

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH**  
**GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**OF THE**  
**FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS**

**OF**  
**NEW-BRUNSWICK,**  
**HELD AT NORTH BRANCH OROMOCTO, Q. C.**

**July 5th, 7th, and 8th.**

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NORTH BRANCH OF OROMOCTO, Q. C., }  
July 5th, 1856.

1. The twenty-fourth Annual Session of the General Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, commenced with the Church at the North Branch of the Oromocto this day. A very large assembly were in attendance; a Social Meeting was convened at 10 o'clock, A. M., and while a large number spoke of the goodness and favour of God, it was evident that His presence was in our midst.

2. At half-past 3 o'clock, P. M., met for business. The following were the members of Conference:—

## MINISTERS.

SAMUEL HARTT,  
JOSEPH NOBLE,  
JOHN PERRY,  
GEORGE ORSER,  
E. SIPRELL,  
WM. KINGHORN,  
ALEXANDER TAYLOR.

CHARLES McMULLIN,  
EDWARD WAYMAN,  
E. McLEOD,  
JOHN WALLACE,  
JACOB GUNTER,  
ROBERT FRENCH,

## LICENCIATES.

CYRELL DOUCETT,  
JOHN HAMILTON,  
WM. M. KNOLLIN,  
THOMAS CONNER,

GEORGE A. HARTLEY,  
GEORGE T. HARTLEY,  
EDWIN GARRITY,

## DELEGATES.

FIRST DISTRICT.—JAMES FITZHERBERT,  
SECOND DISTRICT.—WILLIAM MALLORY,  
THIRD DISTRICT.—G. F. ATHERTON, G. N. MAXSON,  
FOURTH DISTRICT.—R. WEBB, C. GUNTER.

FIFTH DISTRICT.—LEONARD SLIPP, D. W. CLARK,  
SIXTH DISTRICT.—ROBERT McLEOD, ROBERT KEITH,  
GEORGE MCCREADY, CLERK.

B. J. UNDERHILL, Recording Secretary to General Conference.  
E. M. TRUESDALE, Assistant " " "

**Delegates from Nova-Scotia Conference.**

REV. DAVID ORAM,                      REV. S. W. BENNISON.  
REV. D. THORP, *Visitor*.

**Delegates from the United States.**

REV. CHARLES E. BLAKE, Delegate from the Kennebec Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists.  
REV. O. R. BACHELOR, M. D., Delegate from the Freewill Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

These last arrived during the afternoon Session.

3. After singing and prayer, Rev. Samuel Hartt was unanimously chosen Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Corresponding Secretary being called on for his Annual Report, the following was then read by him :

**ANNUAL REPORT**

*Of the progress of the Gospel among the Free Christian Baptist Churches in New Brunswick during the year ending July 1st, 1856.*

The mode of presenting the state of our denomination at this time, is different from that of former years. Formerly the Delegates from the District Meetings reported such information as they collected from the Messengers of the Churches, which with the records of the District Meetings constituted the Annual Report. But as this information was quite too voluminous to publish, besides embracing a great deal of matter not necessary for publication, the present plan has been adopted ; that is, for the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference to procure all the information that he can, not only from District Reports, but also from other sources, and embody it in an address to the Conference, subject to corrections and additions, in such a form, and within such limits as will render it convenient and desirable for publication in the Minutes of Conference. In accordance with this plan your Secretary proceeds to present you with the present Report. Although he deeply regrets that from several District Meetings he has received no Report, and also from several of his brethren in the Ministry he has had no communication, and therefore any defects or omissions may not be attributable to neglect on his part, but to a want of information from proper sources, which have failed him.

This, beloved brethren, is our TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Twenty-four years since, and a few brethren,—very few of whom, we believe, are here to-day—were assembled in the Parish of Wakefield, and were organized as a body of Christians under the name of the New Brunswick Christian Conference. Prior thereto, we who are now people, were not a people in any organized capacity, except in Church relation ; a few of which had existed a short time only. The element of which our body was composed had long existed however in the province ; it had been brought to our shores by the pious emigrants

from other lands—it had been nourished and fanned by the devoted Alline, who many years ago visited New Brunswick—it had been cherished and preserved through instrumentalities that God had appointed, which though despised by men, were approved and honored by Him; and in process of time—every thing in the wisdom of God being prepared therefor—it developed itself in Christian organization—and to-day exists in the form of about seventy Churches spreading themselves throughout the land; as well as in the large and Christian assembly now before us, which is gathered from almost every part of our Country and Province.

The organization of our first Conference was of course very imperfect—many causes conspired to render it so. Indeed it could hardly be expected that men whose only intent was the conversion of souls, and who were also unacquainted with the organization of large bodies, could at the first effort perfect the plan they had in view. In this they did not differ from others—no associate body of men were ever perfected in their organization at once. Time has been required to accomplish the intent in view. Among the defects of our first organization was the want of a proper synopsis of our faith as a religious body. The Bible—and the Bible only—was received as our rule of faith. Soon however, very soon, it was found that this left room for the introduction of pernicious errors under the pretext of being Bible doctrines, added to which, was our being exposed to have palmed upon us the most extravagant follies and fallacies by our enemies under the name of doctrines believed by us. These things rendered the adoption of a "Treatise of Faith" absolutely necessary for our protection from the reproach of our enemies, as well as to prevent the introduction and reception of erroneous doctrines among ourselves. Another defect in our first organization was in "name." The simple appellation of "Christian" while it expressed our profession in one sense, it nevertheless as a denominational appellation subjected us to an identity with Unitarians and Campbellites, with whom we never had any connection; also, with Come-outers, and other extravagant classes and individuals whose notions and vagaries separated them from properly organized and systematic bodies. This rendered the adoption of a distinctive name necessary by us, and hence after long and mature deliberation, it was unanimously agreed to take our present appellation, and which seems to express our real character in few words. We have deemed the foregoing reference to these features in our history necessary in this, our first Annual Report, in the present form.

In entering upon the record of the last year, the first thing which seems necessary for us to refer to, is the demise of our venerable Father in the Gospel, Elder Robert Colpitts, which took place at his residence in Norton on the 7th of November last, at the advanced age of 86 years. For several years this respected minister of Christ had been incapacitated from labouring much through age and infirmity; but his life from about his twenty-seventh year, was devoted to the cause of the Redeemer; he enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him—and none doubt his glorious reward. His venerable widow—venerable with piety, as well as with age, still survives him. Our General Conference, as you are aware, is composed of six Dis-

strict Meetings, each of these comprising a number of churches. The first commences with the church on the Aroostook River, and extends down the St. John River, on both sides, as far as Wicklow and Kent, and includes eight churches. In this field, which is large and destitute, we are not informed that any great amount of labour, by our brethren, has been expended, except a portion by Elders Sisson and McMullin.

At a meeting held last autumn, with the church at the Bishop Settlement, a revival influence was felt, and five persons professed faith. Brother Siprell, during a visit since to another church, enjoyed a season of interest, and some were baptized. From the best information we can get of this district, it is a large and inviting field. The harvest is great, but the labourers are few. And we have no doubt if labour could be supplied, large gatherings would be made to the churches already planted, as well as many new ones be raised up.

The Second district reaches from the lower end of the first, down both sides of the St. John River, as far as Woodstock, and embraces twelve churches. In this district several of our ministering brethren reside; Elders Hartt, McMullin, Orser, Siprell and Bell; though all their labour is not by any means expended there. The last meeting of this District was held in October last, at which time eleven churches were reported. These embraced at that time seven Sabbath Schools, containing an aggregate of 234 children. The calls for ministerial help at that meeting were loud and pressing; but few churches were enjoying anything like stated labour. Brother Bell had a regular engagement with the Church at Lower Brighton, beyond this we have not been informed of any, and the cause was not promising, except in the manifest anxiety that was felt for revival. Since that time, however, this District has shared largely in the Divine blessing. At Bridgewater and Portland, Elders Bell and Taylor laboured a few days in a work which had been previously commenced. Elder T. baptized eleven and then left the place; Elder B. continued, and subsequently baptized fifty-five; a new branch Church was formed at Portland containing over thirty members. At Wakefield, Elders Bell and McMullin laboured for some time, and the work of God was revived. Thirty-two persons were baptized in that place by brother Bell. A work was also commenced in the neighbourhood of Presqu'isle Island, under the labour of brother McMullin, and aided by brethren Siprell and Woodward, was continued. In this work about forty were baptized. At Lower Brighton, during the spring, Elders Hartt and Bell laboured, and a most extraordinary work of grace commenced there. The whole land seemed deluged with the salvation of God. Every family in the place was visited from on high, and in a few days no less than seventy-three persons were baptized and added to the Church. From thence Elder Hartt went to Coldstream, Beckaguimick, where a revival was also witnessed; brother Hartt baptized twenty-six, and a church of twelve members was organized by brethren Hartt and Siprell. At the mouth of the Beckaguimick also the good work prospered and nine were added by brother Bell. During the last autumn Elder Hartt laboured in Williamstown, in the Parish of Simonds, and baptized nineteen. In this place no Church had previously existed; one was therefore organised by him, consisting of about twenty-six members.

