

MINUTES
OF THE
NINTH SESSION
OF THE
Eastern Baptist Association
OF
Nova Scotia,
HELD AT PUGWASH,
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, July 2, 4, & 5, 1859.
TOGETHER WITH THE
CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PUGWASH, *Saturday, July 2nd, 1859.*

The Association met at Pugwash on Saturday, July 2nd, 1859, pursuant to adjournment. The meeting was called to order by the Rev. E. F. Foshay, Moderator of last Session. After singing, and prayer by Rev. James Reid, Rev. J. E. Balcom was chosen Moderator, Rev. Albert F. Porter, Clerk, and brother C. H. Blair, Assistant Clerk.

The following Committees were then appointed:—

TO EXAMINE THE LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES:—Rev'ds. E. F. Foshay, R. D. Porter, and Brother W. Faulkner.

TO READ THE LETTERS:—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock and W. F. Cutten.

The Letters from the churches were then read; from which the list of Delegates and the Statistics following were obtained.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

North Sydney C. B.—Rev. R. D. Porter.

Pugwash:—Rev. E. F. Foshay; Brethren William Rogers, Alex. McKenzie, William Seamon, David Rogers and John Cutten.

Wallace River:—Brother Dobson, (Licentiate), John Crawford and Jas. Fountain.

Upper Londonderry:—Rev. Samuel Thompson; Brethren William Kinlay and Edward Higgins.

Upper Stewiacke:—Deacon Daniel Archibald; Brethren Jacob Layton and Charles Cox.

Onslow:—Brethren Robert Nelson, James C. Stevens, John King, and Daniel Blair.

Bedeque, P. E. I.—Rev. M. Ross.

Greenville:—Brother Richard Ralston.

Guysboro:—Rev. A. F. Porter.

Glenville:—Rev. Henry Charlton.

Antigonish:—Rev. A. F. Porter.

Lower Stewiacke:—Brother Benjamin Woodworth.

Schooner Pond:—Brother Ross.

Lakeland:—Rev. T. Keillor.

St. Peter's, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis.

Truro:—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock ; Brethren David Page, William Falkner, C. H. Blair and L. W. Williams.

Wentworth, Wallace River:—Brethren W. M. Smith, and James Higgins.

Advocate Harbour:—Rev. T. Keillor.

Diligent River:—Rev. T. Keillor and Brother David H. Jenks.

Lot 49, P. E. I.—Rev. John Davis.

Westbrook:—Brethren E. Taylor and N. Taylor.

Earltown:—Rev. E. F. Foshay.

Maccan:—Rev. N. Baker and Brother Wm. Blinkhorn.

North River:—Rev. J. Davis.

Great Village:—Brother Edward Weatherbee.

Portaupique:—Rev. James Reid ; Brethren William Davison, Joseph Cook, and Levi Carr.

Merrigomish:—Rev. A. F. Porter.

Amherst:—Rev. J. E. Balcom ; Brethren Samuel Taylor, Cyrus Black, T. Logan and W. F. Cullen.

East Point P. E. I.—Rev. John Shaw.

Amherst Shore:—Brethren Samuel Achilles and Charles D. Rockwell.

River Philip, (new church):—Gilbert Purdy.

Salmon River, P. E. I., (new church):—Rev. J. Davis.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Central Association:—Rev. S. N. Bentley, Eliphalet Reid, James L. Reid, and S. Selden.

Western Association:—Rev. James More.

All ministering brethren present were invited to take a seat with the Association.

Rev. J. Davis, and Brethren S. Selden, C. Black, W. H. Rogers, D. Page, were appointed a Committee of Nomination.

Rev'd's. S. T. Rand and Malcom Ross, were appointed a Committee to examine Letters.

Voted, That the next Session of this Association be held with the Maccan Church at the River Hebert Meeting-house : that Rev. J. Davis preach the Association Sermon, and Rev. D. W. C. Dimock be his alternate : and that Rev. James Reid write the Circular Letter.

Committee to Audit accounts, David McKenzie and Wm. Falkner.

Resolved, That Brother Selden be requested to print 600 copies of the Minutes at the same rate as last year.

Resolved, That the Sessions close at 12½ P. M., and resume at 2 P. M.

Rev. J. E. Balcom was appointed a Delegate to the Central Association; his travelling expenses to be paid.

Delegates to Convention, Brethren Cyrus Black, Wm. F. Cutten, Wm. Falkner, Jacob Layton.

Prayer by the Rev. S. T. Rand. Adjourned at 5 P. M.

The Committee of Nomination reported in the evening, as follows:

TO EXAMINE CIRCULAR LETTER:—

Rev'ds. J. Davis and S. N. Bentley.

