

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association

OF

NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT HILLSBURG, ANNAPOLIS Co.

(Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 15th, to 19th, 1867.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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Minutes.

HILLSBURGH, Saturday, June 15th, 1867.

The Western Baptist Association convened according to appointment with the Baptist Church at Hillsburgh, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its Seventeenth Anniversary.

The Association was called to order by Rev. W. G. Parker, the Moderator; after singing, Rev. N. Vidito led in prayer, after which a list of delegates was obtained from the letters.

Rev. N. Vidito was chosen Moderator; Rev. D. G. Parker, Clerk; and Rev. W. H. Richan, Assistant Clerk; Bro. Harding Chute, Treasurer; Dea. A. T. Baker, Assistant; and Rev. J. E. Balcom, Treasurer to receive money for Acadia College.

Rules of Order read by the Moderator; and the following Committees appointed:

To examine Letters.—Revs. Geo. Armstrong, Wm. Hall and T. Harding Porter.

To read Letters.—Rev. I. Wallace, E. Balcom, and Wm. Porter.

Of Nomination and Arrangement.—Revs. A. Martell, Dr. Tupper, Charles Randall, G. D. Cox, L. B. Gates, and Brethren Wm. Dunn and Samuel Brown.

Moved by Rev. A. H. Munro, seconded by Rev. George Armstrong.

That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration and report upon the whole subject of the time and manner of holding this Association, and to suggest any improvement which they may deem desirable to have adopted. Passed.

The following Committee was accordingly appointed:—Rev. A. H. Munro, Geo. Armstrong, J. Wallace, R. D. Porter, Charles Randall, N. Vidito, Samuel Brown, W. G. Parker, J. A. Stubbart, T. Delong, and Brethren T. R. Patillo and A. M. Gidney.

On motion the usual courtesies were extended to visiting brethren. The following brethren accepted the invitation:

Wm. A. Morse, Minard Beals, and J. Wheelock, Nicotau; Joseph Raymond, E. C. Spinney, Lic., Lower Aylesford; Dea. Wm. Chipman, Bridgetown; A. J. Leadbetter

and Israel Hendry, Brookfield; Wm. Lent, Freeport; Avard Longley, Wilmot; Dea. James Merritt, Canada; George McNeil, O. E. Cox, B. Chute, Bro. Simes of N. B.

Delegate from the Eastern Association.—Rev. J. E. Balcom.

Delegates from Central Association.—Revds. E. M. Sanders, S. B. Kempton, James Parker, Wm. Hall, R. R. Philp, S. T. Rand.

Letters from the Churches were then partly read. Committee of Nomination and Arrangements reported in part, and on motion the following recommendations were adopted:

That the Public Meetings of the Association commence at 10 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 o'clock; commence at 2 P. M., and adjourn at 5 P. M., and commence again at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. James Parker.

June 15th. Afternoon Session.

Session opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. S. Bradford Kempton.

Minutes read and approved.

The reading of the letters from the Churches was then concluded, and the table of Statistics compiled therefrom as given on page 11.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements, &c., was concluded and adopted as follows:

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. Dr. Tupper, C. Randall, and W. G. Goucher.

ON TEMPERANCE.—B. B. Moses, A. T. Baker, C. McNeil, Charlton Sabean, W. Nichol, Joseph Shaw, D. W. Sabean, William Mullen, N. Corning, C. Denton.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Revds. G. Armstrong, Dr. Tupper, A. H. Munro, William Hall, I. Wallace, A. Stronach, and Deacon S. Wheelock.

ON CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.—Revds. J. C. Morse, J. E. Balcom, W. G. Parker, Deacon J. Neily, Wm. Lent, E. Sprowl.

ON EDUCATION.—Rev. E. M. Sanders, S. Bradford Kempton, J. H. Sanders, W. G. Goucher, J. M. Parker, G. Armstrong.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revs. R. D. Porter, O. Parker, H. Sanders, A. Cogswell, J. A. Stubbert, T. D. Delong; J. E. Potter, J. Spar, J. Banks, J. Dunn, W. R. Doty.

ON ACCOUNTS.—Dea. S. Brown, Wm. Dunn, John Sulis.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. R. R. Philp, G. D. Cox, J. F. Toker, B. Hardy, Dea. S. T. Bacon, S. Brown, B. Clark, J. Thomas, E. C. Gilleland, J. Kenney.

Prayer Meetings each morning at 6 o'clock.

The Committees and Boards all meet at 8 o'clock, a. m.

The Committee recommend in accordance with the Report of the Committee appointed last year, that this anniversary of the Association do not close till Wednesday evening, if necessary to continue it, and that this afternoon's session close with a general religious meeting, and that there be no meeting in the evening.

Monday morning, Association Sermon, and in the afternoon Missionary Reports, and preaching in the evening. Preaching on Tuesday morning, and Education. In the afternoon S. S. Convention, and preaching in the evening.

Rev. A. H. Munro and J. Parker were appointed a Committee on the Circular Letter.

Meeting concluded with deeply interesting religious exercises.

Adjourned. Prayer by the Rev. R. D. Porter.

On the Sabbath Rev. Dr. Tupper preached at 10 o'clock from 1 Thes. 3: 8; Rev. E. M. Saunders at 3 o'clock from Heb. 2: 9; and Rev. G. Armstrong in the evening, from Eph. 4: 15. Services were also held by visiting brethren during the day at the Methodist house of Worship, also at Smith's Cove, Digby, Hillgrove, Clements Vale, Goat Island and Waldeck Line.

Monday, June 17th, Morning Session.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock.

The Annual Association Sermon was preached by Rev. I. Wallace from Rom. 14: 7, first clause. The usual col-

lection was taken. The minutes of the last sitting read and approved.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported.

Voted, That the Circular Letter be adopted and printed in the Minutes, and that the editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to publish it in the *Messenger*.

Voted, That this Association recommend that the Circular Letter be read to all the Churches.

Voted, That Bro. Wallace be requested to provide a manuscript of his interesting sermon, and that Bro. Selden be requested to publish it in the *Messenger*.

Revds. Dr. Tupper, C. Randall, and W. G. Parker were appointed a Committee to appropriate unappropriated Union money.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Coffin (Wesleyan).

June 17th, Afternoon Session.

The Association convened. Prayer by Rev. A. H. Munro. Minutes of the last sitting read and approved.

Voted, That the Home Mission Board be re-appointed.

On motion the following Committee was appointed to nominate Boards for the Home and French Missions, and Infirm Ministers' Funds:—Revds. W. G. Parker, J. Wallace, Samuel Brown, P. F. Murray, A. Cogswell, C. Randall, and J. A. Stubbett.

Voted. That 1000 copies of Minutes of this Association be printed at the *Christian Messenger Office*, that \$56.00 be paid for them, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association at its next anniversary; and that Bro. Selden be earnestly requested to have them ready for distribution within four weeks.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported as follows:

1. In answer to the request of the Church in Shelburne, your Committee recommend that a Committee consisting of Revds. W. H. Richan, W. L. Parker, and R. D. Porter be appointed to obtain the deed of land referred to, and to assist in the sale of said land; as also to aid the Church in all the ways in their power; and likewise that the case of said Church be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Home Mission Board.

2. As the Association has never been held with the Church on Long Island, and the brethren there are anxious for it, and engage to send vessels to Sandy Cove, Yarmouth,

&c., for the conveyance of Delegates to and from the Association, your Committee recommend that the next session be held on Long Island. Adopted.

