

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE
Central Baptist Association
OF
Nova Scotia,

HELD AT BERWICK,

Saturday, Monday, & Tuesday, June 19, 21, & 22, 1858.

TOGETHER WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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MINUTES
OF THE
CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

BERWICK, CORNWALLIS, June 18, 1858.

The Association met with the Second Cornwallis Church,
pursuant to adjournment, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

FROM CHURCHES.

- Aylesford, Upper.*—Rev. Abraham Stronach, Deacon George West,
Brethren Oliver Cogswell, Elisha D. Harris.
- Bridgewater.*—Rev. I. J. Skinner, Brethren R. West, D. Waterman.
- Chester.*—Rev. J. C. Hurd, Brethren Jas. Webber, Isaac Hume, John
Bradshaw.
- Cornwallis 1st.*—Rev. A. S. Hunt, Brethren Henry Lyons, M. Beckwith,
Henry Eaton, James E. Rand, William Thomas.
- Cornwallis 2nd.*—Rev. W. Chipman, Deacon Wm. Craig, Brethren J. N.
Chute, J. Vaughan.
- Cornwallis 3rd.*—Rev'ds. Jas. Parker, Jas. Moore, Deacons C. R. Bill,
Nathan Illsley, Samuel Sweet.
- Cornwallis 4th, Long Point.*—Brethren Albert Porter, *Licentiate*, Henry
Hall, Gideon Beardsley, — Brown.
- Halifax 1st.*—Rev. D. Freeman, Brethren J. W. Nutting, S. Selden,
- Halifax 2nd.* Rev. S. N. Bentley, Brother J. W. Barss.
- Hammonds Plains 1st.*—Rev. T. H. Porter.
- Hantsport.*—Rev'ds. Wm. Burton, S. T. Rand, Brethren Wm. Porter,
Harris Reid.
- Horton 1st.*—Rev'ds. S. W. DeBlois, Dr. Cramp, J. Chase, A. W. Sawyer,
Deacon Martin Cleveland, Brother J. W. Hart.
- Horton 2nd.*—Rev. E. O. Reid, Deacon John Payzant, Brethren R. West-
cott, J. Vaughan.

Horton 3rd.—Rev. T. W. Crawley, Deacon J. Fitch, Brother Calvin Bishop.

Lunenburg.—Brethren D. Shaw, Lic., Abel Spidall.

New Cornwall.—Deacon Caleb Spidall.

Falmouth, Upper.—Rev. Wm. Burton, Brother Andrew Shaw.

Dartmouth.—Rev. Robert D. Porter.

Rawdon.—Brethren Charles Dimock, Wm. Phalen, John McLearn.

Sackville.—Rev. T. H. Porter, Deacon F. Webber.

Waterville, Hants.—Rev. Wm. Burton, Brother Jas. Vaughan.

Windsor.—Rev. D. M. Welton, Deacon Bennett.

Windsor Plains (New Church).—Brother Benjamin Mitchell.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Western Nova Scotia.—Rev'ds. Geo. Armstrong, T. Higgins, J. Spencer, Obed Parker, A. Cogswell, R. Walker, Willard G. Parker, Rev. Dr. Tupper.

Eastern Nova Scotia.—Rev. E. F. Foshay.

INVITED.

Rev'ds. W. Hall, R. S. Morton, George Dimock, J. Bancroft; Brethren Alfred Chipman, John Moser, Maynard Freeman, Charles Mosher, Licentates; Uriah Johnson; R. L. Weatherbe, T. Harding Rand, Abel Parker, Levi Woodworth, Danl. Sanford, Wm. Seamen, Wm. Baley, L. Dimock, I. Dimock, J. Dimock, T. Sanford, W. Knowles, S. Wheelock.

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, Moderator of the preceding year. After singing, Rev. Geo. Dimock offered prayer.

A ballot being taken for Moderator, resulted in the choice of the Rev. James Parker. Rev. S. W. DeBlois was appointed Secretary, Rev. I. J. Skinner, Assistant Secretary, and Rev. Jno. Chase, Treasurer.

Rev'ds. Wm. Burton, J. Chase and T. H. Porter, were appointed a Committee to examine the Letters.

Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. W. Hall and Brother S. Selden to read them.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee of nomination:—Rev'ds. D. Freeman, G. Armstrong, T. Higgins, and Brethren J. W. Hartt, E. Harris,

The letters from the Churches were then read, from which the accompanying Statistics were obtained; after which the Church at Windsor Plains applied for admission into this Association; accordingly, the statements being deemed satisfactory, Brother Benjamin Mitchell, the delegate, received the hand of fellowship.

Voted, That the meetings of the Association be held at 10 o'clock, A. M., and half-past 2 o'clock, P. M. Adjournments at half-past 12 o'clock, A. M., and 6 o'clock, P. M.

