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OF THE

BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND PRINCE  
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## APPENDIX.

(A)

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Secretaries in submitting their Annual Report beg leave to say as follows:

In reference to the operation of Union Societies we would remark, those connected with the Association of Nova Scotia have been successful action during the past year; and that this success is to be attributed mainly to the active and constant services of the agents whom has been entrusted this department of labour. The amounts for the several objects embraced in the Union, as appears from the Report of the Financial Agent are as follows, viz.; for Bible Distribution £4 2s. 5½d.; Ministerial Education, £111 19s. 7½d. Home Missions, £135 13s. 2½.; Foreign Missions, £138 1s. 8d.; Infirm Ministers, £33 17s. 8d.; Education Society, £204 18s. 7d., making in all £525 13s. 3d.

In New-Brunswick, we regret to say, that these Societies are by no means in flourishing condition; the cause of which is attributed, in some measure by the Report of the Board of the General Union, to the want of their repeated attempts to procure the services of an efficient travelling agent for the purpose of bringing the subject thoroughly before the Churches. The amount realized from the Union Societies in New-Brunswick, for all the objects comprised in the Union, is £18 2s. 2½d. For further information we would refer to their Report to this Committee.

For details relative to Foreign and Domestic Missions, Education Societies, Colportage and Book establishments, and Sabbath Schools, and the Fund for infirm Ministers, we beg leave to refer to the Reports on these subjects contained in the Minutes of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Associations.

Of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, } Secretaries of  
S. ELDER, } Convention.



(B)

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Foreign Missions once more greet the Convention of Nova Scotia, New-Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, at the close of another year of their labours, with a deep and solemn sense of the responsibility which in the Providence of God has been thrown upon them, in relation to the extension of his kingdom among the dark children of benighted India.

As most of the materials of information respecting the direct action of the Mission, furnished by letters from India, have been already laid before the public in the pages of the Christian Messenger and of the Christian Visitor, little detail on that head will be requisite on the present occasion: on the labours of the Board within the sphere of their own action it may be necessary to be more particular, and to this the attention of the Convention will be first directed.

It will be remembered that at the time of the last Report of the Board, and previously, the subject which pressed most weightily on their attention was the increase of the missions by the addition of another Missionary. Every one acquainted with the history of Missions feels the important application to them of the principle, "two are better than one," and of the example of the Saviour in acting out that principle when he sent forth his first Missionaries "two and two." Brother Burpee, bearing alone the burthen of his high endeavour to plant the standard of the Cross in Mergui, had most strenuously pressed, again and again, the fact of his own experience as one feeling, the need of the application of that principle; the Convention and the Public had concurred in the feeling; and with great earnestness this Board applied themselves to the task of seeking a suitable candidate for this important office. Much disappointment however attended their efforts. Mr. Edward Anderson, originally from Prince Edward Island, sprung from our own country and educated in the midst of us, seemed to be pointed out, by these and other circumstances, as likely to meet the present wants of the Mission. A correspondence was accordingly opened with him. He came to Nova-Scotia from Newton in the United States to confer with the Board, and for a considerable time they hoped he would have accepted the appointment. It was thought necessary, however, on the part of the Board, to connect with his appointment certain conditions, which he finally declared himself unwilling to accept, and so this negotiation eventually failed.

But while thus disappointed by the failure of their application and grieved by the delay it has occasioned, the Board can thankfully record the fact that they see as they trust in other circumstances cause of great encouragement. On these they cannot now more fully dilate other than to say that they are such as to awaken the confidence that the materials for future missionaries will ere long



be found more abundantly in the midst of us, and that the Lord will eventually give us in this respect greater enlargement. In the mean time, however, there must be further delay, and the Board solemnly call on the Convention to pray the Lord to pour down his grace upon our youth, that their hopes in regard to them may be speedily and happily realized.

While impressed with the belief that delay is unavoidable, the Board, however, has not ceased to stir all sources from which earlier aid might possibly arise. Setting out with the principle that christianity owes to heathenism in all the laborers that are sent forth by means of that organized effort which implies the nature and prayerful exercise of human intellect, such ripened powers as the superior resources of christianity combined with civilization afford, the Board has not felt itself at liberty to seek for a second representation of their cause in India except from the ranks of the cultivated as well as pious. Hence their sphere of research has been limited. There were however yet others to whom application might be made, and the Secretary has continued to the last his correspondence in all quarters that offered any promise. From one of the sons of Nova Scotia, and of Acadia College, now studying abroad, of whom hopes were entertained that he desired a missionary life, and of whose fitness in all respects the Board had received a strong impression, the Secretary has just received a letter breathing a most kind and pious spirit, but declaring the conviction of the writer that the general condition of his constitutional health forbade his indulging in the hope of such an undertaking as a missionary life; and the Board feel themselves again thrown back on the buds of promise that have occurred among the studious youth converted in our midst and still pursuing their career of preparation. May God continue to them that ardour of holy resolve which shall hereafter abundantly repay this Board and the Convention for all the painfulness of suspense and of delay.

