

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD
GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS

OF
NEW-BRUNSWICK,
HELD AT JACKSONTOWN, C. C.

July 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th.

OFFICERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.
REV. BENJAMIN MERRITT, CHAIRMAN.
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MINUTES.

JACKSONTOWN, CARLETON COUNTY, N. B. }
Saturday, July 7th, 1855.

1. The twenty-third Annual Session of the General Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick commenced at Jacksontown this day. A social meeting was held at 10 o'clock, A. M., and a deep interest seemed to be felt generally. At 3 o'clock, P. M., met for business.

After singing and prayer the following members of the Conference were reported as present :—

MINISTERS.

SAMUEL HART,
WM. E. PENNINGTON,
JOSEPH NOBLE,
JOHN PERRY,
BENJAMIN MERRITT,
GEORGE ORSER,
E. SIPLELL,
WM. KINGHORN.

CHARLES McMULLIN,
EDWARD WAYMAN,
E. McLEOD,
JOHN WALLACE,
JACOB GUNTER,
CHARLES E. BELL,
ALEX. TAYLOR.

MESSENGERS.

FIRST DISTRICT.—FRANCES TAPLEY, JOMAS FITZHERBERT.
SECOND DISTRICT.—ELISHA BAKER, JOHN BUBER.
THIRD DISTRICT.—G. R. ATHERTON, GEORGE MAXSON.
FOURTH DISTRICT.—BENJ. BOAL, JOHN ALEXANDER.
FIFTH DISTRICT.—GILBERT PERRY,

SIXTH DISTRICT.—WILLIAM McLEOD,
WILLIAM PETERS, CLERK.
GEORGE MCCREADY, CLERK.
B. J. UNDERHILL, Secretary to General Conference.

DELEGATES FROM NOVA-SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

REV. CHARLES KNOWLES,

REV. J. B. NORTON.

Rev. Benjamin Merritt was chosen Chairman.

2. The Reports of the several Districts were read, showing an encouraging increase in numbers and interest, and present-

ing the general aspect of the cause in our denomination as highly encouraging.

3. After the reading of the Reports, a system for Missionary labour, which was subsequently adopted by the Conference, was introduced, and read, and addresses were given on the subject of Domestic Missions, by Elders E. M'Leod, S. Hartt, E. Wayman, J. Gunter, and brother Doucett, a converted Frenchman, and local preacher. This was a season of deep interest, and a spirit of missions was evidently begotten in the very large audience which was present.

Adjourned by prayer to meet for business on Monday morning, at 8 o'clock, a. m.

Monday, July 9th.

4. Met pursuant to appointment at 8 o'clock, a. m. Opened by prayer. The Secretary read the Minutes of last year. Reports of Committees on local matters submitted and received.

5. The Committee appointed last Conference to obtain the draft of a deed by which to secure to churches, and the Conference freehold property submitted the same, which was accepted. Also, a General Conference seal, which was likewise accepted.

6. Voted, That Elder C. McMullen wait immediately upon the Trustees now holding the land and Meeting-house in lower Jacksontown (so called), and obtain the transfer of the same to the General Conference, as per bond given by them.

7. Elders S. Hartt, J. Gunter, and W. E. Pennington, who were appointed last Conference to labour as Missionaries, submitted their reports. Elder Hartt had laboured in various parts of the Province, during the year, had witnessed a large number of conversions, and had baptized seventy-four persons. Elder Gunter had been deterred from his labours very considerably; first, by a calamitous fire in Fredericton which consumed his premises, and by which he sustained a considerable loss; second, by severe indisposition during the last two months, which had deprived him a part of the time of his sight, and confined him to his room. His labours during the time he was able to travel were confined to a portion of York County. He had witnessed, however, a considerable of revival,—had attended over three hundred and thirty meetings,

and had baptized forty-seven persons. Elder Pennington had laboured ten and a half months, principally in the counties of Westmorland and Carleton, had seen the cause revived in several places, and had baptized sixty-five persons. Revivals have been promoted by several other brethren, and over four hundred members have been added to our churches during the year.

8. The account of the Bible Distribution Fund was read and submitted; including the receipts, expenditures, appropriations, &c.

9. The account of the Religious Intelligencer and Book Store was read and submitted, including expenditures and liabilities; receipts, debts due, and all matters connected with the financial business of the Conference.

10. The Committee appointed last year to revise the Constitution of the G. Conference and District Meetings; and to form rules for the better regulation of our denominational business, submitted their report. See Appendix, No's. 1 and 2.

Adjourned by prayer to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon Session, Monday

11. Met at 2 o'clock, p. m. Opened by prayer. The revised Constitution was read section by section, and freely discussed, occupying the whole session, and was adopted with one slight amendment.

Adjourned by prayer.

Tuesday Morning, July 10th.

12. Met at 8 o'clock, a. m. Opened by prayer. Rules of Conference read one by one, and discussed. Amended and passed.

13. Voted, That our Colporteur, brother Thomas O'Donnell be a member of this General Conference.

COMMITTEES.

14. The following Committees were appointed :—
On Sabbath Schools.—W. Kinghorn, John Wallace, John Alexander, and George McCready.

- On Missionary Affairs.*—Wm. Peters, B. J. Underhill, B. Boal, E. Wayman, and C. McMullin.
On Bible Distribution.—Thos. O'Donnell, Geo. Maxson, E. McLeod, and E. Siprell.
On Colportage.—E. Wayman, T. O'Donnell, G. Perry, C. E. Bell.
On Religious Intelligencer, and Book Store.—J. Noble, E. Wayman, C. McMullin, J. Perry, W. E. Pennington.
On Churches.—E. McLeod, S. Hartt, J. Gunter, C. Knowles.
On Education.—E. McLeod, J. Noble, C. McMullin.
On Temperance and Prohibition.—S. Hartt, B. J. Underhill, G. R. Atherton, A. Taylor.
 Adjourned by prayer.

Afternoon Session.

15. Met at 2 o'clock. Opened by prayer. The Committees separated to enter upon their duties.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee appointed to Report on Sabbath Schools presented the following, which was accepted.

16.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, the Committee appointed to report on the state of Sabbath Schools in connection with our Churches, have endeavoured to attend to that duty, the result of which we submit.

We find, by an examination of the reports of the Districts, that there are in connection with the Churches of the

First District,	0	Sabbath School's.
Second District,	2	" "
Third District,	3	" "
Fourth District,	4	" "
Fifth District,	8	" "
Sixth District,	5	" "

Making in all 22

From the present available sources of information, we learn with pleasure, that where Sabbath Schools have been instituted, they are generally in a prosperous state; yet we regret that there are so many of our Churches that have no Sabbath Schools, which we hope will soon be remedied by the adoption of such measures as a subject of such importance requires. We have not failed to discover that blessed results have already followed the establishment of Sabbath Schools in some sections of our Province; and we hope that the time

is near when there will not be one of our Churches destitute of such an institution. That this object may be speedily and effectually carried out, we recommend that the several members of this Conference use their strenuous efforts to promote it. That the necessity of establishing Sabbath Schools be urged upon those Churches in which they do not exist, and also the utility of having the several Schools furnished with suitable libraries, containing books for the use of teachers as well as Scholars : all of which can be obtained at the Religious Intelligencer Book Store.

17.

MISSIONARY AFFAIRS.

Your Committee appointed on Missionary Affairs beg to state, that they have examined your Missionaries' Reports, and find that they have held about 950 Meetings since their appointment last July, and have baptized in that time 186 persons, and have added about 236 to the Churches; and in all cases their labours have been more or less blessed of the Lord. Notwithstanding the good results, however, that have attended the labours of your Missionaries, your Committee, from knowledge gained, consider the plan upon which they have laboured, to be inefficient, and rejoice that the General Conference has adopted more efficient means for the carrying out of the work of Missions.