Voted, That the usual prayer meeting be held at 6 o'clock, A. M., during the Session.

Voted, That appointments be made in the neighboring places of worship, and that the kind offer of the Wesleyan chapel for to-morrow forenoon be accepted.

The Committee of nomination reported. Report amended and adopted as follows:—

COMMITTEES.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS:—Rev'ds. A. Stronach, Wm. Chipman, J. M. Cramp, D. D., J. Parker; Brother S. Selden.

TO EXAMINE THE CIRCULAR LETTER:—Rev'ds. J. M. Cramp, D. D., Wm. Hall; Brother J. W. Hartt.

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.—Rev'ds. Gen. Armstrong, E. F. Foshay, Aaron Cogswell, T. H. Porter, T. Higgins, W. A. Sawyer; Deacon F. Webber, Brethren D. G. Shaw, *Lic.*, S. Selden, E. D. Harris, Henry Hall, Gideon Beardsley.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:—Rev'ds. R. D. Porter, T. Crawley; Brethren Isaac Hume, Alfred Chipman, Wm. Seaman, Maynard Freeman, John Moser, J. N. Chute, John Vaughan, Martin Cleveland, R. West.

ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER AND RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS:—Rev'ds. Wm. Burton, E. F. Foshay, A. S. Hunt, T. Higgins, W. Hall; Brother Abel Parker.

ON UNION SOCIETIES:—Rev'ds. Dr. Tupper, Wm. Burton, E. O. Reid; Brethren Abel Spidle, D. G. Shaw, Harris Reid, Wm. Porter, Jas. Webber, Andrew Shaw, J. A. Rand, Nathan Illsley, J. W. Barsz.

ON EDUCATION:—Rev'ds. A. S. Hunt, A. M., Geo. Armstrong, A. M., T. Higgins, Dr. Tupper, Wm. Chipman, S. W. DeBlois, A. M., D. Freeman, Dr. Cramp, A. W. Sawyer; Brethren J. W. Nutting, J. Chase, J. W. Barsz, C. R. Bill, Mayhew Beckwith, D. Lyons, E. D. Harris.

ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH:—Rev. W. Hall, Brethren Obed Parker, George West, William Craig, John Bradshaw, Henry K. Eaton, Charles Mosher, D. Waterman, William Thomas, Levi Woodworth, John Paysant, T. Harding Rand.

ON TEMPERANCE, INCLUDING INTOXICATING DRINKS AND TOBACCO:—Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, J. C. Hurd, T. S. Rand, A. S. Hunt; Brethren R. L. Weatherbe, Albert Parter, Oliver Cogswell, S. Sweet, R. Westall, Caleb Spidle.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:—Rev'ds. James Spencer, R. S. Morton, Dr. Tupper, R. Walker, William Chipman.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase.		Decrease.				Total.
	By Baptism.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Removed.	Excluded.	Died.	
1 Aylesford, Upper, - - - - -	0	2	0	0	2	0	1,103
2 Bridgewater, - - - - -	19	9	1	0	0	2	1 96
3 Barton Church, (No Letter.) - - - - -	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
4 Chelsea, - - - - -	13	0	2	1	0	0	0 89
5 Chester, - - - - -	3	3	0	4	0	2	4 211
6 Cornwallis, 1st, - - - - -	11	3	0	1	0	2	6 320
7 Cornwallis, 2nd, - - - - -	10	7	0	4	0	0	3 342
8 Cornwallis, 3rd, - - - - -	68	7	2	3	0	2	1 336
9 Cornwallis, 4th, Long Point, - - - - -	3	4	0	0	3	0	1 98
10 Dartmouth, - - - - -	5	4	0	0	0	0	0 42
11 Falmouth, - - - - -	21	1	1	0	0	0	0 43
12 Halifax 1st, Granville Street, - - - - -	3	6	1	3	12	0	0 125
13 Halifax 2nd North, - - - - -	5	4	1	11	0	5	1 173
14 Hammonds Plains, 1st, - - - - -	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 79
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19 Horton, 3rd, - - - - -	6	1	0	0	0	2	2 118
20 Indian Harbour, (No Letter.) - - - - -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 57
21 Jeddore, (No Letter.) - - - - -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 81
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27 Newport, - - - - -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 116
28 Preston, (No Letter.) - - - - -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 54
29 Rawdon, - - - - -	0	0	0	3	0	4	1 81
30 Sackville, - - - - -	2	1	0	0	0	3	0 47
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32 Sherbrook, West, (No Letter.) - - - - -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 29
33 St. Margaret's Bay, - - - - -	2	0	2	0	1	1	0 72
34 Tanook, (No Letter.) - - - - -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 35
35 New Cornwall, - - - - -	9	4	0	1	0	1	0 40
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On the Sabbath, Services were held in the various places of worship in the vicinity, and also at Berwick, in the two places of worship; the Wesleyan Chapel having been kindly placed at the disposal of the Association.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. A. W. Sawyer preached the Introductory sermon from Isaiah xi, 10.

