Christian Ministry is now 12, which in view of many circumstances is decidedly encouraging. This of course does not include those who pursue secular study alone. The Board have one opinion to express in this connection, and it is a subject which merits very wider consideration, namely that students for the ministry demand a more efficient provision for their support than now exists. Either place the College in circumstances to remit this tuition, room rent, or raise a public fund which will regularly meet their wants. This serious desideratum is involved in the case, that of retaining our young men in their own country; without which course, our efforts however painstaking, are nugatory.

The Board have thus adverted to some of the principal circumstances which they require to mark in the occurrences of the year, and they doubt not from what is thus far presented to this Convention will find just cause for "thanking God and taking courage." The facts they believe, if intimately known, will be even more impressive. The Board would recommend frequent attendance of the friends of the College at quarterly examinations, at the openings of the Terms, which have recently been accompanied by public exercises, at more private class performances and at anniversary exhibitions.

The payment of * £1500 of the debt which burthened Horton Institution a few months ago is surely a fact which loudly for our thankfulness to the giver of all good, and secondarily of the benevolent and energetic individuals who have been most active in promoting this movement. It managed to

*For the accounts of the year see Treasurer's Report appended.

ing prepared that the general financial oversight affords much occasion for satisfaction. An overruling Providence has also delivered us from serious anxiety in connection with a conflict of views sufficiently known, which passed away in a manner little expected. Deprived at the close of a previous year of a presiding officer, long regarded as almost as inseparably associated with the Institution as a pillar or tower, and followed doubtless by the affections and prayers of thousands, we are now linked with another, whom we are happy to welcome among us, and to whom it is hoped all will cheerfully commit the solemn interests which he will have it of his charge. And so let us trust in our unchangeable Protector on posing high.

Did circumstances admit, many wants might be expressed in relation to the Library, Museum and Apparatus, the finishing of their rooms, attendance both in College and Academy, especially the number of Instructors and the necessity for a vigorous agency and ample liberality. It may be remarked in passing that the number

Christ volumes in the library is 1250, the number of mineral rocks and fossils in the Cabinet over 2000, and of miscellaneous curiosities over 150, besides insects, shells, coins and autographs. A room having been fitted up for museum purposes, it is hoped the toil of enlargement in this department will not be left to a ministry alone, or half a dozen, but extend to many. The repairs of a now extensive generally in the College buildings has produced a pleasing change.

The Board conclude with the hope that brighter days are again ahead us, days of stronger resolve, of more hearty devotedness to the great work of the Mediators kingdom wherever we are called to it, and more trust than ever in the guiding Providence of God, without which human strength is weakness even at its highest summit, and with which the puny arm of man is clothed with a power unconquerable.

S. It may be added in a postscript, that during the session of the Convention, the Board decided upon employing a vigorous agency for the coming year, which by arrangement with the Education Society of Nova Scotia will be divided between that and the College. The pressure arising from debt and accounting not so heavily upon the agency as in the past, the business of the year may be expected to be taken up with energy.

To show the forethought of existing financial direction, and as a further encouragement for the future, it may be stated that the close of the meeting in which the foregoing report was presented, the sum of £50 was subscribed on the spot, and £50 more

It was also arranged for New Brunswick, for the purpose of liquidating the debt accruing in the past fifteen months, which the non-payment of subscriptions due caused to exist.

It was resolved by the Board on the following day, that under certain limitations which will be elsewhere expressed, the tuition of students for the ministry at the College shall be hereafter resumed.

AN ACT TO ALTER THE GOVERNMENT OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

(Passed the 7th day of April, A. D.. 1851.)

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows :

1. Henceforth the Trustees and Governors of Acadia College at Horton, in this province, shall be appointed by the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, agreeably to the Bye-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Convention, the Government of the College having been transferred to such convention by agreement between the Baptist Education Society, and those interested in the support and management of the College and the Convention.

2. The following persons, with the President of the College as an ex-officio member of the Board who in virtue of such transfer of authority were provisionally appointed Governors of Acadia College by the Convention, at its annual meeting on the twenty-fourth day of September last, at Portland, in New Brunswick shall be the Trustees and Governors of the College for the period of their appointment, in place of the Trustees and Governors under the existing law, that is to say ; the Rev. Ingraham E. Blodgett, the Honourable James W. Johnston, the Reverend William Blodgett, the Honourable W. B. Kinnear, the Reverend Samuel Robinson, Simon Fitch, M. D., the Reverend Charles Spurden, John W. Barss, the Reverend Edward D. Very, Stewart Freeman, the Reverend Abraham S. Hunt, the Reverend Isaac L. Chipman, Caleb R. Bill, William Stone, James W. Nutting, James R. Fitch, Nathan S. Demill, and Alexander McL. Seely.