Voted, That Rev. N. Vidito preach our next Association Sermon, Rev. C. Randall be his alternate, and that Rev. W. H. Porter write the Circular Letter.

Voted, Bro. N. Corning, A. T. Baker, S. Wheelock, A. M. Gidney and S. Freeman be delegates to the Convention.

Committee on Foreign Mission reported. Spoken to by Revds. Dr. Tupper, W. Hall, J. E. Balcom, G. Armstrong, E. M. Saunders, N. Vidito, W. G. Parker, I. Wallace, and Bro. Jacob Kempton. Passed. (See Appendix A.)

Collection for Foreign Mission taken up.

French Mission Board reported. Spoken to by Revds. A. H. Munro, A. Cogswell, J. H. Sanders, W. G. Goucher, and Bro. N. Corning.

Voted, That the Report be re-committed.

Committee of Nomination on Home Mission Board, &c. reported, and recommended that Brethren Wm. Chipman, Walter Ricketson, Benjamin Fellows, Israel Longley, W. Morse, James Cornwall, John Whitman, B. B. Daniels and Minard Beals be added to the Home Missionary Board; and that the Board be located at Paradise. Also, that Revds. C. Randall, J. C. Morse; Charlton Sabean, Wm. Aymar and Jacob Denton be the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund, and that the Board be located at Weymouth.

Voted, That Revds. J. E. Balcom and Hicks Chesley have leave of absence.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

June 17th, Evening Session.

The Association convened. Rev. J. E. Balcom lead in prayer. Rev. N. Vidito preached from 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20. Rev. S. T. Rand lead in prayer. Adjourned.

Tuesday, June 18th, Morning Session.

Association convened. Rev. W. H. Porter lead in prayer. Rev. James Parker preached from Matt. 2: 11. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Education reported. Spoken to by Revds. Dr. Tupper, E. M. Saunders, and I. Wallace. Adopted. (See Appendix B.)
Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. D. Cox.

June 18th, Afternoon Session.

Association convened. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted. (See Appendix C.)

On motion the Committee adjourned for one hour to give place to the Sabbath School Convention. At the close of the Sabbath School Convention the Association resume business.

Committee on Home Missions reported. Spoken to by Revds. I. Wallace and J. Parker. (See Appendix D.)

Treasurer of the Home Mission Board reported.

Voted, That the Report be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Voted, That the Treasurer of the Association be requested to pay the sums respectively appropriated to the Treasurers of the different Societies.

Voted, That the Treasurer of the Association be requested to remit to Bro. Selden \$56 to meet the expenses of printing the Minutes.

The French Mission Board reported again. Spoken to by Revds. J. E. Balcom, E. M. Saunders, T. Delong, A. H. Munro, Wm. Hall, M. Mormondy, and Bro. McNeil. Accepted. (See Appendix E.)

Treasurer's Report of the French Mission presented. Accepted and referred to Committee on Accounts.

Prayer by Rev. W. G. Goucher. Adjourned.

June 18th, Evening Session.

Association convened. Prayer. Rev. J. A. Moore preached from Luke 2: 14; after which addresses were made upon the French Mission by the Missionary, Rev. M. Normondy and others, and a subscription circulated for liquidating the debt on the French Mission house. Subscription amounted to \$687.00.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Bro. Wallace lead in a prayer of thanksgiving for the generous subscription.

Wednesday, June 19th, Morning Session.

Association convened pursuant to adjournment. Rev. C. Randall led in Prayer.

Committee on Nomination of Boards reported and recommended the French Mission Board be as follows, which was adopted.

All the Pastors of the Baptist Church in the Co. of Yarmouth, together with Brethren C. Randall, C. Sabean, William Lent, Joseph Shaw, W. H. Gridley, S. Brown, William Churchill, W. G. Goucher, W. Corning, B. B. Moses, Charles Tedford, W. R. Doty, Cyrus Perry, W. S. Raymond, W. Patten, J. Crosby, J. C. Morse, C. McNeil, and be located at Hebron, Yarmouth.

Committee on Infirm Ministers Fund reported. Report accepted and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Voted, That this Association present \$20 from the Infirm Ministers' Fund to Brother Richardson of Sydney, Cape Breton.

Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Fund reported. Report accepted and referred to Committee on Accounts. (See Appendix F.)

Committee on the *Christian Messenger* reported, spoken to by several brethren, amended and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. Adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Resolved, That this Association earnestly recommend that the inhabitants of Yarmouth, Digby, Annapolis, and wherever else the evil occurs, take vigorous measures to prevent the departure of the mails on the Lord's Day, earnestly spoken to. Passed.

Committee on Suggesting Changes and Improvements, &c., in the Association, reported. Report adopted and ordered to be printed in connection with the standing Rules of Order.

Voted, That Bro. Richan prepare a digest of the letters from the Churches for the *Christian Messenger*.

Committee on Temperance reported. Accepted, earnestly spoken to, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Association urgently recommend to our ministers and members to do all they can by precept and example to discountenance the use of Tobacco. Earnestly spoken to and adopted.

Resolved, That Brother Selden be requested to furnish to the churches of the Western Association blank forms of letters similar to those he has engaged to provide for the Central Association. The cost to be annually added to the bill for printing the Minutes. *Passed.*

Resolved, That the Churches of this Association be requested to take into consideration the desirableness of altering the time for the annual session of the Association, and to give expression of their opinions and wishes in relation to the matter in their next annual letter. *Passed.*

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Church and congregation and other friends in Hillsburgh, for the kind entertainment they have given us during the present anniversary, and also to the choir, for the excellent music they have furnished us in our meetings.

Adjourned to meet with the Church on Long Island, on the 3rd Saturday of June, 1868.

Prayer by Rev. T. C. Delong.

N. VIDRO, *Moderator.*

D. O. PARKER, *Clerk.*

W. H. RICHAN, *Assistant Clerk.*

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE		DECREASE		TOTAL.
		By Baptism.	Restored. By Letter, &c.	Dismissed.	Died. Excluded.	
Annapolis and Upper Granville.	Rev. G. Armstrong, W. Eaton, Ansley Brown, John A. Morse, A. M. Gidney.	1	..	1	..	1 227
*Argyle	Rev. W. L. Parker,	40	9	..	2	2 96
Brookfield	Rev. D. O. Parker, Uriah Johnson.	..	..	3	2	2 111
Barrington	Rev. W. H. Bichan,	1	..	..	..	.. 49
Beaver River	Rev. A. Cogswell, Rev. G. D. Cox, I. D. Potter, J. E. Potter, Esra Potter, Josiah Purdy,	..	..	1	..	1 .. 3 211
Clements	Rev. D. O. Parker, B. H. Telfer, G. S. Parker.	9	3	..	..	3 273
Caledonia	No letter. None last year.	..	5	..	..	.. 1 29
†Dalhousie	R. Morse, E. M. Marshall, Rev. J. C. Morse, C. Denton,	4	2	3	4	.. 42
Digby	W. Denton, C. E. Gilliland, C. Budd,	1	..	2	1	1 118
Digby Neck, 1st	Rev. T. C. Morse, Geo. Cornwell,	..	..	..	..	.. 89
Digby Neck, 2nd	Rev. Obed Parker, Dea. Aaron White, B. Smith.	3	..	2	3	.. 2 56
Greenfield	No letter.	..	..	..	..	.. 1 43
Greywood	No letter.	..	..	..	..	.. 106
Hampton	Rev. L. B. Gates, S. T. Bacon, W. H. Marshall, Rev. A. Martell, Dea. H. Clarke, Wm. Dunn,	2	1	4	..	2 63
Hill Grove	Bro. W. Miller, Israel Dunn, Wm. Nichol.	..	5	1	2	.. 179
Hillsburg, 1st						

* Last year's report was incorrect, should have been 50 instead of 41.

