

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD AT JEMSEG,
ON
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY,
8th, 9th, and 10th July, 1869.
WITH THE
ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY, UNION,
AND
EDUCATION SOCIETIES.

The next Session will be held at Springfield, commencing July 14, 1870.

Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and all Documents relating to the Eastern N. B. Baptist Association, and Letters of General Correspondence, may be addressed to the Rev. I. E. BULL, Saint John, N. B.

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER
OF THE
EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association, composed only of Ministers and Delegates; who shall be members of the Churches which they represent, shall be styled "The E. N. B. Baptist Association."

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

ARTICLE 3.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate, or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 4.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator, by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance, lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, nominate Committees, and maintain due order among the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the press.

ARTICLE 5.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition^s and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 6.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 7.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 8.—Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 9.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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MINUTES.

The Eastern N. B. Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church in Jemseg, on the 8th of July, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The social conference lasted for two hours, and was deeply interesting. The Rev. W. A. Coleman, Moderator of last year, led the Association in the choice of his successor.

The following officers were appointed:—

- REV. W. A. COREY, *Moderator* ;
- " GEO. SEELY, *Clerk* ;
- " J. M. CURRY, *Asst. Clerk* ;
- DEA. SOLOMON THORN, *Treasurer* ;
- " HENRY TODD, *Asst. Treasurer*.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Coleman.

The following brethren were invited to take seats in the Association:—

Revs. E. C. Cady, Geo. Armstrong, of N. S., C. Goodspeed, W. S. McKenzie, G. M. W. Carey, T. Harley, I. E. Bill, J. E. Hopper, C. Spurden, D. D., Addison Parker, of Mass., J. R. Strang, J. W. Titus, J. H. Tupper, I. E. Bill, jun., J. A. Steadman, Geo. Howard; and Brethren Richard Phillips, Deacon Rideout, of Me., Z. G. Gabel, J. H. Dykeman, C. M. Clinch, J. S. May, W. H. Hall, sen., Bro. Young, John Smith, J. R. Bradbury, D. Flower, George Coy, M. Macdonald, M. D., and Z. R. Currey.

The following Committees were then appointed:—

On Arrangements—Revs. A. B. Macdonald, Geo. W. Springer, W. A. Coleman, and J. L. Shaw; and Deacons B. Titus, Henry Todd, and John Colwell.

To Read Letters—Revs. W. A. Coleman, A. B. Macdonald, E. C. Cady, W. S. McKenzie, and G. M. W. Carey.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

After prayer by Bro. Harley, the following Committees were appointed:—

To Examine Circular Letter—Dr. Spurden and T. Harley.

On Home Missions—W. T. Corey, T. Bleakney, W. C. Davis, W. W. Corey, D. Crandall, Edward Keirstead, J. Gerow, W. H. White, H. Todd and H. A. Charlton.

On Special Business—W. A. Coleman, G. W. Springer, J. H. Tupper, J. C. Bleakney, John Williams, A. B. Macdonald, J. E. Hopper, Thos. Todd, and Thos. Bleakney.

On Religious Periodicals—A. B. Macdonald, D. W. Crandall, W. S. McKenzie, E. M. Sprague, J. H. Dykeman, J. L. Shaw, T. E. McDonald, Elias Kierstead, J. Williams, and Henry Todd.

On Sabbath Schools—Z. G. Gabel, J. Fillamore, W. H. Hall, A. B. Wilson, J. W. Titus, T. Harley, H. Harris, E. B. Corey, W. Jones, John Jones, Jacob Day, D. J. Hatfield, G. C. Dykeman, and Jacob Dykeman.

On Education—W. S. McKenzie, Dr. Spurden, George Armstrong, J. E. Hopper, I. E. Bill, C. Goodspeed, Z. G. Gabel, E. C. Cady, T. Harley, C. F. Clinch, A. Young, J. A. Steadman, G. M. W. Carey, J. R. Strang, W. F. Wetmore, J. S. May, I. E. Bill, jun., W. D. Manzer, N. Cottle, P. O. Reece, J. R. Bradford, Malcom Macdonald, M. D., and W. T. Corey.

On Temperance—Joseph Bleakney, T. Harley, J. W. Titus, J. A. Steadman, W. A. Crandall, James Demill, J. M. Curry, E. B. Corey, W. H. Wortman, G. W. Colwell, J. J. Camp, John Jones, D. W. Crandall, D. Styles, T. Herritt, Oswell Keith, T. Lockey, M. Macdonald, M. D., and John Williams.

On Union Societies—Thos. Bleakney, J. E. Fillamore, D. Flower, E. Keirstead, G. U. Hay, I. E. Bill, John Smith, J. Gerow, D. Bleakney, W. T. Corey, M. Branscomb, John Williams, Daniel Carpenter, Wm. Hay, J. C. Moore, R. Elkin, and G. M. W. Carey.

On Departed Brethren—W. A. Coleman, David Crandall, sen., and H. Harris.

On Finance—C. F. Clinch, A. Young, H. Todd, Solomon Thorn, James Demill, John Smith, and Dea. Rideout.

On Digest of Letters—G. Seely and E. C. Cady.

On Foreign Missions—J. E. Hopper, G. M. W. Carey, I. E. Bill, Dr. Spurden, W. S. McKenzie, T. Harley, J. S. May, W. W. Corey, W. T. Corey, E. C. Cady, R. H. Phillips, Joseph Crandall, J. W. Titus, Thos. Mason, Wheaton Fowler, W. George.

The letters from the Churches were then read.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

The Committee on Arrangements reported as follows, from time to time, and adopted.

Association to meet this Thursday evening at 7 o'clock for business. Preaching at 8 o'clock by Rev. Addison Parker, of Mass.

Prayer meeting each morning, at 6 o'clock.

Friday morning—The Missionary Board to meet at 8 o'clock. Annual sermon at 10 o'clock, by Rev. W. D. Manzer.

The subject of Education be taken up at 2 o'clock, P. M.

That Rev. Wm. George preach, and present the cause of Foreign Missions this evening, at 8 o'clock.

Saturday—Association to convene at 8 o'clock, A. M. Preaching at 9 A. M., by Rev. T. Harley. Convene again at 2 P. M. That Rev. C. Goodspeed preach at 8 P. M.

SABBATH ARRANGEMENTS.

IN THE MEETING HOUSE.

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| 6 o'clock, | Prayer Meeting. |
| 9 | " Sunday School Conference, conducted by Bro. Cady. |
| 10½ | " Preaching by Rev. I. E. Bill. |
| 2 | " Conference on revivals, conducted by Rev. E. C. Cady. |
| 3 | " Preaching by Rev. G. Armstrong. |
| 7½ | " Preaching by Rev. W. A. Corey. |

IN THE HALL.

10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, Preaching by Rev. T. Todd.
 8 " " " Rev. W. A. Coleman.
 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " Rev. T. Bleakney.

NARROWS.

Morning, preaching by Rev. J. Williams.
 Evening, " by Rev. T. Todd.

MILL COVE.

Morning, W. A. J. Bleakney; Evening, W. D. Manzer.

RANGE.

1st Cambridge—Rev. W. T. Corey; Rev. J. H. Tupper.

UPPER GAGETOWN.

Morning—Rev. Wm. George; Evening—Rev. George Howard.

NARROWS.

Free Baptist Church—Bro. D. S. Carpenter.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. David Crandall.

Minutes read and approved.

Resolved—That the next session of this Association be held with the 1st Springfield Church, on the second Thursday in July, 1870; and that the Rev. George Seely preach the introductory sermon, and that Rev. W. T. Corey be his alternate, and that Rev. A. B. Macdonald write the circular letter.

Resolved—That any member of our Association going to the W. N. B. Association, be our delegate to that body.

Resolved—That an address be presented to His Excellency the Honorable Lemuel Allen Wilmot, Lieutenant Governor of this Province; and that the following Committee be appointed to draft said address:—Dr. Spurden, I. E. Bill, W. A. Corey, J. E. Hopper, J. Williams, J. M. Curry, T. Harley, G. M. W. Carey, and W. S. McKenzie.

According to previous arrangements, the Rev. Addison Parker, of Massachusetts, preached from 1 Cor. xv. 58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Spurden.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, 10 o'clock, A. M.

According to previous arrangement, the annual sermon was preached by Bro. W. D. Manzer. Text—John iii. 16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him may not perish, but have everlasting life."

A collection for Home Missions was taken, amounting to \$15.10.

Prayer by Bro. Bill, sen.

Moderator in the Chair.

Resolved—That Minutes be printed according to the means supplied by the Churches; and that each Church receive proportionate to the amount sent.

Short and touching addresses were made by Brethren Harley, Bill and McKenzie, on the importance of Tract distribution, which were heard with the deepest interest, urging upon the meeting the necessity of engaging more freely in this useful work; after which the following Resolution was adopted.

