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OF THE

## FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Southern Baptist Association,

## OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

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**COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.**

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***ON EDUCATION.***

REV. J. E. HOPPER, D. D., BROS. W. E. MACINTYRE, A. B.,  
JOHN MARCH.

***ON HOME MISSIONS.***

BRO. JOHN MARCH, REVS. SETH KEIRSTEAD, M. P. KING.

***ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.***

REV. H. CROSS, BROS. C. F. CLINCH, J. G. A. BELYEA, A. B., (LIC.)

***ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.***

BRO. G. J. COULTER WHITE, A. B., REV. S. WELTON, BRO. B.  
N. NOBLES, (LIC.)

***ON TEMPERANCE.***

BROS. F. D. DAVIDSON, W. E. MACINTIRE, A. B., J. W. MANN, (LIC.)

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SUSSEX, N. B.,  
TUESDAY, June 12th, 1883.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Southern Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at Sussex, at 2.30 p. m.

After devotional exercises for an hour the Association was called to order by Rev. W. J. Stewart.

The list of churches in the Counties of St. John, King's and Charlotte being called, delegates reported themselves present. (See Appendix.)

On motion the election of officers for the current year was proceeded with and the following brethren were declared duly elected :—

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| W. T. COFFEY . . . . .             | MODERATOR.       |
| BRO. J. G. A. BELYEA A. B. . . . . | CLERK.           |
| REV. M. P. KING . . . . .          | ASSISTANT CLERK. |
| BRO. GILBERT WHITE . . . . .       | TREASURER.       |
| BRO. J. E. MASTERS . . . . .       | ASSISTANT TREAS. |

The following brethren were invited to seats in this Association :—Revs. Isaiah Wallace, D. W. Crandall, Alex. Estabrooks.

Committee on Arrangements—Rev. S. B. Welton, Bros. J. S. Trites, Noble Crandall, Dr. McFarlane, Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D.

Committee on Nominations—Rev. W. J. Stewart, Bros. J. H. Harding, G. J. C. White, W. E. MacIntire, Rev. J. F. Bartlett.

Committee on Arrangement reported—Morning prayer meeting at 6.30 o'clock. Morning session begin at 10 o'clock, close at 12. Afternoon session begin at 2 o'clock, close at 5. This evening's session to be devoted to Home Missions. Drs. Bill and Hopper, Rev. J. F. Bartlett and others to take part. Also, that the Association Sermon be preached on Wednesday

morning at 10.30. All morning sessions to be preceded by 30 minutes devotional exercises. Reading letters 30 minutes this evening.

The Committee on Nomination reported—Committee on New Churches, Rev. I. E. Bill, D. D., Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Rev. J. F. Bartlett. To revise List of Ministers, Revs. E. F. Foshay, W. J. Stewart, Dea. T. L. Hay. On Obituaries, Revs. I. E. Bill, D. D., E. Kierstead, Bro. John Jones. Special Business, Deas. Elliot, White, J. H. Harding, and Bro. W. E. MacIntire, A. B.

TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

On Education—Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Bros. W. E. MacIntire, John March.

On Home Missions—Bro. John March, Revs. Seth Keirstead, M. P. King.

Foreign Missions—Rev. H. Cross, C. F. Clinch, Bro. J. G. A. Belyea, (Lic.)

Denominational Literature—Bro. G. J. Coulter White, Rev. S. Welton, Bro. B. N. Nobles, (Lic.)

On Temperance—Bros. F. D. Davidson, W. E. MacIntire, J. W. Mann, (Lic.)

The Committee on Nomination further report the following committee to examine and read letters:—Revs. E. M. Keirstead, S. Welton, Bros. J. S. Trites, F. D. Davidson.

The Committee on New Churches reported—That the churches at Carleton, Fairville and Hampton Station sought admission into this Association.

The Committee recommended that the letters from these churches be read, and the churches be received into this Association. On motion the report was considered section by section.

The letter from the Fairville Church was read by the Clerk, and on motion of Dr. Hopper, seconded by Dr. Bill, it was resolved that the Fairville Baptist Church be received into this Association.

The letter from the Carleton Baptist Church was read by the Clerk, and on motion of Rev. W. J. Stewart, it was resolved that the Carleton Baptist Church be received into this Association.

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The letter from the Hampton Station Church was read by the Clerk, and after remarks explaining the circumstance of the formation by Revs. J. E. Hopper, D. D., I. E. Bill, D. D., E. F. Foshay and Isaiah Wallace, it was moved by Dr. Hopper, and resolved that the Church at Hampton Station be received into this Association.

The Delegates of the above Churches were presented with the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator, and declared members of the Association. Prayer for the above churches was offered by Rev. I. Wallace.

The Committee to report upon the Baptist Annuity Association was appointed as follows:—Dr. Bill, Dr. Hopper. Rev. J. F. Bartlett.

On motion by Dr. Hopper, the name of Bro. W. E. MacIntire, was substituted for his own on the Committee on Denominational Literature.

On motion closed by prayer, by Rev. I. E. Bill, D. D.

