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UPPER ECONOMY,
Saturday Morning, July 14th, 1877.

The N. S. Eastern Association assembled in its Twenty-seventh Annual Session at 10 o'clock, a. m., the Rev. D. A. Steele, Moderator, in the chair.

During the preparation of the list of Delegates by the Secretaries, devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

The Secretary then announced the list of Delegates, as follows:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Onslow West—Rev. S. March, Deacon S. McKinlay, Brethren Daniel Blair, John Dickson, and James Stevens.

River Hebert—Rev. H. Bool.

New Glasgow—Bro. C. H. Martell, (Lic).

Diligent River—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Deacon D. H. Jenks, Bro. F. Bentley.

Advocate Harbor—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Parrsboro'—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Deacons Samuel Spencer and F. L. Jenks, Brethren Byron Newcomb, and E. P. Coldwell, (Lic).

Great Village—Revds. M. P. Freeman, T. B. Layton, Deacons Ezra Layton, Archibald Thompson, L. C. Layton, D. Urquhart.

Upper Londonderry—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Deacon John Carter, Brethren William McCully, David Stevens.

River John—Rev. D. W. Crandall, Deacon Nelson Sutherland.

Tamro—Deacons L. J. Walker, Richard Upham, Brother William Cummings.

Folly Lake—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, Bro. Edward Weatherbe.

Portaupique and Upper Economy—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Deas. Thomas Fulton and John Robinson, Brethren G. A. Fulton, R. Thompson, and Robert C. Fulton.

Talamagouche—Rev. D. W. Crandall.

Onslow East—Rev. S. March, Deacons J. W. Lynds, J. Smith, and Bro. James Clifford.

Glenville and River Philip—Dea. J. W. Johnson.

Lower Steviacke—Brethren R. W. Sibley and C. J. Sibley.

Amherst—Revds. D. A. Steele, G. F. Miles, and Bro. B. L. Douglas.

Williamsdale—Rev. J. Moore, Deacons Joseph Dimock, John Purdy.

Lower Economy—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Deacon Josiah Soley, Brethren David P. Soley, Hibbert Carbert, William Simpson, Chas. W. Soley.

West Brook—Rev. D. McKeen, Brethren James Atkinson, Hance Mills.

Brookfield—Brethren H. B. Shafner, (Lic.), J. W. Stevens.

Indian Harbor—Rev. H. Eagles.

St. Mary's 1st—Rev. H. Eagles.

Goose River—Rev. E. B. Corey.

Maccan—Rev. H. Bool, Deacon Wm. Blenkhorn.

Cow Bay—Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Centreville and Mount Pleasant—Rev. E. B. Corey.

Acadia Mines—J. D. Cook.

N. S. Western Association—Revds. P. R. Foster, G. N. Ballentine, and W. H. Warren.

N. S. Central Association—Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Deacon S. Selden.

N. B. Western Association—Rev. John Coombes.

Invited to a seat—Revds. O. Chute, E. T. Carbonell, I. Wallace, E. Corey, G. Armstrong, Brethren A. Marsh, W. Barss, A. A. Pineo, and W. Goucher.

The ballot having been taken Rev. M. P. Freeman was chosen Moderator for the ensuing year. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. Bool. Bro. Bool was chosen Secretary, and Bro. C. H. Martell, (Lic.), Assistant Secretary. Bro. R. C. Fulton was chosen Treasurer, and Bro. B. L. Douglas, Assistant Treasurer.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

The following Committees were appointed :—

OF NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENT.—Revds. A. E. Ingram, S. March, J. F. Kempton, D. W. Crandall, Deacon Thomas Fulton, Brother D. Davidson.

TO EXAMINE AND READ LETTERS.—Bro. S. Selden, Revds. I. Wallace, G. F. Miles, S. March.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Rev. D. McKeen, Brethren G. W. Davis, R. Upham, J. W. Stevens.

A number of the Letters from the churches were read.

A partial report of Committee on Nomination and Arrangement was received, discussed, and referred back to the Committee.

The reading of Letters was continued, after which the session closed by prayer by Rev. Jos. Kempton.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session commenced at 2.30 by prayer by Rev. I. Wallace.

Reading of the Letters from the churches was continued.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported that they recommend that the church at Williamsdale, recently formed, be received into the Association. The report was adopted.

The letter from the church at Williamsdale was then read, and one of its delegates, Bro. John R. Purdy, received the right hand of fellowship.

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported. After some correction the report was adopted, as follows :—

The Committee on Nomination and Arrangement beg to report; they recommend that the Association meet in the morning session at 10 o'clock, and adjourn at 12.30; that it meet in the afternoon at 2.30, and adjourn at 6 o'clock; that a prayer-meeting be held on Monday morning at 6 o'clock; and that a Temperance Meeting be held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. That the following be the appointments for the Sabbath:—

Baptist Meeting House, Upper Economy—10.30 A. M. Rev. D. A. Steele.
3.00 P. M. Rev. W. B. Boggs.
7.00 P. M. Rev. W. H. Warren.

Baptist Meeting House, Five Islands—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Robbins.
Presbyterian Meeting House, " 4.00 P. M. Rev. H. Bool.

Baptist Meeting House, Lower Economy—3.00 P. M. Rev. J. H. Robbins.

Presbyterian Meeting House, Bass River—3.00 P. M. Rev. D. McKeen.

Central Economy—11.00 A. M. Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D.

7.00 P. M. Rev. G. Armstrong.

Great Village—11 A. M. Rev. H. Eagles.
3 P. M. Rev. P. R. Foster.

Acadia Mines—11 A. M. and 3 P. M. Rev. D. W. Crandall.

DeBert River—11 A. M. Bro. Martell, (Lic).

Union House, Portauipique—11 A. M. Rev. I. Wallace.

And that collections be taken in all the Baptist Meeting Houses in aid of Home Missions.

Your Committee recommend the appointment of the following

COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.—Revds. D. A. Steele, A. W. Sawyer, D. D., D. McKeen, Deas. Thomas Fulton and Richard Upham.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. H. Bool, A. E. Ingram, Brethren Wm. McCally, T. D. Davison, Wm. Cummings, L. J. Walker, Wm. Simpson, and Deacon J. W. Lynds.

MISSIONS.—Revds. W. B. Boggs, W. H. Warren, J. H. Robbins, S. March, G. F. Miles, H. Eagles, Deacon John Smith, and Bro. David Soley.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. W. H. Warren, J. H. Robbins, T. B. Layton, Brethren E. P. Coldwell, J. B. Woodland, H. B. Shafner, (Lics.), and Daniel Blair.

TEMPERANCE.—Bro. J. B. Woodland, (Lic.), Revds. G. F. Miles, John Coombs, Deacons — Blenkhorn, Josiah Soley, A. A. Pineo, John Robinson, and Bro. Hance Mills.

Your Committee further recommend that Rev. J. F. Kempton preach the next Associational Sermon; that Rev. D. W. Crandall be his alternate; that Rev. A. E. Ingram prepare the Circular Letter; and that the Association accept the invitation of the Baptist Church at Amherst to hold its next annual session with them.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to examine Circular Letter:—Dea. S. Selden, Rev. I. Wallace.

Pending the report on Education it was moved as follows:

Resolved, That our Educational Institutions demand the sympathies and increased material support of this body, and further

Resolved, That this Association heartily approve of the action of these Provinces, at its last session, as to the raising of \$100,000 additional endowment of Acadia College, and hereby pledge itself to do its utmost to carry forward this important undertaking to a successful consummation.

The resolution was spoken to by Revds. Dr. Sawyer and I. Wallace.

It was resolved that Rev. J. Kempton secure leave of absence to conduct the funeral of Bro. V. Davison.

Discussion on Education was continued by Rev. G. F. Miles, Bro. W. Cummings, Revds. D. A. Steele, and D. McKeen.

Rev. George Armstrong was invited to a seat with the Association. He continued the discussion on Education, and was followed by Bro. A. A. Pineo, Dea. Davidson, and Rev. W. H. Warren.

Letter from church at Folly Lake was read.

Resolved, That all Committees meet at this house Monday morning
at 8.30.

Resolved, That a Temperance Meeting be held on Tuesday evening.
Closed with prayer by Rev. D. McKeen.

MONDAY MORNING, July 16th.

The Association Sermon was preached by Rev. S. March from Jude i. 3.

After the Sermon the session opened with prayer by Rev. Samuel Thompson.

Rev E. C. Corey and Bro. Walter Barss were invited to seats.

Committee on Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be read.

The Letter was read by the writer, Rev. H. Bool. Upon motion it was agreed that the Letter be published with the Minutes, and that the Editor be requested to publish it in the *Christian Messenger*.

Reading Letters from churches was resumed.

It was moved and agreed that the excellent Sermon preached by Rev. S. March be published in the *Christian Messenger* and *Christian Visitor*.

The Treasurer of the Association presented the report of the Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Fund, and the report of Bro. T. M. King, trustee of the Pictou Meeting House. Both these reports were adopted.

Infirm Ministers' Fund in account with B. Douglas, Treasurer.

1876.	Dr.	
Nov. 15.—To cash to Father Richardson.....		\$35 00
" " Thomas Layton.....		10 00
		\$45 00
1876.	Cr.	
July 1.—By balance in Treasurer's hands.....		\$237 25
Aug. 2.—" cash from Job Seaman.....		37 66
1877.		
Jan. 10.—" " Wm. Faulkner.....		40 00
July 1.—" balance of interest.....		15 47
		\$325 32
		Balance in Treasurer's hands.....
Amherst, July 1st, 1877.		\$280 32

ANTIGONISH, July 7th, 1877.

The Eastern Baptist Association in account with T. M. King, (Trustee Pictou Meeting House Fund).

1876.	Dr.	
Sept. 28.—To paid H. R. Narroway, per order.....		\$32 00
1877.		
July 7.—Interest to date.....		1 47
		\$33 47
1876.	Cr.	
July 7.—By amount rendered.....		\$511 96
1877.		
July 7.—" one year's interest.....		30 71
		542 67
		Balance due the Association.....
		\$509 20

Resolved, That the following brethren constitute the Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund for the ensuing year:—Rev. G. F. Miles, Breth. Wm. Read, B. L. Douglas, Revds. D. A. Steele, J. E. Goucher, D. McKeen, and S. March.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with other Committees from Associations in these Provinces, to meet at Wolfville in August next, to consider a plan by which provision may be made for the support of Aged and Infirm Ministers, and the widows and orphans of ministers.

Resolved, That the following brethren constitute the Committee:—Rev. D. A. Steele, Brethren William Faulkner and L. J. Walker.

Resolved, That 1250 copies of the Minutes of this Association be printed for the use of the churches at the same rate as last year, and that 50 copies be reserved for use of the Association next year.

