

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE
WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD AT KESWICK, YORK COUNTY,
ON
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY,
26th, 27th, and 28th June, 1873,
WITH THE
ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY, UNION,
AND
EDUCATION SOCIETIES.

The next Session will be held at Jacksonville, commencing on the fourth
Tuesday of June, 1874.

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

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Constitution and Rules of Order of the Western 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 Western N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the Churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, the promotion of individual godliness, and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the fourth Tuesday in June, 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 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate, or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator, by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall upon his acceptance, lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on Arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall on behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 8.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our 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 10.—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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KESWICK, June 26th, 1878.

The Western N. B. Baptist Association met at 10 A. M. Rev. I. E. Bill, Moderator of last year, took the chair. A season was spent in devotional exercises, when the following list of delegates was presented:

- Blackville*—Rev. W. M. Edwards.
- Blissfield*—Rev. W. M. Edwards, and Bro. Joseph Dunphy.
- Canterbury*—Rev. Henry J. Coy, Brethren Edmond Cummings, J. W. S. Young, and Gideon Y. Dow.
- Cardigan*—Bro. Benj. Richards.
- Carleton*—Rev. E. Hickson.
- Centreville*—Rev. Geo. Howard, Brethren James Slood, and Solomon Smith.
- Chipman*—Rev. W. M. Rideout.
- Douglas (African)*—Joseph L. Wherry.
- Fredericton*—Revs. T. H. Porter, Dr. Spurden, Deacons A. F. Randolph, D. W. Estabrooks, W. S. Estey, and Bro. T. H. Rand.
- Hainesville*—Rev. Samuel Burt, Deacon Robert Haines, and Bro. Samuel Chute.
- Hodgdon and Richmond*—Rev. G. R. Campbell.
- Howard Settlement*—Rev. Samuel Burt, Deacon W. H. Dow, and Bro. A. L. Dow.
- Jacksontown*—Rev. H. A. Charlton, and Dea. Cornelius Connolly.
- Jacksonville*—Rev. H. A. Charlton, Brethren Robert Hannah, B. N. Brymer.
- Keswick, 1st*—Rev. P. O. Reece, Deacons Jeremiah Burt, B. R. Burt, and Michael Burt.
- Keswick, 2d*—Rev. T. M. Munro, Deacons John Tozer, Elisha Merithew, and Andrew Dunphy.
- Kingsclear, 1st*—Rev. George Rigby, and Bro. Benj. Everett.
- Kingsclear, 2d*—Rev. P. O. Reece, Deacons W. McNally and Geo. Barker, and Bro. A. H. Hart.
- Ledge, St. Stephen*—Rev. W. J. Bleakney.
- Little South West*—Rev. W. A. Coleman.
- Ludlow*—Deacon G. L. Price.
- Maenaquack*—Revs. T. M. Munro and J. H. Tupper, Deacons L. Patterson and J. Kilburn, and Brethren C. Tupper and Thos. Jewett.
- Maugerville*—Rev. W. D. Manzer.
- Nashuaak*—Rev. C. Goodspeed, and Deacon C. L. Goodspeed.
- Newcastle, Grand Lake*—Bro. J. A. Simpson, and Deacon J. W. Barton.
- Newcastle, Miramichi*—Rev. W. A. Coleman.
- North Esk, Miramichi*—Rev. W. A. Coleman, and Bro. Samuel Matche.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. D. Pope.

- Oak Boy*—Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney.
Olivet (African)—Brethren H. Haines, R. Burt, and J. R. Hopewell.
Portland—Rev. W. B. Boggs, and Deacons Robert Stevens and J. S. May.
Prince William—Rev. Thos. Saunders, and Bro. Philip Hoyt.
Richmond, South—Rev. G. R. Campbell.
Richmond, Third—Rev. G. R. Campbell.
Rushagornish—Israel Smith.
Salmon Creek—Bro. D. McGregor.
Saint John, Brussels street—Rev. W. P. Everett, Deacon Gilbert White, and Bro. S. F. Matthews.
Saint John, Germain street—Revs. G. M. W. Carey and I. E. Bill, and Bro. W. H. Hall.
Saint John, Leinster street—Rev. D. W. Crandall, and Bro. J. March.
Saint Stephen—Rev. J. W. Manning, and Dea. G. DeWolf.
Springfield—Brethren J. Howland and Alex. Lowe.
Saint George—Rev. J. W. Turner, and Deacon John Dewar.
Tower Hill—Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney.
Upper Gagetown—Rev. B. N. Hughes.
Woodstock—Rev. I. E. Bill, jun., and Bro. P. R. Knight.
Woodstock, Lower—Rev. G. R. Campbell.
Zion's Church, Carleton (African)—Rev. J. D. Eatman, and Dea. Edward Hamilton.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

- REV. T. H. PORTER, *Moderator*;
 REV. C. GOODSPEED, *Secretary*;
 REV. J. W. MANNING, *Asst. Secretary*;
 DEA. GILBERT WHITE, *Treasurer*;
 DEA. J. S. MAY, *Asst. Treasurer*.

All members of regular Baptist Churches, in attendance, were invited to share in the deliberations of the Association. The following visiting brethren took seats with us:

Revs. E. Keirstead, G. W. Springer, Dr. Sawyer, G. Armstrong, W. W. Corey, and Brethren W. F. Armstrong, Geo. Churchill, H. C. Creed, E. M. Keirstead, W. Cooper, and M. S. Hall.

The following Committees were then appointed:

Committee of Arrangements—Revs. T. M. Munro, E. Hickson, and George Rigby.

Committee of Nomination—Revs. B. N. Hughes, W. P. Everett, W. A. Coleman, J. H. Tupper, G. M. W. Carey, and W. B. Boggs.

The Committee of Arrangements submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

That the present session now close, to meet again at 2.30 P. M.; that morning sessions commence at 10, and adjourn at 12 o'clock; that afternoon sessions commence at 2.30, and adjourn at 5.30 o'clock; that evening sessions commence at 7.30, and adjourn at 9.30 o'clock.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. D. Pope.

AFTERNOON SESSION, June 26th, 1873.

Prayer by Rev. Samuel Burt.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The following Report from the Committee of Arrangements, was then adopted :

That the Letters be read immediately after the adoption of the Report of Committee of Nomination.

That there be a Missionary meeting this evening, and that addresses be delivered by the missionaries elect who may be present, and also by Revs. J. D. Pope, W. B. Boggs, W. P. Everett, G. M. W. Carey, W. M. Edwards, and I. E. Bill, sen.

That the Educational Society have a meeting to-morrow morning at 8.30, and that the annual sermon be preached at 10 o'clock, by Rev. T. H. Porter.

That the Education Society make their report to-morrow evening, at 7.30 o'clock, and that the meeting be addressed by Revs. W. P. Everett, Dr. Spurden, C. Goodspeed, I. E. Bill, sen., T. H. Rand, Esq., Dr. Sawyer, and J. W. Turner.

The Report of the Committee of Nomination was then read and adopted :

Printing and Circulating Minutes—Revs. C. Goodspeed, T. H. Porter, I. E. Bill, sen., and W. P. Everett.

Special Business—Revs. I. E. Bill, jun., C. Spurden, G. Rigby, W. A. Coleman, J. H. Tupper, and Dea. Benj. Richards.

Home Missions—Revs. W. M. Edwards, H. A. Charlton, J. W. Turner, W. C. Rideout, S. Burt, Deacon G. White, and J. Tozer.

Foreign Missions—Rev. I. E. Bill, sen., Dea. J. S. May, D. McGregor, and R. Stevens.

Sabbath Schools—Revs. W. D. Manzer, W. A. J. Bleakney, H. J. Coy, Bros. C. Tupper, S. Smith, and J. Sloat.

Circular Letter—Revs. J. D. Pope, I. E. Bill, sen., and W. B. Boggs.

Reading Letters—Revs. W. P. Everett, W. B. Boggs, and Bro. J. March.

Obituaries—Revs. E. Hickson, W. C. Rideout, and J. W. Manning.

Temperance—Revs. George Howard, I. E. Bill, jun., Bros. R. Haines, S. Chute, and J. W. Young.

Christian Visitor—Revs. B. N. Hughes, W. A. Coleman, G. W. Springer, T. Saunders, A. Estabrooks, W. B. Boggs, E. Hickson, Bros. J. Dunphy, W. H. Hall, and P. Hoyt.

New Churches—Revs. G. R. Campbell, D. W. Crandall, and E. Hickson.

Education—Revs. E. Hickson, Dr. Spurden, Dr. Sawyer, W. P. Everett, W. B. Boggs, J. G. Harvey, I. E. Bill, sen., G. W. Springer, T. H. Rand, Esq., and S. F. Matthews.

Union Society—Rev. P. O. Reece, E. Keirstead, J. H. Tupper, and Brother Thomas Jewett.

The Letters from the Churches were then read.

The following Report of the Committee on New Churches was then adopted :

Your Committee having examined the letters sent by the Olivet and Zion Churches, recommend that they be received into this Association.

G. R. CAMPRELL, *Chairman.*

On motion—The letters from the new Churches were read; after which their delegates received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator, in recognition of the reception of these Churches into this Association.

On motion—Revs. H. A. Charlton, G. M. W. Carey, and W. B. Boggs, were appointed a Committee to select a suitable Hymn Book to recommend to the use of the Churches.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to revise the Articles of Faith, and the Covenant, of our Churches, and report at the next Association.

Revs. W. B. Boggs, W. P. Everett, and E. Hickson, were appointed the Committee.

Resolved, That Art. 3d of the Constitution be changed, by inserting "at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the fourth Tuesday in June," instead of "at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the fourth Thursday in June."

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

EVENING SESSION, June 26th, 1873.

After singing, and prayer by Bro. Armstrong, and reading and adoption of Minutes of the last session, the following Report on Foreign Missions was presented:

Your Committee on this important matter beg leave to report, that since the inauguration of our independent mission, there has been a large increase in the contributions of the churches of this Association, indicating that this movement is regarded with favour. It is proper however that they should understand that the responsibilities which must necessarily be assumed by the Board in locating and sustaining a mission on independent ground, must necessarily call for still larger contributions to this heaven appointed work.

In the course of a few months, it is expected that three brethren with their wives and two additional sisters will enter upon Foreign work, under the auspices of our independent mission.

At least ten thousand dollars will be required to meet the expenses of this arrangement. Not much more than \$7000 of that amount is in the treasury. How is the balance to be secured? Only by active co-operation on the part of the churches. Your Committee would recommend, therefore, that the pastors call the attention of the churches to this important subject with the least possible delay, and that in addition to what Union Societies have done, special collections be taken up to supply the treasury with the needful funds.

We would further recommend that every Baptist church hold regular monthly Missionary concerts of prayer for Foreign Missions, at which missionary intelligence should be imparted, and contributions be taken up in support of the cause. All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

The missionary meeting which followed, was addressed by Revs. W. B. Boggs, J. D. Pope, I. E. Bill, sen., Dr. Sawyer, and Brethren Armstrong and Churchill, missionaries elect. At the conclusion, a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions.

Report adopted.

Prayer by Dr. Sawyer.

MORNING SESSION, June 27th, 1873.

The Association assembled at 10 o'clock, to hear the annual sermon, from T. H. Porter. Text, Matt. xviii. 15-19. Subject, "The Scriptural Method of Church Discipline."

This instructive discourse was requested by the Association for insertion in the *Christian Visitor*.

After prayers by Brethren Saunders, and Sykes (Congregationalist), the following Report from the Committee on the Circular Letter was adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the letter written by Brother Boggs, and recommend that it be read before the Association, and printed in the Minutes and *Christian Visitor*.

J. D. POPE, }
I. E. BILL, } *Committee.*

The letter was then read and adopted, as the Circular Letter to the Churches.

The Association then listened to Brethren Churchill and Armstrong, missionaries elect.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

AFTERNOON SESSION, June 27.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. Rigby

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Treasurer received.

The question of Education was then taken up, and the following resolution discussed :

Resolved, That the recent action of the Board of Directors of the N. B. Baptist Education Society, in reference to the proposed sale of the Seminary (see Resolution No. 1 below), be confirmed by this Association.