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of the adoption of the N. B. Baptist Tract Society, by this Association. The following brethren compose said Committee:—A. B. Macdonald, H. A. Charlton, Elias Kierstead, J. R. Strang, Malcom Macdonald, M. D., and W. A. Coleman.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Wm. George.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Bro. Joseph Bleakney.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Committee on departed brethren beg leave to report—

That the Rev. and venerable Nathan Cleaveland, of Alma, A. C., is the only one of our ministers who has been called to his eternal rest within the last year. He was born in Wolfville, N. S., in the year 1777, where he professed religion, and where he commenced his public ministry. After visiting several places in the Province, he settled in Anselow: how long he laboured there, or with what degree of success, your Committee is not able to state. Afterward, he removed to Hope-well, N. B., where he laboured in the Gospel for the term of ten years, with a good degree of success, after which time he became somewhat debilitated, and took up his residence in the Parish of Alma, A. C.,

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where he lived until he had numbered ninety-two years, when he fell asleep in Jesus on the 31st day of June last. His piety was deep and abiding. He lived in the affection of his brethren; and the memory of the just is blessed.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. COLEMAN, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Your Committee on Union Societies beg leave to report—

That the Society has increasing claims upon our churches, and upon their individual members, inasmuch as this Union is two-fold, and such a chord is not easily broken.

It unites a variety of objects, and moves them on in harmony and order, leaving no one behind, and pushing the other beyond its proper place; it also unites the hearts of brethren and sisters in working together for the great cause of the Master: and your Committee feel satisfied that, whatever failures we have experienced in the past, it is not at all attributable to the Union Society, but wholly to the neglect in not working it out.

Your Committee would, therefore, heartily recommend this Society to the sympathy of all our churches; and further, that as far as may be possible, every member of our churches be educated to the duty and privilege of giving to some, or all, of the objects; thus we shall prove that Union is strength, as surely as mountains are composed of particles, and seas of drops; and we shall prove how blessed it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. BLEAKNEY, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

On motion, the Association suspended business to give place to the Annual Meeting of the N. B. Baptist Education Society.

[See Appendix, Report on Education.]

Association resumed business.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report—

That they do not deem it necessary in this connection to enter into any detailed account of the internal arrangements and operations of our Educational enterprises, as the Annual Report of your Executive Committee furnishes material of that character, and to that excellent Report we would solicit special attention. The leading and vital question, which for some time has been, and is now more than ever, pressing upon the consideration of our Denomination, is the liquidation of the long-standing debt on our Seminary in Frederickton. Bro. Gabel, the indefatigable President of the N. B. B. E. Society, will bring before you the progress which has been made in procuring contributions for the purpose of removing this serious obstruction to our advancement in the work of Education, and which, indeed, is a standing dishonor to the Denomination.

We earnestly urge that, before this Association brings its Sessions to a close, the question of the debt be forever settled.

W. S. MCKENZIE, *Chairman.*

Resolved—That the Report of the Education Society be printed in the Minutes.

Resolved—That we request the Churches comprising this Association to take an annual collection in aid of the Seminary, on the Sabbath following the 3rd Thursday in February, to be devoted to the assistance of young men studying for the christian ministry.

The Committee on the *Christian Visitor* beg leave to report—

That they regard the *Visitor* as an indispensable agent in the religious and denominational training of every Baptist family in this Province. We believe that no secular paper can be a substitute for the *Visitor*. We are happy in being able to say, that we regard the *Visitor* as substantially improved during the past year. The Supplement we consider a most valuable auxiliary, and hope that it may fulfil its mission of awakening among the churches a healthy interest in Home and Foreign Missions.

Your Committee have had a satisfactory interview with our Editor, and are convinced that if he be honestly paid for his work, so that he may carry out his cherished aims, the paper will become all that we may reasonably expect.

In conclusion—in addition to all other agencies—let us rally around our beloved Editor, and each labour for the *Visitor* as one of his own and dearest interests.

From want of time to discuss this Report, it was laid upon the table for further consideration.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Williams.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Bro. Coleman.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report.

[Report not at hand. If received will appear below].

Discussed by Brethren George, M. Macdonald, A. Parker, and others.

Adopted.

According to arrangement, Rev. Wm. George, our Missionary appointed to Burmah, preached. Text, John xiv. 12, "And greater works than these shall ye do, because I go to my Father." After which a collection was taken up for our Foreign Mission, amounting to \$24.20.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. Cady.

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer by Bro. A. B. Macdonald.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report—

Your Committee, in examining the letters from the Forty-Nine Churches belonging to this Association, that have sent in their letters, find that there are Fifty-One Sabbath Schools, with 271 Teachers, 2,430 Scholars, and 38 Libraries, with 4,791 Volumes. The amount reported in cash from the several Churches, expended during the past year for their Sabbath School Libraries, is \$138.70. The majority of these Schools are reported as being in a flourishing condition; while some few are as yet without Libraries. Only eight of the Churches reported are without Schools.

It is with a great degree of satisfaction and pleasure your Committee note that the number of Schools exceed anything hitherto reported. From the tone of their letters, there appears a good degree of earnestness and vigor that promises a further increase in their every department. Your Committee would urge upon those Churches that have no Schools, the duty they owe to themselves and to the children of their localities, to commence immediately, where it is at all practicable, the formation of such Schools, regarding, as your Committee do, this department of Christian labour as one of the most efficient means of giving to the youth a knowledge of the great principles of our holy religion, and inspiring the young and tender mind with a reverence for God's holy word, and for His sacred day, and preparing them for future usefulness in the Church of God and in the world.

Adopted.

Z. G. GABEL, *Chairman.*

Association suspended business to give place to a meeting of the Home Mission Society.

Home Mission Society in session.

Rev. I. E. Bill in the Chair.

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year; and that W. A. Coleman, D. Crandall, and T. Harley be the Committee.

Treasurer's Report read by the Rev. E. C. Cady.

Committee of Nomination report the following:

[See the list elsewhere.]

Association resumed business.

According to arrangement, Rev. T. Harley preached. Text, John xix. 5, "Behold the man."

Collection for Home Mission, amounting to \$7.43.

Report on the *Christian Visitor* was taken from the table, and spoken to by Dea. Hatfield Dykeman, Thos. Todd,

H. A. Charlton, J. E. Hopper, E. C. Cady, Dr. Spurden,
Thos. Bleakney, W. George, I. E. Bill and J. H. Tupper.

Adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions reported—

That during the past year the Home Missionary work has prospered beyond what we anticipated. Owing to the small amount of funds on hand at our last annual gathering, it was feared that our operations would be very much cramped: but aid came from an unexpected quarter, and perhaps our efforts have been as successful as in the year previous, but have fallen very far short of what they ought to be.

Your Committee have reason to fear that the contributions of the churches for the present year are small. We would therefore call upon all to prayerfully consider what is their duty in this particular, and act accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. T. COREY, *Chairman.*

Report on Foreign Missions presented—

During the last year \$588.81 have been expended, leaving a balance of \$16.78 due the Treasurer. The sum of \$305.76 only has been raised by both Associations in this Province last year. This is far beneath what it should be, and far less than is sufficient to meet the wants of the coming year.

We have learned with pleasure that Rev. Wm. George has offered himself as a Missionary for the Foreign field, and has been accepted by the Foreign Mission Board of the Lower Provinces. In addition, we have Sister DeWolfe in Burmah, whose support must be provided for by the Baptist Convention, of which we form a part, and will necessarily increase our liability.

We would recommend every church to make a collection for Foreign Missions at their first Prayer meetings in each month.

Our brethren in the United States and old Canada are setting us a worthy example. Never since the awakening of Christian Missionary zeal have the followers of Christ made more determined efforts and costly sacrifices for the fulfilment of the promise that "the little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a great nation," than are now being made. Fields near home, on either side of us—Newfoundland and the N. W. Territory—invite our labour. While the far off heathen are remembered, let us give the bread of life to our heathen neighbors. Labour in one field should not interfere with action in the other. Our motto, as of our Baptist fathers, should be, "Attempt great things and expect great things."

J. E. HOPPER, *Chairman.*

Moved that these Reports be adopted.

Spoken to by I. E. Bill, W. George, Armstrong, and C. Goodspeed.

Reports laid on the table until this afternoon.

Committee on Arrangements further reported.

Adjourned. Prayer by W. A. Coleman.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer by Bro. T. Todd.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Finance reported—

That on examination of the amounts contributed by the churches of this Association during the last year, in aid of the Union Society and Foreign Missions find them exceedingly small, being for the Union Society, \$250.55; for Foreign Missions, \$15.22. They find that only about one-half of the churches reporting to this Association contribute anything for the above objects. Brethren, are we giving as the Lord has prospered us. Do we make any sacrifice for the cause of Christ? In this respect, are we not over-careful to see to it that we make no sacrifice in giving to the support of the cause that we profess to be so dear to us. Remember, God does not wish us to offer Him that which costs us nothing. If we ex- abundantly into the Treasury of the Lord.

Your Committee would advise the churches to adopt some system in order to procure more enlarged benevolence and then energetically work it out.

