

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTIETH SESSION
OF THE
WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD AT BLISSFIELD, NORTHUMBELAND CO.,
ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
June 26th, 27th and 28th, 1877.
WITH THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1.—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, and shall be styled "The Western N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the Churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, the promotion of individual godliness, and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the fourth Tuesday in June, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which, the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate, or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator, by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance, read the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on Arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6.—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 addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

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

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

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connexion, who to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship, without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 10.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution, from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. That each meeting be opened by prayer.
2. That motions be made and seconded, according to parliamentary usage.
3. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
4. That every resolution be written out and handed to the Clerk.
5. That motions which are lost be not recorded.
6. That invited members enjoy all the privileges of Delegates, except voting.
7. That these regulations be read at each session.

MINUTES.

Blissfield, N. B., June 26th, 1877.

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association opened with the Blissfield Baptist Church, this day at 2½ o'clock.

Two hours were spent in prayer, praise, and conference, under the direction of the Rev. Wm. M. Edwards, Pastor of the Church, who at the close, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates and messengers to the Association.

At 4½ p. m., the Association organized by appointing the Rev. W. M. Edwards Chairman, *pro tem*, and Bro. Willard Parker Anderson, (Licentiate) Secretary, *pro tem*.

The delegates from the Churches presented their credentials and took their seats.

On motion—The Association proceeded to the election of officers for the current year—

REV. W. M. EDWARDS, *Moderator*;
BRO. WILLARD PARKER ANDERSON, *Secretary*;
BRO. D. ARCHIBALD, *Assistant Secretary*.
BRO. WILLIAM SWIM, M. P. P., *Treasurer*.

who having taken their places, the Moderator read the Rules of Order.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Arrangements—Rev. T. A. Munro, G. Price, Charles Watts, Wm. M. Edwards, and Willard Parker Anderson.

On Reading Letters—Revs. Geo. Armstrong, W. H. Beckwith, T. M. Munro.

On Nominations—Revs. W. M. Edwards, T. M. Munro, Bro. Currey, D. Archibald.

On Home Missions—Revs. George Armstrong, W. H. Beckwith, Willard Parker Anderson, T. M. Munro.

On Education—Bro. D. Archibald, W. H. Beckwith, Currey.

On Religious Literature—W. M. Edwards, W. Swim, Dea. Somers.

On Temperance Bro. D. Archibald, W. H. Beckwith.
On Sabbath Schools—Rev. J. Towser, W. H. Beckwith, T. M. Munro.

On motion Bro. D. Archibald of Summerside, P. E. Island, was invited to a seat in this Association, and to participate in the deliberations.

The Committee on Arrangements submitted the following Report

That Bro. W. H. Beckwith and P. Anderson preach a sermon at 7.30 o'clock this evening; that we meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 for prayer, and that the Association Sermon be preached at 10.30 o'clock by the Rev. George Armstrong.

T. M. MUNRO, *Chairman*.

On motion—The Association adjourned at 5.30 o'clock with prayer by the Rev. T. M. Munro.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 26th, 1877.

The Association resumed business at 7.30 P. M., the Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Beckwith, after which Bro. Anderson preached a sermon from Psalms 34th, 8th verse.

Prayer was offered by Rev. G. Armstrong.

The Minutes of the first session read and approved.

The Committee on Arrangements reported—

Recommending that to-morrow we meet at 9.30 for devotional services, and at 10.30 the Association Sermon be preached; that we adjourn at 12.30; resume business at 2.30 P. M., that the afternoon session adjourn at 5.30 P. M. That the Home Missionary Meeting be held at 7.30 P. M., and that the speakers be W. H. Beckwith, G. W. Carr, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, and Rev. W. M. Edwards.

T. M. MUNRO, *Chairman*.

On motion—The Committee on Arrangements were instructed to appoint all other Committees.

The letter from the Blissfield Church was read, welcoming most cordially the members of the Association.

On the call of the Moderator, special prayer was offered for our brethren who have suffered by the late conflagration in the City of Saint John.

Adjourned with prayer by G. W. Curry.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 27th, 1877.

The Association met at 9.30 o'clock this morning, according to amendment, when one hour was spent in devotional exercises.

At 10.30 the Associational Sermon was preached by the Rev. Geo. Armstrong from Matthew 10: 34.

On motion—It was *Resolved*, That Bro. Armstrong be requested to furnish a copy of the Associational Sermon for publication in the *Christian Visitor*.

A collection amounting to \$2.21 was taken for Home Missions.

Letters from the Churches were then read. See page eleven.

On motion—adjourned at 12.30 o'clock with prayer by Rev. J. Tozer.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 27th, 1877.

The Association re-assembled at 2.30 P. M., the Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer offered by D. Archibald.

Minutes of morning session read and approved. After which the Choir, with Miss Archibald presiding at the organ, favored the Association with appropriate music.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Circular Letter be published in the Minutes.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to write to the Clerk of the Church at Upper Kent, informing them of the reasons why this Association cannot admit them into fellowship.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Church formed at Lower Tobique be received into this Association.

On motion—*Resolved*, That this Association meet next year with the Baptist Church Keswick.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Rev. Wm. Edwards be appointed to preach the Associational Sermon, that the Rev. J. D. Pope write the Circular Letter, and that Rev. G. Howard be Bro. Edwards' alternate.

Resolved, That the Moderator be requested to visit and give the Right Hand of Fellowship to the Church at Lower Tobique.

Closed with prayer by Rev. T. M. Munro.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 27th, 1877.

