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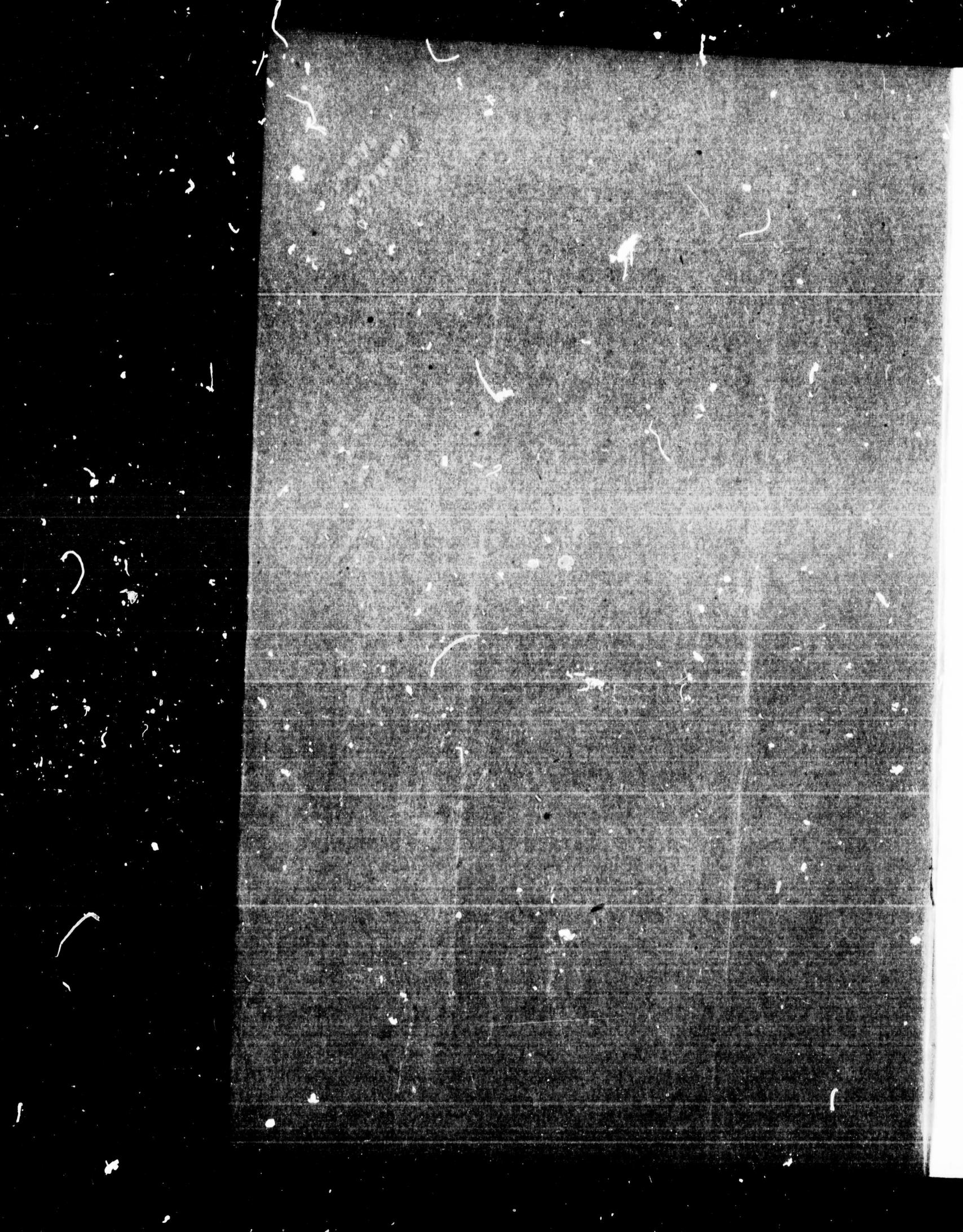
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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall consist of Delegates, representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, and shall be styled the "Southern N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the Churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, the promotion of individual godliness, and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the second Tuesday in June at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes, and in the denominational paper. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more; but no church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year, immediately on their arrival, the Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on Arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of each church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, on behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 8.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connection, who to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship, without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 10.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular session.

Rules of Order.

- 1 That each meeting be opened by prayer.
- 2 That motions be made and seconded according to parliamentary usage.
- 3 That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
- 4 That every motion be written out and handed to the Clerk.
- 5 That motions which are lost be not recorded.
- 6 That invited members enjoy the privileges of delegates, except voting.
- 7 That these resolutions be read at each session.

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MINUTES.

FIRST SESSION.

St. GEORGE, N. B.,
TUESDAY, JUNE 13th, 1882. }

The Third Annual Session of the Southern Baptist Association met with the Baptist church at St. George at 2.30 p.m.

