

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT CAMBRIDGE, N. B.

SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,

July 8th, 10th, and 11th.

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CAMBRIDGE, N. B., July 8th, 1854.

THE Ministers and Brethren composing the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association convened at the Baptist Chapel in Cambridge, at 10 o'clock, P. M., and after about three hours had been spent in social conference, the Association was organized by the appointment of

Elder JAMES A. SMITH, *Moderator.*

Brother ISAIAH WALLACE, *Clerk.*

Elder J. C. SKINNER, *Assistant Clerk.*

Unanimously Resolved, That the Delegates and Brethren from Nova Scotia and Western New Brunswick Associations, together with Brethren recommended by Delegates, take their seats and participate in the deliberations.

The following Brethren then took their seats as members of the Association, viz :

Rev. Jarvis Ring, Messenger from W. N. S. Association.

Brother Aaron Thorp, Messenger from C. N. S. Association.

Brother Robert Porter, Licentiate from Acadia College.

Rev. I. E. Bill, Editor of Christian Visitor.

Rev. Samuel Robinson.

Rev. George F. Miles.

Rev. T. H. Porter, Domestic Missionary.

Brother E. H. Duval.

Brother G. Balentine, Sen.

Brother Stephen Gerow.

The following Officers and Committees were then chosen :

Brother STEPHEN GEROW, *Treasurer.*

Brother GEORGE E. DAY, *Assistant Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES.

To Examine Letters—Rev. John Francis, G. F. Miles, J. Bunting, and brother Duval.

To Examine Circular Letters—Rev. S. Robinson, and I. E. Bill.

On Colportage—Brother I. Wallace, H. Fillemore, Elders A. Much and Kiersted, Brother A. Thorp.

On Special Business—Elders Bunting, James Blakeney, Hughes, Tremble, Bill, Robinson, D. Crandal, Miles, Francis, and Brethren A. B. McDonald, W. Wetmore, and Solomon Smith.

On the Bible Cause—Rev. I. E. Bill, J. Crandal, J. Magee, Willis, and T. H. Porter.

On Collegiate Education—Elders Robinson, Francis, and Brother Duval.

On the Christian Visitor—Elders T. H. Porter, Bunting, Kiersted, Coleman, Robinson, Miles, Francis, and Brother J. S. Colpits.

On Sabbath Schools—Brethren R. D. Porter, George E. Day, Elder Charles Thora, and Brethren John Sherwood, and Allen McDonald.

On New Churches—Elders D. V. Crandal, Coleman, Marshall, and John O'Brien.

On Missions, (Foreign and Domestic)—Elders W. D. Fitch, Foshay, Porter, Bunting, Magee, Robinson, Bill, Merritt, Keith, and David Blakeney.

On Union Societies—Elders Hughes, T. H. Porter, Marshall, and Brother Thomas Keith.

On Temperance—Elders Francis, Keith, Thorn, Keirstead, and Deacons Jesse Tabor, and Arthur Branchcomb.

On Seamen—Rev. G. F. Miles, I. E. Bill, and Brother Stephen Gerow.

On the State of the Churches—Elders I. E. Bill, Robinson, Magee, Coleman, Smith, and Deacon Lockey.

To make out a Correct List of Ministers in connection with this Association—Elders J. H. Hughes, and Coleman.

Resolved, That Elder J. A. Smith be our Messenger to the Western N. S. Association, and that his expenses be paid from the Domestic Missionary Fund.

Resolved, That this Association hold its next Annual Session in the second week in July, 1855, unless such an arrangement should interfere with the time of the session of the E. N. S. Association, in which case the Clerk shall be instructed to change the day to the first week in July.

Adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Elder Robinson.

Monday, 10th July.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Introductory Sermon preached by Elder J. A. Smith.—Text, Ps. xlvi : 10. "Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

The letters from the following Churches were then read,

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and the Delegates took their seats as members of the Association. The statistics gathered from those letters may be seen in the Appendix.

2d Wickham.—Brothers W. McCray, David McDonald.

Butternut Ridge.—Elder M. Keith, Brother Thomas Keith.

Hopewell.—Elder E. F. Foshay.

1st Sackville.—Elder W. Coleman.

Sussex.—

Cambridge.—Elder J. C. Skinner, Deacon Briggs, Brethren L. McDonald and John McDonald.

Hampton.—Brethren W. Titus, John Sherwood.

1st Elgin.—Brethren Sol. Smith, W. B. Stiles.

1st St. Martins.—Elder J. A. Smith.

Johnston.—Elder C. Thorn.

1st Jemseg.—Elder James Tremble.

3d Springfield.—Elder B. Sprague.

2d Hillsborough.—Elder D. V. Crandal.

Studholm.—Brother Spragg.

1st Hillsborough.—Elder J. H. Hughes,

2d Dorchester.—Elder David Crandal.

1st Grand Lake.—Elder E. Keirstead.

Upham.—Elder Bunting, Brethren Isaac Brown, R. Howe.

New Canaan.—Elder Keith, Brethren A. McDonald, J. Corey.

2d Grand Lake.—Elder Keirstead, Brethren A. Branscomb, Geo. Burpe.

2d Salisbury.—Deacons Joseph Blakeney, David Blakeney.

Harvey.—Elder Marshall.

Upper Loch Lomond.—Elder Jackson.

1st Springfield.—Elder D. Crandal, Brethren W. Troop, W. Wetmore, C. Spragg, D. Hatfield, D. Hatfield, Jun., Josiah Wetmore.

1st Salisbury.—Elder Joseph Crandal.

2d Moncton.—

2d Elgin.—Elder J. Bunting, Brother J. S. Colpits.

2d Johnston.—Elder Thorn, Brother J. Secord.

3d Salisbury.—Elder Bunting, Brethren J. O'Brien, Joshua Steves, A. Cain.

1st Moncton.—Brother Joseph Crandal.

Kingston.—Elder Tremble.

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The Committee on Temperance submitted the following Report which was supported by addresses from Brethren Duval, Miles, Robinson, Bill, and Francis. The Report was then adopted. The Ministers and Delegates first gave their voice unanimously in favour of the Report—the entire assembly present then manifested their approval in a similar manner.

The Committee on Temperance beg to report.

This Association deems it to be its duty to bear testimony to the invaluable results produced by the Temperance Reformation, and rejoice in the prospect of greater triumphs being yet achieved by the universal adoption of the Maine Law principle; and hopes that until our Provincial Legislature shall pass an efficient Prohibitory Law, our Magistrates will exercise their undoubted prerogative in withholding licenses, as they deem it unsound in policy and unchristian in principle to derive a revenue from licensing the manufacture, importation, or sale of intoxicating liquors, and to attempt to regulate by law, that which is acknowledged to be a moral evil.