Your Missionaries have laboured constantly, with the exception of Elder Pennington, who reports one and a half months absent, and Elder Gunter two months sick.

Your Committee find that the Missionaries have collected the following sums, viz :—

Elder S. Hartt,	£54	8s.	5d.	Amt. now due him,	£45	11s.	7d.
" W. Pennington	37	19s.	10½d.	" "	49	10s.	1½d.
" J. Gunter,	44	11s.	0d.	" "	55	9s.	0d.
	£136 19s. 3½d.				£150 10s. 0½d.		

Your Committee recommend that the above balances be paid them.
Respectfully submitted.

18.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

Your Committee rejoice at the great prosperity which has crowned the efforts of Evangelical Christians, to disseminate the pure Word of God. During the last half century the Bible has been translated into about one hundred and twenty different languages, and twenty-eight millions copies have been disseminated abroad. In our own Province much has been done. The Report of our Conference Trustees shew the sale of about £162 worth of Bibles; many of these were sent by them to destitute places, and others brought by their Colporteurs to the doors of those who, perhaps, had they not been, would not have purchased. A small amount's worth have been given to Sabbath Schools, and to poor individuals, and in the opinion of the Committee the Distribution Fund in connection with this Conference has been judiciously managed. They recommend that our members contribute to the funds of Branch Bible Societies, wherever they exist; and those

who have not an opportunity of becoming members of regularly organized Societies, continue to aid this Conference by donations to its Bible Distribution Fund, in the work of scattering abroad throughout the destitute districts of our Province the invaluable word of Life.

19.

ON COLPORTAGE.

The Committee on Colportage Report—When looking at the records of kindred efforts in the United States and elsewhere, and from a short experience by our own denomination during the last year, your committee decidedly agree that Colportage is one of the best means for diffusing Religious knowledge that has yet been brought into existence; and is the most efficient auxiliary of the Religious Press. A distinguished and clear-sighted British Christian says: "The people who stand most in need of religious Books are the last to seek them. Frivolous and immoral literature makes its own market everywhere. The supply goes before the demand, and never fails to create it. In case of religious publications, the process is reversed. Religion must be conveyed to the fireside of the religiously destitute. * * * This is an agency which the Churches will require to cultivate to a greater extent than heretofore. * * * This power of the system of Colportage in the diffusion of good books, and in applying counteracting influences to the circulation of the mischievous literature, is the important feature of this organization."

Colportage is no longer an experiment. It is a well defined, approved, and indispensable system of christian effort for the diffusion of religious knowledge which is greatly needed in numerous districts in our Province. In recommending measures for the more efficient carrying out of this department of christian enterprise, we submit for perusal a paragraph from the journal of a Colporteur—"Wherever I find, in a family, a good selection of religious reading, I usually find a desire for more books of a similar kind. It is among those who are training themselves under such discipline, if any where, that I find a spirit of deep-toned piety, of Christian efficiency, and a strong and predominant desire to do good, showing itself in Christian activity and usefulness, amid the duties of every day life." Your Committee believe this testimony, and where families are found who have no reading, or whose reading consists in "light literature," revivals will seldom be found, and no interest will be manifested in the great benevolent enterprises of the age.

Your Committee recommend that one or more Colporters (according to the means at command), be employed and kept in the field, during the ensuing year, and that subscriptions be solicited to enable them to distribute *gratuitously* large numbers of religious tracts and periodicals.

20.

EDUCATION.

The Committee appointed to Report on Education, submit the following:—

The education of a child consists in more than the mere development of its physical and intellectual powers—it embraces also

educated moral sense. Intellectual education may be acquired without the formation of moral principles. The Bible is the foundation of all correct education, and every government and people should endeavour to secure this richest boon on earth to the rising generation. Above all, should religious denominations promote religious education. Your Committee rejoice that this Conference feel the importance of this work, and that a providential door seems opening to them, by which we shall be enabled to secure to our children, in a way satisfactory to ourselves, this invaluable boon. Your Committee therefore recommend that this Conference appoint three brethren, who shall be denominated an "Educational Committee," and whose duty it shall be to ascertain during the ensuing year, as far as possible, the educational wants of our denomination—to correspond with the Provincial Government and others, on the subject—to enquire into the best mode of giving our children and the children of others a sound religious education, in such a way as will promote our influence and usefulness in the world, and will qualify them to become valuable members of society, and to fill, if required, honourable offices in the world; together with any and all other matters connected with the subject of education generally; and to make a full report of their labour at the next Annual Conference.

Voted—That E. McLeod, J. Noble, and Benj. Boal constitute an EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE, agreeable to the foregoing Report, and that their duty be that prescribed in said Report.

21.

CHURCHES.

The Committee appointed to Report on Churches submit the following:—

1st.—They believe that no Minister should organise a Church in any village or place, without first calling a council of several judicious brethren, or having the concurrence of one or more ministers, except in cases where it would be quite impossible to obtain the presence of such brethren, or ministers. The following questions should be duly considered, in all cases, before organization:—

1. Is a Free Baptist Church in this place necessary? 2. Are there proper individuals who will compose such a church here? 3. Are there proper persons for deacons and helps, who will look after and sustain the true worship of God? Will it be for the best interests of religion to organise a Free Baptist Church here?

If these questions can be answered in the affirmative, this committee recommend that the following Covenant and Directory be adopted in all cases at organization, with such additions as may be deemed necessary. (For Covenant and Directory, see Appendix in Minutes No. 3.)

2nd.—Your Committee recommend that all our Ministers and Missionaries who may visit churches, which have not as yet adopted any written covenant, urge upon them the propriety of their adopting the foregoing; and further, that the utmost care and vigilance be exercised in setting all our churches in order, upon gospel principles—embracing the ordination of deacons, the keeping of a proper church record, and the maintenance of the proper relation of each church to the District Meeting and General Conference.

3rd.—Your Committee recommend that no persons be received for baptism, or church membership, until they give satisfactory evidence to the church of conversion, in some public relation of God's dealings with them.

22. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

The Committee on Temperance and Prohibition beg leave to submit the following Report :—

While they deeply lament the devastations that the monster Alcohol has made, and is still making in our Province, and in the world, they nevertheless rejoice in the progress that the great moral question of Temperance has made, and they highly appreciate the wisdom and energy of our present Legislature, in preparing and enacting a stringent PROHIBITORY LAW. And while your Committee are not ignorant of the fact, that this General Conference as a body, both of ministers and laymen, have for many years been pledged to the Temperance cause, and in many cases refused membership to individuals not strictly Temperate, and can also boast of having among their number the framers of peradventure the first Temperance Rules ever adopted in this Province, they would still urge on our members (especially at the present important juncture) the great necessity of firmness and decision in still carrying forward this great work of reform. And we recommend that this Conference pledge its energy and influence to sustain the PROHIBITORY LAW.

23. ON RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, AND BOOK STORE.

The Committee appointed to report on the Religious Intelligencer and Book Store, submit the following :—We rejoice that we are enabled to say with thanksgiving to Almighty God, that it is in a healthy and prosperous state. When we look at the beginning of our paper, and then contemplate our large circulation, and take at the same time into consideration the very limited means which the publishing Committee has had to work with, we are constrained to say "What has God wrought?" while it also speaks highly for the Editor and Publishers. We recommend that the present Editor, brother E. Method, be re-engaged, that his salary be increased, sufficient to enable him to devote more time to the interests of the paper; also, that it be enlarged at the commencement of the next volume, if thought practicable by the Board of Managers, and that they be furnished with farther means—say at least £300—to carry forward the Book Store efficiently and safely. Your Committee, in viewing what other societies and bodies have done to carry forward different enterprises ask, why cannot our Conference be endowed with sufficient means to enable it to exert an extended influence in morality and religion? We recommend that means be adopted to accomplish this object at once. Several hundred pounds worth of books have been disposed of the last year, and with increased means, the sales would be greatly increased. The circulation of the Intelligencer is about 4,000 copies weekly, and every encouragement is afforded to the accomplishment

of a large amount of real good. The Publishing Committee are liable for some loans which were made to the Conference some time since, and for which the Committee gave their notes, these will be due shortly, also the amounts contributed to the loan fund, and your Committee recommend that they be relieved immediately from these liabilities.