Spoken to by Dea. W. S. Estey, Revs. T. Saunders, W. P. Everett, W. H. Beckwith, W. D. Manzer, H. A. Charlton, W. B. Boggs, Brs. Wm. H. Hall, Revs. A. Estabrooks, J. W. Turner, C. Spurden, Bros. S. F. Matthews, and M. Hall.

Resolution adopted. Yeas, 48 ; nays, 5.

On motion—

No. 1.—*Resolved*, To recommend to the Association that the property in Fredericton, known as the Baptist Seminary, be sold for the highest possible price, and the money securely invested, to be appropriated for educational purposes as the Denomination in this Province shall direct.

The following resolutions also passed by the Board of Directors, were likewise adopted by the Association :

No. 2.—*Resolved*, That the Directors recommend in the event of the above Resolution being adopted by the Western Association, that they invite the concurrence of the Eastern Association.

No. 3.—*Resolved*, That the Directors urge the Denomination to take immediate steps to pay the debt due Bro. Goodspeed.

No. 4.—*Resolved*, That the Directors recommend the Denomination to respond to the appeal already made by the Board of Management for the support of the Seminary during the past year.

Bro. E. M. Keirstead and Dea. C. L. Goodspeed were appointed Auditors of the Treasurer's Account.

Report of Committee on Home Missions received :

The Mission field in our Province furnishes a prospect which, when contrasted with that presented in the report of last year, is truly encouraging.

It is true that there are churches in all parts of the country destitute and languishing ; yet there are many that were once struggling for very existence, which are now being built up, and made self sustaining through your missionary agency.

The pioneers of our denomination are being called for on every hand, as our country's resources are being developed, and the wilderness is being changed into the thriving village and prosperous town. The point of greatest importance before us is the need of consecrated labourers, a want which is made more apparent by death and removal.

A question of the most imperative character presents itself, viz:—What action shall we as a denomination take under such pressing circumstances? It might be answered, make the most of present power, and seek as large a supply as possible. The spiritual needs of the destitute require this working power. How can it be obtained and made most effective.

These interrogations are to be answered by the individual churches. Much can be done if the suggestions made in last year's report be acted upon by the pastors and churches of our Province.

Independence is the principle which should be most strenuously inculcated. Dependent churches are therefore most affectionately urged to place themselves upon this basis as soon as possible.

Encouragement should be given to pastors and church members to consider their individual responsibility.

The reflex influence of missionary sacrifice is great. In view of the eternal interests at stake, and our dependence upon God for all things, let us humbly suggest that both talents and possessions be made to subserve the cause of our God and our fellow-men. Let us pray for our missionaries, and hold up their hands, so that each year they may report the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and that our denomination may flourish and spread throughout our land.

W. M. EDWARDS, *Chairman*.

Report spoken to by Rev. I. E. Bill, sen., and adopted.

The following Report on Special Business was then received, and adopted:

Your Committee on Special Business beg leave to report, that invitations have come in from three different Churches, for this Association to meet with them next year. These invitations are from Jacksonville, St. George, and Blissfield. As this Association has never met at Jacksonville, your Committee would recommend that it meet with that Church at its next sitting.

Your Committee would recommend that some brother be induced to visit the Southampton Church, and acquaint them with the interest the Association still feels in them; and endeavour, by God's help, to arouse and encourage them in the work of the Lord.

I. E. BILL, JUN., *Chairman*.

Rev. J. H. Tupper volunteered to visit Southampton, in view of the suggestion of this Report.

Resolved, That Rev. W. P. Everett preach the next Associational sermon, and that Rev. W. B. Boggs be his alternate. Also, that Rev. J. W. Manning write the Circular Letter.

Prayer by Rev. A. Estabrooks, and adjourned.

EVENING SESSION, June 27.

Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill, jun.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

In consequence of there being no letters from the Churches of Andover, Grand Falls, Bocabec, and Upper Queensbury, for three years, to prevent their names being erased from the Minutes, according to Article 7 of the Constitution, Brethren I. E. Bill, sen., and W. P. Everett agree to inquire into the condition of the Churches of Andover and Grand Falls; Brethren I. E. Bill and J. W. Turner into the condition of Bocabec; also, Brethren Burt and Charlton into the condition of Upper Queensbury.

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented:

The Committee on Education in submitting their report would direct attention to the report adopted last year, in which reference is made to education in this Province as being in a transition state, and to our denomination as having reached a crisis in this matter. Your Committee are pleased to notice that secular education is passing rapidly from comparative chaos to a well organized and beneficent system worthy of any age or nation, and designed to prepare all classes for the highest culture.

Now that the State apprehends her duty to her sons and daughters, and has arisen to her work with maternal ardor, it remains for us as a denomination to attend more particularly to the education of our rising ministry.

The crisis referred to is, we trust, safely passed, and our course of future action is more evident to all reflecting minds. Our churches embraced in the Convention will look henceforth to Acadia College for instruction in the higher branches of education, and rejoice to know that this *our* Institution is not behind the times.

Would that we could look with equal pleasure to such theological education in connection with our Convention, as would afford the necessary training to ministerial students!

Your Committee would therefore recommend to this Association, that every effort should be put forth to promote theological instruction worthy of our denomination, and such as would check the growing tendency to seek instruction beyond our own borders, and which our own churches should supply.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

EDWARD HICKSON, *Chairman.*

The public Educational meeting which followed, was addressed by Revs. Dr. Spurden, W. P. Everett, C. Goodspeed, Dr. Sawyer, J. W. Turner, and — Sykes (Congre-

gationalist). At the close, a collection was taken up in behalf of the current expenses of Acadia College.

Resolved, That the collection for Foreign Missions, taken up last evening, be handed over to Brethren Armstrong and Churchill.

Adjourned, with prayer by Brother Coleman.

MORNING SESSION, June 28.

Prayer by Rev. George Howard.

The Report on Education was then taken up, and after discussion by Rev. T. H. Porter, C. Goodspeed, W. P. Everett, Dr. Sawyer, and E. Hickson, was amended and adopted.

On motion—

Resolved, That believing as we do that our present Provincial system of Education is based upon true and just principles, affording equal rights and privileges to all classes in society; we, therefore, as a Denomination desire to disclaim any sympathy with the advocates of Separate Schools. Let the State discharge its duty to its citizens. Let the Church prepare her sons for glory. "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's." We pledge ourselves to sustain, in every legitimate way, our present Common School System, and we desire to enter our indignant protest against the tyrannical interference of the Dominion Parliament with our Provincial educational interests.

Spoken to by Rev. I. E. Bill, sen., T. H. Rand, Esq., Dr. Sawyer, A. F. Randolph, Esq., and passed unanimously.

The following Report on Sabbath Schools was then received; and after being spoken to by Revs. W. H. Beckwith and B. N. Hughes, was adopted:

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report—That they are of the opinion that the Churches of our body generally do not take that interest in them which their importance demands.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that this body should urge the necessity of organising a Sabbath-school Convention in connection with the Baptist Churches of this Province, to encourage Sabbath-school work, and urge the necessity upon all the members of our churches of engaging in this noble Christian enterprise.

We recommend, that a Committee of three brethren be appointed to confer with a similar Committee of the Eastern Association, to arrange for the holding of a Sunday-school Convention and Institute during the ensuing autumn. Respectfully submitted.

W. D. MANZER, *Chairman*.

Brethren Everett, Manzer, and May, were appointed the Committee above recommended.

The following Report was received from the Committee on the *Christian Visitor* :

That the CHRISTIAN VISITOR is doing a good work in connection with our churches, is very evident. A periodical of such a character is indispensable to the well-being of our denomination, and we do urge on our people the necessity of sustaining it and enlarging the list of subscribers. It has stood nobly for our principles in the past: let us stand nobly by it in the future, and we believe to do that, is to pay punctually for it: to write articles often for its columns, and to help its faithful editor in every possible manner to make it commendable to the public during its future career.

And your Committee would suggest the desirableness of improvement in the paper as far as possible, in order that it may commend itself more fully to the esteem and support of our denomination generally.

B. N. HUGHES, *Chairman*.

Addresses by Revs. I. E. Bill and W. A. Coleman.

Prayer by Rev. W. W. Corey, and adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION, June 28th, 1873.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. Harvey.

Minutes read and approved.

The Report on the *Christian Visitor* was then taken up. After addresses by Revs. D. W. Crandall, Thos. Saunders, W. M. Edwards, I. E. Bill, jun., Dea. C. L. Goodspeed, Revs. B. N. Hughes, and Geo. Harvey, the Report was adopted.

The Auditors' Report was received, and adopted :

Your Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts report a deficiency of \$12.77. The amount reported to the Association is \$404.28; collections at the Association, \$30.45; making the amount we should have in hand, \$434.73; but after deducting \$17.02, which was paid to Bro. Armstrong by order of the Association, and \$404.94, the amount on hand, there remains \$12.77 which cannot be accounted for.

We think this discrepancy has occurred by Churches reporting money as sent the Association which they had expended themselves; and we suggest that these statistics be published as given by the Treasurer, and that a note be appended, asking the Churches to inform the Clerk where the mistakes have been made.

Respectfully submitted.

E. M. KEIRSTEAD, *Chairman*.

After a free discussion, participated in by Revs. W. A. Coleman, B. N. Hughes, A. Estabrooks, Geo. Howard, J. W. Turner, T. Saunders, D. W. Crandall, Dr. Sawyer, I. E. Bill, sen., I. E. Bill, jun., and Brethren J. Dewar, J. S. May, H. C. Creed, T. H. Rand, and L. Estabrooks, the following was adopted as the Report of the Committee on Temperance :

Deeply deploring the evils which result from the manufacture and use of intoxicating liquors, your Committee would recommend that the Churches put forth more strenuous efforts for the suppression of the liquor traffic.

GEO. HOWARD, *Chairman*.

The following additional Report was submitted by the Committee on Arrangements :

SABBATH SERVICES.

In this House,	11 A. M.,	Rev. Dr. Sawyer.
"	3 P. M.,	" I. E. Bill, sen.
"	7.30 P. M.,	" W. J. Bleakney.
Free Baptist House, 11 A. M.,	"	J. W. Turner.
"	7.30 P. M.,	" I. E. Bill, jun.
Upper Keswick, 11 A. M.,	"	W. W. Corey.
"	3 P. M.,	" W. Coleman.
Macnaquack, 11 A. M.,	"	G. Armstrong.
"	3 P. M.,	" W. D. Manzer.
Ridge, Cong'ational, 11 A. M.,	"	C. Goodspeed.
"	3 P. M.,	" D. W. Crandall.
Lower Kingslear, 3 P. M.,	"	W. C. Rideout.
African Church, Macnaquack,	"	Mr. Eatman.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted their Report :

Rev. William L. Hopkins departed this life October 21st, 1873, in the 73d year of his age. He was a native of Ireland; came to this country, and settled in Pennfield, County of Charlotte, A. D. 1843. He was then a class leader in the Methodist connection. Having attended Baptist meetings for a short time, his attention was directed by Deacon T. C. Justason to the scriptural mode of baptism. After prayerful research, he was fully convinced that it was his duty to be immersed; and on the 12th day of October, A. D. 1843, he was baptized by Rev. James Walker, and was received into the membership of the Baptist Church in Pennfield. In the month of November 1845, in the Parish of Saint James, he was ordained to the work of the christian ministry. He remained preaching in Saint James for seven years, and returned to Pennfield to take the pastoral charge of the Church there. For twenty years he faithfully labored as pastor of this Church. He preached twice on Lord's day, 13th October; on the following Friday it was evident that he was dangerously ill of lung fever, and on the ensuing Monday he fell asleep in Jesus. In life, as a christian and as a pastor, he was beloved by all who knew him. In death he was deeply lamented.

EDWARD HICKSON, *Chairman*.

T. H. Porter, C. Goodspeed, T. H. Rand, B. N. Hughes, and D. W. Crandall, were appointed to prepare a Report on Temperance, to be presented at our next Association.

Resolved, That all ministers of our Association present at other Associations, be our delegates at such Associations.

Brethren T. H. Rand, A. F. Randolph, A. McL. Seely, C. D. Everett, and Reuben Lunt, were appointed our delegates to the Convention.

Brethren W. D. Manzer and E. M. Keirstead were appointed a Committee to revise the List of Ordained Ministers and Licentiates.