The Association desires to express its opinion that the entire abolition of the use of Tobacco would greatly tend to improve the health and increase the happiness of the human family and swell the funds in the treasury of the Lord for the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

JOHN FRANCIS, CHAIRMAN.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.
Prayer by Elder Foshay.

Afternoon Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing. Prayer by Brother Wallace.

Resolved, That Brother Luke, who has just arrived from the United States, be requested to participate in our deliberations.

The Committee on the Christian Visitor presented the following Report.

The Committee on the Visitor beg leave to report—

That the marked improvement in the editorial and general management of the Visitor, justly entitles our beloved brother, Elder I. E. Bill, to the thanks of the denomination, and hope he will continue to be sustained in his arduous work by the co-operation of the whole body. We are happy to learn from various sources that the paper is increasing in interest, as well as in circulation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. H. PORTER, CHAIRMAN.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

Interesting addresses were delivered by Elders D. Crandal, G. F. Miles, and Brethren Colpits, Duval, and Thorp, in which the claims of the paper were presented, and much sympathy was expressed for its esteemed Editor in his arduous and responsible labours.

The Committee to prepare a corrected list of Ministers in connection with this Association, attended to their duty, and submitted their Report, which was adopted.

Your Committee recommend, as Bro. McPhail has taken the Pastorship of a Church in the Western Association, that his name be inserted in the Minutes of that Association; and further, your Committee find on investigation, that Bro. Hezekiah Harris is not a member of any Church in this Association, and therefore recommend that his name be inserted in the

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Minutes of the Association to which the Church belongs of which he is a member. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. COLEMAN.

The Committee on the Bible cause submitted the following Resolution :

Resolved, That this Association cherish a lively interest in the distribution, amongst all nations, of the pure Word of God, faithfully translated into all languages. They are pleased to hear of the enlarged success which has attended the labors of the *British and Foreign Bible Society* and its numerous auxiliaries during the past year, and they are also rejoiced to learn that the Bible Organizations connected with the Baptist denomination are experiencing an unusual measure of prosperity. They would cherish the hope that the Churches connected with this Association will continue to co-operate with these Societies in the wide spread distribution of the sacred volume, as far as they can do so in accordance with the pressing demands of the Institutions to which they are more immediately pledged.

I. E. BILL, CHAIRMAN.

The Committee on Colportage submitted their Report, which was sustained by addresses from Brethren Miles, Robinson, Bill, Thorp, Luke, and Wallace.

The Committee on Colportage report—

That they are pleased to learn that an increased interest has been manifested in the Colportage enterprise during the past year. They learn with pleasure that Brother Mutch has been engaged in this work during the greater part of the past year, and that valuable religious and literary books have been sold by him in that time to the amount of nearly £400; from which fact they infer the growing demand for religious reading. They are also happy to know that Brother H. Fillemore has lately entered the field and promises to be highly useful in this excellent enterprise.

Your Committee are impressed, however, with the belief that much more might be accomplished, were a regularly organized system instituted by which the sympathies and contributions of the brethren and friends generally might be enlisted; and they are assured that the spiritual destitution of many districts of our Province calls loudly upon those that love the truth to engage unitedly and energetically in carrying out the true design and intention of the Colporteur enterprise, viz.:—visiting the destitute portions of the country, disseminating religious books and tracts, (gratuitously when it is necessary,) establishing Sabbath Schools and supplying them with Libraries, and otherwise labouring for the spiritual welfare of those who may not enjoy, regularly, the ministry of the gospel.

In order to accomplish an end so desirable and so necessary, your Committee beg leave to recommend that a Society be forthwith organized with a view to meet the exigencies of the case, that said Society have its general Depository established in St. John, and that it adopt the following Constitution.

In conclusion, your Committee would remind their brethren of the fact that the enemies of christianity are not idle in flooding the country with trashy and morally destructive productions, and that the cause of God imperiously demands His people to labour for the diffusion of religious and useful books in order that the destructive influence of those of an opposite character may be counteracted.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—That this Society shall be designated the New Brunswick Baptist Tract and Colporteur Society.

Article 2.—That the object of this Society shall be the diffusion of religious and general knowledge in the Province of New Brunswick, by means of tracts and books.

Article 3.—That every person contributing the sum of 5s. yearly shall be a member of the Society; that a donation of £2 10s. shall constitute the donor a member for life; and that a donation of £5 shall constitute the donor a Life Director.

Article 4.—That the officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary; that its affairs shall be managed by a Committee, consisting of at least twelve members, (officers included;) that the Committee shall meet once a quarter, or oftener, for the despatch of business, and that five shall constitute a quorum; and that all Life Directors of the Society shall have the right of attending and voting at the meetings of the Committee.

Article 5.—That it shall be the duty of the Committee to select and procure suitable books and tracts, to establish a Depository, and to appoint Colporteurs for the sale or distribution of the said books and tracts under their direction, and to regulate the amount of their salaries; and that the publications circulated by this Society shall be selected from the Catalogues of the American Tract Society, the American Baptist Publication Society, the Religious Tract Society, and the New England Sabbath School Union; or procured from other sources, at the discretion of the Committee.

Article 6.—That a General Meeting of the Society shall be held annually, in the month of June, at such a place as shall be from time to time appointed by the Committee; and that at such General Meetings, the Annual Report of the Society shall be presented, and the Officers and Committee chosen for the year ensuing.

Article 7.—That the Committee shall be authorised to frame Bye-Laws for the transaction of business, which shall be submitted to the Society from time to time at its General Meetings.

Article 8.—That no alteration shall be made in this Constitution but at a General Meeting of the Society, and by a two-thirds vote of members present.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAIAH WALLACE, CHAIRMAN.

The Report was unanimously adopted, and it was

Resolved, That the Pastors of the Baptist Churches in St. John and Portland be a Committee to carry the intentions of said Report into operation, and that Brother Robinson be the Chairman of said Committee.

A collection was then taken up for the Colportage enterprise, amounting to \$77.

Resolved, That Brother A. McL. Seely be Treasurer of the proposed New Brunswick Tract and Colportage Society, and that Deacon S. Gerow be Treasurer pro. tem.

The Committee on the interests of Seamen submitted the following Report which was received.

The success which has attended the recent efforts in the City of St. John to ameliorate the temporal and spiritual condition of Seamen, is highly encouraging to those friends who have manifested such commendable zeal in the cause, and they would express the earnest hope that the Churches of this Association will give to the Institution established in the City for the benefit of this interesting class of Society, their cordial sympathy and support.