24. *Voted*, Whereas Elders J. G. Flanders, formerly a member of this Conference, was formally dismissed at our last Annual Session, by which act he retains no further connection with us as a denomination. Therefore *Resolved*, That no church in connection with this Conference can consistently, with our Constitution, hold fellowship with him, or retain him as a member.

25. *Voted*, That S. Hartt, E. Wayman, and Wm. Peters, be a Committee to nominate the Board of Managers, and the Board of Missions.

26. *Voted*, That E. McLeod be Corresponding Secretary to this General Conference.

27. *Voted*, That E. McLeod be continued Editor of the *Religious Intelligencer* during the ensuing year, at a salary of £150.

28. *Voted*, That E. McLeod be Agent for this Conference, to visit as many Churches as may be practicable for him, to bring before them the subject of Missions, and other interests of the Conference, and receive subscriptions and collections for the same; and that he receive £50 for his services from the Missionary Board.

29. *Voted*, That the next Annual Session of this General Conference be held with the Church on the North Branch of the Oromocto, commencing on the first Saturday in July, 1856, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

30. *Voted*, That Elders Hart, Gunter, and Kinghorn, be a committee to visit the Church at Nashwaak, to set things in order, and render them such help as may be necessary.

Adjourned by prayer.

Wednesday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Opened by prayer.

31. The Committee appointed to nominate Board of Managers, and Board of Missions, reported as follows:—

For Board of Managers,

E. McLEOD,
B. J. UNDERHILL,
LEONARD SLIPP,
WM. BURNETT,
WM. PETERS,
BENJ. BOAL,

JAS. SLIPP, JUN.
D. W. CLARK,
ROBERT McLEOD,
SETH ERBB,
JOHN GOOD,
JAMES LAKE.

Voted, That the report be received, and the brethren nominated therein, constitute the Board of Managers for the ensuing year.

For Board of Missions,

WM. PETERS,
LEONARD SLIPP,
SETH McLEOD,
JAMES LAKE,
G. R. ATHERTON,
D. W. CLARK

E. McLEOD,
E. WAYMAN,
J. NOBLE,
J. PERRY,
E. M. TREUSDAL,
B. BOAL.

Voted, That the Report be received, and the brethren nominated therein, constitute the Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

32. *Voted*, That the Chairman and Secretary of the Conference be authorized to appoint a day for the incorporation of any Church wishing to incorporate, and also furnish the necessary documents for that purpose.

33. *Voted*, That every male person whether a church member or otherwise, who shall contribute annually by subscriptions to the funds of a church, One Dollar, or upwards, shall be entitled to vote in the election of Trustees for said church.

34. *Voted*, That all applications for Incorporation be made to the Secretary of Conference in writing.

35. *Resolved*, That this General Conference *entirely disapprove of the use of Tobacco in every form; and earnestly request those ministers who may be addicted to it to henceforth abstain therefrom.*

36. Elders Hart, Pennington, and Knowles, being appointed a Committee to confer with brethren ——— Doucett, Gilbert Perry, and ——— on the subject of the public improvement of their gifts, having attended to that duty, reported these brethren worthy of holding license from this Conference. Therefore

Voted, That the Secretary furnish each of these brethren with a license to appoint and hold meetings, and improve his gift in the way he believes God has called him.

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37. *Voted*, That Elders S. Hartt and E. McLeod be Delegates to the Annual Session of Free C. Baptists in Nova Scotia, to be held in Yarmouth, on the 3d Saturday in September next, and that Elders E. Wayman and J. Gunter be their substitutes in case of failure.

38.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING, to be held in the Fitzherbert Meeting-house, ——— commencing on the last Saturday in August next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—Elders C. McMullin, W. E. Pennington, S. Hartt, and C. E. Bell.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING, to be held in the Meeting-house at Lower Brighton, commencing the last Saturday in October next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—Elders A. Taylor, E. Seprell, S. Hartt, and C. E. Bell.

THIRD DISTRICT MEETING, to be held in the Meeting-house in Southampton, commencing on the fourth Saturday in June next, (1856,) at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—Elders J. Gunter, S. Hartt, W. Kinghorn, W. E. Pennington, and C. E. Bell.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING, to be held in the Meeting-house at Upper Hampstead, commencing on the third Saturday in October next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—Elders E. McLeod, J. Perry.

FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING, to be held in the Meeting-house at Little River, Hampstead, commencing on the third Saturday in February next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—all the Elders labouring in the District.

SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING, to be held with the Church on the Millstream, commencing the fourth Saturday in June next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. To attend—Elders A. Taylor, J. Noble, and J. Perry.

39. *Voted*, That a sufficient number of Minutes of Conference be printed to supply the Churches.

40.

DESIGNATION OF CHURCHES.

1st Church, Andover,	at Tobique.
1st " Perth,	" Lower Perth.
2nd " " "	" Tobique River.
1st " Wicklow,	" Grand Settlement.
2nd " " "	" Perkins "
3rd " " "	" Upper Wicklow.

1st Church, Brighton,	at Lower Brighton.
2nd " "	" Bekeguimack.
3rd " "	" Mouth of Bekeguimack
4th " "	" Middle Brighton.
5th " "	" Upper "
1st " Kent,	" Middle Kent.
2nd " "	" Upper Kent.
1st " Simonds,	" Presqu'ille.
2nd " "	" Greenfield.
1st " Wakefield,	" Victoria Corner.
2nd " "	" 3rd tier Jackson.
3rd " "	" 7th " "
4th " "	" Lower Jackson.
5th " "	" Shaw Settlement.
1st " Woodstock,	" Woodstock.
1st " Southampton,	" Southampton.
2nd " "	" Campbell Settlement.
1st " Queensbury,	" Lower Queensbury.
2nd " "	" Upper "
3rd " "	" Caverhill.
1st " Kingsclear,	" Kingsclear.
1st " Fredericton,	" City.
1st " St. Mary's,	" Nashua.
1st " Douglass,	" Douglass.
1st " Lincoln,	" Near Mr. Mitchell's,
2nd " "	" Gornish.
1st " Burton,	" Gary.
1st " Blissville,	" South B. Oromocto.
2nd " "	" North B. "
3rd " "	" Patterson Settlement.
1st " Gagetown,	" Upper Gagetown.
1st " Hampstead,	" Little River.
2nd " "	" Upper Hampstead.
3rd " "	" Jerusalem.
1st " Greenwich,	" Near T. Conner's.
2nd " "	" Jones' Creek.
1st " Wickham,	" Carpenters' Settlement.
2nd " "	" Bald Hill.
3rd " "	" Henderson Settlement.
4th " "	" Shannon Settlement.
1st " Kingston,	" East side Long Peach.
2nd " "	" Erbb Settlement.
1st " Johnson,	" Perry's Point.
1st " Brunswick,	" Long Rapid.
1st " St. John.	" Waterloo Street.
2nd " "	" Carleton.
1st " Campobello,	" Campobello.
1st " St. Stephen,	" St. Stephen.
1st " Springfield,	" Middleland.
2nd " "	" West side Bellisle.
1st " Studholm,	" Millstream.

2nd Church, Studholm,
 3rd " "
 4th " "
 5th " "
 6th " "
 1st " Sussex,
 1st " Salisbury,
 1st " Moncton,
 1st " Dorchester,
 2nd " "
 1st " Maine,
 2nd " "

at Millstream Mountain.
 " Smith Creek.
 " Near Mr. Campbell's.
 " Snider Mountain.
 " Head of Millstream.
 " Upper Sussex.
 " North River.
 " Steeves Mountains.
 " Dover.
 " Taylor's Village.
 " Bridgewater.
 " For: Fairfield.