ON EDUCATION:—

Rev'ds. R. D. Porter and Malcolm Ross; Brethren Cyrus Black, S. Selden, Wm. Falkner, J. S. Layton, J. Webb, and Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE:—

Rev. Nelson Baker, T. Keillor, James Reid, and Brother Thomas Logan.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:—

Brother W. F. Cutten, Rev. James More, Brethren David Page, Levi W. Williams, Nathan Taylor, and Robert Nelson.

ON TEMPERANCE. (*Intoxicating Drinks and Tobacco*):—

Rev'ds. Dr. Clay, John Shaw, Eliphalet Reid, and O Reid; Brethren Wm. Dobson, David Rogers and Levi Carr.

ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER:—

Rev. John Davis; Brethren Cyrus Black, Joseph Reid, John Cutten, and W. Seaman.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:—

Rev. Dr. Hobbs, E. F. Foshay; Brethren Wm. Smith, Alex. McKenzie and R. Ralston.

ON THE FRENCH MISSION:—

Rev. S. T. Rand, Maynard Parker; Brethren David H. Jenks, Jacob S. Layton, and Benjamin Christmas.

ON HOME MISSIONS:—

Rev. S. N. Bentley, H. Charlton, and N. Baker; Brethren E. Taylor, Wm. Blinkhorn and Maynard P. Freeman.

ON BIBLE CAUSE:—

Brother S. Selden, Rev. James L. Reid, James Higgins, Joseph Reid, W. H. Rogers, James Clarke Stevens, John King, and Rev. J. Rowe.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS:—

Rev'ds. J. Davis, E. F. Foshay, and Brother W. Falkner.

Adopted.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase.		Decrease.			Total.	Sabbath Schools.	Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.
	By Baptism.	By Letter &c.	Restored.	Removed.	Dismissed.				
Amherst,	17	3	0	0	2	0	1	211	1 160 250
Pugwash,	34	0	1	27	3	5	0	154	1 50 150
Truro,	3	9	0	0	1	0	0	90	1 106 412
North Sydney, C. B.,	52	0	0	0	5	5	0	175	
Wallace River,	21	0	0	0	0	0	1	89	1 25
Bedeque, P. E. I.,	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	50	
Onslow,	3	5	3	0	3	2	5	110	
Upper Londonderry,	14	3	0	0	0	0	1	75	
Upper Stewiacke,	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	48	
Greenville,	21	0	2	0	6	1	1	100	
Glenville,	15	0	0	0	2	1	0	34	
Antigonish,	4	1	1	0	1	3	1	27	
Maccan,	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	120	1 60 120
Margaree, C. B.,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	
Mira Bay, C. B.,	52	1	0	0	7	0	0	134	
Earl Town,	0	0	0	5	3	3	1	34	1 30 125
East Point, P. E. I.,	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	74	250
Schooner Pond, C. B.,	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	
Sydney, C. B.,	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	41	1 110
Portaupique,	14	0	0	0	0	1	1	107	2 65 230
Lower Stewiacke,	7	1	0	0	4	4	2	108	
Great Village,	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	47	1 25 200
Amherst Shore,	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	45	
Charlotte Town, P. E. I.,	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	42	1 42
West Brook,	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	
Merigomish,	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	16	
Cape Canso,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	
Lakeland,	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	
Mabou C. B.,	1	0	0	0	6	0	1	18	
Diligent River,	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	36
Wentworth,	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	
Advocate Harbour,	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	31	
St. Peter's Road, P. E. I.,	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	
Guysborough,	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	
River Philip,	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	
Salmon River, P. E. I.,	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	
North River, P. E. I.,	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	
Westchester,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	
Three Rivers, P. E. I.,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
Lot 49, P. E. I.,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
St. Mary's 2nd,	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	1 38
Isaac's Harbour,	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	56	1 40
St. Mary's 1st,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	
Economy and Five Islands,	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	
Tracadie,*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	
Indian Harbour,*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	
River John,*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
Tryon, P. E. I.,*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	
Strait of Canso, C. B.,*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	
Tatamagouche,*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
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*No Letter sent.

On Lord's-day, preaching in the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian meeting-houses, by the Revds. John Rowe, James Reid, N. Baker, S. N. Bentley, John Shaw, S. T. Rand, Wm. Hobbs, Eliphalet Reid. After each Sermon there were excellent addresses by various brethren.

MONDAY, July 4th, 1859.

Met by appointment at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Balcom preached the Introductory sermon, from Phil. ii. 16. "Holding forth the word of life." Collections were taken at all the preaching stations on the Sabbath, in aid of Home Missions.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause presented. After warm speeches by Revd's John Davis, Dr. Clay, D. W. C. Dimock, E. F. Foshay, Joseph Reed, S. N. Bentley and Brethren W. Rogers, John King, and S. Selden.

