

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRD CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE BAPTISTS
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD ON

CAPE SABLE ISLAND, SHELBURNE COUNTY,

September 10th, 11th, 12th and 14th, 1868.

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, AND MINUTES OF THE FOREIGN MISSION
AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETIES.

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Cape Sable Island, September 10th, 1868.

The third Annual Meeting of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia convened with the Cape Island Church, Shelburne County, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting called to order by the standing Clerk.

Singing. Prayer by the Rev. C. Knowles.

Resolved, That the Rev. W. M. Knollin be Moderator.

The Moderator made a few appropriate remarks, after which he read the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE PRESENT.

Rev. W. M. KNOLLIN, MODERATOR.

Rev. J. I. PORTER, CLERK.

Rev. C. KNOWLES, Rev. C. SULLIVAN,

" A. SWIM, " T. H. CROWELL,

" D. ORAM, " S. K. WEST,

B. MINARD, LICENTIATE.

DELEGATE FROM THE MAINE CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING OF F. W. BAPTISTS OF U. S.

Rev. E. W. PORTER.

DELEGATE FROM THE F. C. BAPTISTS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. E. WEYMAN.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Rev. J. McLEOD, and Rev. W. DOWNEY.

DEACONS AND DELEGATES FROM QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

T. W. WILSON, Esq., BENJAMIN BANKS,

J. HOPKINS, JUN., J. C. SMITH, Esq.,

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S. W. NICKERSON, D. DALEY,

S. KINDRICK, P. SMITH,

A. McGRAY, Esq., J. SMITH,

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A. LARKIN, J. TREFRY,

J. ROBBINS, N. SNOW,

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D. PORTER, J. KENNY,

W. SIMMS, H. HAMILTON, Esq.,

C. CUSHING, W. S. PORTER,

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J. LOUDEN,
S. DOLLIVER,
J. LOCKHART.

J. LENITON,

TREASURER OF CONFERENCE

JONATHAN SMITH.

Resolved—That the Delegates from other religious bodies be invited to sit with us, and enjoy all the privileges of Conference.

Resolved—That the visiting brethren from the Churches sit with us, subject to Rules of Conference.

Resolved—That the Moderator appoint the Prudential Committee.

Resolved—That the Rev. J. I. Porter, A. McGray, Esq., and J. Trefry, be the Prudential Committee.

Resolved—That W. S. Porter be a Committee to receive the Conference dues, and hand the same over to the Treasurer.

Resolved—That there be a Committee on Resolutions appointed. *Resolved*—That Revs. E. W. Porter, D. Oram, C. Knowles, J. I. Porter, and Bro. H. Hamilton, be the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved—That this Conference adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was called for. That report so far as it related to the Foreign Mission work was received, and adopted, as follows :

Whereas, the work of Missions is but the continuation of our Saviour's Mission, and strictly in accordance with the Gospel Message; and whereas, we are the recipients of its blessings and inherit its institutions, because its message has been borne to us by others imbued with its spirit and true to its obligations; 1st. *Therefore Resolved*, that it has just and imperative claims upon us: that under it we are held by sacred obligations to meet those claims.

2nd. *And further Resolved*, that feeling for those in bonds as with them, we will labor to the extent of our power to liberate them from the thralldom of superstition and heathenism.

3rd. *Further Resolved*, that as a means to secure greater interest in this cause, we will adopt—and sustain to the extent of our ability—a Missionary in the foreign field.

4th. *Resolved*, that we will contribute regularly into the Treasury of the Society for this object; in accordance with the plan adopted by the Quarterly Meetings.

The report of Committee on Resolutions, so far as it related to Education, was received, and adopted, as follows :

Whereas, this Yearly Meeting at its last Session organized an Education Society, to encourage young men to get an education preparatory to the ministry; And whereas, there are several young men belonging to this Denomination, devoting themselves to study for the above-named object;

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Society, that they ascertain the need and wants of those brethren above-named, and encourage them by meeting those wants as far as it may be judicious, and the Society may have funds to do it.

And further Resolved, that this Conference do all in its power to help the Society to funds, to enable it to carry out the above recommendation.

And Further Resolved, that this Conference recommend our Churches to take quarterly contributions in aid of the funds of this Society.

The report of Committee on Resolutions, relating to Temperance, was received, and adopted, as follows :

Your Committee unite in thanksgiving to the God of grace, for what has already been accomplished by the different organizations, in suppressing the vice of intemperance ; and although much has been done, still much more remains to be done. The foe is yet in the land, and many are falling beneath its power :

Therefore Resolved—That a public Temperance Meeting be held during this Conference, to keep the subject before the people, and to quicken the zeal of those already enlisted in the good cause.

And be it further Resolved—That we recommend to those Churches where there is no Juvenile Societies organized, to introduce to the children a pledge, the import of which would be, abstinence from intoxicating liquors, tobacco, and profanity ; and that this be in connection with the Sabbath schools, when there are such ; and if any of our Churches have no Sunday School, that they organize one at once.

The reports of the Quarterly Meetings were called for, when the Clerks of those Quarterly Meetings came forward and read as follows :

The Harmony Free Baptist Quarterly Meeting, to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, assembled at Cape Island, Shelburne County, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN, HONOURED AND BELOVED IN CHRIST—

It is with gratitude and praise to Almighty God, the Father of Mercies as well as Spirits, that we live to meet again in another Annual Conference, and greet each other as fellow labourers in Christ. May the presence of God be sensibly realized by each of us, for we have been tenderly cared for and preserved while some with whom we have been acquainted have been called away to experience the solemn realities of the invisible world. I am reminded that it is my duty as Clerk of the Harmony. Q. M., to lay before you some account of the labors, success, and condition of the churches composing this Q. M., during the past year.

How swift is time ; its periods are very short, yet very much is crowded into each—each burdened with events of weighty and solemn importance, both to the world and to the church.

The world is in commotion, the commercial haying no confidence in the political world, which produce embarrassing prospects. Though there has not been as many cruel and wicked wars as in the few preceding years, yet famine and pestilence have done their work of carrying sorrow to the hearts of many families, and thousands of precious souls into eternity, the cause of God has been steadily progressing, conveying to the souls of many the true elements of comfort and piety.

God has not been unmindful of us. We have enjoyed social peace and plenty, though in some parts of our Province destitution has prevailed, and in some places have been blessed by seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

True, we are conscious of our many imperfections, and should feel deeply humbled under a sense of our coldness and half-heartedness in the great work of saving souls, and are often reminded of the saying of the blessed Saviour, "That

the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light," yet we can humbly and with reverence thank God that he has designed to use us instrumentally in saving precious souls. In looking over our ministerial roll, we find one of our oldest Ministers has been removed by the Angel of Death: Rev. J. B. Norton, departed this life at Canning, King's Co., N. S., May 18th, of inflammation of the lungs and typhoid fever, aged 76 years. He was born at Wells, Maine, U. S., in 1792, was converted when eighteen years of age, and soon felt it his duty to invite sinners to that fountain from which he himself had drunk so freely. Eternity alone will reveal the number that have been led to Christ through his instrumentality. Fifty years ago our deceased Brother came to Barrington, N. S.; God abundantly blessed his labours. He was one of the founders of the Free Baptist cause in Nova Scotia, and he remained connected with this body till he passed away. He remained unshaken in the faith that was once delivered unto the saints till the last, and expressed his unwavering confidence in the Gospel he had preached so many years; his fears were all gone, and this great consoling truth remained—"Christ died for sinners, absent from the body, present with the Lord; even so Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight." We are thus impressed that the for the good of the world must be done quickly. Who will fall next before the fell Destroyer? Perhaps some name that is now fondly and familiarly known among our churches may be thus chronicled in our next Annual Report.