Moved that Revds. D. A. Steele and A. E. Ingram be requested to revise the List of Ministers of the Association.

The Secretaries of the Association were requested to prepare an Abstract of Letters from the churches, to be published with the Minutes.

It was agreed that the following brethren be our delegates to the P. E. Island Association :—C. H. Martell, (Lie.), Revds. J. E. Goucher, A. E. Ingram, M. P. Freeman, and Bro. H. B. Shafner.

Moved that Brethren J. B. Woodland, Thos. Cook, Jos. Soley, H. Mills, and A. J. Walker be our delegates to the Convention.

A letter was read from Bro. W. Faulkner, containing directions for free returns for our delegates on I. C. Railway.

Session adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster.

MONDAY—Afternoon Session.

Opened with singing and prayer, after which the Chairman of Committee on Education presented their report. Moved that it be received for discussion.

The following brethren gave interesting addresses :—Revds. Dr. Sawyer, M. P. Freeman, I. Wallace, and Bro. Thompson. The report was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read by the Chairman. It was moved that the report be adopted, and it was spoken to by the following brethren : W. Cummings, S. Selden, Rev. S. Thompson, Bro. G. Davidson, Revds. Henry Eagles, and A. E. Ingram. The report was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The report on Missions was read by the Chairman of the Committee. It was moved that the report be adopted. Deacon W. Blenkhorn spoke on the subject, after which it was moved that the report be taken up clause by clause.

The Committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported as follows :—

Your Committee on Nomination and Arrangement beg to recommend that a public Missionary Meeting be held this evening at 7.30, and that the following brethren be the speakers : On Foreign Missions—Revds. W. B. Boggs, G. Armstrong, S. March ; Home Missions—Revds. W. H. Warren, J. H. Robbins, I. Wallace, H. B. Shafner ; French Missions—Revds. O. Chute, P. R. Foster ; and that the speakers be limited to ten minutes each.

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the report on Missions lie on the table pending the public Missionary Meeting of this evening.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Coombs.

MONDAY—Evening Session.

Commenced with prayer by Rev. W. B. Boggs.

The remaining clauses of the report on Missions were passed.

Interesting addresses were delivered on Foreign Missions by Revds. W. B. Boggs, G. Armstrong, S. March.

Bro. Boggs having referred in his address to the great need of a chapel for the use of the mission in the Jeypore district which could be obtained for fifty dollars, a collection was immediately taken amounting to \$27.50.

The subject of Home Missions was discussed by Revds. I. Wallace, J. H. Robbins, W. H. Warren.

Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. T. B. Layton.

TUESDAY MORNING, July 17th.

After prayer by Bro. H. B. Shafner it was

Resolved, That the case of the churches at Mabou, C. B., Merigomish, and Sandy Point be referred to the Home Mission Board; and that we ask them to look into the state of these churches, and report to the Association next year; and also that the Secretary be requested to write to the Board.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider whether modifications in the order of our business at the Associations can advantageously be made.

The following brethren were appointed for this purpose:—
Revds. M. P. Freeman, S. March, D. A. Steele.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Association be requested to hand over the monies to the respective Treasurers, as directed in the Letters from the churches.

Subject of French Missions, laid over from last evening, was taken up in an address by Rev. O. Chute, followed by Rev. P. R. Foster.

The report on Missions was adopted as a whole. (See App. C.)

The report on Denominational Literature was presented and adopted by the body. (See Appendix D.)

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the good people of Portauquique and Economy for their generous hospitality extended to the delegates of the Association.

Resolved further, That the thanks of the Association be offered to the managers of the railway for the kindness extended to the delegates of this Association in reducing the fare.

Report on Temperance was received and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

The Treasurer presented his report.

Resolved, That the following brethren be our delegates to the Western Association: Revds. S. March, M. P. Freeman, and S. Thompson; to the Central Association— Revds. H. Bool, A. E. Ingram, J. E. Goucher.

Voted, That we adjourn to meet with the church at Amherst, the second Saturday in July, 1878.

M. P. FREEMAN, *Moderator*.

H. BOOL, *Secretary*.

C. H. MARTELL, *Assistant Secretary*.

Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Eastern Association, held in Upper Economy, July, 1877.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement.	CHURCH, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Present Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	
1 Amherst	1810	D. A. Steele		H. McCully, Amherst	20	2	1	5		1	312
2 Amherst Shore	1843			C. D. Rockwell, Amherst Shore	4	1	2	1		1	35
3 Advocate Harbor	1840	J. F. Kempton		A. McEllan, Advocate Harbor	31	5		2		1	104
4 Antigonish	1823			J. A. Walker, Antigonish							78
5 Acadia Mines	1876			W. R. Slade, Acadia Mines	2	2					19
6 Barneys River											14
7 Brookfield	1842	H. B. Shafter, (Lic)		Wm. Carter, Brookfield	4	3				4	78
8 Cape Canso	1862	W. H. Robinson, (Lic)		Thomas Cool, Cape Canso, Guysboro' Co.			1	1			135
9 Cantonsville and Mount Pleasant*	1870	E. B. Corey		John Bigelow, Cantonsville							86
10 Coddle Harbor**	1870			R. Rice, Cow Bay, C. B.	2						29
11 Cow Bay, C. B.	1876	W. H. Robinson, (Lic)		Elias Hensley, Crow Harbor							61
12 Crow Harbor	1857	J. F. Kempton		D. H. Jents			1	1		1	48
13 Diligent River	1857	F. F. Ingram		D. P. Soley, Lower Economy	36	5	2	1			61
14 Fire Islands and Lower Economy	1828	A. E. Ingram									93
15 Folly Lake*	1856			John McCormack	14			7			16
16 Glenville and River Philip	1847	E. B. Corey		John Hunter, Goose River	9			1			45
17 Goose River	1847	E. B. Corey		Charles D. Nichols, Goshen, Guysboro' Co.				2			91
18 Goshen	1862	J. B. McQuillin		C. Huntington, Grand Mira							49
19 Grand Mira	1838			Amos Fountain, Grand Village	2	5		5		1	21
20 Great Village	1836	M. P. Freeman		Samuel Webb, Greenville	2	2		4		2	143
21 Greenville	1863	J. J. Armstrong		H. Cunningham, Guysboro'			1	1			68
22 Guysboro' and Manchester	1847	A. W. Bars		Peter Point, Jr.							179
23 Hawkesbury	1876			Wm. Holmes, Homeville, C. B.							35
24 Homeville, C. B.	1846	H. Eagles		James M. Connell, Indian Harbor	4			1			49
25 Indian Harbor	1840	J. B. McQuillin		A. McMillan							109
26 Isaac's Harbor											184
27 Little Glace Bay*											14

28 Little River*	1832	R. N. Sibley, Lower Stewiacke.	2	5	2	112
29 Lower Stewiacke		Amos Atkinson.		1		82
30 Mabou, C. B***	1844 H. Boal	A. J. Spencer, Mira Gut.				24
31 Macdonald	1838	Daniel Frailes, New Aman.	3			72
32 Margaret*	1849	A. G. Musgrave, North Sydney	1			48
33 Mira Bay	1825 J. R. McDonald	H. Fullerton.		3	3	50
34 Merigomish***	1876 C. H. Marvell, (Lie)	Edward Douglas, Truro		2		20
35 New Arman.	1809 S. March	C. M. Dickson, Central Onslow	1			22
36 New Harbor**	1809 S. March	James R. Reid, Oxford		1	2	49
37 North Sydney	1876	E. Spencer, Parrsboro' Village.	7	2		24
38 New Glasgow	1859 J. F. Kempton	Thomas D. Davidson.	1	3		82
39 Onslow East.	1842 A. E. Ingram	R. Allen, River John.				101
40 Onslow West	1848 D. W. Crandall.	John Barnes	2	6	2	42
41 Oxford	1873 H. Boal	Angus McGregor	1	1		43
42 Parrsboro'	D. McLeod.	Zebah Howitt, Sherbrooke.				123
43 Pictou**	1840 E. Eagles	John A. Kirk, Cross Roads, St. Mary's.				27
44 Portauquique and Upper Economy	1840 W. B. Boggs	C. R. King	1			27
45 Pugwash	1848 D. W. Crandall	George Slade	11	1		12
46 River John	1822	T. Bowden				22
47 River Hebert.	1838 J. E. Goucher	W. Archibald, Box 165, Truro.	28	3		60
48 St. Ann's	1851 M. P. Freeman	Richard McCully, DeBert Station	28	1	1	64
49 Sandy Point****	1838	Wm. Smith.				99
50 St. Mary's 1st		Stephen Roscoe.				22
51 St. Mary's 2nd		1877 J. Moore				53
52 Sydney						37
53 South Bar, C. B**						208
54 Tanningouche						102
55 Tracadie						21
56 Truro						18
57 Upper Londonderry						41
58 Upper Stewiacke**						13
59 Wentworth.						99
60 West Bay, C. B*						74
61 West Brook						
62 Westchester*						
63 Wallace*						
64 Williamsdale						
	1877 J. Moore					
			228	49	10	122
						19
						42
						4525

* No letter for 1 year. ** No letter for 2 years. *** No letter for 3 years.

Ministers in the N. S. Eastern Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. J. Armstrong.....	Great Village.....	1874	Greenville.
" A. W. Barss.....	Guysborough.....	1855	Lunenburg.
" Henry Bool.....	River Hebert.....	1869	Coatbridge, Scot., G.B.
" E. B. Corey.....	Oxford.....	1868	Point DeBute, N. B.
" D. W. Crandal.....	River John.....	1864	Carriock, Ont.
" Obed Chute.....	Upper Stewiacke.....	1850	Wentworth.
" E. T. Carbonnel.....	Margaree.....	1876	River John.
" Henry Eagles.....	St. Mary's.....	1842	Kempt, Hants Co.
" M. P. Freeman.....	Great Village.....	1863	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" J. E. Goucher.....	Truro.....	1859	Gagetown, N. B.
" A. E. Ingram.....	Upper Economy.....	1874	N. W. Lunenburg.
" T. B. Layton.....	Great Village.....	1872	Musquash, N. B.
" Stephen March.....	Central Onslow.....	1856	St. Francis, N. B.
" David McKeen.....	Athol.....	1854	River Hebert.
" J. B. McDonald, M. D.....	North Sydney.....	1870	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" Daniel McLeod.....	St. Ann's, C. B.....	1873	North Sydney.
" J. B. McQuillin.....	Antigonish.....	1870	Hawkesbury.
" James Meadows.....	St. Andrew's.....	1868	Jeddore.
" G. F. Miles.....	Amherst.....	1846	Newcastle, N. B.
" J. A. Moore.....	Williamsdale.....	1857	Port George, Ann. Co.
" W. C. Rideout.....	Mira.....	1849	N. S.
" George Richardson.....	Sydney.....	1822	Hammond's Plains.
" D. A. Steele.....	Amherst.....	1865	Wolfville.
" Samuel Thompson.....	Little River, Cum'd...	1852	Westbrook.