Voted, That no Speaker occupy more than 10 minutes at a time.

Adjourned at half past 12 to resume the discussion on Bible Cause at 2 P. M. Prayer by Rev. S. Thompson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 P. M. Prayer by Brother Dobson, (Licentiate).

Committee on Questions in Letters reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Voted, That the church at River Philip be received into this Association.

Brother Gilbert Purdy received the hand of fellowship, in behalf of the church.

Also that the church at Salmon River, be received.

Also that the church at St. Peter's Road be received.

The Rev. J. Davis received the hand of fellowship on their behalf.

Voted, That the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock's travelling expenses to the Central Association be paid.

Discussion of Report on Bible Cause resumed. After remarks by Brethren C. Black, and David Rogers, it passed in an amended form. (See Appendix A.)

Committee on Temperance and Tobacco, reported. Remarks by Revd's J. Davis and Dr. Clay. Referred to Committee for modification.

Report on French Mission read and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Report on *Christian Messenger* presented, amended and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Report on Temperance received as amended, and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Report on Home Missions. Adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Report on Infirm Ministers' Fund. Adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Resolved, That the Educational Meeting be held on Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock.

On motion Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. N. Baker.

TUESDAY, July 5th, 1859.

Met at 10 A. M. Singing, and Prayer by the Rev. J. More. Committee on Circular Letter reported. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Circular Letter be read and printed in the Minutes.

Resolved, That this Association recommend that an effort be made to obtain a Meeting-house at Pictou Town for the purposes of our Denomination. And that Brother John King, of Onslow, be the Treasurer to receive monies for said object.

About £25 was collected on the spot.

Report on Sabbath Schools presented. Report adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Committee on Education reported. Speeches were made by several of the brethren. Report adopted. (See Appendix I.)

Resolved, That the following brethren be a Committee to make arrangements for a Sabbath School Convention:—Rev'ds. J. E. Balcom and E. F. Foshay; Brethren B. Scott, Wm. Rogers and W. F. Cutten.

Adjourned at 11 A. M. for Educational meeting.

Report on Foreign Missions presented. After several speeches the Report was received. (See Appendix J.)

A Letter from the Rev. Dr. Tupper giving an account of Missions in Burmah, was read by Rev. S. T. Rand.

Resolved, That the Churches comprising this Association be requested to give in their letters to the next Annual Meeting, full statistics of Sabbath Schools, Teachers, and Volumes in Libraries.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Report on the Observance of the Sabbath was presented and adopted. (See Appendix K.)

Voted, That Rev. J. E. Balcom be added to the Committee on the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Resolved, That as our Foreign Missionary operations demand more attention in the Associations than they have hitherto received. For the purpose of affording better opportunity of reporting to the Associations, respecting this work, the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board be requested to publish a brief statement of the labours in which we have been concerned during the year, shortly before the meeting of the Associations.

Resolved, That in accordance with a suggestion made in the Report on the French Mission, we recommend that a collection be taken up in all our churches for that object on the first Sabbath in September next, and that Brother Normond, our French Missionary, be hereby requested to address the churches on the subject, a short time previous, through the pages of the *Christian Messenger*, so that his address may be read publicly at the time of taking the collection.

Resolved, That this Association highly approve of the efforts recently made to meet the erroneous opinions published respecting the authority of SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION, and would recommend the brethren to give encouragement to such publications as may defend Bible Truth and Baptist Principles, in opposition to all Anti-Christian error.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Baptist church and congregation and other friends in the community, for the hearty reception given, and the personal comfort afforded during its session.

Also to the Trustees of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches for their kindness in allowing the Association the use of their houses on the Sabbath.

That thanks be tendered to the ferry-man for his kindness in carrying the ministers to and fro across the harbour.

On motion, adjourned to meet again next year with the River Hebert church, Maccan. After Doxology, prayer by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

J. E. BALCOM, *Moderator*.

A. F. PORTER, *Clerk*.

C. H. BLAIR, *Assistant Clerk*.

C I R C U L A R L E T T E R .

TO THE CHURCHES OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren,

In this annual letter we commend to your consideration, the Educational interests, connected with us as a denomination.

It is not deemed necessary to occupy much space in insisting upon the importance of Education in general. Every thing in the history of the past,—every thing connected with the present passing events—and all the anticipated future disclose its importance, and urge upon us its necessity.

Every thing in the outer world, the progress in the arts and science, the revelations of history, the proximity of nations to each other, through the influence of science, that are locally distant, every thing around us may impress us with the importance of knowledge.