After an hour spent in devotional exercises, led by Rev. W. J. Stewart, the Association was called to order and in the absence of the Moderator and Secretary of last year, Rev. W. J. Stewart was chosen as Chairman and Bro. J. March Secretary *pro tempore*.

The list of churches in the Counties of St. John, Kings and Charlotte being called, the following list of delegates handed in their names:—

KING'S COUNTY.

FAIRFIELD—
GREENWICH HILL—
HAMMOND VALE—Weedon Fowler.
HAMPTON—Rev. S. W. Kierstead.
HAMPTON VILLAGE—Gilbert White.
KARS—
NORTON—A. B. Hayes.
PENOBSCUIS—Rev. H. Foshay,
SALT SPRINGS—
SPRINGFIELD 1ST—Rev. W. T. Corey.
SPRINGFIELD 2ND—
STUDHOLM—Rev. W. T. Corey, Rev. Elias Kierstead.
SUSSEX—Rev. H. Foshay.
UPHAM—

ST. JOHN COUNTY.

BRUSSELS ST., ST. JOHN—Rev. J. E. Hopper, J. W. Mann, E. W. Elliot.
GERMAIN ST., “ —
LEINSTER ST., “ —J. March, J. E. Masters.
PITT ST., “ —
CARLETON, (Zion) “ —
PORTLAND, “ —Rev. W. J. Stewart.
MARSH BRIDGE, “ —
ST. MARTINS 1ST—
ST. MARTINS 2ND—

SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH MUSQUASH AND DIPPER HARBOR—H. G. Mellick, J. W. Clinch,
Israel Marshall, C. F. Clinch.
WILLOW GROVE—

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

BAILLIE, ST. JAMES—
BOCABEC—
LEDGE, DUFFERIN—
OAK BAY—
PENNFIELD—Rev. J. Trimble, W. N. Bucknam, W. H. Justason.
ROLLING DAM—
ST. ANDREWS 2ND—
ST. GEORGE 1ST—Uriah Sparks, James Anderson, John Dewar, G. F.
Hibbard, J. M. O'Brien, Rev. A. N. Roscoe.
ST. GEORGE 2ND—Robert Lowe.
ST. GEORGE, SECOND FALLS—
ST. STEPHEN—
TOWER HILL—

On motion the election of officers for the current year was
proceeded with, and the following brethren were declared duly
elected.

- REV. W. J. STEWART, Portland.....Moderator.
- REV. H. FOSHAY, Sussex.....Clerk.
- BRO. JOHN DEWAR, St. George.....Assistant Clerk.
- BRO. C. F. CLINCH.....Treasurer.
- BRO. ISRAEL MARSHALL.....Assistant Treasurer.

Bro. J. A. Gordon and Bro. Curry were then invited to seats
in the Association.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

Revs. A. N. Roscoe, W. T. Corey, S. W. Kierstead, and Bro.
J. E. Masters.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Brethren J. March, J. A. Gordon, H. G. Mellick, E. W. Elliot,
J. S. Mann.

Committee on arrangements reported :—

- Morning prayer meeting at 6.30 o'clock;
- Morning Session, 10 o'clock, close at 12;
- Afternoon Session to begin at 2.30 and close at 5;
- And that this evening's Session be devoted to the cause of
Home Missions.
- Also that the Association Sermon be preached on Wednes-
day morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Committee on arrangements then further reported that

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Brethren J. March and Curry be requested to address the meeting this evening on the subject of Missions, and that a collection be taken at the close.

EVENING SESSION.

Moderator took the chair at 7.30.

Minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved.

Brother Gordon preached an interesting sermon from these words: "That man perished not alone in his iniquity."

After the sermon, Bro. J. March read an excellent report on Home Missions which was spoken to by Brethren Gordon, Curry and March.—(See "E" Appendix.)

A collection was then taken after which the meeting closed by singing the doxology.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Moderator in the Chair at 10 o'clock, Prayer by Bro. Mellick.

Minutes of the previous Session were then read and approved.

Business resumed. Reading of letters.

Committee on Nominations reported as follows:—

The Committee on Nomination respectfully submit the following Committees to report during the present session:

To revise the List of Ministers:—Rev. W. T. Corey, Rev. J. Trimble, Rev. S. W. Kierstead.

On Obituaries:—Rev. W. J. Stewart, Rev. A. N. Roscoe.

On Special Business:—Rev. H. Foshay, Rev. Elias Kierstead, J. W. Mann.

To report next year:—

On Education:—Rev. T. E. Bill, D. D., Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Rev. J. F. Bartlett, J. H. Harding.

On Home Missions:—Rev. W. J. Stewart, Oscar Hanson, Henry March, E. W. Elliott, W. W. Weeks.

On Foreign Missions:—C. F. Clinch, Wm. Vaughan, G. White, J. March.

On Denominational Literature:—Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Rev. E. Kierstead, Weedon Fowler.