On the direct field of our Mission the Convention will have seen from the letters alluded to, that a dark cloud at present lowers. Our beloved brother Burpe's health has greatly failed, so as to lead to the necessity of quitting Mergui as the field of his labour. He was until lately, as appears from the tenor of his letter again residing at Akyab in Arracan; and the members of the Convention will have observed doubtless with sincere and deep sorrow that his weakness from pulmonary disease had for some time so increased as to make one sermon only on the Sabbath a painful effort. As the physicians advised his return to this country in the event of his receiving no material benefit from his changing the place of his residence in India, this Board met on the receipt of the letters giving this information, and gave their sanction to his return in case it should become necessary, as well as directions for the forwarding of the needful funds.

The impression on the minds of the Board in regard to Brother Burpe's health has long been that the strong probability lies against his recovery. This impression has been strengthened by Brother

Burpe's last letter, dated May .—(A part of this letter was here read by the Secretary of the Board )

The impression confirmed by the foregoing letter has received a deeper and more melancholy corroboration by a private letter subsequently received from India from Mrs. Burpe, from which the Board are kindly permitted to make extracts.—

*Akyab, June 24th 1849.*

“ You will all I know sympathise and feel for us, when you hear that my dear husband has been obliged to leave me, to try as a last resort in this country, a voyage to Singapore, for his health. He has been more unwell than usual, for some weeks before he left, felt unable to do much, if anything, and his change had been so much recommended by Dr. Morton of Maulmain, that we felt strong hopes, might be the means of doing him a great deal of good. It was as you may suppose my dear parents a bitter trial under the circumstances, to part for so long a time as 3 or 4 months, but hope buoyed us up and we were enabled to submit almost cheerfully. The weight of the blow—the bitterness of the trial was reserved for me to bear. A day or two after he left, the Dr. of this place called and gave me as his opinion that my dearest husband's disease was of that nature, and so firmly seated that no change could be of any permanent benefit. He did not mean to be cruel I know, he spoke with the kindest feeling: but the thought did arise, oh, why did you not express this opinion and give this advice a little earlier, and this heart rending separation might have been saved. I was silent, but think he knew by my countenance what I would say, and by way of reply, said (in allusion to Mr. Burpe's having asked him to examine his chest in connection with the military Doctor and to give their united opinion,) we, neither of us could bring ourselves to tell him what we knew would be the result of an examination, but I have advised, and do advise that he should return as soon as possible to America. I did not ask why he advised this, but feared I knew too well. At first the blow seemed almost too heavy for me to bear, aggravated by the thought that my loved one has gone beyond recall. I am not able to soothe or administer to his wants. He is enduring the fatigues, perhaps discomforts of a long month's voyage in this unpleasant season of the year, and all perhaps to be of no avail, no real benefit to him; oh 'tis hard to bear, and yet I am not altogether cast down, nothing is impossible with God, I have found it good to cast my care upon Him. He has and will give strength according to my day, and has enabled me sometimes if not always to feel that what He doeth will be well.

The Missionary friends here, Mr. Ingalls, and Mr. and Mrs. Moore are as kind as possible, I spend a good deal of time with them. Another individual from Ramree was baptized to-day, he appears well, and his hope is sincere. Several that were pretty constant in their attendance while we were there, hold on well as enquirers, and are waiting for a teacher to instruct them more perfectly. The boy or young man who professed to have found a change of heart under the instruction of my dear husband, and who was afterwards baptized here is now living with me, he came and begged I would give him some employment, that he might remain where he could learn to read. He brings



water, cuts wood, &c., and sleeps in the house at night, which prevents my feeling as lonely as I should with only the children. \* \* \*  
 As to fear of any kind I have none. An "eye that never slumbers is our keeper." I have been a little expecting some Kemees down to school, tried hard to persuade them to come, and they promised they would, but the Cholera is again in town to some extent, and has been, and is very fatal in the adjoining islands so that I fear I shall scarcely see them."

The intelligence thus communicated shows but too plainly that it becomes the friends of the Mission as well as this Board to be prepared for every event. It will be their duty to submit with solemn resignation to the will of Providence, if that will be to lay upon them the burthen of continued or yet greater sorrow; and it will be their duty to meet the most painful emergency with undiminished, nay, increased zeal, in order that the Mission may, in any event, be adequately maintained.

The necessity of Brother Burpe's removal from Mergui has failed to give to the Mission the character conferred by fixed place, and the subsequent weakness has now almost wholly interrupted his labours. But it must be remembered that this mission, as every other, has a double aspect: it is a mission both as regards those to whom the missionary is sent, and a mission also as regards those who send. In this latter point of view it is to us of immense moment. There may have been as yet a deficiency of time and strength and even of life essential to give to the mission the body and shape we ought to have as a distinct and perfected enterprise against the kingdom of darkness, that may require more men, more labour, more inquiry, more money. But as an effort on our part to discharge a portion of the duty we as Christians owe to 600,000,000 of heathens, although small, it has nevertheless the complete characteristics of a mission. It has involved the admission on our parts of our obligations to the perishing millions of those that have not heard the Gospel. It has drawn out the sympathies and engaged the prayers of the "thousands of our Israel;" it has brought back the reward that always accompanies every sincere effort to do good to all who have thought, laboured, prayed or contributed to the object in the love and fear of God. Our Churches reap now more largely than we calculate the benefit of this Eastern Mission through the Baptists of these Provinces; and if therefore we see trouble and difficulty arising in prospect, it is doubtless in order that we may bring up to the enterprize that increase of energy, faith and contribution, which ought naturally to result as the proper fruit of the blessing this effort has conferred upon us; and thus the very trouble with which the mission is visited may result in its good, and in ours.