### EVENING SESSION.

Moderator took the chair at 7.30, p.m.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reading of Letters.

On motion Rev. E. C. Corey was invited to a seat.

An interesting report on Home Missions was read by Rev. W. J. Stewart, and after being spoken to by Dr. Bill, Dr. Hopper, J. F. Bartlett, was adopted.

### Report of Committee on Home Missions.

MR. MODERATOR,—Your Committee appointed to report on Home Missions beg to call your attention to an extract from a letter from Rev. A. Cohoon, Corresponding Secretary of Home Missions:

"As the time for the meetings of the Associations is drawing near, I herewith present a few figures concerning the work of the Board.

"Aid has been promised to fifty fields, of these twenty-seven are in N. S., seventeen in N. B., six in P. E. I., and two in Manitoba, in all about sixty churches. The expenditure for the year ending July 31, 1883, will be about \$4,500.00. The Receipts up to May, 31st, 1883,

are about \$2,600.00, hence we will need to receive about \$2,000 between this and the meeting of the Convention if we are to close the year without debt.

"Reports from the fields show that much good is being done and many weak churches strengthened, that would be left to die but for the aid of the Home Mission Board. Upwards of seventy have been baptized into the fellowship of the mission churches. Some of the fields assisted are advancing toward self support and are assisting other departments of our denominational work."

These important facts demand our most serious consideration. 1st. Financially two thousand dollars are needed to pay our missionaries, surely this is a debt which we should promptly pay. Our missionaries on the Home Field labor for very small pay and cannot possibly live without that is paid as fast as due. Imagine the anxiety which they must now feel over their temporal necessities with so much due them from our Board. How this money is to be raised is for your consideration.

2nd. Spiritually the outlook is hopeful. In reviewing the past we can surely say, what hath God wrought on our Home Field. The blessing of heaven has rested on the efforts of our Home Work, and many sinners, during the last year, have been converted to God. Surely we must go forward. May the Lord lead us into a larger faith and greater liberality in this department of our denominational work.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. J. STEWART.

A collection was then taken for Home Missions, amounting to \$17.28.

The Committee on Arrangement further reported—That Wednesday afternoon be devoted to Educational work, and that a recognition service be held in the evening, also the subject of Foreign Mission be taken up, if time permitted.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Bro. A. Estabrooks.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Moderator in the chair at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Prayer by Rev. R. Mutch.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

On recommendation of the Committee on New Churches the letter from 1st Baptist Church, Johnson, was read and the church received into this Association.

The Associational Sermon from 2 Timothy 4:2, from the words: "Preach the Word," was delivered by Rev. S. W. Kierstead.

Collection for the Convention Fund was taken.



The report of the Committee on the Baptist Annuity Association was read :

**Report of Committee on Baptist Annuity Association.**

Your Committee on this subject beg to submit the following report:—

*Whereas*, Deacon Jacob Bradshaw, of Hampton Station has generously donated \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a permanent fund for the support of disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased Baptist ministers of the Province of New Brunswick, and

*Whereas*, Through the active agency of Rev. Dr. Bill an association has been formed, designated the Baptist Annuity Association of New Brunswick, and duly incorporated by act of parliament with full legal powers to prosecute its mission, and

*Whereas*, The Constitution of this Association provides that all Baptist ministers in good standing in this Province are eligible for membership by complying with the conditions as stated in the constitution, and

*Whereas*, It is desirable that all our ministers should participate in the benefits of this Association, therefore

*Resolved*, That our ministers be recommended to become members of the Association, and to use their best influence to increase its funds and to make it a grand success.

*Resolved*, That we also commend the Association to the favorable consideration of our churches and to all the friends of the denomination as an institution in all respects worthy of their cordial support.

*Resolved*, That we give to the Board of the Association located at Fredericton, and to the officers generally, our hearty co-operation in the prosecution of the important and responsible trust committed to their care. All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL.

After remarks by Dr. Bill, Dr. Hopper, and J. G. A. Bel-yea, the report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

On motion Prof. Kierstead, seconded by Rev. E. Foshay, it was resolved that this Association express its great satisfaction and pleasure at the successful inauguration of this Annuity Association; that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Jacob Bradshaw for his generous gift of \$10,000 in this behalf, and to Dr. Bill for his labors in connection with this movement.

The Committee of Arrangement further reported—That the Report of Denominational Literature be read and considered at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Report on Education and discussion at 3 o'clock. Discussion on Educational Report by Dr. I. E. Bill, Dr. J. E. Hopper, Prof. Kierstead, Principal M. Vicar. That one hour of this evening's session be given up that a recognition service be held in the church.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Foshay.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Moderator took the chair at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Troop.

On motion the following Committee was appointed to arrange for the place of meeting for next year:—Revs. S. Welton, W. Parker, S. W. Kierstead. This Committee was instructed to select a preacher and alternate for that association, and also to arrange for reduced Railway fare.