On Temperance:—Rev. H. Foshay, J. E. Masters, J. A. Estey.

Committee on Arrangement reported in favor of holding the Sabbath-school Convention this afternoon, and that the evening

session be devoted to Foreign Missions, to be addressed by Bro. J. March, Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Bro. R. M. Hunt, (lic.) and others.

After prayer by Bro. Mellick, and singing led by the church choir, the Association Sermon was preached by Rev. H. Foshay, from Matt. 16: 18.

Adjourned after prayer by Bro. R. M. Hunt.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer and social meeting from 1.30 till 2.30.

Regular Session opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Gordon.

There being none of the officers of the Sabbath-school Convention present, the letters from the schools in connection with the Association, were read, and the Statistics were given.—(See pages 12 and 13.)

Addresses and explanations were given by a number of delegates, regarding the schools connected with their respective churches.

On motion the following were elected officers of the S. S. Convention for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. S. W. Kierstead; Vice-Presidents, John Dewar and J. E. Masters; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. W. J. Stewart; Executive Committee, T. S. Simms, A. W. Masters, J. C. Dumaresque.

On motion, it was resolved that the officers and executive committee prepare a programme of exercises for the next Annual Meeting, and present the statistics in tabulated form.

The committees on List of Ordained Ministers and Licentiate, handed in their reports, which were adopted.—(See page 11.) Appendix.

The committee on Obituaries handed in their report, referring to the death of Rev. W. A. Corey, which report was ordered to be recorded in the minutes.—(See "C" Appendix.)

An Epitome of Norton church history was handed in, and it was resolved that it be read immediately after the opening of the evening session.

Reading of Letters finished.

On motion the Secretaries were directed to prepare the statistics from the returns which had been handed in.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. E. R. Curry.

EVENING SESSION.

Evening Session opened at 7.30, Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. W. T. Corey.

The Epitome of Norton church history was read by Bro. March, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.—(See "F." Appendix.)

After the singing of a missionary hymn, Bro. John March addressed the meeting, on the subject of Foreign Missions, illustrating his remarks with maps and plans of the Mission field in India.

At the close of Bro. March's address, a collection in aid of Foreign Missions was taken up, amounting to \$18.50.

The Committee of Arrangements beg leave to report as follows:—That Rev. E. R. Curry preach a sermon to-morrow morning at 10.30, after which the subject of Education be taken up, and addresses be given by Rev. W. J. Stewart, R. M. Hunt, A. J. Gordon, and others. That in the afternoon, speeches be delivered on Temperance by Revs. H. Foshay, S. W. Kierstead, N. G. Mellick, and others. That in the evening a Mass Religious meeting be opened by a sermon by Rev. R. M. Hunt, followed by a general social meeting. They further recommend the Association next year, be held with the Sussex Baptist Church, Kings Co.; that Rev. Henry Cross, of Germain Street, St. John, preach the associational sermon, Rev. S. W. Kierstead be his alternate.

This report was adopted.

After singing the hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," meeting closed with Prayer by Rev. H. Foshay.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Thursday Morning Session opened at 10 a. m., with prayer by Bro. J. E. Masters.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

It was on motion resolved that the order of business be reversed, and have Temperance meeting this forenoon, and Education in the afternoon.

Moved, and unanimously carried, that the associational sermon which was preached by Rev. H. Foshay, be published in the *Visitor*, and that Bro. Foshay be requested to allow it to be so published.

The following resolution was read and adopted:—

Whereas, The Com. on Foreign Missions, appointed at the last Association to report to this body, has omitted to fulfil the work entrusted to their hands.

And Whereas, The Foreign Mission Board, through their Secretary, have placed before us at length, the work, necessities, and prospects of this important enterprise.

Therefore resolved, That a Committee of three be now appointed to draft a suitable resolution to go upon our records, expressing our warmest interest in the work as conducted by our Foreign Mission Board, and commending it anew to the sympathy, prayers and support of the churches represented in this Association.

The following committee was appointed; Rev. H. Foshay-Bro. J. E. Masters, and Rev. S. W. Kierstead.

On motion the question of printing and publishing our minutes was next taken up, and after being discussed by Revs. H. Foshay, E. Kierstead, S. W. Kierstead, and Bro. John March, it was unanimously resolved to have the minutes printed as formerly.

Religious services began at 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. S. W. Kierstead, from Isaiah, 1st Chap., 18th verse, after which business was resumed.

Moved and carried that the Clerks and Moderator of the Association be a committee to attend to the printing of the Minutes.

The following Committee on Temperance was appointed to report this afternoon: Revs. H. Foshay, Curry, and Bro. Mellick.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. N. Roscoe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Afternoon Session opened with prayer by Rev. W. T. Corey.

Minutes of last meeting, read, corrected and approved.