In proceeding to speak of the state and prosperity of Churches, I shall refer to each session of the Q. M., and notice the Churches according to the best information I have, separately. The first session of the Harmony Q. M., was held with the Church at Mount Denison, King's County, in October, cannot report the business, being absent and not receiving the minutes from the Clerk, *pro tem*. The second session was held with the Church at Port Mouton, in January. Owing to a misunderstanding with regard to the notices being given, no delegates or letters from any of the Churches were present. Rev. J. I. Porter and T. H. Crowell, Corresponding Delegates from the Yarmouth and Shelburne, Q. M. were present. The religious exercises were interesting. The most important item of business was a document from Mount Denison Session, refusing the admission of Rev. Benjamin Gaskill into the Q. M., for which he had applied. As the meeting was thinly attended, the matter was referred again to the next session.

The Third Session was held with the Church at Port Medway, in April. Some of the Churches reported low and discouraging, and others did not report at all. Rev. J. I. Porter, corresponding delegate from Y. S. Q. Meeting, was present. The following business of moment was transacted, viz.: the propriety of organizing a Church at East Medway, which was favourably received. The matter respecting the reception of the Rev. B. Gaskill was again taken up, and concluded that the proper steps for him to take was to connect himself with the Port Medway Church, and then make application to the Yearly Conference; also, the changing the date of the Third Session of Q. M., from July to June, to avoid interfering with the Yearly Meeting in New Brunswick. This is now unnecessary, as the Brethren in N. B. have changed their Annual Session from July to October.

Fourth Session was held with the Church at Canning, in July. Most of the Churches reported, by letter and delegates, quite encouragingly; still some did not. Rev. C. Knowles, the corresponding delegate from Y. S. Q. Meeting, was present. It should be borne in mind that the Fourth Session of the Q. M. is a most important meeting, as business is there transacted relative to the Yearly Meeting. This was a deeply interesting season, considerable business was transacted, and the religious meetings were very cheering. A Free Baptist Church was organized at East Port Medway, and received into the Q. M.

The following Brethren were appointed as delegates to represent us in the Yearly Conference: Jacob Lockhart, Benjamin B. Woodworth, Solomon Dolliver, Wilnew Cox, James Cushing, Hallet Cole, Sen., David Lowden, Eldred Cahoon,

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Edward M. Cox, and Daniel Cox. We also granted them the power of Substitution.

We will now proceed to notice the Churches. Of these there are ten. It will not be convenient to speak very particularly of each one; we will, therefore, glance at some things of the most importance. We will commence with the Port Mouton Church that has the Rev. T. H. Crowell's labors one eighth of the time, and one eighth from the Rev. J. I. Porter. This Church is in a good working condition. No report as to statistics.

We come next to the Church at Port Medway. This Church has not enjoyed any special revival for some time. Rev. T. H. Crowell has the pastorate, and labors one half of the time with good acceptance. Religious interest reported low. The Pastor spent some time last winter in a protracted effort, and much good apparently was accomplished. The number has been diminished by some withdrawing to form themselves into a separate Church. There have been added by baptism, 4; died, 3; present number, 116. They have a good Sabbath school, numbering about 45 scholars.

The East Medway Church, recently organized and admitted into the Q. M., is reported in a prosperous state. It has the labor of the Rev. T. H. Crowell one eighth of the time. Sixteen were present at the time the Church was organized; thirteen added by letter; one by request; two by baptism; total number at present thirty-two; Sabbath scholars sixty. The Church in Harmony reports to us that they are in good working order. Bro. B. Minard (Lic.), has labored since December last, one quarter of the time with a branch of the Church at Westfield, and occasionally at Harmony. After a long winter season of trial and declension, the Lord blessed them with his converting grace. Expelled, nine; died, one; added by baptism, thirteen; by request, two; total number by the last report to the Q. M., eighty-three. The next Sabbath after the Q. M., four more were added by baptism; this, as a matter of course, will be noticed in our next Annual Report. A union Sabbath school, eleven teachers, and seventy-five scholars. They are building a neat little parsonage that will be ready for use this autumn. May God send them an efficient pastor as they are in need of pastoral aid.

The report from the Church at Canning encouraging; regular meetings are maintained. It has the labor of Rev. David Oram once a fortnight. It will be remembered that the Revs. William Downey and Charles Knowles labored in an extensive revival, which resulted in the conversion of many precious souls. They have a Sabbath school, fifty scholars and six teachers. Additions by baptism, one; withdrawn, one; died, none; present number one hundred and nineteen.

The Church at Mount Denison reports favorable. Very little ministerial aid, sustain a Prayer Meeting once a week. No Sabbath school. Wishing pastoral assistance, or a visit from an H. Missionary. One removed by death; present number fifty-eight.

No report at hand from the Church at Halls Harbor, but we understand Rev. David Oram labors there a part of his time. Do not know but what they are in a prosperous condition.

Black Rock Church did not report. Cannot say how they are situated. No report at hand from Avenport Church. This Church was organized about a year since, and needs care. Rev. S. K. West has labored during the last winter and spring among the Churches in Kings and Hants Counties, and helped them considerably.

You can see by a glance at our report with reference to the Churches, that there is a lack of ministerial labor among them. As we cannot do as we would, we must do as we can. Should we not be importunate in our cry to the great God of the Church, "That the Lord of the Harvest, may send forth more faithful laborers into His Harvest."

So long as we live humbly and faithfully, and rely entirely upon the Lord for help, we shall see good accomplished; but a departure from this will be a departure from the only help. We, his servants and people, can help in this great work of saving souls and extending the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Our work is the most important, both in its relation to God and our fellow men, that has ever engaged the attention of man—the work of serving God and saving sinners.

In respect to Home Missions, we have to regret that nothing of any importance has been done in that direction.

It is the very best means for aiding destitute Churches and propagating the Gospel among us. Will not our Ministering Brethren take the matter in hand at the next Quarterly Session?

The Foreign Mission Society and Education Society that will come in operation this Annual Session, are steps in the right direction, and will do much, we humbly trust, in promoting the cause of Christ.

In view of the items contained in this report, and other matters that will claim our attention, I need scarcely remind you that a vast responsibility rests upon you, and much remains to be done, as believers in Christ, and as members we trust of that mystic body, we need to be more zealous and devoted to our work. There is danger of sloth and covetousness destroying our usefulness. As Churches we have much to do, and our means and our influence should be cheerfully given to forward this great work.

