

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

*Trinity Baptist Church, Yarmouth, Saturday, Monday,
and Tuesday, June 17th, 19th, and 20th.*

WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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TEMPLE CHURCH, YARMOUTH, N. S.

Saturday Morning, June 17th, 1876.

The Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association in its Twenty-sixth Anniversary, convened with the Temple Baptist Church, Yarmouth, according to appointment.

The Association was called to order by Rev. W. G. Parker, Moderator for last year—Hymn 946 :

"Father of mercies bow thine ear," &c.

being sung, prayer was offered by Rev. T. C. Delong.

Social Services of deep interest occupied the time required by the Clerks in making out the subjoined

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Temple Church, Yarmouth—Rev. W. H. Warren, Dea. J. B. Kinney, Bros. Alex. Murray, Thomas B. Crossby, Andrew Goudy and William Haley.

Yarmouth 1st—Rev. G. E. Day, Deas. W. H. Goudy, A. C. Robbins, W. E. Heustis, Robert Brown, and Benj. Smith, Senr.

Yarmouth South—Rev. J. Rowe, Deas. Nathaniel Holmes, Chandler Robbins, and Jacob Cavannah.

Yarmouth 3rd—Rev. J. A. Stubbert, Deas. Enoch Crossby, Richard W. Crosby, and Bro. Moses S. Porter.

Yarmouth West—Rev. P. F. Murray, Deas. N. Corning, E. Rose, J. Vickery, and John Killam.

Digby—Rev. J. H. Saunders, Deas. J. S. Hawkworth, and Bro. W. H. Aymar.

Annapolis—Rev. T. A. Higgins, and Bro. D. Whitman.

Greywood and Milford—Rev. T. A. Higgins.

Bridgetown—Rev. John Clark.

Clements—Rev. J. M. Parker, and Dea. Jas. E. Potter.

Lower Granville—Rev. P. R. Foster.

Liverpool—Rev. Geo. O. Gates, Bros. Thos. Nickerson, A. G. West, and Thos. Annis.

Hebron—Rev. R. D. Burgess, Deas. W. R. Doty, John Rose, C. Strickland, Jas. Crosby, and Bro. P. H. Goucher.

Ohio—Rev. J. A. Stubbert, Deas. Joseph W. Patten, Ebenezer Crossby, and Bro. James E. Allen.

Ragged Island 1st—Bro. Jacob Giffin.

Dalhousie—Deas. S. Swift, and Robert Medicraft.

Barrington—Rev. W. H. Richan.

Pubnico—Rev. W. H. Richan, and Dea. Isaac Larkin.

Wood's Harbor—Rev. W. H. Richan, and Bro. Henry Chute.

Kempt, Queens—Rev. T. C. Delong.

Greenfield—Rev. A. J. Cogswell.

Hillsburg 1st.—Rev. G. D. Cox, and Bro. Thomas H. Miller.
 Pine Grove—Rev. W. G. Parker.
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 Bro. B. H. Parker.
 New Tusket.—Bro. J. G. Nowlan.
 French Mission Church—Rev. M. Normondy.
 Port Williams—Rev. J. E. Blakeney.
 Lake George—Rev. P. F. Murray, Deas. W. S. Patten, E. Pennel,
 Bros. J. S. Crossby, and T. Whitman.
 Weymouth—Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Dea. Daniel W. Sabeau, and John
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 Wilmot.—Rev. A. Cohoon.
 Ragged Island East—Rev. J. F. McKenne.
 Sable River—Rev. J. F. McKenne, and Bro. Elson Harlow.
 Hillsburg 2nd—Dea. George S. Sulis.
 Milton, Yarmouth—Rev. P. Gallaher, Dea. Joseph Patten, W. E.
 Rose, and Ewan Crowell.
 Tiverton—Rev. W. L. Parker.
 Freeport—Rev. W. L. Parker, Bros. Mendal Croker, J. W. Eldridge,
 and William Lent.
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 Middlefield—Rev. A. J. Cogswell.
 Lawrencetown and Valley West—Rev. W. G. Parker, Dea. Beriah
 Daniels, and Bro. J. C. Anderson.
 Argyle—Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Deas. Henry McLarren, J. Goodwin,
 and O. W. Slocumb.
 Beaver River—Rev. G. B. Titus, Deas. W. S. Raymond, Wm. Goudy,
 Cyrus Perry, Bro. G. H. Goudy, Lic.
 Annapolis and Upper Granville—Rev. J. Clark.
 Lockport—Rev. E. Whitman, Bros. J. G. Locke, X. A. Chipman, and
 J. McKeen.
 Lower Granville—Rev. P. R. Foster.
 Arcatia—Rev. J. Rowe, Bros. F. G. Cook, A. F. Whitman, Geo.
 Robbins.
 Hillgrove—Rev. J. D. Skinner.
 Forest Glen—Dea. J. E. Vickery.
 Tusket Lakes—Rev. A. Cogswell, Dea. J. H. Gavel and A. S. Lent.
 Shelburne—Rev. E. N. Archibald.
 Milton, Queens—Revds. J. Brown, and J. A. Durkee.
 Tusket—Deacons W. S. Robbins, and W. H. Gavil, Revds. J. A.
 Hatfield, and Edmund Earle.
 Jordan River—Rev. E. N. Archibald.
 Jordan Bay and Sand Point—Rev. E. N. Archibald.
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The Association was organized by the appointment of

REV. G. E. DAY, M. D., *Moderator.*
 REVDs. G. O. GATES, AND A. COHOON, *Secretaries.*
 BROTHER WM. HALEY, *Treasurer.*
 BROTHER J. C. ANDERSON, *Assistant Treasurer.*
 BROTHER ALEX. MURRAY, *Auditor.*

The following Committees were appointed:—

ON ARRANGEMENT.—Revds. W. H. Warren, P. Gallaher, J. A. Stubbart, R. D. Burgess, John Rowe, P. F. Murray, G. B. Titus.

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, W. G. Parker, and J. H. Saunders.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. Geo. Armstrong, J. E. Goucher, D. M. Welton, J. W. Parker.

DELEGATE FROM EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—Rev. J. E. Goucher.

THE FOLLOWING BRETHREN WERE INVITED TO SEATS.—Revds. George Armstrong, of "Christian Visitor," St. John, N. B., Professor D. M. Welton, of Acadia College, Isaiah Wallace, A. E. Ingram, J. H. Robbins, P. A. Shields, and Brethren James Dunlap, John Dunlap, Abner Oaks, Capt. Symes, William Durkee, Abner Lewis.

A number of the letters to the Association from Churches were then read by the Committee. After singing the Doxology the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. J. H. Robbins.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Reading of Letters resumed.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part as follows:—

That the times of meeting be—*Morning Session*—meet at 10 o'clock, and close at 12 noon. *Afternoon Session*—Meet at 2 o'clock, and close at 5.30. *Evening Session*—Meet at 7.30.

They further recommend that Prayer meetings be held each morning during the session of the Association at 6 o'clock; and further, that a Public Temperance Meeting be held this evening under the auspices of the Association.

Sabbath Appointments.

Temple—10.30 A. M. Rev. Prof. Welton.
 " 7.00 P. M. Rev. John E. Goucher.
 Central—10.30 A. M. Rev. Geo. O. Gates.
 " 7.00 P. M. Rev. Prof. Welton.
 Milton, Baptist—10.30 A. M. Rev. John Brown.
 " 3.00 P. M. Rev. Isaiah Wallace.
 " 6.00 P. M. Rev. J. M. Parker.
 Providence, Wesleyan—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. W. Bancroft.
 " 6.00 P. M. Rev. A. Cohoon.
 Wesleyan, Milton—7.00 P. M. Rev. W. H. Richan.
 Presbyterian, Town—10.30 A. M. Rev. Geo. Armstrong.
 " 6.00 P. M. Rev. W. G. Parker.

- Congregational*—10.30 A. M. Rev. T. A. Higgins.
 " 7.00 P. M. Rev. John Clark.
- Arcadia*—10.30 A. M. Rev. A. Cogswell.
 " 7.00 P. M. Rev. Isaiah Wallace.
- Cent. al Chebogue*—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Robbins.
 " 2.30 P. M. Rev. Geo. O. Gates.
 " 7.00 P. M. Rev. A. J. Cogswell.
- Hebron*—10.30 A. M. Rev. Edward Whitman.
 " 2.30 P. M. Rev. P. R. Foster.
 " 7.00 P. M. Rev. J. A. Durkee.
- Chegogin*—10.30 A. M. Rev. E. O. Read.
- Beaver River*—10.30 A. M. Rev. E. N. Archibald.
- Maitland*—3.00 P. M. Rev. E. N. Archibald.
- Pembroke*—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. F. McKenne.
- Ohio*—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Saunders.
 " 3.00 P. M. Rev. Jas. E. Blakeney.
- Little River*—10.30 A. M. Rev. A. J. Cogswell.
- Tusket*—10.30 A. M. Rev. A. E. Ingram.
- Brooklin*—3.00 P. M. Rev. P. A. Shields.

The Committee recommend that collections be taken at each Sabbath service in aid of Home Missions.

COMMITTEES.

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revs. John Clark, J. W. Bancroft, and J. A. Stubbert.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.—Revs. J. Rowe, P. Gallaher, John Brown, J. H. Saunders, J. H. Robbins, W. B. Bradshaw, Brethren W. R. Doty, Jas. Crosby.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revs. T. A. Higgins, T. C. DeLong, P. F. Murray, Isaiah Wallace.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revs. J. A. Durkee, W. G. Parker, R. D. Burgess, Bros. J. B. Kinney, John Haley, Jas. E. Allen, Parker Goucher, W. E. Huestis.

MISSIONS.—Revs. E. N. Archibald, J. E. Goucher, M. Normandy, W. H. Richan, G. B. Titus, Judson Blakeney, Brethren A. C. Robbins, and J. W. Patten.

EDUCATION.—Revs. D. M. Welton, G. Armstrong, T. A. Higgins, Edwd. Whitman, Brethren A. S. Murray, J. C. Anderson.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revs. J. M. Parker, J. F. McKenne, W. L. Parker, and A. J. Cogswell.

OBITUARIES.—Rev. G. D. Cox, Brethren Chandler Robbins, and Wm. Goudy.

TEMPERANCE.—Revs. A. E. Ingram, E. O. Read, J. D. Skinner, Brethren Dimock Whitman, and Nathaniel Holmes.

Your Committee further report that the Circular Letter be read on Monday morning after the Introductory Sermon; that the afternoon session be given to reports and the subject of Education; that Tuesday morning session be devoted to general purposes.

They would also suggest that the speakers for the evening Temperance Meeting be Revs. A. E. Ingram, John Brown, John Rowe, John Clark.

On motion, Revs. G. D. Cox, A. Cohoon, J. A. Durkee, J. E. Goucher, and A. E. Ingram were appointed a Committee on Benevolent Funds.

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On motion, Revs. E. N. Archibald, Prof. Welton, Dr. Day, J. E. Goucher, and Bro. A. C. Robbins were appointed a Committee to prepare a draft Act of Incorporation for the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia.

Closed with singing and prayer by Rev. E. O. Read.

SATURDAY—Evening Session.

A public Temperance meeting was held in Temple Church under the auspices of the Association, Rev. W. H. Warren in the chair. Prayer was offered by Bro. T. M. Lewis. Speeches, interspersed with music by the choir, were delivered on the subject of the evening by Revs. A. E. Ingram, John Brown, J. Rowe, J. Clark, and Bro. T. M. Lewis. Closed with doxology and prayer by Rev. W. H. Richan.

MONDAY MORNING, June 19th.

At 10 o'clock the Association assembled to listen to the Introductory Sermon.

After preliminary exercises, participated in by Revs. E. Whitman, J. E. Goucher, Geo. Armstrong, the sermon was preached by Rev. John Clark. Text John xii. 3; subject, "The Anointing of Jesus by Mary."

At the close of the Sermon the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Saunders. Singing by the choir while a collection was taken in behalf of Home Missions.

Minutes of Saturday afternoon and evening sessions, read, corrected, and approved.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported as follows: "We have examined the Letter, and recommend that it be read."

The Circular Letter was then read by the writer, Rev. G. O. Gates; subject, "The necessity of Christian Workers making principle rather than feeling the basis of work."

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

On motion, the Rev. J. Clark was requested to furnish for publication his sermon of this morning, and that the editors of *Christian Messenger* and *Visitor* be requested to publish the same.

The Committee on Arrangements reported in part as follows, that the session of this evening be devoted to the subject of Missions.

That the speakers on Home Missions be—Revs. G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, T. A. Higgins, E. N. Archibald, I. Wallace, G. D. Cox.

On Foreign Missions—Revs. J. Rowe, J. E. Goucher, Edward Whitman, J. A. Durkee, Jos. H. Robbins, and Geo. O. Gates. Report adopted.

A few of the remaining letters from the churches were then read. Closed with singing and prayer by Rev. John Brown.

MONDAY—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Bro. A. H. Lavers, Lic.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Bro. Moug Edwin—a native Karen—be added to the list of speakers for the evening.

Committee on Religious Literature reported. Spoken to by Revs. John Rowe and P. Gallaher. Report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported as below:

“We recommend that the Association meet next year with the church in Liverpool.