The committee appointed to draft a resolution of sympathy with our Foreign Mission Work and Workers, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

MR. MODERATOR.—Your Committee appointed to draft a resolution expressive of sympathy with our Board of Foreign Missions, report:—

That under the circumstances, it is most important and seemly, that this Association express our confidence in and our sympathy with the brethren who conduct the affairs of our F. M. Board.

We realize to some extent the trying situation in which the Board is now placed, on account of lack of funds. Reinforcements are necessary, and the funds are not on hand to warrant the Board in sending the help necessary. We think it a thing to be lamented, that the churches are so slow in sending in their contributions, and sincerely hope that under the present need, the denomination will be equal to the faith placed in it, and that those churches which have not sent their contributions to convention plan, may make an effort to do so at once.

Respectfully submitted,

H. FOSHAY, Chairman of Committee.

A communication from the Rev. G. O. Gates asking our consideration of an accompanying form of return proposed to be adopted by all the Associations in the Maritime Provinces, in order that all the returns may be uniform, was presented. The proposed form was, after a short discussion, unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks was passed to all railways who have given reduced fares to delegates attending this Association.

A motion was also passed tendering the hearty thanks of the delegates to the people of St. George for their hospitality extended to delegates and friends attending the Association.

Rev. Dr. Bill, Chairman of Education Committee, being absent, Rev. H. Foshay was chosen chairman in his stead.

Singing by choir and congregation.

Committee on Temperance handed in their report. (See "D" Appendix.)

The resolution on temperance was spoken to by Rev.

H. Foshay, Bro. John March, Bro. Mellick and Rev. E. R. Curry, and adopted.

Moved and carried that the Clerk of the Association be directed to make arrangements with railway companies and other conveyances for a reduction of fares for those attending the Association next year.

Committee on Education reported.—(See "A" and "B" Appendix.)

Addresses on education were given by Revs. J. E. Hopper, D. D., W. J. Stewart, S. W. Kierstead, E. R. Curry, E. Kierstead, Bros. J. March, R. M. Hunt, and visiting Bro. Fitch and the resolutions passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned after prayer by Rev. W. T. Corey.

EVENING SESSION.

Evening Session opened with prayer by Rev. E. Kierstead. Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and approved.

Revs. W. T. Corey and H. Foshay were appointed delegates to Eastern N. B. Association. Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., and Bro. J. W. Mann, delegates to N. B. Western Association. John Dewar, delegate to Convention.

Moved and carried that the St. Martin's church prepare an Epitome of its history to be read before the Association next year.

Religious services began at 8 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. R. M. Hunt from Psalms 56 : 3. After sermon, social meeting ending at 10.15 the Doxology was sung ; and the Benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

(Signed)

REV. W. J. STEWART,
Moderator.

REV. H. FOSHAY,
Clerk.

Name

Bill, I. E., D.
Crandall, Da
Corey, W. T.
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Kelly, E. W.
Kierstead, E.
Kierstead, S.
Mutch, Robe
Roscoe, A. N.
Stewart, W.
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Spragg, Pete
Trimble, Jar
Washburn, A

Name

Davies, T. P.
May, James
Mann, J. W.
Nobles, B. M.
Parker, W.
White, Geo.
Corey, I. W.
March, Hen
Young, F. M.
Gamble, A.
Mellick, H.
Hunt, R. M.
Camp, Well
Jones, E. H.
Jenkins, G.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Name.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Bill, I. E., D. D.	St Martins	March 1829	Nictau, N. S.
Crandall, David,	Moncton	January 1831	Hammond, N. B.
Corey, W. T.	Havelock	November 1860	Grand Lake.
Crawley, T. W., A. M.	St Andrews	December 1856	Chester, N. S.
Cross, Henry	St John		Coventry, England
Foshay, Herbert	Sussex	July 1877	Lobo, Ont.
Hopper, J. E., D. D.	St John	Sep. 1867	Fredericton
Kelly, E. W., A. B.	St John	June 1876	Windsor, N. S.
Kierstead, E.	Collina Corner	October 1840	Studholm
Kierstead, S. W.	Smithtown	June 1876	Hillsdale
Mutch, Robert	Rothesay	June 1864	Cooper, Maine
Roscoe, A. N.	1st St George	March 1880	Port Medway, N. S.
Stewart, W. J.	Portland	June 1876	Carleton
Spencer, James	St John	May 1853	Chester, N. S.
Spragg, Peter	Springfield	May 1840	Springfield
Trimble, James	Pennfield	February 1845	
Washburn, A.	St Martins		Loch Lomond

LICENTIATES.