Permit me, Brethren, to say that this is a very important period in our denominational history, and I hope all the matters engaged in during this Session, will be done with the utmost Christian union, and with proper deliberation and prayer, so that all may result in the glory of God.

L. MINARD,
Q. M. Clerk.

Harmony, Sept. 1868.

The Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, assembled at Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County, sendeth Christian Salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN—We are reminded by the fact that the time has arrived for us to report to you again of the rapidity with which we are being borne along down the stream of time to the ocean of eternity. And though it seems but a day since you assembled at Kemptrville, we are reminded that a year has rolled away, working in its course wonderful and important changes all through the world, in Church and State—political, commercial, national, and social. The enemy of all righteousness has continued to sow seeds of discord among the children of men, which have borne fruits of misery and death, while the glorious Gospel of peace has scattered influences in the world, which have advanced the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and increased the triumphs of the cross.

And while the great moral conflict has been going on, thousands no doubt, have fallen to sink to eternal night, and thousands to rise and enter triumphantly the realms of unending glory, the trophies of the Redeemer. How solemn these thoughts!

But we have reason to praise Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, for His goodness to us as a country and denomination. Though through political strife and business depression, the aspect of things has appeared very unpropitious, yet sword and famine have not invaded our land. Instead of these a more quiet spirit seems to steal over the public mind, while the ingathering of the produce of earth and sea cheers the hearts and homes of the people.

Our Denominational Union though it may have seemed to some as flimsy as did the wall in the estimation of Tobiah, which a few, so-called, feeble Jews were rebuilding at one time, appears to be strengthening with its years, and has not only proved a blessing to us, but promises a greater blessing to the rising generation, and the salvation of others yet unborn.

We will now proceed to report to you as well as we can our doings, conditions, and prospects—first with regard to our Quarterly Meeting Sessions during the year.

The first was held with the 1st Barrington Church in November. There were present a good number of Ministers, Delegates, and Brethren, from abroad.

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Reports were received from Committees previously appointed. Letters from Churches were read, reports from delegates received, and various items of business transacted, pertaining to the cause of Zion.

Large congregations gathered at the time of public worship, and listened to earnest and spiritual preaching. The good spirit of the Lord was present in our business and religious meetings, and we believe impressions were made, sympathies awakened, and resolutions formed, which will result in the glory of God.

The Second Session convened at Plymouth, Yarmouth Co., in February. A large number of the Churches reported by letter and delegates. Some of these reports were of an encouraging nature. The best of feeling characterized the business meetings. Among other items of business transacted were these: A Committee was appointed to consider the propriety of organizing the different branches of the Chebogue Church into separate churches, and a resolution was submitted, with reference to the propriety of a change in the number of Quarterly meetings in the year. This last matter has been subsequently referred to you for your consideration. The religious services in connection with this Session were very interesting. The preaching was earnest, and the meetings for exhortation and prayer were crowned with the presence of the Lord.

The Third Session was held with the Church at Port la Tour, in May. The Ministers present were Revs. Charles Knowles, W. C. Weston, W. M. Knollin, J. I. Porter and Theo. H. Crowell. The reports from Churches contained nothing of special interest, though it was pleasing to know that the most of them, at least, were laboring to maintain Gospel order, and advance the cause of Christ.

The weather being favorable, the gathering was large, and a good degree of interest was manifest all through the business and religious meetings. Especially at the Sacrament season on the Sabbath, as Christians of different names gathered at the table of the Lord to commemorate his death, was the Divine presence manifest, and they were enabled to rejoice in the prospect of meeting above where Sabbaths never end.

Among the items of business of this Session were the following: The Committee previously appointed to consider the propriety of organizing the different branches of the Chebogue Church into separate Churches, reported that after due consideration and consultation with the Brethren of the Church, they had agreed in the opinion that to organize either of the branches into a separate Church at present would prove a source of weakness to the other, excepting the branch at Brooklyn, which has already requested to become a Church. This report was received.

A resolution was submitted with reference to the propriety of Deacons being ordained before officiating at the Lord's table. A quite lengthy discussion followed. The subject has since been submitted to you for your consideration and decision.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved—That this meeting recommend all of our Churches to appoint visiting Committees, whose duty it shall be to visit and otherwise labor with delinquent members.

Whereas—There is a manifest necessity for improvement in our Sabbath School system. *Therefore Resolved*, that it is the opinion of the Q. Meeting that the time has arrived for the organization of Sabbath School Conventions, or Sabbath School Conventions within our territorial limits. A Committee was also appointed to meet and consider the subject, and make arrangements, and report on it at our next Session.

Resolved—That this Quarterly meeting recommend to the several Churches, that they organize Auxiliary Foreign Mission Societies, to contribute to the funds of the Nova Scotia Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

The Fourth Session was held with the 2nd Barrington Church, in August. This Session was quite well attended by Ministers and by Brethren, but more would no doubt have been present, had it not been so near to the time for

Yearly Conference. Only about half of the Churches reported by letter. This was rather unfavorable for our report, as it was the time we have a right to expect information from each Church respecting condition, statistics, &c. Notwithstanding this we had a very pleasant and profitable Session, and considerable business of importance was transacted.

The Committee previously appointed with reference to organizing a Sabbath School convention, reported. They recommend that a Sabbath School convention be organized in connection with the Q. Meeting, and presented a constitution, which they would recommend as being suitable for its government.

The report was received and adopted, and a Committee appointed to make arrangements for organizing. Delegates here appointed to the Yearly Conference.

The weather was very pleasant all through the Session. The general attendance was good at all of the religious meetings, and much of the Divine presence manifest. And we hope that all the friends in the community who opened their hearts and homes for the reception of the friends from abroad, and labored to make them comfortable, were mutually blessed.

During the year we have sent corresponding delegates to the different Sessions of the Harmony Q. Meeting, and have received marks of their appreciation in return.

Before leaving this part of our report, we have to say that, during the year we have been laboring with one of our ministers—Rev. C. J. Oram—with reference to certain charges brought against him at different times. And as we could not get that satisfaction which we felt the case required, it became our painful duty in view of the general good of our Master's cause, to withdraw our confidence from him for the present; taking measures to lay the subject properly before you, believing in your wisdom, aided by the divine spirit, you will dispose of it in a right and proper manner.

We now come to speak of our Churches. It will not be convenient nor proper to speak very particularly of each one, nor shall we be able to do more than glance at many, because we have no report from them.

We will commence with the Cape Island Church. According to report, Prayer and Conference Meetings are sustained, though the general religious interest is low—union is good—preaching regularly on the Sabbath by the Rev. W. M. Knollin. The interest in Sabbath School is good. During the year 2 have been added by letter, and 2 by baptism; 10 have died, and one has been expelled; present membership, 463; No. of Sunday School scholars, 240.

The Port la Tour Church is sustaining Conference and Prayer Meetings. S. School interest is good—have preaching one fourth of the time by Rev. J. Porter. During the year, 1 has been added by baptism; 1 has died; present membership, 61; number of S. School scholars, 60.