LICENTIATES.

J. Chipman Archibald, Upper Stewiacke.
 Charles Martell, Mira Bay, C. B.
 James Morrison, Onslow West.
 Edward Grant, North Sydney.
 Caleb Huntingdon, Grand Mira, C. B.
 William McKenzie, West Bay, C. B.
 Edward Munro, Pugwash.
 S. McC. Black, A. B., Amherst.
 J. B. Woodland, Oxford.
 H. B. Shafner, Brookfield.

Circular Letter.

OUR CHILDREN FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

It is with feelings of devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we address you on the present occasion. Notwithstanding the imperfections of our services, we have been spared another year to assemble at our Associational Meeting.

Relying upon your candour and good will, we offer a word of exhortation touching the training of the rising generation, in the anticipation that, by the blessing of God, they may become members of our churches. With some of us it seems but a short time since, with child-like curiosity, we heard our parents and their friends discussing the affairs of the church with which they were connected. Now, by the grace of God, we ourselves have been called to enjoy the privilege of church membership; but time will soon transfer us to the church triumphant, and our places here on earth will be occupied by the children of the present day. It is the devout wish of every christian parent to remain this side the river of death until he has welcomed every member of his family to the fellowship of the church; and we all most earnestly pray that when we rest from our labours we may leave behind us those who will walk more closely to Jesus, and bring more honour to his name than we have done.

It has often been said that "the Sabbath School is a nursery to the church," and teachers cannot too earnestly ponder the truth contained in the illustration. Many zealous christians owe much of their power of usefulness to the training of the Sunday School; but the advantages of the christian parent far transcend those of the Sabbath School teacher. This will appear if we consider the adaptation of domestic discipline to serve the interests of the Church of God.

As Baptists we cannot believe that the circumstance of a child's birth into a christian family at all entitles him to church membership; but we may hope that, by a proper use of the means of instruction which God has placed in our hands, in dependence upon the work of the Holy Spirit, our children, even in early life, may become in the true sense of the words members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven. It will, therefore, be our wisdom to train them so that they may become honourable and useful christians, as well as valuable members of society.

The early buds of the infant mind, under the influence of the smiles of the parent, soon unfold into the sweet blossom of *love*. Love in every child, if it were not blighted by evil influences, would lead to a fruitful life; and, by the generating power of the Spirit of God, enable him to enjoy companionship with Christ in the service and interests of His church. Let us bear in mind that the Divine Spirit works by instrumentality. While pious parents are developing the affection of their children, and directing it to proper objects of esteem, they may be training those young hearts for the exercise of that love which is so indispensable in the christian character. Love is the sum of the divine attributes, for "God is love," and perfect love lifts man into companionship with his Maker. Love is the substance of the joys of heaven; and all the heaven experienced here on earth may be expressed in this one word, *love*; but, when love is absent, there can be nothing but unhappiness, especially among professors of religion. It is to be feared that our churches are more deficient in this matter than in any other. The adversary has not altogether quenched the sparks; and in some hearts the sacred flame burns purely; but, after all, there is a sad lack of the disposition to love one another fervently and constantly. A happier state of things will hereafter be enjoyed if those who have the care of the rising generation, in dependence upon the Holy Spirit, do all they can to cultivate a disposition of heart necessary to exert this heavenly influence. If you would have your children useful and happy, O think much of the power that throbs in their young hearts. Help them to control it and direct it, first to every member of the family, then, expanding according to its nature, let their love embrace your relatives, your country, and mankind of every clime. In dependence upon the promises of God's Word, the help of His Spirit, and His converting grace, bring up your children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Sow the seeds of Divine Truth in their hearts, then train their minds in the love of the Bible, the Sabbath, the sanctuary, God's servants, and all his people.

Many other of the qualifications of christian fellowship may be impressed upon the minds of children. We have given more prominence to love, because it actuates all the rest.

When Jesus gave the invitation to sinners to come to him for rest he said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me." This implies that christianity consists very much in *subjection* to Christ. The prophet Jeremiah began his religious career when very young, and, after a long life of hard service amid much suffering, he leaves us the testimony that it "is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." Christian parents have great power to bring their children under subjection; and this work is as necessary as it is difficult. Ever since Adam broke loose from the easy restraint of the first command, man has inherited the disposition to do as he likes at all consequences, and in spite of every law, human or divine. This disposition, growing up with an individual, will disturb the

peace of all by whom he is surrounded; and it will be most destructive to his own happiness and comfort, inasmuch as there are a thousand influences at work, many of which will crush the spirit which has not learned submission. All parents are responsible for the exercise of the power which God has given them to control their children; and while they are faithfully discharging this obligation in the fear of God, and in hope of His mercy, they may be forming an inclination of mind which will render it delightful to submit to the ordinances and requirements of the church of Christ. Submission to proper authority may go hand in hand with true manliness, in the family, in the church, and in the world at large.

Here we come to another essential of the christian character, *manliness*; reminding us of the admonition of the great Apostle, "Stand fast in the faith; quit ye like men, be strong." We are all acquainted with the interest the parent takes in the infant, when, for the first time, it is able to stand alone. There is a far more important period than this. It is when the young man can stand alone in his own moral strength, through the training he has received and the grace of God. We can conceive no higher ambition in a parent than to send young men and women into the world who can thus stand alone. The future prosperity of our Baptist churches will depend instrumentally upon our having men and women who can stand firmly in the faith and order of our common cause. Where all alike have a voice and a vote in all matters of decision we must have men who can do right and fear not, and who value their conscience above rubies. Where so much depends on individual effort we need men who can labour, though none applaud, and proceed in their christian course, though all the world oppose. Thank God, we have many such in our churches to-day; and by their example and efforts to train the young to exercise the same noble qualities our churches will grow stronger and stronger.

The limits of this letter will permit us to direct attention only to one other matter in connection with our subject. Let this be *christian service*. We cannot begin too soon to impress upon the minds of the young that it is their duty to do something for God. Under the direction of the christian parent a child soon catches the idea that he can do something, he soon finds something to do, and takes great pleasure in doing it. It is true that this activity has sometimes disappointed the highest expectation; but, frequently, as in the case of Samuel, it has led to a useful life. In the various engagements and enterprises of religion there will be found much to be done suiting the capacity of children. Both their activity and their benevolence may be kept in exercise until the Holy Spirit supplies the motive and the power of a useful christian life.

In conclusion, we do not lose sight of the fact that our children must be converted by Divine grace before they can serve God aright, or become members of our churches. On the other hand we must be careful that we do not abuse this truth by neglecting our

duty as though God wrought without instrumentality. Habits may be formed, principles may be implanted, and seeds of truth sown in the minds of children before they experience a change of heart. We cannot tell how soon God may own and bless our efforts by the work of conversion; but, if the change does not take place until adult age, the convert who has received a christian training becomes a tower of strength to the church with which he becomes connected.

Regarding the principles which underlie our system we cannot but think that the denomination to which we belong should exert an immense influence against error, infidelity, and all the evil which surrounds us on every side, Doubtless our power is great, but let us not be satisfied. There is a loud call for renewed and strenuous efforts on the part of every one of us to do all we can for the present and future welfare of our churches, that like an army compact and well disciplined, and moving at the command of the Captain of our Salvation, we may become mighty through God to the pulling down the strongholds of sin.

APPENDIX.

(A)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee believe that no other body of christians should be more interested in education than Baptists. Our principles demand intelligence in the people, and the experience of the past clearly shows that our success is closely connected with earnest efforts to promote intellectual advancement. We have gratifying evidence that the interest in this subject is extending, and that our people are coming to see more clearly their responsibilities, and to feel as they ought in view of such obligations. But much remains yet to be done before all can be brought to acknowledge their duty. The present condition of our country, and the necessity of now laying a firm foundation for the institutions of learning that are to mould the character of coming generations, demand that we should be prompt and energetic in doing our part in providing the best possible educational advantages for our youth.

It gives us pleasure to report that our College and Academy are in a prosperous condition. The attendance is large, the facilities found in them for obtaining a good education are improving, and they are more and more commending themselves to the sympathies of our people.

But they are not yet in condition to meet all the demands made upon them. The Governors of the College are appealing to the churches for an Additional Endowment for its proper support. The need is great. The time for action is short. Let all our people take hold of this work with willing hearts, and give according to their ability, and every reasonable want of the College and Academy will be supplied, and they will easily be brought to a much higher degree of efficiency and usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SAWYER, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report that, in many places, our Schools are conducted with great efficiency. The talent, the piety of the churches are engaged; punctuality and perseverance characterize the labours of many of our beloved brethren and sisters; and a large measure of the divine blessing attends their labours. On the other hand your Committee deeply deplore that

in some districts the instruction of the young is sadly neglected. Children, without christian parents, are left to grow to adult age without a knowledge of those truths which alone are needful to save the soul and reform the life. By means of a Sabbath School, under the blessing of God, these precious souls may be plucked from the paths of the destroyer, directed into ways of righteousness and peace, trained for service here and glory hereafter.

The value of the soul, its lost state, the provision of mercy in the death of Christ, the interests of our churches and the general welfare of the community together, call for renewed and earnest effort in behalf of the rising generation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BOOL, *Chairman.*

(C)

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee regard with much pleasure the present hopeful condition of our *Home Missionary* affairs. The pleasing announcement is made by the Secretary of the Board that the burdensome debt which retarded the work of our Union is now entirely liquidated. Whilst this cheering fact should greatly encourage our brethren in sustaining the interests of Home Missions, it should not be regarded as furnishing any reason for diminishing our contributions for the future. The work accomplished during the past year has been very satisfactory. Eighteen missionaries have been under engagement; upwards of one hundred baptisms have been recorded; and more than \$5000 have been expended through this agency.

The Home Mission Board has, in the opinion of your Committee, given deserved attention and made satisfactory expenditures in connection with the missionary fields embraced within the precincts of the Eastern Association. This must be obvious from the fact that during the past four years more than \$2000 have been expended on these fields in excess of the amount contributed by our churches within the same period.

The *French Mission* still demands our hearty sympathy and liberal assistance. The mission is one of difficulty, but many trophies of grace have already been secured on this field. Bro. Normond reports upwards of seventy conversions since his entrance upon the work of that mission. These successes in the past encourage us to hope for still more glorious results in the future.

Your Committee regard the work of *missions to the heathen* as one of immeasurable importance and greatness. It is evident, both from His commands and predictions, that the Lord Jesus Christ intended His church to be aggressive in the highest degree, by

promulgating His saving truth throughout the whole inhabited earth. He will not be satisfied with a portion of the world, nor will He share the allegiance and worship of men with false gods. Christianity, the only true religion, the only one which can bless and save the ruined race, is to be triumphant, universal, and final. Here, then, we have a powerful incentive to permanent and ever-increasing zeal in the propagation of the gospel among the heathen.