CHAS. F. CLINCH, *Chairman.**Resolved*—That the Report be adopted.*Resolved*—That a Committee be appointed to revise the list of ordained ministers. Committee: A. B. Macdonald, J. M. Curry, Thos. Todd, and E. C. Cady.

The Reports on Home and Foreign Missions were taken up, and discussed by E. C. Cady, I. E. Bill, W. George, D. Crandall, C. Goodspeed, J. M. Curry, W. M. Edwards and J. E. Hopper.

During the discussion on Home and Foreign Missions, the following subscriptions were taken up, to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. It is hoped that this work will be followed up in all the Churches in the Province.

SUBSCRIBED AND PAID.

NAMES.	
Rev. I. E. Bill,.....	\$5 00
" E. C. Cady,.....	5 00
" Thos. Lockey,.....	2 00
" C. Goodspeed,.....	5 00
Hon. John Ferris,.....	20 00
Rev. D. Crandall,.....	2 00
" J. M. Curry,.....	1 00
" Wm. Edwards,.....	1 00
Hatfield Dykeman,.....	2 00
A Friend,.....	1 00
Rev. J. E. Fillamore,.....	1 00
Rev. W. A. Corey,.....	\$1 00
" H. A. Charlton,.....	1 00
John Branscomb,.....	5 00
J. S. May,.....	5 00
Amos P. Wilson,.....	1 12
A. L. Bailey,.....	2 00
L. Keith,.....	1 00
W. G. Jones,.....	1 00
T. Hay,.....	1 00
L. P. Ferris,.....	2 00
W. E. Ferris,.....	60

J. G. Hayes,	\$0 40	Unpaid, but will be handed in soon :	
James A. Macdonald,	1 00	Wm. Hay,	\$4 00
D. McGregor,	50	Wm. Wortman,	2 00
Mary J. Starrett,	50	Wm. Summerville,	1 00
J. R. Curry,	5 00	Mrs. W. H. Wortman,	1 00
John Secord,	1 00	C. H. Manzer,	1 00
M. Macdonald, M. D.,	5 00	Gilbert Pugsley,	2 00
G. C. Miles,	\$5 00	Gilbert Dykeman,	1 00
M. W. Cox,	1 00	Miss Eustace Macdonald,	1 00
Mrs. Asa Jones,	60	Rev. J. E. Hopper,	2 00
Thomas O'Donold,	1 00		
Rev. C. Spurden, D. D.,	2 00		
G. W. Colwell,	1 00		
Rev. W. D. Manzer,	1 00		
Benjamin Titus,	5 00	Grand Total,	\$111 72
Mrs. Alex. Clark,	1 00	Received since, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wortman,	\$3 00
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Reports adopted.

The Committee to prepare an Address to His Excellency Governor Wilmot, reported :

ADDRESS TO THE HON. L. A. WILMOT, D. C. L., LIEUT. GOVERNOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Presented on the 15th July, by Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., Asa Coy, Esq., and A. D. Yerxa, Esq., who were appointed a deputation for that purpose.

The ministers and members of the New Brunswick Baptist Association, desire to tender to your Excellency their sincere congratulations upon your appointment to the office of Lieutenant Governor of this your native Province.

Although they are not associated with you by the ties of denominational relationship, they rejoice in the thought that they are united with you in the far higher and more sacred bonds of allegiance to the same Lord, and of consecration to the same service of faith and holiness ; and they recall with pleasure the fact that for many years your honored father, long a member of their body, was ready to co-operate with them in every good work.

They would not forget the obligations they are under to you for your advocacy of their claims to religious equality, and to the enjoyment of educational privileges without distinction of sect or party.

To yourself, in conjunction with other advocates of the principles of freedom, they are indebted for securing the recognition by the Legislature of their right to receive provincial aid for services rendered to the State by the education of the young ; and now that the principle of equality is firmly established they would not be unmindful of the struggle by which that result was secured ; and before the generation, which can remember that struggle, passes away, they rejoice in the opportunity of placing upon record their feelings of gratitude to you for the share you took in bringing about the existing state of things.

They also desire to express their appreciation of the changes effected in the Provincial University, the wisdom of which is evinced by the degree of prosperity which that Institution has of late enjoyed.

They trust that your Excellency will be encouraged in the prosecution of the same liberal and enlightened course of procedure during your tenure of the high office with which you have been invested, and their fervent prayer will ever be that yourself and Mrs. Wilmot may, through life, enjoy the blessing of the Most High, and in the world to come inherit everlasting glory.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Association.

W. A. COREY, *Moderator.*
J. M. CURRY, *Clerk.*

Jemseg, 9th July, 1869.

To which the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to make the following

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN—It is especially gratifying to me to receive the truly fraternal congratulations of your "Association," and I thank you for them. My heart responds to your claim of a higher relationship than that which is merely denominational. Divisional lines and marks may serve the purpose of a more complete sectional organization, but they give no material strength in the hour of conflict.

Glorious have been the victories won by your church in the various parts of the world, but they were won by you as a part of "the militant embodied Host," "not by might nor by power," but by the aid of the Holy Spirit.

I have some very agreeable memories of happy seasons, when in my early youth I attended with my honored father the ministrations of Harding, and Harris, and Dunbar, in the old Baptist church of this city; and from that time to the present I have numbered among my most sincere friends many members of your communion.

We all have reason to be thankful for our civil and religious liberty. It was not without a struggle that the present state of religious equality was established in this Province, and I thank you for your very favorable notice of the part which I bore in assisting to bring about the present state of things; but we are as much indebted for the result to our invaluable Representative Institutions as to the personal efforts of any individual, and when constitutional government was once inaugurated our victory was complete.

Without an improper departure from the spirit of the occasion, may I not express to you my opinion that we have, under God, a magnificent future before us, worthy of the greatest efforts of the British American mind.

Shall we by loyalty to our country, and a wise administration of our government lay the foundation of a future Empire, exalted by righteousness, inflexible in its justice, strong in the affections of the people, and living in all good neighborhood with our friends beside us, only emulous to excel each other in the amenities and courtesies of national intercourse, and in the cultivation of all that can exalt and refine the national character, sedulously developing our boundless resources of wealth, and opening from ocean to ocean another highway for commerce and civilization, or shall we prove to be laggards, and so lost to every feeling of national pride and self-reliance as to be unfaithful to our great trust, and allow our birthright to pass into other hands? Let us one and all resolve to be true to our country.

Next to the cause of Christianity, which must ever stand foremost as the noblest which can occupy the mind, and employ the talents of man,

is that of Education. We want intellectual culture and moral refinement—the education which combines greatness and goodness. It was truly said by one of the old English divines that “Many that are well learned are ill-taught, have a good head and a bad heart. Learning and virtue are excellent company, but they do not always meet.” As the public mind of this Province is now being directed towards the question of popular education, most sincerely and earnestly do I ask the aid of your influential body in the good cause, and may it soon be said of our Province that “there is a school for every child, and that every child fit to be taught is at school.”

We cannot afford to be indifferent on this great question; and in order to the future supply of our higher institutions of learning, we must complete and keep in successful operation a thorough system of preparatory schools.

It is my good fortune to be associated with constitutional advisers who are of one mind on this great subject, and who are well inclined to do all they can for the education of the youth of the country.

Be assured that the principles which have directed me in the past shall be my guide for the future. And it will be a source of consolation to me during the short time of the present life which remains to me, to know that my public efforts to advance the interests of my native Province have merited the commendation of those whose good opinions I most highly value.

I thank you for your prayers on behalf of Mrs. Wilmot and myself; and in the spirit of fraternal love most sincerely do I pray that the great head of the church may abundantly bless and prosper you in all your efforts for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Adopted.

Dr. Spurden, Asa Coy, Esq., A. D. Yerxa, and A. F. Randolph were appointed a Committee to present the above Address to His Excellency.

The Association adjourned a few minutes, to give place for the H. M. Society to finish their business.

The Committee to nominate Officers for the ensuing year, reported:—

[See the names elsewhere.]

Report adopted.

Resumed business.

Resolved—That we recommend our Churches to hold an annual platform Missionary Meeting.

Resolved—That names of the subscribers to the Home and Foreign Mission Funds, taken this P. M., be printed in the Minutes.

The Committee on special business, reported:—

That the Association be requested to investigate the case of P. O. Bece, in a Committee of the whole, with closed doors.

W. A. COLEMAN, *Chairman.*

Moved that said meeting be held in the Temperance Hall, at 7 o'clock, this evening.

Adopted.

Resolved—That we return our thanks to the very kind people of Jemseg for their whole-hearted hospitality in entertaining the many who have attended this Association.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Bill.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION, 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. Tupper.