Name.	Residence.	Date of License.	Church Licensing.
Davies, T. P.	St Martins		Brussels Street
May, James S.	Portland		Portland
Mann, J. W.	St John	1882	Brussels Street
Nobles, B. N.	Springfield	1881	Springfield
Parker, W. F.	St John	1880	Germain Street
White, Geo. R.	St Martins		St Martins
Corey, I. W.	Acadia College	1880	Musquash
March, Henry	Willow Grove		Willow Grove
Young, F. M.			1st St George
Gamble, A.			1st St George
Mellick, H. G.	Musquash		East Point, P. E. I.
Hunt, R. M.	St Stephen	1879	Dartmouth, N. S.
Camp, Wellington	1st St George		Jemseg
Jones, E. H.	St John	1881	Germain Street
Jenkins, G. F.	St John	1881	Germain Street

SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION STATISTICS:

No.	CHURCH.	Date of Organizat'n	Pastor or Minister.	Date of Settlement.
1	Sussex			
2	Rothsay	1871	H. Foshay	
3	Hammond		S. W. Kierstead	1880
4	Collina	1855	R. Mutch	1882
5	Penobsquis	1840	W. T. Corey	1881
6	Greenwich Hill	1823	H. Foshay	1881
7	Kars	1876	"	1880
8	Norton	1858	C. B. Lewis	"
9	Hampton	1800	"	"
10	Portland	1821	S. W. Kierstead	"
11	Germain Street, St John	1842	W. J. Stewart	1879
12	Leinster Street, "	1810	Henry Cross	1882
13	Brussels Street, "	1860	E. W. Kelly	1882
14	St Stephen	1850	J. E. Hopper, D.D.	1880
15	Hampton Village	1870	R. M. Hunt (Lic.)	1889
16	Willow Grove	1877	"	1881
17	1st St George	1860	Henry March (Lic.)	1881
		1863	A. N. Roscoe	1881

Letters were sent from St. Martins, Pennfield, Marsh Bridge, South Musquash and Dipper Harbor, and Springfield; but not being in the regular form, the information required by this table cannot be given.

MEMBERSHIP AND

No.	CHURCH.	MEMBERSHIP.						No. Reported last year.	Present Membership.
		Increase.			Decrease.				
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Died.	Dismissed	Excluded.		
1	Sussex	16	5		1		3	119	131
2	Rothsay								25
3	Hammond			2					68
4	Collina				2	4	3	73	91
5	Penobsquis	15	2		1	4	38	84	53
6	Greenwich Hill	11	1		2			75	73
7	Kars				1			39	38
8	Norton				1	2			60
9	Hampton								28
10	Portland				4			328	338
11	Germain Street, St John	13			4	6		369	365
12	Leinster Street, "	3	2	1	3	10	4	223	259
13	Brussels Street, "	24	28		3	10	10	369	381
14	St Stephen	9	25	1	3			101	117
15	Hampton Village	14	5			3			34
16	Willow Grove				1		1		21
17	1st St George								19
18	South Musquash and Dipper Harbor	14				2			106
19	Springfield	1			1	5		133	128
20	Pennfield	12							136
21	Marsh Bridge	5	2						40
22	1st St Martins								
	Totals	137	70	4	28	61	62	270	260

CHURCH

Church	Date of Organization.	Pastor or Minister.
J. S. Trites		
J. S. Kierstead		
George Tabor		
F. J. Kierstead		
S. T. Morton		
W. J. Cheyne		
John McIntire		
J. G. Hayes		
I. Smith		
A. S. Spragg		
T. D. Denham		
George Mitch		
W. W. Weeks		
G. W. L. Abba		
A. A. Mahee		
Stephen Hall		
J. M. O'Brien		

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Date of Organization.	Pastor or Minister.
1873	J. S. T
	Georg
1845	J. W.
1852	Edwin
1882	C. M.
	J. Car
1842	M. E.
1819	T. S. S
1860	A. W.
1850	J. C. I
1869	Edwar
	John
	S. L. V
	A. C. I
	Willia

CHURCHES AND VALUATIONS.

Church Clerk.	Post Office Address.	Church Property.		
		Value of Church Edifice.	Seating Capacity	Value of Parsonage.
J. S. Trites	Sussex, Kings Co.	\$4000	550	
J. S. Kierstead	Rothsay	1000	300	
George Tabor	Upperton, Kings Co.	1200	1000	
F. J. Kierstead	Collina	500	150	
S. T. Morton	Penobsquis	1800	450	
W. J. Cheyne	Greenwich Hill	600	400	
John McIntire	Downey Office	600	200	
J. G. Hayes	Norton		200	
I. Smith	Smithtown	550	250	
A. S. Spragg	Indiantown	5000	500	
T. D. Denham	St John	35000	800	\$7000
George Mitchell	"	40000	600	
W. W. Weeks	"	15000	1000	
G. W. L. Abbott	St Stephen		360	
A. A. Mahee	Hampton Village	2000	400	
Stephen Hall	Willow Grove, St John	1200	150	
J. M. O'Brien	St George	3700	300	1500

No letters were received from Fairfield, St Springs, Springfield 2d, St Martins 2d, Zion (Carleton), Baillie (St James), Bocabec, Ledge (Dufferin), Oak Bay, St Andrews 2d, Rolling Dam, St George 2d, Second Falls St George, and Tower Hill

