

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE
Western Baptist Association

OF
Nova Scotia,

HELD AT BRIDGETOWN,

Saturday, Monday, & Tuesday, June 12, 14, & 15, 1858.

TOGETHER WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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MINUTES
OF THE
WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGETOWN, SATURDAY JUNE 12TH, 1858.

THE Association met with the Bridgetown Church, agreeably to appointment, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Rev. George Armstrong, A. M., the Moderator of its last Session.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. Wm. Hall, the Association made choice of Rev. Charles Randall, Moderator; Rev. J. V. Tabor, Clerk, and Brother Joseph H. Saunders, Assistant Clerk; Brother Walter Ricketson, Treasurer, and Brother Wm. Churchill, Assistant Treasurer.

The following Committees were then appointed:—

To examine the Letters from the Churches:—Rev'ds. N. Viditoe, A. W. Barss, and T. C. Delong.

To read the Letters:—Rev'ds. C. Tupper, D. D., A. H. Munro, and Wm. Hall.

The Letters from the Churches were then read, from which the list of Delegates and the Statistics following were obtained.

DELEGATES.

Annapolis and Upper Granville.—Rev. Geo. Armstrong; Deacons Wm. H. Chipman, Benj. Fellows, Timothy Rice; Brethren J. A. Morse and Walter Ricketson.

Brookfield.—Rev. T. C. Delong; Brother Uriah Johnston.

Barrington.—Rev. T. C. Delong.

Clements.—Rev. Aaron Cogswell; Brethren J. E. Potter, J. A. Purdy, J. R. Purdy.

Chute's Cove.—Deacons John Brenton, Solomon Chute; Brethren Jacob Chute, J. Messinger.

Digby.—Rev. A. H. Munro.

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- 1st Digby Neck.*—Rev. J. C. Morse; Deacon Edward Denton; Brethren Jacob Denton, Hanford Denton, Manning Denton.
- 2nd Digby Neck.*—Rev. J. C. Morse.
- 1st Hillsburg.*—Rev. Obed Parker; Brethren Wm. Clark, Wm. Nicholls, Wm. Dunn.
- 2nd Hillsburg.*—Rev. O. Parker.
- Greenfield.*—Rev. R. R. Philp.
- Kempt.*—Rev. A. W. Bars; Deacon A. Thomas; Brethren James White and Abner Kempton.
- Lake George.*—Rev. J. A. Stubbett.
- Liverpool.*—Rev. T. A. Higgins; Brother James Dewolfe.
- Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.*—Rev. Dr. Charles Tupper; Brethren John Stevenson, Edwd. Woodbury, Wm. Nicholls, Rees Stronach and A. B. Stronach.
- Lower Granville.*—Rev. James Spencer; Brother Ebenezer Sproul.
- Middlefield.*—Rev. R. R. Philp; Brother Elkanah Morton.
- Milton.*—Rev. Anthony Martell; Brother R. G. Freeman.
- New Albany.*—Deacon Daniel Whitman.
- New Tusket.*—Rev. Charles Randall; Brother Patrick Knowlan.
- Nictaux.*—Rev. W. G. Parker; Deacons S. L. Chipman, Ambrose Dodge; Brethren Wm. Randall, D. C. Landers and D. W. Morton.
- Ohio.*—Brother J. H. Saunders, Licentiate, and Jesse Shaw.
- Port Medway.*—Rev. R. R. Philp.
- Pubnico.*—Rev. T. C. Delong.
- Sissaboo.*—Rev. C. Randall; Brother Wm. Lent.
- Springfield.*—Brother Elijah Rope.
- St. Mary's Bay.*—Rev. C. Randall; Brethren Charles McNeal, and John Clements.
- Wilmot.*—Rev'ds. N. Vidoite, W. G. Goucher; Deacons H. Chesley, S. Jackson, James Cornwall, Caleb Marshall, Joseph Ramsey.
- Wilmot Mountain.*—Rev. P. F. Murray; Deacons Joseph Hall, John Graves; Brother Uriah Johnston.
- 1st Yarmouth.*—Rev. Henry Angell; Brethren Joseph Shaw Wm. Churchill.
- 2nd Yarmouth.*—Deacons Joseph Rogers, Wm. Harris; Brethren Joseph H. Saunders, Licentiate, and Stephen Patten.
- 3rd Yarmouth.*—Rev. J. A. Stubbett; Deacon Charles Tedford.
- South Yarmouth.*—Rev. J. V. Tabor.
- West Yarmouth.*—Deacon Nelson Corning.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase.			Decrease.				Sabbath Schools.	Scholars.	Teachers.	
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Removed.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.				TOTAL.
Annapolis and Upper Granville,	1	4			4	4	234	3			
Argyle, (No Letter.)							49				
Brookfield, - - -	21	2	3		20		99	63			
Barrington, - - -	1					1	33				
Beaver River, (No Letter.)							125				
Clements, - - -	4			2	7	3	273				
Chute's Cove, - - -	6	2	1		2	1	72				
Dalhousie, (No Letter.)							54				
Digby, - - -		1					22	1	25		
Digby Joggins, - - -	1	1					45				
1st Digby Neck, - - -		4				4	2	136	4	120	
2nd Digby Neck, - - -			2			3	4	115			
Greenfield, - - -	34	2	3			1	89	1	54		
1st Hillsburgh, - - -	9	2	1		1		131	1	70	12	
2nd Hillsburgh, - - -	5		3			1	101	1	40	8	
Latke George, - - -					1	1	136		75		
Liverpool, - - -	4	4			2	12	2	203			
Lower Aylesford & Up. Wilmot,	8	6			7	6	3	365	4	210	26
Lower Granville, - - -					2	2	229	5	175		
Long Island, (No Letter.)							202				
Lewis Head, (No Letter.)							103				
Kenapt, - - -	59	15				4	179	3	110		
Milton, - - -	8	2			12	4	198	1	140	16	
Middlefield, - - -	6		1				27				
New Albany, - - -					3	2	93				
New Tuskot, - - -	43	2	1		1		68				
Nictaux, - - -	2	5		10		3	3	354	7	200	25
Jordan Bay, (No Letter.)							24				
Ohio, - - -	10	4				1	105	1	90	13	
Port George, (No Letter.)							42				
Port Medway, - - -	5	4	1		2	1	104	I			
Parker's Cove, (No Letter.)							14				
Pubnico, - - -	7				1		31				
Ragged Islands, (No Letter.)							76				
Sissaboo, - - -	33	3			2	3	128				
Springfield, - - -					1	2	21	1	36		
St. Mary's Bay, - - -							97				
Sable River, (No Letter.)							43				
Tuskot, (No Letter.)	3						105				
Wilmot, - - -		2			2	2	4	351	3		
Wilmot Mountain, - - -	5		1		8	1	145				
Westport, - - -					5	3	98				
1st Yarmouth, Town, - - -	23	7	6		11	1	6	409	2	270	40
2nd Yarmouth, Hebron, - - -	13	4	1		6	2	223		150	25	
3rd Yarmouth, Deerfield, - - -	13		2		4	1	2	147	1	70	
Yarmouth, South, Chebogue, - - -	18	6	6			6	142	2			
Yarmouth, West, Chegogan, - - -		2		2		1	1	96	1	75	12
Jordan River, (New Church.)							18				
	342	81	35	14	104	42	61	6154			

The statistics of several churches have been revised.