A Home Missionary Meeting was held this evening, the Moderator, Rev. W. M. Edwards in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. W. H. Beckwith, Bro. G. W. Curry, Revs. Geo. Armstrong, and Rev. W. M. Edwards.

A collection of \$10.36 was then taken for Home Missions.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, recommending that the meetings of the Association to-morrow be as follows:

At 9.30 prayer meeting; 10.30—Association resume business, and at 12.30 P. M., adjourn until 2.30 P. M.; 7.30 P. M., a Public Temperance Meeting.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. W. P. Anderson.

SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 28th, 1877.

A Prayer and Conference Meeting was held at 9.30 A. M. At 10.30 Association resumed business. Prayer by Bro. Archibald.

Moved by Rev. G. Armstrong, seconded by Rev. T. M. Munro.

Resolved, That the action taken by the Baptist Convention at Sackville in reference to the fuller endowment of Acadia College, meet our cordial appreciation, and that we will aid the scheme to the utmost.

Passed unanimously.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, The great and overwhelming calamity by fire of unusual severity and extent, destroying the larger and more important portion of the City, and a vast amount of its wealth, and rendering thousands homeless, has in the mysterious dispensations of Divine Providence come upon the City of Saint John, the Commercial Capital of our beloved Province.

Resolved, That this Association express their deep sympathy with the sufferers from this great conflagration, and particularly with our Churches and friends who have suffered so heavily in the great disaster.

A letter was then read from the Temple Church, St. John, asking to be admitted into this Association.

On motion, Ordered that said Church be received.

Adjourned at 12.30. Prayer by Bro. Curry.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2.30 P. M.

The Association re-assembled at 2.30 P. M. Prayer was offered by Bro. Swim, M. P. P.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

The Committee on New Churches submitted their Report as follows .

The Committee on New Churches report—We have had letters from two Churches laid before us, namely, Lower Tobique and Upper Kent. Your Committee feel, however, we cannot recommend their reception without further information. We would, therefore recommend this Association to correspond with said Churches, stating to them the reason they cannot be admitted, asking them to send delegates to meet with us in 1878.

G. CURRY.

The Home Mission Committee presented their Report :

The Committee on Home Missions beg to report—That while we acknowledge the binding obligations of the command of Christ to preach the gospel to every creature ; we regret that so little interest

is taken, and so little sacrifice is made to carry out that command: we therefore most earnestly urge our brethren, both ministers and Churches, to do all in their power to carry out the command of Christ. Ministers to perform Missionary work, preach Missionary Sermons, thus showing the people the strong desire they have for the coming of the Kingdom of Christ. Having shown a proper example ourselves, then call on others to contribute according as God has prospered them. We would urge each minister to hold, at least, one Missionary meeting each year, in each Church where he labors.

(Signed)

W. H. BECKWITH, *Chairman*

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Literature submitted their Report:

Your Committee on Religious Literature beg leave to report—That in their opinion, a wider and more extensive circulation of a pure Denominational Literature amongst the people, and particularly in our Sabbath Schools, should be attempted by our ministers and Churches, in order that our views on Christian doctrines and ordinances may be more widely disseminated, and a pure christianity diffused. We recommend, therefore, as far as possible, books and periodicals that present these doctrines and principles in harmony with our denominational views, be used whenever possible to obtain them.

We also beg to report that in our opinion our denominational organ, the *Christian Visitor*, is faithful in the discharge of its duties, and is, therefore, worthy of the continued confidence and support of the Churches. Its representation of our principles, and its able defence of them when assailed, also its advocacy and support of our denominational interests and operations in general, entitle it to the hearty support of every Baptist in the land. We desire to see the circulation of the *Visitor* largely increased, and extended into every Baptist family, and recommend that the ministers and leading brethren in our Churches use proper effort to enlarge its list of subscribers. It is especially important that at the present crisis every subscriber should discharge his duty in supporting the Denominational Organ by prompt payment of dues.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. MUNRO, *Chairman*.

Adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that the blighting, blasting, and demoralizing influence of the intoxicating cup is still felt in every part of our land. The cry from every earnest Christian and patriot is: How shall the fountains from which flow such streams of death and destruction be dried up?

The Gospel of Christ which is committed to us is the only purifying moral power in existence by which this work can be done; therefore Christ's children are, and should be, the salt of the earth in the realm of Pollities.

In order that this end may be attained:

1st. Let every lover of Jesus purify himself by an individual or personal prohibition, or a tectotal banishment of the intoxicating cup.

2nd. Let every Church and Sabbath School have a living temperance wheel in the Church machinery.

3rd. As Churches, we should from the pulpit and in the pew, and at the polls, labor earnestly for legal prohibition of the drink traffic in our Dominion of Canada.

We would urge the Churches, every one, to use only the "*Fruit of the Vine*" at the Lord's table, in strict compliance with our Lord's example, and thus discard the intoxicating cup, which is an unfit emblem of, and an active agent for the destruction of Christ's Kingdom.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. ARCHIBALD, *Chairman*

Adopted.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee on Education was adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their Report:

The Committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully report—That as many of our Churches have not reported themselves to this body, and as many who have reported have no Schools, and as some who have reported their schools in a very low state, therefore we are obliged to conclude that we are very deficient in this branch of labor compared with what we ought to be. If ever there was a time when Sabbath School work was important, it is now. Our common schools, or even higher, do not teach the Bible, and in many cases, it is not taught in the family. Therefore, if not taught in the Sabbath Schools, many of our children will grow up ignorant of God's Word. Therefore we urge our ministers and Churches to take a greater interest in this Sabbath-School work, and, at least, every Spring call the attention of their Churches and congregations to this subject, and preach sermons in favor of this very important branch of Christian labor.