Also, inasmuch as the West Yarmouth Church, in its letter to the Association, has intimated that they desire some assistance with reference to difficulties existing among them, your Committee recommend that a Committee be appointed by the Association to visit the church to secure a reconciliation.

Also, that Revs. G. Armstrong, J. E. Goucher, A. Cohoon, E. N. Archibald, W. H. Richan, and G. D. Cox be said Committee.”

Report adopted.

On motion; leave of absence was granted to Rev. T. C. Delong. Reading of letters resumed and completed.

On motion, Bros. Prof. C. E. Gates, B. H. Shafner, Lic., and Moug Edwin, a native Karen, were invited to seats in Association.

Committee on Education reported. Spoken to by Revs. Geo. Armstrong, W. H. Warren, Prof. Welton, A. Cohoon, John Brown, G. B. Titus. Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

No letter having been received by this Association from the Digby Neck 2nd Church for three years, Revs. J. H. Saunders and A. Cogswell requested its continuance with the Association, engaging to enquire into its standing and to report at the next meeting of the Association.

Committee on Benevolent Funds reported. Spoken to by Revs. W. H. Warren, J. W. Bancroft. Adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Committee on Temperance reported. Spoken to by Revs. A. Cohoon, P. Gallaher, and others. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Closed with prayer by Rev. Isaiah Wallace.

MONDAY—Evening Session.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn 912, the reading of the Scriptures by Rev. T. A. Higgins, and prayer by Rev. J. Clark.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Committee on Missions reported. The report was spoken to by Revs. G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, T. A. Higgins, I. Wallace, and G. D. Cox, on Home Missions; and Revs. John Rowe, J. E. Goucher, Moug Edwin, a Karen native, Alex. McGregor, (Congregational), and E. Whitman, on Foreign Missions. The intervals between addresses were enlivened by music by the Temple choir.

Report adopted.

Closed with singing, prayer by Rev. M. Normondy.

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TUESDAY MORNING, June 20th.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Committee on Obituaries reported verbally, to effect that nothing special had come under their notice.

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. Spoken to by Revs. P. R. Foster, R. D. Burgess, Bros. Holmes, Crosby, J. S. Hawksworth, N. Corning, Thos. Nickerson, and others. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Spoken to by Revs. J. A. Durkee, W. H. Warren, P. Gallaher, G. D. Cox, J. H. Robbins, and others.

On motion, the report was laid on the table.

Committee on the "Draft Act of Incorporation" reported. On motion, the report was tabled.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Prof. Welton.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The report on Sabbath Schools was taken from the table, read, and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

A letter to the Association from the Westport Church was read.

Report "On the Draft Act of Incorporation" taken from the table, discussed by Revs. J. A. Durkee, P. R. Foster, J. H. Saunders, and others. Amended and adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by this Association to lay this report before the other Associations, requesting each to appoint three of their number to act with this Committee—the three Committees to constitute a final Committee for drafting the Act and obtaining the same from the Legislature.

Resolved, That Revs. Dr. Day, J. H. Saunders, and A. Cohoon be the Committee.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to Central Association :

Revs. A. Cohoon, G. D. Cox, T. A. Higgins.

On motion, Resolved, That any of the brethren visiting the Eastern Association be our delegates.

Resolved, That Bros. W. R. Doty, A. Longley, B. H. Parker be our delegates to the Convention; also that Revs. W. B. Bradshaw, E. N. Archibald, W. H. Warren, delegates to the Association of P. E. Island.

The Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund reported :

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W. H. WARREN, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Report adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Board of Infirm Ministers' be the same as last year.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to pay over the various sums in his hands to the several persons authorized to receive them.

Also Resolved, That all monies not designated be equally divided among the Home, Foreign, and French Missions.

The Treasurer of this Association begs leave to acknowledge the receipt of the following monies from the churches comprising the Western Baptist Association for the several objects herein specified, viz :

For Home Missionary Union.....	\$486 19
Association Collections for do.....	90 08
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Foreign Missions.....	\$485 08
Donation from Mrs. Shaw for do.....	20 00
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French Missions.....	114 88
Ministerial Education.....	44 88
Acadia College.....	93 96
Infirm Ministers'.....	85 26
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Resolved, That Bro. Selden be requested to publish 1500 copies of the Minutes of the Association at the same rate as last year. Also to insert the report of the Home Mission Board, and Minutes of H. M. Union, and reserve 50 copies for use of the Association.

On motion, the following resolution was passed, viz :

Whereas, In the Providence of God our esteemed brother, Samuel Brown, Esq., has been deprived of the privilege of meeting with his brethren in their associated capacity, as for many years he has been wont;

Therefore Resolved, That this Association deeply sympathize with Bro. Brown in his affliction, and pray that God may sustain him, and impart to him the experience "that all things work together for good to them that love God."

The Committee of Arrangements reported finally as follows :

That Rev. P. Gallaher preach the Associational Sermon, and Rev. J. M. Parker be his alternate.

That Rev. W. H. Warren write the Circular Letter.

That the evening meeting be social and devotional—general topic, The universal extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Also, that the speakers of the evening be Revs. J. Brown, M. Normandy, J. W. Bancroft, J. A. Durkee, J. H. Robbins, and G. O. Gates. Addresses to be limited to 10 minutes.

Closed with prayer by Rev. G. B. Titus.

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TUESDAY—Evening Session.

The closing meeting was opened by singing hymn 878. Reading of Scriptures by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Reports of Treasurer and Auditor presented and adopted.

Addresses on the subject of Missions were delivered by Revs.

John Brown, M. Normandy, J. A. Durkee, J. W. Bancroft, J. H. Robbins, G. O. Gates, W. G. Parker, and Dr. Day. These were interspersed with prayer by Revs. J. D. Skinner, J. M. Parker, W. B. Bradshaw, A. Cogswell, and enlivened with singing by the Temple choir, and a missionary hymn in the Karen tongue by our Bro. Mung Edwin.

A collection was taken on behalf of Home Missions.

On motion, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this body be tendered the kind friends of Yarmouth for the hospitality and good will shown the delegates and friends of the Association during its sessions.

The Minutes of the session being read and approved, on motion, *Resolved*, That this Association adjourn to meet with the Liverpool Baptist Church, on the third Saturday in June, 1877, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

This session, which in all its meetings had been characterized by harmony and brotherly love, and with strong desires for God's glory in the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, then closed with prayer by the Moderator.

G. E. DAY, *Moderator*.

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Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Western Baptist Association, held in Yarmouth, June, 1876.

NAME OF CHURCH.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	PASTOR'S NAME.	YEAR OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.			Present Membership.
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1 Acadia French Mission	1870	M. Normandy.	1870	Simon Bolsor, North Range, Digby Co.	0	0	1	0	0	48
2 Annapolis Royal	1874	T. A. Higgins.	1874	J. L. Britton, Annapolis	21	0	1	0	0	74
3 Annapolis and Upper Granville ..	1801	John Clark.	1874	John Rice, Bridgetown	0	0	0	0	0	7
4 Argyle	1830	W. B. Bradshaw	1874	Heman Nickerson	4	0	0	0	0	203
5 Acadia	1871	John Rowe.	1875	George Robbins, Acadia	1	1	1	1	1	150
6 Barrington	1854	W. H. Richan.	1863	Josiah Smith, Barrington	0	0	0	0	0	113
7 Beaver River	1846	G. B. Titus.	1876	Wm. S. Raymond, Beaver River	5	0	13	0	0	35
8 Brookfield	1828	.....	1876	A. J. Leadbetter, North Brookfield	1	0	0	0	0	923
9 Caledonia	1864	.....	.....	G. A. Cleaveland, Harmony, Queens Co	0	0	0	0	0	104
10 Clements	1810	J. M. Parker.	1874	James Potter, Clementsport	0	5	7	0	0	151
11 Dalhousie West	1835	John Hannan.	.....	John Hannan	0	0	0	0	0	29
12 Digby	1840	J. H. Saunders.	1874	W. H. H. Saunders, Digby	11	10	0	0	0	86
13 Digby Neck 1st* .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14 Digby Neck 2nd*** .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 Freeport	1834	W. L. Baker	1872	Nathan J. Thurber	0	1	0	0	0	93
16 Greenfield	1835	A. J. Cogswell	1875	Robert Harlow, Greenfield.	13	5	1	0	0	252
17 Forest Glen	1874	.....	.....	Z. C. Vickery	0	0	1	0	0	121
18 Greywood and Milford	1867	T. A. Higgins.	.....	E. C. Vidito	0	2	0	0	0	8
19 Hanilton	1824	J. E. Bleakney	1874	Jacob Chute, Hampton, Annapolis Co.	0	0	2	0	0	45
20 Hebron	1837	R. D. Burgess.	1875	James Crosby, Wellington, Yarmouth Co.	35	11	1	23	30	197
21 Hillsburg 1st	1829	C. D. Cox	1870	William Dunn, Bear River, west side	76	8	1	1	1	317
22 Hillsburg 2nd	1843	.....	.....	John S. Thomas, Smith's Cove.	0	0	0	0	0	133
23 Hill Grove	1843	.....	.....	John S. Thomas, Hill Grove	0	0	0	0	0	192
24 Jordan Bay and Sand Point .....	.....	E. N. Archibald.	1872	F. W. Deane, Sand Point, Shelburne Co	46	1	1	2	4	419
25 Jordan River	1858	E. N. Archibald.	1874	Thomas B. Young, Jordan River	0	0	0	0	0	54
26 Kempf	1850	.....	.....	Thomas B. Young	0	0	0	0	0	43
27 Liverpool	1821	G. O. Gates.	1872	George E. Parker, Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	250
28 Lockport	1878	Edward Whitman.	1878	Austin Locke, Lockport	0	0	0	0	0	60
29 Lake George and Valley West ..	1873	W. G. Truay.	1873	Charles Crosby, Lockport, Yarmouth Co.	0	0	0	0	0	186
30 Lower Aylesford & South Wilmot.	1820	E. O. Read	1876	Robert S. Taylor, Nelly Road, P. O.	0	0	0	0	0	122
31 Lower Granville	1800	P. R. Foster	1874	Eben Sprowl, Granville Ferry	0	0	0	0	0	389
32 Lower Sable River, east side*	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	250
33 Lower Sable River, west side*	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	16
34 Lewis Head* .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	16

NAME OF CHURCH.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	PASTOR'S NAME.	YEAR OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.	Present Membership.
27 Liverpool	1821	G. O. Gates.	1872	George E. Parker, Liverpool	0	0	250
28 Lockport	1878	Edward Whitman.	1878	Austin Locke, Lockport	0	0	60
29 Lake George and Valley West ..	1873	W. G. Truay.	1873	Charles Crosby, Lockport, Yarmouth Co.	0	0	186
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1870	James Crosby, Wellington, Yarmouth Co.	35	11	1	23	30	12	817
1871	William D. Cox	36	1	1	1	1	1	383
1872	William S. Duggess	37	8	1	1	1	1	192
1873	John S. Hoadley, N. S. Cove	38	1	2	4	1	1	110
1874	S. T. Bacon, Hill Point, Sheburne Co.	39	2	1	1	1	1	110
1875	J. W. Dall, Sand Point, Sheburne Co.	40	2	1	1	1	1	110
1876	Charles Hayden, Jordan River	41	2	1	1	1	1	110
1877	Thomas Hayden	42	2	1	1	1	1	110
1878	Asa L. Cook, Liverpool	43	1	1	1	1	1	110
1879	Charles Crosby	44	1	1	1	1	1	110
1880	Robert Fitz Randolph, Lawrencestown, Annapolis Co.	45	3	1	1	1	1	110
1881	L. S. Rutz, Nelly Road P. O.	46	2	1	1	1	1	110
1882	Eben Sprowl, Granville Ferry	47	3	1	1	1	1	110
1883	David Sprule, Litchfield, Lower Granville	48	1	1	1	1	1	110
1884	Benjamin Cook, Milton, Yarmouth Co.	49	7	5	9	1	1	114
1885	George W. Freeman, Milton, Queens Co.	50	7	2	9	0	1	114
1886	W. A. Reed, Mill Village	51	0	1	0	1	1	114
1887	S. F. Waterman, Middlefield	52	3	2	6	1	4	310
1888	F. M. Chipman, Middleton P. O.	53	1	1	1	1	1	114
1889	Je-se Oakes, New Albany	54	1	1	1	1	1	114
1890	J. G. Nowlan, Havelock P. O.	55	78	1	1	1	1	184
1891	J. E. Allen, Ohio, Yarmouth Co.	56	1	1	1	1	1	248
1892	John H. Halliday	57	19	1	1	1	1	61
1893	Edwin S. Dodge, Middleton	58	2	2	4	2	2	248
1894	Curtis Maathorn, Fort Medway, Queens Co.	59	4	4	4	1	1	100
1895	Jacob Gilin, Osborn, Shelburne	60	15	2	5	1	1	53
1896	James Harty, Lockport	61	18	2	1	2	2	122
1897	James Dunlap	62	14	2	2	1	1	14
1898	E. D. Taylor, Shelburne	63	1	1	1	1	1	71
1899	William A. Wilson, Dabonuste East, Kings Co.	64	80	2	3	2	2	229
1900	William C. Hankinson	65	18	1	1	1	1	85
1901	N. R. Westcott, Brighton, Digby Co.	66	4	10	2	1	1	212
1902	William H. Gavel, Tusket, Yarmouth Co.	67	4	10	2	1	1	140
1903	James B. Kinney, Yarmouth	68	1	1	1	1	1	140
1904	Abram Lent, Tusket	69	1	1	1	1	1	91
1905	Charles J. Pyne	70	12	4	1	1	1	273
1906	Longley, Paradise, Annapolis Co.	71	1	1	1	1	1	63
1907	Charles Gaten, Melvorn Square	72	1	1	1	1	1	288
1908	Dimock Gaten, Melvorn Square	73	1	1	1	1	1	288
1909	Joseph Graves, Port Williams, Annapolis Co.	74	1	1	1	1	1	288
1910	Henry Chute, Wood's Harbour	75	1	1	1	1	1	288
1911	Willian Churchill	76	2	7	12	1	1	61
1912	Edwin S. Crosby, Pleasant Valley, Yarmouth Co.	77	18	1	6	1	1	402
1913	J. F. Robbins, Oak Point, Yarmouth Co.	78	4	5	1	1	1	285
1914	John Kilham, Bentr, Yarmouth	79	5	1	1	1	1	173
1915	John Kilham, Bentr, Yarmouth	80	5	1	1	1	1	155

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Ministers in the Western Association.