† Statistics from former Minutes.

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		By Baptism.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Died.	
Hillsburg, 2nd.....	Rev. A. Martell, Benjamin Hardy, J. Sulis, John S. Thomas,			1	3	84
Jordan Bay.....	No letter.					64
Jordan River.....	No letter.					24
Kempt.....	Rev. T. C. DeLong, Jacob Kempton, W. Whitman,	1		1		100
Liverpool.....	Rev. A. H. Munro, Bro. T. R. Patillo, J. Freeman, T. Dexter, Ed. Kempton,	7	7	1		3 200
Lake George.....	Rev. J. A. Stabbert, B. B. Moses, Rev. Dr. Tupper, O. Parker, H. Sanders,			5	1 2	144
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot	A. Strouach, Dea. A. T. Baker, J. Nefley, J. Banks,	9	5	14	4	7 539
Lower Granville....	Rev. I. Wallace, E. Sprowie, E. Ryder, G. W. Sederquist, Lic. J. Fleet, Read Hall,	9	1	1	5	3 279
Litchfield.....	No delegate, sent letter.					40
Long Island.....	Rev. J. A. Moore	3	1	2	7	273
†Lewis Head.....	No letter.					70
Milton.....	Dea. S. Freeman, J. A. Freeman, Joseph Freeman,		1	3	2	6 187
Middlefield.....	Rev. Obed Parker, Rev. G. W. Parker, Dea. Saml. Wheelock, W. C. Felch,	6				28
Nictaux.....	Jno. Whitman, B. B. Daniels, D. C. Landers,	24	2	3	14	2 379
New Albany.....	Rev. P. F. Murray, Albert Oakes,	3	1	4		69

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		By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	
New Tusket.....	{ Rev. C. Randall, C. Sabeau, S. Mullin,	4	..	128
Ohio	{ Rev. J. H. Sanders,	..	..	..	..	1 163
Port Medway and Mill Village	{ Rev. J. F. Tooker, D. Gaskill,	..	..	4	..	1 220
Pine Grove.....	{ Revds. W. H. Porter, T. H. Porter, J. McEwen, Theodore Marshall, Edwin Dodge,	1	5	1	..	4 282
Pubnico.....	{ Rev. W. H. Richan,	..	1	..	..	30
Parker's Cove.....	{ No letter.	..	..	..	..	56
Ragged Islands, 1st.	{ Rev. R. D. Porter, Dea Isaac Lloyd,	..	..	5	..	1 116
Ragged Islands, 2nd.	{ No letter.	..	..	..	..	17
Shelburne.....	{ No delegates.	3	5	2	5	20
Sissiboo.....	{ Rev. C. Randall, D. W. Sabeau, W. Lent.	..	..	1	..	1 128
Springfield	{ No letter.	..	2	..	..	1 45
St. Mary's Bay	{ Rev. L. B. Gates, M. Normondy, C. McNeill, Senr., J. Spurt,	20	3	..	1	3 163
Sable River.....	{ No letter.	..	..	..	..	50
Sherbrook West	{ No letter.	7	..	1	3	39
Tusket.....	{ No letter.	..	..	..	..	112
Tusket Lakes.....	{ Rev. A. Cogswell, Rev. N. Vidito.	..	1	..	..	1 57
Wilmot.....	{ H. Chesley, H Morse, W. H. Balcom, C. Ramsay, Rev. J. M. Parker,	4	..	2	..	2 374
Wilmot Mountain ..	{ J. Brinton, S. Banks, J. Dunn,	..	..	..	..	210
Westport.....	{ Rev. S. Richardson,	..	..	..	..	157
Yarmouth, 1st.....	{ Jos. Shaw, S Brown, J. B. Kinney,	6	4	1	8	4 7 440
Yarmouth, 2nd.....	{ Dea. W. Doty, E. Rose,	..	..	6	..	5 310
Yarmouth, 3rd	{ Rev. J. A. Stubbert, Dea. C. Tedford,	..	..	..	..	1 194
Yarmouth South.....	{ Dea. Rufus Simonds, Rev. W. G. Goucher,	8	..	4	2	4 210
Yarmouth West	{ N. Corning, E. Rose.	..	..	..	..	4 150

SUMMARY:—

No. of Churches.....	55.		
Increase—By Baptism....	169	Decrease—Dismissed....	98
By Letter, &c..	66	Excluded....	32
Restored.....	9	Died.....	94
	244		224
Net Increase.....	20		
Total number of members.....	7879		

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Circular Letter.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE WESTERN NOVA SCOTIA
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT
IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,

The cultivation of a *spiritual state of mind* is the subject to which we would invite your attention in our present annual Epistle. In our opinion there is much reason to fear that this matter does not, in general, receive that degree of serious regard, nor call forth that earnestness of effort, to which it is justly entitled. Its great importance, and happy effects, are evident from several considerations:—

1. It is a command imperative on all believers. The Saviour enjoins, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." In like manner an inspired Apostle says, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. . . . Walk in the Spirit." (Matth. vi. 33; Col. iii. 1, 2; Gal. v. 16.) Numerous similar admonitions interspersed through the sacred Scriptures, clearly evince how needful it is to give diligent heed to this Christian duty, and to improve this exalted privilege.

2. Like all other divine precepts and injunctions it is adapted to promote the happiness of those that observe it. "To be spiritually minded is life and peace. . . . The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace," &c. (Rom. viii. 6; Gal. v. 22.) Not only does the maintenance of communion with God, by the influence of the Holy Spirit, secure present

consolation, but it also tends greatly to strengthen the believer's hope of future blessedness. "Now," says the Apostle, "the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Elsewhere he states, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Rom. xv. 13, viii. 14.) So the language of our Lord.—(Matth. vi. 21.) "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also," plainly teaches us that our having the affections placed on heavenly things, furnishes decisive evidence that the bliss of heaven will be ours. If, then, we would be joyful here, and assured of endless felicity hereafter, we must be spiritual.

It is to be deplored that many persons who profess faith in Christ, instead of "cleaving to the Lord with purpose of heart," soon become remiss in spiritual exercises and Christian duties, and, engrossed with earthly cares and pleasures, conform to the world, and indulge in "foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient," and consequently lose their religious enjoyment, and their confidence of hope. The deleterious effect of such a course is depicted by the devout Dr. Owen under a similitude to the following effect:—Cases have sometimes occurred in which a man has been obliged to flee out of one kingdom into another to save his life. Should such a one hasten with all speed till he judged that he had probably crossed the line between the two kingdoms, and then instead of pressing on to a fine country, where he might live comfortably and safely, he should stop, and remain on the confines, in a very barren place, where he must live in poverty, and in continued fear as to the safety of his situation, would not his folly be great? Similar to this, but still greater, is the folly of a professor of religion who does not exercise "diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end." (Heb. vi. 11, 12; 2 Pet. i. 5-11.)

3. The possession of a spiritual mind is also highly conducive to the welfare of Zion. It tends to preserve her citizens from immorality of conduct, and from strife, which is very liable to exist among those that are "carnal," and is exceedingly detrimental to the interests of a Christian Church. (1 Cor. iii. 3,4; James iii. 14-16.) A spiritual believer is disposed to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," to labor for her prosperity, to "be clothed with humility," and to "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ps. cxxii. 6-9; 1 Pet. v. 5; Eph. iv. 1-4.)—By such a course, coupled as it naturally is with a readiness to contribute freely for the advancement of Christ's cause, its interests must be greatly promoted.