The 1st Barrington Church reports: have no special revival of religion to speak of, but enjoyed some revival interest last spring, as a result of special effort made for that purpose; and though since that the Church has relapsed into a low state, religious meetings and the ordinances have been regularly sustained, and they are still praying for greater prosperity.

Rev. J. I. Porter preached to them one half of the time, and they have occasional visits from T. H. Crowell. They have an interesting Sabbath School in operation. Present membership is 259; S. School scholars, 70.

The 2nd Barrington Church is enjoying a good degree of union, though the religious interest is low. Some are bearing the burden, and praying for a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Revs. W. C. Weston and A. Swin are laboring with this Church. One has died during the year: the present membership is 89; they have two Sabbath Schools, one numbering 25 scholars, and another one which is union, with an average attendance of 51.

The Shag Harbor Church when it last reported was in a rather low state, though some were laboring to sustain the means of grace. Rev. J. I. Porter labors with them one eighth of the time. According to last year's report, their membership is 40, and number of Sabbath School scholars about 60.

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We have nothing special to report concerning the Woods Harbor Church. Conference and Prayer Meetings sustained—union is good. They have the labors of the Rev. W. C. Weston one fourth of the time. They have two Sabbath Schools, one numbering six scholars, and the other about 20. One member of the Church has died during the year; present membership, 59.

We have had no letters from Charlesville Church this year, but conclude from indirect report that they are in a low scattered condition. Their numbers are small.

The Pubnico Church has the labors of Rev. W. C. Weston one half of the time. We learn by verbal report that they have enjoyed considerable revival interest. No report as to statistics.

The 1st Argyle Church reports, state of religion low. Have the labors of the Rev. Charles Knowles one quarter of the time. Prayer Meeting is sustained on the Sabbath when there is no preaching. They have a Sabbath School with an average attendance of 63 scholars; membership, 143. They have requested the next Session of Quarterly Meeting.

The 2nd Argyle Church reports: although we have preaching one fourth of the time on the Sabbath, prayer and exhortation meetings when there is no preaching, and a regular Sunday School, yet there seems to be a lack of spiritual animation in the cause of Christ. Our esteemed Bro. Sullivan is still preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom to us with his characteristic zeal. Two have died; present membership, 124; average attendance at S. School, 40.

We have no formal report from the Tusket Church. We understand they have no pastoral labor—are in a low condition. According to former report, they number about 60—S. School about 30.

The Chebogue Church has only reported through the branches at Plymouth and Little River.

Plymouth reports a more discouraging state of things than usual, although they have the labors of the Rev. Charles Knowles one eighth of the time, and are laboring to sustain Prayer Meetings. Two have died during the year, and two have been dismissed. S. School numbers 20; Church membership, 90. This branch of the Church has sustained a great loss in the death of Deacon Robert Simms; but we believe their loss is his gain.

Little River reports nothing of special interest. Rev. Charles Knowles labors with them one eighth of the time. S. School numbers 63; membership according to last year's statistics about 37.

The 1st Kemptville Church reports, state of religion low. Rev. Charles Knowles is laboring faithfully with them one half of the time. They have a flourishing S. School, with an attendance of about 70 scholars. Two have been added by letter, and two by baptism; present membership, 105.

The 2nd Kemptville Church has not reported this year. According to last year's statistics they number 18.

The Carleton Church has not reported, but we learn that it is without pastoral aid. An effort was made to secure the labors of a minister part of the time, but the man could not be found. They have continued to sustain the means of grace and maintain Gospel order. According to last year's statistics, S. School numbers about 80, and Church membership is 58.

The Deerfield Church has not reported this year. The Home Mission Board is considering their case.

The Beaver River Church has the labors of Rev. E. Sullivan one half of the time; but as we have no formal report from them, we are unable to give any information concerning them. According to last year's statistics they number 115, and have two S. Schools with an attendance of about 60 scholars.

The Sanford Church reports, in the early part of the year that the Lord has wonderfully blessed them under the labors of Rev. E. Sullivan, who preaches to them one fourth of the time. Eleven has been added by baptism, and one has died; present membership about 140; Sabbath School during the summer season numbering about 60.

We have no report from Session Hill Church. They have no pastoral labor this year; number about 25.

You will observe in reporting our Churches we have been unable to give satisfactory information with regard to many of them. This is owing in a great measure to the failure on their part in reporting to us by letter and at the proper time.

We find it very difficult to make the Clerks of many of the Churches feel the importance of reporting condition, statistics, &c., by letter to the Q. Meeting, so that the Q. Meeting Clerk may report correctly to the Yearly Conference.

We are glad however to say that we hear from some very promptly, and hope in the future there will be no cause of complaint on that ground.

We have elected as Delegates, to sit with you in the Yearly Conference, the following Brethren:—J. C. Smith, Esq., B. Banks, C. Atkinson, D. Daley, P. Smith, J. Smith, S. Atwood, J. Trefry, Nathan Snow, J. M. Nickerson, B. Knowles, H. Goodwin, J. Spinner, J. Kenny, J. A. Hatfield, H. Hamilton, J. Hamilton, W. White, W. S. Porter, J. Churchill, D. C. Weston and J. Simms.

We come now to speak of our Home Mission Society. This as you are aware holds its regular meetings in connection with the Sessions of our Q. Meeting, consequently there have been four meetings this year.

These meetings have generally been well attended, and have been characterized by a good degree of interest, and although the cry has been all over the land, "hard times and no money," yet we have always been quite successful in getting our Treasury replenished, and handsome amounts on paper. We have been unable to secure the labors of an efficient missionary this year, but we have been doing something to help some of the destitute Churches—hoping that the Lord will open the way so that our Society may prosecute its work successfully, prove a blessing to our brethren and sinners yet un saved, and tend to the upbuilding of the cause of Christ.

While we feel to regret that we have to report so little spiritual progress among us, so small additions to our Churches, and so much spiritual declension, we feel that we have abundant reason to praise God for his great goodness to us. We have many faithful laborers who are bearing the burden and heat of the day. Many are praying for the welfare of Jerusalem, and as we believe that "the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear," we are hopeful for the future, expecting that in His own good time He will own and bless faithful labor, and hear earnest prayer.

In conclusion we would say that we are still with you in sympathy and labor, and we are aware that important business will come before you for your consideration, which if properly disposed of will give moral character and power to our branch of Zion, and advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. We invoke the divine blessing in your behalf, praying that you may have the presence of the Holy Spirit, with its sanctifying, enlightening, and strengthening influences, in all of your deliberations.

THEO. H. CROWELL,
Y. & S. Q. MEETING CLERK.

Barrington, September, 1867.

Resolved—That the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings be received and adopted.

Resolved—That there be a Committee appointed to report on the matter referred by the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly meeting, touching the duty of Deacons.

Resolved—That Revs. C. Knowles, E. Sullivan, E. W. Porter, and E. Weyman, be the above Committee.

Resolved—That we adjourn until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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FRIDAY MORNING.