3. The Trustees and Governors last mentioned, and all other Trustees and Governors to be hereafter appointed by the Convention, shall have the same title and designation, and have the same powers as they would have borne and had, if this Act had not been passed, and their appointment had been made and in conformity with the Act passed in the third year of Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act for incorporating the Trustees of the Queen's College at Horton," and the Act by which the title of the College was changed to "Acadia College."

4. Nothing herein shall give to the Trustees and Governors appointed or to be appointed by the Convention, any title to Real Estate or Buildings whereon the College is situated or conducted, but the Baptist Education Society shall continue

retain their title to such Real Estate and Buildings, until the debts and securities for which the Executive Committee, or any former member thereof, may be liable, shall be discharged, or the parties relieved therefrom, on which event arrangements shall be made for settling the title in a manner suited to promote the interest of both the Academy established there, and the College on just principles.

5. The clause of the Act of the Incorporation, limiting the duration of the act to twelve years, is repealed.

[C.]

CONSTITUTION, &c.

I. That the Convention be called "The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island," and shall consist of the Members and Delegates hereinafter specified.

II. That the objects of the Convention shall be, to advance the interests of the Baptist Denomination, and of the cause of God, generally; to maintain the following religious, educational, and charitable Institutions—namely, Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Acadia College and the Fund for Superannuated Ministers; to procure correct information relative to the Baptist Body, and to advise and carry out such measures as may, with the Divine blessing tend to promote its welfare.

To aid the Convention in procuring statistical information, it is hoped that the several Associations in the Provinces will obtain from the Churches connected with them the requisite statements, and report the same, annually to the Convention and will concur with the Convention in all such measures as they judge advisable.

III. That the business of the Convention shall be conducted by a President, one or more Vice Presidents, one or more Secretaries, two Treasurers, (one residing in Nova Scotia and the other in New Brunswick,) an Auditor, and a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five members, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing, in addition to Life Directors, to be chosen annually by the Convention. The Board to have power to fill up any vacancies that may occur previous to the next meeting of the Convention.

IV. That every member of a Baptist Church, in good standing, who shall pay annually ten shillings or upwards, towards any of the objects embraced by the Union Societies, or into the hands of the Convention, and also every ordained Baptist Minister

in the three Provinces, in good standing, shall be a member of the Convention; any person paying five pounds, or upwards shall be a Life Member; and the payment of twenty pounds, or upwards, at one time shall constitute a Life Director. Every Church connected with an Association, and contributing annually ten shillings to the fund of a Union Society, shall be a member of this Convention, and be at liberty to send one Delegate to represent such Church, and if five pounds are collected, two Delegates. Every Local Union Society collecting annually five pounds, or upwards, shall be a member of this Convention, and shall be at liberty to send two Delegates to represent them therein, and one Delegate for every additional five pounds collected, so as no Church or Local Union Society be at liberty to send more than five Delegates; and that each Association connected with the Convention be allowed to send five Delegates. Every Missionary and Educational Board shall also be at liberty to send one Delegate.

V. That all monies contributed by individuals for membership, or for the general purposes of the Convention, after the payment of incidental expenses, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention in the Province in which they shall have been contributed, and shall be by him appropriated in accordance with the existing regulations of the Union Societies in the Province; and that all monies collected by the Local Union Societies, or by General Unions of such Societies, shall be paid to the respective Provincial Treasurers, of the Convention, to be appropriated for such of the above great objects, and in such proportions, as the several Union Societies shall direct.

VI. That any individual paying into the Funds of the Convention, more than the sum required to constitute membership, shall be at liberty to direct the application of the surplus to the several objects contemplated by the Union Societies, or to any one or more of them, separately.

VII. That the board shall meet quarterly, or oftener for the despatch of business, at such place as the Convention shall from time to time appoint; nine members shall form a quorum.