The Association went into Committee of the Whole, as requested by the Committee, on special business. Rev. E. C. Cady was made Chairman; and Rev. J. M. Curry, Secretary. After much deliberation in the Committee, the Moderator took the Chair, and the Committee reported:

That this Committee deeply deplore the sins into which Bro. P. O. Reece has been betrayed, and they fully concur in the action of the Council and the Salisbury Church, whereby he was excluded from the fellowship of the Church; and they do not desire to canvas the action of the Church, whereby he was restored to membership in that Church, upon his humble confession of his faults. Having heard the whole matter, and Bro. Reece's confession and sorrow, they extend to him the right hand of fellowship, but recommend that for a time he refrain from the exercise of his ministerial functions.

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the First Springfield Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday, the 14th July, 1870.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. E. C. Cady.

REV. W. A. COREY, *Moderator*.

REV. GEORGE SEELY, } *Clerks*.
REV. J. M. CURRY, }

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	PLACE OF ORDINATION.
Bancroft, Samuel	Butternut Ridge, •	18—	
Bleakney, David	Elgin,	1858,	Caledonia.
Bleakney, Thomas	Dorchester,	1861,	Caledonia.
Bleakney, W. A. J.	Petitcodiac,	1859,	Wickham.
Bleakney, J. C.	Moncton,	1860,	Richmond.
Crandal, David	Springfield, K. C.,	Jan., 1831,	Hammond Vale.
Crandal, W. A.	Elgin,	April, 1858,	Amherst Shore.
Coleman, W. A.	Hopewell,	Sept., 1848,	North Esk, Mir.
Corey, W. A.	Springfield, K. C.,	Dec., 1859,	Kars.
Corey, W. T.	Hillsborough,	Nov., 1860,	Range, G. L.
Corey, W. W.	Salisbury,	Jan., 1863,	Keswick.
Corey, C. B.	Point de Bute,	1868,	Point de Bute.
Carpenter, D. C.	Bay Side, Port Elgin, W. C.,	Aug., 1868,	Bay Field.
Charlton, H. A.	Range, G. L.,	Mar., 1855,	Greenville, C. C., N. S.
Duffey, Patrick	Hillsborough,	May, 1849,	Hillsborough.
Fillamore, J. E.	Lower Turtle Creek, Coverdale.	Feb., 1857,	Coverdale.
Herritt, James	Havelock,	Aug., 1849,	Butternut Ridge.
Harris, H.	Cambridge,	Aug., 1865,	Cumberland Bay.
Irving, James	Baltimore,	Oct., 1860,	Baltimore.
Keirstead, Elias	Collina Corner,	1849,	Studholm.
McPhail, Donald	Buctouche,	Aug., 1862,	Buctouche.
Mitch, Alex.	Fairfield,	July, 1848,	Norton.
Macdonald, A. B.	Narrows,	Oct., 1858,	Hampton Ferry.
Moore, S. C.	Hammond Vale,	1868,	Hammond Vale.
Pulcifer, W.	Hillsborough,	1837,	
Smith, J. A.	St. Martins,	Feb., 1842,	Wickham.
Spragg, Peter	Springfield, K. C.,	Jan., 1840,	Springfield, K. C.
Springer, G. W.	Jemseg,	Aug., 1856,	Richmond.
Steadman, J. C.	Elgin, Little River,	Oct., 1863,	Elgin, Little River.
Seely, George	Harvey,	1854,	Carleton.
Todd, Thomas	Sackville,	Oct., 1842,	Woodstock.
Troop, W. A.	Springfield, K. C.,	June, 1855,	Newcastle, G. L.
Wallace, James	Coverdale,	Aug., 1826,	Coverdale.
Washburn, Abel	St. Martins,	May, 1860,	Loch Lomond.
Williams, J.	Havelock,	Jan., 1862,	Centreville.

LICENTIATES.—Solomon Smith, Michael Gross, Henry McLatchy, Robert Howe, David W. Carpenter, B. A. Herritt, Wm. L. Prince.

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CHURCHES AND... INCREASE... DECREASE... 'U

ABSTRACT STATE OF THE CHURCHES [CONTINUED.]

CHURCHES AND CLERKS.	PASTORS, WITH DATE OF SETTLEMENT, AND DELEGATES.	Date of Formation.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Total.	Minute Money.	S. S. STATISTICS.			
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.			No Schools.	No Teachers.	No Scholars.	No Volumes in Library.
GRAND LAKE, 2d, S. Burk.	H. A. CHARLTON, 1865, † R. Elkin, A. Branscomb, J. McVicar, G. Burt.	1842	11	1	..	..	..	..	158	\$1 20	2	10	90	200
GERMANTOWN,		1865	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
GLENNVILLE, Caleb Davis, Jr.	JAMES HERRITT, 1868, †	1868	1	1	1	..	..	..	30	30	1	4	50	63
HAMPTON FERRY,		1860	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HAMMOND VALLEY, G. Tabor.	S. C. MOORE, 1867, † W. Fowler, R. Howe.	1855	..	..	..	4	..	..	52	1 52	4	19	145	340
HARVEY, 1st, Judson Bishop.	G. SEELY, 1866, †	1841	..	8	2	2	1	1	156	1 00	2	16	200	650
HARVEY, 2d,		1859	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HILLSBORO, 1st, E. E. Stevens.	W. T. COREY, 1867. H. H. McLatchy, J. Wallace.	1822	..	..	1	..	..	..	249	1 35	2	15	180	280
HILLSBORO, 2d,		1853	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HILLSBORO, 3d,		18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HILLSBORO, 4th,		1857	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HOPEWELL,	W. A. COLEMAN, 1868.	1818	12	8	1	..	..	..	250	2 71	4	31	241	650
JEMSEG, J. G. Camp.	A. B. MACDONALD, 1866, † B. Titus, G. Colwell, G. Dykeman, J. G. Camp, J. Dykeman, J. G. Hetherington, M. Thorne, J. Patterson.	1824	1	..	..	..	..	..	101	1 00	1	7	60	..
JOHNSON, 1st, T. Hetherington.		1824	15	..	1	..	..	..	72	1 00	1	5	38	75
JOHNSON, 2d, W. L. Vincent.	E. KEIRSTEAD, 1869, † J. Secord, W. Somerville.	1893	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	70	..	..	..	..
KARS, J. McIntyre.	J. M. COREY, 1869, † J. Jones, A. A. McIn tyre, J. Morrell.	1858	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	90	1	6	40	200
MONCTON, 1st, J. McKenzie.	J. C. BLEAKNEY, 1869. James DeMill, Joseph Crandal.	1828	..	..	6	..	..	..	201	2 00	1	4	30	100
MONCTON, 2d,	J. E. FILLMORE, 1869, † D. P. Styles.	1860	1	2	1	..	..	..	76	1 05	1	6	50	100
MILL COVE,	J. L. SHAW, 1869, † Miller Branscomb.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	70	1 00	1	4	26	79
NEW CANAAN, A. Humphreys.	W. A. J. BLEAKNEY, 1868, † W. D. Fowler, L. Keith, S. Thorne.	1796	34	4	..	..	..	..	150	85	1	..	..	..

J. NORTON, J. G. Hays. [S. C. Moore, 1868, † Wm. Hay
 NORTH RIVER, J. Ives.

**AN ACCOUNT OF THE BENEVOLENCE OF THE CHURCHES
AT HOME AND ABROAD.**

CHURCHES.	For preaching at Home.	For building and re- pairing Houses of Worship.	For the Union Society, and its Objects.	For other Objects.	For Sabbath Schools at Home.
Alma,	\$00 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bay Side,	200 00	\$3 00	.....	10 00	.....
Buctouche, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Butternut Ridge,	400 00	.....	.....	72 75	.....
Cocaigne, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caledonia,	80 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Cambridge, 1st, .....	.....	.....	\$7 62	.....	.....
Cambridge, 2d,	200 00	45 00	22 17	.....	8 20
Cambridge, Lower,	150 00	.....	3 74	40 00	12 00
Coverdale, 1st,	90 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coverdale, 2d, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coverdale, 3d, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester,	285 00	400 00	20 87	.....	18 00
Elgin, 1st,	250 00	16 00	18 46	.....	5 00
Elgin, 2d,	180 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elgin, 3d,	215 00	12 00	5 06	.....	10 75
Fairfield, .....	.....	.....	4 85	.....	.....
Flatlands, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Lake, 1st, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Lake, 2d,	200 00	.....	14 82	23 25	3 00
Germantown, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glenville, .....	.....	.....	1 04	.....	.....
Hampton, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hampton Ferry, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hammond Vale,	160 00	.....	4 40	.....	.....
Harvey, 1st,	200 00	20 00	16 00	.....	40 00
Harvey, 2d, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsborough, 1st,	600 00	400 00	26 24	200 00	40 00
Hillsborough, 2d, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsborough, 3d, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsborough, 4th, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell,	600 00	70 00	39 79	.....	54 00
Jemseg, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson, 1st,	200 00	122 00	1 40
Johnson, 2d,	50 00
Kars,	160 00	4 15	3 92
Moncton, 1st,	500 00	110 00	80 00
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An Account of the Benevolence of the Churches—Continued.