The Committee on Denominational Literature read their report:—

#### Report of Committee on Denominational Literature.

Your Committee on Denominational Literature beg leave to submit the following report:—

While we labor under many disadvantages in obtaining material for this report there have come to our notice many facts which we earnestly commend to the notice of our brethren. And first, for the great blessings of our Heavenly Father upon us as a people we feel a deep sense of gratitude and look over our past progress with encouragement for the future.

Our work in the department of which we wish to report—namely, that of distributing sound christian literature, is in most respects highly progressive and satisfactory. In the establishment of the "Visitor" Publishing House at St. John, a substantial foundation for future efforts has been laid, and we rejoice over the good results already brought about through its instrumentality. From a single denominational organ, printed a few years since by a separate house we have risen to become the possessor of four successful papers, with a repository for the standard books and literature of our denomination.

This great advance we trust we know how to prize, and to the able editor and publisher of these journals we must ever feel under lasting obligations. In the publishing house under the management of Dr. Hopper, Baptist needs have been most abundantly supplied, and as christians, loyal to our profession, we feel it our duty to commend heartily the publications of the "Visitor" House to the Baptists of New Brunswick.

It is a noteworthy fact that the "Visitor" office at St. John is the only Baptist publishing house of Sunday School supplies to be found in the Dominion of Canada, and it is to the credit of our people in the Maritime Provinces to support a native publication house, of which Dr. Hopper has in the providence of God become the head and founder.

Besides our standard organ, the "Christian Visitor," which now as of old commands our highest esteem and support, we have the "Canadian Record," "Youth's Visitor," "Gem," and "International

Lessons" emanating from this management, well adapted for every need of our church and Sunday School literature, and deserving of admittance to every home and family of our land.

The "Canadian Record" is specially devoted to the Missionary and Sunday School work, and is intended to keep up a close connection between the christian supporters at home and the missionary laborers abroad. Its columns are filled with recitals of actual scenes on the mission field, with sketches in the lives of eminent missionaries, and presents a far more valuable amount of christian information than is to be found in the publications imported from abroad. Clubs of this journal should be found in every Sunday School, and we urge teachers and ministers to encourage its circulation wherever possible.

In the "Youth's Visitor" and "Gem" are given us two neat S. S. journals for our boys and girls, highly adapted for the christian training of our youth. We are glad to learn of the increasing patronage bestowed upon these papers, and trust the day is not distant when our people will see the wisdom of supporting native, christian literature in preference to that of a lighter character too often obtained from foreign houses.

It is with alarria and regret that we meet with foreign, pedobaptist books, notes and papers, thoughtlessly urged upon our Sunday Schools, thus draining our native country of that which should have been given to build up home productions and encourage the laborers who toil for their own land and for the pure truth of the word of God.

In our Sunday School libraries too often are found the publications of secular and pedobaptist houses, instead of the abundant works of our own men, advocating Baptist principles and published by Baptist Societies.

At the "Visitor" office can be found a selection already made, amply provided with material for our Sunday School work and suitable for the needs of our people. Every loyal son and daughter of our denomination must undoubtedly feel it to be their duty to give their patronage to our only Baptist house, and to help shed abroad the light which has so recently begun to shine in our midst.

COLPORTAGE SOCIETY.—About five months since a few Baptist brethren met in the "Visitor" office, St. John, to discuss the best methods of doing colportage work in our Province. As a result a small society was organized to be known as the Baptist Maritime Colportage Society—Rev. W. J. Stewart was chosen President, Bro. W. W. Weeks, Secretary, Deacon John Dewar, Treasurer.

Rev. D. W. Crandall was employed for three months as colporteur by the society, and a small salary was guaranteed by those present. Bro. Crandall has performed this work with gracious results, chiefly in Charlotte County, and the society is anxious to continue his labors in the field, provided the Association indorse the society and recognize its organization as a regular branch of our work.

W. E. MACINTIRE, }  
ELIAS KIERSTEAD, } Committee.  
WEEDEN FOWLER, }

Spoken to by Revs. I. Wallace, Dr. Bill, W. J. Stewart, Dr. Hopper, and others, and adopted.

On motion, Bros. McVicar, I. W. Corey, (Lic.,) and D. S. Whitman were invited to seats in the Association.

The report on education not being ready, Dr. Bill spoke upon the amount of such work being done by the denomination. Prof. McVicar, Dr. Hopper, Bro. Gilbert White, Rev. D. P. Harris, Rev. I. Wallace and Prof. Kierstead, made stirring and interesting addresses on the same subject.

On motion of Prof. Kierstead, seconded by Dr. Bill, resolved that this Association having, with great pleasure, heard reports from the Baptist Seminary of N. B., and of our Educational Institution at Wolfville, cordially commend these institutions to the confidence, prayer and contributions of our people. Prof. Kierstead and others spoke to the above resolution.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Bartlett, seconded by Dr. Bill, resolved that the Association from this time hold quarterly meetings of a distinctively devotional character, and that a committee of arrangement be appointed at this session who shall make necessary preparation for the holding of the first meeting, due notice of which shall be given in the "Christian Visitor."