This Board, then, feel called upon to guard the friends of the Mission from any feeling of discouragement. The circumstances of the mission are those which call for humiliation, for self-examination, for prayer, for increased devotedness and zeal; but not for discouragement. "The blood of the martyrs," as has been so often and so

well said, "was the seed of the Church," and it is a principle of Divine Government, that "he that goeth forth weeping bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with joy bringing his sheaf with him."

Towards their beloved brother and his afflicted family, this Board are assured the Convention unite with them in the deepest—tendest sympathy; and wherever there are those among our youth whom their lives a missionary spirit, a longing of heart to spend a life spent for the cause of Christ amidst the shrines of Idols and dazzling Pagodas of heathen worship, they trust, nay, earnestly hope that the present circumstances of our mission will add fuel to the flame of their burning desire to startle Satan in his strongholds proclaiming the name and the faith of Jesus Christ,—and so snatch away the votaries of death and sin to the life and purity of the Gospel of Peace.

By the statement of the Treasurer's Accounts now presented will appear that there are Funds on hand available for purposes of the mission to the amount of £————

In the event of Brother Burpe's return to this Country a considerable portion of this would be needed to meet expenses—and his continued ill health would make it proper to place at his disposal an extra sum for his needful comfort.

The present course which the Board would deem it proper to pursue with regard to future action would be, to select from the young persons of promising health, piety and talents, two individuals who seem most imbued with missionary qualifications, and if their dispositions and ability appear to justify it, to engage their future services and in the meanwhile to give them every encouragement and that may seem needful in order to secure to them, so far as this is possible by human endeavour, all that preparation of mind and heart that is ordinarily regarded as constituting essential qualifications for missionary labour;—and in the mean time to lend their efforts towards such a continuance and increase of the funds as will enable them, when the time shall arrive to maintain adequately two missionary families in Burmah. And for the blessing of the Great Head of the Church on this or whatever other measures the Board may be led to adopt, they fervently solicit from the Convention and from the friends of Missions their earnest and most constant prayers.

#### RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That this Convention deeply sympathize with their beloved brother Burpe and his afflicted family under the trying circumstances in which the enfeebling effects of insidious disease are added to the usual toils, labours, and anxieties of a missionary life, and they earnestly solicit from all christians the constant exercise of fervent and faithful prayer on behalf of their esteemed brother and his family in their present trials.

That this Convention while adopting in general terms the Resolutions which has been received, would at the same in more express language record their approbation of the prompt manner in which the Board



immediately sanctioning Mr. Burpe's return, and making the needful appropriation of funds to meet that object have testified their christian sympathy, and the just sense they entertain of the value of the life and health of our highly esteemed missionary.

The Convention do also most fully and expressly concur in the sentiments of the Report, as respects the christian principle with which the afflicting Providence which has smitten brother Burpe ought to be regarded. They believe that it would be no less than unfaithfulness to Jesus Christ and to the great cause of missions to allow difficulties and afflictions to justify discouragement. That on the contrary they would regard the present circumstances of their mission to the millions of India as only constituting a louder and more distinct call of Providence to the exercise of patient and untiring effort, and more especially a call to that profound humiliation before God and unshaken confidence in his power and goodness which are the surest pledges of success in christian effort.

That in accordance with the principle expressed in the foregoing resolution, the Convention now declare their solemn purpose and determination, leaning on divine help and guidance, to maintain without fainting and if possible with increasing zeal and efficiency their mission to the perishing millions of India, and they hereby give their express sanction to the plan proposed in the Report of seeking among their own talented and promising youths, of a healthy constitution, two individuals possessed with a deep desire for Missionary labour and disposed to give themselves to the work under the direction of the Board of this Convention; and to encourage and if necessary aid them towards as perfect a preparation as may be within the reach of human labours; and in due time to send forth these missionaries together to some part of heathen India. And in the meantime this Convention earnestly call on all their friends to allow no relaxation in their contributions towards this enlarged plan which must necessarily soon demand increased and steady supplies of pecuniary assistance.

DR. *The Nova Scotia Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, in account with J. W. Nutting, Treasurer.*

		£	s.	d.
1848.				
April 7.—	To amount remitted R. E. Eddy, Treasurer American Baptist Foreign Mission, Boston, account of Mr. Burpe's salary	52	0	0
Nov. 4.—	" Do. Do. Do.	53	5	9
1849.				
May 1.—	" Do. Do. Do.	52	15	0
Aug. 1.—	" Do. to provide for passage home, as per resolution of Board	94	10	0
	" paid for articles furnished Mr. Burpe,	6	11	0
	" Balance	*345	8	0
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		604	9	9

\* Less half year's salary since remitted to Mr. Burpe.

CREDIT,—

1848.—	By balance in hands of Treasurer, see report of Convention, October 1, 1847	371	9	4½
	" Received by Treasurer in 1848 from different societies and individuals	41	7	8½
	" Amount received from Financial Agents, in 1848	40	10	0
1849.—	" do. received in 1849,	151	2	8
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		604	9	9

J. W. NUTTING.

DR. *The Foreign Missionary Board of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, in account with the Financial Agents for 1846-7 and 1847-8. ending June.*

		£	s.	d.
To	paid Treasurer in 1848,	40	10	0
"	" " in 1849,	51	2	8
"	share of charges and expenses of Financial Deputation for 1846-7,	26	13	3½
"	do. do. for 1847-8,	26	13	3½
"	do. expenses of Deputation to Convention, 1846-7	0	6	6
"	do. postages in account Editors Christian Messenger for 1846, 7 and 8	0	14	0
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		145	19	9
Balance in hand payable when called for		182	17	0
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		328	16	9

CREDIT,—

By Cash received from Union Societies for 1846, 7 and 8, \*328 16 9

E. E.

ISAAC CHIPMAN.