CHURCHES.	For Preaching at Home.	For building and repairing Houses of Worship.	For the Union Society, and its Objects.	For other Objects.	For Sabbath Schools at Home.
<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$4620 00	1198 00	202 21	\$846 00	231 27
New Canaan, .....	.....	.....	5 82	.....	.....
Norton,	160 00	.....	10 06	.....	.....
North River, .....	.....	.....	10 93	.....	.....
Point Migic, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 07
Point de Bute, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pollett River,	240 00	12 00	4 00	8 00	10 60
Petitcodiac,	40 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Rockport, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sackville, 1st,	85 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....
Sackville, 2d,	120 00	11 00	36 36	20 00	.....
Salisbury, 1st,	400 00	50 00	34 66	30 00	.....
Salisbury, 2d,	400 00	40 00	.....	.....	26 00
Salisbury, 3d,	100 00	10 00	.....	.....	3 00
St. Martins, 1st, .....	.....	.....	2 30	.....	13 00
St. Martins, 2d, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springfield, 1st, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springfield, 2d,	200 00	.....	19 19	37 27	.....
Studholm, 1st,	80 00	.....	8 50	6 34	.....
Shediac, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00
Sussex, Upper, .....	.....	15 00	.....	26 00	4 00
Upham,	2 00
Wickham, Upper,
Wickham, Lower,	5 08
Wellington,	80 00	6 56
Willow Grove,
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The following is the report of the Committee on Temperance. See page 8.

That whereas Temperance is essential to Christianity, the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom, and human happiness generally, *Therefore Resolved*, that this Association recommend that our Churches and ministers labour for a Prohibitory enactment, as the best expedient for driving the demon *Alcohol* from our land.

Submitted in love, hope and charity,

J. C. BLEAKNEY, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR 1869-70.

President.

REV. I. E. BILL.

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REV. C. SPURDEN, D. D.,

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" J. HERRITT,

" W. SAUNDERS,

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" THOMAS TODD,

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GILBERT M. STEEVES.

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F. CLARK,

WILLIAM LEWIS.

With the Officers of the Society, and Ministers connected with the two Associations.

MISSIONARY AND UNION SOCIETY REPORT FOR 1868-69.

This is our Sixteenth Annual Report. God has smiled upon our feeble efforts to advance His cause. During the past year we have received some of the largest gifts which have ever been made to the Society. Early in the Fall, Captain Masters was moved upon to present \$150 to the Home Mission Fund, and late in the winter some unknown friends presented your Board with \$400, by the hands of Dea. Z. G. Gabel. \$100 went directly to the F. M. Treasury, and the remainder was to be divided among the other objects of the Union Society, General Education excepted. The legacy of Sister Coy still yields funds for the cause of Missions. May the example of these benevolent friends be followed by many others in the future. Still, while we rejoice in these gifts, we feel that our main dependence is upon the annual contribution of the Churches. We should never rest satisfied until a contribution is received from all our people, "as God has blessed them."

REV. THOS. BLEAKNEY

is still your hard-working and faithful Missionary in Dorchester. The Churches under his care have been strengthened, and blessed in building houses of worship. He has raised for the Board \$50; most of which he has received upon his own field.

REV. W. D. MANZER

closed his labours in Shediac last June. Much precious seed has been sown. It is to be hoped that this Church has, or soon will become, self-sustaining. If not, however, the Board will still feel under obligation to help it a little longer.

REV. EDWARD HICKSON

has spent his ninth year as your Missionary in the Newcastle field. He occupies his five stations, toils hard, sows much seed, and soon the harvest shall be reaped. He must be sustained and encouraged in his work. The past year he has been receiving \$100 from the Board.

REV. W. M. EDWARDS

is still your indefatigable Missionary in Blissfield and Blackville. His faithful gospel preaching, in presenting the distinguishing truths of our denomination, has done good, and caused him and his doctrines to be respected by those who differ from us. In one of his out-stations a new house of worship has been erected. He has been receiving from the Board \$50 per year.

REV. E. F. RATTRAY

closed his labours, as your Missionary in St. Andrews, the 1st of June last. He has been laid aside from work some of the time by sickness. Still his labours have been blessed. Some were gathered in. The cause of Temperance has received his special attention. The Board have contributed \$100 a year towards his support.

REV. ABEL WASHBURN

has been faithful in his work at Musquash and Dipper Harbour. Some have been baptized. He has a long distance to travel to preach to his people. He has been unremitting in his efforts to do good to his people, and break unto them faithfully the bread of life.

REV. CALVIN GOODSPEED

commenced last fall as your Missionary on the Tobique and in Grand Falls. Much good seems to have been done in a short time. We regret to say that he is soon to leave his work; but he goes at what seems to be the call of duty, to take the charge of your Seminary. He will still be toiling for his Master. Some one is needed for this important field.

REV. W. A. COLEMAN

closed his labours, as your general Missionary, soon after your last Annual Meeting, and took the charge of the Church in Hopewell. The results of his mission were such as to encourage your Board to employ another to take his place, as soon as the right man can be found.

Urgent applications have been received from the Ludlow Church for assistance. Your Board have felt compelled to refer the applications to the Annual Meeting for decision.

We would refer you to the Treasurer's Report to show what has been done with the other funds of the Union Society. To give a report of those funds here, would be doing but little more than to recapitulate what you will find in that excellent report.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Association, Dea. S. Thorn, shows that the following sums were paid into his hands for the Union Society, with the names of the donors, so far as they were given:—

Col. by Miss Frances Huestia.

	M. Money.	F. M. S.	U. S.
Dea. A. Belyea,	\$0 10	....
S. A. Mott, ....	....	....	\$0 20
S. Heustis, ....	....	....	20
Mrs. J. Mott,	24	....
Mrs. Jas. Mott, ....	....	....	24
Mrs. A. Brown,	10	....
D. Reid, ....	....	\$0 25	
Mrs. D. Reid, ....	....	25	
J. W. Belyea, ....	....	25	
Mrs. J. W. Belyea, ....	....	17	
John S. Belyea,	10	....	40
Mrs. L. Belyea, ....	....	50	
	<u>\$0 54</u>	<u>\$1 42</u>	<u>\$1 04</u>

Col. by Miss Lydia A. Macdonald.

	M. Money.	U. S.
Dea. J. Gerow,	\$0 20	\$1 00
Mrs. R. P. Macdonald, ....	....	12
Mrs. G. W. Belyea, ....	....	25
Mrs. R. D. Gilchrist,	10	50
Mrs. P. Harder, ....	....	24
Mrs. W. S. Foster,	20
Mrs. E. J. Webster,	10	21
J. Webster,	10
Mrs. J. Webster,	30
A. Macdonald,	12
	<u>\$0 82</u>	<u>\$2 62</u>

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Jacob Day,		
Edgar Hatfield,	\$1 00	
T. E. McDonald,	50	\$0 10
Nehemiah McDoull,	50	
C. McDonald,	60	10
Mrs. George Belyea,	25	
Mrs. Daniel Smith,		
Dr. McDonald,	20	10
William Hendry,	15	
George Day,		10
B. B. Wright,	1 00	10
R. J. Smith,	50	
James McDonald,	50	
Mrs. G. H. McDonald,	50	
A Friend,	24	
Josiah Q. Wetmore,	12	
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1ST SPRINGFIELD.
Col. by Lizzie Crandall.

Rev. W. A. Corey,	\$1 00	Rachel Hatfield,	\$5 56	
D. H. Crandall,	1 00	Jacob Morrell,		\$0 60
W. C. Davis,	1 00	William Fowler,		25
Mrs. W. F. Hatfield, F. M.,	1 00	Andrew Odell,		25
Miss D. E. Hatfield,	40	Mary M. Morrell,		24
Mrs. D. Odell,	40	Harriet Morrell,		25
Miss Augusta Davis,	60	Alfred Hatfield,		25
Mrs. T. W. Spragg,	25	Francis Nobles,		30
Mrs. S. Davis,	25	Gussie Perkins,		50
J. A. Fairweather,	25	Rebecca McCrea,		25
A Friend,	25	Isabella Hatfield,		25
Mrs. Alex. McIntyre,	20	Christopher Vail,		25
T. L. Hay,	1 00	Anthony Nobles,		24
S. P. Wilson,	50	Mrs. David Hatfield, H. M.,		25
Mrs. Gunter,	25	Mary Wetmore,		60
A Friend,	25	Augusta Nobles,		25
Mrs. Hatfield White,	25	Charles Hatfield,		20
Ebenezer Harvey,	50	Albert C. Nobles,		25
Thos. Wetmore,	50	William H. Morrell,		25
Isaac Case,	50	Isaac Hatfield,		25
C. Davis,	20	Isabel Davis,		50
A Friend,	25	A Friend,		30
William Hatfield,	4	Emma Vail,		12
Mrs. Y. A. Crandall,	25			20
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Miss E. J. Wilson,	50			\$6 95
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2ND SPRINGFIELD.
Col. by Miss Matilda J. Ganong.