A meeting house is in course of erection, and it is to be hoped that a foundation for much good in the religious instruction of the people there, and especially the young, is being laid. Elder G. Orser has also laboured and added a few to some of the churches in this district.

The Church in Woodstock, although not blessed with any particular revival, has been recently honoured in the midst of her affliction and sorrow, by giving *two young men to the work of the ministry*. They give unmistakable evidence of being "called of God" to the work, and we are happy to see them among us to day. A large and flourishing Sabbath School has also been organized there, and with constancy and faithfulness we believe they will survive, and outlive the wounds they have suffered. It is necessary to mention, in connection with this District, the work of revival and the organization of a new Church in the town of Houlton, Me. A few brethren from Queen's County had removed to Houlton, who deeply felt the want of their religious privileges, and felt moved on to set about "building a house for God." The most prominent man in this work we learn was brother Elijah Ebbett; a prayer meeting was started; Elder Penington who had been absent labouring for the Missionary Board, returned soon after, and a revival commenced, in which a number professed religion. The baptism of believers by immersion was a new thing in that town, and excited some curiosity, but was followed with happy results. The Congregational Meeting House was kindly offered brother P. for use, and large and attentive congregations availed themselves of his ministry. A Church was organized, consisting of thirty members, who have a Sabbath School and worship God in the house referred to, (it not being otherwise occupied.) We had the pleasure of visiting Houlton not long since; we regard it as a large and inviting district, and we trust our General Conference will not fail to give due consideration to any calls from this whitened harvest field.

The Third District embraces the Churches between Bel River and Fredericton inclusive, numbering in all, Ten. Elders Gunter and Kinghorn reside in this District, and their labour has been about all that was expended there during the year. The Annual Meeting of this District took place on Saturday last, with the Church in Southhampton. Elder Kinghorn reports to us that he has visited and laboured with seven of these Churches during the year; he has baptized eleven persons, and organized a new Church at Bear Island, consisting at present of twenty-four members; he has also organized three Sabbath Schools in this District, which are at present in efficient operation. The reports of the Churches at the District Meeting were interesting, and the services of the meeting were encouraging. A few persons were baptized at Southhampton, nearly a year since, by Elder Knowles, of Nova Scotia; a few also by Brother Hartt, at Campbell Settlement. An extension of care to the Churches comprising this District is deeply necessary, and claims the consideration of this Conference.

The Fourth District embraces the Churches below Fredericton, as far down as the 2d Church in Hampstead, and the Churches on the Oromocto. The Annual Meeting of this District was held in October last. It was a season long to be remembered. The Church where it was held (Hampstead) had just enjoyed an outpouring of the Spirit of God, under the labours of Elder J. Perry. The Church also, at the South

Branch of the Oromocto, had just been revived, and over sixty added by baptism, by Elder W. Pennington. Since that meeting no special revival has taken place in any of the Churches in this District, except one in Patterson settlement. The Church there having secured the labours of brother John Hamilton, who is a licenciate from the Church in St. John, he has laboured faithfully and successfully with them since last Autumn, and their standing is, we believe, much improved; thirteen were baptized in the Spring, and we learn that others have professed faith. The Church at Rushagornish has enjoyed the labours of Elder W. Kinghorn one quarter of the time during the last year, and in connection therewith, the Wassia, Beaver Dam and French Lake settlements, as far as Gary. Sabbath Schools exist in a number of Churches in this District.

The Fifth District is large, embracing fourteen Churches, among which are those of St. John and Carleton, St. Stephens and Campobello. In the annual meeting of this District which was held with the Church at Little River, Hampstead, in February, the two last were not represented, owing to the inconvenience of travelling from these places during the winter. This was one of the best District meetings that we ever attended. The blessing of God was evidently present from the commencement, and a revival followed in which over thirty were converted to God. In different churches in this District both before and since this meeting, the work of revival has been manifested, and a large number of souls have been brought to a true knowledge of the Redeemer. During the Summer, after our last General Conference, a work of revival took place at Douglas Valley. We spent several Sabbaths with the people there, baptized a number and organized a church of about thirty members. This is a destitute place and should be provided for by this Conference or by the Missionary Board. In Jerusalem, under the labours of our young brethren J. M'Kenzie and T. Conner, both of whom are Licentiates, an extensive work was begun and carried on. Elder J. Noble was sent by the Missionary Board to baptize and aid in the work. These young brethren have rendered faithful and efficient service in the cause of God during the past year. At Wickham, a revival has taken place. The Church there has been greatly restored, and twenty-one baptized and added. At Bald Hill, Elder Merrit has laboured during the winter, and has been greatly blessed with revival. In that and adjacent places he has baptized quite a large number of persons. He has also baptized a number in Hampstead.

In New Ireland a church composed of some who formerly belonged to the First Church in Hampstead, and others who professed conversion during the winter, has been organized by brother Merritt. During the autumn of last year Elder G. Orser visited the First Church in Greenwich, a revival followed his labour there, and twenty-two persons were added by baptism. In Saint John, during the whole winter, a revival interest was felt and especially toward the spring. Thirty-eight were baptized, and, with others previously

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baptized, were added. The Church in Carleton has had the pastoral care of Elder J. Noble ever since its organization, and has continually prospered. A large number have been added by baptism. The Church in St. Stephen is, we learn, striving to live.

Several large and flourishing Sabbath Schools exist in this District. We cannot close our Report of this District without noticing the extraordinary work of grace which has taken place during the past winter on the island of Grandmanan, under the labours of brother Doucett, a licentiate from this Conference. This Church, although not yet formally admitted into union, is, notwithstanding, one of our number, and only awaits the vote of this Conference or the District Meeting to take her place as such. There can be no doubt but God directed our brother to that destitute island, and gave him success there in his labours. After labouring some time, and a number being converted, Elder A. Taylor, pastor of the Church on Campobello felt it to be his duty without being advised of the state of the work, to visit brother Doucett, and see the result of his labour. On his arrival there, many were waiting for the ordinance of baptism, and the work took new vigour; eighty-seven were baptized in a short time, a Church was planted, and now numbers one hundred and six members. This, we believe, was a great and marvellous work of God. To him be all the glory.

The Sixth District held its Annual Session at the Millstream, commencing on Saturday last. This District embraces about thirteen Churches. But little revival has taken place in this District the last year; Elders G. Wayman, J. Wallace, and brother W. M. Knollin have been labouring among a portion of the churches; Elder J. Perry has also had the pastoral care of one Church—that at Millstream. Through the labours of brethren Wayman and Knollin a branch Church has been organized at the Portage. Brother Wallace, who has had the pastoral care of the Church at Lower Studholm, has enjoyed a revival, and about thirty have been added there. Great destitution exists in our Eastern Churches; they have not enjoyed any labour during the year except an occasional visit. The Missionary Board sent Elder J. Noble to visit these Churches a few weeks since. He represents them as strongly attached to us in doctrine and in fellowship, and calling loudly for care and encouragement. A large field is open here, and there is not a doubt but an efficient Missionary sustained in that region would be productive of a great amount of good to the people. Several places are in a state of comparative destitution, and means should be adopted by this Conference to supply a preached gospel to those especially whom the providence of the Lord has placed under our care.

In closing our Annual Report, we have to say with devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, that the year just closed has been one of unprecedented success in the conversion of souls. *Eight hundred and sixty* persons have professed faith, and been added to our Churches by baptism; and the Sabbath School interest has greatly increased; at our last Conference but twenty-two schools were reported, there now

exists *fifty-one*. Some of these are large and flourishing, having good libraries and other requisites, and are accomplishing a great work in the cause of God. Probably not less than two thousand children are every Sabbath taught in these alone in the oracles of God. Several brethren during the last year have declared their call to the work of the ministry, have entered the field, and have already been successful in their labours. The care of the Churches which we have planted is now demanding our attention in an especial manner, and measures should be adopted without delay to promote the growth and strength of these bodies, which the great Head of the Church has confided to our care.