\* An additional sum received during this time, from the source named above, by other hands, and accounted for accordingly.



Dr. *Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in account with N. S. DeMill, Treasurer.*

1848. £ s. d.

Oct. 2.—Cash paid to E. Anderson to meet expenses on a visit to Horton to consult the Foreign Missionary Board 10 0 0

Postages. 0 2 2

1849.

Feb. 19.—Remitted R. E. Eddy, Treasurer American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society \$400 00 100 0 0

Balance, 21 0 6

131 2 8

Balance on hand, £21 0 6

In Savings Bank, 100 0 0

£121 0 6

**CREDIT,—**

1848.

Oct. 15.—Balance on hand, 102 1 10

Nov. 6.—Collection by children in Portland, 0 12 0

Dec. 1.—Butter from S.W.Cole 0 17 4

1849.

Feb. 20.—Interest from Bank 5 0 0

Oct. 1.—Collection in Portland 6 0 0

do. Saint John, 12 0 1

do. Fredericton, 0 8 8

Elder Crandall, donation, 1 5 0

Samuel Hussey, " 1 5 0

D. Nichols, " 0 5 0

John Herrington " 0 5 0

A Friend " 0 2 9

N. S. Demill, " 1 0 0

131 2 8

Oct. 14.—By Balance on hand 21 0 6

**N. S. DEMILL,**  
**Treasurer.**

John, N. B.,  
14th September, 1849.

DR. *Superannuated Ministers' Deposit in account with D. C. Landers  
Treasurer.*

	£	s.	d.
Amount as reported to the Convention, Sep- tember 27, 1847,	15	0	0
1848.			
Oct. 23.—Paid as per order from David Pineo,	5	0	0
Amount paid out by Treasurer,	20	0	0
In hands of Treasurer, one Note,	24	9	0
one Note	14	14	0
Cash on hand,	8	5	1
	67	9	0
CREDIT,—			
1847.			
Sep. 27.—Amount as reported to the Convention,	49	16	0
By two year's interest on £24 9 2	2	18	0
1849.			
July 10.—Amount for this year received and put to in- terest as required,	14	14	0
Whole amount received by Treasurer,	67	9	0
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	47	9	0
Aug. 1.—Note on Baptist Education Society	50	0	0
	97	9	0

D. C. LANDERS, *Treasurer.*

DR. *The Infirm Ministers' Fund of Nova Scotia, etc., in account  
Isaac Chipman, Financial Agent for 1846, 7, and 8.*

To paid Rev. D. Pineo in 1848, per order	10	0	0
To share of expenses of Financial Deputation two years,	16	0	0
To share expenses of Delegation to Convention 1846-7,	0	0	0
To share of Postages in account of Editors of Christian Messenger, 1846, 7, and 8,	0	0	0
To paid D. C. Landers, Treasurer for Nova Sco- tia, as per his account, September, 1849,	50	0	0
	76	0	0

CREDIT,—

By Cash received from Union Societies for 1846, 7, and 8,	76	0	0
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E. E.

ISAAC CHIPMAN.



## MINUTES.

BRIDGETOWN, SEPTEMBER 15, 1849.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, commenced its Fourth Annual Session at the Baptist Meeting House, on Saturday afternoon, after Conference, at 4 o'clock. The Rev. T. S. Harding took the chair and called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. R. W. Cunningham.

The names of Delegates present were received.

Elders I. E. Bill, J. Chase, W. Burton, R. W. Cunningham, C. Randall, and S. Elder, were appointed a Committee to arrange the business of the Convention.

After prayer the Convention adjourned till Monday, 10 o'clock, A.M.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. S. Robinson, of St. John, from Psalm cii. 13: "Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Zion, for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come."

The Convention then resumed its sitting.

### DELEGATES.

*Nova Scotia Association*,—Elders E. A. Crawley, I. E. Bill, J. Parker, N. Vidito, R. W. Cunningham.

*Western New Brunswick Association*,—Elders T. Todd, S. Elder.

*Eastern New Brunswick Association*,—Elder J. Francis.

*Granville Street Church, Halifax*,—Elder E. A. Crawley.

*Yarmouth Union Society*,—Elder W. Burton.

*Liverpool Union Society*,—Elder R. B. Dickie, brother S. Freeman.

*New Tuskent Church*,—Elder C. Randall.

*Weymouth Church*,—R. Hankinson.

*First Cornwallis Church*,—Elder A. S. Hunt, brother T. Elder.

*Brookfield Church*,—Elder J. Parker, brother W. Hendry.

*Third Cornwallis Church*,—Brother C. R. Bill.

*Albany Church*,—Elder J. Parks.

*Bridgetown Church*,—Elder J. Ring.

*Horton Church*,—Elder T. S. Harding.

*Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society*,—Hon. J. W. Johnston.