Col. by Miss Amanda Nobles.	1 00	Mrs. Mary Gray,	\$1 00
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Abner Hatfield,	\$0 25	Thos. Broman,	60
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		A Friend,	10

Mrs. Thos. Ganong,	\$0 25	Mrs. E. Bostwick,	\$0 25
J. Colter,	12	Mrs. H. Mills,	23
George Bates,	20	Mrs. W. Shaw,	24
Edmund Keirstead,	50	A. D. G. Vanwart,	25
Joseph Keirstead,	25	J. C. Brannan,	20
George Keirstead,	25	Mrs. P. S. Kelly,	20
Wm. Keirstead,	25	Mrs. M. R. Brannan,	13
J. H. Gray,	25	James Jones,	20
Thos. Gray,	25	Mary Jones,	20
Miss Matilda Lawson,	1 00	John McIntyre,	50
George Ganong,	24	Alex. McIntyre,	20
Rebecca Bates,	12	Mrs. J. Worden,	25
Isaiah Keirstead,	20	John Jones,	50
Miss Fanny Pickle,	25	Mrs. John Jones,	50
Hiram Keirstead,	25		90
Andrew Leonard,	25		
Miss Louisa Ganong,	32		
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	\$8 50	Col. by Miss Rachel Elkin.	
Col. by Miss S. Davidson.		George Elkin, Esq.,	\$1 00
Dea. John Hayes,	\$1 00	Edward Elkin,	50
Alfred Hayes,	20	Rachel Elkin,	25
John C. Hayes,	1 00	Martha Elkin,	25
Wm. McCready,	50	Maggie Ervin,	50
Berlin Vincent,	48	Thomas Jenkins,	50
J. G. Hayes,	50	Robert Elkin,	50
Mrs. J. G. Hayes,	50	Joshua Wood,	50
William Hay, F. M.,	1 00	Dr. Robert Elkin,	50
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Arthur C. Burnett,	10	Arthur Branscomb,	\$1 00
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E. Burpee Burnett,	50	Mrs. William Barton,	50
Mary A. Burnett,	25	John R. Barton,	25
John K. Hayes,	50	William G. Barton,	40
Emeline Hayes,	25	Mrs. Arthur Branscomb,	25
H. V. Hayes,	6	Rosilla Branscomb,	25
Christopher B. Hayes,	12	Mary J. Smith,	20
Edwin C. Hayes,	10		
Mrs. J. W. Wiggins,	20		\$3 35
S. L. Wiggins,	30	Col. by Miss Mary Jane Murray.	
Dea. Joseph Pickle,	55	C. A. Yandel,	\$0 50
Margaret J. Pickle,	50	Nathaniel Branscomb,	50
Elizabeth J. Pickle,	25	Rebecca J. Branscomb,	25
J. H. Pickle,	25	Robert Lockey,	25
J. R. Pickle, -	25	Malcom Welton,	25
	\$4 88	Dr. Andrew Barton,	1 00
Mrs. Asa Jones,	\$0 25	Mrs. Margaret Barton,	27
Mrs. Mary Baird,	25	Charlotte E. Burk,	20
R. Black, M. D.,	50	Mary Jane Murray,	25

Elizabeth A. Brantcomb,
John Leckey,
John McVicar, sen.,
John McVicar, jun.,
Joseph Burton, for Foreign
Missions,

\$0 25 Margaret Steves,
25 Stephen Steves, \$0 12
1 00 Nehemiah Steves, 25
50 Ephraim Steves, 20
Mrs. M. J. Steves, 20
1 00 Mrs. Steves, 20
Henry Jonah, 20
\$6 47 A Friend, 20
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MILL COVE.

Col. by Miss Malinda Fanjoy.

James Gray, \$0 25
Arch. Ferris, 25
A Friend, 25
Matilda S. Nelson, 25
A Lover of the Cause, 25
Enoch Ferris, 24
Chester Dean, 50
Lonzo Fowler, 20
Thomas Orchard, 12
A Friend, 25
Rhoda Knight, 25

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Col. by Miss Mary Ann Steeves.

\$0 25 David Wallace, \$0 30
25 R. E. Steeves, 50
24 Mrs. John Duffy, 30
50 Christian Steeves, 50
20 D. A. Duffy, 30
12 R. A. Gross, 1 00
25 J. M. Steeves, 50
24 J. A. Steeves, 50
25 Michael Gross, 50
W. E. Stevens, 25
\$2 78 Mrs. Calhoun, 30
Alexander Simpson, 38
\$2 00 W. S. Starrat, 50
50 J. L. B. Steeves, 45
50 Mrs. A. Steeves, 50
30 Robert Duffy, 25
25 Thomas E. Molhns, 25
25 Samuel Gross, 30
25 William Shanehesy, 50
10 Warren Leavitt, 20
J. J. O'Neal, 58

Col. by Miss Minnie Ferris.

John Ferris, \$2 00
L. P. Ferris, 50
D. Ferris, 50
Sarah Lemon, 50
David Thompson, 50
J. D. Ferris, 10
H. Earle, 10
Elgin Mott, 10

SALEM DISTRICT.

Col. by Miss Martha E. Steeves.

\$4 15 Lewis Steeves, \$8 81
\$0 10 Mrs. Janet McLatchy, 50
50 Mrs. Stultz, 10
10 Mrs. Addy, 5
5 Michael Q. Steeves, 20
12 J. M. Crestes Steeves, 40
12 Anthony Steeves, 50
1 00 Mrs. Maria Steeves, 25
1 00 W. H. Shaw, 25
6 Isaac Duffy, 25
A Friend, 60
\$3 00 Mrs. Mariner Steeves, 20
Isaiah Steeves, 1 00

Col. by Miss Anna Pearson.

Lewis Steeves,
Mrs. Janet McLatchy,
Mrs. Stultz,
Mrs. Addy,
Mrs. Bishop,
Miss Lavinia McLatchy,
Elisha Pearson,
Henry H. McLatchy,
A Friend,

Col. by Miss Russel.

Col. by Miss Edgett.

Col. by Miss Amelia Jonah.

A. J. Blake,
Peter Duffy,
Bamford Jonah,

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\$0 25 Joshua Steeves, \$0 20
1 00 Melzor Steeves, 50
25 Jacob Trites, 50

Stephen Steeves,
 Mrs. Abram Steeves,
 Abraham Steeves,
 Nancy Hopper,
 Mrs. Susan Steeves,
 Abraham Steeves,
 Levi T. Steeves,
 Joel D. Steeves,

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Col. by the Pastor, J. E. Fillamore.
 Dea. Jacob Trites, \$1 00
 Dea. Nathan Styles, 1 00
 J. E. Fillamore, U. F., 1 00
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1868.		Brought forward,	\$1,107 64	1,808 55
Jan. 4	By cash from G. W. Marsters,	H M F,	150 00	
4	" Estate late Mrs. Corey, per H. Todd,	H M F,	....	0 70	
8	" Per Rev. I. E. Bill,—from two Christian sisters,	H M F,	0 50		
		F M F,	0 50		
		U F,	1 00		
15	Collection Carleton Church, per Rev. I. E. Bill,	U F,	....	11 41	
Feb. 2	" Rev. James Irving, Buctouche,	U F,	....	2 00	
16	" Portland Church, per E. C. Cady,	H M F,	....	2 80	
Mar. 22	from Grand Falls,	" H M F,	....	2 00	
28	By cash from Rev. W. S. McKenzie, unknown friend,	H M F,	3 00	
May 5	" Z. G. Gabel,	do. do.,	S S F,	30 00	
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27	" Geo. Tabor, per Rev. E. C. Cady,	U F,	2 50	
June 8	" " _____, M E F,	25 00	
					<u>\$1,808 55</u>

The Several Funds, Baptist Missionary and Union Society, in account with G. M. Steeves, Treasurer.

UNION FUND.

1868.		DR.		
Sept. 12.	To paid Barnes & Co.,	....	....	\$4 11
Sept. 23.	" Rev. E. C. Cady,	....	....	6 00
Dec. 12.	" Barnes & Co.,	....	....	8 00
1869.				
Jan 8.	" Rev. I. E. Bill,	....	....	3 60
	" credit Home Mission Fund,	....	....	153 20
	" Foreign Mission Fund, . . .	....	....	57 45
	" Ministerial Education Fund,	....	....	47 87
	" General Education Fund,	....	....	47 83
	" Sabbath School Fund, . . .	....	....	38 30
	" Superannuated Ministers' Fund, . . .	....	....	38 31
				<u>\$404 72</u>

1868.		CR.		
	By receipts to this Fund during the year,	....	....	<u>\$404 72</u>

HOME MISSION FUND.