4. It excites to earnest efforts for the salvation of souls. Many persons who entertain the hope that they are going to heaven, seem regardless of the everlasting welfare of those around them. Indeed, some professors of piety appear to imagine that it is incumbent only on the ministers of religion to use any means for the conversion of sinners. But this is a pernicious error. The first Christians when "scattered abroad" by persecution, "went everywhere preaching the word." Paul charged the members of the Church in Corinth to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord;" and those in Phihlipp to "shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life." (Acts viii. 4; 1 Cor. xv. 58; Phil. ii. 15, 16.) But whatever views people may entertain in theory, it is not to be expected that they will pray fervently for the conversion of the unregenerate, or labor earnestly for it, while they are themselves in a cold and carnal state of mind. Those, however, who are spiritually minded feel concerned for the unconverted, and are disposed to unite their prayers and efforts for the salvation of undying souls. So the Psalmist says, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit: then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and

sinners shall be converted unto Thee." And Paul, who was a truly spiritual man, says, "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart . . . for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." And again, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." He remarks, moreover, "I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." (Ps. li. 12, 13; Rom. ix. 2, 3, x. 1; 2 Tim. ii. 10.) The same disposition of mind creates similar desires in the hearts of all God's children, and prompts them to like efforts.

It may be remarked, last, but not least :—

5. A spiritual state of mind disposes believers to glorify God. The obligations to this, and the injunctions to it, must be manifest to all. (1 Cor. vi. 19, 20, x. 31.) But it is "the love of God shed abroad in our hearts" that leads us to love him in return, cautiously to avoid dishonouring Him by sin, and earnestly to strive, by a life of holy obedience, to "to shew forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous light." (Rom. v. 5; 1 Jno. iv. 19; 1 Pet. ii. 9.)

Seeing, then, that the possession of a spiritual state of mind is of vast importance on many accounts, we would earnestly and affectionately entreat all the members of our Churches, as well as the ministers, to cultivate it with great diligence and assiduity. But here the question naturally occurs, By what means is this highly desirable blessing to be obtained and retained? We would suggest as appropriate means :—

1. The exercise of faith. Believers "receive the promise of the Spirit through faith;" and "without faith it is impossible to please God," and consequently it must be impossible to hold communion with Him. (Gal. iii. 14; Heb. xi. 6.) He that would "walk in the light of the Lord," must be "looking unto Jesus," who is the "Sun of Right-

eousness," and must "live a life in the flesh by the faith of the Son of God." (Isa. ii. 5; Heb. xii. 2; Gal. ii. 20.)

2. Careful avoidance of sin. Indulgence in that which Jehovah forbids, as also disobedience to what He enjoins, necessarily causes Him to withhold the tokens of his favor. So it is written, "Your sins have hid His face from you;" and the admonition is given us, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." This caution includes, not only the avoidance of all external immorality, but also that of every wrong temper of mind, as "all bitterness, and anger, and wrath, and clamour, and evil speaking, with all malice." So the Psalmist says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." (Isa. lix. 2; Eph. iv. 29-31; Ps. lxxvi. 18.)

3. The devotional study of the holy Scriptures. Some men are required, for the benefit of others, as well as themselves, to study the inspired Oracles critically; and all should strive to obtain as correct and full a knowledge of their true import as they can; since none can profit by that which they do not understand. But it is the devotional reading of the sacred word which is especially conducive to spiritual prosperity. Our Lord, who bade the Jews to "search the Scriptures," prayed for his disciples, "Sanctify them through thy truth," and added, "Thy word is truth." So Paul enjoins on believers, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom;" and Peter says "As new-born babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." (Jno. xvii. 17; Col. iii. 16; 1 Pet. ii. 2.)

As "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable," the whole should be attentively and repeatedly perused by every person; but the devotional parts are peculiarly adapted to promote the spiritual welfare of be-

lievers. Religious books that accord with the teaching of the Bible, may also be read with profit.

4. Regular attendance at public worship. Paul cautions us against "forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." Asaph was almost overwhelmed with temptations to repining, and even to infidelity, "until he went into the sanctuary;" and there he obtained relief and consolation, and found it "good to draw near to God." So Thomas sustained great loss, remaining in doubt and darkness for a whole week, by reason of his neglecting to meet with the other disciples, who were glad when they saw the Lord, and he too became spiritual and joyful when he met with them. (Heb. x. 25. Ps. lxxiii. 2, 17, 24, 28. Jno. xx. 24, 26-28.) If believers would be spiritual, happy, and useful, let them reverence and improve the Sabbath, attend meetings for preaching, prayer, conference, and devotional exercises in general, as frequently as may be in their power. Let them never, under any pretext, absent themselves from the Lord's table.

5. Unremitted and earnest prayer. Our heavenly Father speaks to us in His word, and we speak to Him by prayer; and thus we hold communion with him, through the influence of the Divine Spirit, by faith in Christ. (2 Pet. i. 21. Rom. viii. 26, 27. Jno. xiv. 13.) The idea of living a spiritual life without prayer is as preposterous as that of living a natural life without breath. If we would prosper in the ways of piety, fervent prayer, both in secret and in the family, must be constantly maintained. Indeed we should "pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Our dependence on His aid should be ever recognized, and emotions produced by His influence should be always regarded. (Matth. vi. 6. Danl. vi. 10. Eph. vi. 18. 1 Thes. v. 19. Jude 20, 21.) Constant watchfulness, also, must attend prayer. (Matth. xxvi. 41. 1 Pet. iv. 7.)

6. Pious conversation. The Psalmist says, "Talk ye of all His wondrous works." Malachi informs us, that the godly conversation of the Lord's ancient servants was very favorably regarded by Him. When the two disciples on their way to Emmaus, were conversing in sadness respecting the Saviour, "Jesus himself drew near, and went with them," enlightening their understandings, and cheering their hearts. (Ps. cv. 2. Mal. iii. 16, 17. Luke xxiv. 13-32.) While "the talk of the lips [vain discourse] tendeth only to penury," great benefits result to believers, and in many instances to those around them, from a diligent improvement of opportunities for edifying religious conversation. (Prov. xiv. 23. x. 21. Eph. iv. 29. 1 Thes. iv. 18. v. 11.)

7. Devout meditation. Of the "blessed man" it is written, "His delight in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night." The Psalmist says, "In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul;" and again, "My meditation of Him shall be sweet." (Ps. i. 1, 2. xciv. 19. civ. 34.) Believers are often placed in circumstances that deprive them of some of the means adapted to promote their spiritual welfare; but the delightful and highly useful privilege of religious meditation may be almost invariably enjoyed. It should be diligently improved.

Not to extend this Letter beyond due bounds, we would in conclusion, affectionately entreat every member of each of our Churches to consider this subject attentively, and to strive earnestly for the attainment and the retaining of a spiritual state of mind. An attentive examination of the texts cited above, with their respective contexts and parallel passages, may be a profitable exercise, conducive to the furtherance of this desirable object. May "the Father of mercies" graciously enable every one of us to know from our own happy and continued experience, that "To be spiritually minded is life and peace!"

Appendix.