Association resumed business.

Report of Committee on Questions in Letters—presented and adopted. (See Appendix A). In accordance with the report a committee was appointed as Council, to visit the Newport Church, committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. S. N. Bently, Rev. Wm. Burton, Rev. D. M. Welton, Rev. Wm. Hall, Rev. Jas. Parker, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Rev. Willard G. Parker.

Report of the Committee to examine the Circular Letter, received. Letter ordered to be read. After the reading. Voted, That it be printed in the Minutes as usual. (See Circular Letter).

Rev. Dr. Cramp presented a Memorial from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia.

Voted, That it be read without examination by the Committee. After the reading thereof—

Voted, That it be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Secretary made enquiry in reference to the Church at Maitland, which had not been heard from for three years.

Voted, That the afternoon Session be closed at 4 o'clock, P. M., in order to allow time for the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society to hold its annual meeting.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Committee on Temperance, &c., reported, after remarks from Brethren Hunt, Beckwith, Cramp, Foshay, Hurd, Hall, Tupper, Rand, Armstrong, Hume, J. Chase. Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met and adjourned in order to give the Nova Scotia Baptist Educational Society opportunity to hold its annual meeting. For report of Educational Society see Appendix C.

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Association resumed its business. Letter from the third Horton Church read.

Report of the Committee on Temperance slightly modified and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Committee on the Christian Messenger reported. (See Appendix D.)

After remarks from Brethren Hunt, Cramp, Rand, Selden and Chase, report adopted.

Committee on Education reported, after remarks from Brethren Bentley, Beckwith, Chase, Hall, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Report of Committee on Education adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Resolved, That in order to prevent discussion in future, all correspondence addressed to this Association during its Session, first pass under the supervision of the examining Committee.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Association be held with the Granville Street Church, Halifax.

Voted, That Rev. D. M. Welton preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. A. S. Hunt be his alternate.

Voted, That Rev. Wm. Barton write the Circular letter.

Voted, That Dr. Cramp be our delegate to the Eastern Nova Scotia Association, and that he receive £3.

Voted, That Brother Burton be our delegate to the Western Nova Scotia Association.

Voted, That any other members of this body attending either the Eastern or Western Nova Scotia Associations be also delegates.

Voted, That Brethren J. W. Barrs, M. Beckwith, Abel Parker, C. R. Bill and J. W. Johnston, senr., be our delegates to the Convention.

Voted, That the Minutes of this Association be printed at the *Christian Messenger* office, under the superintendence of Brethren Nutting and Selden, with the least possible delay, eight hundred copies, and that the sum of £10 be allowed for the same.

Voted, That after paying the necessary expenses of the Association, the balance be handed over to the Treasurers of the different societies, embraced in its appropriation.

Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath reported.—
(See Appendix F.) Report adopted.

Voted, That, whereas on the Sabbath during our yearly Associations, a desecration of that holy day is liable to occur—the churches be requested to state in their letters next year their views as to the expediency of changing the time of holding the Associations to such days in the week as will not include the Sabbath.

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Voted, That a memorial of the Western Association to the publishers of the *Freeman*, a Baptist paper published in London, in reference to, and remonstrating against advertising the sale of intoxicating drinks, be concurred in by this Association.

Report of the Committee on the Bible cause adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools adopted.— (See Appendix H.)

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions adopted.— (See Appendix I.)

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Union Societies, adopted last year, be also the expressed sentiments of this Session.

Voted, That this Association recommend to the prayerful consideration, and pecuniary support of the members of our denomination *The Mission to the Acadian French*, and that it be recommended to each of our Churches to take up a collection for that object in September next.

The Delegates of this Association to the Western, reported, that the latter body were not prepared as yet to give in their adhesion to the Home Missionary Society—but that it had devoted a grant of £30 to that object.

Voted, That Professor Sawyer be requested to furnish a copy of the Introductory Sermon for insertion in the *Christian Messenger*.

Voted, That the cordial thanks of this Association be presented to the members of the second Cornwallis Church, and congregation, and other friends, for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to our Wesleyan friends at Berwick, for the use of their chapel on the Sabbath.