E. McLeod, *Corresponding Secretary*.

4. The Report being read, the following Resolution was offered and sustained by speeches from Revd's J. Noble, E. Wayman, W. Kinghorn, J. Gunter, S. Hartt, E. McLeod, and brethren W. Peters, and S. Carlyle :—

*Resolved*, That the Report just read be received and printed in our Minutes ; and that this Conference acknowledges with devout thankfulness to God, his great mercy toward us during the last year, in blessing the labours of our ministers and adding to our churches by the conversion of souls. And further, that we feel called upon by a renewed obligation, to adopt every scriptural and judicious means in our power to watch over, instruct and build up the churches which have, in the good Providence of God, been placed under our care.

4. The Delegates from Nova Scotia next gave an interesting relation of the state of the cause in that Province. They traced the rise and progress of the Denomination to some extent, spoke of its trials and conflicts, its struggles and victories until the present time, when it was evident that increased vigor, because of increased numbers, was apparent. They represented the work in which they are engaged in that Province as going forward. Their addresses were listened to with deep interest, while their words of encouragement cheered many hearts.

6. The Delegates from the United States were next introduced to the meeting ; after which they each gave a short address in relation to the objects of their visit, and were listened to with much interest and great attention.

7. The following Committees being appointed, appointments were made for Sabbath, and the Business Session adjourned by prayer to meet again on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

#### COMMITTEES.

*On Sabbath Schools*.—Elder William Kinghorn, G. A. Hartley, George McCready, and G. Atherton, Jun.

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*On Temperance and Prohibition.*—Elders J. Ferry, S. Hartt, J. Gunter, B. J. Underhill, William Peters, Robert McLeod, and Robert Keith.

*On Colportage.*—Elders E. Wayman, A. Taylor, S. W. Bennison, and brother T. O'Donnell.

*On the Sabbath.*—Elders J. Hartt, C. McMullin, E. Siprell, D. Oram, R. French, and brethren G. T. Hartley, J. Hamilton, T. Conner, C. Doucett, and E. Garrity.

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### SABBATH.

8. At the early hour of seven o'clock on Sabbath morning, the people began to assemble at the place of worship. A season of prayer and social devotion was enjoyed; and long before 10 o'clock, (the time appointed for preaching), the gathering multitudes indicated that *all* would not find seats within on that day. Many were obliged to stand without. The services were opened by singing, and prayer by the Rev. S. W. Bennison, of Nova Scotia, after which the Rev. C. E. Blake, delegate from the United States, preached a sound and practical discourse from Luke xix. 13, "Occupy till I come." The sermon was listened to with deep attention, and was followed by remarks from Elders Hartt, Bennison, and others, after which the meeting closed, the next service to commence at half-past 10 o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon services as follows:—Singing, and prayer by brother Bennison, sermon by brother G. A. Hartley, followed by several exhortations; after which the Lord's supper was administered by Elder Hartt, to a large number of brethren and sisters. The exercises of the day will, we trust, be productive of lasting good.

Elders Oram and Taylor occupied the Meeting-house at the South Branch of the Oromocto; and Elders McMullin and Conner, the House at Pitterson Settlement. All the services interesting.

### Monday, July 7th.

9. Met pursuant to appointment at 9 o'clock, A. M. A large congregation of brethren and sisters present. Opened by prayer, after which Elder E. McLeod, who was appointed Missionary Agent at the last General Conference, gave the following statement of his labours in that capacity during the year.

## Statement of Missionary Agent.

In reviewing the labours of the last year, it is necessary to go but a little further. The Free Baptists of New Brunswick were from the beginning a missionary people. Our Fathers in the ministry planted us as a denomination, were in the strictest sense of the word *Missionaries*—they went everywhere preaching the word. But they went without the aid of any organizations, simply constrained by the love of Christ; and having no other object in view but the salvation of souls, they laboured at their own charges—defrayed their own expenses, and planted a large number of the churches which composed this General Conference. But ministers of Christ, as well as families, require food and raiment, as well as others; and in process of time those men who first laboured in this denomination found themselves embarrassed and unable to expend as much time in preaching the gospel as they had been accustomed to do. The consequence of this was, a lack of ministerial labour and care toward the churches, followed by corresponding declension, until, (as is well known), the ministers began to be very scarce among us. This suggested that some system should be adopted for the support of gospel labour, and in such a way that *all* might contribute something towards it. According to the plan of the General Conference held in Woodstock in 1853, it was agreed to sustain one Missionary. Elder Pennington was employed, and laboured during the year successfully. This encouraged greater exertions, and the following year three missionaries were engaged, (Elders Pennington, and Gunter,) who laboured nearly all the time, and their labours were correspondingly blessed. Still our plan of mission with time was not what was desirable, and with the Constitution of our Conference which was adopted last year, a system for the prosecution of our Missions was incorporated, which has been acted upon successfully during the year that has just closed. At our last General Conference you were pleased to appoint me to visit what churches I could find the year, to lay before them the importance of Home Missions, and to solicit aid to sustain them. I entered upon this labour the day following the close of that Conference. In Jacksontown, where the General Conference was held, a meeting was called and the subject presented by those notwithstanding the reverse that that people had but recently given in to with, in the loss of their place of worship by fire, and hence the expense of rebuilding, they nevertheless responded nobly, and the persons of £23 was subscribed at once, a large portion of it paid there by each, nearly all the balance since. The following Sabbath I visited the last General Conference at Brighton, where similar liberality was manifested. On my return home, I was called to visit Douglas Valley, where I found it necessary to labour a length of time. In this place about twenty persons were baptized, and a church organized consisting of thirty members. John River and subsequently the following places were visited by me, Upper Hamlet, Little River; North and South Branches of the Oromocto; Patte de Se Settlement; West side of Belisle; Studholm, and Wickham; and the last place a revival followed, and twenty-one persons were baptized besides the church being greatly restored. Two weeks were spent at Woodstock and vicinity. Several Sabbaths were spent in visiting places from home where no missionary collections or subscri-

solicited. Nearly one half the Sabbaths in the year were spent from home, the rest were employed in the work of God in the Church in Carleton contributed a collection to our Missionary Fund. In St. John, God blessed the people, and about thirty were baptized. They also contributed liberally. The whole raised during the year as may be seen in the Treasurer's account is about £250. In conclusion, I remark that I am persuaded that churches only need to have the wants of the cause properly set before them and they will respond; I have great confidence in our Churches, in order to prosecute this work effectually, I would recommend an Agent be appointed to visit all the Churches, and lay the state of the cause before them, and I am assured that they will contribute liberally, and the time will soon come when the destitution among the natives having claims on us will cease, while every man of God will be ready to sustain, and if any refuse to labour, the sin will be at their own door.

E. McLEOD, *Missionary Agent.*

The foregoing statement was immediately followed by the

### Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions in carrying out the duty which has devolved upon them during the present year, have found their greatest difficulty in procuring men willing to labour as Missionaries under the direction. This difficulty has probably been produced by different causes, all of which they trust will be removed in a little time, so that good of the cause, as well as for their own benefit, to labour in the plan of mission with the Missionary Board. Several brethren have been recommended with during the present year, and urged to labour in prosecution of the same in particular localities under our appointment; a number of whom have declined, and this has made the operations of the Board of General Missions far more limited than they expected or intended. Some come to the Board of Home Missions, sustained by funds entrusted to us, enough at least to warrant the prosecution of the work of Home Missions in a more or less regular and systematic form. Of the particular result of the labour where the Commission is given by those employed by the Board it is not necessary to speak, but recently given in the ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DENOMINATION, prepared and hence the Corresponding Secretary; they shall therefore confine themselves to the persons who have been employed by them, and the time if it paid them by each, during the year just closed.