And if we look within, the soul is formed for the attainment of knowledge, and every thing there,—its desires, its aspirations and its capabilities,—declare what inspiration infallibly teaches:—that for the “soul to be without knowledge is not good.” But the proper results of mind are no more to be looked for without study, long and patient investigation and training, than the fruits of the earth without the cultivation of the soil.

Not however, as intimated, to the importance of knowledge in general, which will be so readily admitted by all, is the subject of this letter devoted, but to that aspect of it which was

the original design, and is the still cherished desire of the Baptist body, in the founding and carrying forward of our Educational Institutions at Horton, namely, its *religious* aspect, to impart instruction under the influence of true religion. Not barely admitting the truth of christianity, but its power illustrated, its truths warm from the word of God, dwelling deep in the heart, to become the prevailing and controlling thing of life. A religious educational institution is not where a merely theoretical religion, or denominational creed is the burden of its christianity, but where the vital and energizing power of godliness, is the prevailing influence—the cherished and desired boon, where a sound conversion, a real and experimental piety is the felt necessity of the soul—is the prevailing conviction of those engaged in imparting instruction.

Of the importance of this feature in the character of our educational institutions, and of those who have charge of them, it is to be hoped that Baptists will never lose sight. Ceasing to cherish the real religious element, we fail to carry out the design which originated them, and whatever increase of funds or of students, and outer success there may be, without this, we shall be shorn of our strength, and “Ichabod” shall be written on their walls. The religious, is therefore the most important element—in the estimation of those who are engaged in conducting them, it must be considered second to no other, and the more deeply this conviction is embedded, the more permanently fixed in the mind, the more it influences and controls, the more powerful of success will be our institutions.

Is this the character of our educational institutions? Is the religious element cherished and fostered there? Is vital christianity, real living piety, and sound conversion the underlying feeling of those connected with them? If so, judging from the word of God, “those that honor me I will honor,” we may expect to find evidences of God’s power, illustrations of God’s grace, instances of conversion of those who may from time to time, there receive instruction and mental training.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we can refer to these testimonies, and to the power and grace of God. Some of us can remember as matters of blessed experience, when the influence of the Holy Spirit, wrought powerfully among the students, when under the conviction of its guilt, the mind, awe-stricken trembled with fear, and bowed in penitence, fell before the throne of mercy, where students and professors together offered up to their Father in heaven, the earnest pleadings of souls stirred to their very depths.

Answers to these pleadings were realized, the captive liberated and brought into the liberty of the glorious gospel, made free by the Son of God, bore testimony that God was there. The strongest evidence of the divine approbation therefore has been given. It would be interesting and a source of holy joy, to be able to have all the instances of conversion to God of students, while there engaged in those studies they hoped would fit them for life's work, that would be to them a source of gain or personal emolument, but who under the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit, were led to consecrate themselves to the service of God, Many a parent's heart has been made to leap for joy at the news of the hopeful conversion of some wayward son. Many a mother's heart has bounded with grateful praise, at the news of the return to God of the child of her many prayers.

These are the institutions, Dear Brethren, committed to your fostering care, these, over which the influence of heaven has been hovering, are committed to you, to us all. They have claims upon you. In a truly noble manner have these claims, as they have appealed to your benevolence, your contributions, from time to time been met. They still appeal to you. And still as in the past, we trust they shall meet with success. Increasing usefulness, will cause a greater outlay, and expenditure of monies. It is so in every department of labor.

But to your *sympathies* and your *prayers* do we commend these institutions. There is danger of our becoming isolated in

our feelings, from the fact of our not being immediately engaged in conducting them. This should not be the case. Heaven has shown an interest in them, the divine benediction has been given, and your sympathies should not, we think be withheld.

For these we would earnestly ask your prayers. Often by our fathers in the ministry has this request been made—and often too have we listened to their earnest supplications on behalf of these institutions. God heard their petitions—and though the “fathers” have passed away from among us, the influence of their prayers have not. Answers to them are still seen, and their supplications are being yet answered. Let us *pray* for them, that more and more largely the divine influence may rest upon them.



A P P E N D I X.

(A)

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Whilst so much of error exists with regard to the authority of the Bible as the Text-book of the Church, your Committee deem it important that all Christian bodies should make known to the world from time to time the estimation in which they hold that book.

Your Committee believe that the canon of Holy Scripture—the Word of God—is comprised in those books universally held by christians as the inspired books, whilst they reject all dependence on apochryphal or traditional writings as unauthenticated and inculcating dangerous error.

They would not encourage any superstitious regard for the volume of inspiration as a closed book, but believe that it should be constantly studied by persons of all ages, and understood and committed to memory by young and old. They believe that by that means only can “the man of God be thoroughly furnished for every good work.”