With regard to our own mission, the latest reports represent matters in a satisfactory and hopeful condition. There are some circumstances which are of a specially gratifying and encouraging nature, the first of which is the restoration of Bro. Churchill's health. He was compelled by a dangerous disease to leave the country for a time, but, through the mercy of God, he has been able to return, and is now reported as fully restored. All the rest of the missionaries are in good health, and are diligently prosecuting the work for which they were sent forth.

Another fact of no ordinary importance is the baptism of several converts and the founding of a christian church in the territory of Jeypore, a remote but populous region whose pagan darkness was unbroken until recently, when one of the natives, baptized at Vizianagram in 1875, began there to preach the gospel of Christ. Thus a light has been kindled in that dark place, which we trust will increase in brightness until multitudes are guided by it into the way of life. This is the third church organized by our brethren.

It is two years since our missionaries landed in India, and they are now beginning to use the Telugu language in public religious exercises.

In spite of various discouragements they have succeeded in establishing several schools, the latest of which is a girls' school at Bimlipatam under the care of Mrs. Sanford. These will, in all probability, become more firmly established, and e'er long bear good fruit.

Your Committee are much gratified by the commendable zeal and growing interest manifested by our sisters of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies. The organization of such auxiliaries in all the churches is very desirable.

In conclusion, we would urgently press upon the churches of this Association the importance of zealous devotion to this blessed work. Deep sympathy, fervent, faithful prayer, and liberal, systematic contributions are demanded of us by the strongest obligations.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. B. Boggs, *Chairman.*

(D)

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Your Committee are pleased to observe that there is a growing sentiment in favor of supplying our Sunday Schools and people generally with a literature which does not avoid setting forth clearly and distinctly, when necessary, the precious doctrines of the gospel as held by us as a denomination.

The time has fully come when a Book Room, managed by the Baptists of these Provinces, should be established. We have gained nothing by our repeated delays in this matter. On the contrary, we have lost much by delegating to societies belonging to other persuasions a work which is vitally connected with the doctrinal instruction and spiritual welfare of our youth.

Our Home Missionary Board have done a good work in furnishing books, pamphlets, and tracts for the use of our schools and churches. Upwards of \$3,600.00 worth of wholesome literature has, through this agency, been circulated through this Province during the past four years.

Your Committee strongly recommend that this Association express its approval of the action of the Convention at its last annual meeting, held at Sackville, looking to the early establishment of a Baptist Book Room.

Submitted,

W. H. WARREN, *Chairman.*

(E)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit their report as follows :—

We recognize in the evil of drunkenness a prolific source of domestic and social unhappiness, of sorrow and of crime, and a very great hindrance to the successful prosecution of gospel work and the salvation of souls. We believe that the appetite for strong drink is a stumbling-block whereby some of our weaker brothers have erred and fallen, and thereby brought reproach on the church of God.

We would, therefore, commend the temperance movement of to-day, and the societies which have for their object the suppression of the liquor traffic to the sympathy and support of our churches and church members generally. While we believe that the church itself is a proper place for the cultivation of every christian grace, and every movement which tends to the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom ; we thankfully recognize the fact that much good has been done, and may yet be done, by temperance organizations.

We would also recommend to our churches that, whenever it may be at all practicable, the use of the fermented wines of commerce at the communion table be discontinued, and the pure juice of the vine substituted therefor, as more strictly in accordance with the teachings of Scripture and the spirit which dictated the command to shun the very appearance of evil.

In view of the wide-spread evil of intemperance, this Association hereby expresses its opinion that the passage by our Dominion Legislature of an Act prohibiting the importation and sale of intoxicating liquors in this country, would be just to the people over whose interests they are called upon to watch, and righteous in its efforts to promote the common good.

Having known something of the Dominion Alliance, which has for its ultimate object the enactment of such a law, we would recommend it to the sympathy and co-operation of christian people and temperance workers.

J. B. WOODLAND, *Chairman.*

Sabbath School Statistics.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	No. of church mem- bers in B. C.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.	
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Average attendance.	Male.	Female.					Total.
1 Acadia Mines.....	W. R. Slade.....	60	80	140	75	12	6	18	30	25	160	\$ 11 80
2 Advocate Harbor.....	Archibald McNeil.....	134	134	268	176	9	11	20	25	25	557	195 00
3 Amherst, (3 schools).....	T. R. Black, J. M. Layton, and J. F. Layton.....	13	9	22	34	36	1	3	9	13	250	15 00
4 Antigonish.....	T. M. King.....	22	32	54	36	30	3	3	9	20	125	5 50
5 Brookfield.....	William Carter.....	18	39	57	30	30	5	5	5	5		
6 Cape Canso.....	W. H. Robinson.....	14	18	32	28	30	3	3	3	5		
7 Centreville and Mount Pleasant.....	Thomas McCormick.....	35	29	64	50	50	3	3	3	13	50	
8 Cow Bay.....	R. D. Rice.....	10	12	22	18	20	2	2	4	6	100	21 00
9 Diligent River.....	D. H. Jenks.....	12	14	26	20	20	2	2	4	8	150	
10 Folly Lake.....	J. W. Irving.....	30	30	60	50	50	6	6	12	12	150	
11 Goose River.....	Amos Hunter.....	8	7	15	8	10	1	2	3	15		
12 Goshen.....	J. B. Sutherland.....	12	18	30	30	30	1	4	5	13		
13 Great Village.....	Israel Layton.....	39	32	71	42	42	3	3	6	21		
14 Greenville.....	Simon P. Webb.....											

15 Guysboro' and Manchester..... J. M. Cunningham and James Hull..... 60
 16 Hampshire..... Edward McKean.....
 17 Haverhill.....

13 Great Village.....	Simon P. Webb	5	17	92	18	1	2	3	4	50
14 Greenville.....		19	22	33	20	2	3	4	5	65
15 Guysboro' and Manchester	J. M. Cunningham and James Hull	10	23	34	21	3	4	5	6	70
16 Hampshire.....	Edward McKen	18	16	94	15	2	3	4	5	100
17 Hawkesbury.....	E. C. Grant	23	37	60		3	4	5	6	3 00
18 Homeville.....	A. H. Holmes	50	44	94		3	4	5	6	100
19 Indian Harbor.....	W. S. Sutherland and G. Flick	19	17	36	32	3	4	5	6	80
20 Isaac's Harbor.....	J. L. Clifton	16	21	37	17	2	3	4	5	9 00
21 Lower Economy.....	William Simpson	30	35	60		3	4	5	6	10 00
22 Lower Stewiacke.....	E. F. Sibley	18	16	94	15	2	3	4	5	75
23 Melrose.....	Edward McKen	26	23	49	42	3	4	5	6	100
24 New Glasgow.....	William F. Linton	10	8	18	18	2	3	4	5	130
25 North Sydney.....	N. H. Dobson	16	20	36	30	3	4	5	6	100
26 Onslow East.....	Charles Douglas	32	22	54	40	3	4	5	6	24 00
27 Onslow West, (2 schools)	Central Onslow—S. McKinlay	14	19	33	25	3	4	5	6	100
28 Oxford.....	Hemlock Grove—J. P. Johnson	15	20	35	30	2	3	4	5	120
29 Parrsboro'.....	J. E. Reid	18	25	43	20	5	6	7	8	100
30 Portauquois.....	Thos. J. Seaman	100	147	247	141	11	12	13	14	2312
31 River Hebert.....	George Davidson	13	17	30	24	2	3	4	5	254
32 St. Mary's.....	Rev. H. Bool	9	11	20	16	2	3	4	5	336
33 Takamagouchie.....	Z. H. Hewitt	18	25	43	20	5	6	7	8	218
34 Tracadie.....	James Patriquin	100	147	247	141	11	12	13	14	2312
35 Truro, (2 schools)	Charles Parris	13	17	30	24	2	3	4	5	254
36 Upper Londonderry	William Cummings	9	11	20	16	2	3	4	5	336
37	William McCully, 4th	18	25	43	20	5	6	7	8	218
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	"	13	17	30	24	2	3	4	5	254
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**Treasurer's Account of Moneys for Benevolent Objects
received at the Nova Scotia Eastern Association,
held at Upper Economy, July, 1877.**

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Mission.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Infirmary Ministers.	Total.
1 Truro.....	\$91 50				\$14 00		\$105 50
2 Mira Bay.....	5 00						5 00
3 Homeville.....	5 19	\$2 00			1 00	\$1 00	9 19
4 Williamsdale and Millville.....	2 25	2 00					4 25
5 Amherst Shore.....	2 50	5 60					8 10
6 Brookfield.....	4 75	8 85			0 25	3 25	17 10
7 Cow Bay.....	4 50	4 50					9 00
8 West Brook.....	6 00	5 00	\$1 00				12 00
9 Guysborough.....						4 00	4 00
10 Tatamagouche.....	1 00						1 00
11 New Annan.....	1 00	1 00					2 00
12 Diligent River.....	1 00						1 00
13 Melrose, St. Mary's.....	7 34	3 66					11 00
14 Upper Londonderry.....		10 00	7 80				17 80
15 Greenville.....	6 08						6 08
16 Parrsboro.....	10 00	4 77	1 00				15 77
17 Advocate Harbour.....	10 00	10 91					20 91
18 River John.....	5 20	2 58					7 55
19 Goshen.....			5 00				5 00
20 Onslow East.....	8 00	3 00	1 50		2 50	2 05	13 05
21 River Hebert.....	11 52	5 25	2 00			1 75	20 52
22 Amherst.....	50 00	30 00	10 00	\$5 00	25 00	8 00	128 00
23 Oxford.....	4 25						4 25
24 River Philip.....	1 00						1 00
25 Lower Economy and Five Islands.....	6 00	3 15		0 75	5 18	0 50	15 58
26 Portauptique.....	19 19	11 97			4 00		35 16
27 Wentworth.....	2 00	2 00					4 00
28 Great Village.....		19 50	10 60				30 10
29 Macan.....	5 00	5 00			5 00		15 00
30 Port Hawkesbury.....	2 00	1 00	2 00				5 00
31 Goose River.....	10 00	2 00			1 00		13 00
32 Acadian Mines.....	7 30						7 30
33 Centreville and Mt. Pleasant.....	12 00	4 00			2 00		18 00
34 Onslow West.....	6 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	1 27	20 27
35 St. Mary's.....	6 00	6 00					12 00
36 Indian Harbour.....	5 85	5 00					10 85
37 Sydney.....	5 00				5 00		10 00
38 S. S. Mission Band, Gt. Village.....		11 28					11 28
Isaac Blair.....	5 00						5 00
Collections at the Association.....	25 00						25 00
West Bay.....	2 25				8 66		8 66
Isaac's Harbor.....							
Minutes and other expenses.....	\$351 62	\$175 99	\$42 90	\$6 75	\$77 50	\$21 82	\$676 07
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	\$300 06	\$168 49	\$40 40	\$5 75	\$78 50	\$18 82	\$610 11

Abstract of the Letters from the Churches to the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association.