Resolved, That the number of Minutes be determined by the amount of money in hand.

Resolved, That a social religious meeting be held here this evening, to be conducted by the Rev. I. E. Bill, sen.

Resolved, That the Constitutions of the Education and Missionary Societies, and the Assembly Act of Incorporation, be printed in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the Churches be earnestly urged to respond immediately to the appeal to contribute towards the current expenses of Acadia College, so that their donations be forwarded in time to appear in the Treasurer's Account, which closes August 1st.

Resolved, That Bros. Goodspeed and Porter be a Committee to prepare an Abstract of the Letters.

Resolved, That Bros. Boggs, Porter, and Bill, jun., be a Committee to secure reduction of fares, &c., in connection with the next Association.

Resolved, That the Annual Meeting of the Education Society be held at the Eastern Association.

Resolved unanimously, That the most hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to the Church and friends who have so generously entertained this Association.

Resolved, That we now adjourn, to meet at Jacksonville, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1874.

The Association closed, with prayer by Dr. Sawyer.

T. H. PORTER, *Moderator*.

C. GOODSPEED, *Secretary*.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

FROM THE N. B. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

BY REV. W. B. BOGGS.

It is our privilege to be living in an intensely interesting time. The mind of the world is awake; its forces are in action. Great changes take place with astonishing suddenness. The barriers which have so long isolated the nations are being swept away. The vast scientific achievements of the age have linked land to land, and are rapidly making all the kindreds of the earth one.

"We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time;
In an age on ages telling
To be living is sublime."

But while it is a privilege to live in such an age, when the tide of life flows so full and fast, it is also attended with the gravest responsibilities. To live in the latter half of this century places one under the strongest obligations. Facilities for doing good and extending the influence of the glorious gospel are greatly multiplied. There never was a time when such successful efforts could be put forth to instruct and reform and save, and the responsibilities are proportionately great. The increased opportunities for degrading men, and augmenting the amount of evil in the world are not neglected.

And it may be affirmed without hesitation that there never was a period in our denominational history, when the highest wisdom, the most intense earnestness, and the most decided action were more urgently demanded. We have come to a crisis; a position, when wise and strong efforts will lead on to great success in the Master's cause, and when timidity or negligence or delay will surely bring failure and disgrace.

We are summoned now to a foreign missionary enterprise of greater dimensions than anything in which we have hitherto been engaged. A widely felt desire to put forth some independent effort for heathen evangelization has led to this movement. The claims of the pagan world on the church of Christ are being more fully realized by us, and it is scarcely possible to exaggerate the urgency of those claims. The want of the gospel is the worst of all wants. When a nation is visited by a grievous famine, the sympathies of the world are awakened, and efforts are made on a magnificent scale to supply the destitution. When a great fire occurs, and multitudes are rendered homeless and reduced to want, whole nations are aroused, and contributions pour in till they cry, "it is enough." But this spiritual famine of which eight hundred millions of our fellow men are dying is infinitely worse. "Of all distresses, want of the gospel cries loudest for relief." **Benevolence for the poor is com-**

mendable, but why should we be more touched by bodily suffering and destitution than by that of the soul? Why should our hearts bleed at a tale of want and misery, and be unmoved by the knowledge that millions are without the glad tidings of salvation? We ask, what state of things on earth ought to awaken the deepest sorrow and the most genuine pity? Certainly the fact that the largest portion of our race are perishing and must be forever lost, having no knowledge of salvation. Thus a loud and imploring cry reaches us from the foreign field.

Our Home Mission work calls for re-adjustment, and must be prosecuted wisely and vigorously, on a much larger scale, if we would accomplish any thing commensurate with our abilities and our obligations. Too long have the destitute portions of our province been neglected. The demand just now for home missionary labor is very urgent, and the cause of Christ in this land must suffer unless it is supplied.

Advancement and enlargement are required in our educational affairs. There are grave problems to be solved. And there must be noble and large hearted efforts if we expect to see our churches supplied with the most efficient ministry. The spirit of the age, the necessities of the times, demand that we go forward in this matter of education.

Now, in view of all this, what is the duty of the hour? to what does the Master now summon us? *Action*; deliberate, determined, disinterested, and large-hearted. Good wishes and fair speeches will not accomplish the work to which God now calls His people. *Plans* are not enough, there must also be *work*. We have had a great many excellent plans proposed, but never carried into effect. Good planning is necessary, but it must be followed up by hard, honest, earnest work for Christ.

We must act *from principle*. The efforts of those who are governed only by feeling, are variable and weak, and failure is generally their result. We must work, and give, and pray, for the advancement of the cause of the Lord Jesus, not only because we *feel inclined* to do so, but because we *ought* to do so. We must be ruled by sound Christian principle. This will last as a motive when excitement and spasmodic impulses have passed away.

Moreover we must act *with one aim*, and that, the best advancement of Christ's cause. And to this aim, personal feelings, and cherished notions, and self-interest must be sacrificed. All preferences for plan, or place, or person, must yield to the general good, and thus "with one mind" we shall "strive together for the faith of the gospel."

We must act *for the future*. With a wise forecast we should seek to make our present efforts the foundation for great future success.

But this action must be chiefly the act of *giving*. It was written of the Lord Jesus, thousands of years ago. "To him shall be given of the gold of Sheba, *prayer* also shall be made for him continually, and daily shall he be *praised*." This trinity of worship we have no authority to divide. The duty of giving needs to be regarded in a far different light from that in which it has long been by many. The wicked idea that a sum, small in itself, and considered small in the world's business, is a respectable amount if given to the Lord's

cause, and that to give anything to the Lord is an act of generosity, ought to be speedily and forever banished. O ye rich Christians, who *complain* of poverty and whose contributions to the cause of Christ amount to but a few dollars in a year, how do you expect to render an account of your stewardship at the tribunal of God? Worship Christ by consecrating larger portions of your property to his cause. "Will a man rob God?" Will a Christian rob his Redeemer? And yet to withhold that which ought to be given is to rob. O brethren, in view of the blood-stained cross, where Immanuel gave himself for us, open your hearts and your hands. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who though he was rich, for your sakes became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

The hour for action has arrived, and the duty is plain to which the Master now calls us. Let us with heart and hand and brain respond.

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DIGEST OF LETTERS.

BLACKVILLE.

Rev. W. M. Edwards proclaims to us the glorious doctrines of Divine truth in the face of all opposition. The Lord often blesses while listening to the preaching of the Word. We have passed through a trying season. Few have been able to attend service during the last winter. Our pastor's health broke down in the spring. This wholefield is in a backslidden state. We do hope, however, that God will hear our prayers, and reclaim wanderers and convert sinners.

BLISSFIELD.

We have made but little progress. The ordinances of the Lord's house have been duly administered. The house of God has been truly a Bethel to our souls, where we have sat in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The faithful preaching of the gospel has drawn out all the enmity in the hearts of the wicked. Our prayer is, "O Lord revive thy work," and save sinners around us from going down to eternal ruin.

CARDIGAN.

We have been in a very low state during most of the time since our last letter—two years ago. Numbers few. No preaching. Latterly Rev. E. Keirstead came among us. His labours have been blessed. backsliders have been reclaimed and sinners saved.

CANTERBURY.

We were in a very dark and scattered state until Bro. H. J. Coy came among us in March. His labours have proved a great blessing to us. He was called to ordination by us, and is now our pastor. We have had to pass through severe trials—have been compelled to exclude some, to our great grief, to get the Church in good working order.

CENTREVILLE.

Our esteemed pastor, Bro. T. M. Munro left us, and we are now enjoying the labours of Bro. Geo. Howard one-half the time. We have purchased a house for a parsonage during the last year.

CHIPMAN.

We have had a visit from Bro. W. Rideout. He laboured hard and faithfully, and we feel that good was done. We are in a scattered state, having no pastor.

DOUGLAS (AFRICAN).

The cause of God is in a low state among us, but we continue to keep up our prayer meetings and Sunday school.

DUMFRIES AND QUEENSBURY.

The Church has nearly lost its visibility. No pastor—no meeting house—no prayer meeting—no conference. There are a few Baptists who unite with others to keep up a prayer meeting on the Sabbath and a Sunday school. We need help, and our prayer is that God will send it.

FREDERICTON.

You will rejoice with us that the past year has been one of more than ordinary prosperity. Our statistics shew the addition of twenty-seven during the year—eleven by baptism—making a nett increase of nineteen. Financial matters run smoothly; the free house and voluntary system being, for us at least, the true plan. Our parsonage, which a year ago was in *prospect*, has been in *possession* since November last—a comfortable home for our esteemed pastor. We beg to assure you of our continued and increasing interest in all the grand aims and efforts which influence and characterize our brethren everywhere, but especially in those of the Maritime Provinces.

HAINSVILLE.

Under the labours of Bro. S. Burt, the revival which began last year, continued until eleven more were added to the Church by baptism and three by letter. We are trying to uphold the Master's cause.

HODGDON AND RICHMOND.

Our conference and prayer meeting and sacramental seasons are regularly attended, and we often realize how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

HOWARD SETTLEMENT.

Although we have not been blessed with so much of the powerful influence of the Spirit as we would like to enjoy, yet we have no reason to complain. Since the winter we have had some refreshing seasons in our prayer and social meetings. Bro. S. Burt has been with us one-quarter of the time.

JACKSONTOWN.

Last autumn Bro. H. A. Charlton became our pastor. Our congregations were good until, through the appearance of small pox in our community, it was necessary to close our house of worship. We are now enjoying the public means of grace, and are hopefully looking forward to better days. We need quickening. Pray for us.

JACKSONVILLE.

We are prospering nicely. The labors of our pastor, Bro. H. A. Charlton, have been blessed. Seven were received into the Church last March by baptism, and one by letter. Our united prayer is that God may visit us again.

FIRST KINGSCLEAR.

We are trying to hold on our way. Bro. G. Rigby has faithfully preached to us one-half the time. In the winter our prayer meetings were interesting. We have kept up our conference meetings regularly, and are praying for an outpouring of the Spirit.

SECOND KINGSCLEAR.

While lukewarmness prevails among us to some extent, a few have remained at their post. Our conferences and prayer meetings have been sustained, partly in the absence of preaching. Bro. F. O. Reece labours with us one-half the time.

FIRST KESWICK.

We are in a cold state, spiritually, at present. Our prayer meetings have not been properly attended to, and we do not labour with sufficient heartiness to expect the Divine blessing. Pray for us that the Holy Spirit may descend.

SECOND KESWICK.

Our preaching services are well attended and interesting. Our prayer meetings and conferences are seasons of blessing to our souls. We think sometimes that we can see the glimmerings of a better day. We desire to be found holding a better position in the sight of God and men.

LUDLOW.

Our Church is in a backslidden state. We are destitute of a pastor, but hope that one will be sent us. We have preaching occasionally by Brethren Tozer, Edwards, and Price.

LITTLE SOUTH-WEST.

The labours of Bro. W. A. Coleman among us are highly appreciated. The cause of religion is low at present, but we are expecting a blessing to follow the faithful preaching of the Word.

LEDGE, ST. STEPHEN.

God is better to us than we deserve. We have preaching twice a month, and prayer meeting weekly. We are praying for a revival.

MACNAQUACK.

Bro. T. M. Munro is our esteemed pastor. We believe that he was sent us in answer to prayer. Our preaching services are well attended. Our prayer and conference meetings are regularly sustained. Our Sabbath school is prospering. An anxious desire is manifested among us that God would come and save sinners.

MAUGERVILLE.

As a Church we have occasion to mourn that we are living at so great a distance from God. Our prayer and conference meetings have been thinly attended. We are hoping for better days. Pray for us.

NASHWAAK.

Bro. A. Estabrooks was made instrumental in restoring unity to the Church, and quickening its graces. The preaching by Bro. Beckwith, who has been with us some time, has been well attended. We are weak; but though faint, wish to be pursuing.

NEWCASTLE, GRAND LAKE.

A religious interest was awakened at the Quarterly meeting held with us. Special services were continued for five weeks, during which time backsliders were reclaimed and sinners converted. Seventeen were added to us by baptism. Prayer and conference meetings are kept up with a growing interest.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.