W. H. BECKWITH, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

The Committee on revising List of Ministers, submitted their Report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

The Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report—That God in His great goodness has preserved our ministers from death, for which we offer our most hearty thanksgiving; and we also deeply sympathize with the Eastern Association, having lost by death one of their most noble and useful ministers.

(Signed)

W. H. BECKWITH, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Report was adopted, ordered to be printed in the Minutes, and a copy forwarded to his family.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Miss Archibald and the Choir for furnishing the Association with music.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to this Church and congregation for their kindness and distinguished hospitality in entertaining the delegates and friends here assembled ; and we pray the Great Head of the Church, even Jesus, to pour out upon them the Holy Spirit, and to fill them with all the fullness of His Love.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church Keswick, on the Fourth Tuesday in June, 1878.

WM. M. EDWARDS, *Moderator*.
WILLARD PARKER ANDERSON, *Secretary*,
D. ARCHIBALD, *Assistant Secretary*.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

ANDOVER.—Spiritually we feel that a great dearth prevails here. Rev. Isaac R Skinner is faithfully proclaiming the gospel tidings of salvation to us. Brethren, pray for us.

DOAKTOWN.—We hail with joy your meeting with us to hold the Thirtieth Annual Session. We give you a hearty welcome to our hearts and homes. The Lord has greatly blessed the labours of his servant amongst us, whereof we are glad.

CANTERBURY.—Our Conference and prayer meetings are well sustained ; we are earnestly looking for a great blessing.

GREENWICH HILL.—Our Church is in a pretty low state ; we have no minister ; we hope God will send us a faithful servant.

SOUTH RICHMOND.—God's saving power has been felt amongst us ; six happy souls have united with us, since we last addressed you.

OTNABOG, HAMPSTEAD.—Our meetings have been regularly attended ; Conference and prayer meetings have been sustained. Rev. Henry Hanes is still labouring with us.

TEMPLE CHURCH, ST. JOHN.—Our formation into a Separate Church is of recent date, we feel to thank God for his bountiful dealing with us. Since our organization, seven months ago, we have listened to a faithfully preached gospel. We were recognized by a Council duly called in this city, composed of ministers and delegates from Sister Churches.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.—We have been in a very low state,—have been without the preached gospel for a long time. Our hearts, however, have been made glad by the Rev. T. M. Munro coming amongst us ; Conference and prayer meetings are again resumed.

NEW JERUSALEM.—It is two years since we corresponded with the Association,—we have dismissed a good many members,—we have likewise felt redeeming grace, and witnessed the display of Omnipotent power in the conversion of sinners.

SOUTH RICHMOND.—We feel that we have great reason to thank God for past mercies, and to take courage and trust Him for the future; we are without a pastor at present, but have extended a call to Rev. Joseph Cahill to labour with us part of his time. We are praying the Great Head of the Church to bless and sustain us.

NORTH ESK, MIRAMICHI.—After a silence of three years we again address you an associational letter. These three years of silence have been years of spiritual darkness to us. Through deaths and removals we had almost lost the last vestige of a Church. In May last, in conjunction with the Church, at Little South West, we gave Bro. Willard Parker Anderson a call to labour with us. Brethren, pray for us, that the Sun of Righteousness may arise on this portion of His moral vineyard with healing in His wings.

ST. STEPHEN.—We tender you our annual greeting as a Church; we are neither financially, nor numerically strong, we pray earnestly, Lord increase our faith.

WOODSTOCK.—We are not able to report any very great spiritual progress, yet we have abundant reasons to thank our Heavenly Father for His mercies to us as a Church. Our excellent brethren, S. Burrill and Charles Henderson made us a visit last spring, who, with our pastor, were the means of quite an awakening.

SECOND KESWICK.—We have had the gospel faithfully preached to us the past year. Our prayer and conference meetings have been well attended. We are praying for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

LUDLOW.—We are in a cold state. As God has been visiting our neighboring Churches in great mercy, we are earnestly praying that He will not pass us by.

FLORENCEVILLE.—Under the faithful ministry of our beloved pastor, Rev. Joseph Harvey, our Church has been revived and strengthened, and several have united with us.

LITTLE SOUTH WEST, MIRAMICHI.—The past year has been one of spiritual darkness to us here. This Spring Brother Willard Parker Anderson came amongst us in the spirit of the Master of Assemblies, and our hearts rejoice to see Zion reviving.

NEW SALEM.—There has been a steady increase in our congregation during the year. We have this year tasted the sweetness of redeeming love. The preached gospel has been accompanied with the Holy Spirit, and sinners have been converted to God.

BLACKVILLE.—Have nothing encouraging to write; we have been almost three years without preaching; we are praying God to remember us in mercy, and send some one to us to break the Bread of Life.

GRAND FALLS.—We have no outward prosperity to report,—we are laboring and looking for a blessing upon us. Brethren, pray for us.

HODGDON.—We have had regular preaching since our last report. Bro. H. G. Shaw is labouring with us with good acceptance.

ROCKLAND.—Since we last addressed you in an associational letter, God has visited us in mercy; many happy believers have united with us.

CHIPMAN.—We have been without preaching for a long time, and the cause has been very low. Brother Welton is laboring with us at present with good acceptance.

TOWER HILL.—We are in a low condition,—no pastor,—we are getting faint-hearted, although there are a few names here still that have not defiled their garments.