*Wilmot Church Union Society*,—Brethren A. Marshall, H. Chesley, J. Elliott.

*New Brunswick General Union Society*,—Elder E. D. Very.

*Portland Church*,—Brother T. Boyne.

*1st St. John Church*,—Brethren J. F. Marsters, and C. H. Hay.

*St. John Domestic Missionary Board*.—Elder S. Robinson.

*Nova Scotia Foreign Missionary Board*,—Elder J. Chase.

*Nova Scotia Domestic Missionary Board*,—Professor I. L. Chipman.

*Nictaux Church*,—Brethren C. Shaffner, and W. Troop.

*Fredericton Church*,—Elder S. Elder.

Elders E. W. Pray, and E. J. Harris, accepted the invitation of the Convention to participate in its deliberations.

The Committee of Arrangement presented their Report which was received and adopted.

*Resolved*.—That Ministers and members of Baptist Churches, in good standing, who may be present, be invited to take part in the deliberations of the Convention.

The following Committees were appointed:—

1. To nominate the Office Bearers and the several Boards of the Convention, and report the members of the Domestic Missionary Boards—Elders S. Robinson, E. A. Crawley, I. E. Bill, J. Francis, N. Vidito, and E. D. Very.

2. On Religious Publications and Colportage—Elder E. D. Very and brethren C. R. Bill, W. Troop, and J. F. Marsters.

3. On Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings—Professor I. L. Chipman, Elders A. S. Hunt, J. Ring, W. Burton, and J. Francis, Deacon C. Shaffner, and brethren R. Marshall, S. Freeman, and S. Wheelock.

4. On Sabbath Schools—Elders E. J. Harris, and E. W. Pray and brethren C. H. Hay, A. Chute, E. Fitch, T. Todd, C. Fitch, Bishop, T. Boyne, W. Troop, O. Parker, H. Baker, W. Rickerson, Whitman, S. Sweet, E. Reid, A. Banks, and T. Elder.

5. On Foreign Missions—Elders E. A. Crawley, J. Francis, S. Robinson, I. E. Bill, J. Parker, and W. C. Rideout, and brethren R. Neily, B. Fellows, W. Chipman, and C. R. Bill.

6. On Education—Hon. J. W. Johnston, Professor I. L. Chipman, Elders E. A. Crawley, S. Elder, E. D. Very, R. B. Dickie, S. Robinson, A. S. Hunt, N. Vidito, J. Francis, E. W. Pray, R. W. Cunningham, I. E. Bill, W. Burton, and J. Parker, and brethren J. Messinger, H. Chesley, S. Freeman, R. Hankinson, C. Shaffner, W. Troop, W. Hendrick, W. Baker, and T. Chute.

On motion of Elder E. A. Crawley,

*Resolved*, That all the lay members of the Convention be a Committee on Domestic Missions.

On motion of brother W. Troop,

*Resolved*, That Elder E. A. Crawley be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

On motion of Elder E. D. Very,

*Resolved*, That the subject of Bible Societies be referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.



The Report of the Committee of Nomination was received and adopted.

On motion of Elder E. D. Very,

*Resolved*,—That the question of equalizing the rates paid to the different objects of the Union Societies in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick be referred to a Committee composed of one Delegate from each Association.

Whereupon Elders J. Francis, S. Robinson, and brother L. L. Chapman, were appointed as such Committee.

On motion of Elder S. Elder,

*Resolved*,—That the subjects of the French and Indian Missions be referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Secretaries of the Convention then presented their Annual Report, which was received and adopted. (Vide Appendix A.)

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder W. Burton.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder E. D. Very.

*Resolved*,—That the next Annual Meeting of this Convention be held at Grand Island, St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following

#### REPORT.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report:

That having briefly investigated the statistics of the Sabbath Schools in the two Provinces in connection with the Baptist denomination, find that this institution which has been so signally blessed of God in the salvation of souls, has been on the increase very much during the past year, and that many of the valuable additions to our churches during the year have been from that source.

The Committee beholding the magnitude and importance of this institution beg leave to earnestly solicit the kind co-operation of all church members with their pastors in this great work and labour of love, and we would also respectfully recommend that the Teachers of each Sabbath School do meet once a week for the purpose of thoroughly investigating the lesson, to be taught on the following Sabbath as an excellent auxiliary to the Sabbath School.

The Committee would also tender their sincere thanks to the Rev. Elder for his very valuable letters on Sabbath School instructions which have appeared in the Christian Visitor during the past year. A copy of which is respectfully submitted,

E. J. HARRIS,

Chairman.

After some discussion the Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock. Prayer by Elder I. E. Bill.

TUESDAY, 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by Elder R. Cunningham.

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented by Elder J. W. Johnston. On its being laid before the Convention, it presented a more than ordinarily interesting character, in support of which the following resolutions were adopted:—  
In elucidation of the sentiments and recommendations of the Re-

Report, were delivered by the Hon. J. W. Johnston, the Rev. Dr. Crawley, the Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. W. Burton, brother H. Winterbotham, Rev. J. Francis, Rev. A. S. Hunt, and Rev. I. E. Bill.