We have to mourn the low state of religion among us. Bro. W. A. Coleman supplies our pulpit regularly. A few have been received by letter. We hope that the day is near when we shall have the unspeakable blessing of welcoming a large number of converts into our fellowship.

NORTH ESK, MIRAMICHI.

We have not been able to sustain our prayer meeting; our conference meetings are but thinly attended; and it is only recently that a Sabbath school has been organized. The preaching by our pastor, Bro. W. A. Coleman, is solemn; but nothing save the power of Jehovah can raise our slumbering Church.

OAK BAY.

The interest in our prayer and conference meetings is not deep. We are torn with dissensions. Bro. W. A. Bleakney is labouring with us amid great discouragements, one-quarter of the time.

OLIVET (AFRICAN).

We have just been organized. We hope to benefit those of our own race among whom we are located. Religious meetings and a Sabbath school are held every Lord's day. Pray for us.

PORTLAND.

The usual means of grace and the ordinances of God's house are regularly maintained among us; and, though there are not large additions to our membership, yet we trust the Church is being edified, and comforted and strengthened; and from time to time it is our privilege to receive those to our fellowship, whom we trust the Lord has called by his grace. We are not satisfied, however, with our present position. Declension on the part of some causes us grief. But we hope, by the blessing of God on the faithful discharge of our duty, to attain to a better state, in which we will be prepared to do more for the Master's cause.

PRINCE WILLIAM.

Many of our meetings have been interesting. Conference generally sustained, although thinly attended. Our Church is evidently in a low state; for we are doing but little for the support of God's cause. Our Sabbath school begins with favourable prospects.

RUSHAGORNISH.

Elder A. Estabrooks, County missionary, has been labouring with us lately with zeal and earnestness; and, by the blessing of God, a great change has taken place among us in the increased seriousness and attention of those who attend our meetings. One has been added to the Church by baptism, and others are deeply interested in the salvation of their souls. The power of sin and Satan is very strong among us, but we believe in God that He will overcome our enemies.

RICHMOND, SOUTH.

Our prayer and conference meetings and communion seasons are regularly observed. We have the gospel preached to us. We trust soon to receive a special blessing, and see sinners saved.

RICHMOND, THIRD.

We are weak. We have no pastor. Our conference meetings are neglected. We hope to secure the services of Bro. Campbell for a part of the time.

ROLLING DAM.

We hope that the Spirit may soon be poured out here. Bro. Bleakney preaches to us once every fortnight.

SIMONDS, MIDDLE.

During some special meetings held with us last winter, by Rev. J. G. Harvey and others, two members were added to our Church. We are now without a pastor, but we continue our prayer meetings; and God by his Spirit has seen fit in his good pleasure to meet with us and fill our hearts with joy.

SALMON CREEK.

Bro. W. C. Rideout visited us in December, and remained for part of the time until March. His continued labour and untiring zeal will, we trust, prove a great blessing to many. Bro. Rideout returned in May. Signs are favourable, and we must have stated preaching.

SOUTH MUSQUASH AND DIPPER HARBOUR.

Our pastor, Bro. T. B. Layton, has left us. We are few in number. We have received no additions during the year. Our prayer is that some one may be sent to break to us the bread of life.

SPRINGFIELD.

Our Church is in a low state. This is due, no doubt, to some extent to the want of preaching and pastoral work among us. The sure promise of God gives us hope that we shall be revived again, and sinners saved among us.

SAINT ANDREWS, BAYSIDE.

The labours of our pastor, Rev. George Seely, are highly appreciated. The Church is united, and some improvement is visible in its spiritual state.

SAINT ANDREWS, SECOND.

Things have been moving on more pleasantly of late than formerly. The Sabbath school is in better working condition than for some time. Our congregations on the Sabbath evenings have doubled their numbers. On the afternoons of the Sabbath they have always, since the present pastorate began, been good. Social meetings and the Lord's supper are regularly observed, with good attendance, and souls have been saved.

SAINT GEORGE, FIRST.

Bro. J. W. Turner became our pastor March 27th, 1873. Since then the regular ordinances of the Church have been observed. Our Sabbath services are largely attended. A new system of managing our financial affairs has been introduced, and works well. Our prayer meetings are becoming more interesting, and there are indications of a revival among us. Pray for us, that it may be soon experienced.

SAINT JOHN, BRUSSELS STREET.

Since our present pastor, Bro. W. P. Everett, came among us, a number have professed religion, and joined the Church; and generally we believe that God has blessed his efforts for the advancement of his cause in this place. We rejoice that out of the Sabbath school some have come to join the Church, and are now members with us.

Our temporal affairs are in as prosperous a condition as circumstances appear to admit of, and the expenses are met by the Church and congregation in such a way that every thing moves on in a reasonably easy manner.

Our return to you will shew that our poor have been cared for, and that we have increased our efforts in other departments of benevolent works.

While it has been so well with us as it has, we deplore that more efforts have not been put forth, and more good done in every way, and we would ask your earnest prayers to our Heavenly Father that in the coming year his Holy Spirit may be poured upon us in great abundance, and that many may be added to us in true faith in Christ.

SAINT JOHN, GERMAIN STREET.

God has been gracious to us during the year, and has visited us with some drops of mercy. Our congregations have been good, and at times very solemn under the preaching of the Word. May the Lord add his blessing to the faithful ministrations of our pastor. The Sabbath school has been very interesting—the Superintendent and teachers labouring diligently in faithful instruction and earnest prayer for the conversion of the young. Four from the Sabbath school have been baptized, and are giving evidence that they are born again. The Woman's Missions Aid Society is kept up, and a more active interest than formerly is taken in Foreign Missions. The sisters of the Church are doing a good work in connection with the Baptist Mission Union and their missionary.

We have repaired our parsonage at a cost of \$1,389.23, and have also reduced our Church debt by the sum of \$500. We hope to wipe off the remaining \$4900 next year. Then we trust we shall do more for the cause of Christ beyond our own borders.

SAINT JOHN, LEINSTER STREET.

Our membership has declined during the past year. This is due partly to death and dismission, but chiefly to the exclusion of many who have removed to other places, and have refused to reply to our communications requesting them to join other Churches. We regret exceedingly that many of the young members, affected by evil influences, habitually neglect the ordinances of the Church. *A very few* of these we have been compelled to cut off; with the others we are labouring, hoping that they may return. Otherwise, during the year, we have enjoyed a measure of peace within our borders.

The gatherings during the week have been kept up. Many of these meetings have been deeply interesting, leading to the conversion of some who promise to be faithful and useful.

The Sabbath school in connection with the Church is in good condition, and the mission at Marsh Bridge is prospering.

During most of the time since our pastor left us, we have enjoyed the ministrations of Rev. I. E. Bill, whose efforts to save souls and build up the Church, we trust, have not been in vain.

SAINT JOHN, PITT STREET.

Bro. James Spencer has been labouring with us during the past two months with good acceptance. The members of the Church are greatly strengthened and encouraged. Many who were wavering are now again with us.

SAINT JOHN, CARLETON.

During the winter we held special meetings for about ten weeks. Thirty-one members were added to the Church—sixteen by baptism. We have a strong desire to do more for Missions and Ministerial education, and only regret that our finances will not at present permit us to do more for these great denominational enterprises. Our Sabbath school has been in operation every Sunday, with an average attendance of about one hundred, and is well sustained financially.

SAINT STEPHEN.

We have reason to thank God that it is as well with us as it is. We dwell together in peace and good fellowship. Our pastor is highly esteemed by us, and his preaching is very acceptable. Our prayer and conference meetings have been well attended of late, and very refreshing. *Three* have been added by baptism and *five* by letter. We have a good Sabbath school. The interest taken in this branch of christian work is most cheering.

TOWER HILL.

Bro. W. A. J. Bleakney preaches to us once a fortnight. The seed sown has not yet sprung up, but we feel that it will have a precious harvest. We have some wrestling members among us.

We have been blessed with a revival, by which eleven have been added to the Church by baptism. Our prayer and conference meetings and communion seasons are regularly sustained. We hope for greater success in future.

UPPER NEWCASTLE AND NORTHFIELD.—Statistics only,

WOODSTOCK.

We have no cases of conversion to mention; but our prayer and conference meetings are regularly sustained. Many of them are refreshing seasons. We have an interesting Sabbath school.

WOODSTOCK, LOWER.

Our conference meetings and Sabbath services are regularly sustained. Bro. G. R. Campbell preaches to us once a month. We wish to labour on in hope.

ZION'S CHURCH.

The ordinances of the Church are regularly kept up. We have a large and interesting Sabbath school. We are earnestly praying for a revival.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

BELONGING TO THE W. N. B. B. ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	PLACE OF ORDINATION.
Bill, I. E. sen.	Saint John.	March 1829	Nictaux, N. S.
Bill, I. E. jun.	Woodstock.	Aug. 1869	Saint Andrews.
Bleakney, W. A. J.		1859	Wickham.
Boggs, W. B., A.B.	Portland, Saint John.	Sept. 1865	Sydney, C. B.
Burt, Samuel	Jacksonville.	May 1872	Howard Settlement.
Campbell, G. R.	El River.	July 1857	do.
Carey, G.M.W., A.M.	Saint John.	July 1856	St. Catherines, Ontario.
Coleman, W. A.	Newcastle, Miramichi	Sept. 1848	North Esk, Miramichi.
Coy, Henry J.	Nashwaak.	1873	Canterbury.
Clarke, Chas. F.	2d Falls, St. George.	Nov. 1871	Saint James.
Charlton, H. A.	Jacksontown.	March 1855	Greenville, N. S.
Eatman, J. D.	Carleton, Saint John.	June 1873	Carleton, Saint John.
Edwards, W. M.	Blissfield.	March 1855	Hampton.
Estabrooks, G.	Simonda.	July 1847	Upper Gagetown.
Estabrooks, A., A.B.	New Maryland.	July 1864	Andover.
Everett, W. P., A.M.	Saint John.	April 1856	East Abington, Mass.
Goodspeed, C., A.M.	Nashwaak.	June 1869	Andover.
Harvey, J. G.	Upper Woodstock.	Feb. 1858	Springfield, Queensbury.
Hickson, E., A. M.	Carleton, Saint John.	July 1862	North Esk.
Howard, Geo.	Centreville.	1869	Jacksontown.
Hughes, B. N.	Upper Gagetown.	Oct. 1858	Maugerville.
Jewett, Benj.	Bloomfield.	Sept. 1860	Andover.
Layton, T. B.	Musquash.	Jan. 1872	Musquash.
Manning, J. W., A.B.	Saint Stephen.	March 1868	Hawkesbury, C. B.
Manzer, W. D.	Maugerville.	Sept. 1867	Shediac.
Munro, T. M.	Macnaquack.		Florenceville.
Porter, T. H.	Fredericton.	Nov. 1861	Brookfield, C. C., N. S.
Reece, P. O.	Keswick.		
Rideout, W. C.	Saint David.	Sept. 1849	Nova Scotia.
Rigby, George	Kingsclear.	March 1842	
Saunders, T. M.	Prince William.	July 1832	Prince William.
Seely, George	Saint Andrews.	1854	Carleton.
Spencer, James	Saint John.	1852	Nova Scotia.
Spurden, C., D. D.	Fredericton.	April 1841	England.
Tozer, James	Ludlow.	March 1826	North Esk.
Tupper, J. H.	Queensbury.	March 1844	Jacksontown.
Turner, J. W.	Saint George.		
Trimble, James	Newcastle.	Feb. 1845	
Walker, James	Mascareen.	Jan. 1884	

LICENTIATES.—T. P. Davies, D. C. Stilwell, James S. May, S. W. Parent, G. L. Price, John A. Simpson, F. G. Currie, J. A. Durkee, William Annis, Peter R. Knight, Edmund H. Duval, Edgar Hatfield, Joseph Cahil, J. Goodwin, and W. Beddow.