41. Voted, That all committees, delegations and agencies, appointed by this Conference, report to the same in writing.
 42. Adjourned to meet with the Church at North Branch Oromocto, on the first Saturday in July next, 1856.

Prayer by the Chairman.

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION FUND,

From March, 1863, to January, 1864.

Rev. R. McLeod,	£0	6	0	Sums less than 5s. col.	} 1 14 0
" E. Wayman,	0	6	0	by Mrs. Brundage.	
" J. Perry,	0	5	0	Samuel Craft,	0 5 0
" J. Wallace,	0	5	0	Mrs. Phebe Maynard,	0 5 0
" J. G. Flanders,	0	5	0	John Short,	0 5 0
Leonard Slipp, Sen.,	0	5	0	John Machum,	0 5 0
Alexander Machum,	0	5	0	Peter McKinzie,	0 5 0
Thos. Davis,	0	5	0	Robert Maynard,	0 5 0
Benj. J. Underhill,	1	0	0	Washington Nodding,	0 5 0
Daniel W. Clark,	1	0	0	James Clark,	0 5 0
James Toole,	0	5	0	James Slip, Sen.,	0 5 0
S. Short,	0	5	0	Wm. Slip,	0 5 0
Seth Erbb,	1	0	0	Rev. B. Merritt,	0 5 0
James Clark,	0	5	0	George Slip, Sen.,	0 5 0
James Lake,	0	5	0	James Slip, Jun.,	0 5 0
G. Perry,	0	5	0	Jacob Vanwart,	0 5 0
D. Jenkins,	0	5	0	Joel Jenkins,	0 5 0
F. Morrell,	0	5	0	David Fowler,	0 5 0
J. Vanwart,	0	5	0	Collected at Johnston,	0 5 4
J. Brundage,	0	5	0	" " Millstream,	1 7 4
Levi Jones,	0	5	0	Small Sums,	0 2 6
John Logan,	0	5	0	Rev. Samuel Hartt,	0 5 0
Wm. Peters,	0	5	0	" E. Siprell,	0 5 0
Reuben Spragg,	0	5	0	" J. Noble,	0 5 0
Robt. Scribner,	0	5	0	" J. Gunter,	0 5 0
Wm. Chauker,	0	5	0	" W. E. Pennington,	0 5 0
Noah Scribner,	0	5	0	" A. Taylor,	0 5 0
Wm. Perry, Sen.,	0	5	0	George Maxon,	0 5 0
Mrs. Wm. Perry,	0	5	0	E. R. Parsons,	0 5 0
Wm. Perry, Jun.,	0	5	0	E. M. Truesdale,	0 5 0
Henry A. Perry,	0	5	0	R. McLeod,	0 5 0
George Perry,	0	5	0	Geo. McCready,	0 5 0
Thos. O'Donnell,	0	5	0	Nathaniel Gray,	0 5 0
George P. Brown,	0	5	0	John Slip, Jun.,	0 5 0
Chas. McKenzie,	0	5	0	Joseph Smith,	0 5 0
Asa Fillmore,	0	5	0	Elias Flaglor,	0 5 0
Lazarus Colpitts,	0	5	0	Wm. Causmas,	0 5 0
Wm. Smith,	0	5	0	Thos. Connor, Sen.,	0 5 0
Mrs. J. Cameron, Jun.,	0	5	0	A Friend,	0 2 6
Mrs. Eliza Gault,	0	5	0	Andrew Pugsley,	1 0 0
Miss Lewis,	0	5	0	E. S. Freeze, Esq.,	0 5 0

Otis S.
Mrs. J.
G. L.

Thos. Dunfield,	£0 5 0	Johnston Cleaveland,	£0 5 0
Chas. E. Freeze,	0 5 0	Susan McCready,	0 5 0
Mrs. Helen Freeze,	0 5 0	James Knolan,	0 5 0
Lydia Kearstead,	0 5 0	Wm. Urquhart,	0 5 0
Chas. McCready,	0 5 0	A Friend,	0 7 6
Edward McCready,	0 5 0	Wm. Morton,	0 5 0
John McEnaspy,	0 5 0	James Murry,	0 5 0
John Freeze,	0 5 0		

From January, 1854, to January, 1855.

Chas. Porter,	£0 5 0	Levi Jones,	£0 5 0
A. Young,	0 5 0	Mary J. Jones,	0 5 0
James Forbes,	0 5 0	Emma Jones,	0 5 0
John McKinzie,	0 10 0	James Toole,	0 5 0
Rev. W. E. Pennington,	0 5 0	Small Sums,	1 1 7
" Samuel Hartt,	0 5 0	J. M. Sussex,	0 5 0
W. N. Mallory,	0 5 0	Rev. E. Siprell,	0 5 0
Mrs. H. Kinney,	0 5 0	" J. G. Flanders,	0 5 0
Isabella Pennington,	0 5 0	A. Machum,	0 5 0
W. D. Hartt,	0 5 0	Isaac Tracy,	0 5 0
Henry Kimble,	0 5 0	Mrs. Lewis Carle,	0 2 6
Isaac Loomer,	0 5 0	Miss Susan McCready,	0 5 0
Samuel Hartt,	0 5 0	Wm. McLeod,	0 5 0
S. Pennington,	0 5 0	Ch. S. Branch Oromocto,	0 14 1½
Mrs. E. Kimble,	0 5 0	John McLean,	0 5 0
E. Pennington,	0 5 0	H. D. Cary,	1 0 0
E. Hartt,	0 5 0	Mrs. D. Taylor,	0 5 7
Susan Palmer,	0 5 0	James Goolin,	0 5 0
A Lady,	5 0 0	Small sums,	0 9 2½
Small Sums,	0 10 6	Otis Smith,	0 5 0
Seth McLeod,	0 5 0	John Good,	0 5 0
Jonathan McLeod,	0 5 0	Mrs. John Good,	0 5 0
James Roach,	0 5 0	Moses Parsons,	0 5 0
Eliakim Roach,	0 5 0	F. Kirkpatrick,	0 10 0
Thos. Connor,	0 5 0	Robert McLeod,	0 5 0
Mrs. Thos. Connor,	0 5 0	Andrew Pugaley,	1 0 0
George McCready,	0 5 0	Chas. E. Freeze,	0 5 0
Chas. McCready,	0 5 0	Geo. Lyons,	0 5 0

From January, 1855, to July, 1855.

Otis Smith,	£0 5 0	R. Slip,	0 2 6
Mrs. J. Coperthwait, Sen.,	0 10 0	Wm. Perry,	0 10 0
G. L. Slip,	0 2 6		

Sum Total, 253 2 8.

*Bible Distribution Fund, in account with Free Christian Baptist
General Conference.*

1855.

Dr.

July 2. To Subscriptions per List,

£53 2 8

1854.

Cr.

Dec. By paid New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, per order of G. Conference, in July,

£10 0 0

By Donation to S. School in Carleton,
24 Bibles, 22s., 12 Testaments, 6s.

1 8 0

By Donation to Sunday School in St.
John, 24 Bibles, 26s., 24 Testaments, 12s.

1 18 0

By Donation to Elder W. Kinghorn,
for Sunday School at Pokiock, 12
Bibles, 11s., 24 Testaments, 12s.

1 3 0

By Sundry Poor persons, 31 Bibles,
33s. 7d., 29 Testaments, 14s. 6d.

2 8 1

By Expenses in packing, freight, and
other charges on £162 worth of
Bibles and Testaments, sold since
March 1st, 1853.

8 0 0

By Bibles and Testaments on hand,

14 7 8

Balance on hand,

13 17 11

—£53 2 8

July 2nd, 1855.