1868.		DR.		
	To paid orders on this Fund,	....	....	\$558 50
	" balance on hand,	....	....	188 75
				<u>\$747 25</u>

1868.		CR.		
July 8.	By balance on hand,	....	....	\$22 18
	" receipts to this Fund during the year,	....	....	571 87
	" amount from Union Fund,	153 20
				<u>\$747 25</u>

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1868.		DR.		
	To paid on account of this Fund,	\$588 81
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July 8.	By balance on hand,			
	" receipts on account of this Fund, ...		\$266 32	
	" balance due Treasurer, ...		248 31	
	" amount from Union Fund, ...		16 73	
			57 45	
				<u>\$588 81</u>

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

		DR.		
	To paid orders on this Fund during the year,			
	" balance due Treasurer, July 8, 1868, ...		\$100 00	
	" balance on hand, ...		4 35	
			13 52	
				<u>\$117 87</u>

		CR.		
	By receipts to this Fund during the year, ...		\$70 00	
	" amount from Union Fund, ...		47 87	
				<u>\$117 87</u>

GENERAL EDUCATION FUND.

		DR.		
	To paid orders on this Fund, ...			\$62 39
1868.				
July 8.	By balance on hand,			
	" receipts to this Fund, ...		\$13 51	
	" amount from Union Fund, ...		1 00	
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				<u>\$62 39</u>

SABBATH SCHOOL FUND.

		DR.		
	To paid orders on this Fund, ...			
	" balance on hand, ...		\$54 00	
			65 60	
				<u>\$119 60</u>

1868.		CR.		
July 8.	By balance on hand,			
	" receipts to this Fund, ...		\$50 30	
	" amount from Union Fund, ...		31 00	
			38 30	
				<u>\$119 60</u>

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

		DR.		
	To paid orders on this Fund, ...			
	" balance on hand, ...		\$81 00	
			8 67	
				<u>\$89 67</u>

1868.		CR.		
July 8.	By balance on hand,			
	" receipts to this fund, ...		\$19 36	
	" amount from Union Fund, ...		32 00	
			38 31	
				<u>\$89 67</u>

MINUTE FUND:

		Dr.		
1868.	To balance due Treasurer,	\$4 11
July 8.	" paid orders on this Fund,	83 10
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	By collections for this Fund,	\$86 44
	" balance due Treasurer,	77
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				\$97 21

Cash on hand :

1869.	Home Mission Fund,	\$188 75
July.	Ministerial Education,	13 52
	Sabbath School Fund,	65 60
	Superannuated Ministers' Fund,	8 67
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				\$276 54
		Less due Treasurer—		
1869.	Foreign Mission Fund,	\$16 73
July.	Minute Fund,	77
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NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.
FOUNDED 1836.

OFFICERS FOR 1869-70.

President—Z. G. Gabel.

Vice-Presidents—

}	Rev. A. D. Thompson,
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	A. D. Yerxa, Esquire,
	John Ferris, Esquire, M. P.

Secretary—Frederickton—R. H. Phillips.
" St. John—John R. Calhoun.

Treasurer—A. F. Randolph.

Auditor—Z. R. Everitt.

Committee—Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. George Burns, Rev. E. C. Cady, A. M., Rev. G. M. W. Carey, M. A., Rev. J. G. Harvey, Rev. W. S. McKenzie, M. A., Messrs. John Pickard, Geo. C. Hunt, Thomas Bridges, J. M. Hunt, C. Goodspeed, B. A., F. Hibbert, M. P. P., John Smith, Henry Vaughan, Gilbert White, Hon. A. McL. Seely, A. W. Masters, J. F. Masters, C. G. Berryman, L. McMann, G. M. Steeves, J. S. Harding, J. S. May, and William Lewis.

JEMSEG, June 9, 1869.

Meeting of Education Society; Z. G. Gabel, Esq., in the Chair.
The Report of the Education Committee was read by Rev. W. S. McKenzie, and its adoption moved by Rev. G. M. W. Carey, seconded by Rev. Timothy Harley, and passed unanimously.

President made statement of financial account.

Rev. J. E. Hopper moved, seconded by Rev. I. E. Bill, "That inasmuch as the whole amount of the Seminary debt has been subscribed, that we direct our collectors to collect forthwith, and pay into the hands of the President, Z. G. Gabel, Esq., St. John."

Adjourned to give place to the Association.

RICHARD H. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

REPORT.

The lapse of another year brings us to our Thirty-second Annual Report. The attendance of pupils at our Institution the past year has been 101. The Female Department has again been opened under Miss Rosie A. Bentley, as Preceptress. The French department, under Prof. Bechard, has also been an addition of the past year. We have felt a degree of satisfaction in knowing that the Principal, in securing the services of Mr. Geo. E. Tufts, B. A., and those just named, has been most ably seconded in his efforts to promote the efficient working of the school.

The usual public examinations were held, and were attended by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Jack, and Professors of the

University; His Honor Judge Steadman, Revs. Dr. Brooke, Dr. Spurden, W. S. McKenzie, M. A., E. C. Cady, M. A., I. E. Bill, and many others. The encomiums passed upon the Teachers by the examiners and the press were very gratifying, and richly deserved; and we would specially call the attention of our people to the fact that their sons and daughters receive as good a training at our Seminary as at any other institution. Theological instruction was also imparted to three students during the year.

We ought not to rest content with present attainments, but each year should witness an increasing effort to outdo the past. Much time has been spent in talking down and striving to pull down. A few years of honest effort in the other direction (added to the successes of the past four years), must tell immensely in our favor. Repairs that have long been needed should be attended to without delay. Additional school-room is required; but as brethren who are acquainted with our needs will be at the Associations, it will be unnecessary to enlarge on this point.

There is much to be done for our Institution. The Endowment Fund should not be lost sight of, and if the debt against the Society is paid immediately, as we hope and believe it will, a commencement ought to be made. Men love to invest in anything that bears the evidence of life and looks as though it had a promise of success. Our Seminary and College are intimately connected, and we hope while our people give to sustain the feeder, they will also, for the future, more liberally give to sustain Acadia—the "Child of Providence."

As has already been made known, the Committee, with great reluctance, accepted the resignation of the Rev. J. E. Hopper, as Principal, and to him the denomination owe a debt of gratitude for the energy and ability he displayed in the management and the successful working up of the Seminary. We suggest that the address presented to our esteemed brother on his retirement, and his reply thereto, be inserted in the Minutes.

The Rev. Calvin Goodspeed, B. A., has been appointed Principal, and from his educational attainments, we believe we are fully warranted in expecting that the Institution will lose none of the favor gained for it by his predecessor in office.

An addition of \$200 to the Provincial grant was obtained last Session. This now places the Male Department on an *equality only* with the Male Departments of other similar Institutions. The Female Department is not in receipt of any grant. This is a *great injustice*, but we hope that another year will not be allowed to pass without the Executive granting our *just demands*. Either of two courses ought to be adopted. Mete out even-handed justice to all, or do away entirely with Denominational grants.

It has been a source of gratification and encouragement to know that the request made last year, that the County Quarterly Meetings would remember the Institution at a Throne of Grace, was complied with. We renew the request. Prayer is a power. If the Lord be on our side, what can hinder our beloved Seminary's growth and prosperity. The third Thursday in February is a day generally observed on this continent as a day of prayer for Colleges. Brethren, do not forget to pray for your Seminary on the annual return of that day.

R. H. PHILLIPS, Sec'y.

The Treasurer's Account will be published in the Minutes of the Western Association.

ADDRESS TO PROFESSOR HOPPER.

The following Address was presented to Rev. J. E. Hopper, on his resignation as Principal of the Institution :

DEAR BROTHER—The Managing Committee of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, having duly considered your letter of resignation, tendered on the 9th instant, together with the conscientious convictions of duty upon which it is based,—though deeply regretting your retirement from the Institution,—cannot do otherwise than accede to your wishes. You tell us it is the first wish of your heart to devote the best energies of your life unreservedly to the great work of the Christian ministry. Our hearts respond, God speed you in the accomplishment of His will in this matter. But the Committee cannot allow you to retire from your present important post without expressing their deep sense of obligation for the *ability, fidelity, and earnestness* which you have brought, so successfully, to bear upon the interests committed to your trust. Your progress in elevating the intellectual character of the Institution, and in promoting, in all respects, its efficiency and expansion, has been quite equal to our most sanguine expectations; and it is pleasing to know that on your retirement you cherish the most lively hopes of the future success of the enterprise which you now commit to other hands.

On parting with you, dear brother, be assured that you carry with you our undiminished confidence and good will, and that we most fervently pray that the God of all grace will give you a successful future in the ministry of His word, and make you largely instrumental in guiding precious souls to the Saviour.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

TO THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

DEAR BRETHREN—In retiring from my post, as Principal of the Baptist Seminary, it is a source of great pleasure to be assured that my efforts to promote the interests of your Seminary, have met your hearty approval. For over three years we have laboured harmoniously, and not without favourable results. We have made an average of over one hundred students per year. Our Legislative grant has been increased, and the old debt on the Institution has been all but wiped out. This last matter, brethren, let me urge you to prosecute assiduously, that we may see our Seminary relieved of this clog upon its growth by the meeting of our Association.