Closed by prayer by Rev. E. Kierstead.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

Moderator in the chair at 7.30.

Prayer by Rev. D. P. Harris.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

On motion of Prof. Kierstead, resolved that Bro. W. E. Macintire, Rev. S. Keirstead and Bro. J. G. A. Belyea, be appointed to report to this Association at its present session the names of churches that have sent no letter to the Association this year and have no correspondence for a longer period, and that this committee be requested to see that the table of statistics to be printed in the minutes be filled. Also, that they be requested to secure copies of minutes of this Association since its organization, and of the Western Association to the date of organization of the Southern Association.

The Committee of Arrangements reported that:—Prayer meeting be held at 6.30 to morrow. Report on Temperance at 9.30. Report on Foreign Missions at 10. Sabbath School Convention at 2. Sabbath School Meeting in the evening.

On motion of Bro. J. G. A. Belyea, Revs. S. Welton, W. Parker, S. W. Keirstead, A. W. Troop, M. P. King, T. W. Corey and J. Bartlett were appointed a committee to arrange for the place, time and programme for the next quarterly meeting of this Association, and that due notice be given in the "Visitor."

On motion the Association gave place to service recognizing Rev. S. Welton as pastor of the Sussex Church.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Crandall.

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#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Moderator in the chair at 9.30.

Prayer by Bro. W. E. Macintyre.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The Committee to report on the churches not reporting, stated, that letters have been received from 27 churches, while no returns have been received from 13, whose names appear on our minutes, namely:—Salt Springs, Marsh Bridge, South Musquash and Dipper Harbor, Baillie, Ledge (Dufferin,) Rolling Dam, 3rd St. Andrews, 2nd St. George and St. Stephen. Your Committee would desire the brethren to assist in giving any information that will guide them in gathering the facts needed to fill the returns for our minutes.

On motion by Rev. D. W. Crandall, resolved that the clerk of this Association be instructed to write asking the Home Mission Board to aid Rev. M. P. King to labor at Back Bay, Mascaree, Upper Falls, for the time at his disposal.

On motion of Prof. Kierstead, Revs. E. F. Foshay, A. Estabrooks and W. Parker were added to the committee on Foreign Missions to report this afternoon.

On motion Revs. E. F. Foshay, S. Welton and I. Wallace

were appointed a committee to report on Education at this meeting of the Association.

Resolved that we appoint a committee of two persons to act in conjunction with committee appointed by the Eastern and Western Associations to secure such necessary legislation that our legal standing may be unquestioned.

The following committee was appointed for the above purpose: Dr. Hopper and Judge Skinner.

On motion resolved that as many copies of the minutes be printed as the money sent in will allow, that they be distributed to the churches in proportion to the amount contributed, and that the clerks with Bro. T. Denham be a committee to arrange for printing the minutes, and to solicit contribution from churches that have not contributed to that object.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. Parker.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator in the chair at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Geo. White.

On motion Association gave place to Sabbath School Convention.

Association resumed business at 5 o'clock.

The Report of Committee on Foreign Missions read:

#### Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee report that they are unable to give exact information as to the Home Work of Foreign Missions within the limits of this Association during the past year. But according to the report of Finance Committee of Convention, published in the Year Book of 1882, it appears that for the current year, 1881-82, 19 churches in this Association contributed the sum of \$854.63, of which \$255.59 was given by the W. M. A. Societies. It also appears from the said report that the following churches made no contributions for Foreign Missions nor for any of our benevolent objects during that year, viz.: Fairfield, Greenwich Hill, Kars, Salt Springs, Springfield 2nd, Upham, St. Martins 2nd, Baillie, Bocabec, Ledge Dufferin, Oak Bay, Pennfield, Rolling Dam, St. Andrews 2nd, St. George 2nd, St. George 2nd Falls, Tower Hill, 17 in all. Thus only about one half of the churches on our list gave tangible evidence of interest in the Foreign Missionary work.

This report of the previous year may enable us to estimate the interest at the present time.

It is evident, therefore, that this cause does not sufficiently en-

gage the sympathies and efforts of our churches in view of our Lord's command to preach the gospel to every creature, of the needs of the heathen world, and of the work already undertaken.

With the aim of increasing the interest and contributions of our churches, your committee recommend:—

1. That prayer for laborers be offered in all our churches, and for God's mercy on those who, having the power, do nothing in this cause, and for the dear brethren and sisters who on our behalf are laboring among the Telugus.
2. That frequent missionary concerts be held in the churches and missionary sermons preached. Also that more missionary intelligence be disseminated by furnishing libraries and homes with missionary books and periodicals, distributing missionary tracts, and other agencies.
3. That collections in aid of Denominational work be made once every three months, and that efforts be made to secure a contribution from every member—teaching the people to give as the Lord has prospered them.
4. That the Committee on Foreign Missions be requested to do special Home work within the limits of this Association during the year, to have their annual report in readiness at the opening of next session, and to present a list of speakers with topics assigned to address this body.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. F. FOSHAY, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

The Committee on Education reported:

### Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee on Education beg to submit the following report:—

1. In accordance with the Resolution of this Body at its Session last year, the N. B. Educational Society commenced operations in the month of October last by opening a Seminary of Learning in the City of St. John. The services of W. M. McVicar, A. M., were secured as Principal, and an efficient staff of teachers associated with him. Notwithstanding difficulties and disadvantages, marked success has attended the enterprise thus far. 84 students have been enrolled during the year—31 young men and 53 young women. Four of the young men have the christian ministry in view as their life work, and quite a large number are prosecuting their studies with a view to matriculation in Acadia College. The Principal is proving himself admirably suited to his position. Miss Freeman, the Principal of the French department, is also gaining great favor. L. Wortman, Esq., A. M., who has already won for himself a good reputation as a popular educator, is to be associated with the teaching staff for the coming year. A suitable building has been rented and is being fitted up for a boarding house, and the Board of Directors are doing their utmost to render the Seminary increasingly deserving of the public patronage.
2. The fact that this is the Jubilee year of the N. B. Baptist Education Society should inspire its friends to make a grand rally to strengthen the financial basis of the Seminary. The memory of the sainted men and women who labored and prayed for the establishment of a school 50 years ago for the education of our young people, should arouse us to do our utmost to carry forward this grand en-

terprise. The approaching Jubilee celebration will doubtless give a fresh impetus to this important work.

3. Your Committee learn with gratification that the past year has been a prosperous one with our Institutions at Wolfville. The recent Anniversary Exercises were decidedly inspiring. Eleven young men having completed the prescribed course in Acadia College received the Degree of Bachelor in Arts, and six young women who had completed the full course in Acadia Seminary, received Diplomas.

Your Committee regard with especial interest the work done in the Theological Department of Acadia College, and trust the Endowment Fund may be so increased as to render that department still more efficient.

Your Committee regarding the prosperity of these Institutions as vitally connected with our welfare as a denomination commend them afresh to the prayers and liberality of our people.

Respectfully submitted.

E. F. FOSHAY.  
ISAIAH WALLACE.  
SYDNEY WELTON.

Report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. G. A. Belyea, seconded by Rev. S. Welton, resolved that the thanks of this Association be presented to the "Daily Telegraph" for the full reports of our proceedings given in its columns.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Bro. White.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Moderator in the chair at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Bro. Wallace, seconded by Bro. J. G. A. Belyea, resolved that a vote of thanks be presented to the brethren and friends of Sussex for their kindness and hospitality extended to the members of this Association.

On motion, Rev. T. W. Corey, Bro. J. S. Trites, Rev. S. Welton, were appointed delegates to the Eastern Association. Bro. J. G. A. Belyea and Dr. Hopper to the Western. Bros. W. E. Macintire, J. E. Masters, G. J. C. White and two others, to be chosen by them, to be delegates to the Convention.

On motion adjourned to meet next year at such place as shall be selected by the committee. Prayer by Rev. I. Wallace. Benediction by the Moderator.

T. W. COREY,  
*Moderator.*

J. G. A. BELYEA,  
*Clerk.*



## Constitution and Rules of Order.

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 "Southern 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 second Tuesday in July, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes, and in the denominational paper. 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 lead 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 connection, 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 by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular session.

### 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 motion be written out and handed to the Clerk.
- 5 That motions which are lost be not recorded.
- 6 That invited members enjoy the privileges of delegates, except voting.
- 7 That these resolutions be read at each session.

# Constitution and Rules of Order

The Constitution of the [Organization Name] is hereby adopted and the following Rules of Order are established for the guidance of the members and the officers of the organization.

ARTICLE I  
NAME  
The name of the organization shall be [Organization Name].

ARTICLE II  
OBJECTS  
The objects of the organization shall be [Organization Objectives].

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP  
The members of the organization shall be [Membership Rules].

ARTICLE IV  
OFFICERS  
The officers of the organization shall be [Officer Roles and Terms].

ARTICLE V  
MEETINGS  
The meetings of the organization shall be [Meeting Procedures].

ARTICLE VI  
FINANCIALS  
The financials of the organization shall be [Financial Rules].

ARTICLE VII  
AMENDMENTS  
The constitution and rules of order may be amended by [Amendment Process].

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# APPENDIX.

## List of Churches Represented and their Accredited Delegates.

### KINGS COUNTY.

- ROTHESAY—T. W. Kierstead, C. Mabee.  
HAMMOND VALE—Rev. R. Mutch, Weeden Fowler, Geo. Taber.  
HAMPTON VILLAGE—Rev. W. F. Parker, A. A. Mabee, W. S. Frost.  
KARS—Rev. W. T. Corey.  
NORTON—Rev. W. F. Parker, A. B. Hayes, E. C. Hayes, S. T. Wiggins, J. G. Hayes.  
PENOBSCUIS—H. H. Hall.  
SPRINGFIELD 1ST—Rev. W. T. Corey, Gilbert Titus, Israel Nobles, W. E. McIntire, A. B.  
SPRINGFIELD 2ND—J. H. Gray.  
STUDHOLM—Rev. E. Keirstead, Rev. W. T. Corey, J. I. Keirstead, J. W. Foster, G. J. C. White.  
SUSSEX—Rev. S. Welton, Gilbert White, J. S. Trites, N. Crandal.  
UPHAM—Rev. R. Mutch.  
HAMPTON—Rev. S. W. Kierstead.  
HAMPTON STATION—W. S. Frost.