J. V. TABOR, Clerk.

Jordan River, (New Church) by letter, requested to be received into the Association, when, *on motion*, the Moderator presented to Brother J. H. Saunders, the representative thereof, the Hand of Fellowship.

The following delegates took their seats as Members of the Association :—

Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., and Rev. James Parker, as delegates from the Central Association ; Rev. Wm. Hall, from the Eastern Association ; Rev. D. Freeman, from Granville Street Church, Halifax ; Rev. John Chase, Wolfville ; Rev. A. W. Sawyer, A. M. and E. M. Saunders, John Goucher, S. B. Kempton, Alfred Chipman, Joseph Kempton, Licentiates from Acadia College ; Rev. Obed Chute, French Missionary ; Rev. S. T. Rand, Miemac Missionary ; Rev. R. S. Morton, Rev. A. D. Thomson, Agent for Acadia College ; Brethren J. Moser and Albert Porter, Licentiates ; Brethren Stephen Selden, L. Leadbetter, Aaron Crocker, R. L. Weatherbe, Samuel Spencer, and James Kempton.

The following Committees were then appointed :—

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS :—Revds. N. Veditoe, Geo. Armstrong, A. Martell.

ON THE CIRCULAR LETTER :—Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp and N. Veditoe.

ON TEMPERANCE :—Rev'ds. J. C. Morse, J. A. Stubbart, Dr. Cramp, N. Veditoe, A. W. Barss, John Chase and S. T. Rand ; Brethren N. Corning and C. McNeal.

ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS :—Rev'ds. D. Freeman, James Parker, Geo. Armstrong, A. H. Munro, T. C. Delong and J. C. Morse.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS :—Rev'ds. Henry Angell and Aaron Cogswell ; Brethren R. G. Freeman, Elkanah Morton, A. Bent, Jacob Denton, Edward M. Saunders, Uriah Johnston, Daniel Whitman, Edward Denton and S. L. Chipman.

ON EDUCATION :—Rev'ds. Charles Tupper, D. D., A. D. Thomson, J. Chase, D. Freeman, N. Veditoe, Dr. Cramp, A. W. Sawyer and A. H. Munro ; Brethren S. Selden, D. C. Landers, Wm. Churchill, S. L. Chipman, R. Stronach, J. E. Potter, J. E. Patten, Samuel Chipman, and Deacon Fellows.

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE :—Bro. S. Selden ; Rev'ds. J. A. Stubbart, J. C. Morse, W. G. Parker and James Parker ; Brethren C. Tedford, James DeWolfe, Joseph Rogers, Timothy Rice and William Dunn.

ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH :—Rev'ds. R. R. Philp, Obed Chute, William Hall and A. Martell ; Brethren Edward Denton and Nelson Corning.

ON THE CLAIMS OF SEAMEN:—Rev'ds. J. V. Tabor and A. D. Thomson; Brethren William Harris, Joseph Rogers, Joseph Shaw and James DeWolfe.

ON THE GENERAL STATE OF MISSIONS.—Rev'ds. Geo. Armstrong, W. G. Parker, James Parker, Obed Parker, David Freeman, William Hall, Obed Chute, Anthony Martell, J. A. Stubbart, H. Angell, J. H. Saunders, R. R. Philp, Charles Randall, Wm. H. Caldwell and John Goucher; Brethren Edward Woodberry, William Nicholls, William Churchill, James DeWolfe, R. G. Freeman, Asaph Stronach, John Stevenson, James Purdy, S. Selden, Joseph Shaw and P. Knowlan.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:—Rev'ds. A. H. Munro, James Parker, N. Veditoe, James Spencer, W. H. Caldwell, and Dr. C. Tupper; Brethren William Harris, A. Thomas, and Abner Kempton.

MEMORIAL ON DEPARTED BRETHREN:—Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, John Chase, N. Veditoe, and A. H. Munro; Brother S. Selden.

ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.—Rev'ds. D. Freeman, J. Parker, G. Armstrong, A. H. Munro, T. C. Delong, A. Martell, T. A. Higgins.

TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS.—Brethren B. Fellows and Nelson Corning.

Resolved, That collections for Domestic Missions be taken after the preaching on Lord's-day, and after the Introductory Sermon in support of Domestic Missions.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. A. W. Sawyer. Benediction by Moderator.

On Lord's-day morning, Rev. Dr. Cramp preached in the Baptist Meeting-house at Bridgetown: Rev. A. W. Sawyer, A. M., preached at 3 o'clock, P. M., and Rev. A. D. Thompson in the evening. Baptist preaching was enjoyed in the surrounding Baptist pulpits.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met agreeably to adjournment. After singing, and prayer by Rev. William Hall, Rev. J. C. Morse preached the Introductory Sermon from Phil. ii. 16, first clause of verse. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper. After singing, resumed business.

Resolved, That the letter from the Digby Church be referred to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

A letter from a Committee of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of N. S. was read by Dr. C. Tupper, and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Committee on Circular Letter reported, recommending its adoption. On being read by Dr. Tupper, the writer, it was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Committee on the Claims of Seamen reported. After addresses by Rev'ds. A. D. Thompson, A. W. Barss, and J. V. Tabor, it was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported. After an address by Rev. T. C. Delong, it was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The place of holding next Association being agreed on, the following appointments were made :

To preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. George Armstrong : his alternate, Rev. J. A. Stubbert. To write the Circular Letter, Rev. T. A. Higgins.

The following delegates were appointed :

To the Central Association, Rev'ds. N. Viditoe and James Spencer. To the Eastern Association, Rev. A. W. Barss,—and that he receive the sum of £2 to defray his expences. To the Convention, Rev'ds. H. Angell, G. Armstrong, A. Martell, N. Viditoe and J. C. Morse.

A letter was read from the Home Missionary Board of the Central and Eastern Associations, addressed to us, on Home Missions, referred to the Committee on the General State of Missions.

The Committee on Departed Brethren reported. Report received and adopted. (See Appendix C.) The Secretary was directed to furnish a copy thereof to the widow of Brother Cunningham. Brother Selden addressed the Association.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Addresses by Rev'ds. C. Tupper and J. Skinner. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Committee on Publications reported. Addresses were made by Dr. Tupper, Wm. Hall, D. Freeman, T. C. Delong, A. Martell, J. Chase, S. Selden, H. Angell, and Dr. Cramp. Report was referred back to Committee.

On motion, adjourned to Tuesday morning 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

Rev. Wm. Hall preached in the evening, when interesting discourses followed.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. A. D. Thompson.

Resolved, That all ministering brethren from this Association, visiting the Central and Eastern Associations, be considered as our representatives there.

Committee on Education reported. Addresses were made by Rev'ds. John Chase, A. D. Thomson, D. Freeman, Dr. Cramp, James Parker, George Armstrong, H. Angell, S. T. Rand; Brethren E. M. Saunders, R. L. Weatherbe, Joseph Shaw and Wm. Harris. Report adopted. (See Appendix E.)