The Union hymn was then sung, Brother Bentley prayed, and the Association then adjourned to meet with the Granville Street Church, Halifax, on the third Saturday in June, A. D. 1859, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

JAMES PARKER, *Moderator*.
STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, *Secretary*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the Central Nova Scotia Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN—

As the present gathering reminds us that another year is just now closing, it is well for us to reflect on the past and call to mind that, notwithstanding all our ill deservings, God has been very merciful to us in the dispensations of his Divine Providence. This is seen with our natural eyes in the march of improvement generally in temporal things, as well as in houses erected for the worship of God, for the comfort and convenience of his people, and of those also that stand in need of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Surely these things call for much gratitude to God from whom all blessings flow. But more especially the past year has been one signally marked by the copious outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the United States, perhaps in some respects without a parallel. It appears evident that God was pleased to sanctify their season of financial pressure, and marvelously display his Almighty power in the conversion of vast multitudes, and hereby greatly increase the members, wealth and means of usefulness of his visible Church on earth. While God has been pleased to smile in his providence and grace there, we have not experienced such extensive manifestation here, yet we have cause of much thankfulness in this Province that some mercy-drops have fallen, and some of our churches have been much revived and gladdened with additions of willing converts. Yet on the other hand we have much cause of humiliation on account of our coldness in affection and remissness in duty. Had the principles, admonitions and exhortations afforded in the last Circular

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Letter published in our Minutes been faithfully regarded and fully practised, we might have reasonably expected a much better state of things than now exists.

But, dear Brethren, we need not longer delay in dwelling on the past, but will confine ourselves to some topics of remark having a bearing on the future. And here, reflecting on the great variety of subjects which have been dwelt upon in former Circulars, it would seem difficult to hit upon one varying from them that would be best adapted to promote the interest of our Zion here. But a thought or two has suggested itself in reference to the special importance at the present time of the inculcation of pure Baptist's principles, and unity of sentiment in our denomination. These are essential to our spiritual prosperity and progress, the one lays the foundation, the other as it were erects the building, for where there is soundness of principle it will lead to constancy of scriptural practice.

As Baptists we profess to adhere more closely than any other sect in Christendom, to the Apostolic doctrine and practice. We should never fear to avow our sentiments on all suitable occasions, and should so live as to be the Epistles of Christ's love, read and known of all men, whenever this is the case they as it were enforce their sentiments by their practice, and thereby prove the genuineness of their principles, should this be more universal in our denomination there would be no cause of fear in reference to the dissemination of Baptist sentiments, and the ultimate triumph of the cause of God.— But where there exists an unsoundness of sentiment and looseness of practise, and consequently a giving countenance to error in principle and practice, we may be assured in proportion as such exist there will be a probability of apostacy from their professed faith, and the cause of God will be reproached, and an influence exerted in consequence by our opponents that will tend much to our disadvantage; but on the contrary let all Associated Baptists be in reality what their principles inculcate, and as a united host stand firm under the influ-

ence of true piety, led and guided by the Spirit of God in his Holy Word, then there is no fear but that God by them will bring about his great purposes of mercy in building up his own cause in the world. O may God hasten it in his own good time!

Another thought suggests itself, that is, while the minds of men are so much absorbed in the things of the present life, there is too much neglect in reference to the future. We know that "to live is Christ," and to a certain extent this is of vital importance in reference to undivided happiness, and in the promotion of God's sacred cause here. But this is not all. We are hastening to our long home, and such should be our anxious desire and aim to bring everything to bear upon our meetness for Heaven; this thought should be the all-absorbing one. If so, it would greatly influence us while here to labor and act for God, and with a single eye aim at his glory, and then with the Apostle we should feel to say, and that with great earnestness—"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ, yea doubtless and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I suffer the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death," &c. Such was Paul's view, and he also thought it better "to depart and be with Christ;" hence he felt it would be gain to die.

And why should it not be so considered when the souls of the truly pious immediately after death enter into that glorious and happy place, where sin and sorrow are never known, and where bliss will be forever complete? The Apostle John presents a beautiful description of the happiness of those who are so highly favored as to enter there, when he says "Beloved,

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now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." Being like Christ and dwelling in his blissful presence will constitute our eternal happiness.

The Psalmist also remarks—"Thou wilt show me the path of life, in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." If this in connection with the preceding verse prophetically referred to Christ, yet it also refers to his true followers, for they shall be like him in the enjoyment of joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Again the Psalmist declares—"As for me I will behold thy face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." Now as no true christian will ever be satisfied till he enters those blessed mansions prepared by his divine Lord, and in his likeness dwells forever in the enjoyment of his blissful presence. There and there only are fullness of joy and pleasures for evermore.

Here in this life sin is mixed with all we do, and there is no perfect peace here. We participate through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ in some foretastes, sometimes rich foretastes, and a sufficiency to make us long and wish for the society of the just made perfect. There are, it is true, some who are so divinely favored while here, that for the moment, they can say—

"My willing soul would stay
In such a frame as this
Till called to rise and soar away
To everlasting bliss."