(A)

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions are happy to learn that the number of native Preachers, including Burmese and Karen, laboring in Burmah and supported by funds raised among us in the Lower Provinces, is about seventeen. In addition to these a native Christian sister, zealous and well-informed, and designated "a Bible woman," is employed whose work it is to read the Holy Scriptures to persons of her own sex, and otherwise impart religious instruction to them. This, in the peculiar state of society in that country, can much more advantageously be done by such agency, than by a preacher of the Gospel. It is expected that a definite statement respecting the labors of these servants of Christ will be received prior to the meeting of the Convention. In the meantime a pleasing account has recently been given that at one of the out stations nine converts applied for baptism. The Gospel is evidently extending in Burmah through the efforts of these and other zealous laborers in the Lord.

Your Committee recommend that earnest prayer be offered in all the Churches that the native preachers be much increased, and their labors rendered successful to the conversion of multitudes. Prayer should likewise be offered that the Lord of the harvest would raise up some from among ourselves, who, anointed by the Holy Spirit, shall go forth to direct and encourage these native preachers, and otherwise co-operate with them in seeking to win sinners to Christ. Greatly increased liberality is recommended in supplying means for evangelizing the heathen.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

(B)

ON EDUCATION.

In the opinion of your Committee, the Baptists of these Provinces, united in the Convention, should still bear in mind the marked and singular providences of God, which have been displayed in founding, sustaining, and in abundantly blessing our Institutions at Horton. The favor of Heaven thus received may be taken as a pledge of future mercies.

The College, Academy, and Seminary for young ladies are in a flourishing condition. This was pleasingly apparent to all who enjoyed the opportunity of attending the last anniversary exercises, which consisted in examinations, reading essays, delivering orations, conferring degrees, and bestowing honor-certificates and prizes. The Professors and Teachers at our Institutions are laboring hard, and are doing a noble work. They merit our confidence and sympathy,—a sympathy which, at this important crisis of our history, should be made tangible by increased endowments and donations, that will enable the Board of Governors to keep the Institutions in that advanced position among other Colleges and Academies, which they have, by common consent, hitherto occupied. The elevation of the standard of Education throughout the Province, demands in the very nature of things, that it should be raised at Wolfville. The great deficiency in the means for doing this is money. Let it not be withheld.

On account of the scarcity of money, the Governors of Acadia College have decided not to put an agent in the field at present; this will enable the Churches to respond to appeals made to them for aid to meet the current expenses.

All of which is submitted.

E. M. SAUNDERS, *Chairman of Com.*

(C)

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report:

That they regard Sabbath Schools as an important agency in advancing the cause of Christ. The instruction imparted: the knowledge of God, His character and attributes, man's lost condition by nature, and recovery through the atoning death of Jesus, the claims which God has upon us, and our obligations to submit to these claims; these, and kindred truths which engage the attention of the young in our Sabbath Schools, are eminently calculated to prepare them for the important duties of this life, and by God's grace for His service in the life to come. Your Committee would therefore urge upon all who love the Saviour, greater earnestness in this good work, and would express their conviction that churches and congregations could not do better than to make it a point of duty to assemble as regularly in the Sabbath School as they do to listen to the preaching of God's word.

Your Committee would further recommend that the Pastors of our Churches be requested to preach occasionally on the importance of Sabbath School training.

In conclusion your Committee would respectfully ask this Association to adjourn, and allow the Western Sabbath School Convention to hold its session.

Respectfully submitted.

R. R. PHILP, *Chairman.*

(D)

ON HOME MISSIONS.

In presenting their annual report, your Board would gratefully acknowledge the continued sympathy and support of the Churches, and increased blessing of their Head. The efforts and expenditures of the Board during the past year, have been with somewhat gratifying and encouraging results. From the reports of the Missionaries, who have been engaged in the service of the Board, we ascertain that 59 weeks' labor have been performed, 229 sermons preached, 60 religious meetings attended, and as far as reported 152 family visits made, 38 baptized, several others hopefully converted, and 9 restored to church fellowship.

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The entire expenditure of the Board for the above has been \$234.

In addition to the above \$140 have been given by the Board to assist feeble churches in supporting the stated ministry of the Gospel among them. To the Digby Church \$10 to aid in supporting Bro. Tooker for 3 months. To Barrington and Pubnico \$80 to aid in supporting Bro. Richan. To New Albany, Sherbrook, and Springfield \$50 to assist in supporting Bro. Murray for 9 months. From Bro. Murray's report we learn that his labors with that people were not in vain in the Lord; 7 were baptized at Sherbrook, and 3 at New Albany. Bro. Richan's report from Barrington and Pubnico not only affords indications of present benefits, and ground of hope for future and increasing success, but it affords evidence of the abundant labors, and the small remuneration of some at least of Christ's laborers in the employ of our Board.

Brethren, shall we not lay the wants and the interests of this mission cause for the coming year alongside of our own? Shall we not make more strenuous efforts to replenish beyond the necessity of such meagre pittance, the funds of this Board?

Meanwhile anxious desires are enkindling and earnest requests are coming in to us to establish new interests, and to strengthen feeble ones. Let past experiences serve to confirm the Divine promises, and larger efforts will bring more glorious results.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. PORTER.

HOME MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT.

[*Treasurer's Account omitted from last year's Minutes.*]

N. VIDITO, *Treasurer, in acct. with the DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD OF W. B. ASSOCIATION.*

1865.		Dr.	
June.	Received from the Treasurer of Association.....		\$316 61
	Interest on Provincial Debentures, &c.....		47 00
	From Dr. Tupper's Church.....		2 00
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			\$365 61
1865.		Cr.	
Decr.	Paid Rev. W. H. Richan on account of Mission to Shelburne Co.....		20 00
1866.	Rev. Obed Parker, ditto, to Dalhouse.....		36 00

Feb'y.	Thomas M. Munro, Wellington and vicinity.....	25 00	
	Rev. J. Melbourne Parker, Albany and vicinity...	60 00	
	Henry Achilles, Milford and Greywood.....	32 00	
	J. F. Tooker, Digby.....	20 00	
	J. Melbourne Parker, bal. on Mission in 1864-'65	6 60	
	George Armstrong	0 14	
			\$199 74
June 12.	Rev. A. W. Barss.....	\$32 00	
	W. Parker.....	24 00	
	Balance to Rev. J. F. Tooker.....	12 00	
	Balance to Rev. W. H. Richan.....	30 00	
			98 00
	Balance.....		297 74
			67 87
			365 61
	Balance in hand.....		\$67 87
Examined,	S. BROWN, W. A. GRIDLEY.		

N. VIDITO, *Treasurer, in account with the DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE W. B. ASSOCIATION.*

Dr.

To balance of last year	\$67 87
Received at the W. B. Association.....	354 87
Interest of Provincial Debentures.....	60 00
	\$482 74

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1866.	Paid T. M. Munro.....	40 00
August.	" Rev. A. W. Barss.....	48 00
October.	" " W. H. Richan.....	20 00
1867.	" " O. Parker.....	48 00
January.	" " W. H. Richan.....	20 00
March.	" " T. Delong.....	30 00
April.	" " W. H. Richan.....	20 00
May.	" " A. W. Barss.....	24 00
	" Bro. Sederquist.....	20 00
June.	" Rev. W. H. Richan.....	20 00
	" " T. M. Munro.....	20 00
Post Office Orders and registering.....		0 60
		\$310 60
Paid Rev. P. Murray for labor in N. Albany and East		
Dalhousie.....	50 00	
Paid Digby Church.....	10 00	
Rev. O. Parker.....	4 00	
Rev. H. Achilles.....	20 00	
		\$394 60
Balance on hand.....		88 14
Examined,	SAML. BROWN.	
Hillsburgh, June 18, 1867.		