### ST. JOHN COUNTY.

- BRUSSELS ST., ST. JOHN—Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., J. G. A. Belyea, B. N. Nobles, J. W. Mann.  
GERMAIN ST., ST. JOHN—Rev. E. M. Keirstead, J. H. Harding.  
LEINSTER ST., " —J. E. Masters, Rev. J. F. Bartlett, T. L. Hay.  
CARLETON, ST. JOHN—Rev. E. F. Foshay.  
PENNFIELD, " —Rev. W. J. Stewart, F. D. Davidson, John Jones.  
ST. MARTINS 1ST—Rev. I. E. Bill, D. D., G. R. White.  
ST. MARTINS 2ND—Rev. R. Mutch.  
FAIRVILLE—C. P. Baker, F. McFarland, C. F. Baker.

### CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

- PENNFIELD—Rev. W. A. Troop.  
1ST ST. GEORGE—Rev. M. P. King.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Name.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Bill, I. E., D. D.	St. Martins	March 1829	Nictaux, N. S.
Crandall, David	Moncton	January 1831	Hammond, N. B.
Corey, W. T.	Havelock	November 1860	Grand Lake, N. B.
Crawley, T. W., A. M.	St. Andrews	December 1856	Chester, N. S.
Cross, Henry	St. John		Coventry, England
Foshay, E. F.			
Hoppe, J. E., D. D.	St. John	September 1867	Fredericton, N. B.
Kidson, F. A.	Oak Bay		
Kierstead, E.	Collina Corner	October 1840	Studholm
Kierstead, S. W.	Smithtown	June 1876	Hillsdale
King, M. P.	St. George		
Mutch, Robert	Rothsay	June 1864	Cooper, Maine
Parker, W. F.	Hampton Village	1882	Hampton Village
Stewart, W. J.	Portland	June 1876	Carleton
Spencer, James	St. John	May 1853	Chester, N. S.
Spragg, Peter	Springfield	May 1840	Springfield
Rideout, W. C.	St. Davids	September 1842	Aylesford, N. S.
Trimble, James	Pennfield	February 1845	
Troop, W. A.	Pennfield	June 1855	Newcastle, N. B.
Washburn, A.	St Martins		Loch Lomond
Welton, S.	Sussex		Grand Lake

## LICENTIATES.

Name.	Residence.	Date of License.	Church Licensing.
Beddow, Wm	Carleton		Carleton
Belyea, J. G. A., A. B.	Portland	1876	Brussels Street
Davis, T. P.	St. Martins		Brussels Street
Davidson, F. D.	Semin'y, St. John		Portland
Hall, H. H.	Acadia College	1882	Penobsquis
Jones, E. H.	Newton Centre		Germain Street
May, J. S.	Portland		Brussels Street
Mann, J.	Semin'y, St. John		Brussels Street
March, Henry	Willow Grove		Willow Grove
McIntire, W. E., A. B.	Belleisle Corner	1883	1st Springfield
Nobles, B. N.	St. John		1st Springfield
White, G. R.	Acadia College		St. Martins

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF MONIES RECEIVED AT THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD AT SUSSEX, IN JUNE, 1883.

Hampton Village,.....	\$ 1 00
Norton,.....	1 76
Hampton,.....	50
Greenwich Hill,....	60
Studholm,.....	1 00
Penobsquis,.....	1 00
First Johnston,....	1 00
Fairville,.....	2 00
Pennfield,.....	1 00
Leinster Street,....	2 00
Hampton Station,....	75
Portland,.....	3 25
Oak Bay, .....	1 00
Germain Street,....	5 00
Hammond Vale,....	50
First Springfield,....	1 00
Second St. Martins,....	65
Kars,.....	35
Second Springfield,....	1 00
Sussex,.....	1 00
Willow Grove,.....	50
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Collected at Association for Home Missions,.....	17 28
“ “ “ Foreign Missions,.....	9 67
“ “ “ Convention Fund,.....	6 26

G. WHITE,  
Treasurer.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

No.	NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.										PROPERTY AND FINANCES.											
			No. Reported Last Year.	Present Membership.	Baptized.	Expertence.	Restored.	From other Ch's in Con.	From Ch's Elsewhere.	Died.	Joined other Ch's in Con.	Joined Ch's Elsewhere.	Excluded.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	Non-Resident Members.	Ord Ministers.	Licentiates.	Value of House of Worship.	No. of Sittings.	Value of Parsonage.	Money Raised for Local Purposes.	Money Raised for Denominational Objects.	Other Moneys Raised.
1	Sussex	1871	131	133	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	Rochesay	1882	25	27	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	Hammond	1855	68	79	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
4	Stadholm	1840	91	86	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	Penobscquis	1823	53	57	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
6	Greenwich Hill	1876	70	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	Kars	1858	38	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	Norton	1800	51	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	Hampton	1821	28	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	Portland	1842	338	377	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41
11	Germain Street, (St. John)	1810	365	381	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
12	Leinster	1860	249	248	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