### REPORT.

The Committee on Education appointed by the Convention respectfully report:

That in their opinion the cause of Education and the interests of the Society would be promoted were the energies and resources of the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince-Edward Island united in the support and government of the Collegiate Institution for extending to the Youth of the three Provinces the means of Education in its higher branches and the advantages of a Collegiate course of instruction:—leaving to each Province the support and duty of maintaining and managing such Schools and Academies as it now supports or may deem proper hereafter to establish.

With this view the Committee recommend that the support and government of Acadia College should be separated from the Academy at Horton and that Acadia College should be adopted, supported and governed as the Collegiate institution of the Baptist denomination in the three Provinces and be placed under the direction, supervision and control of the Convention as an object in which all the Provinces have a common and equal interest; and that the Theological Chair be in like manner placed under the control of the Convention.

That in carrying this object into effect the Committee further report that Acadia College be separated from its immediate connexion with the Academy at Horton and its constitution be modified and altered in such a manner as may be necessary for placing it in the proposed relation to the Denomination of the lower Provinces and bringing it under the control of the Convention:

And in connexion with this object, that the debt properly chargeable against the College, contradistinguished from the Academy, be immediately ascertained and stated.

The Committee recommend that agencies be appointed for collecting funds under the instructions of the Convention—the field of these agencies to be the lower Provinces, irrespective of provincial distinctions as well as foreign parts.

And lastly that a Committee be appointed for adjusting the changes necessary to be made in the Constitution and government of Acadia College and the Theological department and for taking the means necessary for effecting these changes; and for ascertaining and reporting the debts of the College.

J. W. JOHNSTON.

Chairman.

*Resolved*,—That this Convention fulfils a duty it owes to the denomination and the country to record its opinion that Education under wholesome religious and moral influences is a blessing of the highest magnitude, which the ministers and members of the Baptist denomination, as a religious body, are required by the most solemn obligations to extend, by every legitimate means their power, to the youth of the denomination, and of the country at large.

*Resolved*,—That while the claims of Common and Grammar School Education are cheerfully acknowledged as being of the very highest order, and imposing upon the Baptists the duty of the efficient support of Education in its lowest and most elementary form, that this Convention yet regards Education



embracing a perfect system, including secular and religious instruction, from the Primary School to the University—from the Sabbath School to the Theological Class; and that the system must be imperfect, and leave the community far behind in the progress of improvement, which neglects to maintain and encourage a Collegiate course as an essential element in its system.

Moved by Rev. I. E. Bill, seconded by Rev. E. A. Crawley, that the Report and the Resolutions submitted by the Committee on Education, be adopted.

Passed unanimously.

The W. P. of "Olive Branch" Division, Sons of Temperance, respectfully requested the Convention to suspend its business till 7 o'clock, P. M., as the Sons of Temperance hold a Temperance Tea Meeting in the village this afternoon:

On motion of Hon. J. W. Johnston, seconded by Rev. J. Francis,

Resolved,—That this Convention adjourn till seven o'clock, p. m., in consequence of the foregoing request.

Resolved,—That the Rev. J. B. Cogswell, who has just arrived to-day, be invited to take a part in the deliberations of this Convention.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. T. S. Harding.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. J. Francis.

The Report of the Committee appointed to report on the expediency of equalizing the rates paid to the several objects of the Union Societies in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, was presented and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee to regulate the scale of sums contributed in both Provinces to secure as great a uniformity as possible in the action of our Union Societies would submit the following report:

That this Convention recommend that the scale in the New Brunswick General Union Society be altered so as to make the Dividend to Foreign Missions and to Superannuated Ministers Fund conform to that of the Nova Scotia Union Society; which will deduct six-pence in the column for Superannuated Ministers Fund, and add the same amount for Foreign Missions. And that this change be referred to the General Union Society of New Brunswick.

SAMUEL ROBINSON,  
Chairman.

Adopted.

The Report of the Board controlling the Fund for superannuated Ministers was read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Board to control the Fund for Superannuated Ministers would submit to the Convention the following report:

That the more their attention is turned to the subject of their appointment the deeper is their conviction of the justice and necessity of making a proper provision against such providential allotment as may fall to the lot of all the most useful and beloved fathers in the Gospel of Christ.—Many of those who have laid the denomination under the deepest obli-

gations have, in doing so, rejected selfish considerations and have made no adequate provision for their own support when the ordinary disabilities of age shall prevent their commanding an income for that purpose.

Since the organization of the Union and the commencement of the Society several of our excellent brethren have been relieved and particularly had his last moments made comfortable and his anxieties allayed by the provision of this Fund.

During the past year we have had no call in New Brunswick which seemed to come properly within the object of this provision, though it appears a special favour in Providence allowing us to accumulate the Fund, the amount of which would justify an appropriation of substantial benefit to a needy recipient.

In Nova Scotia a small appropriation has been made to a worthy brother whose circumstances required relief.

We beg once more to set forth pre-eminently what appears necessary in order to perpetuate confidence and general interest in this subject. That we consider the Churches under an imperative obligation to meet the wants of their Pastors when their strength or health fails temporarily in their service, and leave this fund to the service of those only who are literally superannuated or who have no Pastoral connection with a Church. If a Pastor falls into necessitous circumstances and is not relieved by his Church we feel that such a Church is under a moral obligation to represent to this Board their inability from want of means to give the requisite aid to their Pastor in his infirmity. We are fully persuaded that if Churches abuse this provision and cast their Pastor upon it as soon as they are disabled from service, it will operate disastrously, not only upon this, but upon every department of exertion contemplated in this Union Convention.