ABSTRACT STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Date of Formation.	PASTORS.	Date of Settlement.	CLERKS.	DECREASE.			INCREASE.			Whole present membership.	No. reported last year.	Non-resident members.	Resident mbs. of other Chs.
					By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.					
*Andover,	1832										18	13	0	
*Aونداله,	1871		1871		J. A. Barter, Waterville, Carl. Co.						20	20	0	
*Beckingham,	1832				A. H. Hayward, Rockland, C. Co.						8	8	0	
*Blackville,	1860	W. M. Edwards,	1860		Nath. Weaver, W. O. Up. Blackville						41	41	0	
*Blissfield,	1866	W. M. Edwards,	1866		Wm. Swim, Doaktown.						106	106	0	
*Boscobec,	1820										18	18	0	
*Cardigan,	1800				Benj. Richards, Hamtown, Douglas	2	1				83	83	0	
*Canning & Sheffield,	1800				Judson Estabrooks						40	40	0	
*Canterbury,	1828	Henry J. Coy,	1828		Geo. B. Dow, Eel River, Canterbury	4	15	2			100	36	6	
*Centerville,	1843	George Howard,	1843		W. D. Estey, Centerville, Carl. Co.	1					42	42	16	
*Chipsman,	1844				W. H. Fleming, Gasperaux W. O.						17	17	0	
*Douglass (African),	1831				George Wherry, [Chipsman, Q. C.]						16	16	0	
*Dunfries & Queens,	1856										212	193	76	75
*Fredericton, [Isary],	1814	T. H. Porter,	1868		C. L. Hart, Fredericton, N. B.	11	16	3	4		15	15	0	
*Florenceville,	1859				Theodore Estey, Florenceville.						34	22	1	
*Grand Falls,	1843										41	41	0	
*Hainesville,	1866	Samuel Burt,	1842		Daniel Allen, Lower Hainesville.	7	3				52	51	0	
*Hodgdon & Richmond,	1843	G. R. Campbell,	1828		L. Sypher, S. Richmond, Union cor.						95	98	49	
*Howard Settlement,	1860	Samuel Burt,	1872		Geo. F. A. Jameson, Canterbury	1					55	55	7	
*Jacksonville,	1833	H. A. Charlton,	1872		John Estey, Jacksonstown. [Station.]	3					35	35	0	
*Jacksonton,	1858	H. A. Charlton,	1872		Robt. Hamath, Jacksonville, C. C.	1					62	68	15	
*Kingsclear, 1st,	1825				Jos. T. Dunphy, Spring Hill, Y. C.						60	80	19	
*Kingsclear, 2d,	1859	P. O. Reece,	1872		G. A. Hammond, Kingsclear.	2					36	36	0	
*Keawick 1st,	1812	P. O. Reece,	1872		B. R. Burt, Upper Keswick, Y. C.	1					2	2	0	
*Keawick 2d,	1831	F. M. Munro,	1872		John Tozer, Lower Keswick.						1	1	0	
*Leadlow,	1866				Alex. Long, Boitstown.						1	1	0	3

ABSTRACT STATE OF THE CHURCHES—[Continued.]

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Illio South West.	1846	W. A. Coleman,	1872	S. Travis, North Ek, Lytleton, Mir.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	2	2
Ledge, St. Stephen.	1830	W. A. J. Bleakne	1872	Jas. M. Youngs Ledge, St. Stephen.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	3	2
Manaquack.	1844	T. M. Munro,	1872	Fred. Clark, Manaquack.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	7	7
Manquerville.	1834	W. D. Manzer,	1869	N. P. Day, Upper Sheffield, S. C.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	50	0
Nashua.	1804	W. D. Manzer,	1869	L. Goodspeed, Marysville, Y. C.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	0
New Jerusalem.	1848	W. D. Manzer,	1869	Daniel Mook, New Jerusalem, Q. C.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	80	8
Newcastle, G. Lake.	1846	J. A. Simpson,	1872	D. J. Bailey, Newcastle Creek.	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	102	3
Newcastle, Miramichi.	1868	W. A. Coleman,	1872	H. J. Bailey, Newcastle, Mir.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	2	2
North Ek, Miramichi.	1819	W. A. Coleman,	1872	Henry Coleman, Newcastle, Mir.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	25	1
North Ek, St. David.	1836	W. A. J. Bleakne	1872	R. P. Whitney, North Ek, Mir.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	23	1
Fortland.	1833	W. B. Bogs,	1871	Abner T. L. Weston, Linstead, Q. C.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0
Princeton.	1841	T. W. Saunders,	1871	J. R. Hopewell, Onabog, Hamp.	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	46	7
Rushborough.	1846	G. R. Campbell,	1878	W. A. Chasley, Portland, N. B.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	40	8
Richmond, South.	1860	G. R. Campbell,	1878	Enos Poole, Poughfield.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0
Richmond, Third.	1870	G. R. Campbell,	1878	L. Estabrooks, Lower P. William.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	5
Rolling Dam.	1869	W. A. J. Bleakne,	1878	Israel Smith, Fredericton.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
Shmonds, Middle.	1859	W. A. J. Bleakne,	1878	T. E. Hendelson, Debe, June, C. C.	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0
Salmon Creek.	1867	T. B. Layton,	1871	George Blake.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	36	8
Southampton.	1856	T. B. Layton,	1871	Jas. McBae, St. Patrick, Dyer's W.O.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0
St. Mary's.	1866	George Seely,	1871	Franklin C. Shaw, Middle Simonds.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	0
St. Mary's & Dipper.	1867	George Seely,	1871	J. Langley, Chatham, Briggs' Cor.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	38	0
Springfield, Y. C. [Har.]	1864	George Seely,	1871	G. Byron, Prince of Wales, Saint	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	22	8
St. Andrews, Bayside	1838	do.	1871	Alex. Love, Springfield.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0
St. Andrews, 2d.	1865	do.	1871	H. R. Hitchings, Bay Side, St. And.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	61	19
St. Andrews, 3d.	1865	do.	1871	J. R. Bradford, St. Andrews, N. B.	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	40	15

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1800	Southampton,	1806	J. W. Turner,	1878	J. A. Moore, St. George, N. B.	1	112	114	20	8
1801	S. Mungwath & Dipper	1843	T. B. Layton,	1879	A. McDiarmid, Maccaferri, St. George	1	80	80
1802	Springfield, Y. C. [Har.]	1843	do.	1879	Geo. Allen, 2d Flng, St. George.	1	46	46	...	...
1803	St. Andrews, Bayside	1842	George Seely,	1879	Thomas Mann, St. James.	1	24	24	...	...
1804	St. Andrews, 2d,	1842	do.	1879	R. C. Skinner, St. John.	7	520	400	158	...
1805	do.	1850	W. P. Everett,	1879	R. C. Skinner, St. John.	1	320	314	50	12
1806	do.	1810	G. M. W. Carey,	1879	J. J. Boswrick, St. John.	4	1	218	...	...
1807	do.	1856	do.	1879	J. H. Allan, St. John.	3	18	6	...	...
1808	do.	1856	do.	1879	M. Harrison, St. John.	2	1	50	58	10
1809	do.	1866	E. Hickson,	1879	I. O. Beattie, Carleton, St. John.	5	186	165	20	20
1810	St. Stephen,	1870	J. W. Manning,	1879	J. Milton Beattie, St. Stephen.	2	54	49	7	14
1811	do.	1870	do.	1879	James S. Dyart, Temperance Vale.	1	18	18	...	...
1812	St. Stephen,	1871	W. A. J. Bleakney,	1879	L. Towers, Tower Hill, St. David.	1	23	23	...	...
1813	Temperance Vale,	1871	do.	1879	T. Asa Toney, Upper Gagetown.	8	118	109	30	12
1814	Tower Hill,	1871	W. A. J. Bleakney,	1879	I. Nightingale, Newcastle Bridge.	1	49	50	5	...
1815	Upper Gagetown,	1875	B. N. Hughes,	1879	Issac Woodabor, Woodstock, C. C.	2	13	13	69	...
1816	Up. Newcastle and	1875	do.	1879	Stephen Taylor, Canterbury.	1	57	56	10	2
1817	Northfield,	1875	do.	1879	A. Hamilton, Carleton, St. John.	4	9	...	...	...
1818	Up. Queensbury,	1871	I. E. Hill, jun.,	1879	do.	1	142	90	10	65
1819	Woodstock,	1842	do.	1879	do.	10	58	4789	817	187
1820	Woodstock, Lower,	1854	G. R. Campbell,	1879	do.	1	...	...	...	...
1821	Woodstock,	1873	J. D. Easman,	1879	do.	1
1822	Zion's Church, Carl.,	1873	do.	1879	do.	1
1823	do.	1873	do.	1879	do.	1

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CHURCHES

CHURCH PROPERTY AND SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	CHURCH PROPERTY.				STATISTICS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.									
	No. of Meet- ing Houses.	Seating capacity.	Value of Mtg. House.	Value of Parsonage.	When organized.	Scholars.	Average attendance.	Teachers.	No. of adult classes.	Volumes in Library.	Papers taken monthly.	Expended during year.	Beneficent contributions.	No. of Sabbs. in session during year.
Andover,
*Avondale,
*Beckaginnic,
*Blackville,	\$1500 00	..	1861	60	30	10	..	330	..	..	..	26
Billsfield,
*Bocabeac,
Gardigan,
*Canning and Sheffield,
Canterbury,
Centreville,	1000 00	..	1852	50	30	6	2	200	2	\$67 00	..	26
Chipman,
Douglas (African),
Dunfries and Queensbury,	6500 00	\$2500 00	..	136	88	11	3	200	73	..	..	53
Fredericton,
*Florenceville,
*Grand Falls,	500 00	..	1865	18	..	2	2	100	3	..	..	..
Hainesville,	1500 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hodgdon and Richmond,
Howard Settlement,
Jacksontown,
Jacksonville,
Kingsclear 1st,	1000 00	..	1861	57	50	8	2	300	72	..	..	30
Kingsclear 2d,
Kingsclear 3d,	1600 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kewick, 1st,
Kewick, 2d,
Landow,	200 00	..	1847	30	25	4	2	125	6	..	..	..
Little South-West,	1000 00	..	1871	30	20	5	2	125	6
Lodge, St. Stephen,
Macnaquack,

Maugerville,

Nashwaak,

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Account of the Benevolence of the Churches at Home and Abroad, as Reported in their Letters.

CHURCHES.	Missions.	Educational Purposes.	Preaching at Home.	Meeting House.	Parsonage.	Poor.	Current Expenses.	Other Purposes.	Sabbath School.	Total.
Blacksville,	\$1 25		\$200 00							\$1 25
Blissfield,	17 02	\$6 00								223 02
Cardigan,	45 00									45 00
Canterbury,			100 00							100 00
Centreville,			200 00	\$17 00	\$204 00		\$85 00		\$76 00	582 00
Chippman,			40 71						36 00	76 71
Douglas (African),		1 40								1 40
Frederickton,	144 88	296 60	819 06	14 50	905 95	\$89 90	\$219 78	{ \$49 77 115 65	17 20	2613 24
Hainsville,			70 00							80 00
Hodgdon and Richmond,			100 00						12 00	112 00
Howard Settlement,			65 00							65 00
Jacksontown,		6 50							20 69	27 19
Jacksonville,		5 50	200 00						35 00	240 50
Kingsclear, 1st	6 00	3 00	175 00							184 00
Kewick, 2d	31 00		150 00							181 00
Ludlow,		2 00								2 00
Little South-West,	2 90		200 00				10 00			212 90
Ledge, St. Stephen,	27 00	2 00	180 00	73 00			20 00		4 80	376 80
Macnaquack,	45 00		300 00					17 00	23 00	384 00
Maugerville,	9 50		350 00	25 00				*16 22	15 00	415 72
Nashwaak,	25 86	25 00	75 00							125 86
Newcastle, Grand Lake,	42 00		566 00	18 00						626 50
Newcastle, Miramichi,	6 66	2 00	300 00	28 04	10 00		26 84	150 00		523 54
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CHURCH PROPERTY & CONTINUED

Statement of Moneys paid to the Treasurer during the Associational Session.