JACKSONVILLE.—Bro. Charles Henderson is laboring with us; our meetings are interesting and attendance good.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Want of the Hearer in Religious Discourse.

DEAR BRETHREN.—We have—as is well known—textual, topical, expository, and historical discourses delivered on Sabbath, and other days by devout speakers, and heard by God-fearing hearers.

In these discourses both the speaker and the hearer—if they have given due thought—have an *object* to attain. The one is to impart benefit, the other is to receive it.

To accomplish this object on the part of the speaker, his *manner* in the delivery of religious discourse will have much to do. An imperfect manner in the delivery of any public address, either secular or religious, detracts much from its beneficial effect, while a correct manner greatly heighten that effect for good.

Not less to do has a *clear* conception of the matter to be imparted in religious discourse. If the matter is imperfectly understood by the speaker it will be imperfectly understood by the hearer; if it is clearly comprehended by the one who speaks, it will—in all probability—be clearly comprehended by those to whom he speaks.

Having ascertained the best manner in the delivery of religious discourse, and the most distinct conception of the matter, *what* that matter should be, ought not less to occupy the speaker's thought—*the want of the hearer in religious discourse.*

The *spiritual life* is the want of the hearer in religious discourse. We want to know of the remedy for harassing guilt. Recently, says one whose example is worthy of imitation, we went into the sick chamber accompanied by a physician, and heard the earnest enquiry made by the sick one in body to that physician. "What must I do to be cured?" Shortly after we entered the home of one sick of sin, and heard the anxious enquiry addressed to us. "What must I do to be saved." To this anxious enquirer, we spoke of the Lord Jesus, "who, His own self, bore our sins in His own body on the tree." We told him of His "intercession for the transgressor," of his Advocate with the Father, of the Holy Spirit whom they that believe in, receive to be their comforter, preserver, and sanctifier.

The class who feel their need of the Spiritual Life in every congregation addressed in religious discourse is *larger* than is often supposed. The causes are many, both of a temporal and spiritual nature to lead

us to feel for a sin sick soul, and urge feelings for succor to the remedy, the Saviour of the world.

And the need of the spiritual life is frequently *more keenly* felt than expressed. Many a diseased one in body keeps back a knowledge of his disease from those who could give relief, and many a disordered one in spirit withholds an acquaintance with his disorder from those who are appointed to impart a balm for every wounded breast.

To set forth the spiritual life, earnestly and constantly by the speaker of religious discourse, is indeed, not *vain*. It is to give bread which feedeth the hungry soul.

Spiritual light is likewise the want of the hearer in religious discourse. We wish to know *more clearly* how the judgments of the Lord are right. Do you suppose, said one lately to us—one, who at the time he spoke, was passing through a severe trial—that it is on account of the sins we commit that we suffer so much. This one desired to have light on God's providence, a desire no doubt of many.

We want, also, to know how we may perform, as we ought, our religious and secular *duties*. A soldier who enlists for service under a leader expects to be instructed by him in the duties of that service. In like manner the Christian soldier expects to be taught by his spiritual leader in the duties which he is required to perform.

The duties which are to be taught by the spiritual leader to the Christian soldier are *many*, and require well spent time and earnest thought, if they are as they should be taught *aright*.

None of these duties, however, should be more carefully or constantly set forth than that which relates to *discipline*. The neglect of that duty has been attended alike to temporal and spiritual leaders, and to those who have come under their care with the most disastrous results. If, says Mr. C. C. Chesney, in his "Essays on Military Biography," there was anything deficient in the military life of that great man, General R. E. Lee, it was his neglect strictly to enforce discipline. This neglect hindered the success—at least so far as that General was concerned—of the great struggle in which he was engaged; and the neglect on the part of the Christian leaders to carry out that part of Church government which relates to discipline is, we doubt not, a fruitful source of the want of united action against Satan and sin, found so largely in many of the Churches.

And *spiritual love* is the want of the hearer in religious discourse. This is possessed in but a limited degree, if possessed at all.

That grace too, of all the gifts and graces is *most* important, and its importance ought to be impressed upon the minds and hearts of those who, in religious discourse are addressed. "Now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity," or love.

The Churches are to give those who are to supply the spiritual wants of the hearer in religious discourse. Through them is to come *their* conversion. The conversions at the Pentecost, accompanied by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the preaching of Peter, took place in connection with the Church at Jerusalem, and since that period the Churches have been a means to bring about that desirable end. The Church family is to have born into it those who are to supply the spiritual want of those who come to hear the Gospel of Christ.

Those who are given by the Churches to supply the spiritual want of the hearer in religious discourse must be *qualified*. Without *piety* in the one who speaks, the loss sustained by the one who hears is great. Creation cannot be set forth as it can when the soul is in

harmony with God. Grace cannot be made known when comprehended by the natural faculties only, as it can when the one making it known is imbued with the spirit of Christ. "Eye hath not seen, not ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit"

Intelligence also, must be in the possession of the one who speaks, to supply the hearer's spiritual want in religious discourse. This is clearly and *strongly* expressed by the Apostle Paul in his second Epistle addressed to Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The *responsibility* of the Churches in the supply of the hearer's spiritual want in religious discourse is indeed great. May they seek, and may God grant sufficient grace to discharge it in such a manner as to hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord,"

J. COOMBES.

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**LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN
ASSOCIATION.**