At the last General Conference brother C. Doucett was recommended to find my person to labour in certain localities, and he was accordingly employed, and visited immediately after the Conference several persons and Settlements in Carleton County, and also went as far up the St. Lawrence River as Madawaska. After remaining a short time he returned to his home in August, and did not resume his missionary labors, until the first of September following. He then visited several places in Carleton County, where we, as a denomination, were unknown, and where the people were baptized, but he being only a Licentiate, could not of course baptize any Churches, or organize any bodies of people. He also spent in this way some time at St. John, spent a few days only there, then attended

ed the District Meeting at Upper Hampstead, and from thence went to Johnson, where he laboured for some time. From thence he returned to Eastport, where his family resides, and was directed to labour a season in Campobello and Deer Islands, and in any other destitute districts in these vicinities that he might choose. We have reason to believe that his labour was not in vain. His connection with the Board ceased on the first of January; the whole time which he was employed by the Board being a little over five months.

The next brother employed by the Board was Elder W. E. Pennington. His labours commenced in the month of August, and were confined principally to the Oromocto, Greenwich, and Lincoln. It was intended that he should visit the Eastern Churches, but returning home in November, and finding an interesting season in Houlton, where he resided, he was induced to remain there, and did not visit the east as was intended. His connection with the Board soon after ceased in consequence of his not labouring in the field which they wished to supply. The revivals which followed his labour at the Oromocto and elsewhere, are noticed in the ANNUAL REPORT.

Brother W. Yerxa was recommended to the Board at the last General Conference, as a lay brother who might be profitably employed for a season. He accordingly labored with Elder Pennington on the Oromocto, a few weeks, and in some other places. The whole time which he was under the direction of the Board, was sixty-four days.

Elder R. French was sent to visit the Churches in Johnson, Canaan, Millstream Mountain, and some other places. He spent twenty-two days in the employ of the Board, and they have pleasure in stating that he conformed strictly to every rule of Conference for the direction of Missionaries. His visit was a source of encouragement to those places, and the Board regret that they were unable to supply a greater amount of labor to the Churches visited by him.

Brother John Hamilton, who is a Licentiate from the Church in St. John, having labored faithfully in Douglas Valley, Nerepis, and some other destitute places, the Board considered it their duty under the peculiar circumstances in which he was placed to aid him in a limited degree, in order that he might not fall nor be discouraged through embarrassment. He was accordingly remunerated for about six weeks labor.

During the winter, brethren McKensie and Conner engaged in laboring at Jerusalem, and a revival followed; they being only Licentiates, it became necessary to send some ordained brother to aid in the work. Accordingly the Board directed Elder J. Noble to visit Jerusalem and adjacent places. He spent over five weeks under this appointment. Subsequently he was employed to visit the Churches in Westmorland. This visit of a few weeks was all the labour supplied by the Board to this eastern section of the country.

At the meeting of the Board in November, it was deemed expedient to supply preaching a portion of the time in the Meeting-house near Mr. Roach's, in Studholm; and brethren Wayman and Perry were accordingly engaged to attend to this duty. This arrangement, however, only continued a short time.

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County of Carleton, it was thought advisable to employ Elder C. E. Bell a portion of the time to labour there. He having engagements with a Church a portion of the time, the Board therefore employed him to spend the remaining part for which they engaged to pay him Twenty-five pounds. The result of brother Bell's labour is reported in the Annual Report.

A small sum was donated to Elder R. French, by the Board, in consequence of his being afflicted with long illness.

The Board in consideration of several visits to different places by Elder E. Wayman, have remunerated him to the amount of his expenses.

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11. At this stage of business, brother William Peters, of St. John, proposed being one of twelve persons, who would contribute *Five pounds each* toward the support of a Missionary during the ensuing year. The Missionary to be chosen by the persons contributing, but to labor under the direction of the Missionary Board.

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The balance, requiring three persons, pledging five pounds each, remains to be made up.

Several animating and interesting addresses were given on the subject of Home Missions, including the duty and blessing of contributing to the support of the gospel under every circumstance. It was an interesting season.

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*Afternoon, Monday.*

The afternoon was appointed for the Rev. O. R. Bachelor, delegate from the Freewill Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in the United States, to address the Conference and the public in the subject of Foreign Missions. The Rev. C. E. Blake also

gave an address, and a collection of *Forty-three* dollars was taken up for Foreign Missions. Adjourned to meet for business on Tuesday morning, at 7 o'clock.

Tuesday, 7 o'clock., a. m.

Opened by prayer.

### TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

The following *expression* on the subject of TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION was submitted by the Committee on that subject :—

The Conference is still pledged to the principles of Temperance and Prohibition. They believe the present Prohibitory Law is a measure well adapted to destroy to a great extent the evils of the Liquor Traffic, and hence the vice of drunkenness. They moreover believe that it has already, notwithstanding the determined opposition which it has received from various quarters, effected a considerable amount of good in some places by reducing the quantity of liquor used; and that evils attributed to the law arise from *opposition to it*; and *not* from the law itself; and further, that all Judges, Justices, and Law Officers, as well as good citizens, and especially Christians and Christian Ministers, should exert their influence to have the law judiciously executed. This Conference regret deeply the turmoil and strife which have recently been excited in this Province for the alleged purpose of testing this law by the people; but whatever reverses the law or our principles may sustain through other influences, the cause remains the same in its nature, and we believe is destined ultimately to prevail. For ourselves, we cannot go back. *We are Prohibitionists and shall remain so.* We shall labour to make the principles which it involves universal, and we urge upon our Churches and friends the importance of steadfastness in these principles, and in the practice of Total Abstinence.

This Conference further wishes to express their confidence in the Editor of the *Religious Intelligencer*, and they fully sustain him in the course he has pursued in relation to this great question.

### EDUCATION.

The Committee appointed last General Conference to Report on Education, submitted the following :—

The Committee appointed at the last general Conference to obtain certain information relative to the subject of education, beg to submit the following report :—

1. "The educational wants of our denomination." This they consider to be very great, arising from two causes; first, the value of a sound and useful education has not been clearly understood by our people, and hence it has not been appreciated as it should have been. Second, the facilities for education have been so exceedingly limited that when any did wish to advance beyond the ordinary bounds, it

was exceedingly difficult for them to do so, and hence the limited opportunities rendered education more limited and less sought after. We should not however omit noticing another cause which has had its effect, and that is, the idea that education is detrimental to piety. Not that ignorance is religion, but that knowledge promotes pride and destroys humility. But your Committee is assured that this is a great error, inasmuch as a sound religious education is one of the greatest blessings of earth, without which there can be no real moral or social elevation.

2. Your Committee have had some correspondence with some of the members of the late Government on this subject, but as a change has since taken place in the administration, it is therefore not necessary to report the result of that correspondence.

3. The best mode to give our children a sound religious education. Your Committee consider that such education must begin at home—its foundation must be laid in the nursery. To have a *sound religious* education, the *child* must be trained up in the way he should go—this in most cases is the germ of future usefulness. The next step is a proper system of common schools. Your Committee consider the present common school system of this Province very defective, they hope that some change may be made at an early day for the better; they cannot however but express their fear that due care may not be taken to insure the use of the Bible in all our common schools. As a Protestant nation, so deeply indebted to that precious book, which is the palladium of our liberties, both civil and religious, we ought to provide for, and insist on its use in every place of instruction which draws a stipend, or occasional grant, from the public funds. The common school system being controlled by the government it is of the utmost importance that men should be placed there who will not barter our rights, but who will fearlessly sustain the Protestant character of our nationality and institutions. But however good a common school system may be, it provides only for an ordinary and common education, comprising only the first branches of knowledge. In order to be prepared for the more elevated and usefull stations in life, an education superior to that obtained in these schools is necessary. And the opinion of your Committee is, that it is far more satisfactory to religious denominations, and more safe also for the morals and religious character of the youth, for each denomination to have under its controul educational establishments which shall meet the wants of its youth, and while preparing them for usefulness in secular callings, shall also conduce to securing their influence and example to the church. Educational establishments under the controul of the State will be either secular only in their character, or be under the influence of a State church so much as to render their characters offensive to other denominations. We are therefore of the opinion that denominational establishments for the education of youth are desirable and necessary. Your Committee are further of the opinion that the time has fully come, when the Free Baptists of New Brunswick should take action in this matter. Our young men are loudly calling on us

for educational facilities—our sons must be prepared to fill situations of trust, honor, and emolument, or submit to be hewers of wood, and drawers of water. Shall we open up to them the highway to eminence, or shall we bind on them the yoke of ignorance, or, what, is perhaps more likely, thrust them out from us to seek elsewhere what we refuse to provide for them, and thus deprive our churches of their best and most valuable members? These are questions of great importance and which appear to us must be decided in this Annual Conference. Your Committee recommend, in conclusion, that measures be immediately taken to get into operation as soon as possible an educational establishment, under our own influence and controul, in which the higher branches of knowledge shall be taught; in other words, an institution which shall answer every purpose necessary for an education less than a regular collegiate or university one.