Name.	President Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles.....	Parker's Cove.....	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" E. N. Archibald.....	Shelburne.....	1865	Alexandra, P. E. I.
" W. A. J. Bleakney.....	Nictaux.....	1858	Cambridge, N. B.
" J. C. Bleakney.....	Port Williams, An. Co.....	1860	Richmond, Vict., N.B.
" E. D. Burgess.....	Hebron.....	1874	Hebron.
" J. W. Bancroft.....	Weymouth.....	April 17, 1875	Windsor.
" John Clark.....	Bridgetown.....	1866	Godmanchester, G. B.
" A. Cohoon.....	Paradise.....	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" A. Cogswell.....	St. Mary's Bay.....	Jan. —, 1843	St. Mary's Bay.
" A. J. Cogswell.....	Greenfield, Queens Co.....	1874	Tusket Lakes.
" G. D. Cox.....	Hillsburg.....	Jan. 4, 1865	Clements.
" G. E. Day, M. D.....	Yarmouth.....	June 26, 1868	Yarmouth.
" J. A. Durkee.....	Milton.....	Oct. 23, 1873	Milton.
" P. R. Foster.....	Lower Granville.....	Sept. 9, 1868	Kempt, Queens Co.
" P. Gallaher.....	Milton, Yarmouth Co.....	1867	Portgurone, Ireland.
" L. B. Gates.....	Westport.....	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" G. O. Gates.....	Liverpool.....	Oct. 22, 1873	Liverpool.
" T. A. Higgins.....	Annapolis.....	1857	Liverpool.
" W. E. Hall.....	Melvorn.....	Sept. 23, 1864	New Germany.
" J. C. Morse.....	Digby Neck.....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" F. F. Murray.....	Gegogen, Yarm. Co.....	Mar. 14, 1848	West Port.
" J. F. McKenne.....	Ragged Islands.....	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normandy.....	Saulnierville.....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" W. G. Parker.....	Lawrencetown.....	Jan. 20, 1843	New Albany.
" Obed Parker.....	Melvorn Square.....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilmot.
" W. L. Parker.....	Freeport.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Upper Aylesford.
" J. M. Parker.....	Clementsport.....	Oct. 5, 1865	Springfield.
" C. Randall.....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" W. H. Richan.....	Barrington.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe.....	Arcadia, Yarm'th Co.....	.....	Maccan.
" E. O. Read.....	Tremont.....	Jan. 8, 1858	Gaspereaux.
" P. A. Shields.....	Tusket.....	July 18, 1852	Hantsport.
" J. H. Saunders.....	Digby.....	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth Co.
" J. A. Stubbett.....	Deerfield.....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" J. D. Skinner.....	Beaver River.....	April 21, 1875	Beaver River.
" Charles Tupper, D. D.....	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" G. B. Titus.....	Beaver River.....	Mar. 26, 1874	Osborne.
" W. H. Warren.....	Yarmouth.....	1872	Cavendish, P. E. I.
" E. Whitman.....	Lockeport.....	.....	Lockeport.

LICENTIATES.

- Benjamin Miller, Bridgetown.
- Z. C. Vickery, Ohio, Yarmouth.
- G. H. Goudey, Beaver River.
- A. N. Perry, Beaver River.
- I. M. Longley, Wilmot.
- A. H. Lavers, Barrington.
- Bernard Shafner, Nictaux.
- H. B. Shafner, Nictaux.
- James R. King, Wood's Harbor.
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CIRCULAR LETTER.

Christian Principle the basis of Christian Work.

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

Dear Brethren,—

In presenting this Annual Letter your attention is called to the necessity of Christian workers making principle rather than feeling the basis of Christian work.

Some may say, "Why this subject? Do not all the members of our Churches thus do?" The reply is a question, Do they?

The Holy Scriptures teach us that not only are Christians workers together with God but also for God, since such is His good pleasure. "Go work to-day in my vineyard," "To every man his work," "Remembering without ceasing your works of faith and labor of love and patience of hope," "A workman that needeth not to be ashamed," "God is not unmindful to forget your works of faith, &c.," "Their works do follow them, &c."

The example of Jesus "who went about doing good," who said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work," "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day," and who on the evening of his betrayal could say, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do," that example left for us declares the Christian a worker.

With this teaching agrees the lives of the Apostles so far as we can catch glimpses of their lives in what they wrote and what was written of them. And yet, notwithstanding these precepts and examples of the Bible, how many professed followers of Jesus are idlers, of whom the Lord of the vineyard might with appropriateness ask, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

It is a fact that many who bear the name of Christ do but little or nothing for Him; drones in His cause, idlers in his vineyard. Not that of these we would say hard things, for the cause of much of the inactivity is not far away, and their attention once directed to it will of itself be sufficient to make of them ever after patient toilers in their Master's service.

How many, too, that work with zeal during times of religious awakenings, are soon found relaxing their efforts, and leaving to the faithful few, who in sunshine and storm are ever found at the post of duty, the real burdens of the day.

What reason can we assign for the fact that the few toil twelve months of the year, only now and again aided by those who, at all times, should be their fellow co-laborers?

Why are there so many with harps unstrung who, in seasons of the past, from a heart overflowing with gratitude, sang,

“ Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my life, my soul, my all.”

Is it not that these unfortunate ones have been too largely influenced by feeling? Do we not do well to urge upon them the necessity of letting the past suffice, and for future days make principle, not feeling, the basis of work?

Brethren, is not the real answer as to the cause of Christian slothfulness among so many of our church members, in at least nine out of ten cases, that these are more largely the subjects of feeling than of principle?

Does not the same ruinous cause affect all the phases of Christian duty, the giving and toiling, the steadfast standing, the being strong in the Lord and the growth in grace? Is this so?

Are pastors, to whom especially has been intrusted the work of the Lord, to any degree guilty of making their efforts depend on anything less than principle? Are church members, who look to these under shepherds for example, imitating them? Is it to be urged by principle or feeling that we, as workers, may with most confidence expect the religion of Jesus to become a world power? Is it by making principle or feeling a basis of work that one with assurance can pray, “Thy kingdom come?” Alas! how often is the sacredness of the Christian calling—a calling of God—debased by being made subservient to the feelings of man.

Does the farmer, because his limbs are sore and stiffened by the toils of yesterday, keep his house to-day as feeling suggests? Do men in the daily walks of life, in following their lawful calling, consult mere feeling? Nay, a superior criterion have these. And surely the Christian, if he will but for a little reflect, will see the necessity of his rising above feeling that savors much of self, and of making of himself in his Lord's cause a workman through grace worthy of his calling.

We are pointed to Jesus as our exemplar. His life on earth, as given by the sacred historians, so holy and pure, so filled up with doing good, so glorious as a marked exhibition of a life based upon principle. Again and again the truly good of the past are brought before us as worthy of imitation. Their works and love labors, their self-denying efforts, their zeal and faithfulness may cause many of this age to blush for shame as they think of themselves. These were men of faith who in confidence relied upon God; men who at the Throne of Grace learned their duty, and looking heavenward for strength went forward; who, even in the cross-bearing way, could say, “We delight to do thy will”; men who accomplished much in the cause of their Master; whom faith sustained so that with untiring effort they sowed the seed, and, trusting the God of the harvest, were willing to wait His time; these who have graced every age of the world's history, and won a name more enduring than the stars of the firmament, made principle the basis of their work. True

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Faith may be said to be one of our great wants. The Christian, would he enjoy the riches of his adoption, would he be instrumental in his Master's cause of accomplishing great good like the successful workers of the past, must be strong in faith. By faith he is to make his conquests, through faith, as an individual, he is to conquer, by faith when weak is to become strong. Faith that "laughs at impossibilities" is his best possible possession. The seen is not always for the child of grace, and beside trusting this is not faith. It is in the unseen, the invisible, that faith has her province. But even faith must have a foundation, and what but principle affords a foundation worthy of the building? Feeling, by whose impulses alone by far too many move, is too fickle for a foundation, and if based would be making a change of base almost every day.

That the Christian should be actuated by principle rather than by feeling is taught us in our being. The earnest longings of our moral natures are religious, and learning that there is a God, powerful and all-wise, to whom we look for life and being, we find these longings based on the principle of right.

Our first teacher is duty, and duty throughout man's whole course of training is the Alpha and Omega.

The instructions given us by Jesus, the commands left for us to keep and do, are to be kept and performed because of right. The Christians of Rome had urged upon them as the ground of religious duty the mercies of God. The Bible has much that plainly shews from what basis the Christian should work: principle always, feeling none never.

The relation in which the believer stands to God and man is more than once expressed in the Scriptures, and this relation brings with it obligations, to Creator and creature. Every where do we find this relation to God, whom we regard as "Our Father in Heaven," we owe a debt of gratitude, and Him we are to love and serve with soul, mind, strength; not merely because our feelings always prompt us to do, rather because it is right.

To the Son whose blood has sealed our redemption ours to ask, "What wilt thou have me do?" and to ask with the *will to do*, because it is right. Ours it is to listen with attention to the teachings of the Holy Spirit, and implore aid to profit thereby. To our fellows the command of long standing and solemn import is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," a command always binding, always to be remembered, and always honored because it is right.

Ours it is to do good, to labor in prosperity and not cease in adversity; ours as children of God to rise above the minor things of the world, which feeling is so often biased, and which, if heeded, would cause many to relax the efforts now from principle put forth in the advancement of the cause of God. Let the Christian ever keep in mind that he is saved by grace, that he is not his own, and that he is to glorify God in body and spirit, and this do from principle.

I urge the necessity of principle as the basis of our work, since feeling is so often sadly vitiated by sin, and made use of by Satan to the injury of the cause. It is admitted that we find it more easy to work when principle and feeling are in unison, as they often are, and more often should be. It is then one can truly toil and faint not. But frequently the Christian finds the tendency of feeling not with duty, and if he should heed its promptings would find to his sorrow, as many have, his soul robbed of the best of blessings and the cause of God grievously wounded.

To the individual laboring in the vineyard of the Lord—and here every lover of Jesus should be found—there are many things to discourage. Many are the difficulties, many the trials of faith. If not by principle actuated, frequently even the heartily begun effort would be abandoned. More than one pastors' hands have fallen helplessly at his side because feeling to too great a degree was the prompter. More than one Church has seemingly failed in its noble mission because pastor and people suffered feeling, "fickle as the weather vane," to be the ground of duty and basis of work. Relying upon feeling alone and acting thereon is taking upon us what is not ours. Ours it is to trustingly "attempt great things for God," who makes known to us his will, and then, resting upon principle, "go forward," ever remembering "not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

The necessity of making principle the basis of our work is urged because God's glory demands it. In this way the Christian, as a worker, can but please Him who has bought him with precious blood, and it is in this way the noblest graces of the soul can be most fully developed.

Principle as the basis of work rather than feeling is urged because the condition of the world is such that men thus acting are needed to raise the standard of truth and unfurl the gospel banner. We want to-day not so much the eloquence of words as the eloquence of principle, to make known to a sin-cursed humanity the way of peace and life by the Cross. We want not those who by spells can glowingly set forth the way, and then, not seeing the immediate yielding to Jesus, become disheartened, and yield to despair, but those whom principle urges on until the going down of the sun. We want men whom God calls to "blow the trumpet in Zion," and who will not leave their calling for any other, no matter how honorable or lucrative.

In our Churches we want men in whose minds gospel truths find a sure resting place, who, urged by sacred principle, dare in this age be decided; men who will cling to truth, abide by principle as did our honored fathers in earlier Baptist history. Church members are wanted to-day who will not bow to the world, whom gold cannot swerve nor policy debase; men and women who with soul imbued with love to God and man shall, with many a self denying effort, toil in the cause of Jesus, ever seeking its advancement and best interests. To-day is needed those whose feet are firmly fixed upon

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In this age, when the tendency is towards ritualism and scepticism, the followers of Jesus need be those whom principle prompts "to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

If we think of Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles, of martyrs whose blood was given to the cause of truth, we shall think of men whom principle urged on the pathway of duty. Such as these have most honored God in time, and been earth's greatest benefactors.