Acadia Mines.—[No Pastor.] We have good congregations, and still maintain our weekly cottage prayer-meetings. The blessed Master often verifies his promise to us. Two baptized.

Advocate Harbor.—Pastor, Rev. J. F. Kempton. The past year has been one of prosperity. The Lord has heard the prayers and blessed the labours of our pastor, Rev. J. F. Kempton. Our meetings are well attended, and the interest seems to be increasing. Thirty-four added; i. e., thirty-one by baptism, and three by letter.

Amherst.—Pastor, Rev. D. A. Steele. Our church has been decidedly successful during the past year. Thirty-nine have been added to the church, all young people, giving hope that they will be "living epistles." These have regularly been instructed according to the divine command, "Teaching them to observe all things." We have succeeded in discharging the debt on our meeting-house, and are constrained to thank God and take courage. We would urge on our sister churches to prosecute the Sabbath School work.

Amherst Shore.—We have been without stated preaching. Have had occasional visits from Revds. D. W. Crandall and E. B. Corey. Prayer and conference meetings are kept up, hoping that the Lord will revive his work.

Antigonish.—[No pastor.] Have enjoyed a measure of prosperity during the past year. Several have found the Saviour.

Brookfield.—Bro. H. B. Shafer, (Lic.). Our brother has been labouring faithfully the larger portion of his time with us. Both people and pastor are encouraged. Four prayer-meetings and our conference meetings are well attended.

Cape Canso.—Bro. W. H. Robinson, (Lic.), has supplied during the year. The gospel has been faithfully preached, but no marked manifestation of divine favor. The week of prayer was observed, and special meetings continued some weeks with encouraging indications. Public means of grace well sustained. Bro. Robinson is soon to leave us for Newton, and we will, therefore, need a pastor shortly.

Centreville and Mount Pleasant.—Pastor, Rev. E. B. Corey. We have not been favored with any remarkable outpouring of the Spirit, yet we have enjoyed some sweet seasons of refreshing in our conference and other meetings. Our regular sabbath services, our conference and prayer meetings are fairly attended, with an encouraging degree of interest.

Cow Bay.—Pastor, Rev. W. B. Boggs. Our pastor has been labouring with us in connection with the Sydney church, and his work has been owned and blessed. As a church we have been stimulated and encouraged, and although we are now without a pastor, still we are determined to hold fast.

Crow Harbour.—Bro. W. H. Robinson, (Lic.), supplying. Lively interest exhibited by most of the members in prayer, social, and preaching services. Trying to pay off debt on meeting-house, hence no funds sent.

Diligent River.—Pastor, Rev. J. F. Kempton. God, in his providence, has sent us a pastor, Rev. J. F. Kempton, who is labouring with us one-fourth of his time. Good attention has been paid to the preaching, and we hope that ere long God will revive his cause here as elsewhere. Brethren, pray for us.

Folly Lake.—Pastor, Rev. J. J. Armstrong. Our pastor labours with good acceptance. Prayer-meetings are interesting and profitable. We have a good Sabbath School. Brethren, pray for us.

Glenville and River Philip. [No pastor.] We write under discouraging circumstances, having dismissed a large number to form the church at Williamsdale. We have no pastor, but are praying that the Lord may send one after his own heart. We keep up our conference meetings.

Goose River.—Pastor, Rev. E. B. Corey; late pastor, Rev. D. W. Crandall. Rev. E. B. Corey succeeded in October last. Series of meetings held by him in April last accompanied with God's rich blessing. Nine were baptized. Good interest manifested in the public means of grace.

Goshen.—Pastor, Rev. J. B. McQuillin. Church and social meetings are sustained with some interest. Our pastor is with us every fourth Sabbath. Our Sabbath School is still working.

Grand Mira.—[No Pastor.] We are weak and few in number. Rev. W. C. Rideout visited us twice, and baptized two. We endeavour to keep up our Sabbath meetings. Brethren, pray for us.

Great Village.—Pastor, Rev. M. P. Freeman. We have stated preaching of the word. The conference and prayer-meetings have been regularly sustained. Several of our young people are seeking the Saviour, some of whom we hope soon to welcome into the church. The Sabbath School, under Deacon Ezra Layton, is doing good work. Our pastor holds monthly missionary meetings. We have a Mission Band in connection with our Sabbath School, also we have a Female Missionary Aid Society.

Greenville.—[No Pastor.] Our beloved pastor, Rev. J. J. Armstrong, has resigned his pastoral charge. We have a Sabbath School in good working order. Our prayer and conference meetings are well attended; but our church is moving forward under a dark cloud.

Guysborough and Manchester.—Pastor, Rev. A. W. Barss. We have nothing special to report. Our pastor has been sowing the good seed of the kingdom in expectation of the harvest. The field is still missionary ground, and we expect it will be so for some time to come.

Hawkesbury.—Bro. E. C. Grant, (Lic.), supplying. No special statement to lay before the Association. Matters move on as in previous years. One baptized.

Homeville.—Rev. W. C. Rideout, Missionary. Bro. Rideout preaches here part of his time. We keep up our Sabbath meetings and weekly prayer-meeting. Pray for us, that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God, our Saviour.

Indian Harbour.—Pastor, Rev. H. Eagles. We have cause to bless God for his mercies, though we have nothing cheering to communicate. Yet we are comforted to hear of the prosperity of Zion. Our prayer and conference meetings are attended with blessing, and our Sabbath Schools are well sustained.

Isaac's Harbor.—Pastor, Rev. J. B. McQuillin. Three of our number have been called away by death; but we still acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father.

Lower Economy and Five Islands.—Pastor, Rev. A. E. Ingram. We have to record the goodness and mercy of a covenant-keeping God who has visited us in love and quickened us together, and greatly gladdened our hearts in seeing numbers added to our little Zion. Since our last Association thirty-six have been baptized, and five received by letter. To God be all the praise.

Lower Stewiack.—[No Pastor.] Bro. H. B. Shaffner, (Lic.), has frequently preached to us, and Rev. J. Meadows has done accordingly during the past year. A new meeting house has recently been opened, and we much need the services of a pastor. We trust the Great Head of the Church will bless you and the church with whom you meet.

Maccan.—Pastor, Rev. H. Bool. We have to mourn the low state of our Zion, have not a proper sense of one individual responsibility. Brethren, pray that a time of refreshing may come to us.

Melrose, St. Mary's.—Pastor, Rev. J. B. McQuillin. It is well with us, we enjoy the faithful ministrations of our pastor every third Sabbath. Our prayer-meetings have been kept up and a great interest manifested among the young. Our Sabbath School is prosperous.

Mira Bay.—Bro. Rideout visited us last Winter, and his labors were enjoyed by us. He has again returned to labor with us for a season, and we hope for a blessing upon his labors. We hope the Home Missionary Board will remember us.

New Annan.—Bro. W. P. Anderson preached for us last winter and we were greatly strengthened. Two have been baptized. We hope soon to have Bro. Crandall settled over us as a pastor, and that God's blessing may descend upon us as a church.

New Glasgow.—Absence of the pastor on tours of collection for new meeting-house is much felt. The Sabbath School is increasing in number, and also the number in attendance at preaching services. Prayer-meetings are interesting—we have the presence of the Master. Bro. C. H. Martell, (Lic.,) has a three months mission to this place.

North Sydney.—Pastor, Rev. J. B. McDonald. During the past year we have opened a large and commodious place of worship in the town of North Sydney. Our congregations are steadily increasing. The prospects is encouraging.

Onslow East.—Pastor, Rev. S. March. We are still enjoying the ministrations of the gospel at the hands of Rev. S. March, whose efficient labor has been blessed to the saving of some and to the strengthening and encouragement of many more. Our prayer and conference meetings are sustained.

Onslow West.—Pastor, Rev. S. March. We are still enjoying the faithful labors of the Rev. Stephen March one-half of his time. His labors are highly appreciated among us, we hope he may be long spared to us. Although we have had no additions by baptism, yet we trust that the seed already sown will bring forth fruit as we hear of some enquiring the way to Zion. We have two Sabbath Schools in operation.

Oxford.—Pastor, Rev. Samuel Thompson. We have enjoyed the pastoral labors of that faithful and devoted servant of the Master, Rev. S. Thompson through the year that is past. We are now without a pastor. During the year seven have been baptized.

Parrsborough.—Pastor, Rev. J. F. Kempton. The labors of our pastor are highly appreciated by the church and congregation. A few have been added to our membership, and several others hopefully converted. We have purchased and partly paid for a mission house.

Poutaupique.—Pastor, Rev. A. E. Ingram. We hail with pleasure the coming of the Association, and welcome our beloved brethren to our homes. Our prayer is that the spirit of God may be with them, and that the church in this place may be revived. We desire to feel thankful to God for his goodness to us; and for the love and union that prevail amongst us.

River Hebert.—Pastor, Rev. H. Bool. The gospel has been faithfully preached to us by our respected pastor. Our conference meetings have been regular, and we have a good Sabbath School; but we have to mourn the low state of our church.

River John.—Pastor, Rev. D. W. Crandall. We have had no stated pastor for part of the year, but have endeavoured to keep up our prayer-meetings twice on Sabbath, and once in the week. We, in union with other churches have secured the services of Bro. Crandall, and are endeavouring to finish our meeting house.

St. Anns.—Pastor, Rev. D. McLeod. Thankful to God for the generous care of the Missionary Board for our interests. We have more friendship here from the community at large than ever before. The commandments of men are less valued, and the bible more diligently studied.

St. Mary's 1st.—Pastor, Rev. H. Eagles. We have great cause for thankfulness to Almighty God for his goodness in the past. Our beloved brother, Elder H. Eagles is still with us as our pastor and his labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

Tatamagouche.—Pastor, Rev. D. W. Crandall. We have enjoyed a glorious visitation from the Lord. Sinners have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. Eleven have been recently baptized. We are poor, and few in number, but we have undertaken great things for God. We have commenced a meeting-house in one of our outstations, and have bought a Parsonage costing about \$900.

Tracadie.—We have had no preaching since Bro. Bigelow left us. Are in a low state. Our deacon is striving to keep the church together. We have a Sabbath School with forty-nine scholars.