But such seasons are even with them short, and with many comparatively rare, and none can be fully satisfied to drink always from the lesser streams, but will be longing to drink from the fountain head of divine influence. It is, however, a blessed state to be in to have cause to say with holy Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and like Paul "I know whom I have believed." Again, "I am now ready and the

time of my departure is at hand, I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Now in the foregoing there is a blessed assurance to the several individuals named, viz., David, Job, and Paul, but Paul spoke of the same assurance in reference to all who love Christ's appearing. And Christ also supports the doctrine of assurance, "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, and no man shall pluck them out of my hand, nor out of my Father's hand," &c. And Paul says that "this life is hid with Christ in God, when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with him in glory." Then why may not Christians who are born from above draw divine comfort here, while possessing such a hope both sure and steadfast, &c., and contemplate the blessed fulfillment of all God's sacred promises, and dwell more and more upon that moment when death shall afford them a happy and blissful passport into everlasting and increasing joy. To such when death comes, victory over their last enemy is sure, and they can strike that blessed note, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Oh how lamentable it is that so many indulge in fear and trembling, yield to their natural propensities and the temptations of Satan, when all is done that is necessary on the part of God to make them happy for ever. And now we would say to all in the language of the Apostle, "And this I pray you that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment. That ye may approve things that are excellent, that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God."

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee on Questions in Letters report that two letters have been placed in their hands, each purporting to be from the church in Newport. They are unable to decide which is the letter that ought to be received, and they recommend that all the brethren named in the said letters be invited to take their seats at the present meeting of the Association.

And inasmuch as painful differences still exist in that church, and a request for advice is contained in one of the letters, the Committee recommend that suitable brethren be invited to meet in council, with a view to suggest such measures as may result in the restoration of harmony, and re-union of brethren now alienated from each other.

WILLIAM CHIPMAN, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee rejoice in the general adhesion of the Baptists in this Province to the Temperance cause, and that among their ministers there is not one to be found who advocates or complies with those drinking usages which so often conduct to the lowest depths of intemperance. It were earnestly to be wished that the few remaining members of our Churches who still stand aloof would recognise the obligations resting on

them and obediently follow the light. The duty of christians in this respect appears to the Committee so clear that they cannot but express surprise, not unmingled with indignation, at the conduct of some professors of religion, in various denominations, by whose example the profligate are emboldened in their courses, and the race of drunkards perpetuated.

Had the Legislature of Nova Scotia, duly regarded the desires of the people, a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least a Permissive enactment of that kind, would ere now have been placed on the statute-book. Your Committee trust that hereafter temperance men will refuse to sacrifice consistency to party spirit, and that in the exercise of their political privileges they will govern themselves in harmony with acknowledged temperance principles.

Maine is herself again. Your Committee congratulate the members of the Association on the signal triumph recently achieved in that State. It will encourage and strengthen the friends of temperance in every land.

Believing that all christians are bound to forward this great and good enterprise, the Committee beg leave earnestly to entreat those members of our Churches who have not yet joined a temperance organization to do so at the earliest possible period.

The Committee heartily concur in the sentiments advanced in the Memorial addressed to this Association by the Committee of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That temperance principles and temperance practices ought to be sanctioned, defended, and propagated by all good men; that the apathy of some professing christians in reference to this subject is deeply to be deplored; and that this Association will continue to exert its influence in the furtherance of the objects contemplated by the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, especially in regard to the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for drinking purposes.

With regard to the tobacco question, the Committee would renew the protests of former years, and express their hope that christian men will bow to the influence of enlightened public opinion, and abandon the weed, the use of which is at once offensive, injurious, and costly, consecrating to benevolence the amount which has been hitherto spent upon it."

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman*.

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MEETING OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, June 22nd, at the Central Association. Rev. Wm. Chipman, President, in the chair. The annual report was read and adopted. The Treasurer's accounts were presented and approved. It was

Resolved, That the accounts be printed in the Minutes and the Report be published in the usual way.

After remarks by Brethren Chase, Nutting, Selden, and Hunt, it was voted that the officers and committee be re-appointed.

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary*.

(D)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

Your Committee contemplate with high gratification the continuance of the *Christian Messenger* among our churches and families, and regard it as a source of rich instruction and valuable information, and do highly approve of the carefulness and prudence with which the paper is conducted, and earnestly recommend its widest possible circulation in the community at large, and in order to advance the literary character of the paper, so that it may be still better adapted to this improving age, as well as that it may more fully and continually bring before the mind of the Christian public the religious views and principles of our body, your Committee would most strongly urge upon the ministering brethren of the denomination to contribute as largely as possible to the columns of the *Messenger*, and thereby afford to the worthy editor such valuable assistance as would enrich its pages.