E. & O. E.

**Amounts Contributed to Free Christian Baptist Missionary
Fund.**

Recd. from Ch. west side

Bellisle,	£11	10	0
" Patterson Settlr.	0	10	7
" Wicklow & Kent,	1	6	3
" Henderson Settlr.	0	15	0
" Johnston,	2	7	4
" Greenwich,	1	1	5
" St. Stephens,	1	10	0
" St. John,	7	13	54
" Middleland,	1	5	0
" E. side Long Reach,	3	5	74
" Millstream,	2	5	45
" Lower Studholm,	3	0	8
" Mallory Settlr.	3	2	0
" Victoria Corner,	1	17	34
" Carleton,	5	13	10
" Central Brighton,	1	0	0
" Upper Presqu'isle,	0	10	0
" South Hampton,	1	16	0

Recd. from Ch. Hampstead

Little River,	8	1	9
" Upper Tobique,	0	12	6
" Up. Beccaguimic,	0	10	0
" Lincoln,	0	17	3
" Lower Brighton,	0	19	14
" Month Beccaguimac,	1	10	9
" Upper Brighton,	0	16	3
" Upper Sussex,	3	5	0
" Millstream Mount,	0	10	0
" Smith's Creek,	1	0	7
" Bellisle Creek,	0	5	0
" North River,	0	18	6
" Moncton,	0	2	2
" 2d Ch. Dorchester,	0	16	7
" Kingsclear,	1	0	0
" Lower Queensbury,	0	10	3
" Upper Queensbury,	1	15	0
" Douglas,	3	1	04

Recd. from Ch. Campbell							
Settlement,	1	16	8	A. McLean,	0	5	0
" Nashwalk,	1	5	6	C. Brown,	0	5	0
" Caverhill,	0	16	4	B. J. Underhill,	3	2	6
" Upper Hampstead,	5	0	0	Mr. Nevers,	0	5	0
" Andover,	1	3	0	Dr. Archey,	0	10	0
" Lower Arroostook,	1	18	7	Samuel Yerxa,	1	0	0
" No. 1, S. B. Oromocto,	2	0	0	Lewis Huestis,	0	10	0
" North B. Oromocto,	0	5	0	Edward Bartlett,	0	5	0
" Cop. at Springfield,	1	4	0	Mr. White,	0	1	3
" Fredericton,	7	14	4	Mrs. Brown,	0	1	3
" Douglas,	12	19	6	" Wallace,	0	2	6
" Nashwalk,	1	0	9	Mr. Philips,	0	3	1 1/2
" Queensbury,	3	10	0	" Thornton,	0	1	3
" Gornish,	0	15	0	A. G. Gunter,	0	10	0
" Gagetown,	1	0	0	Mr. Sleep,	1	0	0
" Upper Kent,	1	0	0	Geo. L. March,	1	0	0
" Woodstock,	1	10	0	John Jones,	0	3	1 1/2
Cornelius Flowers,	0	5	0	Moses Yerxa,	2	10	0
Annos. Letter, Wakefield,	1	5	0	Isaac Shepherd,	0	5	0
Rev. E. McLeod,	7	5	4	Stephen Carlisle,	0	9	6
" Jacob Gunter,	7	5	4	Mr. Yerxa,	0	5	0
" John Perry,	1	0	0	William Vasey,	0	5	0
" P. Malloch,	2	0	0	Mrs. Logan,	0	5	0
Joel Jenkins,	2	0	0	Dr. Wilson,	0	5	0
Charles H. Peters,	1	0	0	Miss Wilson,	0	2	6
Nathaniel Rideout, Me.,	0	10	0	Solomon Parent,	1	0	0
George Sherwood,	1	0	0	John L. Marsh.,	0	10	0
Minard,	0	5	0	W. Williams,	0	10	0
Rev. D. M. Graham, N.Y.,	0	5	0	J. George,	0	5	0
Fletcher Smith,	0	5	0	Mr. Hall,	1	0	0
Eliza Dobson,	0	2	6	George Knox,	0	5	0
John Loveless,	0	5	0	D. Glazier,	0	5	0
Jacob Gillis,	3	3	0 1/2	Rebecca Glazier,	0	5	0
William Sherwood,	1	0	0	Samuel Nevers,	0	10	0
A Friend,	0	5	0	James Mitchell,	0	5	0
Mrs. Lazarus Colpits,	0	5	0	John Glazier,	1	0	0
A Friend, Studholm,	2	0	0	William Causmen,	0	10	0
Miss Ann King,	0	5	0	J. Snow,	0	10	0
Danl. Kierstead & Wife,	0	2	0	Mrs. James Brown,	0	7	6
Alexander Founds,	0	5	0	Arroostook Collections,	2	1	7
James Boyer,	0	2	6	James Fitzherbert,	1	0	0
Charles McKenzie,	1	0	0	Three Friends,	0	15	0
John Stevens,	0	2	6	D. Watson,	0	5	0
James Vunwart,	0	5	0	Three Friends,	0	15	0
Mrs. Edwin Brown,	0	2	0	Collections at N. S.,	3	14	4 1/2
Geo. McGuire,	0	1	3	Mr. Parker,	0	5	0
Mrs. McGuire,	0	1	0	S. Whitney,	1	0	0
James McGuire,	0	1	0	Mrs. Jane McLeod,	0	3	0 1/2
A Friend, Nashwalk,	0	6	3	Sidney Dibble,	0	3	6
Mrs. Mullin,	0	1	2	S. Sharp,	0	2	6
" Coperthwaite,	0	5	0	Collection at Barrington,	0	0	0
				" Mahanas,	0	15	7 1/2

Friends at Barrington,	1	4	6	Mrs. J. Wilmot,	0	5	10
Amasa Young,	1	4	6	A Lady,	0	5	0
Leonard Gaunce,	0	6	8	Miss Ann Wortman,	0	10	0
Mrs. E. Williams,	0	5	6	Enoch Steves,	0	5	0
William Rupert,	0	5	0	Mrs. Abraham Mitten,	0	5	7½
Brazier Spragg,	0	2	24	Mrs. James Hope,	0	2	6
Seth Chase,	0	3	04	Mrs. Abel Steeves,	0	2	6
D. W. Clark,	1	11	54	Collection at Moncton,	1	9	0
Mrs. Spragg,	0	1	10	Abel Steves,	0	5	0
William Johnston,	0	10	0	Mrs. M. Harris,	0	5	0
A Friend,	0	10	0	Noah Steves & Family,	0	15	3
John Clark,	0	5	0	Asa Filmore & Family,	0	13	3
George Clark,	0	3	04	Samuel Blakeney,	0	10	0
George Maxon,	0	5	0	Mr. Brown,	0	6	3
W. Wallace,	0	14	34	Abel Steves,	0	5	0
Collections at S. Hampton	4	6	84	Collection at 2nd Church,			
David Grant,	1	12	6	Dorchester,	1	1	3
Wm. Fox,	0	15	0	Robt. Dobson & Family,	0	18	14
John Hartley,	0	5	0	Collection at 1st Church,			
Charles Bartlett,	0	7	6	Dorchester,	1	10	3
Miss Miller,	0	1	3	D. Taylor,	0	5	0
A Friend,	0	2	5	Col. at Upper Sussex,	1	5	0
Daniel Carpenter,	1	0	0	Do. at Greenwich,	1	5	6
Daniel Patterson,	0	5	0	Angus McFee,	0	5	0
James Thorne,	0	5	0	Aron Steves,	0	10	0
Collection at Johnston,	1	2	6	Collection North River,	1	3	3
D. Mason,	0	5	0	Silas Lewes & Wife,	0	10	0
A Sister,	0	2	6	John Wheaton,	0	5	0
Collection at Douglas,	1	0	0	Thos. Taylor & Wife,	0	10	0
Isaac Miller,	1	0	0	Samuel Taylor,	0	5	0
Col. at Camel's Settlement,	1	14	3	Mrs. E. O'Neal,	0	5	0
Mr. Inman,	0	15	0	Mrs. C. Neal,	0	5	0
W. Bishop,	0	2	0	William Duncan,	0	2	8½
Thomas Parker,	1	2	6	Reuben Lemon,	0	2	6
S. Sharp,	0	2	6	E. Lemon,	0	2	6
S. Minard,	0	17	6	David Taylor,	0	2	6
Samuel Craft,	0	1	3	Mrs. Taylor,	0	1	3
E. Lawson,	5	4	6	William Wortman,	0	5	0
George McKenzie,	1	0	0	Mary Killam,	0	5	0
Collection at Lincoln,	2	2	24	Clara Taylor,	0	1	3
Samuel Nevers,	0	5	0	Clive Taylor,	0	1	3
Pebecca Glazier,	0	5	0	William Wheaton,	0	5	0
Samuel Howard,	0	5	0	Permeila Wheaton,	0	4	3
Mrs. T. Howard,	0	5	0	Comfort Killam,	0	2	6
Mrs. Mutch,	0	16	4	Ishobed Lewes,	0	2	6
Miss Dow,	0	3	04	Mrs. J. Crawford,	0	5	0
Collection at Lincoln,	2	8	5	Warren Wallace,	0	5	0
A Young Man,	0	1	3	John Good,	2	0	0
Samuel Nevers,	0	5	0	Church at Woodstock,	5	0	0
Charles True,	0	5	0	Church at Jackson,	3	10	0
Samuel Nevers,	0	5	0	Col. at Upper Sussex,	0	9	0
Collection at Gary,	0	16	0	D. Pugsley,	0	5	0