Prayer by Rev. E. W. Porter.

The Committee on a matter referred by the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, touching the duties of Deacons, presented their report.

Resolved—That the report be received.

Resolved—That the report be adopted.

REPORT.—Resolved, that in the opinion of your Committee it is the duty of a Deacon, by virtue of his election to that office, to attend to the temporal wants of the Church, and to look after its spiritual welfare; but that he should be ordained before assisting the Pastor, by carrying around the Emblems at the Lord's Table.

C. KNOWLES, *Chairman.*

Resolved—That notice be hereby given, that whereas considerable dissatisfaction exists respecting the Quarterly Meeting Sessions, the subject be considered, and such revisions made, as will conduce to the greater prosperity of our Churches, at our next Annual Conference.

Signed, —
B. MINARD.

The matter referred by the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, touching Rev. C. J. Oram, was brought before the meeting, whereupon it was—

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to consider the matter, and recommend in reference to it.

Resolved—That Revs. E. Sullivan, W. M. Knollin, A. McGray, Esq., C. Smith, Esq., J. Trefry, L. Minard, and H. Hamilton, be the above Committee.

Resolved—That we adjourn until 2 o'clock.

Agreeable to adjournment, 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. S. K. West.

Resolved—That there be a Committee appointed to report upon Deceased Brethren.

Resolved—That the Rev. C. Knowles, D. Oram, and Bro. B. Minard, be said Committee.

Resolved—That there be a Committee on Licentiate.

Resolved—That the Rev. J. L. Porter, C. Knowles, and D. Oram, be the Committee.

Resolved—That the Clerk's bill be received and paid.

Resolved—That Rev. C. Knowles' bill be received and paid.

Resolved—That Rev. D. Oram's bill be received and paid.

Resolved—That every Minister in the Denomination be requested to open a Subscription in every church in which he labours, and in those churches which have no Pastor, the senior Deacon be requested to do the same, for the purpose of raising \$65 to procure a monument for the late Rev. J. B. Norton. And that Deacons J. Lockhart, S. Whitney and J. Coffie, be a Committee to procure, and erect said monument. And that the moneys collected be paid to J. Lockhart for that purpose.

Resolved—That there be a Finance Committee appointed.

Resolved—That Rev. T. H. Crowell, A. McGray, Esq., and L. Minard, be the Committee.

It having been previously announced that the reports of Corresponding Delegates would be given in this meeting, a large number assembled to hear them. Upon the call of the Moderator, the Rev. E. W. Porter, Corresponding Delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptists of the United States, came forward, and laid on the table an official paper signifying his appointment to represent that body in our Conference; after which he spoke in an interesting manner:—

1st, of his pleasure to enjoy this visit to his native Province and our Yearly Meeting. 2nd, of his satisfaction, because of the late union of the bodies which compose this Conference. 3rd, of their pleasure to receive the Rev. C. Knowles, our corresponding delegate. 4th, of their institutions of learning. 5th, of the encouraging signs of progress visible among us. 6th, of the success attending the efforts made for the establishment of the principles and doctrines held and inculcated by Free Will Baptists; and of the encouragement derived from the anticipated triumphs in the future. 7th, of hopes for our success, and request for continued correspondence.

Rev. E. Weyman, Delegate from the F. Christian Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, said—

He, unlike Bro. Porter, who had just sat down, did not represent, or belong to, the household of the parent, but the household of the child; for he felt that the body which he represented, was but one of the children of the great parental household of Free Baptists on this continent. The union which has been brought about, and which he now witnessed, was a matter of rejoicing to him. In giving statistics, he said there were in connection with this Conference 109 churches; the membership of the churches it was difficult to get, but their membership were probably 5,000. Their Sabbath schools were very encouraging. The religious and spiritual state of the churches the most encouraging that ever was. Their benevolent societies were in a very efficient state. They were able to meet all demands against their Foreign Missionary Society, and fully sustain their Foreign Missionaries. Their Home Missionary work was extensive and prosperous. He made some profitable remarks respecting the profitableness of doing good, as qualifying for more good doing.

Rev. Joseph McLeod, visitor from New Brunswick, said—

He was happy to be with us. We were all one. One aim, one work, one people. Spoke of their encouraging advancement and progress; would ascribe it all to the glory of God. More than six hundred were added by baptism last year. Spoke of the encouragement afforded by young men seeking an education preparatory to the work of the ministry. Bro. McLeod's remarks were calculated to stimulate and encourage to more earnest labor in the Master's cause.

Rev. C. Knowles, Corresponding Delegate to the Maine Central and Western Yearly Meetings, being called, came forward, and said:

I went a week early; went to New Hampshire Yearly Meeting. He spoke of an accident on the lake, resulting in the death of the engineer, and a narrow escape from death of all on the boat, as the boiler came near bursting. Visited the institution of learning at New Hampton; spoke of the young brethren of our denomination studying there; of his kind reception at the yearly meet-

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ings in Maine; of how very much he enjoyed his visit to them. Spoke of how particularly he was affected upon witnessing the coming forward of Missionaries upon a stage in view of the people, while contributions were taken for the Foreign Mission Fund. Made reference to the Ministers' Convention held in connection with those yearly meetings; thought it a good thing.

Rev. D. Oram, Corresponding Delegate to the N. B. Conference of F. C. Baptists, when called, came forward, and read as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN—I am happy to be able to say that in the providence of God I was permitted to visit our brethren in their Annual Conference, held at Springfield, Middle Land, King's County, in July last. A hearty reception was given to your Delegate. It was cheering to meet those again among whom we had so often mingled in our just setting out to publish the word of life; to find them unchanged (except in years), still at their post. Some have passed to the church triumphant; the Master said it is enough, "come up;" and their mantles have fallen on a band of young men, whom we hope will more than fill their places. There were thirty-one ordained ministers present, and thirteen licentiates, besides delegates from the several districts; as well as a great many visiting friends. The district system did not receive the sanction of the churches, hence they work on the old plan. Foreign and Home mission societies both held their yearly session, which was very satisfactory to all; especially in money matters.

Brethren J. McLeod and Aaron Kenny were ordained to the work of the ministry the last evening of the session.

A resolution was moved to change the name from F. C. B. to F. B., the same as in Nova Scotia, but was lost at the time. It will no doubt be taken up at some other time.

At the request of your delegates, brethren Weyman, and Taylor, were appointed corresponding delegates to this Conference. We recommend that the correspondence be continued. In revising their Constitution they have changed time of holding their yearly meeting from July to October.

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to locate the Yearly Meeting, and give due notice in the *Intelligencer* and *Morning Star*.

Resolved—That Revs. J. I. Porter, E. Sullivan and Theo. H. Crowell, be the Committee.

Resolved—That the report of Committee respecting C. J. Oram, be received.

Resolved—That the report be adopted.

Report of Committee to investigate the case of Rev. J. C. Oram.

Your Committee beg to report as follows: That after examining the charges made by the Quarterly Meeting, and examining evidence on the case, we come to the conclusion that the facts of the Rev. C. J. Oram's conduct warrants your Committee in submitting the following Resolution:

Resolved—That Rev. C. J. Oram be expelled from this Conference.