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Date of Organization.	Superintendent.	SABBATH SCHOOLS.						
		No. of Schools.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Teachers.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Papers Distributed.	No. of Weeks in Session.	Expended during Year.
1873	J. S. Trites	1	95	9	250	2400	52	\$29.25
	George Tabor	1	40	6	200			
1845	J. W. Foster	1	60	6	40		24	5.00
1852	Edwin Freeze	1	40	4	60	300	22	
	Edward Neal	1	30	6	100		26	10.00
1882	C. M. Morrell	1	35	5	160		20	
	J. Carson	1	35	5				4.10
1842	M. E. Cowan	1	225	23	500	1800	52	300.00
1819	T. S. Simms	1	173	20	400	2960	52	191.00
1860	A. W. Masters	1	221	22	450	210	52	150.00
1850	J. C. Dumaresq	1	230	25	287	6816	51	245.04
1869	Edward Price	1	150	12	475	80	52	100.00
	John Dewar	1	50	6	50	50	48	32.00
	S. L. Wiggins and J. Hepburn	2	60					
	A. C. Poole		50	7	75	400	25	10.00
	William Vaughan and Rev. A. Washburn	2	255		750			125.00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF MONIES RECEIVED AT THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD AT ST. GEORGE, IN JUNE, 1882.

Name of Church.	Minute Money.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Con. Fund.	Total.
Leinster Street, St. John.....	\$2 00	\$	\$	\$	\$2 00
Brussels Street, ".....	5 00				5 00
Portland, ".....	3 00				3 00
Studholm.....	1 25				1 25
Saint Martins.....	2 00				2 00
Hamptol. Village.....	50				50
Penobsquis.....	1 00				1 00
Norton.....	1 00				1 00
South Musquash and Dipper Harbor.....	50				50
Pennfield.....	50				50
Marsh Bridge.....	1 00				1 00
Hammond.....	1 00				1 00
1st Springfield.....	70				70
Kars.....	25				25
Germain Street, St. John.....	5 00				5 00
Willow Grove.....	50				50
Sussex.....	1 50				1 50
Saint George.....	1 50				1 50
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Deacon Mann, ".....			1 00		1 00
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Clinch's Mills, June, 1882.

C. F. CLINCH,
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RESOLUTION CONCERNING SEMINARY.

Whereas, The N. B. Baptist Educational Society was founded to provide instruction in the higher branches of education, under religious influences, and

Whereas, The Society for some time has not had in operation a Seminary, but has its funds invested and bearing interest, and

Whereas, The demand for educating our children under christian influences, is now with us an imperative necessity ; therefore

Resolved, That this Association expresses its firm belief, that the time for the N. B. Baptist Educational Society to resume its work, of providing a Seminary for our sons and daughters, has fully arrived, and we urge it to take such action to effect this end, as it shall deem wisest and best.

W. T. COREY.

B

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education, report that it affords us, as an Association, much pleasure to be able to report that Acadia College is still doing an educational work for our denomination not surpassed by that of any other denomination, or any Provincial University in these Maritime Provinces. It needs, and always will continue to need more money and men, in order to meet the increasing demands of this progressive age.

Horton Academy is still doing a good work, but it much needs an increase of patronage and means, in order to make it such a feeder of the college as is demanded.

Acadia Seminary has never before been so prosperous. The preceptress Miss Graves is winning golden opinions from her increasing number of pupils, and the school deserves all the good things said of it.

We are also glad to learn that the Theological department is being better patronized, and we would urge all our licentiates to avail themselves of the advantages it supplies.

Your Committee further recognize the fact that next year will be the Jubilee year of the N. B. Baptist Educational Society. We therefore heartily approve of the resolution already submitted to this body, urging the Society to resume the work of sustaining an academic school in this Province.

HERBERT FOSHAY, CHAIRMAN OF COM.

C

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Obituaries beg to report that we regret they cannot report the ranks unbroken, as was reported last year. God has taken from us Bro. W. A. Corey, one of the standard-

bearers in the army of the Lord of Hosts. He nobly bore that standard for a quarter of a century, and many souls were brought to Jesus by him in that time. Bro. Corey entered in March 1882 into his eternal rest. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, Yea, saith the Spirit, they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Your Committee further recommend the passing of the following resolution :—

Whereas, God in his providence has removed from earth to heaven our beloved brother W. A. Corey,

Resolved, that this Association do extend to the Widow of Bro. Corey and the fatherless children its deepest sympathy.

W. J. STEWART. } COM.
A. N. ROSCOE. }

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COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows :—

That while temperance workers have put forth earnest efforts to stop the destructive march of the demon, strong drink, we are sorry to report that during the past year that success which we would desire has not attended their efforts.