For Paid Agent for Seal of General Conference,	Dr.			
" " Elder J. Noble's Expenses to St. Stephens in			£2	0 0
" " September, 1853,				
" " G. W. Day for printing Minutes,			3	0 0
" " for Model Deed and Forms,			6	0 0
" " Delegates expenses to Nova Scotia,			3	5 4
" " Missionaries,			4	2 7
Elder S. Hartt,		£100	0 0	
" J. Gunter,		100	0 0	
" W. E. Pennington,		87	10 0	
			287	10 0
854.				
uly. By Balance of	Cr.		£305	17 11

1854.					
July.	By Balance of account rendered,	Cr.			£305 17 11
1855.	" Amounts received for Missionary		£33	1	9
	Fund, per preceding lists,				
			272	16	2
R. E.					
	Jacksontown, 10th July, 1855.				£305 17 11
		WM. PETERS, Treasurer.			

NOTE.—The name of E. M. T.

NOTE.—The name of E. M. Truesdale as Assistant Secretary, should have been inserted with the Officers of Conference on the title page. The names of some individuals appear several times with contributions annexed, in the list of contributions to the Missionary Fund; this occurs in consequence of their contributing at different times.

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

CONSTITUTION.

Of the General Conference, and District Meetings, of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, All Christians in their individual capacity have a right to adopt the rules and plans which God has given in his Word, to carry forward the work to which he has called them;—

And Whereas, What they have a right to do, in their *individual* capacity, they have a right to do in their *associated* capacity, and that parties *scripturally* associated are true and proper churches of Jesus Christ;—

And Whereas, Ministers and such other members, as churches properly organized, according to the Gospel, see fit to appoint, have a right to assemble to arrange and carry into effect their work, as Ministers and members of Christ, and such assemblies are **SCRIPTURAL CONFERENCES** :

Therefore, We, the members of the Free Christian Baptist Churches of New Brunswick, in order to **secure** a uniform mode of action, in faith and practice, and to carry out the full labour of the gospel, as also to define the powers and business of General Conferences and District Meetings, as recognized by us, do ordain the following **ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION**.

ARTICLES.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This Association shall be called the General Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick.

Section 2. The General Conference shall be composed of ordained Ministers and Licentiates (being members of Free Christian Baptist Churches) Messengers from District Meetings, and Clerks of the same, the Secretaries and Treasurer of the General Conference, with such other brethren, in good standing with their respective churches, as may be unanimously admitted to be members of Conference by the Conference.

Section 3. The Annual Meeting of the General Conference shall commence on the first Saturday in July of each year, at such place as shall be appointed by the preceding Conference, and shall continue daily until the business of the Session is accomplished.

Section 4. The General Conference shall have a Chairman, to be elected annually; a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and Assistant, and a Treasurer, all of the latter to hold office during the pleasure of Conference.

Section 5. Seven ordained Ministers, and six Messengers from District Meetings, shall constitute a quorum for business. A less number may adjourn.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The business of this Conference shall be—1. To deliberate on all such points of doctrine and practice as the welfare of the churches may require, and give such decision thereon as they believe the Scriptures warrant; 2. To devise any measures, not inconsistent with the Word of God, that they may consider for the general interest and benefit of the denomination.

Section 2. This Conference has no power to form any rule or devise any plan *contrary* to the Bible.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. Each District Meeting shall be composed of all the ordained Ministers and Licentiatees residing, or engaged by any church or churches, to expend labour, within its limits; and such other ordained Ministers as may be appointed to attend by the Chairman of General Conference, and by two Messengers from each church belonging to the district, with a Clerk chosen by the meeting, and such other brethren in good standing with their respective churches as may be unanimously elected members by the meeting.

Section 2. Each District Meeting shall hold its annual session at such time and place as it may itself appoint.

Section 3. The officers of each District Meeting shall be—a Chairman, to be elected annually; a Clerk and a Treasurer, to hold office during the pleasure of the Meeting.

Section 4. Two ordained Ministers, and six Delegates from churches, shall constitute a quorum for business; a less number may adjourn.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. Each District Meeting shall send two Messengers to the General Conference, such Messengers to be chosen by the unanimous voice of the Meeting, and to be furnished with a copy of the record of such vote by the Clerk, and by them handed to the Chairman of General Conference.

Section 2. The Messengers from Churches to District Meetings to be appointed by a vote of not less than two thirds of the male members present, and to be furnished with a copy of the record of their appointment by the Clerk of the Church, and which shall be handed by them to the Moderator of the District Meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. The Clerk of each District Meeting shall furnish the Recording Secretary of the General Conference with a statistical

report of the churches comprising the district, according to the Rules of General Conference and District Meetings annexed.

Section 2. The Clerk, Deacons, or Pastor of each church shall furnish the Clerk of the District Meeting to which it belongs with a statistical report of its members, according to the form referred to in the foregoing section.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. For the safety of the denomination and to secure an efficient Ministry, the right of ordination is vested with the General Conference and District Meetings only.

Section 2. Any person professing to be called of God to the work of the Ministry, and being in good standing with a church, shall receive a license to preach for *one year only* from said church, with the vote of two-thirds of its male members.

Section 3. Such Licentiate shall be examined in the next session of the District Meeting, to which the church giving him license belongs, or in the General Conference, in relation to his call to the ministry, qualifications for the work, soundness of doctrine, &c., and if approved his license shall be confirmed, and be renewed *annually* as long as the District Meeting or General Conference is satisfied with his labour and standing.

Section 4. No brother shall be ordained to the work of the Ministry until he has been licensed and proved two consecutive years as a Licentiate, and not then, unless he "gives himself wholly to the work."

Section 5. Ordination shall not be given to any brother, only on a vote of approval therefor by the General Conference, or the District Meeting by which he has been licensed.

Section 6. Any Minister having received ordination in any other denomination, shall not be received as a member by any church belonging to this Conference until he is first approved by a vote of the General Conference.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. The General Conference shall at each Annual Meeting choose twelve brethren, all being members of Free C. Baptist Churches, who shall be a **BOARD OF MANAGERS**, to whom shall be intrusted the controul and management of the Book Store, and *Religious Intelligence*, and of all other property and business of the General Conference, not entrusted to any other Board, Committee, or Agent, by the Conference; said Board of Managers to hold office during one year, or until others are elected in their place.