As Baptists we hold that the Bible alone contains the rule of faith and practice for christians and churches, and that there alone do we find the true principles of church government and of the ordinances of the gospel.

Your committee rejoice that so many facilities are being discovered, in the good Providence of God, for aiding the translation of the Bible into the different languages of the world, and that opportunities are being afforded for circulating it among the nations, which, till recently have been closed against such efforts. They would recommend their brethren to aid to their utmost every endeavour to give the Word of Life in its purity to the people at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted.

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

The Committee on the French Mission beg to Report. The truth of the oft-repeated adage, is generally admitted: "charity begins at home." According to this our Missionary zeal should be exercised next after the Aboriginies of this Province, towards the French Acadians. A large number of these people reside within the range of the Eastern Association. What are we doing towards giving them the Bible and a more Scriptural Truth? Just nothing. What excuse can we give for our neglect? Just none. In Tusket, within the range of the Western Association is located one Missionary to the French Acadians, Brother Normondy, from Canada. He is a highly esteemed, diligent, devoted brother, who with his excellent companion is quietly pursuing the work of their evangelization, God is giving them success. During the present year Brother N. visited many of the churches of the Western and Central Associations, preaching and lecturing in behalf of the Mission. His visits were successful. The people were delighted with his urbanity, devotedness and zeal for the work to which he has been called, and contributions toward the mission were liberally given. Your committee recommend that he be invited to visit the churches comprising this Association—and that collections and subscriptions on a liberal scale be taken up for the support of the Mission—that he be particularly invited to visit *our* Acadian French, and even those in New Brunswick in the adjacent districts—and that our efforts and prayers be directed with all earnestness towards the support of a laborer in this field, and these regions as speedily as possible.

And further that a collection for the French Mission at Tusket be taken up in all our churches on the first Sabbath in September.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. RAND, *Chairman.*

(C)

REPORT ON "THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

This paper generally retains the confidence of the Association. We trust that our brethren at large will render it that confidence and support which it so well deserves.

Respectfully submitted.

J. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

(D)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to Report, that it is their opinion, that at no period of the Temperance reform, has there been a greater need of prayerful and united effort on the part of every lover of virtue, and every friend of humanity, than at the present.

While we view intemperance as the bane of *virtue*, and the death of religion, we cannot help looking upon it as the very *foundation stone* upon which rests nearly all the moral corruption of the age in which we live. But once drive back this monster power, and free our world from its influence and the midnight assassin will but seldom shed the blood of innocence; the libertine will be checked in his attempt to prostrate at the altar of infamy the virtue of woman; and the mercenary politician, devoid of philanthropy or patriotism, will find it difficult to rank among the law-makers of our land.

In the opinion of your Committee we cannot therefore as Baptists, but disapprove of the manner in which the Temperance question has been treated by the legislative authorities of our province; and would therefore urge the necessity of taking an unflinching stand in behalf of the principles of prohibition, until our sons and daughters are protected from the power of the monster by the authority of law.

And your Committee would most earnestly deprecate the inconsistent conduct of those who professing to be friends of Temperance and prohibition, have nevertheless given so much countenance to the drinking usages of society, and especially at elections.

It is also the opinion of your Committee that moral suasion is every day robbed of its power in saving the drunkard from his ruin, by the baneful effects of that popular but destructive practice the use of Tobacco.

Respectfully submitted.

E. CLAY, *Chairman.*

(E)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee would gratefully record their thanksgivings to the Lord of the harvest, for the success of our Home Missionary efforts of the past year. We learn that 302 weeks labor has been performed, 1205 sermons preached, 2162 visits

made by ten of the missionaries, 12000 pages tracts distributed by four of the laborers, 3 meeting-houses opened, 2 churches organized and 313 baptisms reported; that the total income of the Society since the last annual meeting, amounts to £692 18s: total expenditures £670 5s. 9d $\frac{1}{2}$: balance in treasury £22 2s. 3d $\frac{1}{2}$.

The friends of the cause may well be encouraged at such an increase of labor, income and results, over the preceding years. "Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest that he send forth more laborers into the Harvest."

In view of the resources of our churches, and the wide spread destitution in our Home Mission field, and of the blessings so bountifully granted in connexion with the labors of our missionaries, your committee dare not counsel retrenchment. We rather say, "devise liberal things," for the promotion of this glorious work.

Your Committee approve the method of affording constant aid in places where a weak interest has good prospects of enlargement, until such interest becomes self-sustaining.