The Seminary and its interests shall ever be dear to me; and was it not that I believe it the will of God that I should engage in the work of the Gospel ministry, I would gladly devote my energies to the accomplishment of the work it has in charge. Never has its future seemed brighter to me than at the present time, and I feel assured that the judicious selection you have made in appointing my successor, will command not only the approval of our Denomination, but also that of the public at large.

Brethren, accept my sincere thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness you have always accorded to me. And may our Heavenly Father so influence you in your deliberations, and me in my selection of a field of labour, that His blessing may be shed down on us, and we at last be welcomed as faithful stewards into His kingdom and glory.

Yours, most respectfully,

J. E. HOPPER.

Since the Minutes went to press, I have received letters from the following Churches, which should have been at Jemseg:—

1ST ST. MARTINS—Baptized, 1; Restored, 1; Dismissed, 2; Expelled, 3; Died, 3; present Membership, 456; Minute Money, \$1.75.

2ND ST. MARTINS—Minute Money, \$1.00.

FLATLANDS—

As I was unable to prepare a Digest of the Letters, before leaving my home for Hamilton, N. Y., I tried to get others to prepare it for me, but the work has not been done. I observe many mistakes in the Minutes, which, had I been here when the proof sheets were read, would have been corrected.

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A DECLARATION
Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Church of Christ,
composing the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

- ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth: Deut. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Ps. xc. 2, cxlvii. 5; James i. 17; 1 Tim. i. 17; Mark x. 27; Isaiah vi. 3; Deut. xxxii. 4; Ex. xv. 11, xxxiv. 6, 7.
2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: Matt. xxviii. 19; John xv. 26; 1 Cor. xii. 4-6; 2 Cor. xiii. 14; Eph. ii. 18.
3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which He hath given us our only rule of faith and practice: Luke xvi. 29-31; 2 Tim. iii. 15-17; 1 Thess. ii. 13; 2 Peter i. 21, iii. 2; Rom. iii. 2; Isa. viii. 16, 19, 20.
4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, has foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18, ii. 23; Ps. lxxvi. 10, xxxiii. 11; Rom. ix. 17-23, xi. 36.
5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power: Gen. i.; Ex. xx. 11; Dan. iv. 35; Heb. i. 3.
6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness; and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen. i. 26, 27; ii. 16, 17; Ecc. vii. 29; Gal. iii. 10.
7. That man being left to himself soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 12-19.
8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: John vi. 44; Eph. ii. 4, 5, 7-10; 1 John iv. 10.
9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of Christ's kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. Rom. viii. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5, 11; John vi. 37-39; Rev. vii. 9; Titus i. 14; Mark xvi. 15; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Isa. ix. 7; Rev. xi. 15.
10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the

law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God, and ever liveth to make intercession for us: John i. 1, 14; Heb. i. 1-3, vii. 25, x. 5-10; Rom. i. 4; Dan. ix. 24.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and he only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement made by Christ to every elect soul: John iii. 5-8, xvi. 7-15; 1 Cor. xii. 8.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefit of this atonement, by convincing us of our sinful, lost, and miserable condition; and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as he is exhibited in the gospel, in his suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace him with our whole souls, by which he is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption: John xvi. 8-11, 18-15; Gal. v. 22-23; 1 Cor. i. 30.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedience to his holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3; 1 Cor. x. 31; Eph. ii. 10; Col. iii. 2, 3; Gal. ii. 20; Rom. xii. 1, 2.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him for ever. They have communion with God, and by his Spirit they are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces: John vi. 39, x. 28; Rev. iii. 21; John xvii. 7, 11, 21, xiv. 3; Rom. viii. 28, 29; 1 John, i. 8.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's day, is the Christian Sabbath: John xx. 19; Acts xx. 7; 1 Cor. xvi. 2; Rev. i. 10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ, the great lawgiver and head of his church: Mark xii. 17; Rom. xiii. 1-6; 1 Peter ii. 13-15; Mat. xxii. 10; Rom. xiv. 4.

17. That there will be a general resurrection, both of the just and the unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works; when the wicked will be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal: John v. 28, 29; Acts xvii. 31, xxiv. 15; Rom. ii. 15; Matt. xvi. 29, and 25-46.

PART THE SECOND.

Concerning a Visible Church of Christ, and its Discipline.

1. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of Saints and people, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to shew forth

his glory, and for their own edification: 1 Peter, ii. 5; Acts, ii. 42, ix. 31; Hebrews, x. 25; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter—that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their faith have been baptized by Immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. xxviii. 19, 29; 1 Cor. xi. 23-26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26; and viii. 12, 35-39; Matt. iii. 6-16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; Gal. iii. 27; Matt. xxvi. 26-28; Acts xx. 11; 1 Cor. x. 16.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the ordinances, therefore the door of the church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ: 1 Cor. xi. 27-29; Matt. vii. 6, 15-20; 1 Peter, ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered hath power to choose, and by Elders to ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz.: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the Gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of the neighboring Churches of Christ: Acts i. 21-26, vi. 3-6, xiv. 23, and xv. 6-31; 1 Cor. v. 13; 2 Thess. iii. 6, 14, 15; Titus, iii. 10.

That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother, yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place; whose place it is to lead in the acting of the Church, and to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house: Matt. xx. 25-29; 1 Peter v. 3; Acts xx. 20-28, 31; Heb. xiii. 17; 1 Thess. v. 12, 13.

6. That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the Church, and to minister at the Lord's Table: Acts vi. 1-5; 1 Tim. iii. 8-14.

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him; in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the Church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz., the glory of God and the good of his people; and the Church ought to be subject to such improvements: 1 Peter iv. 10, 11 and v. 5; 1 Tim. iv. 14; 1 Cor. 12th and 14th chapters; Rom. xii. 3-8.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and people—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free-will offering, agreeably to the Scriptures of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by Gospel rule, as for any breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix. 6; Gal. vi. 6.

COVENANT.

We do now, in the presence of the great, all-seeing and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and avouch him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Leader, and receive him as our Portion for ever. We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on him as our Prophet, Priest, and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligations to glorify God by living a holy, righteous, and godly life, in this present world, in all our several places and relations; and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents, and advantages to his glory and the good of our fellow-men; promising, by Divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those under our care in the ways of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others; and if we have any personal difficulty with our brethren, we will not cherish enmity or speak of our grievances to others, but will faithfully labour with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Matt. xviii. 15, 17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harboured in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his word—expecting that He will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom; applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

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ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD.

Anniversary	Year.	No. of Baptized.	No. of Members.	Place.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Sermon.	Circular Letter.
1	1848	142	2333	Moncton	J. Crandall	J. C. Skinner	J. Francis	J. A. Smith.
2	1849	290	2535	Hopewell	J. Crandall	J. Newcomb	D. Crandall	W. Jackson.
3	1850	291	2643	Springfield	J. Bunting	J. C. Skinner	G. Parker	J. Trimble.
4	1851	170	2837	Saint Martins	W. G. Parker	J. C. Skinner	S. Bancroft	W. Sears.
5	1852	230	3012	Sackville	I. Wallace	I. Wallace	J. Newcomb	J. Newcomb.
6	1853	74	2841	Hillsboro	J. A. Smith	L. Wallace	J. Bunting	S. Bancroft.
7	1854	77	2497	Cambridge	J. A. Smith	L. Wallace	J. A. Smith	J. Wallace.
8	1855	165	2950	Butternut Ridge	J. Herritt	J. Newcomb	L. H. Marshall	J. Rowe.
9	1856	442	3502	Sackville	W. A. Coleman	J. C. Skinner	J. Crandall	J. Trouble.
10	1857	310	3728	Moncton	J. Newcomb	W. L. Prince	J. Crandall	G. F. Miles.
11	1858	292	2849	Springfield	J. Newcomb	J. C. Skinner	J. Crandall	W. A. Coleman.
12	1859	479	3991	Hopewell	J. H. Hughes	J. McKenzie	G. F. Miles	J. H. Hughes.
13	1860	160	3840	Salisbury	G. F. Miles	J. McKenzie	D. McKeen	None.
14	1861	117	4082	Saint Martins	J. A. Smith	J. McKenzie	D. Lawson	None.
15	1862	322	4403	Jemseg	T. Todd	J. S. Tutts	W. A. Coleman	A. B. Macdonald.
16	1863	583	4890	Sackville	J. H. Hughes	T. Todd	J. Poyer	George Seely.
17	1864	277	4914	Harvey	W. A. Coleman	J. E. Hopper	J. Rowe	W. A. Corey.
18	1865	196	4807	Butternut Ridge	T. Todd	A. B. Macdonald	T. Todd	T. Blakeney.
19	1866	172	4627	Cumberland Bay	J. C. Hurd	J. E. Hopper	J. C. Hurd	None.
20	1867	230	4907	Hillsborough	W. T. Corey	W. A. Corey	D. Crandall	A. B. Macdonald.
21	1868	347	5140	Sackville	T. Todd	A. B. Macdonald	J. C. Hurd, M. D.	T. Todd.
22	1869	225	5268	Jemseg	W. A. Coleman	W. A. Corey	W. A. Corey	None.
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