CHURCHES.	Women's Missionary Aid Society.	Foreign Missions.	Union Society Fund	Home Missions.	Sab. school Fund.	Ministerial Education.	Infirm Ministers.	Frederickton Seminary.	Acadia College.	Minutes.	Printing Tabular Form.	TOTAL.
Avondale,		\$1 25								\$1 00		\$1 00
Blackville,		6 75		\$4 27						86	\$0 33	2 05
Blessfield,								\$6 00		2 00		12 35
Cardigan,										1 10		1 00
Cantebury,										1 00		1 00
Centreville,										1 00		1 00
Chipman,										1 00		2 40
Douglas (African),		41 46		24 00		\$12 60	\$15 65	1 40		2 40		95 11
Frederickton,										1 00		1 00
Hainsville,									\$6 50	70		70
Hodgdon and Richmond,									5 50	1 00		7 50
Jacksontown,										1 00		6 50
Jacksonville,		6 00								1 00		7 00
Kingsclear, 1st,										1 00		1 00
do., 2d,										80		80
Keswick, 1st,		5 00		4 00						1 00		10 00
do., 2d,				2 90						1 00		3 90
Little South-West,								2 00		1 00		3 00
Ladlow,										1 00		1 00
Lodge, St. Stephen,		10 00	\$16 22	4 00						1 00		15 00
Macnaquack,										85		16 87
Maugerville,										1 00		1 00
Nashwaak,										1 50		1 50
Newcastle, Grand Lake,		5 66		1 00						1 00		7 66
do., Miramichi,												

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SUMMARY.

For Printing Minutes,	\$61 05
do. Tabular forms,	1 78
Union Society Fund,	53 41
Home Missions,	78 70
Infirm Ministers,	38 15
Ministerial Education,	15 60
Sabbath School Fund,	50
Fredericton Seminary,	26 40
Acadia College,	17 20
Foreign Missions,	147 44
Woman's Missionary Aid Society,	2 00
Collection at Free Baptist Church,	72
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APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR 1873-74.

President.

REV. INGRAM E. BILL.

Vice-Presidents.

REV. G. M. W. CAREY, M. A.,	REV. JAMES A. SMITH,
" W. A. COLEMAN,	" C. SPURDEN, D. D.,
" DAVID CRANDALL,	" THOMAS TODD,
" JAMES HERRITT,	A. F. RANDOLPH, Esq.,
" W. P. EVERETT, M. A.	C. F. CLINCH, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary.

J. F. MASTERS.

Recording Secretary.

JAMES E. MASTERS.

Treasurer.

GILBERT M. STEEVES.

Auditor.

THE HON. A. McL. SEELY.

Executive Committee.

REV. W. B. BOGGS, B. A.,	J. W. HERRINGTON,
S. F. MATTHEWS,	WILLIAM LEWIS,
WILLIAM BLIZZARD,	A. W. MARSTERS,
C. E. BURNHAM,	JAMES S. MAY,
JOHN CHALONER,	THOMAS RALSTON,
EDMUND H. DUVAL,	ROBERT SEARS,
C. D. EVERETT,	JOHN CHRISTOPHER,
Z. G. GABEL,	JOHN SMITH,
S. E. GEROW,	JONATHAN TITUS,
VALENTINE GRAVES,	HENRY VAUGHAN,
JOHN H. HARDING,	GILBERT WHITE,
MARTIN WORTMAN,	WILLIAM BUCHANAN.

Of this Board, all Ministers connected with the two Associations, are members, *ex officio*.

NEW BRUNSWICK HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

At the Eastern Association at Cambridge, July 9th, 1873.

The Chair was occupied by the President, Rev. I. E. Bill.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Springer.

Rev. W. B. Boggs was appointed Recording Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Annual Report of the Society was read by Rev. W. P. Everett; and after remarks by a number of brethren, was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Rev. G. M. W. Carey, and adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Revs. T. Todd, J. H. Hughes, W. A. Corey, and Bro. C. D. Everett, were appointed a Committee to nominate officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

Rev. T. H. Porter presented the Report of the York County Auxiliary Missionary Society; which was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Committee appointed to nominate officers, reported. Their Report was received, and the persons nominated elected.

Resolved, That the Annual Meetings of the Home Missionary Society be held hereafter alternately with the Eastern and Western Associations.

Adjourned, to meet with the Western Association next year at Jacksonville.

W. B. BOGGS,
Secretary, pro tem.

REPORT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY BOARD FOR 1872-73.

At the expiration of another year, your Board beg leave to submit the following Report:

The sphere of the operation of your Board has not been materially changed since last year. All the applications of Churches or missionary stations has met with a prompt response. There are numerous important and promising fields that have been neglected, and many souls perishing for lack of knowledge, for want of men to send forth.

It is gratifying to state that, throughout the year, the Board have had funds on hand promptly to pay the salaries of their Missionaries; to meet demands for aid to infirm ministers, or the widows of deceased ministers, when presented; to assist young men studying with a view to the ministry, as far as they could under an existing regulation of the Board, and to assist in sustaining Sabbath schools in weak churches and in destitute localities. It was a matter of regret that two promising young men, particularly desirous of studying at Horton Academy, were debarred from aid from this Board in consequence of a resolution adverse to the giving of assistance to ministerial students pursuing their Academical studies elsewhere than at Fredericton Seminary. They have, however, been assisted by the contributions of individual members of the City Churches. In view of the present position of the Seminary, your Board, at their last regular meeting, unanimously resolved to request the Union Society, at the coming Association, to place the Board in a position in which they may assist ministerial students at the Horton Academy.

Your Board have much pleasure in stating that their funds have been considerably augmented, through the year, by timely and generous donations from *some known* and *some unknown* individuals. How very desirable that many more, like these friends, should swell the funds of the Board with their gifts to the Lord, and thus make themselves, in the matter of christian benevolence, their own executors.

Your Board feel very strongly that, throughout the Churches, new life and vigor ought to be infused into the operations of the Union Societies. By working them systematically *throughout the year*, instead of leaving the whole operation of collecting to be accomplished in a week or two before the Associations are to take place, the sums raised would be three-fold, if not four-fold, what they now are, and the amount of good effected in the cause of Christ, through the agency of the Board, would be increased in the same proportion.

As a re-adjustment of the basis on which the various funds of the Union Society had been apportioned, has been considered necessary, a Committee of three members of your Board was appointed to prepare a plan. That Committee, at the last regular meeting, submitted the following considerations and suggestions, to be recommended by the Board to the Home Missionary Society at their next annual meeting:

"First. That in consequence of the inauguration of an independent Foreign Mission for the Maritime Provinces, and the necessity for increased efforts to be made to meet the large amount required for the annual expenses of that mission, that we deem it advisable that the Foreign Mission Board, if they desire it, be allowed the largest liberty, and full opportunity to appeal to the Churches for aid independently of all other organizations; and, therefore, Foreign Missions need not henceforth be reckoned as one of the objects for whose support the Union Society is to collect funds. If this suggestion be accepted and adopted, it will leave to your Board the single and legitimate work of receiving and disbursing funds for the various denominational enterprises pertaining to the Home field.

"Second. We recommend that the apportionments of the Union Society Fund, in the future, be as follows: For Home Missions, 50 per cent.; Ministerial Education, 25 per cent.; General Education, 10 per cent.; Infirm Ministers and Ministers' Widows, 10 per cent.; and Sunday Schools, 5 per cent.

"Third. We further suggest that, until our Churches enter upon some definite work of denominational education in our Province, the sum received under the head of General Education be devoted to the support of the current expenses of Acadia College."

The above Report was unanimously adopted by the Board, and is hereby recommended to the consideration of the Home Missionary Society.

A brief statement of the stations that have been occupied, and the Missionaries employed, with the work performed by each respectively, will now be given.

SHEDIAC.

Rev. F. Beattie has toiled assiduously in this field for another year. He has informed the Board of his acceptance of a call to the Hopewell Church. May the Lord prosper him in his new pastoral relation.

BLACKVILLE AND BLISSFIELD.

Rev. Wm. M. Edwards continues to be the Missionary in these localities. His reports from quarter to quarter show that his labours are abundant in the Lord. February 28th, he communicates as follows: "I believe the dark cloud that has hung over us so long is passing away, and the light of Divine truth is dawning upon the souls of many;" but in June 1st, he presents a painful picture of the prevalence of intemperance and vice in the County, and of the hostility manifested towards those who venture to oppose the torrent of evil. During the year he has travelled 2,106 miles, attended 17 Conference meetings, made 315 visits, preached 104 sermons, administered the Lord's Supper 10 times, and attended 8 funerals. He was confined to his room four weeks from illness.

HARDINGVILLE.

This field has been occupied another year by Rev. John Currey, whose reports to the Board have been very interesting and satisfactory. The Sabbath school in Hardingville "is in healthy working order." The Union Society work has been attended to, and eleven dollars have been raised the past year. During the year ending May 18th, 1873, he made 19 visits, travelled 187 miles, preached 15 times, and held one Conference meeting. Severe storms in the winter prevented the fulfilment of several appointments.

WOODSTOCK.

Rev. I. E. Bill, jun., is sustained partly by funds from your Board. He reports six months' labour, ending April 30th, as follows: "Prayer and Conference meetings attended, 42; religious visits made, 348; sermons preached, 53; Lord's Supper administered 3 times; attended funerals, 6." Brother Bill's labours have been confined to Woodstock Church, who are doing, he says, all they can for his support. Though the Church is not so prosperous as could be wished, yet the congregations are good, and the prayer meetings, on the whole, are well sustained, and the pastor and members are "longing and praying for better days."

MUSQUASH.

The reports of Rev. T. B. Layton, who continues to occupy this field, are interesting, and show that hard and self-denying labour is being done by the Missionary. He has preached 100 sermons, made 300 family visits, travelled 1,987 miles, and held 30 prayer and Conference meetings.

SAINT ANDREWS AND BAY SIDE.

The labour performed by Rev. George Seely, whose salary is supplemented by a grant from your Board, is thus reported: "Since last June, when the Missionary year began, I have held no less than 800 meetings, 156 of which were preaching services, the balance were prayer, conference, and temperance meetings. Many pastoral calls and visits to the sick and dying have been made, and funerals attended; and many miles travelled to perform this work. Eight have been added by baptism, and four by letter."

NEWCASTLE, GRAND LAKE.

Rev. W. C. Rideout's reports of Missionary work in this and other fields adjacent, have appeared in the *Christian Visitor*; so that any statements here—farther than that his Mission was almost self-sustaining—are unnecessary.

The Church at Tobique and Grand Falls have requested Bro. G. F. Currie to labour with them; and your Board have granted him a Mission to those places during his College vacation.

Willow Grove Church has been supplied with preaching by ministering and lay brethren, by the grant of a small sum to defray the expense of horse-hire. The services of these brethren have been thankfully received, and good has been done.

During the year aid has been given from the Ministerial Education Fund to the following young brethren studying with a view to the ministry, namely: G. F. Currie, and J. A. Durkee, at Acadia College, William E. Vickery, at Fredericton Seminary, and E. A. Hatfield, at Springfield.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. HART,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE YORK COUNTY AUXILIARY TO THE N. B. B. H. M. SOCIETY.

During the last year we have had two Missionaries employed in the County—Revs. A. Estabrooks and E. Keirstead. The former laboured thirty-one weeks, and the latter twenty-one.

Brother Estabrooks confined his labours chiefly to Nashwaak and New Maryland, in each of which places he reports one baptized. He also visited Dumfries, Queensbury, Temperance Vale, Douglas (African settlement), Lower Keswick, and the Ridge; and made a tour in the interest of the Mission through Lower and Upper Kingsclear, Prince William, Macnaquack, Springfield, and Hainsville. In all these places he held Missionary meetings, and sought to awaken an interest in the work. He has laboured earnestly and faithfully, and seen good results, in the return of backsliders, the conversion of sinners, and the general strengthening of the Churches, though much of the seed sown remains to be gathered.

He reports two baptized, the Lord's Supper administered six times, ninety-seven sermons preached, seventy-seven prayer and conference meetings held, ten Missionary meetings, one hundred and twenty-nine families visited last quarter, and one hundred and two dollars, sixty-one cents, collected for the Mission.

Brother Keirstead laboured in Canterbury and Mill Settlement, Cardigan and Woodland, and also visited Prince William, Temperance Vale, Queensbury

and Dumfries, and Tay Creek, Ashwell, and Bird Settlement. Six were baptized, and added to the Cardigan Church, one restored, and one added by letter, and eight baptized in Woodland, who have since been formed into a Free Baptist Church. He reports a very general awakening throughout the entire community.

He preached one hundred and one sermons, attended twenty-six conference and other meetings, made three hundred and seventy-three family visits, travelled ten hundred and twenty-five miles, and collected for the Mission ninety-nine dollars and fifty-six cents.