The Committee on the Bible Cause reported. Brother Selden and Rev. J. C. Morse gave addresses. Report passed unanimously. (See Appendix F.)

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath reported. After address by Dr. Tupper, it was adopted. (See Appendix G.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Address by Dr. Cramp. Report adopted. (See Appendix H.)

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. A. H. Munro.

Resolved, That 900 copies of the Minutes be printed at the Christian Messenger Office, and that Dr. Tupper and Rev. W. G. Parker be a Committee to negotiate with the printer with reference to the price.

Committee reported the sum of £10 10s. for the usual size, and that if larger than usual additional payment be made. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurers pay over the monies to their respective designations without further orders.

Committee on Temperance reported. Addresses were made by Rev'ds. Dr. Tupper, D. Freeman, Wm. Hall, Dr. Cramp, N. Veditoe, and Brother Joseph Shaw.

Moved, That the Report and the resolution contained therein

be adopted, and that a copy thereof be presented to the Chairman of the Committee of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, from whom the address emanated.

Passed unanimously. (See Appendix I.)

Moved by Rev. D. Freeman, Seconded by Rev. J. Chase :

Whereas, to our regret, "The Freeman," the English Baptist paper, contains in its columns advertisements of Alcohol in various forms, therefore resolved, That this Association forward to the Editor of "The Freeman," in Great Britain, a suitable remonstrance on the subject of Temperance, and that Dr. Cramp and Dr. Tupper be appointed to prepare and forward such Memorial.

The Domestic Missionary Board reported.

The Committee on the General state of Missions reported.

The French Missionary Board reported.

These reports being moved and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Home Missionary Board be received and printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix J.)

Resolved, That the Report of the French Missionary Board be received. (See Appendix K.)

Addresses were made by Rev'ds. D. Freeman, G. Armstrong, T. C. Delong, Dr. Cramp, N. Vidoote, A. Martell, Dr. Tupper, and Brother Joseph Shaw.

On motion, adjourned to meet at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Morse.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. A. Martell.

Resumed the discussion of the Report on the General Claims of Missions.

The Report, after amendment, passed. (See Appendix L.)

Resolved, That the Home Missionary Board remain the same as last year, and that its location be the same:

The Treasurer's report was read, received, and adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. George Armstrong be both Treasurer and Secretary of the Board, and that Brother N. Vidoote be the Chairman.

Resolved, That the French Mission Board be continued the same as last year, with the addition of Rev'ds. A. H. Munro, E. N. Harris, and J. H. Saunders.

Resolved, That the churches be requested to take up a collection in behalf of the French Mission on the first Sabbath in Sept. That we request the churches in the Central and Eastern Associations to assist in this manner, and that the Secretary of the Board address our churches thereon in time, to apprise them thereof.

The Committee on Religious Publications again reported. After discussion, it passed in an amended form. (See Appendix M.)

On motion, the Treasurer's Report of the Infirm Ministers' Fund was received.

On motion, *resolved*, that the sum of £10 be paid to the widow of our deceased brother Cunningham.

On motion, *resolved*, that the widow of the late Rev. Harris Harding receive the sum of £7 10s.

Resolved, That the Infirm Ministers' Board remain as during the last year, and that Brother A. H. Munro be added thereto.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Baptist Church and Pastor as well as other christian friends in Bridgetown, for the very liberal and generous provision made for the personal comfort of this Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot church on the second Saturday in June, 1859, at 2 o'clock.

The Session closed with prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

CHARLES RANDALL, MODERATOR.
 JAMES V. TABOR,
 JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS, } SECRETARIES.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS COMPOSING THE WESTERN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA, TO THE CHURCHES
WHICH THEY REPRESENT:

Dearly beloved Brethren,

WE deem it proper to invite your attention, in this Annual epistle, to a consideration of the *reciprocal duties of parents and children*. Nearly all of you sustain one or the other of these relations. Of those who do not now, doubtless numbers will hereafter sustain the former. And such as never have any offspring of their own, in many cases have children committed to their care, to whom they ought to regard themselves as standing in the relation of parents. It is, therefore, a subject of general interest. Moreover, it is obviously one of great importance. The neglect of it is lamentably prevalent, and is exceedingly pernicious.

That it is incumbent on parents to provide for the bodily sustenance and comfort of their offspring, is universally acknowledged. The obligation to promote, as far as may be, their mental improvement and spiritual welfare, is equally manifest. The latter duty is unquestionably of vastly greater moment than the former.

The degrees of learning that should be imparted ought, of course, to be regulated in accordance with existing circumstances. Those who possess the requisite means, and have children of sufficient promise to warrant it, act wisely by giving them a liberal education. This is usually of far more real value than property bestowed in any other way. In all cases, however, children should, without fail, receive a common education, sufficient at least to enable them to read, write, and transact ordinary business. Parents who are not able to give this to their

offspring, ought to deliver them into the charge of suitable and trusty persons, who will do it. That false *tenderness* which sometimes induces the poor to keep their children at home in poverty, indolence, and ignorance, is in reality extreme *cruelty*. This course evidently tends to plunge them into wretchedness, and to render them nuisances to society.

In all cases, sound religious instruction should be diligently imparted to the young. To this end care should be taken to obtain the services of pious school teachers, whose instructions, example, and influence may be reasonably expected to be salutary. If youths be sent to higher institutions of learning, those where the best attention will be paid to their morals, and where their spiritual interests will be most likely to be promoted, obviously ought to be preferred. Sabbath-schools should be fostered, and attendance at them encouraged. Children should be taken at an early age, and with regularity, to attend public worship.

On every Israelitish parent the duty of communicating instruction personally in the things of religion was thus enjoined:—"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." In unison with this, the Psalmist says, that JEHOVAH "established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know *them*, even the children which should be born, *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children; that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments." So Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go," adding for encouragement, as a general rule, "and when he is old he will not depart from it." The same duty is explicitly enjoined under the gospel dispensation:—"And ye, fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Deut. vi. 7. Ps. lxxviii. 5-7. Prov. xxii. 6. Eph. vi. 4.)

While these passages of holy writ plainly exhibit the duty of parents, they likewise afford instruction with reference to the proper manner of its performance. Authority must be exercised;

and children should be early inured to the practice of prompt obedience. Chastisement may be sometimes indispensable; but if it be used with firmness and discretion, its repetition will probably soon become unnecessary.—(Prov. xiii. 24 : xxix. 15, 17.) It is exceedingly imprudent and injurious to strike children passionately, to attempt to frighten them into obedience or submission by empty threats, or to chide and reproach them for every trivial indiscretion. Any course that is adapted to irritate, and to embitter the temper, naturally tends to dishearten children, and to render them reckless. So Paul, in language of similar import with that already cited, says, “Fathers provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.”—(Col. iii. 21.)

In cases of immoral conduct, or vicious practices, gentle admonition and faithful reproof should be first used. But if these do not avail, decisive measures of a coercive nature must be employed. Signal calamities were drawn down upon Eli and his family, “Because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.”—(1 Samuel iii. 13.)