(E)

FRENCH MISSION.

In presenting their 16th annual report the French Miss. Board have to congratulate themselves and the friends of the Mission on the experience of more abundant tokens of the Divine favor during the past year, than were ever enjoyed in one year before throughout the Mission's history; while they are saddened and perplexed with difficulties graver than at any time embarrassed them.

One year ago, in view of the great want of another laborer in the field and the abundant means for sustaining him, we were congratulating ourselves on the possession of two mission premises, with the finishing of those at Saulnierville well advanced towards completion; while with upwards of \$300, subscribed at one meeting by a few individuals, principally members of the Board, towards paying for those premises, it was thought that the raising of the entire amount needed for discharging the debt would be a comparatively easy labor.

The Rev. N. Cyr, a gentleman of whose ability, attainments and Christian character we could not but form the highest opinion, and also tried and experienced in French Mission operations was at that time here among us, with a prospect of his engaging in this Mission and occupying one of those premises.

Eleven had renounced Romanism during the year previous, seven had professed faith in Christ, and two had been baptized. We were consequently cherishing gratitude toward God, and hopefulness for the future.

Since the meeting of the last Association until our assembling here, the Board has held but four meetings, so that it will not be a tedious labor to recount its doings throughout the year.

At a meeting held in July an engagement was made with Brother Cyr to labor in the Mission for three or four months, partly among the French, and partly among the churches for the collection of funds, and this with a view to a more permanent settlement. Bro. Cyr went home to make arrangements for entering upon the service, when sickness in his family prevented his returning so soon by a

few weeks as he and we anticipated. At a subsequent meeting of the Board at Hebron, the circumstances of the case were so viewed as to induce the Board to rescind that engagement. We deeply regret the loss of Bro. Cyr's services, as it is not probable that another person so well suited to the work will be readily obtained, yet we would assure the Association and the friends of the Mission, that in this action we endeavored to do what seemed to us wisest and best for the general interests of the Mission.

During three years preceding the past one, Bro. Normandy had been in the receipt of \$480 per annum with the premises he occupied. At the meeting in July the Board voted \$500 to the Missionary as his salary, and \$60 in addition to make the salary equal to \$500 for those three years preceding. In consideration of the increased cost of living and the circumstances of the Missionary's family, at the meeting held by the Board in May they still further increased his salary to \$600, with the premises he occupied, and made him a gift of \$200, to liquidate his existing debts.

The premises at Saulnierville are still in the same condition in which they were a year ago—unfinished and unoccupied. The debt upon them is not discharged, but yearly interest is continually augmenting it, making it reach, at present about \$1600, and for meeting this or stopping interest no means are being used.

During the year the Missionary has spent 12 weeks on a collecting agency, having preached and lectured while on the tour 53 times, and obtained, subscribed \$610, and collected \$376. In discharge of his mission work he had preached 62 sermons, held 46 other meetings, and made 165 family visits.

But human infirmity and error have not prevented the rich displays of Divine grace towards the French. During the past winter the Spirit's influence have been bestowed to bless the preaching and labors of the Missionary, and cause the seed sown to bear fruit. The section of the field at the Ridge of St. Mary's Bay has experienced a gracious revival of religion, under which the graces of those previously believers have been stimulated, twenty-six have already made application for baptism, between thirty and forty have given credible evidence of conversion, and twenty have been baptized and gathered into the church there. The interest, in

a gratifying measure, still continues, and the cause in that locality presents a cheering aspect.

The goodness of God has also to be acknowledged, in stimulating "A Friend to Missions" in Cornwallis to make a donation of \$100 to the funds of the Mission, to whom, as the almoner of God's bounty we would tender our thanks.

Brethren, no people in the world more need the ministration of salvation than the Acadian French. In no place is a wider or more effectual door opened. Five Missionaries would be in nearer proportion to the demand, at the present day, than one. The blood of this people will be required at our hands, and every consideration calls upon us for larger sacrifices and renewed efforts for their salvation. What shall we do? Shall we continue to play "penny wise and pound foolish," or attempt greater things for God and receive greater things from Him? There is everything in the circumstances of the case, in the warrants of God and in His tokens of favor to induce us to move forward.

Submitted.

R. D. PORTER. *Acting Secretary.*

ACADIAN MISSION BOARD, *in acct. with* W. M. CHURCHILL,
Treasurer.

1866.		Dr.	
June 4.	To balance per acct. rendered to Association.....	\$141	09½
29.	John Hatfield, Esq., bal. interest on his note.....	21	55
July 3.	Rev. N. Cyr, per order of Board.....	50	00
1867.			
Jan'y 24.	Rev. N. Cyr per order of Board for papers.....	10	00
May 24.	Missionary's salary one year to this date.....	500	00
	There is also due the Missionary \$20 a year for '64, '65, and '66; as in '64 the Board raised his salary to \$500, and the next year the Board cut it down by mistake, to \$480, as it was before '64. He was charged with the extra \$20, paid him in '64.....	60	00
			<u>\$782 64½</u>
1866.		Cr.	
June 15.	By Western Association.....	\$258	08
July 3.	Central do.	21	19
	Eastern do.	5	00
1867.			
Jan'y 24.	Lewis Dewolf, Esq., of Charlestown, Mass., paid Rev. N. Cyr.....	\$18	00
	Less order on Missionary not accepted.	8	00
			<u>10 00</u>

Mar. 12.	Friend to French Mission, Cornwallis.....	100 00	
			—394 27
	To balance.....	\$388 37½	
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		WILLIAM CHURCHILL, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
	<i>Yarmouth, June 1867.</i>		
	Examined,	SAML. BROWN.	
	<i>Hillsburgh, June 7, 1867.</i>		

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INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, *in acct. with* CHAS. RANDALL,
Treasurer.

	1866.	DR.	
June 12.	Paid Rev. H. Saunders as ordered by the Board....	\$21 20	
Oct. 13.	the Widow Jackson.....	20 00	
Nov. 30.	for recording the transfer of mortgage and bond.....	0 92	
			\$42 12
	1867.	CR.	
June 15.	By cash and notes in hand as per acct rendered in 66.	129 08½	
1866.			
June 12.	Received of Messrs. Samuel Freeman and A. Baker, Treasurers of the W. N. S. B. A.....	72 28	
	Interest on notes.....	4 80	
			\$206 16½
	Balance on hand.....	164 04½	
	Examined,	S. BROWN.	
		CHARLES RANDALL, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

(G)

THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

Your Committee on the *Christian Messenger* would report that this Association acknowledges with gratitude the faithful and judicious manner in which Bro. Selden conducts the *Christian Messenger*, and feel assured that he has a large claim upon the prayers, sympathies and hearty co-operation of Baptists. We would recommend earnest effort for its greater circulation, especially in Baptist families.

Furthermore, we beg respectfully to recommend that capable brethren furnish more frequently articles on the dis-

tinguishing doctrines of the Bible, and that all needed effort, as far as possible, be put forth by the editor to keep it fully up to the progress of the times, and seek to elevate the public press, and secure as far as possible the aid of influential brethren.

J. C. MORSE.

(H)

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance report, that, in their opinion the Sabbath law is still binding, and its careful observance is calculated to yield as large advantages and blessings as ever before. We recognize, however, that Sabbath desecration extensively prevails.

Your Committee would recommend to our Churches that they exercise more vigilant watchfulness over their members in this connection, and that pastors make it more a point in their pulpit teachings.