A summary of the year's work, so far as reported, gives the following :

Weeks of labour performed,	.	.	52
Preaching Services held,	.	.	198
Other meetings held,	.	.	118
Family visits,	.	.	502
Baptisms,	.	.	16
Miles travelled,	.	.	1,025
Collected for the Mission,	.	.	<u>\$202 17</u>

T. H. PORTER, *Secretary.*

Statement of all Monies received for York County Auxiliary, and appropriated during the year.

Nashwaak,	\$36 86	Woodland,	\$2 52
Cardigan,	30 65	Queensbury,	6 15
Lower Keswick,	26 05	Dumfries,	3 93
Macnaquack,	40 36	Mill Settlement,	4 24
Canterbury,	37 36	Howard Settlement,	2 00
Fredericton,	30 18	Maugerville,	1 00
New Maryland,	41 87	Last year's balance,	91
Upper Kingsclear,	15 98	A. Estabrooks,	11 00
Prince William,	5 83	E. Keirstead,	16 00
Lower Kingsclear,	2 54	L. Estabrooks,	12 00
Springfield,	2 12	Charles Hartley,	11 00
Donglas (African),	59	T. H. Porter,	15 00
Tay Creek,	4 00	Asa Dow,	35 00
Ashwell,	3 34		
Bird Settlement,	1 49		<u>\$399 97</u>
Paid Rev. A. Estabrooks, for thirty-one weeks' labour,		\$238 46	
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T. H. PORTER, *Treasurer.*

The N. B. Baptist Home Missionary Society in Account with
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		Cash paid—	
July 8.	Thos. T. Brooks, S S F,	\$10 00	
30.	Z. G. Gabel, F M F,	172 72	
30.	do. G E F,	90 00	
31.	Rev. T. B. Layton, H M F,	25 00	
Aug. 5.	Thos. Bell, horse hire, H M F,	6 00	
10.	Rev. J. Walker, I M F,	10 00	
14.	Rev. D. Carpenter, I M F,	20 00	
14.	Rev. F. Beattie, H M F,	22 50	
14.	T. M. Munro, H M F,	4 16	
24.	Barnes & Co., Minutes,	58 29	
Sept. 3.	Acadia College,	46 00	
5.	Rev. T. M. Munro, H M F,	8 84	
5.	Mr. G. F. Currie, do.	9 00	
25.	Barnes & Co., M E F,	25 00	
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Oct. 12.	Rev. T. B. Layton, H M F,	25 00	
Nov 16.	Mrs. McInnis, I M F,	5 00	
20.	Rev. S. Smith, H M F,	5 00	
20.	Rev. W. M. Edwards, H M F,	25 00	
Dec. 5.	Lake Lomond, S S F,	5 00	
5.	Rev. F. Beattie, H M F,	23 83	
6.	Edgar Hatfield, M E F,	7 00	
	Rev. J. M. Currie, H M F,	9 00	
	Mrs. Titus, I M F,	20 00	
	Rev. Geo. Seely, H M F,	50 00	
	Mrs. Lawrence, I M F,	20 00	
27.	Woodstock S. S., S S F,	10 00	
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Jan. 7.	Thos. Bell, horse hire, H M F,	10 00	
8.	Rev. W. M. Edwards, do.	25 00	
	T. B. Layton, H M F,	25 00	
	Mr. G. F. Currie, M E F,	37 50	

1873.		Dr.	
		Cash paid—	
Jan 10.	Mrs. Robinson, I M F,	\$25 00	
	Mrs. Bleakney, I M F,	10 00	
	Mr. J. A. Durkee, M E F,	37 50	
Feb. 3.	Rev. W. B. Boggs, printing, &c., U F,	12 00	
4.	Rev. S. Bancroft, I M F,	25 00	
8.	Rev. F. Beattie, H M F,	25 00	
	Mr. E. Hatfield, M E F,	5 00	
Mar. 3.	Mrs. McInnis, I M F,	5 00	
31.	Rev. W. C. Rideout, H M F,	14 43	
Apr 12.	Rev. T. B. Layton, H M F,	25 00	
12.	Rev. W. M. Edwards, H M F,	25 00	
14.	Mr. E. Hatfield, M E F,	8 00	
	Mr. W. E. Vickery, M E F,	12 50	
	Mr. G. F. Currie, do.	37 50	
May 6.	Rev. J. Walker, I M F,	25 00	
8.	Mr. J. A. Durkee, M E F,	37 50	
9.	Rev. I. E. Bill, jun., H M F,	30 00	
15.	Mr. W. E. Vickery, M E F,	37 50	
	Mr. E. Hatfield, do.	4 00	
June 6.	Rev. D. W. Crandall, H M F,	25 00	
	Willow Grove, do.	8 00	
	2d Elgin Church, S S F,	5 00	
7.	Rev. J. M. Currie, H M F,	9 00	
	Rev. F. Beattie, do.	23 83	
	Rev. Geo. Seely, do.	50 00	
9.	Mrs. McInnis, I M F,	10 00	
16.	Z. G. Gabel, Esq., F M F,	85 83	
16.	do. G E F,	36 40	
	Balance on hand,	571 61	

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1872.		Cr.	
June 30.	By balance,	\$373 27
July 8.	" cash from Western Association, held at Fredericton—	
	Minutes,	\$58 29	
	Home Missions,	45 94	
	Union,	241 94	346 17
23.	" do. Upper Wickham Church, . . .	....	6 00
26.	" do. Eastern Association, held at Hopewell—	....
	Minutes,	\$41 12	
	General Education,	8 66	
	Foreign Missions,	137 41	
	Home Missions,	97 86	
	Union,	232 52	
	Acadia College,	46 00	613 07
Aug 29.	" do. 2d G. L. Church, U F, ....	....	14 10
Oct 15.	" do. Norton Church, U F, ....	....	2 50
Nov 9.	" do. Leinster street Church, U F, ....	....	118 05
16.	" do. Carleton Church, U F,	31 04
Dec. 3.	" do. G. W. Masters, Esq., H M F,	50 00
	" do. Rev. — Freeman,	1 00
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Jan 4.	" do. Henry Vaughan, Esq., H M F,	25 00
6.	" do. E. W. Elliott, Esq., H M F,	4 00
7.	" do. Unknown friend, I M F, per Z. G. Gabel, Esq.,	100 00
Feb 10.	" do. Rev. I. E. Bill, ....	....	3 00
Mar 31.	" do. Quarterly Meeting, held at Norton, per Rev. W. P. Everett, H M F, ....	....	4 10
Apr 4.	" do. A lady friend, per Rev. I. E. Bill, H M F, ....	....	50 00
May 6.	" do. 1st Sackville Church, H M F,	10 88
June 4.	" do. Germain street Church—Ministerial E., \$16 00 Union,	55 56	71 56

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June 14.	By cash from Quarterly Meeting, Hammond Vale, per Rev. W. P. Everest,	4 52
16.	do	Brussels street Church—		
		Sabbath Schools,	.....	\$19 05
		Infirm Ministers,	.....	40 50
		Ministerial Education,	18 45
		General do.	2 20
		Foreign Missions,	16 80
		Home Missions,	48 95
		Union,	95 40—
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Balance cash on hand belongs to various objects of "Union," as follows:

Sabbath Schools,	\$223 99
Infirm Ministers,	.....	.....	159 53
Ministerial Education,	.....	.....	84 95
Home Missions,	.....	.....	154 11
		Total,	<u>\$571 61</u>

G. M. STEEVES, TREASURER.

Saint John, 17th June, 1878.

I have examined the above Account, and find the same correct, with vouchers for the sums charged.

A. McL. SEELY, AUDITOR.

Saint John, N. B., July 7th, 1878.

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efficiency of the literature, and the money secured, devoted to the support of the educational purposes, as the foundation of the Province School.

Which Resolution was on motion taken up in two parts and carried. On motion of the Hon. A. McL. Seely, the Association.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D. 1836.

OFFICERS FOR 1873-74.

- President*—Z. G. Gabel, Esquire.
- Vice-Presidents*— { Rev. C. Spurden, D. D.
 } Hon. A. McL. Seely.
- Treasurer*—R. G. Lunt, Esquire.
- Secretary*—James A. Estey.

Board of Directors—C. L. Hartt, A. D. Yerxa, W. S. Estey, C. F. Clinch, C. D. Everett, Wm. Vaughan, R. T. Babbitt, J. R. Bradford, J. T. Toole, James Titus, A. W. Masters, C. E. Burnham, C. C. Berryman, G. M. Steeves, John Fisher, John H. Harding, Henry Vaughan, H. C. Stubbs, John Smith, D. V. Roberts, Gilbert White, R. H. Phillips, and James H. Moran, Esquires, and Hon. Judge Steadman.

Trustees of the Seminary—Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., and Asa Coy, Z. G. Gabel, A. F. Randolph, and Henry Vaughan, Esquires.

MINUTES

Of Adjourned Meeting of Baptist Education Society, held at Narrows, Washemoak Lake, Q. C., July 10th, A. D. 1873.

Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., first Vice-President, took the Chair, and stated, briefly, the object of the meeting.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mont. McDonald was, on motion, appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

On motion—Voted that the Report of the Directors of the Education Society, as adopted at its last meeting, as now given by the Secretary of the Executive Committee, be adopted by this meeting.

On motion—Voted that a Nominating Committee be appointed; when the following were appointed, and, on motion, confirmed, as the Nominating Committee—Revs. T. H. Porter, G. M. W. Carey, D. Crandall, and T. Todd.

Meeting, on motion, adjourned, to give place to the Association.

Adjourned meeting of Education Society resumed.

The Nominating Committee submitted their Report, as above; which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion—Resolved, That the property in Fredericton, known as the Baptist Seminary, be sold; provided, a price can be obtained which is deemed

sufficient by the Directors, and the money securely invested, to be appropriated for educational purposes, as the Denomination in this Province shall direct.

Which Resolution was, on motion, taken up in two parts, and carried.

On motion—The meeting of this Society adjourned, to give place to the Association.

MONT. McDONALD,
Secretary, pro tem.

REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE N. B. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the N. B. Baptist Education Society, held in Fredericton, on the 26th of July of last year, at which were present, Z. G. Gabel, President, in the Chair, Revs. I. E. Bill, D. Crandall, W. S. McKenzie, C. Goodspeed, W. B. Boggs, J. Spencer, T. H. Porter, Dr. Spurden, and Brethren A. F. Randolph, A. W. Masters, W. S. Estey, A. McL. Seely, and Judge Steadman, it was resolved, "That the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton, be handed over to the Committee of Management for one year, for the purpose of educating young men for the ministry."

The following gentlemen were appointed the Committee of Management for the ensuing year—Rev. T. H. Porter, Brethren A. F. Randolph, T. H. Rand, A. D. Yerxa, C. L. Hartt, W. S. Estey, and Hon. Judge Steadman; "with the understanding that they seek an expression from the Churches respecting the whole question of future action."

In execution of the task committed to them, the Committee held a meeting on the 31st July, at which W. S. Estey was appointed Chairman, and Dr. Spurden, Secretary. It was also resolved,

"That the Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., be appointed Principal of the Baptist Seminary, for the purpose of instructing young men who have the ministry in view, and fitting them as far as possible for that work, and also of preparing such young men as may desire it for the Training School, and for Acadia College.

"That the Principal depend for remuneration upon the voluntary contributions of Churches and individuals favourable to the object; such remuneration not to exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars; if the contributions fall short of that amount, the Principal agrees to accept whatever is contributed; if they should exceed that amount, the excess shall be carried to the next year's account.

"That ministerial students shall be instructed free of charge for tuition. That lay students be charged for tuition six dollars a term of ten weeks. That licentiates be considered ministerial students, and all others lay students."

Measures were taken for appointing a steward to have charge of the building.

At a subsequent meeting, an address to the Churches, setting forth the plans of the Committee in relation to the Seminary, was also adopted, and inserted in the *Visitor*, of September 5th.

At a meeting held on 19th April, 1878, a Committee was named to draught an appeal to the Churches, which was adopted on the 26th of the same month, and ordered to be printed and sent to the several Churches in each Association. This was done early in May.