In view of the necessity for meeting-houses in some parts of the country, we beg to recommend to the churches the matter of aiding in the construction of such houses, whether by combined effort in the form of a "Chapel Building Society," a "Lending Fund," or of individual beneficence.

In behalf of the Committee.

S. N. BENTLEY, *Chairman.*

(F)

Infirm Ministers' Fund, in acct. with B. DOUGLAS, Treasurer.

1859.		DR.	£	s.	d.
June 30.	To sundry payment to Mrs. Hull during the year,		9	10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
1858.		CR.	£	s.	d.
July 1.	By cash in Treasurer's Hands as per account rendered,		£24	0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
8.	Cash per C. Black Esq.		16	0	3
	Bal. in last acct. to June 30th, '59.		1	0	0
			£25	17	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bal. to June 30th, '59.			£16	6	9

(G)

REPORT ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

1. With regard to the case of exclusion detailed in the letter from the North River Church, Prince Edward Island, resolved,

To recommend that it be read to the members of the Association in the absence of the public.

2. There occurred two questions in the letter from the Truro church.

In regard to the first, touching a proposed alteration in the time of the meeting of the Association, resolved,

To recommend that it be referred to the churches, with a request that they will present their views on the point, in their letters of next year.

The second, touching the propriety of holding a Sabbath School Convention in connection with the Association, your Committee turned it over to that on Sabbath Schools.

3. A church at Salmon River, Cape Breton, and another at River Philip, applied for admission to the Association.

In regard to the Salmon River church, the Committee in the absence of Brother Hugh Ross, mentioned in their letter, refer the case to the Association, for the collecting of information which they do not know how to obtain.

The Committee recommend, that the River Philip church be received.

4. The church at St. Peter's Road, P. E. I., had assumed their relation to the Association, and forwarded a letter and funds accordingly by the hand of their minister, whom they had appointed as their representative. The act was irregular, but showed good will, and a desire to work with the Association. Resolved, therefore,

That it be recommended to the Association formally to receive said church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

(H)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools have to express their regret that the paucity of information given in the letters res-

pecting Sabbath Schools, renders us unable to give even an approximate statement of the state of Sabbath Schools in connection with the churches comprising the Association.

Yet from the acknowledged beneficial influence resulting from the efficient operations of these institutions, we cannot for one moment suppose that any church enjoying the divine favor, especially those churches favored with the stated ministry, will neglect these important auxiliaries to the christian church.

We notice the question in one of the letters, as to the propriety of holding a Sabbath School Convention in connection with this Association. We recommend the appointment of a Committee to act in conjunction with a Committee appointed at the Central Association, to make arrangements for holding a Provincial Sabbath School Convention at an early day.

We deem this the most efficient manner of bringing the subject of Sabbath School instruction more prominently before the Denomination.

We would also recommend to officers and teachers of Sabbath Schools the desirableness of their replenishing their Libraries from the Rooms of the American Baptist Publication Society—and the distribution of the "Young Reaper," published by that society among the scholars.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. CUTTEN, *Chairman.*

(I)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Education generally diffused and largely enjoyed is becoming increasingly an object of desire and effort among us. This is shown by the demand for teachers of superior attainments, for an educated ministry and for every means by which it may be obtained and diffused, as also by the enlarged liberality with which its interests are sustained.

The Academy at Horton has enjoyed a year of usual prosperity under the able management of J. W. Hartt, Esq., A. M., assisted by Mr. R. S. Weatherby, A. B., and Mr. C. F. Hartt. It is worthy of increased patronage and support. The Executive Committee have increased the efficiency and attractions of

the institution during the past year, by adding to other facilities a complete and expensive philosophical apparatus. But with all the advantages it offers the number of pupils in attendance is comparatively small.

During the past year the prospects of Acadia College have been brightening. Encouraging success has attended the labors of the Financial Agent, and enough has been pledged to defray the current expenses.

The duties of the late mathematical professor have been discharged with ability and to satisfaction for the year, by Messrs. H. Vaughan and R. S. Weatherby, graduates of the College.

In the past year 25 students have been in attendance, four of whom graduated at the Anniversary on the 3rd ult. For the ensuing year there is no matriculating class.

Your Committee learn with satisfaction that arrangements have been made for an "English Course" in the College, extending to two years, by which young men may have facilities for pursuing the English studies of the regular course, without studying the classics. It is believed that this arrangement will happily supply a long existing demand.

Finally, while the Committee would record with thankfulness the munificence with which our educational institutions have been sustained, they would commend these to the general sympathies of the members of the Association. They make reasonable demands upon us—demands to which we cannot refuse to yield and be guiltless. More liberal things should be devised and executed in this connection that greater efficiency may be secured and greater good accomplished.

Respectfully submitted.