By order of the Committee,

JAS. C. SMITH, *Secretary*,

Resolved—That this Conference recommend to the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, that they recommend to the church to which Mr. C. J. Oram belongs, that it withdraw its fellowship from him.

Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be received.
Resolved—That we adjourn until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. S. K. West.

Committee on deceased brethren reported.

Resolved—That the report be received, and adopted, as follows :

Your Committee on the deceased, report with deep sorrow that the last year has been one of affliction. Death has entered our ministry, and borne away one of the founders of our denomination to the invisible world ; and whereas the Rev. J. B. Norton, has since our last Annual Meeting, been removed by death, who in the days of his youth devoted his life to the work of the Christian ministry, and earnestly engaged in the Master's service till laid aside by the infirmities of age :

Therefore Resolved—That we cherish with grateful feelings the memory of this lamented brother ; for his true devotion to the cause of Christ ; and for the many years of faithful service he spent in the upbuilding of our denomination. And that as the watchmen cease their labour and depart to be with Christ, we pray the great head of the Church that he would raise up those upon whom the mantle of the zeal, self-denial, spirituality, and true devotion of our respected brethren may fall. *And further Resolved*, that this Conference tender our sympathies to the respected family of this lamented Minister of the Gospel ; and pray that they may be divinely supported, and have their afflictions sanctified to their eternal good ; and at last join him whose loss we and they so deeply deplore, in the mansions of bliss, where death and sorrow shall no more be known.

B. MINARD, *Sec. to Com.*

Resolved—That, whereas this Conference is not able to meet its liabilities owing to neglect in collecting Conference dues : *Therefore Resolved*, that the ministers, and deacons lay the matter before our churches, and collect the arrearages before the first sessions of the Harmony, Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meetings ; and forward the same to the Treasurer.

Resolved—That a contribution be taken this afternoon for the Conference Fund.

Resolved—That a Committee of five be appointed to obtain the incorporation of the Free Baptist Denomination of Nova Scotia.

Resolved—That Bro. B. Minard, Rev. J. I. Porter, C. Knowles, Theo. H. Crowell, and Deacon Lockhart, be the Committee.

Resolved—That we continue correspondence with those yearly meetings represented in this Conference.

Resolved—That Rev. J. I. Porter be Delegate to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting.

Resolved—That Rev. W. M. Knollin be Delegate to the New Brunswick Yearly Meeting.

Resolved—That Rev. D. Oram be substituted for Elder Porter, and Rev. T. H. Crowell for Elder Knollin.

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Resolved—That the Delegate to Maine Yearly Meeting receive thirty dollars, and the Delegate to New Brunswick twenty dollars from the Conference Fund, to pay their expenses of travelling.

Resolved—That Rev. J. I. Porter, and T. H. Crowell be a Committee to prepare, and get printed, and distribute one thousand copies of the Minutes of Conference. And that they receive each five dollars for their duties.

Resolved—That Bro. Jonathan Smith be Treasurer of this Conference instead of T. W. Wilson, resigned.

Resolved—That the course pursued by the late Treasurer in the payment of bills, be approved by this Conference.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Conference be accorded to the late Treasurer, T. W. Wilson, Esq., for the manner in which he performed his duties.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this Conference, that it is in accordance with the spirit of Article 11th of the Bye-Laws, that the Treasurer receive an order from Conference, signed by the Clerk, before paying out money from the Treasury.

Resolved—That we adjourn during the pleasure of the Moderator.

The Temperance Meeting as per Resolution of Conference, commenced at eleven o'clock. After singing and prayer, Rev. W. M. Knollin was appointed Chairman, and Rev. J. I. Porter acted as Secretary.

After some good remarks by the Chairman, Rev. D. Oram addressed the meeting, clearly setting forth many of the evils of Intemperance, and of the impropriety of moderate drinking being justified by the fact that some drink many years without falling a victim to the practice.

Rev. E. Weyman spoke of the impropriety of Christians being justified in the use of intoxicating drinks moderately, but should rather abstain for the good of others.

Bro. B. Minard spoke upon the history of intemperance.

Rev. E. W. Porter, spoke of the few apologies there were for intemperance, and the fact no cause has more; and in the ablest manner, of the hateful business of the rumseller, and the natural provision God has made for all the wants of man.

The speeches were all good, timely, and effective.

Resolved—That the principles and sentiments advocated by the speakers during this meeting, are endorsed by this Conference and meeting.

Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting be accorded to the speakers for the able manner in which they have advocated the claims of temperance.

MONDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. C. Knowles.
Officers of Conference present.

Resolved—That in case that there be not funds on hand to pay the orders of Conference for the current year, the Treasurer secure funds on the credit of this Conference for that purpose.

Resolved—That the monies voted during this Session of Conference be paid by the Treasurer, as per Article 11th of Bye-Laws and Resolution explaining said article.

Resolved—That this Conference recommend to our churches to do all they can to circulate the *Intelligencer* and *Morning Star*, in this Province.

Resolved—That the report on Licentiates be received and adopted. Report as follows :

Your Committee on Licentiates, recommend that Bro. Minard's case be considered by the Conference, and such decision come to as advisable. Also, that in Rev. C. Cann's case, such considerations be had, and decision come to, as may be for the good of the cause.

Resolved—That a Committee of two be appointed to hold a private consultation with Bro. Minard, and report something definite for further action.

Resolved—That Revs. C. Knowles and E. Weyman be the Committee.

Resolved—That the Committee who prepare the Minutes, also prepare a programme of business for the Conference, and report in the early part of next session.

Resolved—That the report of Committee on Licentiates be received, and adopted. Report as follows :

Your Committee recommend, that this Conference recommend the Quarterly Meeting to which Bro. Minard belongs, to renew his license.

Resolved—That whereas Rev. Calvin Cann has requested a standing in this Conference, and as we understand that difficulties have existed between him and the church to which he formerly belonged : *Therefore Resolved*, that he seek reconciliation, and a standing with said church, in order that he may be in a position for the Conference to receive him if they deem it practicable.

Resolved—That this Conference go into Committee of the whole for the examination of Bro. B. Minard, on religious experience, call to the ministry, doctrine, &c., with reference to ordination.

Resolved—That Rev. W. Downey be Chairman of Committee, and Rev. J. I. Porter be Secretary. After deliberation resolved, as see report of Committee.

Resolved—That the Committee rise.
Conference resumed.

Resolved—That the report of Committee of the whole be received, and adopted. Report as follows :

Your Committee appointed to examine Bro. B. Minard with reference to ordination, would report : after due examination, we feel satisfied that there is

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nothing in his christian character, doctrines, or ability, which would render it improper to set him apart to the work of the ministry by the imposition of hands, and would recommend to the Quarterly Meeting, with which he stands connected, that if in the future they feel it would advance the cause of Christ to lay hands upon him, they attend to the matter.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Corresponding Delegates and Visiting Brethren from other religious bodies, for their efficient services, rendered to us in religious and business meetings.