VIII. That the Convention shall meet on the third Saturday in September, annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the Body; when, in addition to the Office-bearers and Board of the Convention, the following Boards shall be chosen, viz. ; a Board of fifteen members for the Foreign Missionary and Bible cause, and a Board of fifteen members to take charge of, and direct the fund for superannuated ministers and their families; all of which Boards shall consist of members of Baptist Churches, in regular standing. These Boards shall hold their meetings at such places

the Convention shall annually appoint. At least one third of the members of these Boards, and of all Boards connected with this Convention, to reside within the vicinity of the places named for their meetings.

The Convention shall also appoint, once in three years, six Governors of Acadia College, in the place of six who will then go out by rotation, in accordance with the Resolutions passed by this Convention, at its Annual Meeting in September, 1850, and in accordance with the Act 14 Vict. of the Legislature of Nova Scotia; Chap. 37.

IX. That the Boards appointed annually by the respective Associations for Domestic Missions in each Province constitute a General Board of the Convention, to take charge of the objects of Domestic Missions under their direction, for purposes of advice and suggestion.

X. That the Boards established for the promotion of the objects contemplated by the Union Societies, shall be requested to furnish the Secretary of the Convention with a full report of their proceedings, annually. Such reports to be presented to the Secretary of the Convention at least one month before its meeting.

XI. That this Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention, by two thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER,

RULE 1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

RULE 2. Ministers and members of churches, not Delegates, invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under debate, but vote on none.

RULE 3. No member of the Convention shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

RULE 4. The names of Delegates leaving the Convention without permission of the Body before the conclusion of its business shall be publicly reported in the Minutes.

RULE 5. No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 6. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the Body.

RULE 7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8. The Moderator of the Convention shall nominate all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

RULE 9. These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the Convention shall have organized.

[D.]

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee to whom it was referred to report on the state of religion in the three Provinces regret that they have not been able to give to the subject the attention which it demands, and that they can only present to the Convention a brief and imperfect paper. They beg to suggest the desirableness of appointing at this Meeting, another Committee for the same object, which may thus be under consideration during the ensuing year, and the results may be placed before the Convention at an early part of its next session.

They observe that 845 persons were baptized in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island during the past year; of these, 511 were added to five churches in recent revivals; leaving 328, the entire result of christian labour in 109 churches. They observe also that 435 persons were baptized in New Brunswick during the year, 297 of whom were added to six churches, in which revivals had recently taken place, and that the remaining 138 were all the fruits of effort in 79 churches.

The number of churches in the three Provinces is 193, containing about 16,000 members; of these, 1,280 were baptized last year, being nearly seven to each church. Taking the Associations separately however, the proportions vary exceedingly: thus:—

West. Asso., N.S.—	36 churches—	526 baptized	14 to each church
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Eastern “ “	—45 “	241 “	5
Eastern “ N.B.—	40 “	170 “	4
Western “ “	—39 “	265 “	7 nearly.

The net increase in Nova Scotia is a little over 6 per cent; in New Brunswick, it is somewhat more than 7 per cent. In England and Wales, where Baptist principles have to struggle against opposing influences of great power, the increase during a similar period has been nearly 12 per cent. This is a grave fact, and demands serious consideration.

Whether religion is prosperous or not, in the Baptist churches of these Provinces, is a question to which your Committee will not venture to give a reply. But it may be fair to recur to the divine test—“By their fruits ye shall know them”—applying it with regard to pecuniary contributions.

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The undermentioned sums were paid in to the Treasurers of the several Associations at their recent Annual Meetings: viz:—

Western, N. S.—	5147 members	£191 7s. 10d.	8½d. each.
Central, “	3482 “	62 2s. 7d.	4½d. “
Eastern, “	2062 “	94 6s. 9d.	10½d. “
Eastern, N. B.—	2830 “	102 14s. 4d.	8½d. “
Western, “	2449 “	251 17s. 6d.	2s. “

The last mentioned sum however, your Committee observe, includes contributions, nearly amounting to one half that sum, which were collected at different times of the year, and not paid in to the Association Treasurer, at the Annual Meeting. It is fair to conclude that a similar state of things existed in the other Associations, and that they ought to have the benefit of such a supposition. This will raise the average and give the following as an approximation to the truth, viz:—

Western Association, N. S.	1s. 5½d. each member
Central “ “	8½d. “
Eastern “ “	1s. 9½d. “
Eastern “ N. B.	1s. 5d. “
Western “ “	2s. 0d. “

The sums raised for the support of pastors, the erection or enlargements of places of worship, and the maintenance of Sunday Schools, are not included in the statement above: nor is there any reference to the instalments paid during the year on the noble subscription for paying off the debt on the Horton institutions. But the members of our churches have subscribed respectively, during the year, the sums mentioned in the several Associations, towards the objects embraced by the Union Societies, that is to say, taking the first on the list every church member in the Western Association of Nova Scotia has paid 1s. 5½d. to be appropriated to Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, the noble cause, Ministerial Education, and the fund for Infirm and perannuated Ministers, in well-known proportions—and so of the rest.