Respectfully submitted.

R. D. PORTER, *Chairman.*

(I)

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report:

That they believe the cause of Temperance to be one of vast importance, having a direct bearing upon the welfare of immortal souls, and therefore it becomes the imperative duty of every lover of Christ to lend their hearty aid in sustaining the cause of Total Abstinence. And while we do rejoice in the success of the various Temperance organizations both in our own and other lands in reclaiming the inebriate and saving many from the drunkard's path in the past, we feel that much still remains to be done before our beloved land will be redeemed from the scourge of intemperance.

It is a lamentable fact that many of our fellow countrymen are still pursuing the downward road of drunkenness to destruction, nor should we cease to work and pray until Total Abstinence principles are embraced by the entire brotherhood of man.

In view of these facts we would respectfully urge upon all friends of Total Abstinence to double their diligence, and to the utmost of their ability use every laudable means, both morally and legally, to banish the demon from our land. Especially would we urge this at the present time as we are approaching a general election, the influences of which have hitherto been so disastrous to the cause.

We fully concur in the sentiments embodied in the circular addressed to this body by River Side Lodge of British Templars, and would recommend that that document be read in connection with this report. We are firmly of the opinion that we require more of the religious element in Temperance meetings, especially in the Division and Lodge Rooms, and just in proportion as our principles are based on Love, Purity and Fidelity, together with Faith, Hope and Charity, may we hope for success.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. B. MOSES, *Chairman.*

MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Angell.....	Yarmouth.....	Feb. 13, 1853	Milton,
" H. Achilles.....	Parker's Cove.....	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong ..	Bridgetown.....	Dec. 30, 1848	Port Medway.
" A. W. Bars.....	Shelburne.....	June 6, 1855	Lunenburg, N.W
" A. Cogswell.....	Beaver River.....	Jan —, 1843	Chute's Cove.
" G. D. Cox.....	Clements.....	Jan. 4, 1865	Clements.
" T. C. Delong.....	New Germany.....	Feb. —, 1834	New Albany.
" W. G. Goucher.....	Hebron.....	May 11, 1853	Hebron.
" L. B. Gates.....	St. Mary's Bay.....	.....	Lunenburg, N.W
" W. Hall.....	.....	July —, 1842	Fredericton, N.B
" J. C. Morse.....	Digby Neck.....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" A. Martell.....	Hillsburgh.....	Mar. 20, 1849	Antigonish.
" J. A. Moore.....	Long Island.....	Aug. 5, 1857	Port George.
" R. F. Murray.....	Chute's Cove.....	Mar. 14, 1848	Westport.
" R. S. Morton.....	Nictaux.....	Feb. —, 1852	Nictaux.
" A. H. Munro.....	Liverpool.....	Dec. 10, 1857	Digby Joggins.
" J. McKenne.....	Sable River.....	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normonday.....	Tusket.....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker.....	Aylesford.....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilmot.
" D. Q. Parker.....	Brookfield.....	Mar. 23, 1861	Liverpool.
" W. L. Parker.....	Argyle.....	Sep. 20, 1863	Upper Aylesford
" T. H. Porter.....	Wilmot.....	Nov. 13, 1833	Biltown.
" R. D. Porter.....	Locke's Island.....	Sep. 17, 1857	Dartmouth.
" W. H. Porter.....	Wilmot.....	Sep. 5, 1862	Wilmot.
" C. Randall.....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" S. Richardson.....	Westport.....	.....	.....
" W. H. Richan.....	Barrington.....	Sep. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" J. H. Saunders.....	Ohio, Yarmouth.....	Aug 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stubbert.....	Deerfield, do.....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" A. Stronach.....	Aylesford.....	.....	.....
" C. Tupper, D. D.....	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" J. F. Tooker.....	Port Medway.....	April 5, 1863	N. Sydney, C. B.
" N. Vidito.....	Wilmot.....	May 10, 1832	Wilmot.
" Issiah Wallace.....	Lower Granville.....	....., 1856	Scotch Town, NB

Monies paid in at the Western Association, Convened at Hillsburgh, Bear River, N. S., June 15, 1887.

CHURCHES.	TOTALS.						
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Infirm Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	French Missions.	Gaelic Mission,	Am. and Fn. Bible Society
From former Treasurer.....	\$35 66						
Annapolis and Upper Granville.....	18 00	14 00	3 00		6 00		
Brookfield.....	8 00	3 50	3 00	4 50	2 60		1 70
Beaver River.....	1 25	1 50	2 00	2 62	5 66		
Clements.....	5 00	4 00	2 19		7 90		
Digby.....							
Hillsburgh 1st.....	3 00	4 00	1 00	0 87	7 60		
Hillsburgh 2nd.....	3 00	3 00	0 87		2 00		
Kempt.....	2 28	2 28			1 78		
Lake George.....		0 50			2 07		
Liverpool.....	8 46	8 46			8 48		
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.....	12 20	21 50	6 00	4 00	14 00		3 45
Lower Granville.....	15 00	15 77	5 50	5 50	22 14		
Long Island.....	15 00	4 00	1 25				
Milton.....	20 00	37 12	4 00	4 00	10 60		3 00
Middlefield.....		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		
Nictaux.....	20 06		4 70	2 72	11 72		
New Albany.....	2 00	2 00					
New Tusket.....	2 00	2 67			9 30		
Port Medway and Mill Village.....	11 62						
Pine Grove.....	15 00	12 00	3 00	3 00	7 60		
Ragged Islands.....	9 70	12 00	4 17	1 12	2 60		
Sissaboo.....	1 25	1 25	1 75		8 62		
St. Mary's Bay.....	1 52	1 00	1 00		6 00		
Tusket Lakes.....	1 00		0 75		4 50		
TOTALS.....	35 66	15 87	8 87	6 34	2 57	61 15	63 91
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	23 20	8 87	6 34	4 00	4 00	4 00	13 87
	12 44	8 87	6 34	4 00	4 00	4 00	11 62
	18 19	8 87	6 34	4 00	4 00	4 00	40 00
	15 87	8 87	6 34	4 00	4 00	4 00	28 99
	8 87	8 87	6 34	4 00	4 00	4 00	12 87
	6 34	8 87	6 34	4 00	4 00	4 00	9 92

Tusket Lakes..... 1 00..... 0 75..... 4 50..... 6 35

St. Mary's Bay..... 1 92 1 00 1 00 1 00 6 00..... 9 92

Tusket Lakes.....	1 00	.....	0 75	.....	4 50	.....	6 85
Wilnot.....	20 00	16 00	4 00	.....	20 00	.....	60 00
Wilnot Mountain.....	3 35	4 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	13 35
Westport.....	.....	3 09	3 09	.....	.....	.....	12 37
Yarmouth, 1st Town.....	32 97	100 00	13 00	3 09	21 40	.....	173 89
Yarmouth 2nd, Hebron.....	5 63	8 65	0 62	0 75	4 25	.....	19 90
Yarmouth South, Chebogue.....	5 45	2 30	.....	.....	2 37	.....	10 12
Yarmouth West, Jegoggin.....	0 50	.....	.....	.....	5 87	.....	6 37
Hill Grove.....	3 22	1 75	1 20	1 25	1 57	.....	9 04
Argyle.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	5 80	.....	11 60
Barrington.....	4 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 93
Pubnico.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Digby Neck, 1st.....	5 00	5 00	1 20	.....	5 00	.....	16 20
Yarmouth, 3rd.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	18 75	.....	21 25
Greywood.....	1 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 62
Digby Neck, 2nd.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 33	.....	4 33
Tusket.....	7 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 45
Caladonia.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	4 00
Charles Pinkney.....	0 62	0 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Collections.....	15 73	15 73	.....	.....	15 73	.....	47 19
Collections for F. Mission.....	.....	26 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 19
Proportion of expenses.....	325 89	339 39	69 00	41 95	249 15	.....	1034 53
Estate of the late Charles Davis.....	17 70	18 59	3 75	2 28	13 43	.....	56 30
.....	308 19	320 80	65 25	39 67	235 67	.....	978 23
.....	50 00	25 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	100 00

One hundred dollars of the late Yarmouth Church Foreign Mission to be appropriated to the support of a Native Preacher. Lands left by the late Charles Davies, the proceeds to be disposed of as follows: One half to the Baptist Home Missions; one quarter to the Baptist Foreign Mission; one quarter to the Baptist French Mission. Sold for \$220. Terms \$100 on delivery of Deed, and the remainder \$120 payable in one year.