Truro.—Pastor, Rev. J. E. Goucher. Our hearts respond to the language of the Prophet, "The Lord is good." A number of honored brethren have died during the year, among whom we mention the name of our senior deacon, Bro. David Page. Nearly every month of the year is signalled by one or more coming out from the world to join our ranks. The greatest harmony prevails, and the outlook for the future was never brighter.

Upper Londonderry.—Pastor, Rev. M. P. Freeman. The Lord has turned the captivity of His people. In February last special services were commenced which continued until May. A goodly number have been hopefully converted to God. Have two weekly prayer-meetings and two Sabbath Schools. New meeting-house opened at Masstown in May. Several valued members died during the year who are greatly missed. Twenty-eight baptized.

Wentworth.—We must acknowledge that we have been neglectful of our duty, and have not come up to that which is required of every believer.

West Brook.—Pastor, Rev. D. McKeen. Glad to hear of the prosperity of other churches, though not blessed so largely ourselves with heavenly influences. Hope yet to see the drooping cause revived. One baptized. Our beloved pastor, Rev. D. McKeen, still labours among us with acceptance. We hope he may long be spared to unfurl the banner of the cross.

Williamsdale.—[New church.] Pastor, Rev. J. A. Moore. Having been organized into a separate church we seek admission into this Association. The church has been revived and sinners have obtained mercy. Thirteen have been baptized.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. Eastern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association; and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council; none but delegates being entitled to vote, and such only as represent churches being eligible to office, or to vote for officers.

ART 2nd.—Each church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the moneys contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending any Letter, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes, unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be handed to the clerk, who shall retire and make out a list of the delegates—the Moderator meanwhile shall conduct devotional exercises.

2nd.—From the list so prepared the Moderator shall be chosen by ballot—no brother shall be chosen two years in succession.

3rd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

4th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

5th.—When any Church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last before the final adjournment.

7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered by the Association.

8th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

9th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

10th.—The Committee of Arrangement shall, in addition to the provision for the "order of business," provide also for the discussion of the more prominent topics, Education and Missions, by appointing one or more persons to speak upon them. Said Committee shall further recommend the place for the succeeding Association, the preacher of the Associational Sermon, and the writer of the Circular Letter.

11th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

12th.—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of each annual session of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

MINUTES

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

PORTAUIQUE MOUNTAIN.

Friday, July 13th, 1877.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union convened in Temperance Hall, Portauisque Mountain, July 13th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents Rev. S. March was called to the chair.

Union opened with prayer by Rev. D. W. Crandall. Secretaries appointed, J. F. Kempton and G. N. Ballentine.

The following list of delegates was then arranged, viz. :—

Amherst—Revds. D. A. Steele, G. F. Miles, Bro. B. L. Douglass.

Parrsboro'—Deacon Samuel Spencer.

Advocate Harbor—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Maccan—Brother W. B. Blenkhorn.

River John—Brethren Nelson Sutherland, Robert Allan.

Onslow West—Rev. S. March, Deacon Samuel McKinlay.

Onslow East—Rev. S. March, Bro. J. W. Lyons.

Lower Economy—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Deacon Josiah Soley.

Upper Economy and Portauisque—Deacons George Davison, J. Carr, and Thomas Fulton.

Great Village—Deacon Ezra Layton, Brother Archibald Thompson.

New Glasgow—C. H. Martell, (Lic).

DeBert River—Brethren Wm. McCully and D. C. Stevens.

Truro—Deacons Lyman Walker and Richard Upham.

Lawrencetown—Rev. G. N. Ballentine.

Halifax 1st—Brother S. Selden.

Brookfield—H. B. Shaffner, (Lic).

Acadian Mines—J. D. Cook.

Little River—F. H. Rushton.

Members present in their own right, viz. :—

Revds. J. F. Kempton, H. Bool, P. R. Foster, J. H. Robbins, D. W. Crandall, Isa. Wallace, W. H. Warren, Samuel Thompson, Henry Eagles.

Invited to a seat :—

Deacon A. A. Pineo, Bro. Wm. Cummings, Rev. John Coombs, Bro. D. L. McCurdy.

Voted to close this session at 5 o'clock, P. M., and the evening session to open at 7 P. M.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Union be printed with the Minutes of each of the Associations.

Upon motion, Rev. W. H. Warren, Corresponding Secretary, *pro. tem.*, read the report of the Executive Board, with that of the Treasurer.

Resolved to consider the Report clause by clause.

The Chairman called upon Rev. I. Wallace to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the success attending the efforts and labors of the Union the past year.

Clause by clause of the Report was then taken up; spoken to by several of the brethren, and four clauses were adopted, when the Union adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster.

FRIDAY—Evening Session.

Session opened by singing

"Majestic sweetness sits enthroned,
Upon the Saviour's brow,"

and prayer by Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Report was again taken up, the clauses referring to the French Mission and Book Concern receiving special prominence.

On motion the Report was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

Moved by Dr. Sawyer, seconded and adopted, that:—

Whereas, It appears that the Board have not had any correspondence with the Governors of Acadia College concerning the relation of this Union to the Theological Department of the College, though the last clause of the third paragraph of the Report of the last year, as appears on the 35th page of the Minutes, required such correspondence;

Resolved,—That the Board be instructed to open correspondence with the Governors of the College on the subject referred to, with a view to bringing it to a termination that shall be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

It was voted that the Board be located for the ensuing year at Yarmouth.

It was voted that G. E. Day, A. C. Robbins, A. Cohoon, J. C. Anderson, W. A. C. Randall, E. M. Keirstead, W. R. Doty, P. D. Kinney, W. H. Warren, J. A. Stubbart, J. Rowe, Joshua Huestis, J. W. Weeks be the members of the Board for the ensuing year.

Also voted that the Board be empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year.

It was agreed that we proceed to elect the

OFFICERS.

President—Hon. Dr. Parker.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. J. E. Goucher, for Eastern Association.
 Bro. S. Selden, Central "
 Rev. W. G. Parker, Western "
 " D. McDonald, P. E. Island "

Secretaries—Brethren Ballentine and Kempton.

Directors—A. P. Shand, Revds. S. B. Kempton, E. M. Saunders, J. W. Manning, J. C. Bleakney, D. W. C. Dimock, S. B. Kempton, and Deacon J. W. Barss, Central Association; Revds. E. Whitman, G. O. Gates, G. D. Cox, J. W. Bancroft, J. M. Parker, C. Tupper, D. D., John Clark, and Bro. B. H. Parker, for Western Association; Brethren T. M. King, N. Dobson, Moses Lowe, W. Cummings, J. R. Read, Amos Atkinson, A. W. McDonald, and Rev. D. McKeen, for Eastern Association; and Geo. McNeil, J. C. Colhoun, Jas. DesBrisay, George Davies, Alex. Scott, Artemas Hooper, Malcom Ross, and Ebenezer Lidstone, for Prince Edward Island.

Auditor—D. R. Eaton.

Moved by Rev. I. Wallace and seconded by Rev. G. N. Ballantine :—

Whereas, There appears to be much difficulty to secure a sufficiently large or general representation of the churches at the annual meetings of this body;

And whereas, It seems highly desirable that the denomination throughout these Maritime Provinces become more intimately acquainted with its Home Missionary operations;

And whereas, The New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society at its recent annual meeting, expressed itself favorably with regard to reporting its work to the General Convention of these Provinces;

Therefore resolved, That this Union hereby express its opinion favorably as to the desirableness and practicability of holding its annual meetings in connexion with said Convention, and of having its work reviewed by and incorporated with that body.

Voted thanks to the Board for service, and to the people of the community for their kind efforts to accommodate this Union.

Adjourned to meet with the Central Association at Canard next year.

J. F. KEMPTON,

G. N. BALLENTINE,

} *Secretaries.*

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

In presenting their fifth Annual Report the Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union desire to make grateful mention of the manifold blessings which an indulgent Father has been pleased to bestow upon our efforts during the past year. It has been a year of comparative prosperity. Difficulties have been overcome, burdens have been removed and an amount of work performed altogether beyond our anticipation. Having entered upon the duties of the year with a heavy debt resting upon our exchequer, we have had occasion for increasing gratitude in witnessing from month to month the gradual diminution of our liabilities, whilst at the same time a fair degree of progress has been made in our missionary operations.

THE LINE OF POLICY PURSUED.

It was deemed expedient by your Board, in entering upon the responsibilities of the year, not only to adopt the most economical methods of carrying on the work in which we were engaged, but also to pursue the policy of retrenchment so far at least as to ensure the liquidation of all our debts before the close of the year. We are happy to state that this purpose has been well-nigh effected. In pursuing this line of policy however we have necessarily restricted our efforts in evangelization to such a degree that the work performed and the consequent results are small when compared with those of former years. It is by no means a difficult matter so to manage the business of our Board as to be able to report a satisfactory balance in hand. That can be done simply by neglecting helpless fields, turning a deaf ear to the urgent appeals for aid which come to us almost every week, and permitting immortal souls to perish without making any other attempt to secure their salvation. But we are not ambitious for the fame of those societies which boast of solvent treasuries and have nothing else to report.

GENERAL AGENCY.

In following out the course suggested by their own convictions and in agreement with your recommendation of last year, your Board endeavoured to secure at the earliest possible date the services of an efficient General Agent. The task was a difficult one; and for several months our efforts were ineffectual. We were pleased to learn in the early part of last December that Rev. J. H. Robbins was willing to undertake this important work.

His circumstances were such, however, that he could not enter upon the duties of the agency until about the beginning of February. This left a very short time in which to visit the churches and perform the vast amount of work which was necessary to be done before the close of the fiscal year. We are nevertheless well assured that during the three months of labor spent by Bro. Robbins in the service of the Board a valuable work was done for Home Missions, the results of which must conduce greatly to the future prosperity of our Union. The financial receipts have not hitherto been large; yet they have much exceeded the expense of the agency whilst the labors of our Agent, considered simply in their missionary character, have been vastly greater and more fruitful in good results than those of almost any other missionary connected with our Board. The methods adopted and the work accomplished by Bro. Robbins will be most intelligently understood by a careful perusal of his own Report:

"I herein forward the first quarter's report of my work as General Agent.

I entered upon the work on Jan. 29, and continued until April 23, when I returned to make arrangements for the removal of my family to Yarmouth. I was at home one day on business of my own. The period of my services has thus been about twelve weeks.

During that time I visited 43 churches, delivered 42 lectures on Home Missions, preached 56 sermons, attended 117 meetings and addressed in all 9393 persons. I travelled 1325 miles, baptized 11 converts, and collected \$314.47.

I started subscriptions or circulated cards to gather funds for the Associations in a number of churches, and urged others to press forward as energetically and promptly as possible. From several churches I did not receive returns where some money had actually been collected.