ALEXANDER McDONALD.

*Secretary.*

On motion of Rev. J. Francis,

*Resolved*,—That all applications for Ministerial aid from Nova Scotia, made through Elders I. E. Bill and N. Vidtoe, to the Superannuated Ministers Board in St. John.

On motion of Rev. S. Robinson,

*Resolved*,—That application to the Board for Ministerial aid be permitted through the recommendation of any two ordained ministers connected with this Convention.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Publications and Colportage was presented.

#### REPORT.

The Committee on Publications and Colportage beg leave to present the following report:

That this Convention feels deeply sensible of our dependance upon well conducted religious periodicals for the circulation of valuable information and of their importance in forming the opinions and constructing the habits of all, and especially of the younger members of our families.

That it gives this Convention great pleasure to recognize, both in Nova Scotia and in New Brunswick, papers adapted in their character to the Province in which each paper is published and both of which



consider fully deserving the confidence and patronage of the Churches.

That this Convention would further recommend the introduction never practicable, of the cheap Publications of the American Tract Society and of the American Sunday School Union which are eminently calculated to awaken a Missionary spirit and to encourage individual exertion, on the part of private members of the Churches, for the conversion of souls and to aid both teachers and parents in facilitating their operations in the department of Sunday School labour.

#### COLPORTAGE.

Our Committee beg leave to call special attention to the system of Colportage now so successfully employed in Europe and in the United States and the adaptation of which to our condition in these Provinces has been well tested already by the Colporteur of the New Brunswick Associations, who, in a late report of his labours, reviews his mission for fifteen months, in which time he visited 125 settlements, distributed 5032 pages of Tracts, sold 3128 volumes, besides maps, cards, plates for Sabbath Schools: he obtained 172 subscribers to religious periodicals, addressed 60 meetings, attended 28 prayer meetings, preached 19 Conference meetings, visited 59 Catholic families, conversed with 202 families, conversed with 408, and visited in all 131 families.

The vast influence to be exerted by this system may be easily inferred from the character of the labour thus bestowed, a great part of which is upon families quite removed from the reach of ministers and more ordinary means of Grace.

The fact that this agency is specially adapted to meet and benefit the Catholic from whom the Bible is withheld, we conceive is a strong commendation of it to the employment of the Convention.

Our Committee regard it as a great auxiliary to Education, not only by laying the means broadly before all classes from whom a taste for reading may result but by introducing, at a greatly reduced price, in connection with religious books, all such as are ordinarily used in schools thus placing them within reach of those who otherwise would feel compelled to dispense with them.

We recommend the adoption of the earliest practicable method of extending the service of this kind for the three Provinces and would beg to commend to the gratuitous hospitality of the friends of religion any Colporteur who may be properly commissioned for this work, and also to the Churches and Pastors that they should aid him, when among them, by their sales, and by collections that he may thus be furnished with the means for further gratuitous distribution of tracts, religious books and the precious Word of God among the destitute.

C. R. BILL.

*Chairman.*

On the Report being read, highly interesting addresses relative to the importance of Colportage and Religious Periodicals, were delivered by the Rev. E. D. Very, Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. J. Francis, Rev. J. Winterbotham, Rev. J. Chase, Rev. E. W. Pray, Hon. J. Johnston, and Rev. I. E. Bill.

On motion of Professor I. L. Chipman,

*Resolved*,—That brethren Dickie, Francis, Chase and Cunningham be a committee to confer with brother Very relative to procuring for Nova Scotia services of the Colporteur now employed in New Brunswick.

Adjourned till Wednesday, 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by the T. S. Harding.

WEDNESDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. R. B.

The following Resolution was moved by the Rev. W. Burton and passed,

*Whereas* it is extremely desirable that general information be given to the Baptist denomination throughout these provinces respecting all the matters embraced by this Convention, therefore

*Resolved*,—That this Convention respectfully recommend to all the Union Societies, and other bodies which, by the Constitution of the Convention, are entitled to a representation in this body, to send Delegates to the next session of the Convention, and that all Pastors of Churches, as well as agents who may travel among them, urge the importance of such a representation, and that such Delegates shall bring a written document from the bodies they represent declaring them to be Delegates.

On motion of Rev. R. B. Dickie,

*Resolved*,—That this Convention appoint brethren Robinson, Very, Marsters, and A. McDonald a Committee to frame rules of order to be used at the next session of this Convention.

*Resolved*,—That the Rev. E. D. Very superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of this Convention, and that 1500 copies of the Minutes be printed.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported.

#### REPORT.

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

That they recommend to the favourable consideration of the Convention the French and Indian Missions as one object under the management of the Domestic Missionary Boards of the Provinces.

They also recommend that brethren Chute and Rand be requested to make if possible a practice of attending from time to time the meetings of the Associations and of the Convention for the purpose of giving information and exciting interest.

Also, that a special monthly prayer meeting be instituted in the Churches to excite interest and invoke a blessing on Domestic Missionary operations, and that contributions or collections be taken at these meetings.

And further, that a new effort at giving vigour to the operations of the Union Societies for the purpose of increasing the Domestic Missionary Funds be attempted by means of the activity of collecting, the encouragement of Pastors; the labours and influence of the brethren; and especially the efforts of the Financial Secretary.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. CRAWLEY,

Chairman



The Committee appointed to consider the changes relative to Acadia College recommended by the Committee on Education, presented their Report, which on motion of Rev. W. Burton, was adopted.