The above sums are paid to the Treasurers of the various Societies.

HARDING B. CHUTE, Treasurer of W. B. Association.

Sabbath School Convention.

HILLSBURGH, June 17th, 1867.

The Association adjourned to allow the Sabbath School Convention to hold a Session for one hour.

Samuel Brown, Esq. was, in the absence of the President, appointed Chairman.

Rev. Isaiah Wallace was called upon who moved the first resolution. This was seconded by Rev. R. D. Porter :

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the hand of God in the success that has already attended Sabbath School instruction.

Moved by Rev. J. E. Balcom, seconded by Rev. W. H. Porter—

Resolved, That the success of the past should stimulate us to renewed exertions in this department of Christian work.

Moved by Rev. R. D. Porter, seconded by Samuel Brown, Esq. :

Resolved, That to ensure still greater success in the future Sabbath School Concerts and Bible Classes should be encouraged.

The Secretary read an abstract of reports of Sabbath Schools.

Rev. W. Hall brought to the consideration of the Convention the "Provincial Melodist."

The Convention adjourned.

[The Secretary Rev. Jos. H. Saunders expresses great regret that the Sabbath School Returns are so imperfect. It is hoped that next year, as blanks are to be forwarded to all the Churches, more attention will be given to this very important department of statistics.]

S. S.

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Western Baptist Association, June 1867.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.			Av'ge attendance.	TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Ch'rch in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.				
Hillsburgh, 1st.....	Wm. Nicholl.....	36	36	72	60	6	11	11	.....	140	\$14 00
Hillsburgh, 2nd.....	John S. Sullis.....	.....	35	35	32	.....	7	7	.....	92	23 00
Lower Aylesford & Up. Wilmot, 4 schools.	Rev. C. Tupper, D.D.	126	122	248	255	15	13	28	11	68	3 25	
Greenwood Square, Union School.....	G. Tufts.....	44	39	83	75	6	11	17	29	23	22 00	
Prince Wm. Street.....	Z. Nelly.....	11	14	25	22	3	3	6	30	19	20 00	
Fort Williams.....	Jos. Graves.....	30	40	70	.....	3	6	9	.....	400	.....
Wilmot Mountain.....	John Charlton.....	30	32	62	.....	4	5	9	.....	300	.....
1st Yarmouth.....	S. F. Raymond.....	95	128	223	127	11	20	31	.....	450	60 00
1st Yarmouth, Salem.....	Jas. R. Kinney.....	23	35	58	50	6	3	9	.....	350	11 00
Ohio, Yarmouth.....	Geo. Crosby.....	35	35	70	.....	7	4	11	.....	23	125 14 00
1st Ragged Islands.....	X. Z. Chipman.....	20	21	41	25	3	3	6	.....	250	27 00
Milton.....	R. G. Freeman.....	.....	175	175	.....	.....	19	19	.....	180	50 00
St. Mary's Bay.....	N. E. Westcott.....	29	20	49	.....	3	3	6	.....	180	.....
Hillgrove.....	Robert Reed.....	12	25	37	30	3	3	6	.....	56	2 00
Lower Granville, 4 Schools.....	Rev. I. Wallace.....	.....	140	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Karadale, Union School.....	.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kempt.....	.....	.....	97	97	.....	.....	9	9	.....	.....	32 00
Pine Grove, 3 Schools.....	.....	.....	190	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelburne.....	.....	.....	40	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....
Port Medway.....	.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tusket.....	.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tusket.....	L. Harding.....	.....	35	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tusket Lakes, 2 Schols.....	Jos. G. Gavel.....	.....	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hebron.....	James Crosby.....	75	85	160	9	12	21	200	50 00	
Torbrook, (Nictaux).....	Israel Whitman.....	42	38	80	63	4	10	12	20	150 00	
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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

- ART. 1.—This body shall be called the Western Baptist Association.
- 2.—It shall be composed [of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.
- 3.—The objects of the 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.
- 4.—The Association shall meet annually on the second Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, a requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastors.
- 5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.
- The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for; take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition.
- The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.
- The Treasurer shall receive all monies and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the votes of the Association.
- 6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed by dismissal, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.
- 7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.
- 8.—The Association shall not, in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.
- 9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."
- 10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in, from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of the Moderator shall be made by ballot.

3rd.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

4th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

5th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

6th.—Every speaker shall address the chair and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

7th.—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

8th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

9.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

10th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

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

12th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.

Report of the Committee on suggesting Improvements as to the time and manner of holding this Association,—ordered to be printed in connection with the Rules of Order.

Your Committee after much deliberation beg to report—

That your Committee while feeling that there are objections of considerable importance to the selection of the month of June as the time for the meeting of the Association, has not been able to decide upon the recommendation of any other time of the year as preferable, but would leave the matter in the hands of the Association as an open question on which it can take action or not as it may see fit.

Your Committee would recommend

1. That at the commencement of any future annual Session of this Association the clerks shall meet in the vestry or other convenient place than that occupied by the Association, to receive the letters of the Churches and prepare a list of delegates.

2. That while the above duty is being attended to, the Association shall hold a devotional meeting, to be opened, after singing and prayer, by an address from the Moderator or a substitute provided by him, to be followed by voluntary addresses and prayers.

3. That at the close of the above meeting the list of delegates be read by the clerk, the Association organized, and the Committee of Arrangement appointed.

4. That the first business attended to at the afternoon session be the reading of the letters of the Churches, after which the Committee of Arrangements shall report.

5. That the following shall be the duty of the Committee of Arrangements:

To provide preachers for the various Sabbath services and others held during the session of the Association; to provide and notify in due time speakers for all the public meetings held in connection with the Association; to nominate committees; to name the place for the next annual session, the preacher of the Association Sermon and writer of the Circular Letter; and to recommend the order of business for the next annual session, subject to such modifications as circumstances may induce the Association to adopt. The full report of the committee when adopted to be inserted in the Minutes.

6. That each evening of the Association including Saturday evening, be devoted to preaching or a public meeting on Missions, Education or Temperance. The first portion of the time to be occupied by the brethren appointed by the committee of arrangements, voluntary addresses to follow.

7. That a digest of the letters be published in the Minutes.

8. That all the delegates sit together as near as practicable to the pulpit during the Association. Seats being reserved for that purpose.

9. That the above recommendations be incorporated by the clerk with the standing rules of order of this Association, be printed with them in the Minutes, and read by the Moderator at the commencement of each annual session.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

A. H. MUNRO.