In reference, however, to religious exercises, mild and winning measures only are to be adopted. Compulsion and severity are repulsive: and are therefore calculated to increase and strengthen the natural aversion of the unrenewed heart to piety and devotion. Children should be kindly allured to the reading of the Bible in the week-day school, the Sabbath-school, and at home. They should, if possible, be induced to regard this as a privilege and a pleasure. Frequent and free conversation with them on the facts, doctrines, and duties contained therein, as enjoined by Moses in the text first quoted, will be highly conducive to this end. The beautiful effect of an early acquaintance with the sacred Oracles is clearly evinced in the case of Timothy, to whom the Apostle says, “From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”—(2 Timothy iii. 15.)

Parents ought to exercise special care to preserve their offspring from the contaminating and ruinous influence of bad company. In numerous instances has the inspired declaration, “Evil communications corrupt good manners,” been most painfully verified. Persons addicted to vicious habits should never be employed as servants, nor introduced in any way to the family. The want

of caution in this particular has occasioned the ruin of many a promising youth. It is therefore highly important that all parents should follow the prudent example of the Psalmist, who says, "Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within mine house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight." (Ps. ci. 6, 7.)

It is, moreover, of the utmost moment that parents set such examples as they should desire to have their children follow. How, for illustration, can they hope to see their offspring observant of the Christian Sabbath, if they themselves indulge in making and receiving visits, reading books, papers, or communications that are not religious, conversing on political or other worldly subjects, traveling, or doing any work that is not actually that of necessity or mercy, on that sacred day? Have they any reason to wonder that their children become intemperate, while the cause of temperance is not countenanced by their own example of total abstinence, and their active exertions for its promotion? What can parental exhortations to veracity, honesty, benevolence, mildness, and other virtues, be expected to avail, unless they be exemplified in the conduct of those who give them?

It is God only that can effect the renovation of the heart. But parents that pray with and for their children daily, govern them judiciously, instruct them scripturally, admonish them faithfully, and evince their own sincerity by an upright Christian deportment, are usually permitted to witness, at least to a considerable extent, the blessing of God descending upon them. There have been many instances in this Province in which the members of families religiously trained have given evidence of vital piety. The happy effects that have resulted in the kind admonitions of pious and affectionate mothers, may well stimulate our sisters to activity and perseverance in this labour of love.

Our limits will only allow us space to notice briefly the equally important duty of children toward their parents.

There are many members in our Churches who are under age; and the obligation rests on all that have parents living. Nay, those who have not, owe a debt of grateful remembrance and filial respect to the memory of the departed; and they ought to

remember and observe the judicious commands and prudent counsels formerly given by them. The Rechabites are highly commended for their observance of the injunction to practise *total abstinence*, given by Jonadab, their ancestor, nearly three hundred years before. (2 Kings, x. 15, 16. Jere. xxxv. 14, 18, 19)

Obedience to parents is a natural institute, the propriety of which must be apparent to all. It is incorporated in the decalogue, where it is expressly enjoined by JEHOVAH, "Honour thy father and thy mother, (Ex. xx. 12.) The inspired writers of both the Old and the New Testaments frequently inculcate it, and enforce it from a variety of considerations.

When young persons have attained to a sufficient degree of knowledge and understanding to qualify them to judge for themselves, they ought not to obey any parental command that is manifestly wrong, and consequently opposed to Divine authority. In all other cases, however, obedience should invariably be prompt and cheerful. "Children," says the Apostle, "obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." He gives the same injunction elsewhere thus:—"Children obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." (Eph. vi. 1. Col. iii. 20.)

When the season of minority is past, the positions of the parties are indeed changed in some respects. But it is commendable still to imitate, so far as it can be consistently done, the noble example of Queen Esther, who "did the commandment of Mordecai"—her foster father—"like as when she was brought up with him. (Est. ii. 7, 10, 20.)

At all times, however, and under all circumstances, children should uniformly treat their parents with respect, affection, and reverence. It was enjoined in the law of Moses, without distinction as to age, "He that curseth his father or his mother, shall surely be put to death:" and a curse was pronounced upon every one "that setteth lightly by his father or his mother." In accordance with this the wise man says, "The eye that mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it." (Ex. xxi. 17. Deut. xxvii. 16. Prov. xxx. 17.)

Our Lord frequently rebuked those undutiful Jews who pretended to devote their property to the service of God, in order to

evade the command which required them to honour their parents by providing for their sustenance when needing. (Mark vii. 9—13.) So Paul enjoins upon the children of indigent widows, "Let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God." (1 Tim. v. 4.) As suggested in this text, the toil, the care, and trouble experienced in raising children, and the kindness exercised toward them demand a requital, by the promotion, in every possible way, of the comfort of those from whom unnumbered favors have been received.

The sacred Scriptures hold forth peculiar encouragement, and present powerful inducements, to the faithful discharge of this duty. The original command plainly implied, that the obedient generally would be blest with long life, and the happy possession of the promised land; and an inspired Apostle represents this as substantially applicable to persons under the gospel dispensation. "Honour," says he, "thy father and thy mother, (which is the first commandment with promise,) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." (Eph. vi. 2, 3.)

While careful observers of the allotments of Providence, have noticed instances where the curse of God has evidently alighted on those who have treated their parents disrespectfully and ungratefully, they have witnessed others in which the Divine blessing, in like union with the declarations of the Bible, has manifestly descended, both temporally and spiritually, on such as have yielded cheerful obedience to them, and evinced true gratitude by studying to soothe their sorrows, and enhance their enjoyments by all the means in their power.

In conclusion, dear brethren, we would affectionately entreat you all to discharge, with fidelity and diligence, the duties to which we have now invited your attention. May you be enabled thus to glorify your heavenly Father, to impart and enjoy mutual comfort, and to exhibit to all around you the salutary influence of the "grace of God that bringeth salvation!"

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APPENDIX.

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ON THE CLAIMS OF SEAMEN.

The Committee on the claims of Seamen report :

That it is our conviction that the Seamen have claims on our sympathies, second to no other class of our population. How many youths are separated from parental care and love, in order to meet the pinching gripe of necessity ; how many deprived of the benefits of the House of God, and the pleasure of home, to experience, perhaps, sickness among strangers, to meet death on foreign shores, or to be engulfed in the caverns of a watery waste. Can we dispense with Seamen, and the comforts they bring us ? Not until then should we cease to regard them.— They are a large portion of our people ; their toils are great, and without them commerce must be greatly restricted.

Their temptations are many ; they possess undying spirits.— We would recommend that in every port where Baptists reside that a tract distributor be appointed to go on Sabbath mornings and give them a leaf of light, a word of counsel, an invitation to the House of God, or to administer to them the pledge of Total Abstinence from the sailor's curse, intoxicating drinks.

God has blessed many of the seamen recently. Let us in prayer to the Almighty God seek the conversion of those that remain, feeling that God will be enquired of to do those things for them.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES V. TABOR, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS.