Received.

*Resolved*, That the Editor of the "Religious Intelligencer" bring the subject of Education before the people through the columns of that paper, and endeavour to increase the interest on this subject during the ensuing year. And further *Resolved* That Elders S. Hartt, J. Noble, E. McLeod, and Deacons L. Slipp, and D. W. Clark, be a Committee to ascertain as nearly as possible the views and wishes of our people generally on this subject, and Report at the next General Conference.

### REPORT ON THE SABBATH.

12. The Committee appointed to Report on the Sabbath, submit the following:—

They regard the sanctification of the Lord's-day of Divine origin, and "a sign between God and us;" the religion of nations and communities may be known by the manner in which they keep the Sabbath day, and so also the religion of individuals. The sanctification of the Sabbath is one of the bulwarks of the Christian religion,—*secularize* the Sabbath, and one of the foundations of true godliness is demolished and a way opened for the final subversion of the Christian faith. The Sabbath "kept holy" is conducive to our worldly interests, to an honorable reputation, to social elevation, and promotes that "godliness which has "the promise of the life that now is, as well as that which is to come." Your Committee rejoice to learn that the anti-Christian efforts of some men in Great Britain to divorce the Lord's-day from its divinely instituted observance, and secularize it by act of Parliament, has been completely defeated by the Christians of England; they trust so great a blot will never be permitted in any Country or Province under British rule. But your Committee regret exceedingly that "the laws for the better observance of the Lord's-day" are not more rigidly enforced, and that examples for the violation of these laws are sometimes found among those whose duty it is to execute them.

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A government *without a Sabbath*, cannot be more religious than an individual without one. Your Committee, with these general remarks, would further observe; that they deeply regret the laxness with which some Christians keep the Lord's-day. In some instances, church members seem to regard it more as a day for sloth, or visiting, or gossiping, than for "resting" in the true sense, typical of that heavenly "rest which remains for the people of God." They would urge on all parents and heads of families the duty of "keeping the Sabbath-day holy;"—they are not only bound to do so themselves, but they are responsible for their children, their servants, their cattle, and even "the stranger that is within their gates." The violation of the Lord's-day by the children of Christian parents is an evil of great extent; and of many vile, and he restrained them not." Sabbath-breaking and parental disobedience go hand-in-hand, and are generally the first steps in viciousness and crime. Your Committee recommend the observance of the Lord's-day by prayer, reading God's word, family instruction, attendance at the place of worship, and the Sabbath-school; and they urge that no secular conversation be indulged in—no visiting from house to house for any purpose—no viewing of fields, nor planning of labour for the following week,—no improper conversation or lounging at Meeting-house doors—no saving of time by doing on that day, what should be done during the week. Your Committee would remark in conclusion, that many persons violate the Sabbath habitually, and because they feel no condemnation therein, they justify themselves; but the consequence of their sin is observable in their want of religious energy, their apathy for the welfare of others, and their lack of interest in whatever tends to the true promotion of God's glory. "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy."

Received.

### MISSIONARY AGENCY.

13. *Resolved*, That Elder J. Noble be employed by this General Conference to visit under the direction of the Missionary Board during the year, all the Churches in this Province, comprising our Denomination, and present to them the various interests of this Conference, especially the subject of Home Missions and Colportage, and solicit and receive collections and subscriptions therefor. That he report his labours to the Missionary Board at least once a month in writing, and that he receive £120 for his services.

### RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER AND BOOK STORE.

14. The accounts of the "Religious Intelligencer" and "Book Store" being submitted, and statements made relative to the prospects of these branches of Christian enterprise, the following resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Voted*, That Elder E. McLeod, continue Editor of the

"Religious Intelligencer" during the ensuing year, on the same terms as during the last.

*Voted*, That B. J. Underhill be appointed *Publishing Agent* for the "Religious Intelligencer," and also take charge of the "Religious Intelligencer Book Store," under the direction of the Board of Managers, during the ensuing year, and that the Board of Managers fix the salary for his services.

#### BOARD OF MANAGERS.

16. *Voted*, That the following brethren be Board of Managers for the ensuing year:—

E. McLeod, B. J. Underhill, Leonard Slipp, William Burnett, Wm. Peters, Benjamin Boal, James Slipp, Jun., D. W. Clark, Robert McLeod, Seth Erbb, John Good, James Lake.

#### BOARD OF MISSIONS.

17. Wm. Peters, E. McLeod, Leonard Slipp, Seth McLeod, James Lake, E. W. Flaglor, D. W. Clark, E. Wayman, B. J. Underhill, J. Perry, E. W. Truesdale, B. Boal.

#### AMERICAN DELEGATIONS.

18. Rev. C. E. Blake, Delegate from the Kennebec Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists, gave a statement of that Denomination in the United States, and spoke of the wish of that body to keep up a fraternal correspondence with our Conference.

Rev. O. R. Bachelor, also gave a relation of his object in visiting us, he being a Delegate from the Freewill Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, and mentioned his desire for us to aid in the great work of sustaining Missions to the heathen.

19. *Voted*, That this Conference have great pleasure in receiving the Rev. C. E. Blake, Delegate from the Kennebec Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists; and the Rev. O. R. Bachelor, Delegate from the Freewill Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. They feel that the communication made by these brethren have been cheering and edifying, and they rejoice in the prosperity with which God has crowned the labors of our Freewill Baptist brethren in the United States; and further that He is honoring them in the Foreign Mission Field. We have been instructed in the communications made by brother Bachelor, relative to the condition of the heathen, and we feel deep sympathy in this great work. We trust we shall be able to continue this fraternal correspondence which the Providence of God has seemed to open for us.

20. *Voted*, That Elder E. McLeod be authorised to act as a

Delegate from this General Conference; to the General Conference of Freewill Baptists to be held in Maineville, near Cincinnati, Ohio, in October next, and that £7 10 be appropriated toward defraying his expenses thereto and back.

### COLPORTAGE.

21. The Committee appointed on Colportage, submitted the following:—

Your Committee report that there has been a Colporteur, T. O'Donnell, in the field since the last Conference, sustained by the "Religious Intelligencer" Office. He has travelled extensively in this and the Sister Province, (N. S.), viz: through all the Counties in this Province, with the exception of two, and also took a three months tour in Nova Scotia; he has sold a considerable amount of Books, received quite a number of subscriptions for the Paper, and although the depressed state of the money market was such as not to warrant as favorable a report as would be desirable in a financial point of view, yet your Committee are glad to be able to report favorably, and to recommend that this Conference take immediate action to raise funds by subscription, donations or otherwise, to sustain the Colporteur enterprise, and to relieve the Office of the exclusive burden sustained by it the last year, viz:—

For salary to T. O'Donnell, to date,	£48 15 0
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The foregoing we submit for your consideration.

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22. *Resolved*, That our churches raise a sum of not less than one pound each to sustain Colportage during the ensuing year, that the Deacons of the respective churches are requested to urge the importance of this measure on the members, collect the same by subscription, contribution, or otherwise, and forward to B. J. Underhill, St. John; and further, that where this is not attended to by the Deacons, that Elder J. Noble in the prosecution of his agency see to it.

### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

23. We, the Committee appointed to report on the Sabbath-schools in connection with our Churches, have endeavored to gain what information we could on the subject, and we find reported in the

1st District,	2 Sabbath Schools,
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4th, “	7 “
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6th, “	9 “

Total, 51

From the source from which we have gathered our information, we find a general increase in the number, but we believe that some other means should be employed than are now in operation for the carrying forward of this good work. For this reason we recommend that an Agent be employed to look after the Schools already instituted, and to establish others in Districts and Churches which have none at present.

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24. *Voted*, That the Free Baptist Church at Houlton, Me., be received into membership with the SECOND DISTRICT; application being made by brother Elijah Ebbett, one of the Deacons, on behalf of said church.

25. *Voted*, That the Free Baptist Church, at Grandmanan, be received into membership with the FIFTH DISTRICT.

26. *Voted*, That Elders Hartt, Perry and Wayman, be a Committee to visit the Church in Fredericton, to investigate and settle matters therein.