If the Christian will but make the Bible a daily companion and study, will but seek guidance from the source of all wisdom, then will he in the work assigned him make principle the incentive to noble undertakings; then, too, will he in this pathway most fully know the strength of the arm laid bare in his salvation, then know what is meant by the Prophet, when speaking of those who wait upon the Lord, says: "They shall mount as on the wings of eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Here then we see a part of a pastor's work in relation to his flock. By example he is to show to those under his care one whom principle, with its untiring zeal, urges on. By precepts taken from God's book to enforce upon all that name the name of Jesus the necessity of rising to the dignity a calling of principle.

The new made convert is to be taught that his is a way of duty and would he glorify the Saviour whom he professes to serve, would he adorn the doctrines of the Cross, he must suffer no other basis of duty than principle.

Finally, we urge upon all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity to ever give to principle that prominence assigned it in the Bible. Thus doing Churches will become nobler and purer. Then though there be fewer words there will be more deeds—though less show more real work. Then will there be less chance for a cold world to point the finger of scorn, as now it often does, at many who at times talk grandly but in the end do but little.

APPENDIX.

(A)

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that one of the most important sources of our advancement, as a denomination, is the selection and propagation of religious literature that will clearly represent our views of New Testament truth, which we hold to be the only safe, pure, legitimate foundation of a Baptist Church. Great care should be taken to exclude all religious works from our youth that would conflict or undermine the sentiments we hold as a body. Although we do not for a moment underrate or depreciate some of the noble specimens of Divine truth so ably developed by other denominations, yet we claim the same privilege of advocating and defending our sentiments to the world. This we hold is an imperative duty God has enjoined upon us. We therefore recommend that proper instructive books be carefully chosen to accomplish that most desirable end in all our Sabbath Schools.

J. ROWE, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg to report that the past year has been one of great prosperity with our institutions of learning. The registered attendance in the Academical Department reached 187. In general deportment, and in diligence and progress in study—as the late examinations evinced—the scholars did themselves much credit.

Twenty-five young men went up for matriculation at the close of the last term, and the prospect is that five or six others, from other schools, will present themselves on the 1st of September. The class aiming for College a year hence is also large.

The old boarding-house occupied by the young ladies the past year will continue to be used for their benefit the year to come. The partial amalgamation of the Male and Female departments, by which members of the latter are admitted to instruction in certain classes in the former, has resulted in the twofold advantage of efficiency and economy, while the propriety and harmony that have marked the connection of the two departments have been all that could be desired.

The financial aspect of the Academical department is also quite encouraging. Notwithstanding the low fees charged for tuition,

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the income of the Academy the past year, has so far exceeded the expenditure as to permit the setting apart of about \$1000 to the sinking fund, in the reduction of the debt against the new Academy building. Much praise is due Prof. Tufts, the able and indefatigable Principal, for his eminent and valuable services.

The past has also been a successful year in the College. On the 1st of June, seven young men, all of them ministerial students took their first degree.

In consequence of the large classes now yearly entering College, great inconvenience is being felt by the College for want of room, especially in respect of class rooms. To meet this want, the present teaching hall of the Academy, under the College roof, should be given up as soon as possible to the use of the College. This would necessitate the erection of a new teaching hall for the Academy. Your Committee would suggest that eight or ten of the wealthy friends of the Institution, generously take this matter in hand at once.

Considerable work has been done in the Theological Department the past year, but not as much by a good deal, as the wants of the denomination demand. Your Committee believe it would be greatly to the advantage of the denomination generally, to have, at the earliest possible period, no fewer than three men given up entirely to Theological instruction in that department.

Your Committee believe that little good can result to higher education in general or to Acadia College in particular from affiliation with the Halifax University, and that under the circumstances it will be best for the Baptists of these Provinces as a body steadily to adhere to the line of policy they have hitherto pursued, attending to their educational work in their own way, and leaving others to do the same.

Your Committee are finally glad to record the divine goodness seen in the converting grace which has descended upon our Institutions the past year, and they heartily commend them to the sympathies and prayers of their numerous friends.

D. M. WELTON, *Chairman.*

(C)

REPORT ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

Your Committee, feel that the work which lies before us, as a denomination, at the present time demands an increase of benevolence among our people. Much has already been given and done, the leaven is working, but the whole lump is not yet leavened. Much land lies before us, and we are bidden and invited to go up and possess it. The depression in financial circles leads us to fear that a depression in our religious and philanthropic circles, more to be deplored, will be the result, unless those who have given, give more, and those who have not given, awake to their duty in this

important matter. It seems to us very desirable and necessary that some system should be adopted by each church and worked up to. Not a system of unsystematic effort, but one that demands work and secures the desired results. Perhaps no one system we can name will meet the peculiar condition and circumstances of all our churches. But let there be a system which when worked out, will reach every individual in the church and congregation. Those who cannot give much, let them give a little, and let them give often. The secret of accomplishing much does not always lie in doing much at one time, but in doing a little all the time. The secret of acquiring wealth does not lie in an effort to make much in one speculation, but in saving a little every day. Let us give our mites to the Lord, and our larger gifts into his treasury, in a word let us give as God has prospered us.

Respectively submitted,
G. D. Cox, *Chairman.*

(D)
REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee regard with peculiar satisfaction the present working of our various temperance organizations, and believe that very much has been accomplished in this way. These Societies however, we believe are only doing the work, that legitimately belongs to the Christian Church.

Every Baptist Church should, strictly speaking be a temperance body seeking the reform of all classes, and preserving the well-being of the rising generation. But while we rejoice that great good has already been accomplished, inasmuch as temperance sentiments have made much progress, in this Province during the last half century, your Committee feel that very much yet remains to be done by our churches in this matter, for while we hear of men dying in our streets from the baneful effects of intemperance, and the churches remain indifferent thereto, we shall not be able to wash our hands in innocency.

Your Committee would strongly urge upon the officers and teachers of our Sabbath Schools the importance of establishing Bands of Hope, and thus disseminating temperance principles in connexion with Sabbath School work.

Lastly, your Committee would urge upon all our churches, pastors, and people, the necessity of personally abstaining from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and in every lawful manner discountenancing the use of the same throughout the community, for never till our churches come up to this scriptural standard can we expect to see intemperance driven from our land.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. INGRAM, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee, in view of the rich blessing which has attended our Home and Foreign Mission work during the past year, desire humbly to express their deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father.

How happy we all feel when putting forth our best endeavours in *holy concert* to carry out the Saviour's last command, "Preach the gospel to every creature." We trust that all our churches may more fully comprehend *how* and *why* they should exert all their powers to fulfil this last express command of our risen Redeemer.

Your Committee cannot speak too highly of the earnest, self-sacrificing efforts of the Board of the H. M. Union; yet they cannot but express deep sorrow that so many do not fully appreciate their great work; and perhaps, without intending it, greatly hinder the progress of our Home Mission work. May we not anticipate a change for the better speedily.

Your Committee fully endorse the recent vote of the H. M. Union that a *General Missionary*, filled with love to Christ, able to instruct and stir up to duty, and to sytematize our benevolent operations, is an indispensable aid in the successful working of our Home Missionary operations.

Your Committee earnestly urge the importance of increased attention to the wants of the French Mission. They trust that it will ever have a warm place in our sympathies; and that everything will be done by the Board and its friends to render it as efficient as possible.

A view of our Foreign Mission awakens joy and bright hope of a brilliant future. Both our missionaries and our people feel that our God has bidden us work unitedly for the salvation of the millions of the Telooqoo nation. The trials we have had in this enterprise will but strengthen our faith and enhance our devotedness to this great cause.

We have great pleasure in the present friendly relations with our dear brethren of Quebec and Ontario; and we trust that ere long a more intimate and vital union may be consummated in our Foreign Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. ARCHIBALD, *Chairman.*

(F)

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Sabbath is the memorable day in which God ended the work of creation. He hallowed the day, and stamped it by his own glorious example, and commanded men to observe it in like manner.

None can tell the glorious influence this day wields on the destinies of our race by the moral influence it exerts on the human

mind. A day when the toils of man has to cease for a season, and all the powers of his higher nature are brought into a happy remembrance of the doings of God.

Any desecration of the Sabbath must be attended with great evil to the souls of men. It is said, by Sir Mathew Hale, when he attended to the devotions of the Sabbath all his other business of the week prospered on his hands.

It is with pleasure that your Committee feel warranted in asserting that we as Baptists have always, and do now, realize the force of the Third Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Being divine in its appointment and sacred in its obligations, every Christian must hail with delight the dawn of that

"Day of all the week the best,
Emblem of eternal rest."

If it could not be violated with impunity by ancient Israel, how can we see it profaned without lifting up the warning voice. We have no fellowship with the ideas advanced by some that the Sabbath can be spent as a day of recreation without violating the spirit and teaching of the New Testament. It is painful to see professing Christians spending the Lord's Day visiting from house to house, and thereby exerting an evil influence on the minds of their children, and standing in the way of sinners, and perverting the sacred hours of rest and communion with God to foolish jesting and unnecessary conversation.

Impressed with these sad facts and views, your Committee would urge parents and guardians and Sabbath School teachers in particular, and all well-wishers of society in general, both by precept and example, to show their love and respect to God and His law, by keeping the Sabbath day holy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PARKER, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee report that the growing numbers and efficiency of our Sabbath Schools and the increase of Bible Class effort calls for gratitude and inspires hope. They feel that the importance of the Sabbath School and Bible Classes as converting and indoctrinating agencies was never greater than now, while the increasing intelligence of our people and the incoming of scepticism and false liberality in matters of religious faith and practice call for the consecration of all our church members to this work, and the improvement of its methods in every department.

Your Committee would therefore earnestly commend the following suggestions, and wish for them a life beyond their grave in the Minutes.

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1st.—The use in our schools of a pure, strong religious and Baptist literature, as free as possible from the fictional element.

2nd.—The spiritual and mental training of the teachers in teachers' meetings, meetings which shall combine a close study of God's Word with united prayer for success.

3rd.—Espacial attention to Bible Class work, and the gathering, where it is possible, of all the adult members of our congregations, especially the church members and particularly the younger ones, into Bible Classes either held in conjunction with the school or separately. In some cases it may be practicable and best for the pastor to make such a congregational Bible Class one of his regular public Sabbath services.

4th.—The indoctrination of all the members of our Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes in the principles of the doctrine of Christ as held by Baptists, not slighting those that are distinctive to us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. DURKEE, *Chairman.*

(H)

An Act securing to Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia the benefits of Incorporation.

SEC. I.—It shall be lawful for any Baptist Church now organized in this Province, or that may yet be organized, to secure the benefits of incorporation, according to the provisions of this Act, by calling a meeting as hereinafter to be defined.

SEC. II.—Members of any such churches assembled at the place of worship of said church, and by a majority of votes, shall elect from the members of said church three, six, or nine persons as a Board of Trustees; and such Trustees and their successors in office shall be a body corporate on behalf of said church.

SEC. III.—Public notice shall be given of the meeting for the first election of Trustees under this Act, and also of all subsequent meetings for the election of Trustees, at one regular service of the church on each of the two Sabbaths next preceding such election, the object, time and place of such meetings to be distinctly stated in said notice.

SEC. IV.—The Trustees thus elected shall be so divided by lot at the first election that one-third of them shall go out of office at the expiration of one year, one-third at the expiration of two years, and one-third at the end of three years, and thereafter the term of service of one-third of their number shall expire annually, and their places shall be filled by a new election, as provided in section third; it being understood that those going out of office shall be eligible for re-election.

SEC. V.—The Trustees first elected shall file or cause to be filed in the book of records of church business an account of their elec-

tion duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the meeting at which said election took place, and thenceforth the Board of Trustees so organized shall be a body corporate. Such Trustees shall hold regular meetings for business at such time and place as they may appoint, and special meetings may be called by any three of them; a majority of the whole number shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of the votes cast on any question shall decide such question.

SEC. VI.—Such Trustees shall take charge of the property of said church, both real and personal; but such Trustees shall have no right to divert the property of said church from uses appointed by the church, or to alienate, sell, or encumber the property of said church, or to incur debts beyond what is necessary for the proper care, repairs and preservation of the property of the said church, unless such authority is especially conferred by such church on such Trustees; and such authority to alienate, sell or encumber shall be valid only when approved by a majority present at a meeting of persons qualified to vote for Trustees, such meeting to be called as provided in section third of this Act.

In other respects the Trustees shall have all the rights, powers and duties granted by law to Trustees of religious corporations.

SEC. VII.—When a person elected Trustee shall for the term of six consecutive months cease to attend or to support the worship of said church, his place may be declared vacant by an official notice of the Board of Trustees to the church, and a new election shall be ordered to fill such vacancy as provided in Section 3 of this Act.

SEC. VIII.—This Act shall in no way interfere with the churches that are now enjoying the benefits of incorporation.