Your Committee on questions in letters, have examined the letter from Digby Church, and perceive there has been a misapprehension on the part of the writer. For the church never passed a formal vote of disorganization, consequently your committee conclude that the church should be reported as last year.

In reply to the request of Aylesford Church for the Association to meet with them next year, your committee recommend that Association accede to their request.

(C)

MEMORIAL OF DEPARTED BRETHERN.

The Committee on departed brethren report that it has pleased God, during the past year, to remove from us our much esteemed brother, the Rev. R. W. Cunningham, late of Digby. He departed this life on the 15th of January, 1858, in the year of his age.

Brother Cunningham was no ordinary man. He had diligently improved his talent, and used it for the glory of God and the good of man, as one that must give an account. In knowledge he exceeded many whose opportunities were more favourable. His conceptions were clear and his judgment sound. Quick-sighted to discover error, he boldly exposed it. Truth was loved by him for its own sake, and his views were at once correct and comprehensive, free from partiality or one-sidedness.

Our brother delighted in genuine friendship. His warm heart yearned for sympathy. Hopeful and confiding, he nevertheless reserved the full expression of confidence till he was assured that it might be safely yielded, and then he unveiled his very soul to his friend.

His piety was a happy combination of knowledge and feeling, and was exhibited in a life of eminent consistency and usefulness.

Brother Cunningham was an instructive preacher. His discourses were distinguished by pureness of doctrine, and were delivered in chaste and appropriate language. They were also characterized by distinct directness of aim.

His sufferings were severe and protracted, and often seriously interfered with his ministerial labors. Divine grace sustained him under them all, enabling him to endure patiently. He has now entered into rest. May we join him there!

The Committee doubt not that the Association will unanimously express their sympathy with the widow and family of our departed brother, and with the churches over which he so faithfully presided. The Denomination has lost in him one of its

brightest ornaments. Let all unite in praying the Lord to send forth many more such labourers into the harvest.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

(D)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee have learned with much satisfaction that the measure proposed by the Secretary, and adopted by the Board for supporting native preachers in Burmah, under the supervision of the Rev. A. R. Crawley, has met with general approval. In addition to the sum of \$200, at first appropriated to this object, the Convention authorized the appropriation of an additional \$400.

In January last a letter was received from our beloved brother Crawley, in which he states that he has employed two highly promising men, of whom he writes subsequently that they preach the simple Gospel with great zeal and effect. On the receipt of his letter the Board was convened, and it ordered the transmission of the latter sum, which was forwarded to brother Crawley.

A communication from our brother, dated, Jan. 14, 1858, 'saved from the wreck of the Ava,' addressed to the Secretary, contains the very pleasing intelligence that another native preacher, Mong Thet Nau, had been employed in anticipation of the receipt of the sum last sent.

Brother Crawley adds, that this native teacher was converted through the labours of our late justly esteemed brother Burpe, and appears to be well fitted for the work and likely to be highly useful. Who can estimate the amount of good that may be reasonably expected to result to generations yet unborn, from this one instance of the success of the labours of our beloved missionary, who was so early called home?

The facts now presented afford abundance of encouragement, and furnish strong inducements to yet greater liberality and activity in sustaining our Foreign mission.

Our esteemed sister Crawley is desirous of establishing a female school in Henthadah. The object is one that recommends itself to all the friends of missions, and is one which has special claims upon the sympathy, efforts, and prayers of the female members of our churches, to whose support your committee beg to commend it.

On behalf of Committee.

A. H. MUNRO.

(E)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee learn that the Academy is still conducted under the tuition of J. W. Hartt, Esq., and his assistants, with its

usual efficiency; and that the Boarding House is kept in a very satisfactory manner. The average attendance of pupils is 52 — Your committee would strongly recommend this institution to public patronage; and request the co-operation of brethren to obtain a large increase of profits.

In Acadia College the number of students during the year has been 24. Six of these graduated at the anniversary. Six youths have also matriculated, and one or two more may be expected.

Professor Stuart resigned his situation in March last. Efforts are in progress to procure another professor from the Alumni of the College.

Eleven students have received instruction in the Theological Institute.

With reference to finances, as many of the Endowment notes remain unpaid, and a large amount of interest on them has not been collected, the Governors have been under the necessity of borrowing a considerable sum of the principal to pay the Professors, in the hope of repaying it from the interest when obtained. Rev. A. D. Thomson has been employed as an Agent, a great part of the year past. He has succeeded to considerable extent in obtaining an increase to the Endowment fund. So much of his time, however, has been devoted to this important object, that he has not been able to traverse the Province generally for the collection of notes and interest. Neither have donations, nor funds from any sources, been obtained to meet the current expenses.— Under those circumstances it was deemed requisite to close the College, unless additional means for sustaining it could be speedily obtained. Circulars were addressed to the Churches. From a number of them favorable responses were received. *As, however, there was still a large deficiency, a special meeting of the Convention was called, and another Agent, Rev. D. Freeman, employed to solicit extra subscriptions and donations, to meet the present emergency.

The Convention assembled at Wolfville on the 4th inst, and decided to continue the College in its present state of efficiency. As there is quite a large sum still due to the Professors, and, at least, £150, more than the amount now pledged, will be required for the current expenses of the year, the Governors, in accordance with the advice of the special Convention, have requested their Agents, brothers Thompson and Freeman, to continue their labours till the meeting of Convention: when a specific statement of financial matters is to be presented, and published in the Minutes.

Your committee would therefore solicit a cheerful and liberal response to the call of these Agents, and the hearty co-operation of all their brethren for the furtherance of this important object.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

(F)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE
CAUSE.

The committee appointed to consider the present position of the Bible cause, beg leave to report that they are pleased to know that vigorous and successful efforts for the transaction and distribution of the Word of God have continued to be made by the societies established for the accomplishment of these objects in the United States and Great Britain.

Your committee conceive that there never was a time when so great a demand was made on Christians to "*hold forth the Word of Life.*" The condition of the world shews plainly that the light from Heaven is the only safe instruction for the nations. National prosperity and social order may be secure where the Bible exerts its influence, and there only.

Our position as Englishmen, as Christians, and as Baptists, calls upon us to thank God for the Bible. It is the Charter of our rights and our Book of appeal. By this we test our church practises.— From this we learn the submission we owe to human governments, and by this we must be judged in the great day of account.

Would we confer a blessing on the nations now sitting in darkness? Let us give them the Bible. Would we advance the *cause* of liberty and raise the condition of fallen humanity? The Bible is the great lever by which to accomplish this mighty work.

We believe that the sacred Scriptures are an essential element in the education of the rising generation, and rejoice to learn that the Bible is being more and more introduced into seminaries of learning. In the hands of pious teachers we consider this book capable of doing a vast amount of good. By its general use multitudes of our future men and women may have it said of them as it was of Timothy of old, "that from a child thou has known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

In all our efforts to benefit the souls of men, we must not forget the place which the Bible should occupy.

Whilst we would encourage our brethren in this Association to continue their aid to the American and Foreign Bible Society in their efforts to distribute the word of God, and to the Bible Union in their work of translation, we also think that every society formed for the purpose of placing the Bible within the reach of all should have our earnest prayers and zealous co-operation.