13 Brussels Street, (St. John), 1850  
 14 St. Stephen, 1870

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13	Brussels Street, (St. John),	1850	381	501	115	3	12	5	4	1	120	140	2	4	15000	1000	3000	225	94	.....
14	St. Stephen.....	1870	32	47	4	1	10	1	1	1	14	9	1	1	2000	225	350	50	30	.....
15	Hampton Village.....	1877	19	19	4	4	10	1	1	1	6	22	1	1	1000	150	32	4	50	50
16	Willow Grove.....	1806	106	100	4	4	10	1	1	1	5	22	2	2	3700	300	547	26	00	1 20
17	1st St. George.....	1867	127	123	2	2	10	2	3	4	12	78	2	2	200	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	So. Musquash and Dip. Har.	1864	204	202	17	17	10	4	2	1	6	6	1	1	1200	250	200	.....	.....	1 00
19	1st Springfield.....	1841	40	52	37	37	10	2	1	1	21	53	2	1	9721	500	3946	.....	.....	1 00
20	Pennfield.....	1814	203	224	1	1	10	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1200	400	.....	.....	.....	2 00
21	Marsh Bridge.....	1857	49	49	1	1	10	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1200	400	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	1st St. Martins.....	1857	211	217	5	2	10	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1200	400	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	Upnam.....	1841	32	42	7	1	2	1	1	1	10	7	1	2	400	400	1400	.....	.....	19 42
24	Carleton.....	1823	104	104	1	1	1	2	2	2	10	7	1	2	1000	125	100	22	00	.....
25	2nd St. Martins.....	1850	68	66	1	1	1	2	2	2	14	9	1	1	1000	150	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	1st Johnston.....	1881	52	66	9	2	5	2	3	1	14	9	1	1	600	200	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	2nd Springfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Fairville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	Salt Springs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Baillie.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Ledge Dufferin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Rolling Dam.....	1830	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	2nd St. Andrews.....	1869	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	2nd St. George.....	1865	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	Hampton Station.....	1843	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36	Oak Bay.....	1883	11	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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## CHURCHES AND CHURCH OFFICERS.

CHURCH.	Pastor or Minister.	Year settled.	Church Clerk.	P. O. Address.
1 Sussex.....	S. Welton, A. B.....	1883	J. S. Trites.....	Sussex.....
2 Rothsay.....	I. W. Kierstead.....	1882	J. S. Kierstead.....	Rothsay.....
3 Hammond.....	R. Mutch.....	1881	Geo. Taber.....	Upperton.....
4 Studholm.....	W. T. Corey.....	1881	Francis J. Kierstead.....	Collina.....
5 Penobsquis.....	H. Foshay.....	.....	S. T. Morton.....	Penobsquis.....
6 Greenwich Hill.....	W. T. Corey.....	.....	W. J. Cheyne.....	Greenwich Hill.....
7 Kars.....	W. F. Parker.....	.....	John McIntire.....	Downeyville.....
8 Norton.....	W. F. Parker.....	.....	J. G. Hayes.....	Norton.....
9 Hampton.....	S. W. Kierstead.....	.....	I. Smith.....	Smithtown.....
10 Portland.....	W. J. Stewart.....	.....	A. S. Spragg.....	Indian town.....
11 Germain Street (St. John).....	H. Cross.....	.....	T. D. Denham.....	Box 53, St. John.....
12 Leinster Street.....	J. F. Bartlett.....	.....	George Mitchell.....	223 Brussels Street.....
13 Brussels Street.....	J. E. Hopper, D. D.....	.....	Chas. F. Bailey.....	Box 35 St. John.....
14 St. Stephen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 Hampton Village.....	W. F. Parker.....	.....	A. Mabee.....	Hampton Village.....
16 Willow Grove.....	Henry March (Lic.).....	.....	Stephen Hall.....	Golden Grove.....
17 1st St. George.....	M. P. King.....	.....	J. M. O'Brien.....	St. George.....
18 South Musquash and Dipper Harbor.....	W. T. Corey.....	.....	George Bynon.....	South Musquash.....
19 1st Springfield.....	W. A. Troop.....	.....	David Crandal.....	Belleisle Point.....
20 Pennfield.....	.....	.....	Enos Poole.....	Pennfield.....
21 Marsh Bridge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22 1st St. Martins.....	I. E. Bill, D. D.....	.....	J. S. Titus.....	St. Martins.....
23 Upham.....	R. Mutch.....	.....	Elisha B. Smith.....	Upham Station.....
24 Carleton.....	E. F. Foshay.....	.....	Geo. W. Lyon.....	Carleton.....
25 2nd St. Martins.....	R. Mutch.....	.....	W. R. Floyd.....	Fairfield, St. John.....
26 1st Johnston.....	D. G. Harris.....	.....	J. F. Hetherington.....	Jenkins P. O.....
27 2nd Springfield.....	Gilbert Springer.....	.....	Justis Gray.....	Springfield.....
28 Fairville.....	.....	.....	F. McFarland, M. D.....	Fairville.....
29 Salt Springs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30 Baillie.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31 Ledge Duferin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32 Rolling Dam.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33 2nd St. Andrews.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34 2nd St. George.....	.....	.....	Wm. Wetmore.....	Hampton Station.....
35 Hampton Station.....	.....	.....	Orin B. Dolin.....	Oak Bay.....
36 Oak Bay.....	F. A. Kidson.....	183	.....	.....