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**Treasurer's Account of Moneys for Benevolent Objects
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NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Mission.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Infirmary Ministers.	Total.
Annapolis.....	\$17 50						\$17 50
Arcadia.....	8 45	\$4 25				\$1 75	14 45
West Yarmouth.....	4 90	3 30	\$1 77			2 55	12 52
South Yarmouth.....	9 60	3 00	1 00	\$1 00	\$7 00		21 60
2nd Hillsburgh.....	5 00	6 05					11 05
2nd Ragged Islands.....	4 00						5 00
Sable River.....	8 77		1 00				8 77
Middlefield.....	4 21						4 21
Greenfield.....	81	0 25	0 25		0 50	0 25	2 06
Hampton.....	1 55	8 69	0 50				10 74
Wilnot.....	10 00	42 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	75 00
Caledonia.....	4 75	2 75					7 50
Bridgetown.....	26 50	23 05	5 00		0 75	0 75	58 30
Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	55 10	50 10	16 70	16 70	16 70	16 70	172 00
Ohio, Yarmouth.....	6 50	6 50					13 00
Hillgrove.....	6 00	2 00	2 00	2 00			14 50
Liverpool.....	27 25	20 00	5 00	2 50	16 00	7 50	78 25
Lake George.....		8 00	2 00				10 00
Wood's Harbour.....	1 50	1 50			1 50		4 50
Barrington.....		1 62				0 87	2 49
Pubnico.....	5 24						5 24
1st Ragged Island.....	2 00						2 00
Weymouth.....	3 00	8 00					11 00
Tusket.....	4 75	0 75					5 50
Clements.....	3 76	7 00	7 00		7 00		24 76
Lower Granville.....	18 74	10 52	2 33	2 75	7 75	5 06	40 16
Mill Village.....	7 50						7 50
Lockport.....	21 55	10 15			0 25	11 00	48 95
Port Medway.....	5 30	0 75				1 25	7 30
Beaver River.....	11 48	1 00	2 30	2 94	0 41	0 93	19 06
Digby.....		2 00					2 00
1st Hillsburg.....	5 00	20 00	10 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	44 00
Freeport.....	10 95	12 00	4 00		5 00	5 00	36 95
Tiverton.....	2 00	2 00	2 50			2 00	8 50
Hebron, Yarmouth Co.....	24 89	43 26	10 00				78 15
1st Yarmouth.....	74 62	92 66	6 93	4 24	5 60	9 55	193 60
Brookfield.....	10 00	9 00	2 00	2 00	0 40	1 00	24 40
Pine Grove.....	5 00			2 00	1 00		8 00
Lawrencetown and Valley West	6 17	4 18	1 00			0 40	11 75
New Albany.....	3 85	6 65	1 60	0 22		1 45	13 77
Milton, Queens Co.....	23 95	20 60					44 55
Jordan River.....	1 00	6 00					7 00
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Lower Aylesford.....	9 50	27 00	2 25			1 75	40 50
Upper Wilnot.....	12 00						12 00
West Port.....		12 00	3 00		10 00	5 00	30 00
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“ Arcadia “.....	3 00						3 00
“ Hebron “.....	7 40						7 40
“ West Yarmouth Ch.....	2 00						2 00
“ Central Chebogue Ch.....	2 34						2 34
“ Temple Ch., Yarm.....	81 96						81 96
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* \$23.00 of this amount contributed by Miss Bond, Hartford Sabbath School, requested to be reported in the Minutes.

† From Mrs. Shaw, widow of the late Joseph Shaw, and member of Milton Baptist Church, Yarmouth County.

Moneys reported by Churches and appropriated during the year.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Missions.	Educational Purposes.	Infirm Ministers.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses.	Meeting House.	Parsonage.	Church Poor.	Other Purposes.	Totals.
1 Annapolis and Upper Granville.				\$800 00	\$50 00	\$800 00			\$200 00	\$1150 00
2 Arcadia.				300 00	65 00					365 00
3 Argyle.	\$325 00			200 00		42 00				395 00
4 Beaver River.	34 43			600 00	45 00		\$800 00			276 40
5 Brookfield.	15 40			500 00	100 00		16 00			515 40
6 Clements.	19 83			550 00	73 50				99 00	680 83
7 Digby.	9 50			167 00	15 00	8 00				708 50
8 Freeport.				700 00	120 00	200 00			10 00	306 87
9 Greenfield.	35 32			700 00	102 00		300 00			658 82
10 Hampton.				200 00	20 00					100 00
11 Hebron.	19 34			250 00	50 80	1000 00				1039 34
12 Hillsburg 1st.				700 00	60 00	200 00			30 00	1412 70
13 Hillsburg 2nd.	27 85			729 00	400 00			\$16 00		1196 00
14 Jordan Bay.				100 00	75 00				79 00	803 00
15 Lawrencetown and Valley West.	25 50			100 00	11 97	8 00				119 97
16 Lockport.	31 70	\$292 00	\$19 00	600 00	175 00	3400 00	10 00	37 00		806 55
17 Liverpool.	51 25	58 00		75 00	36 00					51 19
18 Middlefield.				600 00	40 00	200 00				1100 00
19 Mill Village.	44 55			250 00	70 00					327 00
20 Milton, Queens Co.				250 00	40 00					312 50
21 Milton, Yarmouth Co.			1 45	600 00	40 00		60 00			9500 00
22 New Albany.	19 74			600 00	200 25					453 70
23 New Tusket.	7 31			163 50	280 29					140 00
24 Niagara.	34 00	\$200 00		270 00	348 14				4 00	684 50
25 Ohio.	7 00			1000 00	382 00	150 00		15 00		1063 00
26 Pine Grove.	22 50			600 00	40 00	1000 00			15 00	1963 00
27 Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot.				340 00	902 00		200 00	102 00		3440 71
28 Shelburne.				1200 00	28 00	45 00			6 00	279 00
29 Tiverton.	22 30			200 00	100 00					250 00
30 Ragged Island 1st.	171 00	40 00		450 00	100 00			10 00		842 00
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ART. 1.—
 2.—It shall be the duty of every member of each Church to attend one or more of the meetings of the Church in a year.
 3.—The officers of the Church shall be the pastor, the moderator, the clerk, the treasurer, and the members of the vestry.
 4.—The Annual Conference shall be held on the first of October of each year, or on such other day as may be determined by the vestry.
 5.—The officers of the Church shall be elected at the Annual Conference.
 6.—The vestry shall have the care and management of the Church property, and shall see that the same is used for the purposes of the Church.
 7.—The Association shall be held on the first of September of each year, or on such other day as may be determined by the vestry.
 8.—The Association shall consist of the pastors and members of the churches in the district.
 9.—The Declaration of Sentiments shall be read at the Annual Conference.
 10.—This Constitution shall be subject to amendment by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Church.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. Western Baptist Association.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MINUTES

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

YARMOUTH, Friday Morning, June 16th, 1876.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, convened in the Temple, Yarmouth, June 16th at 10 o'clock, A. M.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Rev. I. Wallace, was called to the chair.

Rev. J. E. Goucher led in prayer.

In the absence of Rev. M. P. Freeman, one of the Secretaries, Rev. J. A. Durkee was appointed in his place.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Temple Church.—Dea. J. C. Anderson, Bros. W. A. C. Randall, M. D., and Joshua Heustis.

1st Yarmouth.—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., and Deas. A. C. Robbins, P. D. Kinney, and W. E. Heustis.

Hebron.—Rev. R. D. Burgess, Deas. W. R. Doty, Jas. Crosby, Bros. Parker O. Goucher, and J. S. Hawkesworth.

Digby.—Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Bro. W. H. Aymer.

Lower Granville.—Rev. P. R. Foster.

Weymouth.—Rev. Jas. Bancroft and John Kinney.

Newport.—Rev. A. E. Ingram.

Lockeport.—Rev. E. Whitman, and Bro. John McKenne.

Hillgrove, Digby.—Rev. Jos. Skinner.

Annapolis and Upper Granville.—Rev. J. Clark.

Argyle.—Dea. O. W. Slocomb.

Liverpool.—Rev. G. O. Gates, Bros. Thomas Nickerson, and Thomas Harvie.

Berwick.—Rev. Isa. Wallace.

Cambridge.—Rev. Joseph H. Robbins.

Truro.—Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Ohio.—Rev. James Stubbett.

Kempt.—Rev. T. C. Delong.

Shelburne.—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

Milton, Yarmouth.—Alfred Sevis, Zechariah Corning, Benj. Cook.

Milton, Queens.—Rev. J. Brown.

Freeport.—J. W. Eldridge.

Nictaux.—Rev. W. J. Bleakney.

Pine Grove.—Rev. W. G. Parker.

Lawrencetown.—Dea Beriah Daniels.

Wilmot Mountain.—Rev. J. E. Bleakney.

Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot.—Rev. E. O. Read, and Bro. D. Banks.

Wilmot.—Rev. A. Cohoon.

Members in their own right.—Revds. T. H. Higgins, G. B. Titus, W. H. Richan, P. F. Murray, J. A. Durkee, W. B. Bradshaw, W. H. Warren, and D. M. Welton.

Invited.—Dea. W. W. Hogg, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, C. W. Sanders, Deas. Edward Pennell, A. G. West, Alex. Murray, Andrew Goudey, William Haley, Jos. Wilkins, Allen Haley, Jas. Hemeon, Geo. Cain

Resolved, That the Morning Session close at 12 o'clock, that the Afternoon Session open at 2.30 and close at 5.30, and that the Evening Session open at 7.30.

Rev. G. E. Day, on behalf of the Committee appointed to confer with the New Brunswick brethren, with a view to Union in Home Mission work reported: that the Board of New Brunswick did not favour Union.

Rev. G. E. Day, Corresponding Secretary, read the report of the Executive Board, report of Treasurer, also a statement of the Liabilities and Assets and estimate for the ensuing year.

Reports laid on the table.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. George Armstrong.

FRIDAY—Afternoon Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. T. A. Higgins.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion report of the Corresponding Secretary was taken up and discussed clause by clause.

The first clause relating to employment of a General Agent was on motion adopted after remarks by Revds. A. Cohoon, G. E. Day, P. A. Shields, J. W. Bancroft.

Second clause concerning Theological Professor was read, discussed by Revds. Isa. Wallace, J. H. Robbins, G. E. Day, D. M. Welton, Geo. Armstrong, A. Cohoon and referred back to the Board for amendment. Afterwards accepted as amended.

Third clause relating to French Mission read, discussed by Revds. J. Clark, Isa. Wallace, M. Normandy, A. Cogswell, J. H. Robbins, J. Rowe, J. A. Durkee, P. Gallagher, P. R. Foster, and a Committee consisting of Revds. J. H. Saunders, J. H. Robbins, J. A. Durkee, W. H. Warren, T. A. Higgins, J. E. Goucher, J. W. Bancroft, appointed, to whom the matter of the future working of the French Mission was referred.

Fourth clause relating to Book Department was discussed by Revs. E. N. Archibald, G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, A. C. Robbins, T. C. Delong, and further discussion reserved till evening session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. O. Gates.

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FRIDAY—Evening Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. J. Clark.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Discussion of fourth clause of report resumed by Revs. John Brown, P. Gallagher, E. N. Archibald. Clause adopted.

Fifth clause, relating to general work, read and adopted.

Sixth clause, relating to Newfoundland, read; spoken to by Revs. G. Armstrong, J. Brown, J. E. Goucher, E. N. Archibald, A. Cohoon, and adopted.

Seventh clause, relating to liabilities, read and adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider the clause relating to French Mission reported. Report referred to Executive Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. J. Bleakney.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion, report of Executive Committee adopted as a whole.

Treasurer's report again read, and adopted.

On motion, it was voted that the Executive Board be located for the coming year at Yarmouth.

Resolved, That the membership of the Board be the same as last year, viz.: A. C. Robbins, J. C. Anderson, W. A. C. Randall, M. D., J. H. Haley, P. D. Kinney, W. R. Doty, G. E. Day, W. H. Warren, J. A. Stubbert, J. Rowe, P. Gallaher, R. D. Burgess, and P. F. Murray.

Resolved, That the Board be empowered to fill any vacancies occurring during the year.

The officers were elected as follows:

President,—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.; *Vice-Presidents*,—Revs. J. E. Goucher, D. McDonald, E. M. Saunders, and W. G. Parker; *Secretaries*,—Revs. A. Cohoon, and J. A. Durkee; *Directors*,—Revs. J. W. Manning, J. C. Bleakney, D. W. C. Dimock, Deacons J. W. Barss, and Judge McCully, and Revs. S. B. Kempton, and E. O. Read, for Central Association; Revs. E. Whitman, G. O. Gates, G. D. Cox, J. W. Bancroft, J. M. Parker, C. Tupper, D. D., John Clark, and Bro. B. H. Parker, for Western Association; Brethren T. M. King, N. Dobson, Moses Lowe, W. Cummings, J. R. Read, Amos Atkinson, A. W. McDonald, and Rev. D. McKeen, for the Eastern Association; and George McNeil, J. C. Colhoun, Jas. DesBrisay, Geo. Davies, Alex. Scott, Artemas Hooper, Malcom Ross, and Ebenezer Lidstone, for Prince Edward Island.