Respectfully submitted.

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the observance of the Sabbath beg leave to report as follows :—

They regard the Sabbath as the one great means of preserving in the world the knowledge and the worship of the great God.— Wherever the Sabbath is not regarded the moral world becomes a desert, where life never springs, and beauty never smiles.

The sacred nature of this day and the solemn consecration of it by God himself, together with all the advantages which we enjoy for religious instruction, and for all the duties of piety, proclaim the violation of it to be a sin of no small magnitude.

Your committee would therefore urge christians, if they love themselves, their friends, and their country, to exert themselves to the utmost to uphold the Sabbath in its purity in their hearts, in their conversation, and in their conduct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT R. PHILIP, *Chairman*.

(H)

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The committee on Sabbath Schools' report as follows :

That they regard the Sabbath School as a very important sphere for christian exertion and usefulness. The great success that has hitherto resulted from effort in this department of christian toil, the multitudes who have been converted to God, the ministers and missionaries of the Cross who have been here raised up and partially trained for usefulness, all prove, beyond dispute, that it is an instrumentality that has received the Divine approval, and is admirably adapted to win souls to Christ.

We are gratified to learn by the letters from the Churches that most of them have one, or more, schools in efficient operation, we fear however that these institutions are not as highly prized, as liberally sustained, and as efficiently conducted as they ought to be.

We would suggest to the pastors that they give to these institutions their hearty support, that they give occasional addresses to the teachers on the nature of their work, and the best method of performing it, and that they establish Bible classes, in which they may prepare the youthful members of the churches for future usefulness in this department.

They would recommend monthly concerts for prayer and exhortation in connexion with the schools.

Sewing circles might be formed for the purpose of clothing destitute children, and bringing them to the Sunday School. Juvenile missionary societies are well adapted to foster in the minds of the young a spirit of benevolence.

We would urge upon all the Churches the importance of stating in their letters the number of schools, teachers, and scholars in connexion with them.

Finally they would urge upon all the *teachers* in our Sabbath Schools to watch for the souls of the young as those who must give account, upon all parents in our churches that they send their children to the Sabbath School, and by their co-operation encourage the teachers in their labours of love, and upon all Church members that they give this enterprise their sympathy, contributions, and prayers.

HENRY ANGELL, *Chairman*.

(I)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

The Committee on Temperance have taken into consideration the present state and prospects of the Temperance cause in this Province, and feel bound to express their deep regret and astonishment at the conduct of those members of the Legislature by whose influence the Prohibitory Law was thrown out during the last Session.

They trust that the friends of Temperance will not be disheartened, but that they will persevere in their efforts till the sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage shall be forbidden, and grog-shops ranked among nuisances.

Meanwhile, impressed with the importance of securing the object in view by any means that may be adopted, they recommend that strenuous endeavors be employed, by petition to the Legislature or otherwise, to obtain the enactment of the Permissive Prohibitory Law, which was introduced at the late Session of the Legislature.

The committee rejoice in the assurance that the members of our Churches, generally, are friendly to this great reform, and that all the ministers connected with this Association are practically abstainers.

With reference to the Memorial addressed to this body by the Committee of the Grand Division, the Committee recommend that the following Resolution be passed, viz :

Resolved, That this Association receive with much pleasure the Memorial addressed to them by the Committee of the Grand Division, and that the said Committee be assured that the best endeavors of this Association will be employed for the furtherance of the important objects contemplated by the Grand Division.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MORSE, *Chairman*.

(J)

REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Domestic Missionary Board beg leave to submit to the Association a report of their operations during the year.

The following is a statement of the work done, the missionaries employed, and the results as far as known, &c. :—

Missionaries.	Localities.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Sermons.	No. of Lectures, Con. Mt'gs., &c.	No. Baptised.	Received in aid.
Hugh Ross	Cape Breton	26	50	120		£ 5 0 0
J. E. Goucher	Digby	6	20			9 0 0
T. C. Delong	Barrington, &c.	41	225	45	15	39 7 0
Jos. H. Saunders	Jordan Bay and River	12	38		*5	11 18 1
A. H. Munroe	Digby	4	20			7 0 0
J. V. Tabor	Argyle	1	11	2		1 17 6
John Miller	Jordan Bay and River	8	48		3	8 0 0
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* Baptised by Brother Hobbs.

Though no very extensive and marked success has attended the labours of our missionaries, yet the results are precious and encouraging. Brother Delong has baptized fifteen, and brother Hobbs five in connection with brother Saunders' mission, and brother Miller three, all as we trust true believers in Christ.

A Church of eighteen members has been organized at Jordan River by the labours of our missionaries Delong and Saunders, aided by brother Hobbs, and subsequently the same Church was much encouraged and strengthened by the labours of brother Miller.

The Board is impressed with the conviction that of all our operations as an Association, Home Missions is the most important, whether viewed in relation to the progress of our principles among the masses hitherto ignorant of them, or inclined to view them with distrust and disapprobation; the Glory of God in the spread of Truth; the enlargement of his Church, and the salvation of sinners.

Our missionary efforts should be more systematic and sustained with more zeal in order to carry on the work with that measure of success which is desirable, and which God usually grants to faithful, persevering, and prayerful work in the sacred enterprise of evangelizing the world.

Enlarged contributions will be required in order to extend our

operations. They might be doubled, and we still be below what Christ and duty demand from us in this respect as a denomination.

An increase of missionaries is most urgently needed—the labourers are few. The churches are reminded of their duty to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest; and also that it is their duty to occupy and cultivate the field in which Christ has made it their delightful privilege to labour. The field is large and highly accessible to our missionaries, and we shall not be true to Christ, his cause, ourselves, and the perishing souls of sinners in our borders, unless we vigorously, prayerfully, and persevering pursue this, the Heaven-ordained vocation of the churches.

Whether it be expedient and desirable or not to give up our present missionary organization and coalesce with the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society, formed by our brethren of the Central Association, and acceded to by the Eastern Association, your Board is unable to determine, and therefore have no recommendation to offer on the subject.

We however cordially recommend that thirty pounds of our Home Mission Fund be given to aid the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society in its operations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(K)

REPORT OF THE FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

In presenting their annual report the Board regret that they cannot communicate much that is encouraging. Various causes have contributed to make the past year one of anxiety and trial. We do not, however, despond, nor would we recreantly abandon the field, and thus cause the enemies of truth to triumph, rather we would enter upon our labours with renewed energy, cheered by the success of the past, and strengthened by the promise of Him who has declared "that we shall not labour in vain," and that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

For some time past the health of our missionary, brother Chute, has been in a very critical state. It is hoped, however, that by a partial rest from labour his health would be recruited.

At a meeting of the Board in August it was resolved to request brother Chute to labour in the field as far as his health would allow, and to pay him half of his usual salary, with the hope that before long he would be able to enter upon his work with renewed strength. We regret to say that our hopes have been disappointed.