WILLIAM BURTON, *Secretary*.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg to report that twenty-four students have been in attendance at the College during the past

year, six of whom graduated at the recent anniversary. Six have matriculated, who will commence their studies in September, and another or two may be expected.

Eleven students have received instruction in the Theological institute, most of whom have also occasionally laboured in the neighborhood.

Professor Stuart left the College in March last. Partial provision was made for the studies of the Mathematical Department by securing the services of Mr. Alfred Chipman. Negotiations are now in progress for the selection of a Mathematical Professor from the Alumni of the College.

The depressed state of the funds, induced the governors to take such steps as issued in a special meeting of the Convention, which was held at Wolfville on the 4th inst. The result of that meeting was that it was unanimously resolved to sustain and carry on the College, in reliance on the benevolence and zeal of the Churches. Considerable success has already attended the efforts that have been made, and are still going on for raising extra contributions for the annual support of the Institution, and it is earnestly hoped that the disastrous consequences which were once feared will be now averted.

The Treasurer of the College will furnish a statement of receipts and expenditure.

The Committee commend the interests of the College to the sympathies of the Churches, and trust that it will be zealously upheld and growingly useful.

A. S. HUNT, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the proper observance of the Lord's day beg leave to report that they consider the institution of the Sabbath as one of the most important of those moral laws which a wise God has imposed upon his intelligent creatures, not only for his own glory, but their happiness in time, and their everlasting felicity in eternity.

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of the Christian Sabbath, and that in all cases where it is not respected, and the worship of God not observed, the principles of ungodliness and infidelity are sure to prevail.

They would affectionately urge all the churches and ministers connected with this Association to aim at a higher and more holy consecration of the Lord's day to sacred and divine purposes, and especially to guard against any desecration of its holy solemnity by travelling, unnecessary labour, visiting, or any other mode of spending that day.

They would also suggest the propriety of performing their work on Saturday, in such a moderate manner as not to unfit the mind for the exercises of the Lord's day, by that lassitude of body, and drowsiness of mind, produced by excessive toil.— They would also recommend the ministering Brethren to preach from time to time on the subject, and to urge upon their churches both by precept and example to "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is; but on the seventh he rested from all his labours, therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM HALL, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible cause, beg leave to report that they are pleased to know that vigorous and successful efforts for the translation and distribution of the Bible continue to be made by the different Societies in these departments in the United States and Great Britain.

Your Committee conceive that at no previous time were christians so loudly called upon to send forth the Word of God among men. The condition of the nations is such that light from Heaven alone can elevate, purify, and guide them

safely. National prosperity is not found where the Bible speaks not, or its teachings are perverted or despised.

Our position as Englishmen, as Christians, and as Baptists, calls upon us to thank God for the Bible. It is the Charter of our rights, and our book of appeal. From it we derive the doctrines we hold, and the ordinances we observe; and where we have not its authority in regard to what we should believe and practice we refuse to go. The Bible, and the Bible alone, as it came from God, and rightfully and faithfully translated, is the book on which we rest our cause, and by which we are willing and desirous that our principles should be tried. From it we learn the submission we owe to human governments, as well as the limitations of their rule: the liberty that properly belongs to the governed, and indeed all the relations, duties and rights of humanity, as well as the responsibility of all to God. From it we learn the way of Life—the glorious mystery of redemption by the precious blood of Christ. Would we confer a blessing on the nations now sitting in darkness?—Let us give them the Bible. Would we advance the cause of liberty and ameliorate the condition of fallen humanity? The Bible is the great lever by which to accomplish this mighty work.

We believe that the sacred Scriptures are an essential element in the education of the rising generation, and rejoice to learn that the Bible is more and more being introduced into schools and seminaries of learning, and would be glad to know that the Bible was carefully and prayerfully read in every school and family in the land, and would cheerfully aid by all means consistent with our principles, with truth, and with the Bible itself to accomplish an object so worthy and desirable.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

(H)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

That they consider the institution of the Sabbath School an efficient instrumentality for instilling and fostering in the minds of the young a love for Bible study and for leading souls while susceptible of gospel influence to embrace the Saviour;

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and, consequently, learn with pleasure that it is being more highly appreciated, and that schools are becoming more interesting among our churches generally.

In connection with some of them, juvenile Missionary Societies have been organized. Since these have the effect of interesting the youthful mind in the cause of missions, and of yielding it various benefit, your Committee would recommend that such societies be organized in all the schools.

Bible classes have been variously and powerfully instrumental of good. In the view of your Committee these should be greatly encouraged.