G. F. MILES, CHAIRMAN.

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The Committee on Special Business submitted their Report, which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Special Business having made themselves thoroughly acquainted with the painful circumstances associated with R. Thomson's connection with the Baptist denomination of this Province, report the following facts:—

Mr. Thomson arrived in the City of St. John in April 1852. He professed to be a Baptist Minister, ordained by the celebrated William Jones of London, and connected with a small Baptist Church in Bath, England.—His only letters produced on his arrival were of a general character, commending him as a gentleman worthy of confidence, and addressed to the firm of Rankins & Co. He was distinctly told that he could form no connection with us as a denomination until he produced satisfactory testimonials of religious character and standing. Such testimonials he afterwards produced, confirming his own statements and speaking of him in terms of high commendation; upon the strength of these he was received into the Germain Street Baptist Church, and into several departments of trust in the denomination. We refer to these facts to show that he was not received by the brethren in the City without testimonials, and such as would have been satisfactory to any person, so far as religious character and standing were concerned. The recent facts which have been disclosed in relation to his character are as follow:—

Information was given that there was too much reason to fear that Mr. Thomson was here with a feigned name. The brethren at first thought it impossible; but felt it their duty to investigate the case. They accordingly called upon Mr. Thomson—he at first denied the charge, but afterwards confessed that his name was not Thomson but Clark. The reason which he assigned for this change of name was, that he was charged in his own country with forgery, such as rendered it impossible for him to remain there, and although he denied the justice of the charge, he said it was impossible for him to clear himself, and therefore left in a secret way. Such a disclosure could not be otherwise than astounding, inasmuch as the first act of deception had led to innumerable others of a very serious character. The question was, what was now to be done? He of course could not continue his connection with the denomination in any form. Everybody knowing the circumstances looked upon him as a deceiver of the most flagrant kind. He wanted to leave, but he was heavily in debt, and how could he do so? And notwithstanding he had made large professions of an income from England to a considerable amount, it was found that he had not means to pay his debts. The brethren told him that he must advertise that he was going, call for his bills, and that his debts out of the Church must be paid before he could leave. He acted accordingly, and when he said his means for paying were exhausted the brethren advanced to a large amount to meet the balance,—many of his debts in the Church of course remain unpaid,—under these circumstances he left. His ease was at once considered by the Church in Germain Street, and he was excluded by a unanimous vote.

Under these circumstances he left for the United States. Since his departure disclosures have been made of his sayings and doings while here, which are very distressing, and which exceed our worst fears. To what extent this deception has been carried, it is impossible yet to say, but a sufficient has come to light to perfectly shock every moral and truly religious mind.

It is exceedingly painful to refer to these untoward events; but the honor of religion demands that the true character of one, who has practised such gross deception upon a confiding people, should be thus exposed.

That Brother Wellington Jackson having given satisfaction to this Committee in reference to the matters mentioned in the last report of this Association, they recommend him to the renewed fellowship of this Association.

That this Committee recommend a council be sent to the first Dorchester Church to investigate the difficulties arising from the unfavourable reports in circulation.

The Committee on Home and Foreign Missions submitted their Report, which was adopted and sustained by animated addresses from Elders Fitch, Bill, Miles, Ballentine, and Robinson.

The Committee on Home and Foreign Missions report as follows:—

They cannot but feel that the Home Missionary Institution in this Province has received a fresh impetus from the organization of the N. B. B. H. M. Society. Missions have been established by that Society in Miramichi, Shediac, Kingston, in the County of St. John, and in Gagetown and its vicinity. These Missions have been attended with an encouraging degree of success. Brother Knight has also been sustained in his praiseworthy efforts amongst the French by that Society. The Association would therefore recommend the Churches generally to co-operate with the Society, by giving it their earnest prayers and liberal contributions, and as the calls upon the Society are increasing beyond the means of supply, the Association urge upon the Churches the importance of increasing the funds by the formation of Auxiliaries, taking up collections, or in whatever way they deem best adapted to effect the object.

In reference to Foreign Missions, your Committee are impressed with the idea that the Mission field is the world, and that the command of God to his Church is to preach the gospel to every creature. The successful working out of this command demands earnest prayer, persevering labor, and enlarged benevolence on the part of all who love the Redeemer. The peculiar circumstances in which the Baptists of these Lower Provinces have been placed in relation to Foreign Missions render it necessary that some arrangement should be adopted in which all will unite in order to carry forward successfully the Foreign Mission. Your Committee having prayerfully examined this whole subject, suggest the following arrangement as one which they deem adapted to harmonize the Body.

Let the grant now made to the Burman Mission with which our esteemed Bro. A. Crawley is connected, be increased to any extent which the state of the funds will justify, and at the same time establish a Mission in Australia under the direction of the Foreign Missionary Board, so soon as suitable men can be obtained who are willing to devote themselves to Missionary labor in that distant Isle of the Sea. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. FITCH, CHAIRMAN.

After Prayer by Elder Marshall, adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, July 11, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Jackson.

The Committee on Union Societies presented the following Report which was adopted.

The Committee on the Union Society beg leave to report—

That they approve of the report of the Western Association last year, recommending every Church to adopt its own measures to raise funds for the objects embraced in the Union; and that the Churches specify in their letters to the Association the amounts they contribute to each object which they wish to sustain. Your Committee would especially recommend that they pay particular attention to the Home Mission, the Seminary Debt, not forgetting infirm Ministers, and Colportage. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. HUGHES, CHAIRMAN.

Resolved, That the Resolution passed yesterday, in reference to carrying out the intentions of the Report on Colportage, be rescinded, and that instead of said Resolution, that it be

Resolved, That the N. B. Home Missionary Board be authorised to carry into operation the intentions of said Report.

After some general discussions upon Temperance and Colportage Reports, the business of the Association was suspended, until we listened to an impressive discourse by our venerable Father, Elder Thomas Magee, from Hab. iii: 2. "Oh Lord revive thy work."

The Association having resumed its business, it was resolved that the Association resolve itself into a meeting of the New Brunswick Education Society, and that Father Crandal the President of said Society take the Chair. The Secretary of said Society then read the Annual Report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes of the Association. (See Appendix.)

The following Resolutions in connection with said Report were also unanimously passed:

1. *Resolved*, That the Report now read be adopted and published in the Minutes of the Association.

2. *Resolved*, That this Association are rejoiced to learn that the Seminary at Fredericton under the able management of its esteemed Principal is in a highly flourishing condition, and that in addition to an unusual number of pupils several pious young men are studying preparatory to the work of the ministry.