I have as carefully as possible inquired into the circumstances of every church visited by me in relation to Home Missions, in order to ascertain their disposition and ability to contribute, or the need in which they stood of assistance. I also sought to ascertain at what season of the year it would be best to visit each place either to gather funds or to do evangelistic work.

It has been my aim to encourage and help pastors in their work, to increase their interest in Home Missions, and to induce them to visit occasionally destitute fields within their reach.

My constant purpose has been to present the claims of our great work not merely as an appeal from the Board or from man, but as a demand from the Lord to aid in carrying out the lost command, and as an imperative duty resting upon every Christian. Each church is accustomed to say, "We are poor;" but I ask every member of each church to give something, and I endeavour to persuade them to give on principle and intelligently. There is reason to hope that some converts have been gained.

Among other things I have suggested improved systems of raising funds and have introduced these systems in several churches. A good general method is to name an amount such as might reasonably be expected to be raised by a given church, and then show with what ease the money can be obtained on the principle of each member contributing a small sum weekly or monthly.

My strong conviction after three months experience is that an energetic man should be kept constantly employed as a missionary explorer, inspector and reporter, going to the destitute fields and thence to the stronger churches to stir them up with facts such as only a missionary can full understand and describe. I see opportunities for doing much in the way of securing and arranging voluntary missionary work on the part of pastors, and I have already several such projects in view."

It is thus seen that the labors of our Agent are not to be measured, in estimating their utility, by the immediate pecuniary results that have been secured. He has done valuable work as a missionary. He has, after careful personal inspection, given judicious advice to our Board in reference to the allocation of fields, and the appointment of missionaries; and he has been by no means unsuccessful in raising funds. We strongly advise the Board who shall succeed us to continue his services.

MISSIONARY WORK UNDERTAKEN.

As already intimated, your Board have made comparatively few missionary appointments during the year. Earnest and urgent appeals for assistance came to us from many destitute places. A large number of applications for appointments were made by worthy missionaries, both young and old. Every legitimate effort was made to introduce unemployed ministers to unoccupied fields; simply by recommendation, but beyond this it was deemed inexpedient to venture until our treasury should assume a more hopeful appearance. It was thought advisable to disburse the limited funds at our disposal in the form of small subsidies to such missionary churches and stations as we have had reason to fear might be abandoned unless aided by our treasury. Towards the close of the year, however, when our financial prospects seemed to brighten in some degree, we felt constrained to yield to the pressing appeal of several neglected stations, and to send missionaries to labor therein for a few months. Ignoring sectional distinctions, your Board have endeavored to secure missionary laborers for such fields as appeared to be most in need of assistance. Although aware of the general tendency to dissatisfaction in cases where some missionaries are assisted and others refused, we have had no alternative but simply to exercise our best judgement in sending our funds where they seemed to be most imperatively demanded or where the interests of our cause might be best subserved.

Your Board have been particularly careful to secure the permanent occupancy of our fields in Annapolis, Shelburne and New Glasgow,

believing as we do that these places are rapidly becoming important and efficient centres of Baptist influence. A comparatively small subsidy was granted to each of these places ; but it is expected that in the early future they will cease depending upon our Board for aid, and will in their turn become liberal contributors to our funds. At New Glasgow a noble work has been done through the zealous efforts of Rev. David Freeman. A neat and comfortable house of worship has been erected and nearly paid for ; and the interests of our denomination have been greatly promoted during the past year.

On the island of Cape Breton Rev. W. C. Rideout has been laboring successfully at Mira, Homeville and Glace Bay. His efforts have been much appreciated, and some encouraging results have already appeared. Rev. E. T. Carbonel has received aid from our treasury whilst laboring at River John and subsequently at Mabou and Margaree.

On Prince Edward Island a fair amount of missionary work has been done. Rev. F. A. Kidson has labored during the year at Dundas, Lower Grand River and St. Peters Bay. A number have been added to the churches in those places through his instrumentality. Rev. D. H. Simpson has been aided by your Board in his pastoral services in connection with the church at Montague. Rev. W. McGregor spent three months at Alberton, Cape Wolfe and vicinity. The opening fields on this important Island have received the most careful attention of your Board ; and it has been an occasion of regret that notwithstanding all our efforts to secure permanent missionary labor in the western section, little has been actually performed during the year owing to the unwillingness or inability of missionaries to comply with our appointments. Bro. E. H. Sweet, of Acadia College, is at present laboring in that field. We trust his ministrations will be greatly blessed.

THE FRENCH MISSION.

The work of Bro. Normondy differs materially from that of missionaries who labor in other communities, and cannot, therefore, be justly measured by the same standard. The difficulties to be overcome are much more formidable than those of Protestant fields, and the results following are consequently fewer and less apparent. Our missionary has continued laboring, and we have reason to believe that some good has been done. Eight conversions are reported as either directly or indirectly resulting from this mission during the past year. Your Board are not yet fully satisfied, however, with the present state of this mission. Enlargement and improvement in our operations are demanded.

Last autumn it was thought advisable to authorize Bro. Normondy to make some personal effort in the way of collecting funds from our churches. We did not suggest the sending out of circulars appealing for aid ; but perhaps that plan has secured as large returns as could have been obtained in any other way.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

In the opinion of your Board there is as much need of Baptist literature in our Sunday-Schools as there is of Baptist preaching in our churches. There would be as much propriety in securing for our pulpits ministers who systematically avoid any reference to our distinctive doctrines, as there is in obtaining books the teachings of which are guided by that principle. The introduction of such books into our Sunday Schools is a concession to other denominations that is operating disastrously against our own interests.

During the past year your Board have distributed upwards of 1540 volumes of such literature as we could heartily recommend. About 13,800 pages of religious and temperance tracts were also gratuitously circulated. The cost of these books and tracts did not exceed \$600.00; whilst the receipts arising from volumes sold amounted to \$630.00. The balance of books on hand may be estimated at about \$200.00 in value. It gives us much satisfaction to state that during the past four years more than \$3,600.00 worth of wholesome Baptist literature has been spread abroad throughout our land by means of our Book Department. In order to lessen the expense of this department it was thought desirable to dispense with the services of colporteurs. Dr. Day has, without any remuneration, and at the cost of much labor, received the books into his own house, unpacked them, re-packed and forwarded them according to order. This has materially lessened our expenditures; and, as a result, the Book Department is not only wholly self-sustained, but it is of some financial advantage to the Home Mission treasury.

Your Board earnestly recommend the immediate establishment of a Book Room for the benefit of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. It will be for the wisdom of our denomination to decide upon the location of such a Room, and upon the most practicable method of conducting and superintending its business arrangements.

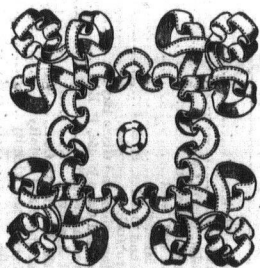
FINANCES.

The present condition of our treasury is very satisfactory. The heavy debt of \$3457.44 which encumbered your Board at the beginning of the year has been gradually paid off; and at this date there are funds in hand not only to entirely liquidate that debt, but also to meet all our liabilities up to the present moment, leaving a considerable balance in our favor. This balance will be largely increased by the contributions from the Eastern and P. E. Island Associations. Your Board is thus in a position to commit to the care of their successors the important interests connected with this enterprise, free from all encumbrances and embarrassments.

The total amount of receipts may, at first sight, seem to compare very unfavorably with that of the preceding year. When it is borne in mind, however, that most of our missionaries have received subsidies during the past year, and that under such

circumstances the donations received by them on their respective fields do not enter into our accounts, it will be at once apparent that the actual work and receipts of the year just closed compare favorably in many respects with those of former years.

The following is a list of the missionaries employed by the Board during the year, and their fields of labor :—



SUMMARY.

It will be seen from the foregoing table that 18 missionaries and agents have been in commission during the year. They have travelled, in all, 18,098 miles; preached 1,665 sermons; attended 1,078 other meetings; made 4,678 family visits; distributed 13,800 pages of tracts; baptized 101 persons; and performed 553½ weeks of labor.

In addition to their regular missionary appointments your Board have, in many instances, introduced pastors to vacant churches, with much satisfaction to all concerned.

In conclusion, it is the sincere prayer of your Board that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon the efforts of our Union in the future as it has done in the past. The outlook is indeed hopeful. Our chief difficulties have already been overcome. It requires only a little energy, wisdom, and liberality in our denomination, with the blessing of Heaven, to secure glorious results in our evangelistic efforts during the current year. Let us labor in a manner worthy of our exalted vocation and privileges, remembering that our Master is Jesus Christ, and our hire immortal souls. "And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Executive Board,

W. H. WARREN,

Corresponding Secretary, pro tem.

Yarmouth, N. S., July 10, 1877.

LIABILITIES.

Rev. M. Normonday*	\$228 71
" T. A. Higgins*	200 00
" D. Freeman*	200 00
" E. B. Corey*	125 00
" T. Trotter, (probably)†	165 00
" D. H. Simpson	50 00
" F. A. Kidson, (probably)	100 00
" E. T. Carbonell*	57 50
" W. P. Anderson	30 00
" C. I. Graves	80 86
" W. C. Rideout	188 09
Total	\$1375 16

ASSETS.

HOME MISSION.

In Treasurer's hands	\$ 8 15
P. E. I. Treasury	184 49
good subs., Yar. Co.	145 00
	\$ 337 64

FRENCH MISSION.

Premises at Saulnierville	\$3000 00
" Tuskot	2000 00
	5000 00

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

Books, etc., in hand	\$200 00
Due from Schools	61 08
	251 08
Total	\$5888 72

* Paid since the end of the financial year.

† Paid \$65.00 since do.

**Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with Pearl
D. Kinney, Treasurer.**

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1876.			\$ 5 70
June 14.	Paid for Stationery, Postage, &c.....		20 00
19.	Paid M. W. Brown for Prof. Welton.....		50 00
20.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....		30 00
	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mahone Bay.....		24 00
21.	Rev. J. Brown, Cow Bay.....		55 25
22.	S. Selden, printing Minutes.....		52 59
	Rev. P. S. McGregor, Cumberland.....		16 00
24.	Rev. W. H. Warren, expenses to Central Association.....		41 50
26.	Fred. D. Crawley, Pleasantville, Lunenburg.....		50 00
	Rev. William Spencer, Alton, Kings Co.....		28 00
July 3.	Rev. Obed Parker, Mountains, Kings Co.....		1 12
6.	Expense collecting Hon. C. E. Bill's legacy.....		178 88
7.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....		77 36
	S. Selden, printing Western Association Minutes.....		100 00
	Rev. D. Freeman, New Glasgow.....		3 00
8.	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mahone Bay.....		65 00
	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....		22 46
13.	J. C. Plumb, New Albany, \$19.50. P. O. orders, postage, &c., \$2.96.....		100 00
14.	Rev. G. W. Thomas, near Canseau.....		100 00
	Rev. J. E. Skinner, Margaree.....		58 75
Aug. 1.	Rev. F. A. Kidson, Dundas, P. E. Island.....	\$34.65	157 64
	Rev. D. McDonald, P. E. I., \$118.89. R. H. Bishop, Hants Co.....		3 50
	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mahone Bay.....		95 78
4.	Charles Norwood, New Ross and Blue Mountain.....		19 50
	Rev. M. W. Brown, P. E. Island.....		67 25
	Rev. F. A. Kidson, Dundas, P. E. Island.....		75 00
10.	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Shelburne.....		29 17
21.	Rev. E. T. Carbonell, River John, Pictou.....		16 86
23.	Rev. D. H. Simpson, P. E. I., \$16.00. P. O. orders, postage, &c., \$0.86.....		30 00
Sept. 1.	C. I. Graves, Guysboro' and Antigonish.....	\$28.00	38 00
	D. W. Crandall, Pugwash, \$10.00. D. H. Simpson, P. E. I., \$28.00.....		10 00
28.	Thomas Trotter, Shelburne.....		10 25
	Copying Press and materials.....		9 27
	Postage, &c., \$4.27. Freight of books, \$5.00.....		301 15
Nov. 1.	Postages, \$1.16. Dec. 7—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis, \$300.00.....		60 00
Dec. 7.	S. Selden for printing.....		75 00
11.	Rev. John Brown, Milton, Queens Co.....		4 46
	Telegrams, &c., \$1.60. Expenses Draft, &c., \$2.86.....		16 00
14.	E. J. Grant, Port Hawkesbury.....		24 75
	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Osborne, \$20.00. S. Selden, printing, \$4.75.....		80 72
	Gardner Tufts, colporteur, \$38.82. D. H. Simpson, P. E. I., \$42.00.....		50 00
	Rev. John Shaw, P. E. Island.....		34 56
	Rev. J. R. Skinner, Mabou, C. B.....		28 44
	Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Maitland, Hants Co.....	\$100	156 00
	G. W. Thomas, Canseau, \$56.00. 15—G. H. Springer, for books, \$150.00.....		190 00
15.	Rev. Dr. McDonald, North Sydney, \$40.00. Rev. D. McLeod, \$150.00.....		80 80
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Jan. 11.	Rev. E. T. Carbonell, River John, Pictou.....		3 72
	P. O. order, postages, &c.....		101 50
19.	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Upper Economy, Colchester Co.....	\$140.66	165 66
	Thos. Trotter, \$25.00. Feb. 5—Geo. H. Springer, books, \$50.60.....		80 60
Feb. 6.	Rev. David Freeman, \$30.00. G. H. Springer, books, \$50.60.....		34 42
21.	Rev. J. Brown, Cow Bay.....		24 00
March 1.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....		100 00
6.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....		35 00
9.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....		76 85
21.	Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. Island.....		18 11
	Rev. F. A. Gordon, July. 1876.....		17 00
	Printing Island Association Minutes.....		100 00
April 6.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....		30 32
May 1.	Rev. D. Freeman, \$30.00; expenses, \$0.32.....		159 47
	Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$168.78; expenses, \$0.69.....		41 17
7.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, \$41.00; expenses, \$0.17.....		48 93
10.	Rev. J. H. Robbins.....	\$100.00	103 85
	Duties, freight, \$3.85. G. H. Springer, books, \$100.00.....		17 35
22.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$10.00. Freight and duty, \$7.35.....		53 86
	Postage, &c., \$3.86. G. H. Springer, books, \$50.00.....		51 62
	Freight, duty, &c., \$1.62. Rev. E. B. Corey, \$50.00.....		2 12
	Freight, duty, &c.....		

31.	G. H. Springer, books, \$106.00.	Freight, duty and expenses, \$2.50...	108 50
	Telegrams, postage, &c., \$1.79.	Rev. Obed Parker, \$95.00.....	96 79
	Rev. W. McGregor, P. E. I., \$50.00.	Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. I., \$100	150 00
	Balance Theological Department account.....		621 66
	Balance in hand.....		04 51

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June 2.	By balance in hand.....	\$	1 53
16.	Received from Truro Church, \$68.00.	19—Dalhousie West Ch., \$4.00	72 00
20.	Books sold, \$14.60	Bal. from Rev. P. A. Shields' collections, \$20 82.	35 42
24.	Interest legacy Hon. C. R. Bill.....		28 00
27.	Western Association, \$567.50.	Books sold, \$56.97.....	624 47
30.	Windsor Church, \$85.54.	Central Association, \$180.00.....	265 54
July 3.	Rev. Obed Parker, donation.....		13 00
	Upper Wilmot Church, \$3.00.	Bridgeton Church, \$1.80.....	4 80
6.	Balance Hon. C. R. Bill's legacy, \$273.43.	Wolfville Church, \$30.00.	303 43
9.	Central Association, balance.....		221 92
14.	Rev. A. H. Lavers, collection at Lapland, Lunenburg.....		1 13
Aug. 1.	P. E. Island Treasury.....		183 04
	Newport Church, per Rev. A. E. Ingram.....		3 00
	Eastern Association, balance.....		254 10
	Rev. F. A. Kidson, collection P. E. Island.....		61 25
17.	Jas. H. Marshall, Hill Grove.....		1 00
7.	Chas. Eaton, Cornwallis, \$5.00.	Hebron Church, Yarmouth, \$16.00	21 00
Dec. 7.	D. H. Simpson, P. E. Island, donation.....		16 00
12.	Debiture Bonds, \$1343.20.	Interest on do., \$43.80.....	1387 00
	Books, \$74.33.	28—"Friend to Missions," \$5.00.....	5 00
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Jan. 8.	"Friend to Missions," Biltown.....		5 00
	Rev. I. J. Skinner, Chester.....		4 00
29.	Rev. J. A. Stevens, Newton Centre.....		0 93
Feb. 2.	J. W. Bars, Wolfville, \$25.00.	J. S. Morse, \$4.00.....	29 00
9.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent.....		25 00
21.	Wolfville Baptist Sabbath School.....		28 00
	Mrs. S. A. Weber, Ship Harbor.....		1 00
	Rev. W. B. Boggs and wife, \$2.00.	23—Lockeport Church, \$100.00.....	102 00
26.	Rev. J. D. Skinner, Newton Centre.....		1 00
Mch. 13.	Miss Mary Harper, \$1.00.	March 7—Rev. J. H. Robbins, agent, \$80.00.	82 00
15.	West Bay Church, C. B.....		51 00
21.	Rev. E. J. Grant, Port Hawkesbury.....		2 57
31.	Berwick Church, \$25.00.	April 2—Wolfville Church, \$3.80.....	1 00
April 2.	Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. Island, collection on field.....		28 80
	P. E. Island Treasury, July.....		50 85
5.	Upper Aylestford Church, \$4.00.	12—Books, \$137.79.....	61 11
May 2.	Great Village Church, \$7.00.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, agent, \$131.93.....	141 79
17.	Books, \$270.76.	22—Beaver River Ch., per Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$18.00	138 93
22.	Lower Granville Church, per Rev. J. H. Robbins.....		288 82
	A. H. Scott, per Rev. J. H. Robbins.....		1 00
	Chebogus Church, per Rev. J. H. Robbins.....		2 00
	Balance from Eastern Association, 1876 account.....		11 50
	Mrs. Sarah Weber, Ship Harbor.....		50 00
31.	Upper Wilmot Church, \$2.25.	P. E. I. Treasury, \$150.53.....	1 00
	First Yarmouth Church, \$132.28.	Milton Church, Yarmouth, \$35.00	152 78
	Temple Church, Yarmouth.....		167 28
			40 00

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June 1. By balance in hand.....\$64 51

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J. C. ANDERSON, }
J. H. HALEY, } Auditors.

Yarmouth, N. S., July 9th, 1877.

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Yarmouth, N. S. July 9th, 1877.

**Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with Pearl
D. Kinney, Treasurer.**

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT.

DR.

Paid travelling Missionaries.....	\$1516 43
Paid stationery missionaries and churches, viz:	
Church at Annapolis and vicinity.....	728 88
" Argyle ".....	165 17
" Shelburne ".....	85 00
" New Glasgow ".....	100 00
Prince Edward Island Mission.....	662 88
Revds. D. Freeman and J. H. Robbins, General Agents.....	278 72
Books.....	572 56
S. Seiden, for printing.....	197 36
Theological department.....	621 66
Stationery, expenses collecting and remitting moneys, &c.....	52 75
Balance in hand.....	64 51

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By balance from last account.....	\$ 1 53
Collected by General Agents.....	305 99
Contributions of various churches sent by travelling missionaries and otherwise	598 69
Prince Edward Island.....	523 38
Individual donations.....	71 93
Books sold.....	554 45
Western Association.....	567 50
Central ".....	401 92
Eastern ".....	304 10
Balance Hon. C. R. Bill's legacy, and interest.....	301 43
Provincial Debentures and interest.....	1387 00
Wolfville Sabbath School.....	28 00

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SUMMARY.

HOME MISSIONS.

Receipts.....	\$5045 92
Expenditures.....	4981 41
Balance in hand.....	\$64 51

FRENCH MISSION.

Receipts.....	\$480 57
Expenditures.....	536 93
Balance due Treasurer.....	\$56
Total receipts.....	\$5526 49
" expenditures.....	5518 34
Balance in hand.....	

Yarmouth, N. S., June 1st, 1877.

PEARL D. KINNEY, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

1. The consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both English and French, would in the estimation of this Convention, tend to the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this Province;—the French Mission to considered a separate Department, and all gifts bequests, &c., made to the French Mission to go to that Department.

2. This Convention shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

3. The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the gospel throughout the Provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and the Island of Newfoundland, the fostering of feeble Churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature.

4. This Union shall be composed of ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their respective churches in the Province, and delegates appointed by the Churches, each Church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates; together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of the Theological Institute, and the Principal of Horton Academy, the same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

5. The officers of the Union shall be a President, who shall be elected annually by ballot; four Vice-Presidents, one from each Association, two Secretaries, and an Auditor, all of whom shall be appointed by open vote.

6. The Union shall annually appoint and locate an Executive Board of thirteen suitable men, seven of whom shall form a quorum; and every Baptist Pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board, and taking part in its deliberations; but not voting; the officers of the Society named above to be ex-officio members of the Board.

7. The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.

8. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union held in each of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations, in turn, to assemble the day previous to the meeting of the Association with which it is held, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

9. This Union shall appoint annually a Board of Directors to consist of eight from each Association composing the Union, whose duty it shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in cases of emergency, and by the written requisition of eight or more of whom, the President shall call a special meeting of the Union.

10. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless by a two-third affirmative vote of the members present at an annual meeting.