### REPORT.

Resolutions proposed by the Committee to consider the changes relative to Acadia College :

That this Committee recommend to the Convention that the amount due to the Professors of Acadia College be assumed by this Convention, and that the remainder of the amount due by the College or the Academy be still charged against the Nova Scotia Education Department.

That in the opinion of this Convention it is inexpedient at present to interfere with the Charter of the College, but that a Board of Governors be appointed by the Convention from both Provinces to take in hand the management of the College in its behalf.

That an agency be appointed by this Convention for the College, and that while labouring in either Province for the Convention, such agents take the objects of the Union Society of the Province into which he is labouring into his agency; and also that an agency be appointed in behalf of the College to England and to the United States.

J. W. JOHNSTON,

*Chairman.*

On motion of Rev. W. Burton,

Resolved—That the Hon. J. W. Johnston, and the Rev. E. D. Very be a Committee to nominate a Board of Governors for Acadia College.

On motion of Rev. J. Francis,

Resolved.—That this Convention recommend to the Board of the General Assembly of New Brunswick to appoint an agent for that Province to promote the interests of the Union Societies and of Acadia College.

On motion of Rev. S. Robinson,

Resolved.—That the Rev. J. Francis be appointed as agent of this Convention on behalf of Acadia College in Great Britain.

Resolved.—That the Rev. I. E. Bill be appointed an agent in the United States for the same object; and that brethren T. S. Harding and R. B. Dickie, be a Committee to confer with the Nictaux Church upon this subject.

On motion of Rev. J. Chase,

Resolved.—That brethren the Hon. J. W. Johnston, Rev. E. A. Crawley, Rev. I. L. Chipman, Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. E. D. Very, and Rev. S. Elphinstone be a Committee to superintend the above agencies.

The Report of the Committee of Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings was received and adopted.

### REPORT.

The Committee on Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings report :

That they view with satisfaction the efficient working of the Union Societies in Nova Scotia although the amount received the past year has been much less than that of the preceding year. They are persuaded that this has been owing to the extreme depression of the country.

The Committee would recommend the continuance of the present labours of a competent agent assured that the Union Societies under the direction of a judicious Committee and carried forward

by an active agency, is the best means for securing a steady increase of denominational funds.

They would recommend the New Brunswick brethren to employ as speedily as possible an agent to visit every Church in the Province not only to collect money but also to explain with as much care as possible the principles upon which Union Societies must depend. That this Convention would earnestly request every Church in the Province, however small to bear an active part in our Union operations and to render the Agent all suitable encouragement.

Your Committee would further earnestly recommend the continuation of the Quarterly Ministerial Meetings, and would urge upon the Pastors of Churches the necessity of bringing our different Denominational interests before their congregations on these occasions, and extending among the masses of the people a correct knowledge of the objects we have in view and of the means by which such objects may be accomplished, being well assured that permanent success will be greatly affected by the amount of knowledge bearing upon Denominational subjects that the people may possess.

All which is respectfully submitted. I. L. CHIPMAN,  
Chairman

The Special Committee on Colportage presented their Report which was adopted.

#### REPORT.

The Committee on Colportage beg to recommend:

That this Convention request Elder D. Very, to send a Colporteur into Nova Scotia for at least three months, now ensuing, said Colporteur to be supplied out of the Depository at Wolfville, so far as will allow, with the understanding that this Convention shall defray the expenses and that the Pastors lay the subject before the Churches and take up collections for the same.

I. E. BILL,  
Chairman

On motion of Rev. S. Robinson,

*Resolved*,—That the Rev. J. Chase be Treasurer of Acadia College for the present year.

*Resolved*,—That brethren T. S. Harding, of Windsor, and Dr. James F. of Wolfville, be Auditors of the accounts of the Treasurer of Acadia College.

#### REPORT.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Board of Governors for Acadia College, beg leave to submit the following names with the commendation that six of them yield their trust year by year for the appointment of six new members:

Rev. E. A. Crawley,

“ John Pryor,

“ I. E. Bill,

“ W. Burton,

“ S. Robinson,

“ C. Spurden,

“ S. Elder,

“ E. D. Very,

Hon. W. B. Kinnear,

Adopted.

C. B. Bill, Esq.

John W. Barss, Esq.

Hon. J. W. Johnston

Pro. I. L. Chipman,

J. W. Nutting, Esq.

Dea. N. S. D'Mill,

“ A. M'L Seely,

“ James Moren, Esq.

William Stone, Esq.



Resolved,—That the Financial Agent of this Convention, the Rev. John [unclear], be empowered to pay the Rev. E. D. Very, the sum of £0 0 0 for printing the Minutes of this Convention from the Foreign Mission Fund.

On motion of Rev. R. W. Cunningham,

Resolved,—That the warmest thanks of this Convention be tendered to the inhabitants of this place for the very courteous, generous, and hospitable manner in which this Body has been entertained during its present session; in acknowledgment of which it most earnestly beseeches Almighty God to attend them and their families with blessings temporal, spiritual, and eternal.

Adjourned to meet at Portland the 3rd Saturday in September, 1800.

Prayer and benediction by Rev. T. S. Harding.

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