Resolved, That Wm. Faulkner, of Truro, be Auditor.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Union be tendered to the Board for their efficient services the past year.

Adjourned to meet with the Eastern Association next year.

A. COHOON,
J. A. DURKEE, } *Secretaries.*

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union beg to present their fourth annual report. Immediately after the Anniversary of the Union, your Board met to review the past, examine the present and prepare for the future. The past was radiant, the present was somewhat clouded, the future was an intermingling of light and shade. The financial pressure seemed to be growing more severe. Your Board believed that their general policy in the past was sound, and they were ready to pursue the same course. But circumstances seemed to indicate that it might be advisable to make certain changes in the manner of their work.

General Agency.—Your Board had the Rev. D. Freeman employed as their General Agent. He had laboured faithfully and with a good measure of success. Probably he could have prosecuted this work with favourable results, but objections had been raised by prominent brethren against the General Agency work. All the Associations had recommended that instead of an appeal to the churches for financial aid by the voice of an Agent, application should be made to them by letter. Your Board, therefore, although doubtful of the propriety of this course, felt morally bound to relinquish their hold on a General Agent. The Rev. Mr. Freeman who had acted in this capacity was subsequently stationed at New Glasgow, where he laboured for some time with encouraging success.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Associations, your Board prepared an appeal to the churches for financial assistance. A circular containing this Appeal was sent to each church in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island. Your Board regret to say that, except in a few instances, the churches did not respond, and the appeal was almost a complete failure. What was to be done? The French Missionary needed his salary. The money was not in hand. Your Board were compelled to act against their former expressed opinions. They were forced to take the missionary from his legitimate work and send him on a collecting tour. The churches visited kindly responded to the appeal made to them, and it is hoped that the addresses delivered by the missionary may awaken a greater interest in the French Mission.

Other brethren who had labored for the Board requested payment of the amounts due to them, to meet, if possible, these claims. The services of the Rev. P. A. Shields, as a financial agent were secured for a few weeks. He, hurriedly visited several of the

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churches, and, considering the season of the year, and the general depression in money matters, he met with a good degree of success.

In view of their own experience, and the experience of many societies in the United States, your board strongly recommend that a suitable General Agent be almost constantly in the field.

Theological Professorship.—Your Board are pleased to state that Prof. D. M. Welton has been laboring for them for five months—from January to June—in the Theological Department of Acadia College. His time during the summer vacation and for the following four months was occupied mainly in reference to the New Academy Building. His salary for that time was paid by the building Committee.

As Prof. Welton had devoted a part of his time during the winter to regular College work, your Board thought that the Governors of the College should pay a part of his salary. A request to that effect was sent to them. They report that they cannot accede to this request. Your Board are pleased to recommend that Prof. Welton be continued in the Theological Department, and that the Governors of the College pay his salary.

The following extract of the Professor's report will show the nature of the work done:—

"My time during the past term has been pretty equally divided between the Theological Department and the College proper.

In the Theological Department I have had Homiletics and *Church History*. Twenty-five young men having the Christian ministry in view, have attended the lectures in Homiletics, and the work of the term in this branch has been arranged in the following order:—

1st. On one week, the reading of a sermon by one member of the class, said sermon open to criticism by all present.

2nd. On next week the placing of the plan of a sermon on the black-board by one member of the class appointed for the same purpose, said plan open to criticism by all the members of the class.

3rd. On the following week, a lecture by myself on some topic connected with the preparation and delivery of sermons. The topics on which I have principally dwelt are:—1st. Arrangement in sermons. 2nd. The different species of sermons, noticing three, the topical, the textual, and the expository. 3rd. Preparation and delivery of sermons, noticing three methods of delivery, reading, recitation, and extemporaneous speaking. 4th. On the proper method of conducting public worship. 5th. The guarantees of a successful ministry.

Five have been in the class in Church History, viz:—L. M. Weeks, J. W. Weeks, Chas. Bishop, Wm. Robinson, Otis Redden.

The last two are members of the graduating class.

The periods gone over are:—1st. The Apostolic period to A. D. 100. 2nd. The Martyr period to A. D. 313.

I may be permitted to say that the young men have shown

themselves deeply interested in their studies, and have, I believe, received great benefit from them."

French Mission.—Nothing of special interest has occurred during the year. The Missionary has been toiling on as usual. There has been some encouragement. One soul has professed faith in Christ and has been added to the company of believers. Others have been inquiring after the truth as it is in Jesus. The leaven is working, albeit its progress is slow. The ground is hard. The harvest is scanty. Your Board nevertheless would not give up the work. There must be a future for this Mission. Too much money has been expended thereon and too many prayers have been offered in its behalf for it to become a failure. During the spring there was quite a religious interest in the French Mission church, but the fruits do not yet appear.

Your Board are of the opinion that the French Mission premises at Tusket should be sold as soon as they can be disposed of to advantage. They also recommend that a Mission be commenced among the French in the Eastern part of the Province as soon as the man and the means can be obtained for such a work.

Book Department.—Your Board have long felt the importance of having a Baptist Book Depository in this Province. They have been working for the last few years with this object in view. At one time three colporteurs were in the field, and a good deal of work was done. Had a fair share of encouragement been given to the Board an immense deal of good would have been accomplished in this department, but objections were raised against the whole plan, and the efforts of your Board were in a great measure thwarted. The Board believe that the world has need of a Baptist literature. Baptists need it too. When Temperance Reformers wish to create a temperance sentiment, they spread abroad a temperance literature. If Baptists wish to spread their principles and indoctrinate their youth they should use a Baptist literature. The Board wish to create a correct sentiment on this subject, but they find it a difficult task. While prominent Baptist ministers and influential laymen are officers of a so-called *Union Book and Tract Society*, and while Baptist churches supply their Sabbath Schools from that source it is not an easy matter to make much progress in this department. Our Methodist brethren have their *Book Concern*. Our Presbyterian friends have a similar society. Why should Baptists be behind them? Your Board do hope that the pastors of our churches will look at this matter in the proper light.

Your Board have had one Colporteur employed during the larger part of the year. He occupied a good portion of his time in taking orders for books. He has sold quite a large number of volumes—chiefly small ones—and given many away to the destitute. A good many books have also been sold at the Depository. Altogether about 3000 volumes of pure Baptist literature have been put in circulation. Thousands of pages of tracts in English, French,

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German, Swedish, and Norwegian have been distributed. As these books and tracts teach the truth with as small a percentage of error as can likely be found in merely human productions, your Board cherish the belief that much good has been done in this department during the past year. But they are not satisfied. They wished to do more. Many circumstances, however, seemed to be against them. They take pleasure in recommending that more vigorous measures be put forth in this department in future.

HOME MISSIONS PROPER.

1. *Nova Scotia*.—As the returns began to come in after the summer vacation, your Board found it would not be wise to undertake to accomplish all the work which they desired to do. The important points, however, have been held, and much missionary work of a general nature has been done. The Redeemer's cause has prospered in Annapolis. The largest congregation in the town waits upon the ministry of your missionary there. A flourishing Sabbath School has also been gathered. The change for good in Annapolis since your mission was started in that place has been remarkable, and claims the gratitude of the Baptists in this Province. Shelburne, too, has been held. The cause in the Shelburne field is for the most part very prosperous. A mission has been commenced at New Glasgow. As an immediate result a church has been organized there. A piece of land has been secured for a building lot. Efforts will be made immediately to erect thereon a suitable house of worship. The Rev. D. Freeman labored there with gratifying success. They hope he will be succeeded by a christian worker of similar energy and faith.

Your Board are pleased to state that the Kentville church, which was assisted by the Union last year, has become self-supporting. The cause there is making remarkable progress under the faithful labors of the Rev. Mr. Stevens.

The churches on the Barrington field, which formerly received assistance from your Board, are this year supporting the gospel among them without any external aid. Annapolis, Shelburne and New Glasgow will undoubtedly be able in a short time to do the same. These points are important, and in the mean time they must be encouraged by the Board.

2. *Prince Edward Island*.—There has been a large amount of Home Mission work done in P. E. Island during the year. The General Missionary of the Board, Rev. D. McDonald, has labored with marked success. The blessing of the Lord followed his labors in every place. On the first of May last he resigned, to take the pastorate of the Charlottetown church. Your Board reluctantly gave him up, but they were pleased to learn that he would assist them to the best of his ability in giving information and offering advice. Brethren Kidson, Gordon and DeWolf, C. C. Burgess, Schurman, and others have been under the direction of the Board. These all have labored faithfully, and the Master has been with

them. Your Board are glad to learn that Baptist principles are making quite rapid progress in this important Island. They therefore recommend energetic measures in Home Mission work. The prospects are encouraging, and success is sure to follow faithful efforts in this field.

3. *Newfoundland.*—Your Board have long felt a deep interest in the Province of Newfoundland. They wished to explore the country with a view to establish one or two Baptist missions there, but a suitable person could not readily be found to perform this work. In July last your Board were happy to learn that the Revs. George Armstrong and Dr. McDonald were willing to visit and explore the Island. These brethren undertook the work and performed it with entire satisfaction to the Board. They prepared and sent forward a voluminous and excellent report. Your Board believe with this committee of exploration that *two missions* should be planted in Newfoundland as early as circumstances will permit, and that *two others* should soon follow them. Your Board sincerely hope that some of our brethren who were once filled with the Foreign Missionary spirit, but were deterred from going abroad, will be divinely directed to labor in Newfoundland. The following extract from the committee's report will shew how necessary it is for your Board to undertake missionary work there :

"The work which you were pleased to assign to us, viz : to preach the gospel in Newfoundland, to explore the country with a view to ascertain the spiritual condition and wants of the people, and to find out any of our brethren who may be there, and to see what openings exist for missionary work by our denomination, we have performed to the best of our ability in the limited time at our disposal."

"*St. John's, Newfoundland.*—It is no easy matter to trace the course of the Baptists who from time to time settled here. Mr. Turner, from England, preached in the Temperance Hall, a few years ago, for about twelve months. He was supported by a Mr. Muir, a wealthy merchant of the place. Mr. Muir died after Mr. Turner had been here about a year, and his widow went home to England. Mr. Turner was, by this providence, deprived of his support, and left the colony. The few members gathered in by him being open communion, readily became absorbed by the other denominations. The most of them united with the Congregational church."

"*Harbour Grace.*—There is one solitary Baptist in this town of 9000 inhabitants. He is a respectable man, a druggist. He now worships with the Presbyterians. The District Judge is a son of Deacon Bennett, of Windsor. He has become an Episcopalian. We believe he would be friendly to the Baptists were we to start a mission there."

"*Notre Dame Bay.*—Quite a number of Nova Scotians, and among them several Baptists, were employed at the copper mines recently opened at Betts' Cove, in Notre Dame Bay, by Mr. Ellershouse, well and favorably known in Nova Scotia. It was deemed highly proper and desirable that one of us should proceed northward on the work of exploration, examine the above named Cove in particular, see the friends, and preach the Gospel, ascertain all the facts possible bearing on the objects of our mission, and do all in our power to further the

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"We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the openings observed and the prospects of success in mission work in the name of the Lord on the important Island of Newfoundland.

We recommend that missions be commenced in the following places as soon as it is in the power of the Board to do so, which we faintly hope is the case now, viz.:

- 1st.—At St. John's as soon as possible.
- 2nd.—At Notre Dame Bay, with centre of operations at Betts' Cove.
- 3rd.—At Harbor Grace, in Conception Bay.
- 4th.—At Fortune Bay, with centre of operations either at Grand Bank or Fortune."

Liabilities.—Your Board regret to state that their liabilities are comparatively large. This fact, however does not discourage them. Many Societies of a kindred nature are in the same position. The causes of our liabilities are apparent. Among the number we may mention the following:—the immense deal of work done the previous year, the absence of a General Agent; incorrect ideas of missionaries and churches in regard to the resources of the Board; lack of love to the Master and a failure to understand their obligations to him on the part of his professed followers. Care has been taken of late not to increase the indebtedness of the Board but to look to its removal. But few appointments have been made recently. Many brethren have been recommended to churches that are able to support them. Several have in this way settled for the present. Others have made their arrangements in an independent manner. Your Board sympathize with the students who depend upon the proceeds of their labor during the summer vacation to help them through the College year, and sincerely hope that they may not suffer loss by the decision of the Board not to make many appointments. They trust that these brethren will see the necessity of being more zealous in the matter of collecting funds and that the churches will feel the full weight of their responsibility. If they do not, neither Acadia nor Newton will furnish for them an adequate supply of ministerial help.