Although our hopes were raised by the passing of the "Canada Temperance Act," it has not accomplished, as yet, what its friends had hoped for, the suppression of the sale and use of intoxicating liquor. But we hope that the decision of the Privy Council, which is anxiously waited for, will approve of the judgment of the lower courts. Then it will be the incumbent duty of all Baptists to do their utmost to enforce it.

The cause of Temperance rests largely in the hands of the christian church. No pastor therefore, should fail to denounce from the pulpit, and outside, this terrible evil of intemperance.

It is necessary, if the drunkard is to be saved, if the young are to be preserved, for all the members of our churches to not only "taste not; touch not; handle not;" but to labor in their different spheres of position in life. Let our influence be felt on this side, for it is Christ's side, and he has said, "he who is not for me is against me."

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. MELLICK.

E.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions respectfully report as follows :—

The need of the combined and increased interest of our Baptist churches in the Home Mission work is as great and pressing to-day as at any previous period of our history. On every hand we note the destitution of gospel privileges which prevails, the weakness of small and scattered churches, and the thoughtlessness of too many of our people to the existing condition of affairs.

What could be accomplished under the circumstances, and with the means at their command, we believe the Board of Home Missions have succeeded in doing well. Thus far in the year—covering a period of about nine months—they have sent out into the destitute parts of the country under their jurisdiction, fifty faithful preachers of the truth. These men have labored on forty-seven different fields, of which seventeen are located in this Province, about one-third of these being within the

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bounds of this Association. They report one hundred and fifty persons baptized and added to the churches, the organization of two new churches, and the opening up to present and future operations of several new and promising stations.

The total amount of money granted by the Board to these fields has been \$4,800, of which \$1,606, or one-third, was voted to our own Province. The total receipts have been \$2,610, of which \$470 only has come to hand from the New Brunswick churches. To complete the work already arranged for and what may yet be attempted, it will be necessary to raise an additional sum of \$3,400, about \$1,500 of which is the proper share of this Province.

It becomes evident, then, that our churches must awake more fully to their duty in respect to the great question of christian beneficence. In this association there are 38 churches, and a membership of over 3,000. The contribution of an average sum of 25 cents a member—an amount which is one-third less than that apportioned to Home Missions by the Financial Committee of Convention, would raise about one-half of the quota of the whole Province, and this, at least, ought to be done before the close of the Convention year.

When we look around us and behold the waste fields uncared for, and the little of good seed once planted fast being choked by weeds and wild vines: your Committee realize that we as churches, represented here by pastors and laymen, have been all too neglectful of our duty to God and to our fellow-men, and that we can never look with any degree of confidence for personal blessings until we seek out the old paths, restore the breaches, and plant the standard of Christ and Baptist doctrine on every field of conflict, and rally round it to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MARCH.

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AN EPITOME OF NORTON CHURCH HISTORY.

This Church was organized in the year 1800, A. D., mainly through the instrumentality of Elder James Innis, who had been a sergeant major in the British army, and was discharged in 1783 in Nova Scotia, and afterwards settled in this Province. Mr. Innis was at that time an Episcopalian, but it pleased God the Holy Spirit to produce a saving change in his heart by means of truth, which had fallen into his mind from some unrecollected source. After he had experienced the favor of God in his own soul, he felt it to be his duty to make known to others the love of the Saviour, which he did constantly in an earnest and affectionate manner; some time afterwards his attention was drawn to the subject of believer's baptism, in conversation with a Mr. Medcalf, a Baptist, he was convinced of its importance, and returning home across the river near his own house, he resolved that as his blessed Lord had been baptized in a river, he would embrace the first opportunity and follow his example. Not long afterwards, Elder Joseph Crandal and Elder Theodore S. Harding passing through the place administered the ordinance of baptism to Mr. and Mrs. Innis, who were the first to obey our blessed Lord's command in this part of the Province. Mr. Innis's preaching was blessed and owned of God in the conversion of sinners, a number of whom were baptized, and a Church was formed by Elders Crandal and Harding, who in accordance with the wishes of the Church invited Mr. Innis to accept of ordination and become their Pastor. He at first de-

clined, but subsequently yielded to the judgment of his brethren, and after the necessary preliminaries was ordained on the 22nd of September, A. D. 1800. The power of the Holy Spirit was felt on this occasion and on the following days when 18 believers were baptized and added to the Church.

The following is a copy of the original certificate given to Elder Innis on the day of his ordination:—

“This may certify all people and Churches of Christ, wheresoever they may come, that we, the subscribers, after satisfactory acquaintance with the ministerial gifts and qualifications that our well beloved brother, James Innis, is endowed with; and after being examined and chosen by the Church of Christ, consisting of Baptists, in the township of Norton, Kings County, and Province of New Brunswick, for their Pastor and teacher in the name and behalf of the Churches to which we respectively belong, have proceeded to set apart this, our brother, by the imposition of hands, unto the work of the ministry to which he was chosen, and hereby recommend him, as an able minister of the New Testament, to all Churches of Christ and to all people where God in His Providence shall call him to improve those gifts he has given him.”