NAMES.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Burt, Samuel,	Jacksonville,	May 1872	Howard Settl'mnt
Beckwith, W. H.	Fredericton,		
Cahill, Joseph,	Bristol, Y. C.	March 1875	Kingsclear.
Campbell, G. R.	Eel River,	July 1857	Howard Settl'mnt
Carey, G. M. W., A.M.	St. John,	July 1856	St. Catherines, Ont
Charlton, H. A.	Jacksontown,	March 1855	Greenville, N. S.
Coombes, John	Sheffield.	Sept. 1870	Rehoboth, Mass.
Coy, Henry J.	Nashwaak,	June 1873	Canterbury,
Crawley, T. W.	St Andrews,		
Eatman, J. D.	L. Hainesville,	June 1873	Carleton, St. John
Edwards, W. M.	Blissfield,	March 1855	Hampton.
Estabrooks, G.	Simonds,	July 1847	Upperagetown.
Everett, W. P., A.M.	St. John,	April 1856	E. Abington, Mass
Haines, Henry,	Hainesville, S. C.	March, 1870	Otnabog, Q. C.
Harvey, J. G.	Centreville,	Feb. 1858	Springfield, Y. C.
Hickson, Ed., A. M.	Carleton, St. John	July 1862	North Esk.
Howard, George	Jacksonville,	1869	Jacksontown.
Hughes, B. N.	St. Mary's, Y. C.	Oct. 1858	Mangerville.
Jewett, Benj.	Hartland,	Sept. 1860	Andover.
Knight, Peter R.	New Maryland,	1874	New Maryland.
Manzer, W. D.	St. Mary's Y. C.	Sept. 1867	Shediac. Eng.
McClellan, J. M.	Portland, St. John	1869	Lynn, Manch'ter,
Munroe, T. M.	Macnaquac,	Oct. 1868	Centreville.
Pope, J. D., A. B.	St. John,	Aug. 1859	Edmeston, N. Y.
Porter, T. H.,	Fredericton,	Nov. 1861	Brookfield, N. S.
Reece, P. O.	Keswick,	Oct. 1868	Canning, Q. C.
Rideout, W. C.	Saint David,	Sept. 1849	Aylesford, N. S.
Rigby, George	Jacksontown,	March 1842	Kingsclear.
Saunders, T. W.	Prince William,	July 1832	Prince William.
Seely George,	Woodstock,	Aug. 1854	Carleton, St. John.
Spencer, James,	St. John,	May 1853	Chester, N. S.
Stewart, W. J.	Musquash,	May 1876	Carleton,
Tozer, James	Ludlow.	March 1826	North Esk.
Troop, W. A.	Newcastle, G. L.	June 1855	Newcastle. G. L.
Tupper, J. H.	Queensbury,	March 1844	Jacksontown.
Walker, James	Mascareen,	Jan. 1834	
Young, J. W. S.	Canterbury,		Lower Woodstock

LICENTIATES.

Annis, Wm., Howard Settlement.	Goodwin, J., Leinster st., St. John.
Burdett, J., Germain st. St. John.	Henderson, Chas., Richmond Cor.
Clark, William, Carleton.	Keirstead, E.M., A.B., Fredericton.
Currie, Calvin, Fredericton.	May, Jas. S., Portland.
Davies, T. P. Brussels st., St. John.	Parent, W. S.
Duval, E. H., Germain st., St. John.	Price, G. L., Ludlow.
Good, G. E., A. B., Jacksonville.	Stillwell, D. C., Scotch Town.
NOTE.—Editor of the <i>Christian Visitor</i> ,—Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Saint John.	

Lower Woodstock,	1845	George Howard,	G. F. Clark,	Macaque, York Co.,	3	95
Maconaquick,	1844	H. A. Charlton,	N. P. Day,	Upper Sheldiff, York Co.,	1	43
Marysville,	1853	T. M. Munro,	Franklin C. Shaw,	Middle Maryland, Car. Co.,	1	31
Middle Simonds,	1850	1848	L. Goodspeed,	Marysville, North'd Co.,	45	66
Nashwak, North'd Co.,	1853	1846	J. E. Miller,	Newcastle, Queen's Co.,	1	29
Newcastle, Grand Lake	1846	1847	D. J. Bailey,	Newcastle, Queen's Co.,	3	35
New Jerusalem,	1848	1847	Israel T. Webb,	New Jerusalem, Q's Co.,	1	32
New Maryland,	1847	1848	Adam Noble,	Rushagomis, York Co.,	1	13
New Salem,	1875	W. M. Edwards,	Joseph Dunphy,	Blissfield, North'd Co.,	1	22
North Esk,	1819	W. P. P. Anderson,	R. P. Whitney,	Newcastle, North'd Co.,	2	48
Oak Bay,	1836	Henry Haines,	A. T. L. Weston,	Oak Bay, Charlotte Co.,	3	26
Olivet, (African)	1873	D. McClellan,	J. R. Hopewell,	Ottanobog, Queen's Co.,	2	36
Pennfield,	1842	1843	Enos Poole,	Pennfield, Charlotte Co.,	3	56
Prince William,	1842	1843	L. Estabrooks,	Indian town, St. John C.	1	61
Richmond St. Rd.,	1870	1871	Jas. McRae,	Lower Prince William,	11	11
Rolling Dam, Ist.,	1869	1870	R. H. Hutchings,	St. Patrick, Charlotte Co.	17	17
St. Andrews, 1st.,	1838	1839	J. R. Bradford,	Bayville, St. Andrews	61	61
St. Andrews, 2d.,	1835	1836	J. A. Moran,	St. Andrews, Char. Co.,	52	52
St. George, 1st.,	1843	1844	T. W. Crawley,	St. George, Charlotte Co.,	115	115
St. George, 2d.,	1851	1852	Thos. Mann,	Baillie Setti nt Char. Co.	46	46
St. George, 2d Falls,	1851	1852	R. C. Skinner,	Saint John,	18	18
St. James,	1850	1851	J. J. Bostwick,	Saint John,	568	568
St. John,	1850	1851	J. H. Allan,	Saint John,	170	170
St. John, Brussel st.	1810	G. M. W. Carey,	M. Harrison,	Saint John,	226	226
St. John, Germain st.	1818	J. D. Pope,	W. P. Everett,	Saint John,	52	52
St. John, Leinster st.	1818	E. Hickson,	Geo. W. Lyon,	223 Brussel st. St. John,	7	217
St. John, Pitt st.	1876	1877	Edward Price,	St. Stephen,	3	83
St. John, Temple, new	1841	1842	D. E. McGregor,	St. Stephen,	1	58
St. John, Carleton,	1870	1871	St. Stephen,	Brigs's Corner, Q's Co.,	1	31
St. Stephen,	1867	1868	St. Stephen,	Debec, Carleton Co.,	5	25
Salmon Creek,	1856	1857	T. E. Henderson,	Springfield, York Co.,	1	31
Scotch Town,	1860	1861	J. Woodworth, (dea.)	Tower Hill, Charlotte Co.	3	18
Southampton,	1890	1891	David G. Dickey,	Upper Queensbury, Y. C.	1	22
South Richmond,	1864	1865	Wm. E. Lint,	Woodstock, Carleton Co.	3	115
Springfield,	1866	1867	C. N. Scott,	Wainagar, Carleton Co.	1	13
Temperance Vale,	1871	1872	G. N. Dickson,	Cartoon, St. John,	1	14
Tower Hill,	1873	1874	Albert Hayen,		163	163
Upper Queensbury,	1842	1843			144	144
Woodstock, (African)	1874	1875			5	42
Woodstock, (African)	1874	1875			3	25
Zion's Church, African	187.				5	5124