That, a vote of thanks be tendered to the inhabitants of this place for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

Resolved—That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Moderator of this Conference, for the very able manner in which he has discharged his duties.

Resolved, That this Conference rise.

Prayer by Rev. C. Knowles.

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The religious meetings were as follows :—

Thursday evening Rev. D. Oram preached ; subject—Exodus xiv. 15. The sermon was timely ; many felt the importance of an advancement in the things of God. Quite a number spake of their joy to meet Brethren in the Lord, and their resolves to meet in the better land.

Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock, met for social conference. Here was a large gathering, and a precious season was enjoyed. A large number gave hearty expression to the love they felt for God and his people. The afternoon was much too short for all to speak who desired to do so.

Sabbath morning, 10 o'clock, Rev. J. McLeod preached ; subject—Jeremiah xxii. 29. Several of the ministerial brethren followed : all must have felt that verily this is the Lord's solemn assembly. At the same hour Rev. E. Sullivan preached at Clark's Harbour, and Rev. E. W. Porter at the Wesleyan Chapel, Barrington Head.

Three o'clock, p. m., Rev. C. Knowles preached ; subject—Psalm viii. 3, 4. At the close of this meeting the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of God's people. It is thought about four hundred met at the table of the Lord on this occasion. It was a good season. At the same hour Rev. David Oram preached at Clark's Harbour.

7 o'clock, p. m., Rev. W. Downey preached ; subject—Job xv. 11. After which, many of the ministerial as well as the lay brethren and sisters, spake forth the emotions of their hearts to the praise of God. As this was the last meeting that many would be able to attend, as they expected to depart in the morning, it seemed all were loth to leave the "place where Jesus showed his smiling face," and say adieu to friends beloved in the Lord.

On Monday morning those brethren of the Conference who remained, met to finish up the business ; which was done after a short and agreeable session.

Thus ended the most agreeable, harmonious and successful Conference ever held by the Free Baptists in Nova Scotia.

J. I. PORTER, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Free Baptist Conference in account with Jonathan Smith, Treasurer.

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Moses Crowell and wife,	\$0 20	Mrs. Israel Crowell,	0 17½
Archbd. Hopkins, sen., and wife,	0 17½	Seth W. Crowell and wife,	0 5
J. R. Knowles,	0 12½	Mrs. John Hopkins,	0 25
William S. Hopkins and wife,	0 17½	Nathan Hopkins,	0 17
Isaac Hopkins 1st, and wife,	0 5	Paul Crowell,	0 5
Miss Mary A. Hopkins,	0 17½	Miss Sarah Smith,	0 10
Josiah Hopkins and wife,	0 17½	" Sophia Crowell,	0 17½
Miss Maria L. Crowell,	0 5	Archbd. Hopkins, jun., and wife,	0 25
" Hannah Smith,	0 5	Joseph Hopkins,	0 12½
" Eliza A. Smith,	0 5	Seth Wilson,	0 6
" Letitia C. Smith,	0 5	Mrs. Maria Butler,	0 5
Alexander Watson and wife,	0 17½	Miss Susan Smith,	0 25
Mrs. Rhoda Watson,	0 5	Hervey Trefry,	0 25
Miss Mary Crowell,	0 5	Joseph Trefry,	0 17½
Samuel Atwood and wife,	0 17½	Jessie Smith,	0 25
Charles W. Doane and wife,	0 5	Joseph Kendrick,	0 25
Mrs. Peter Sutherland,	0 12½	Solomon Kendrick,	0 25
Nehemiah Doane,	0 12½	John Osborne,	0 17½
Lendal Doane,	0 5	Miss Mary Knowles,	0 12½
Miss Hannah J. Doane,	0 5	James Atwood,	0 25
Mrs. Elizabeth Doane,	0 5	Mrs. James Atwood, jun.,	0 5
Miss Mary Doane,	0 5	Miss Elizabeth Smith,	0 5
Thomas H. Smith,	0 12½	Leonard Knowles,	0 17½
Reuben Nickerson,	0 12½	Miss Ascenath Osborne,	0 12½
Mrs. Elizabeth Nickerson,	0 5	Joshua Trefry,	0 18½
" Tabitha Banks,	0 5	Mrs. Sarah Knowles,	0 5
" Jemima Wilson,	0 5	Warren Smith,	0 17½
Miss Jennie Wood,	0 12½	Israel Wilson and wife,	0 27½
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 William Jenkins, 0 12½
 Harriet Jenkins, 0 7½
 Capt. J. Saunders and wife, 0 17½
 John Scovil and wife, 0 17½
 William Perry, 0 12½
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 Adelaide Bethune, 0 5
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 Henry Durkee and wife, 0 18½
 Lalia Pool, 0 5
 Norman Perry, 0 10
 Mrs. Calvin Solace, 0 6
 D. B. Porter and wife, 0 30
 George W. Perry and wife, 0 37½
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 George W. Moses and wife, 0 17½
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 Spencer Cohoon and wife, \$0 17½
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 Miss Azuba Letson, 0 5
 Mrs. Jerusha Morin, 0 5
 " Clementina Foster, 0 5
 Miss Helen Atkins, 0 5
 " Adelaide Burk, 0 5
 Edward Cohoon, 0 20
 Miss Lorinda Atkins, 0 5
 Samuel Dolliver and wife, 0 25
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 John Ryder, 0 12½
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 Manasseh Larkin, 0 50
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Joseph Smith and wife,	0 17½	Ruth Hall,	0 5
Jonathan Crowell and wife,	0 5		\$2 00
Matilda Smith,			\$74 98
Total amount collected on subscription,			10 00
Collection on Saturday Sept. 12th, Cape Sable Island,			9 01½
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To Balance due Treasurer, 1867,			0 50
" Paid J. Porter, for Freight on Minutes from N. B., 1867.			33 00
" Paid bill for printing Minutes,			10 00
" Paid Committee for preparing Minutes for the press,			0 00
" Postage and stationery,			30 00
" Paid Rev. C. Knowles, Delegate to Maine Central and Maine Western Y. Meetings,			20 00
" Paid Rev. D. Oram, Delegate to New Brunswick General Conference,			
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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA F. BAPTIST
FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President.

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Vice-Presidents.

REV. D. ORAM,

" E. SULLIVAN.

" W. M. KNOLLIN.

REV. THEO. H. CROWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

W. S. PORTER, *Recording Secretary.*

ISAAC HOPKINS, 2ND, *Treasurer.*

J. C. SMITH, Esq., *Auditor.*

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DAVID LARKIN,

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W. S. PORTER,

REV. D. ORAM.

The Nova Scotia Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society, held its second Annual Meeting at the Centre Meeting House, Cape Sable Island, on Friday evening, Sept. 11th, 1868.

The President, Rev. J. I. Porter, was in the Chair. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer.