At a meeting of the Board in February last, brother Chute stated that the complaint in his throat still remained, and dis-

qualified him for his work, and therefore very reluctantly tendered his resignation. He also stated that he was still pledged to the mission, and should his health be restored, he would gladly devote his energies to the service in which he had hoped to spend the rest of his life.

The Board accepted his resignation with deep regret. Amid many discouragements our brother has toiled faithfully, and we believe he has not toiled in vain. Several have died giving evidence that their trust was not in the crucifix, but in the atonement of Christ, who received their first impressions under the earnest appeals of the missionary, while for others we confidently hope that the seed sown with tears, will be reaped with joy.

We would express our deep sympathy with brother Chute in his painful affliction, and commend him to the prayers of the brethren.

During the past year brother Chute has been labouring among the French people as far as his health would permit. He was generally received with kindness and heard with attention.—Many wept when he told them he should probably visit them no more.

The success which has hitherto attended our efforts in this department of Christian effort has been limited, it has chiefly arisen from the want of two men in the field. The field is so extensive, the emissaries of the Romish church so vigilant and active, that one missionary in the field finds it difficult to carry on the work with efficiency and success.

The Board report with pleasure, that through the kind exertions of brother Cyr, of Montreal, they have secured the services of a missionary from Canada, brother Michael Normandeau. He is recommended as one well qualified for the work. We had expected him to arrive before the Association, so as to meet with us. In this however we have been disappointed. He will arrive in Yarmouth in the course of a few days and will enter at once upon his work. We earnestly solicit for him the prayers of the churches, and we ask for our mission a liberal support.

Let us come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, for the prospect of success is as bright as the promise of God.

HENRY ANGELL.

(L)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL STATE OF MISSIONS.

Your Committee have taken into consideration the address of the Baptist Home Missionary Society, requesting our union with them in their Missionary efforts, and requesting that for the time

to come there be but one Missionary Society. And after the most thorough investigation in our power it was

Resolved, That we recommend to this Association that they allow our Missionary organization for the Home field to remain as it is, and urge upon the friends of Missions to give more liberally towards this important object, and concur in the recommendation of the Board in recommending a donation of £30 to that Society.

Resolved, That the French Mission Board be continued during the coming year, and that a donation of £30, in aid of that Mission, be granted from the funds of the Home Mission.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON-RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

We are glad to believe that during the past year some progress has been made in the dissemination of a religious literature among our churches in this Province. The works of the Baptist Publication Society of the United States have found a wide circulation through the medium of our booksellers, for whom we bespeak a still wider patronage in diffusing the literature of our denomination. We would recommend that the libraries of our churches, Bible classes, Sabbath schools, and families be well stocked with publications of this kind, so that, as a people, we may understand the principles of the Bible, and, as Christians, we may all be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us. We would especially recommend that our own organ, the *Christian Messenger*, be introduced into every family, as fitted to produce a hallowed influence.

We cannot forbear to add as to the *Christian Messenger* that while we highly approve of the course pursued by the conductors during the past year: yet we are fully alive to the room for improvement which exists. In the first place, it is indispensable for the support of the paper that all dues to the Proprietor be promptly paid. In the second place, the circulation of the *Messenger* should be much increased. The number of copies now published is about two thousand four hundred, which is about one third of the Baptist families in Nova Scotia. So long as our paper has so small a circulation we cannot be regarded as fulfilling our Mission in this Province. We would therefore recommend that immediate steps be taken to increase the circulation of the *Messenger* to at least four thousand. Thirdly, this increase would enable the Proprietor to make such improvements in the literary character of the paper as would meet the growing wants of the age, and especially of our denomination. This latter we regard as highly important. The general tone of the paper, its foreign correspondence, its local information, its literary and historical departments are well sustained. We therefore commend it to public support.

Account of Monies paid in at the Western Baptist Association, BRIDGETOWN, JUNE 12th, 1858.

CHURCHES.	Clerk's name.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Infirm Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	French Mission.	Gaelic Mission.	Mic-Mac Mission.	Am. & Foreign Bible Society.	Bible Union.	Printing Minutes.	TOTAL.
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Clements,	James Potter,	2 0 11½	0 16 3									3 9 8½
Chute's Cove,	Jacob Chute,	1 0 3	1 9 5			0 15 3					5 0	3 4 11
Digby Joggins,	W. L. Bent,	1 11 3										1 5 0
First Yarmouth,	Samuel Bacon,	7 10 4	2 10 8½	0 11 10½	0 13 9	4 12 10½			1 16 9	10 7½		1 11 3
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Liverpool,	William Dunn,	9 0 0	2 10 0			2 10 0			1 0 0			1 1 6
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& Up. Wilmont,	Enoch Gates,	6 3 0	6 1 0	1 5 0	5 0 4	0 5 0			0 5 0	0 9 2½		18 19 4
Lower Granville,	Ebenezer Sprunt,	2 5 0	1 3 4½	0 13 0	0 15 0	2 1 1						7 6 7
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New Tusket,	Patrick Nowlan,					1 16 5						1 16 5

Ohio, Jesse Shaw, 3 11 7
 Port Medway, C. Manthorne, 2 17 6
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MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Where Ordained.
Rev. H. Angell,	Yarmouth,	Feb. 13, 1853.	Milton.
Rev. H. Achilles,	Long Island,	Nov. 1, 1854.	Marshall's Cove.
Rev. Geo. Armstrong,	Bridgetown,	Dec. 31, 1848,	Port Medway.
Rev. A. W. Barss,	Caledonia,	June 8, 1855,	Lunenburg, N.W.
Rev. W. H. Caldwell,	Westport,	Sept. —, 1852,	Granville.
Rev. A. Cogswell,	Clements,	Jan. —, 1843,	Chute's Cove.
Rev. T. C. Delong,	Beaver River,	Feb. —, 1834,	New Albany.
Rev. E. N. Harris,	Hebron,		
Rev. W. G. Goucher,	Bridgetown,	May 13, 1853,	Hebron.
Rev. T. A. Higgins,	Liverpool,	—, 1857,	Liverpool.
Rev. J. C. Morse,	Digby Neck,	March 30, 1843,	First Digby Neck.
Rev. A. Martell,	Milton,	March 20, 1849,	Antigonish.
Rev. A. H. Munro,	Digby,	Nov. —, 1857,	Digby Joggins.
Rev. P. F. Murray,	Chute's Cove,	March 14, 1848,	Westport.
Rev. Obed Parker,	Hillsburg,	Feb. 21, 1844,	Wilmot.
Rev. W. G. Parker,	Nictaux,	Jan. —, 1843,	New Albany.
Rev. R. R. Philp.	Port Medway,	Oct. —, 1856,	Margaree, C. B.
Rev. C. Randall,	Weymouth,	July 11, 1833,	Weymouth.
Rev. J. A. Stubbart,	Deerfield, Yar.	Nov. —, 1843,	Port Medway.
Rev. James Spencer,	Granville,	May 17, 1853,	Chester.
Rev. C. Tupper, D.D.,	Aylesford,	July 17, 1817.	
Rev. J. V. Tabor,	S. Yarmouth,	July 24, 1851,	Stewiacke.
Rev. N. Viditoe,	Wilmot,	—, 1832,	Wilmot.
LICENTIATES.			
Samuel B. Kempton,	Milton,		
Joseph H. Saunders,	Hebron,		

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Infirm Ministers' Fund in Account with CHAS. RANDALL,
Treasurer.