R. D. PORTER, *Chairman.*

(J)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions present the following Report:

That, in looking over the Report of last year, your Committee discover what seems to amount to a charge of grave dereliction of duty on the part of the Baptists of Nova Scotia. It says the Baptists have at present no missionary in the foreign field, and their contributions are not on the increase. Surely

such a state of things calls for deep searchings of heart! Has the command of Christ been revoked? Has the whole world been converted?—earth's teeming millions owned allegiance to King Jesus? Have Buddh and Brahma fled?—Mahomed yielded to Christ?—Popery been annihilated?—the Beast and false Prophet been slain? Have the “waiting islands received his law?” Have the dwellers in the wilderness all bowed before him, and his enemies licked the dust? Alas! no! The great work is scarcely begun. And as Baptists we need not to be taught the theory that a Church truly Scriptural and Apostolic is essentially and of necessity a Missionary Church—not theoretically, merely—not coldly, idly so—but really, practically, heartily! It may be that we have got our hands so full of earth that there is no room for Heaven;—so much to do for ourselves just now that we have neither time, nor money, nor men, nor hearts for Christ and his cause. If so, then let us take care! Let us hearken to the burning admonition which says, “Repent and do thy first works, or else I will come and fight against thee with the sword of My mouth.”

Let us remember that if we are indifferent, Christ is not—if we forget, Satan does not. Juggernaut has more missionaries than Christ has ministers. Seven hundred millions of immortal men have never heard of the fragrance of Jesus's name.

Few persons have any adequate idea of the number included by that expression. To count one million—simply to *count*—is the labor of a fortnight—and more than eight hours must be employed in the business—at the rate of one hundred every minute!

Every minister in this Association would need to labor till our next annual meeting in simply telling over the count of seven hundred millions!

With all our means and facilities at command, and the wealth of all heaven and earth, we talk of being able to support one missionary—one returned missionary—and sending a few pounds to another, our esteemed brother Crawley! Oh! where is our zeal—our faith? Where are our young men? Where is our College—our Academy—our revivals? Oh, what does Christ think of us? What does Satan think? How must angels weep at our apathy and indifference! Why not do our duty in this matter, and do it at once? Our Convention, which has this enterprize under its control, will meet

in the ensuing month, and why not then take the necessary steps to secure and send out men full of faith and of the Holy Spirit far hence to the Gentiles?

When should we regret it? Not in time; not when Heaven should have poured upon us all the fullness of the Spirit; not when the news of thousands born into the kingdom in a day; not in the Day of Judgment, when we join the unnumbered hosts of God's elect saved by our poor efforts, and as we do listen to the voice of the King, "I was an hungered, and ye fed me," &c., &c. Let us, as Baptists, think of this, and act in reference to that day. Let there be fervent prayer, followed by corresponding activity.

This Committee, therefore, consider that it is of the utmost importance that the sympathies and liberality of the Baptists of Nova Scotia be called out, believing, from past experience, that a reflex influence will be produced, prompting them to increased piety and extended usefulness. They would also recommend monthly concerts of prayer, and the study of those periodicals devoted to the missionary enterprise, which may tend to stir up pure minds to labor for the conversion of the world to God and to his Christ.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

W. HOBBS, *Chairman.*

(K)

REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Your Committee express their opinion that the observance of the Lord's Day is a matter of great importance to all the people of God individually, and to our Churches collectively. It is a day appointed by Jehovah expressly for his worship and service, and for communicating spiritual blessings to our souls. The Lord on the one hand commands us to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy, and on the other charges us not to think our own thoughts, to speak our own words, or find our own pleasure on his holy day; and he promises both temporal and spiritual blessings to those who obey this command. When the Sabbath is kept sacred by the people of God their souls are refreshed and comforted, and they are more qualified to discharge the duties devolving upon

them. There is a greater blessing attending the preaching of the Gospel, and likewise a greater restraint upon those who have no true love to the Lord Jesus Christ. Your Committee are afraid that there is a great want of a proper observance of the Sabbath in all our Churches. And as we desire that our own souls be established by Divine grace, that the Gospel be attended with the Divine blessing, and that our fellow-sinners be converted, we would humbly recommend that the pastors of our Churches and all the followers of our Saviour in our Association use all their influence to obtain a stricter observance of this holy day in the different places where they reside.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES REID.