Add last Report of the Membership of Churches not reported this year,.....

Statement of Monies Contributed for following Objects,
as shown by the Letters from the Churches.

CHURCHES.	For. Mis.	Home Missions.	Minutes.
Arthurette,.....			50*
Blackville,.....			1 00*
Beckaguimic,.....			2 00*
Blissfield,.....	4 00*	\$4 00*	1 00*
Bright,.....			1 00*
Centreville,.....			1 00*
Cardigan,.....			50*
Chipman,.....		70 00	47*
Grand Falls,.....	3 00*	133 33	1 00*
Howard Settlement,.....			1 00*
Jacksontown,.....		3 25	1 00*
Keswick, 2d.....			1 25*
Lower Haynesville,.....		15 00	50*
Macnaquac,.....			1 00*
Maugerville,.....			50*
Middle Simonds,.....			1 00*
New Salem,.....	2 75*	2 75	97*
North Esk,.....			1 00*
Olivet,.....	50*		50*
Temple, St. John,.....	20 00	8 00	2 00*
Union st, Saint Stephen,.....		3 50	1 25*
Salmon Creek,.....			1 00*
Upper Kent,.....			1 00*
Woodstock,.....			1 00*
Ludlow,.....	2 00*	2 00	45*
	\$32 25	\$241 83	\$24 39

NONE.—The amounts marked thus, * are claimed to have been sent to the Association.

Minute Money Received by Rev. George Armstrong.

From Treasurer of Association,.....	\$24 39
Portland,.....	3 00
Germain Street,.....	5 00
Brussels Street,.....	5 00
Fredericton,.....	2 00
Newcastle, Mir.,.....	1 00
Carleton,.....	1 00
Andover,.....	30
St. George, 1st,.....	1 00
Newcastle, Grand Lake,.....	1 00
Lower Woodstock,.....	50
	\$44 59

NOTE.—Rev. George Armstrong received from Wm. Swim, Esq., M. P. P. Treasurer of the Western Association, the sum of \$46.83—the amount of money received by him during the Session. It is found that of this amount \$24.39 were sent for the Minutes, and \$12.46 were from collections taken for Home Missions at the meetings of the Association; deducting both from the first leaves \$9.98, which in the absence of precise statement as to its distribution, has been disposed of thus—\$5.48 to Foreign Missions and \$1.50 to Home Missions.

APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR 1877-78.

PRESIDENT:

REV. J. D. POPE.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

C. D. EVERETT,
GILBERT WHITE,
D. V. ROBERTS,

CAPT. GEO. W. MASTERS,
CHAS. TURNBULL.

REV. E. HICKSON, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

JAS. E. MASTERS, RECORDING SECRETARY.

J. H. HARDING, TREASURER.

HON. A. McL. SEELY, AUDITOR.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

H. VAUGHAN,
E. H. DUVAL,
W. H. DYKEMAN,
S. F. HATFIELD,
L. L. SHARP,

T. P. DAVIES,
T. E. SIMS,
WM. ALLWOOD,
T. H. HALL,
J. W. SULIS.

J. J. BOSTWICK,
J. S. MAY,
THOS. L. HAY,
WM. LEWIS,
JOHN MARCH.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Home Missionary Society for the Year A. D. 1876-77.

The Board now respectfully submit the following Report:—

The several objects embraced by the Society received the attention of the Board during the past year, viz., Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Sabbath Schools and Infirm Ministers and Widows.