It is to be supposed, your Committee would ask, that the Bap-
 tist Churches in these Provinces are doing what they can? And
 not the reason of the deficiency to be found, not so much in
 want of will, as in want of system? Surely, it may be affirmed
 contribution of *one penny* per week from each church member,
 purposes of christian benevolence, might be raised without
 difficulty; since while there are many who could not give even
 a small sum, there are also many who could and would give
 much more. Now, one penny per week from 16,000 church
 members would realize £3,466 13s. 4d. a year. This would
 enable the denomination to expend £1000 on education—a like

sum on Domestic Missions, the French and the Indians included—£500 on Foreign Missions—£500 on the Bible cause—and nearly the same amount in assisting theological students and relieving infirm and superannuated Ministers.

Some of the brethren, and some churches, your Committee are assured, habitually contribute to the cause with distinguished liberality, and their works praise them. But the number who give nothing or next to nothing, is so great, that the general average is reduced to the low figures reported above, and in consequence christian undertakings languish and decline. By a more equal division of the burden, and a systematic appliance of agencies, the amount which your Committee have mentioned might be collected with comparatively little labour, while the most delightful results would be obtained. Is it not worth an effort?

On a review of the whole, your Committee remark:—

1. That there is much in the state of the churches in these Provinces to call forth inquiry, and promote humiliation before God.

2. That it is the special duty of the pastors and deacons of the churches to take the facts now reported into serious consideration, with a view to the adoption of such measures as may tend under the blessing of God, to the revival of religion and the consolidation and extension of effort.

3. That the appointment of a day for solemn prayer and conference with reference to these subjects, may powerfully tend to promote the advancement of the cause.

J. M. CRAMP,
Chairman.

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ACCOUNTS.

Dr. *Acadia College, in account with J. Chase, Treasurer.*

1851.	£	s.	d.
Sept. 20.—To paid Officers of Instruction, Dr Cramp, from May 1, 1851, to date, at £225 per ann.	87	10	0
“ Professor Chipman, in part his salary, from June, 20th, 1850, to September 20th, 1851, at £175 per annum,	132	17	8½
“ C. D. Randall, Classical Instructor.	50	0	0
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	270	7	8½

1851.	CREDIT.		
Sept. 20.—By amount of Ann. Subscriptions received from 1st July, 1850, to date	£284	7	0
“ extra-subscriptions at Convention	30	10	0
“ Ministerial Education Fund	25	0	0
“ Tuition received.	30	10	8½
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	270	17	8½
There is due Professor. on account of salary, from June 20, 1850, to Sept. 20, 1851,		85	17 3½
To meet which there is Tuition	10	0	0
Pledges, uncollected,	100	0	0
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	£110	0	0

JOHN CHASE, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, Sept 25, 1851.

J. W. BARSS, }
J. R. FITCH, } Auditors.

Dr. *The Nova Scotia Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in acct.
with J. W. NUTTING, Treasurer.*

1850.	£	s.	d.
Sept. 28.—To this amt. less charged on Bill remitted R. E. Eddy	7	19	6
“ Cash paid Mr Wilby's order on Rev. R. E. Burpe	1	10	0
1851.			
Jan.—To Cash pd. Rev. R. E. Burpe, per Rev. A. S. Hunt	27	17	9
“ “ pd. do. do. do.	30	12	11
“ remitted bal. due Am. For. Union, pr. Rev. E. Eddy \$26,36	6	15	6
“ Postages,	0	12	9
Sept.—“ paid Rev. R. E. Burpe	16	18	6
“ Acceptance to do.	58	0	0
“ 22.—To bal. in hands of Treasurer	146	2	11
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	£296	9	10

1850.	CREDIT.	
Sept.—By bal. in hands of Treasurer		209 0 8
1851.		
June.—By col. at Westn. Ass. at Yarmouth, and pd. Rev. A. S. Hunt		27 17 9
“ col. at Central Ass. and pd. do.		30 12 11
Sept. “ col. at Eastern Ass. and pd. A. W. Marsters		16 18 6
“ Interest on £200 invested to Sept 1. st		12 0 3
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		£296 9 10

E. E. J. W. NUTTING,
 Sept. 22, 1851. Treasurer N. S. Baptist For. Missions

DR. *Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Baptist For. Miss. Society*
in account with N. S. DEMILL, Treasurer.