3. *Resolved*, That the progressive spirit of the age demands that the Baptist denomination in this Province should combine their most active energies in freeing their Institution at Fredericton from all financial embarrassment and in carrying forward the work which its founders so nobly commenced.

4. *Resolved*, That this Association cherish the most implicit confidence in the skillful and judicious management of the Institution, and they take this opportunity to express their deep sympathy with its worthy Principal, Rev. C. Spurden, and his esteemed wife, in the afflictive bereavement to which they have been subjected by the sudden death of their first born son.

Addresses were delivered in favour of our Seminary at Fredericton by Brethren Bill, Robinson, Hughes, Miles, and Smith. The Moderator having resumed his seat it was

tionably divided by the Educational Committee, among the Baptist Churches in this Province, and truly hope that they may cheerfully respond to this recommendation.

Several of the Ministers present pledged that their Churches would pay the proportion that might be assigned to them.

The Committee on Collegiate Education presented the following Report which was heartily received.

Report of Committee on Acadia College.

It is with feelings of devout gratitude to the God of all grace that your Committee have learned that the effort for raising an endowment of £10,000 for Acadia College has been crowned with success, and that in addition nearly £3,000 has been realized towards the enlarged endowment of £5,000, and your Committee feel persuaded that the determination of the Governors to extend the privilege of Scholarship holders to the Baptist Seminary in this Province or to the Horton Academy N. S., as well as to Acadia College, as soon as £20,000 is realized—will give full satisfaction to all who love our Zion, especially to this Association, inasmuch as it will secure an increased permanent income to our Institution at Fredericton, and therefore your Committee would respectfully suggest the desirableness of efficient measures being adopted by the Governors and rigourously executed for the completion of the £20,000.

In conclusion your Committee cannot but express their gratification in view of the increased prosperity of Acadia College, which has now three Professors, also twelve young men prepared to enter College at the commencement of next term, which will make an encouraging addition to the number of College Students.

JOHN FRANCIS, CHAIRMAN.

The Committee on the state of the Churches presented the following Report, which was adopted.

The Committee on the state of the Churches submit the following minute:—

There are connected with the Eastern association 45 Churches. These Churches numbered last year 2844 members. They have added by baptism during the year 70, and they have lost by death 29, and by exclusion 17.—Total loss 46—reducing the net increase of the year to 24 members. About 20 of the Churches out of the 45 or nearly one half are without pastoral labor. Your Committee cannot but feel that such a state of things demands searching enquiry, deep humiliation and earnest prayer. The question before the denomination is this—How are these destitute Churches to be supplied with Pastors? How is the number of the redeemed to be multiplied? Ministers and Churches have a solemn duty to perform in relation to this matter. In the judgment of this Committee the Churches without Pastors should seek to supply themselves at once by making provision for the comfortable support of the stated Ministry amongst them and by earnest prayer to God for direction in the choice of a Pastor. The pastoral connection is God's own ordinance, and no Church has a right to hope for prosperity in the violation of this arrangement. Your Committee rejoice to hear that the Home Missionary Board are doing the best they can to supply the destitution, and they would further suggest in view of this whole question that the 1st Thursday in October next, be set apart as a day of deep humiliation and special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon Ministers and People. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. BILL, CHAIRMAN.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to our Churches that the debt that now burdens our Institutions at Frederickton, be properly

Resolved, That this Association hold its next Annual Session with the Baptist Church in Butternut Ridge.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Hughes. Singing—"Come Holy Spirit," &c.

Resolved, That Brother Hughes be Brother Smith's alternate as Delegate to the W. N. S. Association.

Resolved, That Elder Joseph Crandal be our Delegate to the Central N. S. Association next year, and that Elder Newcomb be his alternate. That Elder J. Bunting be our Delegate to the Eastern N. S. Association next year, and that Brother Keirstead be his alternate.

The Circular Letter having been approved of by the Committee appointed to examine it, was read by its author Elder Bancroft, and it was resolved that it be received and printed in the Minutes and the Visitor.

The Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools read and submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report—

That it is gratifying to them to be informed of the interest taken in Sabbath Schools by those Churches who have communicated on this subject, and that so many have availed themselves of the advantages derived from introducing libraries into them.

Considering the great value of these organizations as auxiliaries for the dissemination of evangelical truth and the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord in the world, your Committee would urge their claims on every Pastor, and on every christian parent, hoping that a deeper and more widespread interest in these may extend itself throughout our Churches.

They would also suggest the advantages to be derived from the organization of bible classes for the instruction of teachers, and the adoption of every means whereby the Schools may be made more interesting and profitable. All which is respectfully submitted.

R. D. PORTER, CHAIRMAN.

Resolved, That Elders D. Crandal, James Blakeney, Merritt Keith, J. Tremble, and J. C. Skinner be our Delegates to the Convention in St. John next September.

Resolved, That Elder I. E. Bill be requested to superintend the printing of 1000 copies of the minutes of this Association; that he be at liberty to incorporate the minutes of the late Annual Session of the N. B. Home Missionary Society, with said minutes; that he

be authorised to have them published in an improved style, and that the expenses of printing be paid from the funds of this Association.

Resolved, That Brother Isaiah Wallace be requested to write the Circular Letter to this Association next year.

Resolved, That Elders Foshay, D. Crandal, and Newcomb constitute a Council to visit the 1st and 2d Elgin Churches, and that Elders Newcomb, Marshall, and D. Crandal, be a Council for 1st Dorchester.

Resolved, That Elder Marshall be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon next year, and that Elder Foshay be alternate.

Resolved, Unanimously, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of Cambridge and Wickham, for their kindness and hospitality to the ministers and delegates of this body, and that we hereby express our earnest wish and prayer that the blessing of God may rest upon them.

The Union Hymn was then sung. Prayer by Elder Fitch.
Benediction.

JAMES A. SMITH, *Moderator*.

ISAIAH WALLACE, *Clerk*.

J. C. SKINNER, *Assistant Clerk*.

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CIRCULAR LETTER,

To the Churches composing the Eastern Baptist New-Bruns-
wick Association.