The Recording Secretary being absent, W. S. Porter was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Chairman then made a few appropriate remarks; stated the object of the meeting, and called upon the Corresponding Secretary to read his report.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Nova Scotia F. Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

DEAR BRETHREN—

While it becomes our duty to report to you, we feel regret that we have so little to say, which will be encouraging. During the year that has passed since our Society was organized, we have succeeded in doing but comparatively little to advance its interests. This is not so much from a lack of missionary zeal as from the inoperative position of our Executive Committee.

At the meeting of our Society held in connection with its organization, it was not decided in what particular manner we should appropriate our funds. As a natural consequence this matter would rest with the Executive Committee, but this Committee was scattered all through the Province, so that it was very difficult to get together for business. Several attempts were made to get a quorum, but with no success.

As a result, the funds which have been gathered are still in our Treasury, and as we have no particular point to urge in our Foreign Mission enterprise, there has not been that interest manifested to increase the funds, as the importance of the matter demands.

But while we regret that we have done so little hitherto, we are glad to know that the friends of our Society are still interested in the subject of Missions, and manifest a willingness to assist us in our contemplated work, and we have reason to hope that our seeming failure this year will result in redoubled effort and success the next.

We are glad to say that at the May Session of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Q. Meeting, a Resolution was passed, recommending the several churches to organize Auxilliary Foreign Mission Societies, to raise funds to contribute to the funds of our Society. This, we believe, to be a move in the right direction. With such a Society organized and properly worked within the limits of every church, there will be a continual flow of funds into our Treasury, as the waters of tributary streams flow into the great river.

Your Corresponding Secretary has interchanged communications during the year, with Bro. C. O. Libby, Corresponding Secretary of the F. W. Baptist F. M. Society, with which the interests of our Society are identified. His letters breathe a spirit of interest and sympathy for us. That Society under God is doing a good work in India. This year they have added several Missionaries to their force, and they are working and trusting in the Lord for means to meet the necessary expenses. Our brethren in New Brunswick are doing nobly in becoming responsible to them for Bro. J. L. Philip's salary.

Brethren what shall we do? Here is a field before us—we hear the Macedonian cry. May we respond in a manner worthy of our ability, profession and name.

In conclusion we would say, let us be hopeful. God is on our side. While we labor to advance the F. Mission enterprise, we are assisting to carry out the spirit of the great commission left by the *great head of the church*—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and we may claim the promise, "Lo I am with you always."

September, 1868.

After the reading of the report stirring addresses were delivered on the importance of sustaining Foreign Missions, by Rev. E. W. Porter, of Bath, Maine, Rev. J. McLeod and E. Weyman, of New Brunswick, and Ira Robbins, Esq., of Yarmouth. The choir added to the interest of the meeting by appropriate music.

Collections were then taken, and subscriptions paid and pledged towards the funds of the Society.

Meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

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Nova Scotia F. Baptist Foreign Mission Society in account with Isaac Hopkins, Treasurer.

Collection taken at first annual meeting held at Kempville, 1867,	\$13 30	Ca.	J. J. Clarke, M.D.,	\$10 00
Amount paid on subscription at first annual meeting,	19 60	William Larkin,	0 50	
Received from S. School, in connection with 1st Barrington Church, 1867,	5 25½	Edward Knollin,	0 25	
S. Dolliver, on subscription for 1867,	3 00	Asa McGray, Esq.,	2 00	
Mrs. Heman Kenney, 1867,	1 00	Harvey Hamilton, Esq.,	1 00	
J. I. Porter, "	2 00	Mrs. Hannah Spinney,	1 00	
Miss Alice Travis, "	1 00	Mrs. Judah Crowell,	1 00	
Nathaniel Simms, "	2 00	Mrs. Judah Kendrick,	1 00	
Gayton (Kempt), "	2 00	Ebenezer Crowell, jun.,	1 00	
Theo. H. Crowell, "	2 00	George Kelley,	0 25	
Collected at Port Latour, 1867,	2 29	Miss Sarah Nickerson,	0 50	
Sabbath School 1st Barrington church, 1866,	6 00	Thomas R. Smith,	0 25	
Sylvanus Whitney, Esq.,	8 00	Leonard S. Smith,	0 25	
		Capt. A. L. Swim,	1 00	
		Mrs. Simms,	0 25	
		Collection taken at F. M. meeting on Cape Sable Island,	14 51	
		Total,	\$102 20½	

As the F. Mission Board has been unable previous to last Annual Meeting to decide on any specific way in which to appropriate the funds of the Society, for reasons given in Corresponding Secretary's report, the total amount received as above is still on hand. The Board has now decided, in agreement with a resolution of Conference, to adopt one of the Missionaries in the Foreign field as our Missionary, consequently the funds on hand will be forwarded as soon as convenient to the Parent Society.

It may be proper to say that we are unable to give a list of the sums paid by different individuals on subscription at the first meeting of our Society, held at Kempville, because such a list is not at hand, but we have summed them up in the amount given above. The sums paid since that meeting on amount pledged in 1867, as may be seen, have been given; also sums paid on subscription at Cape Island, 1868.

There are now on our books sums pledged in 1867 and 1868, amounting to about \$101 07½. As many of these sums as may be paid between this and the time for rendering the Treasurer's account in 1869, will be acknowledged in the Minutes of that year.

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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

- President**
 Rev. J. I. PORTER.
Vice-President
 T. W. WILSON, Esq.
Secretary
 Rev. THEO. H. CROWELL.
Treasurer
 T. W. WILSON, Esq.
Committee
 ISRAEL WILSON, Esq., ELDRID COHOON, Esq.,
 JAS. C. SMITH, Esq., SYLVANUS WHITNEY, Esq.,
 ASA MCGRAY, Esq.

The Nova Scotia Free Baptist Education Society, held its first Annual Meeting at the Centre Meeting House, Cape Sable Island, on Saturday evening, September 12th, 1868.

The Meeting was called to order by the President. After singing by the choir, prayer was offered by the Rev. W. Downey. Singing again by the choir; after which the President stated the object of the Meeting, made some interesting and appropriate remarks, and called upon the Secretary to read the Constitution of the Society, and to make such remarks and explanations as he might think proper.

The following brethren were then called upon in order to address the meeting: Rev. C. Knowles, W. Downey, E. Weyman, E. W. Porter, S. K. West, D. Oram and W. M. Knollin. The speeches were timely, spirited and interesting. The attendance was large, attention good, and much interest manifested. It is hoped that the meeting will tend to increase zeal for the cause of education in our denomination.

Collections were taken in aid of the Funds of the Society. Meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Nova Scotia F. Baptist Education Society, in account with T. W. Wilson, Esq., Treasurer.

Collection taken at first annual meeting on Cape Island,	\$5 48	Cr. Miss Emma Snow,	\$0 25
Samuel Nickerson,	1 00	Ebenezer Perry,	1 00
Mrs. Samuel Nickerson,	0 50	Miss Ellen Newell,	0 50
J. J. Clark, M.D.,	4 00		
			\$12 75

In addition to the above there are pledges made to the amount of \$17 50.
 T. W. WILSON, Treasurer.

For information relative to the object of this Society, see Constitution in Minutes of Conference for 1867.
 THEO. H. CROWELL, Secretary.