27. *Voted*, That Elders Taylor, Wayman, and Noble, be a Committee to visit Grandmanan, and arrange for the further prosperity of the cause there.

#### DELEGATES TO NOVA SCOTIA.

28. That Elders S. Hartt, and E. Wayman, be Delegates to the Nova Scotia General Conference, to be held at Port Medway, on the third Saturday in September next. And that eight pounds be appropriated to defray expenses.

#### CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR.

29. *Voted*. That the next General Conference of Free Baptists in New Brunswick, be held with the Church in St. John, commencing on the first Saturday in July, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

#### LICENCIATES.

30. *Voted*. That Elders Hartt, McLeod, and Merritt, be a Committee to examine and set apart brother John Hamilton to the work of the ministry, whenever they may deem it necessary to do so.

31. *Voted*, That Elders Hartt, McLeod, McMullin, Taylor, and Wayman, be a Committee to examine and set apart to the work of the ministry by the imposition of hands, any, or all, the following Licenciates if necessary:—John McKenzie, George A. Hartly, George T. Hartly, Thomas Conner, E. Garrity, and Wm. N. Knollin.

32. *Voted*, That brother Hugh Davies have the confidence

and approbation of this Conference to exercise his gift in religious meetings, as he believes the Lord requires him.

33. *Voted*, That the Churches report to District Meetings either by letter or verbally, as they may choose; not to dispense however with representation by delegates.

34. *Voted*, That the Secretary of this Conference furnish the Ministers and Licenciates who may wish it, with certificates of their standing in this Denomination.

35. *Voted*, That two thousand copies of Minutes be printed for distribution among the Churches.

### DISTRICT MEETINGS.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING to be held in the Meeting-house in the Gallop neighbourhood, commencing the last Saturday in August next, 1856, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—Elders C. McMullin, George Orser, and C. E. Bell.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING to be held with the Church in commencing the last Saturday in October next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—Elders S. Harit, E. Siprell, W. E. Pennington.

THIRD DISTRICT MEETING to be held with the church in commencing the second Saturday in October next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—Elder J. Perry, J. Gunter, Wm. Kinghorn, and S. Harit.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING to be held with the Church in Gagetown, commencing the third Saturday in October next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—Elders Wm. Kinghorn, B. Merrett, E. McLeod, R. French, and J. Perry.

FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING to be held with the 1st Church in Greenwich, commencing the third Saturday in February next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—All the Ministers in the District, and Elder Wayman.

SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING to be held with the Church in the Middleland, commencing the fourth Saturday in June next. To attend—Elders John Wallace, J. Perry, and J. Gunter.

NOTE.—All ordained Ministers and Licenciates residing or labouring within the limits of any District, are expected to attend the meeting of said District.

# LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

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William Kimble,	1	0	0	Jacob Rideout,	0	5	0
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David Alexander,	0	10	0	James Bowyer,	0	10	0
Thomas E. Everett,	0	5	0	James N. Farley,	1	0	0
Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander,	0	5	0	Charles Buber,	0	5	0
Thomas Milbury,	0	2	6	George Curren,	0	5	0
Mrs. Margaret Palmer,	0	6	1	Benjamin Lovely,	0	5	0
Mrs. Edy Payson,	0	2	0	Elenor Stickney,	0	5	0
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CHURCH, ST JOHN.		34	19	11 7
B. J. Underhill,		3	0	0
John Cameron,		0	5	0
Hiram Kimble,		0	5	0
David Spaight,		1	0	0
D. J. Whelpley,		0	5	0
Charles Godsoe,		0	10	0
William Peters,		1	0	0
John Kimble,		0	10	0
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M. T. Brewer,		1	0	0
Jeremiah Brundage,		0	7	6
George Black,		0	10	0
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Andrew Davis,		0	5	0
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Mrs. Couillard,		0	2	6
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Mrs. H. Evens,		0	10	0
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Joseph Burden,		0	2	5
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James Slip, Sen.,		3	0	0
Marcus Palmer,		0	10	0
Daniel Palmer,		1	0	0
James Clark,		0	7	6
Asa Smith,		0	5	0
Samuel R. Slip,		1	0	0
James Slip,		1	0	0
G. R. Merritt.		0	5	0
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CHURCH, FREDERICTON.		63	18	24
John Smith,		0	5	0
Isaac S. Vanwart,		0	5	0
Stephen Smith,		0	5	0
Jacob Vanwart, Jun.,		0	10	0
George Clark,		0	5	0
Thomas Conner,		0	10	0
Jacob Vanwart,		0	5	0
Isaac Davis,		0	5	0
Charles Vanwart,		0	5	0
Elisha Clark,		0	5	0
Leonard Slip, Sen.,		3	0	0
William Slip, Sen.,		1	0	0
Benjamin Palmer,		0	10	0
Benjamin Hays,		0	10	0
Charles Porter,		0	5	0
Leonard Vanwart,		0	5	0
Henry Smith,		0	5	0
Asa Slip,		0	5	0
James Golding,		0	5	0
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CHURCH, MILL STREAM,				
STUDHOLM.				
Elder E. Wayman,		1	0	0
William McLeod,		1	5	0
A. Friend,		1	0	0
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Church,		1	6	1
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CHURCH, ARROSTOCK.				
Porter Ross,		0	10	0
Solomon Dean,		0	5	0
William Bishop,		0	5	0
Daniel Turner,		0	5	0
Amos Bishop,		0	10	0
Isaac Smith,		0	10	0
Alfred Bishop,		0	5	0
Bridget White,		0	5	0
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Thomas Everett,	90	19 11½	Caleb Fox,	112	16 5½
Lucy Ross,	0	5 0	William Case,	0	10 0
James Fitzherbert,	0	5 0	Miss Lucy Welch,	0	10 0
Catharine Ward,	0	1 3	Collection,	1	2 0
William Everett,	0	9 0	James Fox,	1	0 0
Caroline Boyer,	0	5 0	Margaret Ebbett,	0	5 0
			Collection to W. Yerxa,	0	12 6
CHURCH, UPPER HAMPTSTEAD.			CHURCH, JOHNSON.		
Benjamin Boa',	1	0 0	Gilbert Perry,	1	0 0
Carlton Peters,	1	0 0	James Starkey,	1	0 0
George Slip,	1	0 0	Joel Jenkins,	5	0 0
Abraham Gaunce,	1	0 0			
Leonard Peters,	1	0 0	CHURCH, BRIGHTON.		
George L. Slip,	1	0 0	Samuel Hayden,	0	5 0
John Slip, Jun.,	1	0 0	Miss Jael A. Hayden,	0	5 0
Christopher Gaunce,	0	5 0	Church,	1	7 0
John McAlpine,	0	12 6			
Elisha Slip,	0	5 6	2ND CHURCH, WICKHAM.		
John Fox,	1	5 0	Margaret Tottle,	0	5 0
Joseph McAlpine,	0	5 0			
Charles McAlpine,	0	10 6	CARLTON, ST. JOHN.		
William J. Peters,	2	6 0	Elder Joseph Noble,	1	0 0
Charles Ebbett,	0	10 0	Robert Brittain,	0	5 0
Leonard Dunphey,	1	0 0	Collection,	2	3 0
Gilbert Slip,	0	5 0	Daniel Clark,	1	0 0
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Mrs. Leonard Slipp, Jun.,	0	5 0	E. M. Truesdale,	1	0 0
Robert Slip,	1	0 0	Col. by Rev. E. McLeod	2	3 9½
Mrs. Murray,	0	1 3	Hon. Charles Connell,	2	10 0
Joseph Ebbett,	0	5 0	E. D. Brown,	0	2 6
William Robinson,	0	7 6	Robert Davis,	1	0 0
Miss Charlotte Peters,	0	2 6			
Miss Phoebe A. Peters,	0	2 6	NORTH BRANCH, OROMOCIO,		
Henry Holder,	0	5 0	BLISSVILLE.		
William Gaunce,	0	1 3	R. Webb,	2	0 0
Miss Isabel Fox,	0	2 6	Joseph Tracy,	1	0 0
" Amy Fox,	0	2 6	Mrs. R. Kelley,	0	5 0
Joseph Penry,	1	0 0	H. D. Curry,	1	0 0
Phoebe Brown,	0	5 0	Jeremiah Tracy, Jun.,	0	5 0
George A. Peters,	0	5 0	Joshua Thomas,	1	0 0
Everett H. Peters,	0	5 0	Abraham D. Peterson,	0	5 0
Henry Beatie,	0	3 9	Collection,	2	11 9
Sarah A. Rose,	0	5 0	David Hartt,	1	0 0
Miss Susan A. McAlpine,	0	2 6			
" Jane McAlpine,	0	2 6			
John Hopewell,	0	5 0			
James McIntire,	0	3 0			
Carried up,	112	13 5½	Carried up,	146	14 0