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1 T. H. Sanders.....	Digby and vicinity.....	250	26	43	45	18	95	26
2 L. M. Weeks.....	Issac's Harbor.....	133	21	25	118	9
3 C. H. Martell.....	Maitland and Noel.....	563	46	26	178	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....
4 E. J. Grant.....	Litchfield and Parker's Cove.....	76	25	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....
5 M. W. Brown.....	East Point and Murray's River, P. E. I.....	726	35	27	212	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....
6 Trueman Bishop.....	Little Glace Bay.....	249	39	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....
7 Obed Parker.....	.....	640	33	14	147	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....
8 J. A. Gordon.....	Cape Wolf, Tignish &c., P. E. I.....	2064	105	46	709	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....
9 B. P. Shafner.....	New Canada and Maitland.....	924	34	41	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
10 Charles Norwood.....	New Ross.....	2553	102	14	463	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....
11 T. A. Higgins.....	Annapolis &c.....	1008	136	179	713	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....
12 Wm. Craigie.....	Pictou and New Glasgow.....	132	6	14	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....
13 Geo. Armstrong.....	Victoria Mines, Little Glace Bay and Newfoundland.....	1894	31	14	143	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....
14 M. S. McDonay.....	Southville.....	3648	158	31	367	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
15 E. S. McGregor.....	.....	455	41	49	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....
16 E. N. Archibald.....	St. Lawrence and Economy.....	2907	193	184	1045	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....
17 E. T. Archibald.....	St. Lawrence.....	1428	148	98	287	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
18 C. W. Bishop.....	Acadia Mines and Folly Lake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19 W. H. Robinson.....	White and Indian Harbors.....	236	23	41	207	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....
20 G. E. Good.....	Upper Stikivacke.....	300	24	23	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
21 A. W. Barlow.....	Guernsey and Branches.....	576	58	28	308	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
22 Fred. D. Crawley.....	New Cumberland and Lapland.....	334	36	13	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
23 D. McDonald.....	Prince Edward Island.....	4395	231	130	670	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
24 F. H. Bishop.....	Eltershouse and South Rawdon.....	408	24	50	330	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	.....	.....
25 R. Rendin.....	Waterville.....	3	0	15	13	2
26 Y. C. Simpson.....	Perseanville.....	350	50	33	900	5

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31 R. Rendin.....	Waterville.....	3	0	15	13	2
32 Y. C. Simpson.....	Perseanville.....	350	50	33	900	5

Summary.—It will appear from the foregoing list that 45 missionaries and agents have been in commission during the year, several of whom have been re-appointed. Together they have travelled 39,142 miles; preached 2465 sermons; attended 1644 other meetings; made 10,116 family visits; distributed 29,090 pages of tracts; 20,000 pages of books; received 13 subscribers to the *Christian Messenger*; baptized 211; built or carried to completion 1 meeting-house; organized 3 churches and 9 Sabbath Schools; and performed 801 weeks' labour. Collected on the field \$5235.36.

In conclusion, your Board wish to record their sincere thanks to the Giver of all good for his mercies to them, their agents and missionaries during the past year. Their lives have been spared, a great deal of money has been collected, and much work has been done for the Lord. A special cause for thankfulness is found in the fact that although the pressure in money matters was so severe, about the same amount of funds came into the Treasurer's hands as were received last year from the regular sources of supply. Your Board, therefore, must speak hopefully of the future. The amount of work done, the large sums of money collected and expended during the past three years, and the glorious results, must convince the unprejudiced that *union* is better than *isolation* in Home Missionary work. The Board feel that they have labored faithfully in the cause of the Master, and that he has blessed them. Their aim has been the glory of God in the spread of true religious principles in the whole field of their labor. They are now ready to give the honours and responsibilities of their office to their successors, accompanied with their sympathies and prayers. They sincerely hope that the whole denomination may co-operate with them so that a far greater work for God may be accomplished this year on the Home Mission field than ever was done before.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Board,
 G. E. DAY, *Cor. Secretary.*
 Yarmouth, N. S., June 16th, 1876.

New Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.

1875.		Dr.	
June 26.	For Postage and Telegrams.....		\$ 0 67
"	Stationery, \$0.27. Telegrams, \$1.29.....		1 84
23.	Paid A. H. Lavers, \$30.00.....		30 00
July 3.	Z. C. Vickery, Forest Glen Mission.....		30 85
11.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle Mission.....		96 96
13.	" E. B. Corey, Cumberland ".....		205 00
"	Charges on Monies received from Rev. W. H. Warren.....		2 62
"	Telegrams, Postages, &c., \$2.19. Do., \$1.96.....		3 55
14.	S. Selden, for Printing.....		138 84
19.	E. T. Carboneil, Acadia Mine Mission.....		10 00
21.	A. H. Lavers.....		67 88
23.	G. H. Springer.....		200 00
Aug. 4.	Chas. Norwood, Blue Mountain and New Ross.....		50 00
"	Rev. D. Freeman.....		89 79
"	G. F. Tufts, salary and expenses.....		66 48
6.	F. A. Kidson, P. E. Island.....		67 00
"	J. G. Gordon, P. E. Island.....		5 00

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	6.	Rev. D. McDonald, account salary.....	\$147 50
	"	Rev. J. H. Sanders, Digby.....	50 00
	"	Cartage, Telegrams, Postage &c., \$1.27. Do. \$4.35.....	5 62
	27.	Rev. J. Brown, Cow Bay, \$100.00. Expenses 54 cts.....	100 54
Sept.	1.	G. H. Springer, for Books \$158.00 Do. 86 cts.....	158 86
"	7.	Rev. W. Craigie, Pictou and New Glasgow.....	50 00
"	"	A. W. Bars, Guysboro' and Manchester, \$25.00. Expenses, \$1.08....	26 08
"	16.	T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....	100 00
"	"	W. C. Craigie, Pictou and New Glasgow.....	30 00
"	"	J. I. DeWolfe, P. E. Island.....	350 00
"	"	E. M. McDonald, ".....	20 00
Oct.	22.	Stationery, Postage, Telegrams, &c., \$1.77. Do., \$4.93.....	6 70
Nov.	2.	E. J. Grant, Annapolis Co., \$55.00 and \$25.00.....	80 00
"	11.	Rev. D. Freeman.....	30 00
"	"	Trueman Bishop, Hants Co.....	55 28
"	"	J. Otis Redden.....	23 00
"	"	B. P. Shaffner, Hants Co.....	22 00
"	"	G. E. Good, Colchester Co.....	104 00
"	"	C. H. Martell, Hants Co.....	120 00
"	"	F. S. McGregor, Cumberland Co.....	43 41
"	"	C. W. Bishop, Hants Co.....	45 53
"	"	E. H. Bishop, ".....	61 35
"	"	I. E. Skinner, Cape Breton.....	83 44
"	"	D. H. Simpson, Cornwallis.....	10 00
Dec.	1.	Jas. W. Higgins, Cumberland Co.....	70 00
"	"	Rev. G. Armstrong, Cape Breton.....	40 89
"	"	J. B. McQuillan, Antigonishe Co.....	16 00
"	"	E. T. Carbonell, Colchester and Cumberland Co.....	181 22
"	"	Rev. P. A. Shields, Riverdale, Yarmouth Co.....	60 00
"	"	P. O. Order, Postages, &c., \$2.76. Do., \$1.60. Stationery, \$1.00.....	5 36
"	24.	Rev. A. W. Bars, Guysboro'.....	25 00
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Jan.	7.	Rev. D. W. Crandall, Pugwash.....	12 50
"	8.	T. C. DeLong, Tancook.....	50 00
"	"	L. M. Weeks, Guysboro' Co.....	118 31
"	"	M. W. Brown, P. E. Island.....	44 00
"	21.	Rev. J. M. Cramp, for Books.....	57 00
"	"	L. M. Weeks, Guysboro' Co.....	42 64
"	"	W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....	181 00
"	"	Trueman Bishop, Hants Co.....	40 72
Feb.	29.	Rev. Mr. Gordon, P. E. Island.....	50 00
March	4.	O. Parker, Lichfield, &c.....	47 00
"	9.	A. W. Bars, Guysboro' Co.....	25 00
"	"	Duty on Books, \$4.00. Stationery, 16 cts.....	4 16
"	"	Geo. H. Springer, for Books.....	100 00
"	"	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Shelburne Co.....	30 00
"	"	P. O. Order, Postages, &c., \$1.00. Do., 99 cts. Do., \$2.20.....	4 28
"	14.	Rev. G. Armstrong, Cape Breton and Newfoundland.....	128 84
"	"	F. A. Crawley, Lunenburg Co.....	55 00
"	"	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.....	119 00
"	"	G. H. Springer, for Books, \$60.00. Premium, 25 cts.....	60 25
"	"	Rev. P. A. Shields.....	120 00
April	8.	E. T. Carbonell.....	12 35
"	"	Rev. F. A. Kidson.....	28 50
"	"	W. H. Robinson.....	50 50
"	"	Rev. T. A. Higgins.....	348 58
"	"	J. B. McQuillan, coll. on field.....	7 74
"	"	Duty, Postage, &c., \$6.80. Do. \$1.55.....	7 85
"	"	G. H. Springer, for Books.....	20 47
"	"	M. W. Brown.....	12 50
"	"	Rev. C. I. Graves.....	255 53
May	23.	C. W. Bishop.....	50 47
"	"	Rev. D. Freeman.....	160 01
"	26.	G. Armstrong.....	10 00
"	"	J. C. Plumb.....	20 00
"	31.	W. H. Robinson.....	36 50
"	"	B. P. Shaffner.....	31 00
"	"	Rev. D. McDonald, P. E. Island.....	277 47
"	"	Telegram, Postage, &c., \$3.40. Do. 59 cts.....	3 99
"	"	Jas. Dr. McDonald.....	4 50
"	"	Geo. W. Higgins.....	38 90
"	"	Rev. H. Springer, for Books.....	105 00
"	"	Rev. J. B. McQuillan.....	43 41
"	"	Telegrams, Postage, &c.....	2 63
"	"	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Shelburne.....	575 00
"	"	S. Selden, for Printing.....	6 00
"	"	Chas. Norwood.....	4 22
"	"	Rev. T. A. Higgins.....	169 28

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May 31	Rev. J. Shaw, P. E. Island.....	\$50 00
"	A. W. Barrs.....	25 00
"	C. C. Burgess, P. E. Island.....	400 42
"	Gardner Tufts.....	834 00
"	Rev. P. A. Shields.....	195 00
"	E. T. Carboneil.....	2 25
"	Rev. J. H. Sanders, Digby.....	192 05
"	Balance in hand.....	220 50
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June 23	By Balance in hand.....	\$338 40
28	Received from Prof. D. M. Welton, account of Windsor Church.....	6 00
July 3	Books sold, \$6.00. Do., \$2.53.....	8 53
"	Z. C. Vickery, Forest Glen Mission.....	10 00
"	Chebogue, (Yarmouth County) Church.....	15 50
"	Peter Paint, Jr., Esq., Port Hawkesbury.....	5 00
"	Saml. Hall, Esq., Annapolis Ferry.....	12 00
"	Mrs. Alex. Robertson, Halifax.....	1 00
"	Central Association.....	390 00
"	Western do balance.....	29 58
16	N. P. Olding, Esq., New Glasgow.....	2 00
"	Interest on Debentures.....	43 80
19	Wm. Frizzle, \$2.00. Jas McDonald, \$2.00.....	4 00
"	A Friend, P. E. Island, \$5.00. Mrs. M. Chandler, Arichat, \$1.00.....	6 00
20	Eastern Association.....	279 55
24	Interest from bequest of Hon. C. R. Bill.....	34 79
"	Beaver River Church, Yarmouth Co.....	3 00
30	Matthew Archibald, Esq., Truro.....	5 00
Aug. 2	New Tusket Church, \$4.16. Mr. Sabean, \$2.00.....	6 16
"	Friend at New Tusket.....	1 00
6	Books sold by G. Tufts, and others.....	86 57
"	Prince Edward Island Treasury.....	192 00
"	Rev. D. McDonald, P. E. Island.....	47 50
23	Geo. S. Parker, Milton, Queens Co.....	25 00
"	David Lyons, \$1.00. Mrs. Jas. Caldwell, \$1.00.....	2 00
"	West Bay Church.....	2 25
"	S. Freeman, Esq., M. P. P., \$2.00. T. H. Randall, \$1.00.....	3 00
"	X. Z. Chipman.....	1 48
"	C. Pinkney, Esq., \$1.00. Avarad Longley, Esq., M. P. P., \$1.00.....	2 00
"	Rev. S. March, \$1.00. Mark Curry, Esq., \$4.00.....	5 00
"	Safe of Books, \$2.43. Do., \$9.39. Do., \$9.25.....	21 07
Oct. 9	Indian Harbor Church, \$7.00. 1st St. Mary's Church, \$6.00.....	13 00
11	Mrs. John Legge, \$2.00. Mrs. Luke Pineo, 90 cts.....	2 90
14	Pictou and New Glasgow.....	30 00
"	Uigg, Alexander and Belfast.....	350 00
16	Books, \$21.20. Do., \$4.09.....	25 29
"	Matthew Stewart Graham's legacy.....	300 00
Nov. 17	G. E. Good, Stewiacke collection.....	60 00
"	C. H. Martell, Maftland and Noel collection.....	114 37
"	E. J. Grant, Parker's Cove and Lichfield collection.....	25 00
"	P. S. McGregor, Cumberland and Colchester.....	43 41
"	C. W. Bishop, Hants County.....	45 53
"	R. H. Bishop, ".....	61 85
"	Trueman Bishop, ".....	25 28
19	I. R. Skinner, Cape Breton.....	40 89
"	D. H. Simpson, Pereaux.....	10 00
26	A Friend, Guysboro'.....	20 00
Dec. 7	Jas. W. Higgins, collected Colchester and Cumberland.....	70 00
"	Rev. Geo. Armstrong, collected Cape Breton.....	40 89
"	" J. B. McQuillan, " Pictou, \$8.00. Donation, \$8.00.....	16 00
"	E. T. Carboneil, " Folly Lake, Colchester.....	120 82
"	Rev. P. A. Shields, " Riverdale.....	30 00
"	Wm. C. Bill, Esq., Billtown.....	5 00
22	Portaupique Mission Society.....	10 00
24	Interest on Debentures.....	43 80
"	Books sold, \$2.20. Do., \$50.94.....	53 14
1876.		
Jan. 7	Westport Church, \$11.00. Onslow West Church, \$7.00.....	18 00
"	L. M. Weeks, collection Isaacs Harbor, &c.....	118 31
"	M. W. Brown, " P. E. Island.....	44 00
14	E. Baymer, \$1.50. John McLean, Hants Co., \$1.50.....	3 00
"	Wolfville Baptist Sunday School.....	32 00
19	Rev. J. M. Cramp.....	12 00
"	Indian Harbor (west) Church.....	4 23
"	2nd Church St. Margaret's Bay.....	2 77
24	Brookfield Church, Queens Co., \$8.37. 25th—Great Village Ch., \$10.40.....	18 77
25	H. A. Davidson, Esq., River Philip.....	2 00