1857.		DR.	
June	To paid Rev. R. W. Cunningham, as ordered by the Association	-	£10 0 0
1857.		CR.	
June	By Cash in hand as per account rendered	£90	5 1½
	By cash received from W. Churchill, Treasurer of the Western N. S. Baptist Association	-	16 0 3
	Interest on Note	-	1 4 0
		Total	£107 9 4½
Balance in hand		-	£97 9 4½

CHARLES RANDALL, *Treasurer.*

Bridgetown, June, 1858.

Acadian Mission in account with WILLIAM CHURCHILL,
Treasurer.

1857.		DR.	£	s.	d.
June 13.	To balance per account rendered		2	16	4
Aug. 25.	paid Missionary bal. of last year's salary		75	12	3
	Semeur Canadien, French paper		0	5	4½
1858.					
June 4.	paid Missionary on this year's salary		13	7	3
"	remitted to Canada for a Missionary				
	and postage 3d.		10	0	3
	Balance in Treasury		1	11	4
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			£103	12	9½
1857.		CR.	£	s.	d.
May 7.	By J. Nowland, Weymouth, balance of his				
	apple tree, omitted		0	8	2
June 15.	Joseph Sabean, Weymouth, donation,		1	0	0
	Rev. G. Armstrong, col. in New Albany				
	Church		0	8	1½
	Association £71 14s. 5½d., less proportion				
	of expense £2 17s. 0d.		68	17	5½
Aug. 27.	Rev. Charles Tupper, donation		1	0	0
	Mrs. Sabean and daughter, donation,				
	New Tusket,		0	10	7½
	Mrs. Witter, Yarmouth, donation		1	0	0
	Mr. Abner Sandus, Paradise Miss. School,				
	with box clothes,		0	19	3
	Missionary one month lost time		10	8	4
Sept. 3.	Zeruah Fitch, donation		0	2	6
" 28.	Col. in Lake George Church, Yarmouth,		1	0	8½
Oct. 13.	Col. in New Albany Church, Rev. C.				
	Tupper		0	8	4
	Col. in Lower Aylesford and Upper				
	Wilmot, per do.		2	10	0
Nov. 9.	Col. first Yarmouth Church,		0	13	6
1858.					
Feb. 2.	Rev. O. Parker, col. at Smith's Cove		0	8	1
" 11.	Rev. O. Chute, col. from sundries		6	16	1
" 12.	Rev. C. Randall, col. in Bay Church		1	1	3
	do. in New Tusket Ch.		1	1	3
	do. in Sissaboo Ch.		0	12	10½
" 18.	Rev. Mr. Phip col. in Port Medway Ch.		0	15	4½
	do. in Middlefield Ch.		0	15	0
	do. in Greenfield Ch.		0	4	0
" 27.	S. Selden, col. by Rev. W. Hobbs		2	0	0
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Carried forward.			£103	0	11

	Brought forward.	£103 0 11
May 2.	Mr. Cox, col. in Truro, or neighborhood	0 11 10½
		<u>£103 12 9½</u>

By balance in Treasury brought down. £1 11 4

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WILLIAM CHURCHILL Treasurer.

June 15. 1858.

Audited and found correct.

BEN. S. FELLOWS.

NELSON CORNING.

GEO. ARMSTRONG, *Treasurer, in Account with Domestic Missionary Board of W. B. Association.*

1857. DR.

June 16.	Paid Capt. William Churchill, Treasurer of the Association	£ 105 12 6
	Capt Joseph Rogers, late Treasurer of D. M. Board £54 0s. 3d. less brother R. Morton's order £6 2s. 9d.	47 17 6
Aug. 22.	Capt. Wm. Churchill, Treasurer of the Association, balance of D. M. money in his hands	44 4 8
		<u>£197 14 8</u>

1857. CR.

June 17.	Rev. Hugh Ross, Gaelic Missionary, as per order of the Board £25. being half payment in advance on his 26 weeks mission in Cape Breton	£ 25 0 0
Aug. 25.	Rev. Thos. C. Delong on his mission to Barrington	5 0 0
Nov. 10.	Bro. Jos. H. Saunders, Licentate, on his mission to Jordan Bay and River	10 0 0
	Rev. A. H. Munro's mission of 4 weeks to Digby and D. Joggins was wholly sustained by the people - - £7 0 0	7 0 0
Dec. 1.	Rev. Thos. C. Delong on his mission to Barrington	20 0 0
1858.		
Jan. 28.	Bro. Jos. H. Saunders, balance due on his mission to Jordan Bay, &c., for expenses	1 0 0
		<u>£61 0 0</u>

	Brought forward.	£61 0 0
	Rev. Hugh Ross, balance due on his Gaelic mission in Cape Breton	20 0 0
May 11.	Rev. John Miller, balance due on his mission of 8 weeks to Jordan Bay and River	8 0 0
	Rev. Obed Parker, on his mission to N. Albany—1 week	2 0 0
	Postage in 54-55	0 3 0
	Postage and Registry of Letters in 57-58	0 6 6
June 15.	Rev. Thos. C. DeLong balance due on his 41 weeks mission	17 13 0
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	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	£109 2 6
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		£197 14 8

A. H. MUNRO, }
 HENRY ANGELL. } Auditing Committee,

Western Baptist Association in Account with WILLIAM CHURCHILL, *Treasurer.*

1857.	DR.	
June 15.	To Rev. G. Armstrong, Treas. of Home Mission Board	£128 9 7
	Less proportion of expense printing Minutes, &c.	5 2 2
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	Do for Gaelic Mission	27 11 10
	Less proportion of expense	1 2 1
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	John W. Barss, Esq., for Foreign Missions	23 13 2½
	Less proportion of expense	0 19 0
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	Rev. C. Randall, for Infirm Ministers	16 13 11
	Less proportion of expense	0 13 8
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	Rev. John Chase, for Ministerial Education	19 10 8½
	Less proportion of expense	0 15 10
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		19 14 10½
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		£207 6 6

	Brought forward.	£207	6	6
Treasurer of French Aca-				
dian Mission	71	14	5½	
Less proportion of expense	2	17	0	
				68 17 5½
American & Foreign Bible				
Society Agent	17	12	3	
Less proportion of expense	0	14	3	
				16 8 10
Bible Union Agent, Mr.				
Rogers	5	14	10½	
Less proportion of expense	0	4	9	
				5 10 1½
Rev. S. T. Rand, Micmac Mission				0 7 0
Rev. C. Tupper, for printing Minutes, including 2ls. 3d subscribed for that object				10 10 0
Rev. W. G. Parker, delegate to Central and Eastern Associations				3 0 0
				<u>£312 9 1</u>

1857. CR.
 June 15. By Cash received at the Association,
 Errors & Omissions excepted £312 9 1

WILLIAM CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

June 15, 1858.

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BENJ. S. FELLOWS.
 NELSON CORNING.