BELoved BRETHREN,—

In this our annual epistle, in which our merciful God again permits us to address you, we have selected as our theme, some of the particulars contained in the covenant to which on our first coming into the Church we so readily, and we hope sincerely, responded, either by voluntarily rising from our seats, or otherwise equally consenting, while the brief and impressive sentences, a few of which we here mention, were read in our hearing, viz.: We do now, in the presence of the great allseeing and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and avouch him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Leader, and receive him as our portion for ever. Vows of momentous import, especially since not only attending Angels, but the Great Omniscient—the universal Inspector of the thoughts and actions of men—was likewise himself also present, these vows seem to have been scriptural, and hence should more deeply impress the mind in proportion to our advances in Christian experience and knowledge of the Bible, which all profess to regard as the only infallible test of faith and practice. Still, however, with all those strong inducements to perseverance before us, is it not too evident that our covenant promises have been but partially performed, as will appear to many of us when our practice and vows are compared, keeping this idea in view, we proceed to notice our keeping the Sabbath, which the Almighty having expressly required us to keep holy, should be a day of religious industry in imitation of the admirable pattern left us by the perfect and upright Job, who on the morning of presenting his oblations (Sabbath, no doubt) rose early, not because of some fitful or extraordinary emotion, just then or but occasionally prompting him, but rather an internal abiding principle, inducing pious and uniform habit, for thus did he continually, as all persons should, especially members of churches, give time for the requisite household duties, including those of religion, so that we, with our families, may timely and devoutly repair to the house of public worship, so as not to disturb the minister or the audience by our late coming in; neither should we desecrate our vows by an unnecessary worldly conversation as we imprudently

lounge without the door, or on our return home after the worship is over; nor should much of the Sabbath be spent in journeying or visiting, a practice which we cannot much commend, not even when such visits are begun on Saturday afternoon, as they seem not likely to promote piety in the families visited, and not unfrequently render the solemn services of the sanctuary, where the Most High should be revered: if at all attended, little more than a convenience or an apology for profaning the sacred day. We further notice, that our plighted vows may also have been broken by an imprudent use of the tongue, which, though an unruly member, should be restrained, and must be if we would cease to do harm, or avoid those just censures which must inevitably fall to our lot, even those of the Scriptures not excepted, for if any man seem to be religious and bridle not his tongue, that man's religion is vain, and weak would be our excuse to say we had been provoked, or that we were speaking the truth, if, in an unrighteous way. The only abuse on this point at which time will permit us to hint is that of speaking evil of others, which whether done in reference to our own brethren, or those of other denominations, about whom the mind, uncontrolled by a Saviour's love, might consent to speak evil, must ever be condemned, as far below the dignity of our holy religion, but this wrong must appear more unnatural and revolting when used between brethren associated in the same church, whose faults we solemnly promised never unscripturally to disclose, and happy would it be for Christian Society, which should be the light of the world, and also for communities at large were these solemn vows not so frequently broken, as seldom they would be if the Saviour's instructions in Matt. xviii. 15-17, from which we should not depart were properly heeded. Slight offences, then, often not intentionally given, or even, if otherwise, would not become the painful sources of such grief and reproach to Zion. We hasten further to remark on the omission of domestic worship, to this we are the more inclined, believing that a reform on this point would be antidotal to the evils already spoken of. A number of words might indeed be employed, and with fluency too, in addressing our Maker, and still those demoralising habits be retained. But, with all the charity which truth would encourage, it might be difficult to admit, that he who worships the Father of Spirits in spirit and in truth, could with the same tongue, and almost in the same moment, be offering his prayers before the mercy seat, whether in *petitions* or *prayers*, and slanderously speaking evil of men. Prayer brightens the Christian's armour, and makes him more vigilant in escaping from sin, but this reasonable service we may have neglected too long, let us not then longer continue those omissions, by which we have incurred guilt and grieved the Holy Spirit, by which His people are sealed to the day of redemption, what though the world, or our natural corruptions, or our insidious foe rebel, remember these are not our masters, but servants, enemies; why then should we heed their objections, rather let brethren, heads of families, adopt the pious resolve of Joshua,

as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord; and why not at once consent to walk in this consecrated way. But some may say Joshua was a leader in Israel, possessing talents which we have not; be it so, we are not required to improve gifts, we have not but those we have, which, however small, are far more acceptable to our Maker than an attempt to improve what we have not could possibly be. Heaven direct us all in a close inspection of our covenant vows, and from all our offences may we return to the Lord, who will have mercy upon us, and to our God who will abundantly pardon.

Subscriptions received for the Colporteur and Tract Society.

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Elder James Trimble,	0	5	0	Miss E. McCready,	0	2	6
“ J. F. Hughes,	0	5	0	G. Kinnear,	0	3	0
“ Geo. Burns,	0	2	6	John Caldwell,	0	5	0
John Titus,	0	5	0	Elder Marshall,	0	2	6
Wm. Titus,	0	5	0	“ G. A. Smith,	0	5	0
Robt. Springer,	0	5	0	Father Crandall,	0	5	0
A. Fowler,	0	5	0	G. S. Colpitts, Esq.,	0	5	0
Allen McDonald,	0	5	0	Elder Francis,	0	5	0
T. E. McDonald,	0	5	0	Benjamin Hughes,	0	5	0
Geo. H. McDonald,	0	5	0	Elder E. Keirstead,	0	5	0
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G. Colwell,	0	5	0	George Roberts,	0	5	0
G. Sharp,	0	5	0	Elder W. A. Coleman,	0	5	0
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“ W. Jackson	0	5	0	Thomas Mason,	0	5	0
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Elder James Blakeney,	0	2	6	C. J. Bulyea,	0	5	0
James Hendry,	0	5	0	A. B. McDonald,	0	5	0
Solomon Smith,	0	5	0	Charles Bridges,	0	5	0
I. Wallace,	0	5	0	D. McDonald,	0	5	0
Elder D. Crandal,	0	5	0	John McCready,	0	5	0
James Calkins,	0	5	0	Thos. Lockey,	0	7	6
P. Knight,	0	5	0	Elder H. Mills,	0	5	0
Richard Dykeman,	0	5	0	Caleb Sherman,	0	5	0
Benjamin Titts,	0	5	0	John Gerow,	0	5	0
Mrs. Martha McDonald,	0	5	0				
“ Jas. McCready,	0	5	0				
Miss Jane McCready,	0	2	6				
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Wickham, July 11th, 1854.

JOHN S. COLPITT.

ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	Date of Formation.	Add's.		Removed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Money for Printing the Minutes.		
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Salisbury,	1798	10	1	2	41	20 48		
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2d Moncton,	1828	1	1	31	0 4 0		
2nd Wickham,	1839	21	2	149	0 10 0		
Harvey,	1841	11	6	1	8	9	135	0 10 0		
1st Springfield,	2	2	2	109	0 6 0		
Cambridge,	1825	1	1	95	0 3 1		
Sussex,	9	5	41	0 7 7		
Butternut Ridge,	1836	1	2	134	0 7 6		
Hampton,	1	1	48	0 5 0		
Hopewell,	1818	1	218	1 1 2		
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2d Johnston,	1853	1	12	0 3 0		
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* 2d Springfield,	16	0 0 0		
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**LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,
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Blakeney, James	Gondola Point,	
Bunting, Joshua	St. John,	July, 1843
Bancroft, Samuel	Hampton,	
Burns, George	Upham,	January, 1851
Crandal, Joseph	Salisbury,	1798
Crandal, David	Springfield,	January 1831
Cleveland, Nat.	Harvey,	
Crandal, Daniel V.	Elgin,	June, 1851
Coleman, W. A.	Sackville,	September, 1848
Duffy, Patrick	Hillsboro,	May, 1849
Foshay, E. F.	Hopewell,	
Herrit, James	Butternut Ridge,	
Hughes, J. H.	Hillsboro,	January, 1854
Jackson, W.	St. Martins,	March, 1826
Kieth, Merritt	Butternut Ridge,	
Keirstead, Elias	Studholm,	December, 1849
McPhee, James	Salisbury,	
Mutch, Alexander	Norton,	July, 1849
Marshall, L. H.	Harvey,	
Newcomb, James	Bend,	May, 1849
Pulsifer, William	Harvey,	
Rowe, John	Point DeBute.	
Stowe, Titus	Sussex,	
Sears, William	Hillsboro,	June, 1834
Skinner, J. C.	Cambridge,	August, 1836
Spragg, Peter	Springfield,	1840
Smith, J. A.	St. Martains,	February, 1843
Thorn, Charles	Johnston,	March, 1840
Trimble, James	Springfield,	February, 1845
Wallace, James	Coverdale,	August, 1826

LICENSED TO PREACH.

John Sears. W. H. Troop. - Richard G. Barton.

MISSIONARIES.

B. Scott. T. H. Porter. J. Newcomb.
J. Blakeney. J. Trimble.
Peter Knight, French Missionary.

APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D., 1836.

President, Elder Joseph Crandal.

Vice Presidents, Elder Samuel Robinson and
Hon. W. B. Kinnear.

Treasurer, Solomon Hersey, Esq.

Secretaries, Elder I. E. Bill and Asa Coy, Esq.

Principal, Elder Charles Spurden.

Assistant Teacher, Mr. Thomas B. Smith.

Every Minister of the Denomination is a Member of the Board of Directors.

Managing Committee, for the ensuing year, Elders J. D. Casewell and Charles Spurden, Messrs. Samuel W. Babbit, William S. Estey, William Sewell, and Thomas Stewart.

The Tuition Fees are 10s., 15s., and 20s. a term, according to the age of the Pupil. Fuel 2s. 6d. a Term.

Board in the Seminary 8s. 6d. per week. This charge includes, besides Board, the Washing of six articles. Each Student makes his own arrangement for bed and bedding.

The course of Study comprises the usual branches of a Commercial, Classical and Mathematical Education.

REPORT.

In presenting their annual report to the friends of the Society, the Committee are thankful in being able to say, that the Institution is still in a thriving state. The number of Pupils who entered during the year has been 82; the number actually in attendance each week has been on an average 46 all the year round; this is a larger average than has been reached for many years past.

The Principal has much satisfaction in bearing testimony to the diligence and good conduct of the young men and of the lads generally; the annual examination was conducted in the presence of the Rev. I. E. Bill and other gentlemen, on which occasion, besides the usual tests of proficiency in the branches studied during the year, original Essays were read by the Senior Students on various subjects.

The office of Assistant Teacher became vacant in October. This office had been ably filled for a period of eight years by Mr. T. B. Smith. On his retirement the Committee were so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. A. H. Munro, a gentleman of considerable experience in Tuition, with whom they have entered into an engagement, which they doubt not will prove highly advantageous to the Institution.

The internal arrangements of the School have undergone some modification during the past year. The small School-room has been furnished with separate desks and chairs for the use of the young men who enter the Seminary. By these means they are provided with every convenience for study. This change has involved an outlay which the Committee however felt justified in incurring on behalf of a plan of such obvious utility.

The Steward resigned his charge at the end of the last term. Mr. Gunter has, for the last four years, managed that department with the utmost

satisfaction to the Committee. They are now using their endeavours to secure the services of a competent person to take charge of this important branch of the Institution.

The proposal made at the Association in Hillsborough to liquidate the debt, by shares entitling the holder to the value in tuition, has not been carried into effect. The Committee very much regret this; as they are convinced that in the present state of the denomination, a debt so small as £575 might easily be removed, while the payment of upwards of £30 interest every year, very seriously cripples their resources, and prevents them from adopting plans of improvement which might be of material benefit to the School.

The Committee rejoice that while rendering their due share of service to the Province in general, by the unrestricted and unsectarian education which they furnish, they have also been able to help forward the young men who have devoted themselves to the ministry of the word. They well know that the pious and reflecting members of the body feel a deep interest in this subject; it will ever be their desire, while meeting every other just claim, to increase the usefulness of the Institution in this respect, and they pray that the great Head of the Church will bless their efforts, and make the young men eminently serviceable to his cause.

CHARLES SPURDEN.

The Baptist Education Society, in account with the Committee of Management.

		Dr.	
1853	Balance,		
July	Whitewashing, Painting, &c.....	£7	19 8
Aug.	Repairs,	6	9 4
1854	Desks, Benches, &c.....	2	13 0
Feb'y.	Chairs and Table,	10	16 9
	4½ Loads dry Wood,	5	14 0
	6 Cords green at 17s.	3	6 6
	Cutting Wood,	5	2 0
	Insurance on £500,	2	7 0
	Glass,	7	10 0
	Postage,	0	9 0
	Sundries, Well, Stoves, Stationery, &c.....	0	4 11
	Assistant Teacher's Salary,	2	17 4
	Principal's do.	56	18 0
	Steward for attendance,	200	0 0
	Interest Fire Insurance Company,	8	0 0
	Do. Note,	22	10 0
	Books for Library,	12	0 0
		1	10 6
		£356	8 0
		Cr.	
1853	Treasurer of General Union,	£10	8 0
Dec.	Tuition Fees,	91	14 7
1854	Do. in Books,	1	10 6
June	Legislative Grant,	250	0 0
	Balance,	2	14 11
		£356	8 0
<i>Debts due by the Education Society 1st July, 1854.</i>			
	Central Fire Insurance Company,	£375	0 0
	Note of Hand,	230	0 0
		£575	0 0

I have examined the above amount and find it correct.
June 28, 1854.

SAMUEL W. RABBIT.