The Principal reports that thirteen students have entered the Seminary, four of whom declared their intention to enter the ministry; one of these, however, withdrew immediately, on account of ill health, and another for want of means;

five were preparing for College, one of whom entered Acadia College last January; three were fitting themselves to enter the training school; and one was preparing for a profession.

Dr. Spurden gives instruction as a private tutor to those who wish to continue their studies.

The year's work proves that there is a demand for instruction which existing schools do not supply; and the fact that the number of entries became larger as the year drew to a close, shows that the demand is increasing.

Fifty-eight dollars have been received in tuition fees, of which twenty-one dollars have been expended for fuel, printing, &c.

The following sums have been received towards the working expenses of the Seminary for the year:

Fredericton (part), by Rev. T. H. Porter,	\$75 00
do. A. F. Randolph,	50 00
Newcastle, Miramichi, by Rev. W. A. Coleman,	2 00
R. P. Whitney, North Esk, by do.	2 00
Henry Tozer, do. do.	1 00
Henry Vaughan, St. John, by Z. G. Gabel,	10 00
First Elgin, by James Horsman,	10 00
Portland, St. John, by Rev. W. B. Boggs,	20 00
Lower Kingsclear, by Rev. G. Rigby,	8 00
Ledge, St. Stephen, by Rev. W. J. Bleakney,	2 00
W. Bridges, Canning and Sheffield Church,	5 00
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At a meeting held on the 9th August, an appeal for the payment of the six hundred dollars due the Rev. C. Goodspeed, through the sudden withdrawal of the Government grant, consequent upon the introduction of the new school law, was adopted, and ordered to be prepared for publication in the *Christian Visitor*. This was done; and an application founded thereon was made to about fifty gentlemen in different parts of the Province.

A response has been received from the following:

C. F. Clinch, Musquash,	\$25 00
1st St. George Church, by Rev. E. Hickson,	15 00
John Ferris, M. P.,	10 00
Jonathan Titus, St. John,	2 00
C. G. Smith, Hopewell,	2 00
C. A. Hammond, Grand Falls,	20 00
D. V. Roberts, Portland, by A. F. Randolph,	25 00
F. Hibbard, St. George,	5 00
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The above amount is in the Treasurer's hands.

The following pledges are ready when required:

A. F. Randolph, Fredericton,	\$100 00
T. H. Rand, do.	25 00
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C. Goodspeed, Nashwaak,	25 00
Rev. B. N. Hughes,	10 00
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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY,
AS FORMED IN 1834.

1. That this Society be called "THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY."
2. That each subscriber of Twenty Shillings, annually, shall be a member; and that a donation of not less than Ten Pounds, at one time, shall constitute an individual a member for life.
3. That a General Meeting of the Society be held annually.
4. That the Officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, and a Committee of Management.
5. That the Board of Directors shall be composed of all the ordained Baptist ministers and twenty-four persons, at least twelve of whom shall be regular members of Baptist Churches, in connection with the New Brunswick Baptist Association.
6. That the Committee of Management, consisting of seven, shall be chosen by the Board of Directors, who shall have power to change all or any of them whenever they think it desirable.
7. That the Funds of this Society be appropriated to the establishment and maintenance of a Seminary of Learning at Fredericton, under the management of the Committee, and supervision of the Board of Directors.
8. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year, to make such general regulations as may be deemed necessary for the promotion of the objects of the Society, and the government of the Committee.
9. It shall be the duty of the Committee to conduct the business of the Society, and to provide pious and efficient Teachers; under whose care and that of the Committee it shall be an all-important object to inculcate sound, religious and moral principles, and to induce habits of industry, good order, and economy.
10. It is contemplated that this Institution shall afford the means of instruction in the usual branches of English Literature, and of Scientific, Classical, and other Studies, which usually comprise the course of education at an Academy, Theological Seminary and College.
11. That the Seminary be open to persons of any denomination.
12. The Tuition and Board to be fixed at as low a rate as possible.
13. That eleven of the Board of Directors shall form a quorum.
14. That no alteration shall be made in the Constitution of this Body, unless with the consent of at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

FORM OF PROMISE.

We, the undersigned, engage to pay annually the sum set opposite our names, as annual subscribers to the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society—the year commencing from the first day of July in each year—unless notice in writing be given to the President or Secretary of the Society, discontinuing such annual subscription.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be called the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society.

ART. 2.—The design of this Society shall be to promote the faithful preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and to spread Bible Christianity throughout the destitute sections of New Brunswick.

ART. 3.—Any person may become a member of this Society, by contributing \$1 or upwards, annually to the funds. Thirty dollars paid at any one time shall constitute a life member; and any person paying a sum, which, in addition to previous contributions, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a Director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one delegate for every twenty dollars so contributed.

ART. 4.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ART. 5.—The Society shall appoint an Executive Committee, exclusive of the officers above named, residing in the City of Saint John and its vicinity. The officers above named shall be members *ex officio* of the Executive Committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to call its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society, shall appoint Missionaries, and instruct them as to their sphere of labors, shall expend the funds for the objects of the Society, providing that all amounts contributed for any specific object, shall, as far as possible, be faithfully applied in accordance with the wish of the donors; shall employ such agency or agencies for the collection of funds, and for all such purposes as the interests of the Society may demand, and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society.

ART. 6.—Every Auxiliary Society, who shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of the Society, shall be entitled to receive missionary labor, in such field, as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contributions; provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ART. 7.—The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex officio* Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ART. 8.—The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous annual meeting.

ART. 9.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present, at an annual meeting.

FORM FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AUXILIARY.

ART. 1.—This Society shall be called the _____
MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Auxiliary to the “New Brunswick Baptist Home
 Missionary Society.”

ART. 2.—The object of this Society shall be to aid in supplying the
 destitute with the blessings of the Gospel.

ART. 3.—All persons contributing \$1 per annum shall be members of
 the Society, and every person paying \$10 at any one time, shall be a
 member for life.

ART. 4.—The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Board,
 consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and
 Managing Committee, seven of whom shall form a quorum to do
 business.

ART. 5.—The Society shall meet annually, at such time and place as
 may be agreed upon at a previous meeting, when the officers for the
 ensuing year shall be elected, and such other business transacted as the
 requirements of the Society may demand.

ART. 6.—The Secretary shall keep up such correspondence with the
 New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society, as the general in-
 terests of the Missionary cause may require.

RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY MISSIONARIES.

RULE 1.—The Missionaries of the Board are expected to communicate
 with the Corresponding Secretary monthly, and oftener, if necessary ;
 giving a condensed sketch of their labors, and such items of intelligence
 relating to their Mission as may be useful to the Board, or of general
 interest to the denomination.

2.—Each Missionary shall be instructed to form Auxiliaries to the
 New Brunswick Home Missionary Society in the field of his labor, for
 the purpose of raising funds for the Society, to take collections publicly
 and privately, whenever he can do so with propriety, and in every way
 that he can consistently replenish the funds of the Society.

3.—A faithful account of all contributions in money, or in other
 things, shall be transmitted through the Corresponding Secretary to the
 Board, and no money shall be paid him by the Treasurer without an
 order signed by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, or in their
 absence, by three of the members of the Board.

4.—Each Missionary shall keep a faithful record of the places visited,
 the number of sermons preached, of converts baptized, of churches
 formed, of visits made, of meetings held, of Sabbath Schools established,
 of Temperance Societies formed, of Tracts distributed, &c., in the
 course of the year, and report the same to the Corresponding Secretary
 at the close of each year.

5.—When Missionaries are employed permanently, in case of their
 wishing to retire from the service of the Board, they must give three
 months notice to that effect, and no Missionary shall change his field of
 labor without consent of the Board.

6.—The Missionaries of this Board shall be amenable to the Board for a faithful performance of their duty as Christian Missionaries, and shall be liable to be dismissed at any time for dereliction of duty, or immorality of conduct, or for preaching sentiments in opposition to God's Word.

REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD,

RULE 1.—There shall be a meeting of this Board for the transaction of business on the first Monday in every month.

2.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the transactions of the Board.

3.—The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare a faithful report annually, of the operations of the Society, which, if judged advisable, shall be printed under the direction of the Society.

4.—No man shall be employed by the Board who cannot furnish satisfactory evidence of good moral and religious character, of consecration under divine influence to the work of the Ministry, and of such mental attainments as shall enable him, with the divine blessing, faithfully and successfully to fulfil its responsible duties.

5.—In case of wishing to dismiss a Missionary permanently employed, on account of incompetency on his part to fulfil the duties of his calling, or on account of inability on the part of the Board to pay his salary, three months notice shall be given to such Missionary.

SALARIES FOR MISSIONARIES.

The salaries of Missionaries shall be governed by their circumstances, and by their field of labor. In every case strict economy shall be observed.

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 assistances 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.*

A DECLARATION

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Church of Christ,
composing the Western 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. 8; 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; Jobn vi. 37-39; Rev. vii. 9; Titus ii. 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. 3.

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, 8; 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. 24; John xvii. 7, 11, 21, xiv. 3; Rom. viii. 38, 39; 1 John, i. 3.

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. 18-15; 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

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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, 20; 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 evidences of their union with Christ: 1 Cor. xi. 27-29; Matt. vii. 6, 15-20; 1 Peter, ii. 5.

4. That the 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. 28, 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 actings 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. 8-8.

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 burthensd 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. 7 v2x; 1 Cor. ix; Gal. vi. 6.

ACT OF ASSEMBLY.

AN ACT FOR THE INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN BODIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
EASTERN AND WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS.

Passed 12th April, 1855.

WHEREAS certain persons are associated together in Churches constituting a religious community known as the Baptist Church, in connection with the Eastern and Western Association: And whereas sundry chapels and other buildings have been erected, and lands purchased or otherwise conveyed or held in trust for the use of such churches in the several Counties of this Province, or for educational or other benevolent objects in connection therewith, and inconveniences have been experienced in managing the same by Trustees, without being incorporated for that purpose:—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly as follows:—

1. Every Board of Trustees of any Chapel or Seminary for education, and land and buildings held therewith, or held for the purpose of erecting any Chapel or Seminary thereon for the use and benefit of any Baptist Church in connection with the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, or other Society, to be hereafter chosen for any such purpose, and their successors, shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Baptist Chapel," or other property as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property may be situate, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal renewable at pleasure, power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and improve, sell, let, or assign the same or any part thereof, or any interest in or arising out of the same, and make bye laws, and exercise such other powers as are conferred by law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of the said chapel, or other property of the Church to which the same may belong, or the educational or other objects to which it may be devoted.

2. All Chapels or other property as aforesaid, held in trust as aforesaid, in any part of the Province, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned, and a conveyance thereof shall be made to the Corporation by the existing Trustees; and the said Corporation shall then hold the same for the purposes aforesaid with as good a title, legal and equitable, as such Trustees had at the time of the conveyance.

3. Every such Church, together with the congregation regularly attending, and contributing to its funds by pew rents or otherwise, may annually at such time and in such manner as each Church shall prescribe, by the male members present at any meeting for the purpose, elect any number of Trustees, not less than three nor more than nine, from among the male members of the said Church or congregation, or both, who shall continue in office for one year, or until others are elected in their stead.

4. Every meeting of the Church, or Church and congregation, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall act on notice to be given by the Pastor or Minister presiding over the same, or if there be none, by any Deacon thereof at any usual meeting of the Church for worship or business.

5. Such Trustees may, on due notice, meet together and manage the temporal affairs of the Chapel for which they are elected, and the property in connection therewith, for the benefit of the Church to which it shall belong.

6. Every Educational or other Society as aforesaid, may, at its Annual Meeting to be held at either of the said Associations or elsewhere, on notice by post or otherwise, elect from among its members such number of Trustees as may be deemed necessary for the management of the affairs of any Seminary in connection therewith, who, together with all the ministers of the denomination accredited at such Association, as additional or *ex-officio* Trustees, may transact its business on due notice to be given as aforesaid, or by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose at the same time by the said Trustees.

7. Whenever, by this Act, any Board of Trustees, or number of persons may require to do any act, a majority of those present at the meeting shall be sufficient for the purpose.

8. The annual revenue derived from the rent of lands belonging to any such Chapel, Seminary, or Society as aforesaid, shall not exceed five hundred pounds.