THEODORE HARDING,

Pastor of the Church of Christ in Horton, K. Co., N. S.

JOSEPH CRANDAL,

Pastor of the Church of Christ in Sackville, W. Co., N. B.

NORTON, 22nd September, and year of our Lord 1800.

The church continued to prosper under his ministry, and the year following two acres of land were purchased, and a house of worship commenced. Elder Innis did not confine his labors to Norton exclusively, but preached the gospel in the regions around about, amidst much opposition and persecution, travelling through Hammond River to Saint Martins, and numbers were converted to God, among them a Mrs. Bull of Hammond River, who desired baptism although an invalid and weak in health. Elder Innis in obedience to the Lord's command baptized her, upon which her husband with some others lodged a complaint against him before Judge Upham. The Judge advised them to wait thirty days in order to see if her health sustained any injury from her immersion. In the mean time, the Judge wrote a cautionary letter to Mr. Innis in not conforming to the rules of the National Church, and threatening him with a penalty in administering the ordinances without a license therefrom. Mr. Innis wrote an answer to the letter which it appears satisfied the Judge, as no further proceedings took place. However, at the end of thirty days, Mrs. Bull's health instead of declining was almost restored, and she subsequently recovered. The Lord removed this esteemed minister from the church militant to the church triumphant in the year 1813, Elder David Harris preaching his funeral sermon.

In 1819 the church joined the Association. In 1824 the Association was held here, the church wished to call Deacon Francis Pickle to take the Pastoral charge, wrote to the Association concerning his ordination, a counsel was called, and his ordination proceeded with; the church has retained its visibility until the present time, having had different Pastors to minister to it.

(Signed,)

J. G. HAYES, CLERK.

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ACT OF ASSEMBLY.

An Act for the Incorporation of Certain Bodies in Connection with the Eastern and Western Baptist Associations.

Passed 12th April, 1855.

WHEREAS certain persons are associated together in Churches constituting a religious community known as the Baptist Church, in connection with the Eastern and Western Baptist Associations: And whereas sundry chapels and other buildings have been erected, and land purchased or otherwise conveyed or held in trust for the use of such churches in the several Counties of this Province, or for educational or other benevolent objects in connection therewith, and in conveniences have been experienced in managing the same by Trustees, without being incorporated for that purpose:—

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

1. Every Board of Trustees of any Chapel or Seminary for education, and land and buildings held therewith, or held for the purpose of erecting any Chapel or Seminary thereon for the use and benefit of any Baptist Church in connection with the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, or in connection with any Baptist Education, or other Society, to be hereafter chosen for any such purpose, and their successors, shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Baptist Chapel," or other property as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property may be situate and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal renewable at pleasure, power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and improve, sell, let, or assign the same or any part thereof, or any interest in or arising out of the same, and make bye-laws, and exercise such other powers as are conferred by law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of the said Chapel, or other property for the benefit of the Church to which the same may belong, or the educational or other objects to which it may be devoted.

2. All Chapels or other property as aforesaid, held in trust as aforesaid in any part of the Province, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned, and a conveyance thereof shall be made to the Corporation by the existing Trustees; and the said Corporation shall then hold the same for the purposes aforesaid with as good a title, legal and equitable, as such Trustees had at the time of the conveyance.

3. Every such Church, together with the congregation regularly attending and contributing to its funds by pew rents or otherwise, may annually at such time and in such manner as each Church shall prescribe by the male members present at any meeting for the purpose elect any number of Trustees, not less than three nor more than nine, from among the male members of the said Church or congregation, or both, who shall continue in office for one year, or until others are elected in their stead.

4. Every meeting of the Church, or Church and congregation, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall not on notice to be given by the Pastor or minister presiding over the same, or if there be none, by any Deacon thereof, of any usual meeting of the Church for worship or business.

5. Such Trustees may, on due notice, meet together and manage the temporal affairs of the Chapel for which they are elected, and the property in connection therewith, for the benefit of the Church, to which it shall belong.

6. Every Educational or other Society as aforesaid, may, at its Annual Meeting to be held at either of the said Associations, or elsewhere, on notice by post or otherwise, elect from among its members such number of Trustees as may be deemed necessary for the management of the affairs of any Seminary in connection therewith, who, together with all the ministers of the denomination accredited at such Association as additional or ex-officio Trustees, may transact its business on due notice to be given as aforesaid, or by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose at the same time by the said Trustees.

7. Whenever by this Act any Board of Trustees or number of persons may require to do any act, a majority of those present at the meeting shall be sufficient for the purpose.

8. The annual revenue derived from the rent of lands belonging to any such Chapel, Seminary, or Society as aforesaid, shall not exceed five hundred pounds.