The Missionaries aided by the Society have reported very encouraging results. Eighty-eight converts have been baptized, and the gospel has been preached in many parts of, at least, seven Counties of our Province. But we regret to say the Board has been unable to do anything for the three Northern Counties, viz: Kent, Gloucester and Restigouche. These Counties are wholly destitute of Baptist preaching.

In view of the increasing demand for laborers in many of the neglected stations and unoccupied churches, and the very limited amount of funds at the disposal of the Board, it was deemed necessary to call the Society together that some plan may be devised by which the work may be more efficiently accomplished.

Accordingly, on the second day of October, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to call the Society together, and, in response, twenty members of the Society met in Leinster street Baptist Church Vestry on the seventh day of November. A. D. 1876. The President occupied the chair. The object of the meeting was stated and a series of resolutions passed.

1st.—With regard to keeping a General Agent in the field.

2nd.—The Board was urged to send out from time to time deputations.

3rd.—The appointment of a Committee to keep up correspondence with mission fields, call in the aid of the churches, and furnish information through the *Christian Visitor*.

4th.—That Pastors be urged to keep the claims of the Society before their Churches, and ask for an average of two cents per week from all their members.

5th.—The Board was directed to consider the expediency of confining its efforts solely to the work of Home Missions, and relegate to other organizations the duties it performed in relation to Education, Sabbath Schools and Infirm Ministers.

Committees were appointed by the Board to carry out the wishes of the Society as above expressed.

The Committee appointed in accordance with the second resolution submitted a report dividing the Province into sections, and asked the Board to appoint Ministers and others to hold public meetings at central points. Said Committee was requested to carry out the arrangement.

The Committee appointed according to the third resolution, reported that they submitted a Circular to 145 Churches, seeking information and only 32 churches responded; 113 churches disregarded the appeal. Of the 32 churches responding, 20 have pastors, 17 churches report work done at 30 out-stations, 10 churches do not need help to support the destitute. 8 churches need such help as the Board can supply. 8 churches need both money and laborers. 6 churches need money only, and 3 churches need laborers only. The Committee believe that if full information were given by all the churches, it would greatly facilitate the work of the Society.

SAINT ANDREWS.

Rev. T. W. Crawley continued his ministrations in St. Andrews under the direction of the Board, and enlarged his sphere of labor by visiting several of the surrounding stations, viz.: Bay Side, Oak Bay, The Ledge, Bartlett Settlement, Chamcook, and Bocabec. And at the request of Bro. C. F. Clinch, he spent four Sabbaths at Musquash, Dipper Harbor, Mace's Bay and Chance Harbor. This, he reports, was hard but very pleasant work. The church in St. Andrews is in a very feeble condition. But on the 4th of August he reports the conversion and baptism of a young lady. The grant to St. Andrews is \$100 per annum, to which was added \$50, on condition the pastor visited the adjacent unoccupied churches and stations.

BLISSFIELD AND LUDLOW.

Rev. William M. Edwards has preached the gospel here for seventeen years. Last year he reported that a strong desire for a revival of religion prevailed in these churches. This year that holy desire has been gratified, and many have been converted to God. In September he called for a co-laborer, and the Board tried to send him one, but did not succeed. His quarterly reports show, that he travelled 1,546 miles; preached 123 sermons; made 402 religious visits; conducted 52 conference and prayer meetings; attended 4 funerals; administered the Lord's Supper twice, and baptised 38 converts. The grant made to Bro. Edward's field of labor is but \$50 per annum.

GORDONVILLE AND COLDSTREAM.

Rev. John L. Shaw labored under the direction of the Board at Gordonville, Coldstream, and the surrounding stations for seven months, ending the 15th day of February. His report give us miles travelled, 550; visits made, 238; sermons preached 90; conference

and prayer meetings conducted, 49; baptized 12 converts; administered the Lord's Supper three times; attended two funerals; visited Sabbath Schools three times. He collected on the field \$50, and received from the Board \$108.

TOBIQUE.

Rev. Samuel Burt labored on the Tobique Mission field for about four and-a-half months, under the direction of the Board. He reports having travelled 1,223 miles; religious visits made, 334; sermons preached, 66; prayer-meetings attended, 65; baptized 30 converts. He receives at the rate of \$100 per annum from the Board.

SECOND ALMA.

Rev. Solomon Smith devotes one-fourth of his time to Second Alma. He reports having travelled 293 miles; made 108 religious visits; preached 45 sermons; conducted 18 prayer-meetings; baptized 7 converts; administered the Lord's Supper once. He receives from the Board at the rate of \$30 per annum.

ST. MARY'S AND GIBSON.

Rev. Benjamin Hughes occupied these stations for six months, closing his labors in connection with the Board on the 1st of November. He says:—"I have held meetings every other Sabbath at Douglas and St. Mary's, morning and evening, and occasionally at Gibson in the afternoon of the same day. I have also held a prayer-meeting in the hall of St. Mary's every Monday evening, which has been well sustained. I have been much encouraged by increasing congregations and the interest manifested in Baptist preaching." He received from the Board at the rate of \$100 per annum.

MIRAMICHI.

Bro. G. E. Good spent his vacation of 12 weeks last summer in Newcastle, North Esk, Little South West and other stations. He reports that Baptist sentiments are prevailing, and that two ministers should at once occupy this field,—one at Newcastle and Chatham, and the other at North Esk and the up river stations. He travelled 309 miles, preached 34 sermons, held 8 prayer-meetings and 4 conferences, made 152 religious visits, and collected on the field \$77.33; he received from the Board \$20.