**Account of Monies received at the Eastern Association,
PUGWASH, JULY, 1859.**

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	French Mission.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
North Sydney, C.B., - - -	4 0 0			4 0 0
Bedeque, P.E.I., - - -	1 10 0			1 10 0
Greenville, - - -	0 3 1½			0 3 1½
Guysborough, - - -	4 0 0			4 0 0
Advocate Harbour, - - -	0 8 4		0 10 0	0 18 4
West Brook, - - -	0 16 0		0 10 0	1 6 0
Sydney, C.B., - - -	3 5 0			3 5 0
Diligent River, - - -	0 5 0			0 5 0
Great Village, - - -	3 10 10			3 10 10
Amherst Shore, - - -	1 5 0			1 5 0
Amherst, - - -	28 10 0	6 6 10		34 16 10
Maccan, - - -	1 13 3			1 13 3
do. for Micmac Mission, -				0 5 6
Onslow, - - -	7 14 3			7 14 3
Pugwash, - - -	*2 0 0			2 0 0
Portaupique, - - -	7 6 5½			7 6 5½
Glenville, - - -	0 7 6			0 7 6
Wallace, - - -	0 7 3			0 7 3
River Philip, - - -	0 7 6			0 7 6
Westchester, - - -	0 2 6			0 2 6
Upper Londonderry, - - -	6 8 5			6 8 5
Lower Economy, - - -	0 4 4½			0 4 4½
Wallace River, - - -	0 12 1½			0 12 1½
Upper Stewiacke, - - -	4 6 0	1 3 9		5 9 9
do. Test. for armies, -				0 15 0
Charlotte Town, P. E. I., -	1 10 0	3 1 3		4 1 3
North River, P. E. I., -	1 15 0			1 15 0
St. Peter's Road, P. E. I., -	0 5 0			0 5 0
Collections at Associations, -	7 3 6			7 3 6
Rev. S.T. Rand, - - -	0 5 0			0 5 0
Rev. E. Clay, - - -	0 5 0			0 5 0
A Friend, - - -	0 5 0			0 5 0
Rev. T. Keilor, - - -	0 5 0			0 5 0
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Mr. Benjamin Christmas, -	0 5 0			0 5 0
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* This includes 5s. each by Rev. E. F. Foshay and W. H. Seamen. Their annual subscription to the Home Missionary Society.

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*The Eastern N. S. Baptist Association in account with
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To cash paid Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, expenses to			
Central Association,	-	-	
do. Rev. S. T. Rand, for Micmac Mission,		1	1 3
do. S. Selden, for printing Minutes,		0	5 6
do. J. Whitman, per S Selden, for H.M.,		9	12 0
do. W. Churchill, Treas'r. French Miss.,	81	9	10
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Approved,

CYRUS BLACK, Treasurer.

ALEX. MCKENZIE, Auditor.

MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	PLACE OF ORDINATION.
Rev. J. Balcom.	Amherst	March 26, 1853.	Long Island.
H. Charlton.	Glenville.	March 6, 1856.	Greenville.
Obed Chute.	Truro.		
D. W. C. Dimock.	Onslow.		
J. Davis.	Ch. Town, P. E. I.	Dec. 6, 1841.	Chester.
H. Eagles.	St. Mary's.	June —, 1829.	Southsea, G. B.
E. F. Foshay.	Milton.	Aug. —, 1842.	Kempt, Hants.
T. Keilor.	Advocate Harbor.	March —, 1856.	Harvey, N. B.
D. Lawson.	Point deBute.	June 24, 1857.	Advocate Harbor.
M. Parker.	Londonderry.	March —, 1855.	Lower Stewiacke.
Malcolm Ross.	Bedeque, P. E. I.	Sep. —, 1831.	Lunenburg.
Hugh Ross.	N. Sydney, C. B.		
James Reid.	Portaupique.	Sep. —, 1847.	Mira Bay, C. B.
John Shaw.	East Point, P. E. I.	June —, 1840.	Onslow.
Benj. Scott.	Onslow.		
S. Thompson.	Economy.	Sep. 18, 1832.	P. E. Island.
W. Dobson.	Wallace River.	Sep. —, 1852.	Westbrook.
A. F. Porter.	Antigonish.		
John Miller.	Cape Canso.		
John Whidden.	Antigonish.		

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall be composed of Delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with Delegates from corresponding Associations, and such others as may by the Association be invited to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—Each Church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over the Churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire Scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any Church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such an office; a Clerk, who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the monies contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction.

ART. 6th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its

history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes; and any Church that for three successive years omits sending letters, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 7th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—The Religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—After religious worship, the officers shall be chosen by ballot: the Moderator of the preceding year, or in his absence the Clerk, shall call the Association to order.

RULE 2nd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

RULE 4th.—When any Church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

RULE 5th.—At the commencement of each sitting, the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last sitting, before the final adjournment.

RULE 6th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered by the Association.

RULE 7th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 8th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

RULE 9th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

RULE 10th.—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of every annual sitting of the Association.