1851.		£ s. d.
Feb. 9.—Elder A. S. Hunt's order to R. E. Burpe		100 0 0
Postage		0 6 10
Sept. 16.—Balance		75 10 3
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		£175 17 3

1850.	CREDIT.	
Sept. 10.—By balance of account		84 5 0
“ A. Fowler and wife		0 12 0
“ J. Palmer		0 15 0
“ J. Fisher		1 0 0
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Jany 21.—“ Union Society		19 9 0
“ R. Stevens, collection		5 11 0
Sept. 1.—“ Germain Street Chapel		2 9 0
“ Brussels Street do.		10 0 0
“ Portland do.		10 0 0
“ Second Salisbury do.		1 1 0
“ Eastern Association		9 9 0
“ Western Association		31 3 0
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		£175 17 3
1851.—Sept 16, By balance on hand		75 10 3

N. S. DEMILL,
 Sept 16, 1851. Treasurer N. S. and N. B. For. Miss. Socy

Dr. *The Superannuated Ministers Fund in Acct. with J. F. Marsters.*

209 0 8	1850.	£ s. d.
	Oct. 15.—By rec. from the Treasurer of the Union Society and Deposited in the Savings Bank.	30 11 9
27 17 9	1851.	
30 12 11	May 20.—To amt. withdrawn from the Savings Bank by order of the Board of Controul and paid to the widow of our late Brother Alexander McDonald.	10 0 0
16 18 6		
12 0 3		
<u>296 9 10</u>	Remaining in the Savings Bank.	<u>£20 11 9</u>
	To which is added the following accts. recd. from the Financial Agent in Wolfville.	

Miss. Society	1850.	£ s. d.
	pt. 1.—By balance as reported to Treasurer	3 2 6
	1851.	
£ s. d.	July 31.—By acct. rec. since last September,	3 15 4
100 0 0		
0 6 10		<u>£6 17 10</u>
75 10 3		
<u>£175 17 10</u>	DEBTOR.	£ s. d.
	Oct. 7.—To amt. paid Rev. H. Hull,	5 0 0
	“ Bal. paid to J. F. Marsters,	1 17 10— 6 17 10

84 5 0	1851.	
0 12 0	Oct.—By amt. rec. from Rev J. Chase,	1 17 10.
0 15 0		
1 0 0	Balance on hand	<u>£22 9 7</u>

J. F. MARSTERS.

General Union Society in acct. Current, with Solomon Hersey.

19 9 0	1851.	£ s. d.
5 11 0		
2 9 0	Sept. 9.—To postage on a letter,	0 1 6
10 0 0	Oct. 1.—Cash paid Rev. E. D. Very for the Treasurer of Foreign Missions,	10 9 7
10 0 0	To cash paid Rev. John Francis,	9 0 1
1 1 0	To balance remaining in Treasurer's hands at date,	164 2 9½
9 9 0		
31 3 0		
<u>£175 17 10</u>		<u>183 13 11½</u>
75 10 0		

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1851.	CREDIT.	£ s. d.
June 9.—By cash received from Treasurer of Eastern Association,		36 0 ½
“ 14.—By cash received from Mr. B. Buckman (Treasurer) of Pennfield,		2 0 0
Aug. 13.—By cash received from Miss H. Harding,		1 0 0
Sept. 1.—By cash received from Eastern Association on account of Foreign Missions,		10 9 7
“ By cash received from Eastern Association,		66 10 6
“ 15.—By cash rec'd from Brussel Street Church on account General Mission Society,		11 8 8½
“ By cash received from Treasurer of N. B. Baptist N. Association,		25 3 1
Sept. 16.—By cash rec'd from Canning Baptist Church by Rev. E. D. Very		6 1 11¼
“ 18.—By cash rec'd from Portland Baptist Church by Mr. Alex. McL. Seely,		25 0 0
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1851—Sept. 18.—By balance remaining in Treasurer's hands—per Solomon Hersey, at date.		164 2 9½