NEWCASTLE AND MIRAMICHI.

This spring Rev. T. M. Munro accepted a call from the Newcastle Church, his labors to extend to Chatham and the surrounding stations. The Board and the Trustees of the Estabrooks' Bequest promise to aid this Church, equally, to the extent of \$300 for the first year, \$200 for the second year and \$100 for the third year, with the understanding that at the expiration of this period this Church and Mission be self-sustaining.

NORTH ESK AND LITTLE SOUTH WEST.

Bro. W. P. Anderson, Licentiate, has been engaged by these churches to labor with them. Most commendable energy and liberality have been shown by some friends of the cause here in providing a parsonage and in contributing to the support of the Mission. The Board, together with the Trustees of the Estabrooks' Bequest, have promised these churches \$200 for the first year, and the H. M. Board has granted \$75 for the second year and \$50 for the third year, with a request to the Trustees of the Estabrooks' Bequest that they grant an equal amount for the second and third years to these churches.

WILLOW GROVE.

Missionary labor extending over two years, has been employed here

chiefly by Bro. Jas. S. May, Licentiate. Converts have been added to the Church, and the good work is still progressing. The expenses incurred were partly borne by the Board, *i. e.* \$64, less \$21 paid by the Willow Grove Church.

AFRICAN CHURCHES.

Rev. H. Haynes was appointed Missionary to the colored brethren for six months. He reports having travelled 150 miles, preached 120 sermons; funeral sermons, two; married three couples; baptized one; administered the Lord's Supper once, collected \$4.79, received from the Board \$18.51.

SECOND FALLS, ST. GEORGE.

The grant of \$25 was renewed to this Church, but no report of labor performed has yet been made to the Board.

GRAND BAY, SOUTH BAY, SPURR'S COVE.

A grant of \$100 for the ensuing year, was made to these stations, and the oversight of the work was entrusted to the Carleton Baptist Church.

Rev. Robert Mutch, Colporteur and general Missionary, reported work performed during 4½ months—*viz.*: miles travelled, 427; sermons preached, 57; conducted 13 prayer-meetings; established one Sabbath School; visited seven others; made 320 religious visits. He received from the Board \$46.34.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS.

Two students studying in Acadia College received each an appropriation of \$75.

Sabbath Schools in the following places received aid :

Shemogue,	\$10 00
Berryton, Albert Co.....	5 00
Berries' Mills, Westmoreland,.....	10 00
St. Andrews,.....	10 00
Little Beach, St. Martins,.....	10 00
Grand Falls,.....	5 00
Third Coverdale, Albert,.....	5 00
Greenwich Hill,.....	5 00

INFIRM MINISTERS AND WIDOWS.

Three ministers received aid from this fund to the amount of \$55. Three widows received \$85. The widow of the late Rev. John McInnis departed this life on the 26th day of December last.

The Board recommend that Messrs. Jos. Crandall and C. B. Record be Trustees of the estate of the late Rev. W. A. Crandall until the youngest heir is of age.

In prosecuting this all-important and divinely appointed work of Home Missions, we have felt that the funds at our disposal were not equal to the demand. Hence important fields are left unoccupied, and Ministerial students who desired to labor for ten or twelve weeks in such fields could not be employed by the Board.

The Fund, too, for Ministerial Education was by no means sufficient, and is now overdrawn \$162.21, and the application of other worthy students had to be rejected.

Measures are being adopted which indicate that your Board may be soon released from duty with regard to the Infirm Ministers and Widows' Fund. It is to be hoped that something more worthy of the denomination may be inaugurated.

You will be pleased to notice, on review, that the year has not been a barren one. Your Board has not, we think, been remiss in duty. A good deal of labor has been done and some fruit gathered in; but as

we look over our extensive fields, some ripening to the harvest, and others lying waste, our prayer is that the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into his vineyard.

And shall we not all, as stewards of God's gracious gifts, concentrate our energies on this Home Mission work, and consecrate our denominational wealth to the service and glory of our heavenly king—the Lord Jesus Christ?

All which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HICKSON.

Corresponding Secretary of the H. M. Board.

P. S.—With regret we record the fact that on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1877, the books of our Recording Secretary and Treasurer were burned up in the great fire of Saint John.

COPY OF MEMORANDUM.

Received on account Infirm Ministers' Fund,.....	\$213 02	
Paid out,.....	117 00	
		\$96 02
Sabbath Schools, Received,.....	\$80 52	
" " Paid out,.....	65 00	
		15 52
Home Missions, Received,.....	680 98	
" " Paid out,.....	540 16	
		140 82
		\$252 36
Ministerial Education, Received,.....	162 38	
" " Paid out,.....	264 59	
		Overdrawn, 162 21
May, 1877. Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	\$ 90 15	
		J. H. HARDING, <i>Treasurer.</i>
		Saint John, N. B., May, 1877.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in Account with J. H. Harding, Treasurer.

1877.	Dr.	
June 17.	To paid—Rev. Wm. M. Edwards,.....	\$12 50
	" Bro. James Goodwin,.....	50 00
	" " Hanes' African Church,.....	6 00
	" " Daniel Burt,.....	9 10
	Balance carried down,.....	112 34
		\$189 94
1877.	Cr.	
May 31.	By balance of account at date,.....	\$90 15
	" Leinster street Church,.....	49 79
	" Germain Street Church,.....	42 00
	" C. D. Everett and wife from Temple Baptist Church,.....	8 00
		\$189 94

J. H. HARDING, *Treasurer.*

Saint John, N. B., June 17, 1877.