REPORT

OF THE

N. BRUNSWICK BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Board of Management in presenting their first Annual Report, advert with unfeigned gratitude and pleasure to the rise and progress of this missionary movement. The work of Home Missions is not of very recent date with the Baptists of New Brunswick. It is coeval with their existence. In fact, our first churches were the fruits of Missionary labor. True, at that time, there was no organized Missionary Society; but our venerated fathers, the most of whom have gone to their rest, were then in the vigor of youth, and filled with zeal for the honor of Christ and for the salvation of souls, went forth to proclaim the message of salvation in the waste places of this country. Through their self-sacrificing exertions the wilderness and the solitary places were made glad, and the desert rejoiced and blossomed as the rose. The success which attended these early evangelical efforts prepared the way for more systematic operations, and in the year —, the first Home Missionary Society was formed. This Society was first under the direction of the one association, which at that time embraced all the churches. Subsequently the Association decided to appoint several Boards, to take charge of Home Missions, believing that these Boards, acting in different localities, would do the work more efficiently. Hence, one was appointed in the County of Westmorland, another in the County of Charlotte, another in Fredericton, and a fourth in the City of St. John. These several Boards expended the amount of funds put into their hands, in sending the Gospel to the most destitute sections of the Province, and they had the pleasure of knowing that the administrations of their Missionaries were frequently blessed in turning sinners to God.

But the whole amount collected not being very large, and this sum being divided amongst so many Boards, no one Board had the means of sustaining a mission long at any given point. The consequence was, that fields of much promise were left to go waste, and precious seed sown by the faithful Missionary, in too many cases, soon became choked with thorns, and produced no lasting fruit.

The time came when it was deemed necessary, in order to give greater strength and efficiency to the Home Missionary enterprise, that an effort should be made to establish a permanent interest at several points of rising importance, where Baptist sentiments were but little known. No existing organization seemed prepared to enter upon this work; it was, therefore, deemed advisable by some persons, that a Society should be formed of enlarged dimensions, and having a supervision over the spiritual necessities of the Province generally. A meeting was accordingly called in the Baptist Chapel, in Brussels Street, and the subject was discussed; but as all were not agreed in reference to the best plan of operation, the meeting adjourned without forming the Society. But the more the subject was discussed, the more evident it became that something must be done. Hence, another meeting was called in Brussels Street Chapel, March 21, 1852. A Committee was appointed to submit a plan of operation. This was done. It was unanimously adopted, and the Society was duly organized. So much in relation to its origin. We now proceed to notice its progress.

One of the first acts of the Society was to appoint Brother Benjamin Scott to a permanent mission in Miramichi, making Newcastle the centre of his labours; but, as there was a pressing call just at this time for missionary labor at Shediac, it was deemed advisable that Brother Scott should spend a short time there before going to Miramichi. He accordingly did so. Our Brother thus describes the results of his efforts at Shediac.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, April 15th, 1854.

Dear Brother,—I hereby forward to you, as is expected, a Report of my labours during the year ending the 7th of April 1854. As I have communicated monthly notices to the Board, it would be superfluous to enter into detail; but I shall endeavour to give a succinct view of the most important items.

REPORT.

I left St. John on the 7th, and arrived on the 8th of April last at Shediac, where including the adjacent places I continued to labor until the 27th of the following July. In accordance with the instructions of the Board, I visited a large number of the Churches in connection with the N. B. Eastern Baptist Association to further the objects of the Society.

Shediac being a growing place, from its connection with the Northeastern terminus of the Railroad, it was thought necessary to make an effort to establish the cause there. There were but a few Baptists scattered through the community, much discouraged; a good congregation, however, generally attended the preaching. In the course of a short time £95 10s. was subscribed by the inhabitants to erect a Baptist Meeting House at this place. And while on my excursion through the Churches I obtained by subscription £142 7s. 6d., making in the whole £237 17s. 6d.; of this I collected £68 5s.

On the 31st May, with the assistance of Elder Newcomb, I organized a small church, of eight members, and brother N. M. Walker was ordained deacon. This church was received into the Eastern Association during the last Annual Meeting at Hillsborough. An acre of land, as a building site, was purchased and paid for, at the cost of £50, in the most eligible place of Shediac. A trust deed was executed, conveying the property to Trustees, for the use of the church, in connection with the above Association, in such a manner as to be entirely under the controul of the church. A Building Committee was chosen, a plan furnished to build the house 40x52, feet ground floor, 18 feet post, with tower and belfry, and the work forthwith commenced. The building has rapidly progressed, the exterior is finished, and the whole is expected to be completed next summer, thus showing that the Lord's hand is in the work. Our friend, brother L. Wilber, has acted nobly in advancing upwards of £160, besides his subscription towards the Meeting House. Upon my leaving, brother Newcomb was appointed by the Board to labor a part of his time in this interesting field, whose preaching, I am informed, is well attended.

At Shediac, Brother Scott was succeeded by Brother James Newcomb, who received an appointment from the Board to labor there one half of his time. He gives the following account of his mission.

Dear Brother Bill,—I commenced my labors at Shediac on the 18th of August, 1853, which makes a period of nearly ten months, during which time I visited Elgin, Sackville, Bactouche, Salisbury, Hillsborough, Hopewell, Point DeBute, and 2d Moncton churches, for the purpose of collecting funds for the Missionary Board,—attending quarterly and protracted meetings,—and enquiring into the state of the churches. I have attended, in all, one hundred and five meetings,—preached eighty-three sermons,—attended nine conference meetings,—made two hundred and eighty-seven visits,—and collected £44 13s. 8d. Our churches feel deeply interested in the prosperity of our Home Mission.

I remain, with much affection, yours, truly,
 June 6, 1854. JAMES NEWCOMB.

Brother Newcomb informs the Board, that after the expiration of his present engagement with them, his whole time will be required at the Bend, and consequently, provision must be made for Shediac, in the appointment of another man. From the first, the Board has regarded Shediac as a position of commanding importance, and they cannot but express their gratitude to God, that the labors of his servants there have been attended with a rich blessing. They would acknowledge their obligations to Mr. L. Wilber, who has taken such a deep interest in erecting a beautiful Chapel at Shediac, and who so liberally advanced money from his own funds to a large amount, to carry it forward to a speedy completion. They doubt not he will receive his reward.

The interest which the Board feel in the progress of the cause at Shediac, will induce them to use their best endeavours to supply it, as far as possible, with the preaching of the word.

MIRAMICHI.

As stated above, Elder B. Scott was appointed to a permanent mission in that section. His report of his labours there are as follows, and will be read with deep interest :

On the 28th of July I arrived at Newcastle, Miramichi. After visiting some of the neighbouring towns and settlements, I fixed upon Newcastle, being the most central, as the rallying point of the Miramichi, field of missionary operations. This place, more espe-

cially than Shediac, as to Baptist interests, was a new field of labor. There is a considerable of a Presbyterian establishment here. The Rev. Mr. Henderson, who is highly esteemed, is their minister. Rev. Mr. Hudgson, (Episcopal) has a chapel here. The Methodists also have a place of worship but seldom have preaching in it.