Section 2. The **BOARD OF MANAGERS** shall be governed by the Rules for that purpose, annexed to this Constitution.

Section 3. All leases, deeds, conveyances, bonds, contracts, or other written documents, executed under the sanction of the Board of Managers, and having the signature of the **Chairman** of the General Conference, with the seal of the Conference annexed, and the

signature of the Recording Secretary of Conference, shall be considered valid.

Section 4. All notes of hand drawn in the form prescribed in the Rules of this Conference, and signed by the Chairman of the Board of Managers, by the recorded vote of the Board shall be valid.

ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. The General Conference shall appoint annually from among the members of the Free C. Baptist Churches not less than twelve persons, at least four of whom shall be Ministers, and all of whom shall be annual subscribers to the MISSIONARY SOCIETY of the Conference to the amount of one pound, or who have contributed the sum of ten pounds at one time, who shall constitute a MISSIONARY BOARD, and whose duties are prescribed in the Rules of Conference annexed to this Constitution.

Section 2. All persons, being members of F. C. B. Churches and subscribing one pound or upwards annually, or ten pounds at any one time, shall be considered members of the Missionary Board; and all persons subscribing five shillings or upwards, shall be considered members of the Missionary Society.

Section 3. The General Conference shall appoint, at any annual meeting, any other Committee or Committees, Agent or Agencies, to continue during the year, or until dismissed by the Conference, or others are appointed in their stead, to perform any duties or manage any business specially committed to them, in accordance with the Rules annexed to this Constitution.

ARTICLE IX.

Section 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Session of the General Conference by the unanimous vote of the Conference.

RULES

OF

GENERAL CONFERENCE & DISTRICT MEETINGS.

1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to appoint the time of opening and closing of all the Meetings—to preserve order, and to conduct all business before the Conference to a speedy and proper result.

2. The Chairman shall have charge of the meetings for worship during the Session of the Conference, and appoint brethren to preach in them, *if expedient*.

3. The Recording Secretary and Assistant shall keep a true and faithful record of all meetings, and business transacted in them, and furnish a copy of the same for publication, when required.

4. The Treasurer shall receive all money forwarded or paid to him for the General Conference—shall pay to the order of the Conference such sums as may be drawn for, and shall render at each Annual Meeting a just and proper account of all money received and paid—including, from whom received, and to whom paid.

5. All business Meetings shall be opened and closed by prayer.

BUSINESS.

6. On the first day of Conference the Chairman for the preceeding year shall take charge of the Meeting, until another is appointed in his place, and after one meeting for religious services, shall ascertain what members of Conference are present; when the meeting for business shall be considered organized by the appointment of a new Chairman or the re-election of the former one, which shall be by the unanimous vote of the members present.

7. The meeting being organized, the Chairman shall appoint the Business Meetings at such times as he may deem expedient, having proper reference to dispatch.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall read his Report of the state of religion in the Churches, in the first business session. Any verbal report may be given in addition to this by any member of Conference, which may be deemed expedient.

9. After the reading of the Reports, the Chairman shall call on the further business of the Conference in such order as he may deem best.

10. All motions before being put to vote from the Chair shall be committed to writing, and distinctly read before the Conference.

11. No motion shall be considered as carried without a unanimous vote, except in cases where no negative vote is given.

12. The Chairman shall sedulously suppress all levity and everything that might injure the harmony of the Conference, and prevent any member from interruption, while standing and speaking in order on any motion before the meeting.

13. No member shall be allowed to speak to a motion in a sitting posture.

DISTRICT MEETING.

14. The foregoing Rules for the Conference shall govern each District Meeting. Any additional Rule, not effecting these, which any District Meeting may require, it shall have power to make for itself.

15. The Reports of each District Meeting shall be forwarded by the Clerk of each Meeting, as soon after the meeting closes as may be possible, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, who shall arrange and compile from these Reports, and from such other information as he may obtain a true Report of the state of Religion in connection with this Conference, and which shall be read before the General Conference according to Rule 8.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

16. The Board of Managers shall appoint from among their number a Chairman and Secretary. The Chairman to preside in all meetings of the Board; the Secretary to keep a true and faithful record of all meetings, business, &c., of the Board; and render a correct report of the same to each General Conference.

17. The Board of Managers shall hold a regular meeting for business on the first Friday in every third month, notice of which shall be given in the "Religious Intelligencer" three weeks previous; and five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for business—a less number may adjourn.

18. Special Meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the Chairman, by giving two weeks notice in the "Religious Intelligencer."

19. The Board shall have authority to appoint such Agent or Agents for the current year, for the transaction of business under their controul as they think fit, and to pay them a reasonable salary for their services.

20. The following shall be the form of all notes of hand signed by the Chairman of the Board for the General Conference, according to Article VII, Section 4.

£ _____ N. B., _____ 185—
 _____ after date, the Free Christian Baptist General
 Conference of New Brunswick promise to pay to the order of _____
 the sum of _____ value received.

Chairman of Board of Managers.

21. The Board of Managers shall make any additional rule for their own regulation, provided it is not contrary to the Constitution, nor any Rule herein prescribed.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

22. The Missionary Board shall appoint from among their number a Chairman, who shall preside in all the meetings of the Board; a Recording Secretary, who shall keep a true and faithful record of all meetings and business of the Board, and furnish a copy of the same to the General Conference; and a Corresponding Secretary, who

shall correspond with missionaries and churches in behalf of the Board, and who shall furnish a detailed report of the labours of the missionaries employed to the General Conference.

23. The Missionary Board shall hold a meeting for business, once in every three months, at such time and place as the chairman may appoint, when five shall be a quorum for business. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the chairman, at any time and place, by giving two weeks' notice in the "Religious Intelligencer."

24. It shall be the duty of the Board to employ to the extent of their means, missionaries (if they can be obtained) and send them to labour with destitute churches and in destitute districts, where there are no churches—the time and place of their labour always to be determined by the Board.

25. The Missionary Board shall never send a missionary to labour in a church, having an engagement with another for ministerial care, unless the minister so engaged calls for aid in his work, and the missionary shall then only labour during the pleasure of the Pastor.

26. No Missionary shall be dismissed until all arrears due him for labour is paid.

27. The salaries of Missionaries shall be governed by circumstances—in all cases regard shall be had to strict economy.

28. The following rules shall be observed by all missionaries:—

1. They shall visit all the families in their respective fields of labour as far as possible, and make themselves acquainted with their spiritual wants.

2. They shall appoint and hold as many meetings for public worship as may be expedient.

3. When labouring in any church where there is no other minister in charge, they shall exercise disciplinary authority if necessary, set things in order in the church, if ordained administer the Lord's Supper, hold a missionary meeting, and solicit contributions to the Mission Society.

4. They shall report to the Missionary Board in writing, at least once in every two weeks, of the number of meetings attended, and their character—as nearly as possible the result of their labour—how many baptized if any—the religious state of the community where they labour—the amounts received for the Mission Society, and from whom.

5. All money and articles bestowed on a missionary shall be faithfully reported to the Board, and included as subscriptions to the funds of the same.

29. The Board shall make any additional rules for their own government that they may deem expedient and any further rules to be observed by missionaries—provided they are not contrary to the Constitution, or any rule of Conference now existing.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

30. Any Agent or Agencies, Committee or Committees, appointed for any special object or objects, by the General Conference, shall render a written Report of their labour to the Conference.

TREASURER.

31. No Draft for money shall be made on the Treasurer of the Conference by either the Chairman of the Board of Managers, or the Chairman of the Missionary Board, only under a vote of their respective Board—and the Treasurer shall pay all drafts of the Chairman on him (to the extent of funds in hand), he being first advised of the Draft made by the Secretary.