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# SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME.	SUPERINTENDENTS.		Av. Attendee	No. Scholars.	Adults in the Classes.	No. Teachers.	No. Volumes in Library.	No. Sessions During Year.	No. Baptized.	Contrib. to Benev't Objs.	Expended During Year.
	Date of Organization.	Name.									
1 Sussex	1872	J. S. Trites	55	100	25	10	311	52	1	\$ 5.00	\$ 117.36
2 Rotheray		Lewis Trites	15	25	2	6	21	22			10.00
3 Hammond		S. Lockhart, T. Sherwood, L. Sheerwood,	150	169	17	21					
4 Studholm		J. W. Foster	40	50	8	5	30	25			10.00
5 Penobscuis		Edwin Freeze	100	110	11	135	22	1			
6 Greenwiche Hill		Joseph McBay	32	30	2	4	50	25			
7 Kars		Chas. M. Morrel	25	25	3	100					7.00
8 Norton		J. G. Hayes	35	50	20	4	100	24			5.00
9 Hampton		John Carson	13	150	20	4	100	24			5.00
10 Portland		M. E. Cowan	107	176	37	18	380	52	9	40.00	234.00
11 Germain Street, (St. John.)		T. S. Simms	137	266	107	17	300	57	51	40.00	259.00
12 Leinster " "		A. W. Masters	65	75	35	6	100	39	4	3.50	23.00
13 Brussels " "		J. C. Damerescq	40	50	10	5	100	51	3		35.00
14 St. Stephen		Samuel Fownes	45	50	20	5	125	45			25.60
15 Hampton Village		John Dewar	35	50	8	6	75	26	8		17.00
16 Willow Grove		Wm. Vaughn	131	243	11	811	52	1	25	50.00	260.24
17 1st St. George		Geo. W. Lyon	135	215	8	400	52	4	33	52	100.00
18 So. Musquash and Dipper Harbor		W. R. Floyd	27	50	12	4	100	46	4		
19 1st Springfield		Thomas Hetherington, M. P. P.	25	30	1	6	200	25	9		15.01
20 Pennfield		James Keirstead	40	58	18	6	140	52	6		35.00
21 Marsh Bridge		John J. Warring									
22 1st St. Martins											
23 Upham											
24 Carleton											
25 2nd St. Martins											
26 1st Johnson											
27 2nd Springfield											
28 Fairville											

# MINUTES OF S. S. CONVENTION,

HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE

**Southern N. B. Baptist Association, at Sussex, June 14, 1883.**

Rev. S. W. Keirstead, President, in the Chair at 2 o'clock.

Officers elected for ensuing year:—

Bro. J. S. Trites,.....	President.
Bro. T. S. Simms,.....	} Vice-Presidents.
Rev. M. P. King,.....	
Bro. G. J. C. White,.....	Sec'y-Treas.
Bro. Noble Crandall,.....	} Executive Committee.
Rev. S. Welton,.....	

Sunday School Statistics, as given in the letters, read by Secretary.

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare and send blank forms for statistics, next year, to superintendents of schools.

*Resolved*, That Minutes of this Convention be published with the Minutes of the Association.

*Resolved*, That the Convention request all Schools in the Convention to put forth an effort to raise money, and contribute such books as have been used by their schools to aid poor and destitute schools.

Convention adjourned.

## THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

Bro. J. S. Trites, President, in the Chair at 8 o'clock.

Singing by the Sussex Baptist Sunday School.

Reading of Minutes.

Address by Rev. W. Parker.

Prayer by Bro. G. White.

Singing:—"Christ for me."

Rev. W. Parker taught a class from Matt. 7: 15-29. The lesson was taught in an instructive and highly profitable manner, and must prove profitable to all.

Singing:—"What tho' clouds do hover o'er me."

Bro. J. E. Masters addressed the Convention on the "Advisability of training Sunday School Children to give to benevolent objects outside of the School." The address was forcible and practical.

Bro. W. E. MacIntyre spoke upon the subject of "Denominational Literature." The speaker presented strongly the claims of the papers printed at St. John.

Singing by School.

Collection.

On motion adjourned to meet during session of Southern Association next year.

J. S. TRITES, MODERATOR.

G. J. C. WHITE, SEC'Y-TREAS.