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112	16	5½	Brought up,	146	14	0	Brought up,	167	19	4
0	10	0	SOUTH BRANCH OROMOCTO,				CHURCH, GAGETOWN.			
0	10	0	BLISSVILLE.				Church,	0	10	0
0	5	0	Mose Parsons,	0	5	0	Charles Gunter,	0	10	0
1	2	0	John Smith,	0	5	0		0	10	0
1	0	0	Benjamin S. Bailey,	1	0	0	CHURCH, RUSHAGORNISH.			
0	5	0	Joseph Smith,	1	0	0	S. K. Nason,	0	3	0½
0	12	6	Levi N. Sharp,	1	0	0				
			Luke Dewitt,	1	0	0	CHURCH, LINCOLN.			
			Mrs. Hartt,	0	5	0	Collection to W. Yerxa,	1	3	0
1	0	0	John E. Smith,	0	5	0	Mrs. Duncan Glazier,	0	5	0
1	0	0	Miss Hartt,	0	5	0	" James Mitchell,	0	5	0
5	0	0	Miss Hartt,	0	5	0				
			William Smith,	0	5	0				
			William E. Perley,	0	11	0	KINGSTON.			
0	5	0	Mrs. E. Estabrooks,	0	2	6	Seth Ebb,	1	10	0
0	5	0	G. F. Smith,	0	5	0	John McKinzie,	0	15	0
1	7	0	Ebenezer Estabrooks,	0	5	0				
			Collection,	2	11	6	MILL STREAM MOUNTAIN.			
0	5	0	William Smith,	0	5	0	John Chowen,	0	5	0
			Mrs. Bailey,	0	5	0	Amasa Kennedy,	0	5	0
			Orlow Mersereau,	0	5	0	Alexander Kennedy,	0	5	0
							William Fenwick,	0	5	0
							Mathew Fenwick,	0	5	0
			PATTERSON SETTLEMENT,							
			BLISSVILLE.				CHURCH, SMITH CREEK.			
1	0	0	Walter Patterson,	0	15	0	Charles Keith,	0	10	0
0	5	0	James Kirkpatrick,	1	10	0	J. A. Goslin,	0	5	0
2	3	0	Mrs. Kirkpatrick,	0	5	0	Church,	0	12	1
1	0	0	Margaret Kirkpatrick.	0	5	0				
			William E. Smith,	0	5	0	WEST SIDE BELISLE.			
			John Patterson,	0	5	0	Seth Ebb, Jun.,	0	5	0
1	0	0	Mrs. Patterson,	0	5	0	John Bond,	0	5	0
2	3	9½	Collection,	1	10	4	Thomas Davis,	0	5	0
2	10	0					Mrs. Palmer,	0	5	0
0	2	6	CHURCH, ST. STEPHENS.				George Bond,	0	5	0
1	0	0	Robert Minard,	0	15	0	George Ricor,	0	5	0
			Samuel Craft,	1	0	0	Robert Scribner,	0	5	0
							Mrs. Lake,	0	5	0
2	0	0	CHURCH, UPPER SUSSEX.				Wm. M. Scribner,	0	5	0
1	0	0	Asa Spragg,	0	5	0	Noah Scribner,	0	5	0
0	5	0	Geo. McCready,	0	10	0	Charles Vesey,	0	10	0
1	0	0	Susan McCready,	0	2	6	Mrs. Mary Ann Erbb,	0	5	0
0	5	0	Charles McCready,	0	5	0	Joana Erbb,	0	5	0
1	0	0	William Wallace, Jun.,	0	2	6	Thomas Lake,	0	5	0
0	5	0	Robert McLeod,	1	0	0				
2	11	9	GAGETOWN VILLAGE:				1st CHURCH, WICKHAM.			
1	0	0	Charles H. Peters,	1	0	0	Collection,	0	8	6
			David Ferguson,	1	0	0	Co's Carpenter,	1	0	0
146	14	0	Carried up,	167	19	4	Carried up,	180	15	11

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Brought up,	180	15	11	Brought up,	191	19	10	
Stephen Belyea,	0	5	0	MISCELLANEOUS; MISSION-				
Timothy Carpenter,	1	0	0	ARY FUND.				
Daniel Vanwart,	1	0	0	Elder Wm. Pennington,	1	0	0	
James Golding,	0	5	0	Cornelius Flower,	5	0	0	
Thomas W. Carpenter,	1	0	0	Charles Layton, N. S.,	0	2	0	
Coles Belyea,	0	5	0	Ann King,	0	10	0	
George Gerow,	0	10	0	David McKenzie,	4	0	0	
Archlus Carpenter,	0	5	0	V. Kingston,	0	5	0	
Matilda Carpenter,	0	2	6	Moses Mills,	0	10	0	
William Vanwart,	0	5	0	John Goslin,	0	7	6	
Mary Jane Vanwart,	0	5	6	Joshua Calkins, Gagetown,	0	5	0	
Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter,	0	5	0	John Kingston, Brunswick,	0	10	0	
Daniel Carpenter,	1	0	0	James E. Smith, Keswick,	0	5	0	
				A Friend, Johnson,	1	5	0	
BRUNSWICK.				Chas. Wallace, (boy),	0	1	6	
Isaac B. Bonnell,	0	10	0	Collection at Jones' Creek,				
				by Elder J. Noble,	1	0	0	
1st CHURCH INTERSVILLE.				Collection East Side Long				
William McKinzie,	0	5	0	Reach, by J. Noble,	0	19	0	
Jane Fowler,	0	1	24	Col., Jerusalem, "	2	0	0	
Benjamin Ogden,	0	2	5	A. Hamilton, "	0	5	0	
James Underhill,	0	5	0	Wm. Short, "	0	5	0	
Mrs. Underhill,	0	0	74	Phoebe A. Taylor, Taylors				
William Wallace,	0	1	24	Village	0	5	0	
Isaac Wallace,	0	1	24	Sarah Taylor,	"	0	5	0
Elizabeth Wallace,	0	2	6	Charles Taylor,	"	0	5	0
Mr. Charlton,	0	3	04	George Taylor,	"	0	5	0
Mrs. Underhill, Jun.,	0	1	24	Phoebe A. McLaughlin,	"	0	5	0
Robert Ogden,	0	5	0	David Taylor,	"	0	5	0
Stephen Ogden,	0	1	6	Thos. Cochrane, Esq.,	"	0	5	0
Mary Charlton,	0	4	0	Noah Steves, Coverdale,	0	5	0	
				Lazarus Colpitts, "	0	5	0	
2ND CHURCH, GREENWICH.				Mrs. Fillmore,	"	0	5	0
Archibald Carpenter,	0	5	6	Miss Fillmore,	"	0	5	0
Samuel Jones,	0	5	0	Collection, North River,	1	0	0	
William Bogal,	0	5	0	Mrs. Wilmot, Moncton,	0	5	0	
R. J. Gorham,	0	5	0	John Brown,	0	1	3	
				John Colpitts, Dover,	0	12	6	
4TH CHURCH, STUDHOLM.				Collection,	3	17	4	
Andrew Wilcox,	0	10	0	Alexander Founds,	0	3	0	
Seth McLeod,	0	10	0	A. Wortmon, Moncton,	0	1	3	
Miss E. Baxter,	0	5	0	Mrs. A. Mitten,	0	8	74	
Frederick Erbb,	0	2	6	1st Church, Springfield,	0	12	6	
Andrew Sproul,	0	1	3	1st Church, Salisbury,	0	5	7	
John Robertson,	0	1	0	Church, Head of Mill-				
Elliott Sproul,	0	1	3	stream,	0	12	10	
B. McKenzie,	0	1	0	Jane Taylor, Taylors Vil-				
Mrs. Floyd,	0	1	0	lage,	0	5	0	
Carried up,	191	19	10	Carried up,	218	9	6	