Statistics of schools and classes in the churches' letters would bring their state and operations more clearly before the Association. Your Committee request that in all the letters such statistics be given.

Your Committee would impress the churches more deeply with the importance of this branch of christian labor, with the necessity of personal sacrifice being made, that its interests be advanced, and with the obligations of every christian, so far as he may, to toil and pray for its success.

Respectfully submitted.

R. D. PORTER, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg to report—

That they feel highly gratified that this Mission, which has hitherto possessed such a warm and prominent place in the hearts of our people, is still worthy of engaging their attention.

Your Committee realize the destitution of gospel labourers in the home department, and rejoice in the extended effort which is being put forth to send reapers to this harvest; but they are taught also to remember that the field is the world, and that there are thousands of benighted and perishing heathen on whom the light of the gospel has never shone.

It is pleasing to know that two native missionaries, who have been sustained by the churches of this Province and New Brunswick, under the superintendence of brother Crawley, are labouring successfully and acceptably among their fellow countrymen.

In a letter recently received by the Secretary, Dr. Tupper, brother Crawley states that he has engaged another native missionary to labor at *Donabew*. This man's name is *Mong Thet Nau*, who first heard the gospel from the lips of our late lamented missionary, brother Burpee, and who was undoubtedly converted through his instrumentality. We sorrowed when, weary, sick and faint, our dear missionary left the field, we sorrowed when it was said to us brother Burpee is dead, but we now rejoice that though "dead he yet speaketh."

Brother Crawley has also in contemplation employing two more native missionaries, to tell in their own tongue the wonderful works of God, who when engaged will be sustained by the funds of this society.

Mrs. Crawley is exceedingly anxious to establish a School at Henthadah, for the instruction of young females who daily frequent the bazaars, and are thereby exposed to all manner of temptation, and who, if not brought under the influence of Christianity, are likely to become the most abandoned of their race.

While your Committee recommend to the denomination generally the desirableness of placing in the hands of brother Crawley the means of sustaining those native labourers; they would especially recommend to the female members of our churches and congregations the claims of the object contemplated by Mrs. Crawley.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES SPENCER, *Chairman.*

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Account of Monies received at the Central Association,
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CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.			Home Mission.			Foreign Mission.			Infirma Ministers.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aylesford, Upper,				2	19	0	2	16	7				5	15	7
Bridgewater,	1	5	9	2	5	11	0	8	9	0	12	3	4	12	8
Chelsea,				0	12	6							0	12	6
Chester,				3	1	3							3	1	3
Cornwallis 1st,	1	0	0	9	18	4	0	16	6	0	4	6	11	19	4
" 2nd,	1	10	6	3	2	3	1	6	4	0	6	6	6	5	7
" 3rd,	1	0	0	2	10	0	0	6	6				3	16	6
Falmouth,				7	11	0							7	11	0
Halifax, 1st G. St.,							4	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$				4	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
" 2nd North,							0	16	3				0	16	3
Hammond's Pt's 1st,				1	15	0	0	10	0				2	5	0
" " 2nd,				1	0	1							1	0	1
Hantsport,				10	1	11							10	1	11
Horton 1st,	2	0	0	12	8	9	8	13	8	1	0	0	24	2	5
" 2nd,	1	10	0	2	0	0	1	0	0				4	10	0
" 3rd,	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	5				1	8	5
Lufflave,				1	0	0							1	0	0
Lunenburg, N. W.,				5	15	6							5	15	6
Newport,				3	0	0	0	10	0				3	10	0
Rawdon,				0	13	7	0	12	11				1	6	6
Sackville,				1	10	0				0	4	0	2	10	0
St. Margaret's Bay,	0	16	0	0	18	11 $\frac{1}{2}$							0	18	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
New Cornwall,				0	6	8	0	5	0	0	1	8	1	0	0
Waterville, (Hants.)	0	6	8	0	19	0							0	19	0
Windsor,				0	12	0							0	12	0
Windsor Plains,				0	10	0							0	10	0
Windsor Road Bap. Sabbath School,							1	0	2				1	0	2
Col. at Association				11	5	1							11	5	1
Mrs. Deloria,				0	5	0							0	5	0
Abel Strong,				0	5	0							0	5	0
Miss Frail,				0	5	0							0	5	0
Gideon Beardsley,				0	5	0	0	5	0				0	10	0
Wm. Payzanson,				0	5	0	0	5	0				0	10	0
David Shaw,				0	5	0							0	5	0
Wm. Francis,				0	5	0							0	5	0
David G. Shaw for Native Teachers,				0	1	3							0	1	3
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Monies received on account of the French and Gaelic Missions.