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.....	25 80	Feb. 1. Deacon Amos H. Scott, Chebogue.....	3 00
.....	400 41	3. Chester Church, \$10.00. J. W. Barsa, Esq., \$25.00.....	35 00
.....	334 69	" Berwick Church.....	19 23
.....	195 50	7. Cambridge Church, \$6.00. Mrs. Sarah Shaw, 50 cts.....	6 50
.....	2 96	" Miss Sophia Bishop, \$1.00. A Friend, Guysboro', \$16.00.....	17 00
.....	192 63	23. East Ragged Island Church, \$5.00. 29th—Fort Hawkesbury Ch., \$7.00.....	12 00
.....	230 59	March 6. Guysboro' and Manchester Ch., \$25.00. 9th—River John Ch., \$20.95.....	45 95
.....	\$8278 22	13. Rev. G. Armstrong, collection in Newfoundland.....	12 27
.....		" Part of Legacy of Hon. C. R. Bill.....	116 57
.....		" F. A. Crawley, collection Lunenburg, \$51.00. Donation, \$4.00.....	55 00
.....	\$338 49	" Rev. O. Parker, " Lichfield, &c.....	45 00
.....	6 09	14. " W. B. Bradshaw, collection Argyle.....	150 00
.....	8 53	23. Books sold, \$60.00. Do., \$35.66 and \$16.58.....	112 24
.....	10 06	April 1. Rev. P. A. Shields, collection Osborne, \$100.00. Donation, \$20.00.....	120 00
.....	15 50	3. A Friend, Guysboro', \$20.00. Great Village Church, \$2.75.....	22 75
.....	5 00	8. Upper Londonderry Church, \$9.60. Wilmot Church, \$10.00.....	19 60
.....	12 00	" Montague, P. E. Island, \$4.50. Grand River, P. E. Island, \$24.00.....	28 50
.....	1 00	" W. H. Robinson, collection Wine Harbor and vicinity.....	69 52
.....	300 00	" Rev. T. A. Higgins, " Annapolis.....	348 58
.....	29 58	19. 2nd St. Mary's Church.....	7 74
.....	2 00	May 14. Port Williams Sunday School, a collection.....	12 50
.....	43 80	" Rev. C. I. Graves, donation.....	255 53
.....	4 00	" P. A. Shields, collected.....	170 00
.....	6 00	" D. Freeman, " Pictou Co.....	160 01
.....	279 55	" Estate Hon. C. R. Bill.....	10 00
.....	34 79	" Ohio Church, Yarmouth Co., \$3.97. Wilmot Church, \$20.00.....	23 97
.....	3 00	31. First Yarmouth Church.....	469 75
.....	5 90	" Interest on Debentures.....	43 80
.....	6 16	" Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	86 67
.....	1 00	" Milton.....	20 06
.....	86 57	" Rev. D. McDonald, collected.....	177 47
.....	192 00	" P. E. Island Treasury.....	100 00
.....	47 50	" Rev. Dr. McDonald, collected in Newfoundland.....	4 50
.....	25 00	" Books sold.....	39 40
.....	2 00	" Rev. E. N. Archibald, collection Sheburne & vicinity.....	575 00
.....	2 25	" D. Weber, \$3.00. Mrs. S. A. Weber, \$1.00.....	By
.....	3 00	" A Friend, \$1.00. Mrs. Noonan, \$1.00.....	S. Selden, } 6 00
.....	1 48	" C. Norwood, collected New Ross.....	4 22
.....	2 00	" Annapolis and Rowand Hill.....	69 23
.....	5 00	" Rev. T. A. Higgins, donation.....	100 00
.....	21 07	" J. Shaw, collection Cape Breton.....	50 01
.....	13 00	" Jesse Warner, per Rev. J. H. Sanders.....	1 00
.....	2 90	" C. C. Burgess, collection North River, P. E. Island.....	490 42
.....	30 00	" G. Tufts, books sold.....	334 09
.....	350 00	" Rev. P. A. Shields, collected on missionary tour.....	195 00
.....	25 29	" " J. H. Sanders, " Digby and vicinity.....	192 65
.....	300 00	June 1. By balance in hand.....	220 69
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Examined and found correct. J. C. ANDERSON, } Auditors. J. H. HALEY, }

Canadian French Mission in account with **Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.**

.....	1876.	DR.	
.....	July 6.	For cash paid Rev. M. Normandy.....	\$140 00
.....	26.	" " " ".....	7 00
.....	28.	" " " ".....	25 00
.....	Aug. 2.	" " " ".....	134 67
.....	Dec. 2.	" " " ".....	1 50
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.....	Mar. 6.	" " " ".....	307 63
.....	April 8.	" " " ".....	10 00
.....	May 31.	" " " ".....	18 45
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.....	June 1.	Balance due Treasurer.....	\$177
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.....	June 23.	By balance in hand.....	\$148 70
.....		from Western Association.....	63 00
.....	July 8.	Central ".....	27 66
.....	16.	Mrs. Joseph Reid, Minutie.....	4 00
.....	20.	Eastern Association.....	33 54
.....	26.	Beaver River Church.....	12 00

July 26.	Mrs. Jos. Shaw, Milton Church.....	\$25 00
Aug. 2.	Deerfield Church.....	8 00
Dec. 2.	M. Normandy, collected on field.....	1 50
1876.		
March 6.	" " on missionary tour.....	307 63
" 8.	Rev. Obed Parker.....	2 00
May 8.	Wm. Armstrong, Granville.....	1 00
" 31.	M. Normandy, collected.....	8 45
" 31.	Balance.....	1 77

Examined and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, } Auditors.
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N. S. Baptist H. M. Union—Theological Department—in account with **Pearl D. Kinsey, Treasurer.**

1875.	DR.	
July 7.	For cash paid Prof. D. M. Welton.....	\$105 00
Aug. 4.	" " " ".....	100 00
24.	" " " ".....	35 00
Nov. 16.	" " " ".....	100 00
Dec. 20.	" " " ".....	20 00
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Mar. 30.	" " " ".....	100 00
May 9.	" " " ".....	60 00

June 1. For Balance due Treasurer.....\$217 29

1875.	CR.	
June 23.	By Balance in hand.....	\$ 7 00
July 7.	Cash from W. N. Wickwire, Esq., Halifax.....	10 00
" 13.	Unappropriated funds of Central Association.....	50 00
" 18.	Wm. Cummings, Esq., Truro.....	25 00
" "	Isaac Blair, Esq., ".....	5 00
" "	Prof. D. M. Welton.....	60 00
" "	J. W. Whitman, Esq., Halifax.....	5 00
" "	A Friend at Eastern Association.....	6 31
" 28.	Collection at P. E. Island Association.....	17 50
" "	" Aunt Jessie," P. E. Island, \$5.00 U. S. Currency.....	4 40
" "	Mrs. P. Huestis, Temple Church.....	2 50
Dec. 2.	C. Jost, Esq., Guysboro'.....	20 00
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Mar. 30.	Prof. D. M. Welton, donation.....	100 00
May 31.	Balance.....	217 29

Examined and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, } Auditors.
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Liabilities & Assets Home Mission Board, May 31, 1876.

LIABILITIES.

Home Mission. Nova Scotia Proper.

E. J. Grant.....	\$ 16 00	Rev. E. T. Carbonell.....	31 43
Rev. A. E. Ingram.....	138 00	" P. A. Shields.....	40 00
" E. N. Archibald.....	95 00	" D. W. Crandall.....	12 50
" John Brown.....	54 64	J. C. Plumb.....	19 50
P. S. McGregor.....	52 59	F. A. Crawley.....	41 50
R. A. Bishop.....	84 65	M. W. Brown.....	39 50
D. McLeod.....	150 00	Rev. Obed. Parker.....	123 00
I. R. Skinner.....	184 58	" D. Freeman.....	99 99
Rev. G. W. Thomas.....	156 00	" W. B. Bradshaw.....	65 00
" T. A. Higgins.....	728 88	Charles Norwood.....	96 78
Wm. Spencer.....	50 00	S. Selden.....	55 25
D. H. Simpson.....	86 00		
Rev. D. McDonald.....	40 00		

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P. E. Island Branch.

Rev. John Shaw	\$49 99
" J. J. DeWolf	50 00
" J. A. Gordon	50 00
" F. A. Kidston	81 50
" D. McDonald	118 92
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Theological Department.

Prof. Welton, (probably)	\$160 42
French Mission.	
Rev. M. Normondy	\$160 42

Book Department.

G. H. Springer, books	\$396 16
Gardner Tufts	45 97
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	\$240 68

TOTALS BROUGHT DOWN.

Book Department	240 68
French Mission	160 42
Theological Department	396 16
P. E. Island branch	300 41
Mission, N. S. Proper	2,359 77
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	\$3,457 44

ASSETS.

Home Mission Proper.

Balance of Legacy of Hon. C. R. Bill, due in July	\$274 00
" " unsettled, other legacy	
§ Debenture Bonds at £100 stg. each	1,460 00
In Rev. P. A. Shields' hands above expenses (probably) ..	40 00
In good subscriptions, Yarmouth County	60 00
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	\$1,834 00

Book Department.

In Depository 278 vol. of Books, Tracts, &c.	\$278 58
In Gardner Tufts' hand	\$250 00
" "	104 44
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	854 44
Due from Milton, Yarmouth, S. School	21 39
" Beaver River, "	11 35
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	665 76

French Mission.

Premises at Saulnierville	\$3,000 00
" Tasket	2,000 00
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	5,000 00

Total assets \$7,499 76

Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT.

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By Balance in hand from last account	\$ 338 49
Collected by travelling missionaries	1376 01
" " agents	465 00
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<i>Collected by Stationary Missionaries and Churches, viz.:</i>	
Annapolis, and vicinity	\$417 81
Digby, "	192 65
Argyle, "	150 00
Shelburne, "	575 00
Sydney, C. B., "	40 89
Pictou, New Glasgow, and vicinity	190 01
Various other churches	868 84
Prince Edward Island	1084 89
Individuals	564 41

Books sold.....	\$680 00
Central Association	890 00
Western " balance.....	29 50
Eastern "	279 50
Wolfville Sabbath School.....	32 00
Portaupique Missionary Society.....	10 00
Interest on Debentures.....	181 40
" bequest of Hon. C. R. Bill.....	84 70
Matthew Stewart Graham legacy.....	800 00
Part of legacy of Hon. C. R. Bill.....	126 50
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	\$8278 22

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Paid travelling missionaries.....	\$2513 21
<i>Paid Stationary Missionaries and Churches, viz.:</i>	
Church at Annapolis, and vicinity.....	\$617 81
" Digby, "	242 65
" Argyle, "	396 93
" Shelburne, "	605 00
" Sydney, C. B., "	100 89
" New Glasgow, "	240 01
Mission work on Prince Edward Is'and.....	1542 00
Rev. D. Freeman and Rev. P. A. Shields, agents.....	404 70
Colporteurs.....	498 40
Books	718 00
S. Selden, for printing.....	144 00
Postages, Telegrams, Stationery, &c.....	82 00
Balance in hand.....	220 00
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	\$8278 22

Summary.

HOME MISSIONS.

Receipts, (including balance of last account, \$388 49).....	\$8278 22
Expenditures.....	8057 68
Balance in hand.....	<hr/> \$220 54

FRENCH MISSION.

Receipts, (including balance of last account, \$148.70).....	\$642 48
Expenditures.....	644 25
Balance due Treasurer	\$ 1 77

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Receipts, (including balance of last account, \$7.00).....	\$302 71
Expenditures.....	520 00
Balance due Treasurer.....	\$217 29
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Total receipts.....	\$9228 41
" " expenditures.....	9221 88
Balance in hand.....	<hr/> \$ 653 53

PEARL D. KINNEY, Treasurer.

* Yarmouth, N. S., June 1st 1876.