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought up,	218	9	6	Brought up,	247	15	3
Charles Taylor,	0	5	11	James Mcgraves, Brighton,	0	3	1
Church, Big Presque Isle,	0	10	0	John Robinson,	0	3	1
1st Church, Greenwich,	0	16	3	Wm. Dow, jr.,	0	3	1
Mr. Tomlinson,	0	6	1	Wm. Seely,	0	2	6
1st Church, Simonds,	0	5	10	B. N. Reckarps,	0	2	6
— Chittick,	0	2	6	J. C. Noble,	0	2	6
4th Church, Brighton,	1	0	0	George Robinson,	0	2	6
1st Church, Wakefield,	4	0	0	Wm. Taylor,	0	2	6
1st Church, Long Reach,	3	16	9	George Kimble,	0	2	6
3rd Church, Brighton,	1	15	0	Small sums,	0	19	4
3rd Church, Hampstead,	1	14	4	Church in Johnson, col-			
2nd Church, Southampton,	0	15	7	lected by R. French,	0	14	0
2nd Church, Queensbury,	1	13	1	Church at Brunswick,	0	9	0
1st Church, Queensbury,	0	11	3	COLLECTED BY C. DOUGLASS,			
3rd Church, Queensbury,	0	1	3	A Friend,	0	1	3
1st " Kingsclear,	1	0	0	A Friend,	0	1	2
1st " Douglass,	1	10	9	Col'n at Beaver Harbour,	1	2	0
A Widow,	0	1	3	" " Pennfield,	0	14	8
1st Church, St. Mary's,	1	0	0	" " " "	0	19	6
Andrew Davis,	0	5	0	" " St. George,	0	4	8
4th Church, Wickham, (too	1	1	0	Mr. John McGill,	0	4	0
late last year),	1	1	0	Mr. Cross, Pennfield,	0	5	0
Francis D. Tapley & wife,	1	5	0	Joseph Vanwart, St. John,	0	10	0
A Friend, Victoria Corner,	1	0	0	A Lady,	0	5	0
Elder J. Perry,	1	0	0	A Lady,	0	5	0
Leo'd Slip, U. Hampstead	1	0	0	Collection at Hampstead			
Alex. Thompson, "	0	5	0	District Meeting,	0	10	5
Miss Davis, "	1	0	0	" " Otnabog,	0	7	5
Margaret Ebbett, "	0	5	0	Mr. Perry, Sen., Johnson,	0	3	0
John McAlpine jr "	0	2	6	Collection at Johnson,	0	15	0
Mrs. John Brown, "	0	5	0	A Friend, "	0	1	3
Benj. Noble, Brighton,	0	3	1	Col. at Tem, Hall, Johnson	0	15	0
Asa Robinson, "	0	3	1	Mr. Smith,	1	0	0
Carried up,	247	15	3		£250	6	6

NOTE — Any errors or omissions which may exist in the foregoing list of " CONTRIBUTIONS," will be corrected when discovered, and carried to account for the present year.

*The Free C. Baptist General Conference in account with WILLIAM PETERS, Treasurer.*

Paid G. W. Day, for printing Minutes, 1855,	£12 10 0
" C. Doucett, five months and six days Mission Labour,	26 13 9
" Elder Samuel Hartt and J. Noble, Delegates to N. S. General Conference,	7 0 0
" Elder R. French, 22 days Mission labour,	4 3 0
" John Hamilton, for Mission labour,	7 10 0
" W. Yerxa, 64 days "	16 0 0
" W. Yerxa, labour to be performed,	11 9 10
" Elder C. E. Bell, Mission labour,	25 0 0
" " R. French, Donation,	4 0 0
" " J. Noble, Mission labour,	21 3 6
" " E. Wayman, Visit to Campobello,	2 0 0
" " E. McLeod, Mission Agent,	50 0 0
" J. Perry, Mission labour,	7 10 0
" For Blank Book,	0 1 3
	£195 1 4½

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By amount of Contributions for Home Missionary Fund,	259 6 6½
Balance in hand of Treasurer,	£64 5 2

## Alteration in Constitution of General Conference.

### ARTICLE VI.—SECTIONS 4 and 5.

#### ORIGINAL SECTIONS.

*Section 4.* No brother shall be ordained to the work of the Ministry until he has been licensed and proved two consecutive years as a Licenciate, and not then, unless " he gives himself wholly to the work."

*Sect on 5.* Ordination shall not be given to any brother, only on a vote of approval therefor by the General Conference, or the District Meeting by which he has been licensed.

#### ALTERED TO READ AS FOLLOWS :

*Section 4.* No brother shall be ordained to the work of the ministry by any District Meeting, until he has been licensed and proved two consecutive years as a Licenciate, and not then, unless he " gives himself wholly to the work "

*Section 5.* Ordination may be given to any brother, (said brother having first received license from the Church of which he is a member,) at any Session of the General Conference, on a unanimous vote of said Conference.

## APPENDIX.

## FORMULA OF MARRIAGE,

USED BY THE FREE C. BAPTIST OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

## ADDRESS.

Devine Revelation, my friends, has declared marriage to be honourable in all. It is an institution of God, established in the time of man's innocency, ere he had yet sinned against his Maker, and been banished from Paradise. It was given in wisdom and in kindness, for the benefit of the race, to increase human happiness, to repress irregular affection, to support social order, and to provide that through well-ordered families truth and holiness might be transmitted from one age to another. It lies at the basis of all human society, and all government and law are built upon the household relations.

From the history of our blessed Saviour, we learn that he honoured a marriage festival with his presence, and wrought there the beginning of his miracles; and, by his Holy Spirit speaking in his Apostle, he has selected the relation thus formed, as an apt emblem of the union, endeared and indissoluble, that exists between himself and his Church.

An union thus consecrated, should therefore be undertaken not thoughtlessly and irreverently, but discreetly, advisedly, and in the fear of God, and with a due regard to the purposes for which matrimony was at first ordained.

## APPEAL.

And now, as in the sight of God the searcher of hearts, and as you will answer it, on that day when the secrets of all hearts shall be made manifest, I charge you to declare, if there be any cause which should prevent your lawful union.

## ADDRESS RESUMED.

As the first now to be assumed should be sundered only by death, it becomes you to consider well the duties enjoined upon you as husband and wife. If duly remembered and faithfully discharged, they will smooth the rugged pathway of life, lightening, by dividing its sorrows, and heightening, by doubling its enjoyments; if neglected and violated, you cannot escape misery and guilt.

It is the duty of the husband to be the friend, counsellor, and guardian of his wife, shielding her from danger, providing for her support, and cherishing for her a manly and unalterable affection; it being required by the word of God that husbands love their wives, even as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it.

It is the duty of the wife to be the friend, companion, and solace of her husband, reverencing and obeying him, and putting on the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great

price, it being commanded by Scripture, that, as the Church it subject unto Christ, so should wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

It is the duty of both to cherish and ever to manifest mutual affection; to preserve an inviolable fidelity; to delight each in the society of the other; to cultivate a just sense of their respective duties; to train wisely all who may, in their household, be brought under their influence; to remember that in interest and in reputation, as in affection, they are to be henceforth one and indivisible, and to see to it that what God hath joined together, man put not asunder.

*(The parties joining hands.)*

Do you A. B. take C. D., whom you now hold by the hand, as your true and lawful wife, and will you love, cherish, honour and protect her; in sickness and in health; in prosperity and in adversity; and through every change of condition forsaking all others, will you cleave only and ever unto her, until God by death shall separate you?

Do you C. D. take A. B., whom you now hold by the hand, as your true and lawful husband, and will you love, cherish, honour and obey him; in sickness and in health; in prosperity and in adversity; and through every change of condition, forsaking all others, will you cleave only and ever unto him, until God by death shall separate you?

*(The parties then loosing hands, the man shall place a ring upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, and retaining hold of it, shall say after the minister)*

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee honor, with my worldly goods I thee endow, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(Prayer then to be offered.)*

#### ADDRESS AFTER PRAYER.

Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

In accordance with your solemn promises, thus made to each other and your God, I do pronounce you husband and wife, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

And may the God, in whose presence you have entered into this solemn covenant, look upon you in mercy, to preserve and prosper you, make you blessed and a blessing in the sphere you may be called to occupy, and bringing you through all the troubles and perils of this brief and evil life, grant you a glad and eternal re-union in Heaven. Amen.