32. Any alteration or addition to these Rules, which may be deemed necessary by the Conference, may be made at any session of the Conference.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been brought as we humbly trust by Divine grace to embrace the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and accept him as our Saviour, and believing that the interest of His Kingdom require our united efforts, we do therefore give ourselves up to Him, and agree with each other, to walk together in him, with brotherly love, seeking our duty to God, to one another, and to the world: and in view of these we adopt the following as our Church Covenant:—

1. That we will exercise a mutual care as members one of another—striving to keep the unity of Spirit in the bonds of peace—to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness, and comfort; and to labour together by prayer, precept, and example, for the salvation of sinners
2. We agree to exert our influence for the constant maintenance of the public and social worship of God, and the ordinances of his house—holding constant communion with each other therein, and we will also contribute of our substance according to our ability and circumstances for the support of a faithful ministry and all other necessary expenses of the church.
3. We who are heads of families will maintain constant prayer in our households; we will also maintain secret prayer, and to the utmost of our ability we will endeavour to train our children and those under us, for usefulness in the world in the service of Christ, and the enjoyment of Heaven.
4. We agree to attend to the utmost of our power the Sabbath, Conference, Prayer, and other meetings of the church. In every Conference meeting we attend, we will report ourselves to the church, and in no meeting will we wilfully grieve the Holy Spirit of God—we will labour for the prosperity of the church, and its up-building in the most holy faith—not forsaking it in adversity, but bear each others burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
5. We will attend to the ordinance of the Lord's Supper as we may have opportunity, or as it may be administered by those over us in the Lord.
6. We will not use intoxicating drinks ourselves, nor allow them to be used in our families, nor furnish them for persons in our employment, except for Medical, Chemical, or Mechanical purposes. We will not buy nor sell these articles, nor give our influence for the traffic in them, only for the purpose above named.
7. We will frequently exhort, and if occasion require, admonish each other according to Matt. 18th, in the spirit of meekness—we will walk circumspectly in the world that we may win souls—we will have a general interest for the cause of God, and will strive to promote those enterprises which have for their object its advancement, among which are Sabbath Schools, Bible Societies, Missions, &c.—We will co-operate with our overseers in the promotion of every good work, and to the utmost of our power seek the eternal well-being of all mankind.
8. We agree to the annexed directory of principles and rules, as guiding to our faith, i.e. doctrine; and our practice, in matters of

church government. And finally, we commit ourselves to God and to the word of his grace, and may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will—building us up also, upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building fitly framed together, shall grow into an holy temple in the Lord, that we may be builded together, for an habitation of God through the Spirit.—Amen.

DIRECTORY.

I.—DENOMINATION.

This Church shall be known as the Free Christian Baptist Church, in connection with the General Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick.

II.—DOCTRINE.

The leading doctrines held by this Church, are those set forth in the Treatise of Faith of Free Christian Baptists of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and which we consider in harmony with God's Word.

III.—CHURCH POLITY.

All the affairs of this Church shall be under the decision of Church Meetings publicly convened. It is amenable to District Meetings, and General Conferences, *not necessarily*, but by its own consent, for the general prosperity of the cause. At all Church Meetings the Pastor shall preside, and in case of not having a Pastor, the Senior Deacon.

IV.—THE OFFICERS.

1. The PASTOR, to be chosen by the Church.
2. The DEACONS, similarly elected.
3. HELPS, to assist the Deacons and Pastor in their duty, who shall be chosen annually.
4. A CLERK, whose duty it is to keep a good and faithful record of the Church.

The Pastor, Deacons, Helps and Clerk, to meet quarterly, or oftener if necessary, to arrange and digest any business to be brought before a Church Meeting, and for other purposes when expedient.]

V.—TERMS OF FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNION.

This Church recognizes only the immersion of *believers* as Christian Baptism, and hence admits only such as are immersed to full fellowship; but admits to communion and equal privilege in worship, any who are in good standing with any other Evangelical Church, and give evidence of spiritual life; and also takes under its care any who desire spiritual instruction, and the benefit of Christian intercourse.

VI.—MODE OF ADMISSION.

Persons desirous of admission to this Church shall give satisfactory evidence to the Church of being born of God.

VII.—CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Cases of discipline after private admonition and counsel by the Pastor or some other officer of the church, shall be brought before the Officers' Meeting, and the parties shall be considered as suspended from church privileges until reclaimed, but sentence of excommunication shall be the act of the Church Meeting only.

VIII.—FUNDS.

Whatever mode for obtaining means to defray the expenditures of the Church, shall be deemed prudent by the Officers of the Church, the members will co-operate in, each contributing as God prospers him.

IX.—READING OF COVENANT.

This Covenant and Directory shall be read at every monthly Conference Meeting, and as much oftener as may be practicable.

X.—FURTHER RULES.

The Church may adopt any rule not contrary to God's Word which may be necessary for its interest, and by which the members agree to be governed.

ELDERS CONFERENCE.

REV. SAMUEL HART, Moderator. REV. E. M'LEOD, Secretary.

PREAMBLE AND RULES.

Whereas we believe the agreement of all associations of men is absolutely necessary in order to their efficiency in whatever work they are engaged; and whereas the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, viewed in its relation to the eternal interest of mankind, is the most important office on earth, hence those engaged in the sacred calling should seek every means for their purity and unity. We, therefore, the Elders and Licentiates of the Free Christian Baptist Conference of New Brunswick do hereby agree to the following Constitution for an Elders Conference among us, having for its object union in matters of doctrine and sentiment, and purity from all bickering, jealousies, or contentions, which might arise among us, and mar our work in the Lord; and also to enable us to aid each other in the removal of all trials which may arise between preachers and churches, as well as to enable us in a judicious manner to exercise proper disciplinary care toward each other in all matters which may require it. And we do solemnly covenant to set before our people an example of truth, in the inviolable fulfilment of the rules of this Conference, to the full extent which God may place in our power.

I. This Conference shall be composed *only* of ordained Elders and Licentiates in full and regular standing with the General Conference of Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, and it shall bear the name of the Elders Conference of Free Christian Baptists.

II. The officers of this Conference shall be a Moderator and Secretary; the former to be appointed annually, and to continue during the year; the latter to continue during the pleasure of the Conference.

III. The duties of the Moderator or shall be to preside in all meetings; to preserve order; and to appoint special meetings when necessary. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a faithful and true record of all meetings, record all reports correspond on matters connected with the Conference, and give notice for meetings by the direction of the Moderator.

IV. This Conference shall convene its annual meeting one day before the meeting of the General Conference, and in the same place, at which meeting, every ordained preacher, and every Licentiate, shall hold himself bound to attend, according to the covenant contained in this Constitution.

V. Ten members beside the Moderator shall be required to constitute an Annual Conference to transact business; a less number may adjourn.

VI. The business of this Conference shall be—

1. To cultivate harmony in doctrine and practice.
2. To remove all matters of trial which may exist among any of its members.
3. To investigate the moral character of its members when it may be necessary.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mr. B. UNDERHILL, *Chairman.*

" WILLIAM PETERS, *Secretary.*

ST. JOHN, August 3, 1855.

At a meeting of the BOARD this day in the Vestry of the Meeting House, Waterloo Street,

Voted, That this Board is satisfied with the statements made of the business of the "Religious Intelligencer" Office, and Book Store, and believe their continuance is for the interests of the cause of religion among us, and in the Province.

Voted, That this Board proceed to raise funds in the most judicious way they can, for extending the business, and to enable them to safely conduct it.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. WAYMAN, *Chairman*,

" E. M'LEOD, *Corresponding and Recording Secretary*,

" J. NOBLE,

Mr. D. W. CLARK.

NOTE.—All Correspondence on matters connected with the BOARD to be directed to the Secretary.