CHURCHES.	French	Gaelic	TOTAL.
	Mission.	Mission.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cornwallis 1st, - - - -		15 12 6	15 12 6
Horton 3rd, - - - -	0 10 0		0 10 0
David McKinlay, - - - -	2 8 0		2 8 0
Granville St. Baptist Sab. School,	2 15 5		2 15 0
Granville St. Ladies' Sw'ng Society,	5 0 0		5 0 0
J. W. Nutting, Esq., - - -	1 0 0		1 0 0
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NOTE.—The above sums are all subject to the order of their respective Treasurers, deducting from Home Mission ten pounds ten shillings, paid for printing Minutes, and three pounds paid to Dr. Cramp for delegation to Eastern Association.

J. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

MINISTERS IN THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. S. N. Bentley,	Halifax,	1851	Liverpool, N.S.
" J. Bancroft.	Newport,	Mar. 8, 1849	Rawdon.
" Wm. Burton.	Hantsport,	July 20, 1828	West Brook.
" J. M. Cramp, D. D.	Wolfville,	May 7, 1818	London.
" W. Chipman.	Pleasant Valley,	Mar. 19, 1829	Pleas't. Valley.
" J. Chase.	Wolfville,	1835	Billtown.
" T. W. Crawley.	Chester,	May 13, 1856	Chester.
" Geo. Dimock.	Newport,	Aug. 7, 1820	Newport.
" S. W. DeBlois, A.M.	Wolfville,	Feb. 26, 1854	Chester.
" D. Freeman.	Halifax,	Aug. 1855	Halifax.
" A. S. Hunt, A. M.	Cornwallis,	Nov. 10, 1844	Dartmouth.
" Richard McLearn.	Dartmouth,	Mar. 10, 1828	Rawdon.
" T. H. Porter.	Sackville,	Nov. 13, 1833	Billtown.
" D. Pineo.	Cornwallis, L'g. P't.	Dec. 24, 1844	
" James Parker.	do. Billtown,		
" A. W. Sawyer, A.M.	Wolfville,	1854	Lawrence, U.S.
" I. J. Skinner, A. B.	Bridgewater,	Sept. 19, 1855	Port Medway.
" A. Stronach.	Upper Aylesford.		
" J. Stevens.	Horton.		
" B. Taylor.	New Germany,	July 13, 1842	Chelsea.
" B. Vaughan.	Kempt,	1856	Wolfville.
" R. Walker.		1856	Cornwallis.
" S. T. Rand.	Hantsport.	Oct. 7, 1834	Cornwallis.
" R. D. Porter.	Dartmouth,	1856	Dartmouth.
" J. C. Hurd,	Chester,		Horton.
" E. O. Reid,	Horton,		Windsor.
" D. M. J. Walton,	Windsor,		

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Baptist Ministerial Education Fund in account with J. CHASE, Treasurer.

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Feb. 18.	To amount paid	E. M. Sanders	10	0	0
	"	C. H. Corey	5	0	0
	"	Jno. E. Goucher	5	0	0
June	"	Towards the salary of the Theological Professor	35	0	0
		Balance to new account	28	6	0½
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			£83	6	0½
1857.		Cr.	£	s.	d.
June	By Balance as per account rendered		21	0	0
Sept. 3.	Amount received from Western Association		18	14	10½
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Feb. 18.	Amount received from DeWolf Fund		20	0	0
June	" " " Eastern Association for 1857, per Rev. Wm. Burton		0	10	0½
	Amount from Western Association		12	12	3
	" " Central Association		10	8	11
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			£83	6	0½
June.	By Balance old account		£28	6	0½

JNO. CHASE, Treasurer.

Infirm Minister's Fund in account with J. CHASE, Treasurer.

1857.		Cr.	£	s.	d.	
June	By Amount of Fund at interest, as per account rendered		38	8	2	
	Amount received from Central Association		8	19	5	
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			£47	7	7	
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June.	By 1 year's Interest		2	17	9	
	Amount received from Central Association		2	8	11	
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			Amount at Interest	£52	14	3

JNO. CHASE, Treasurer.

Wolfville, June 1858.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such other brethren present as the Association may see fit to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3rd.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Moderator shall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, as hereinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it will be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is chosen.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—At each Annual Meeting the letters from the churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place, after which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator shall not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. When large Committees are judged desirable they shall be appointed by the Association, and two-thirds of the number appointed shall be competent to act.

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

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

ART. 9th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association for itself to judge of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ART. 10th.—The Religious sentiments of this Body are those expressed in the Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia.

ART. 11th.—Alterations or amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER

RULE 1st.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer; and immediately after the opening the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and corrected.

RULE 2nd.—No member of the Association shall leave the session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject unless by permission of the Body.

RULE 5th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 6th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered at the time.

RULE 7th.—These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.