The people were, generally speaking, kind and attentive. We rented the Mechanics' Institute, to hold meetings in on Sabbaths and Tuesdays. Our congregations at first were small, but continued to increase and become more interesting. An effort was now made to build a Baptist Meeting House. The people responded to the application nobly, and soon some £130 were subscribed for the object. Meanwhile, August 23d, I organized a small church of six members, Elder MacPhail assisting on the occasion. Brother Gremley was chosen deacon. A site to build on was selected, and paid for, in the most public part of the town, and conveyed to Trustees, upon the same principle as the Shediac church property, but in connection with the Western Association.

A plan having been furnished, and a building committee chosen, the work was immediately commenced, and before the winter had closed in, the stone foundation was completed, the frame raised, rough boarded, and the roof shingled, of a house 33x48 feet, ground floor, 16½ foot post, with cone ceiling, the whole thus far advanced costing, according to brother Gremley, the treasurer's account, £121 8s. 5d. And of this, £114 5s. have been collected and paid. A part of my time I devoted to the "*regions round about*," which for the most part are very destitute of the ministry of the Word, and are very attentive to preaching when favored with the privilege.

During the year, I have visited and preached at some twenty different places, consisting of settlements, villages and towns; delivered 136 discourses; made 495 visits, almost invariably accompanied with the reading of the Scriptures, religious conversation and prayer; baptised 2 persons; held 7 church and 5 conference meetings; also, 16 prayer meetings; delivered 2 temperance addresses; and married one couple; organized 2 churches, and put in circulation upwards of 3000 pages of tracts and religious papers; given to an intelligent French Roman Catholic a French Bible; 2 Testaments to two persons converted from papistical dogmas, and 3 Testaments to others; received in aid of the mission funds, sum total, £17 5s. 8d., besides the amount as above for the meeting houses; and also £5 5s. donations for Bibles and Tracts.

There is a great work to be done in these northern regions. We shall just glance at four counties, which numbered as follows, according to the census of 1851:—Northumberland 15,064, Gloucester 11,704, Restigouche 4,161, Kent 11,410, total 42,339. Allowing, upon supposition, for the increase, the total at present may be 60,500 inhabitants, and only two Baptist ministers in all the region, so far as the writer is informed. Brother MacPhail at the north-west, and one at Newcastle. While making these statements, I would not for a moment pass unnoticed the praiseworthy exertions of other evangelical denominations, for they long since entered the

field. There is, however, much destitution in many parts. In some of those places, persons pass months, nay years, without hearing the Gospel preached.

Now, shall the Baptists who, as a denomination, have taken the lead in missionary operations, both foreign and domestic, act their part in this great field of provincial labor? Yes. Their exertions in establishing already a mission in the field, together with their previous labors in sending missionaries, are received as a happy prelude to what is to follow. Four missionaries, at least, are wanted, could they be supported.

Those friends who favoured me with donations for Bibles, Tracts, &c., have done a good work. I feel much in need of such efficient assistance. Could they have witnessed the eager, yet grateful manner in which they were received and read, they would feel amply rewarded. The last day, however, will tell of effects which perhaps we had not anticipated here.

Much depends, as respects the good order and progress of the cause at Newcastle, upon the finishing of the Meeting House. In the Mechanics' Institute we may have a deeply solemn meeting one day, but the next it may be devoted to the exhibition of mountebank tricks. This we cannot prevent, as we have no controul of the building five days of the week. It is the best place, however, that we can obtain at present for our meetings, and, therefore, we desire to be thankful for it until our own house is completed.

My labors for the past year have been preparatory to future progression. The field is new as respects the Baptists. After the seed is sown, we must wait for the early and latter rain, before we can reap the harvest. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again, with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Ps. cxxvi. 6.)

Yours, truly,

B. SCOTT.

From the above report it will be seen that our valued Brother has laboured indefatigably in that extensive region, and that he has not laboured in vain. The Board was fortunate in securing the services of one so well adapted for this deeply interesting field. He is evidently laying a broad foundation for future exertion and prosperity. That vast region of country is whitening for the harvest, and the statement of Brother Scott, that four Baptist missionaries are required for that field cannot be doubted.

The Brethren who have made such laudible exertions to erect a Baptist Chapel at Newcastle have merited the lasting gratitude of the denomination, and your Board cherish the hope that their appeal for aid

will meet with a warm response in the hearts of those interested in building up and enlarging the cause of truth in that interesting section of the Province.

GAGETOWN, AND ITS VICINITY*

Your Board early had their attention called to this section. There had long been Baptist Churches in the adjacent districts, but there had been no stated administration by our denomination in Gagetown, or in its immediate vicinity. Several persons, some of whom resided in the village, had expressed an earnest wish that a mission might be established there. Accordingly, about the 1st of June, 1853, Elder T. H. Porter having accepted an appointment from the Board to that field, removed thither with his family, and entered upon his work. The nature and extent of his labors are well described in the following report:—

Gagetown, March, 1854.

Dear Brother,—At your request, I send in my report by the 1st of June, which will include a term of service for the Missionary Board of about eleven months. The places visited in that time are Gagetown, Canning, Jemseg, Grand Lake, Cambridge, Wickham, Hamstead, New Jerusalem, Nerepis Road, St. John, Carleton and St. George. The number of sermons preached, about 134; Other meetings attended, viz., Sabbath Schools, Prayer and Conference, Missionary and Temperance Meetings, in the most of which I have lectured, or taken some part in the exercises, about 190; number of Sabbath Schools established 1; Auxiliary N. B. B. H. M. Societies, 3; Number of miles travelled 1450; Number of families visited, about 200; amount of contributions to the Society £50 15s. 11d. This amount of course, only includes what I have received. There is a much larger amount in course of operation, which will come into the funds of the Society, from Auxiliaries, &c., between this and the meeting of the next Association.

I cannot report any converts baptised, nor churches formed. A large proportion of my time, especially the winter past, has been occupied in visiting destitute churches, in a low state of religious action.

In reference to Gagetown—I have had some encouragement in labouring in the missions, although not to the extent I could wish. Some backsliders have been reclaimed, and are now in the daily habit of prayer in their families, &c. Some instruction has been imparted to the youth, and others in the Sabbath School and pulpit,

which, I doubt not, will be productive of good. In the character of many, I think I can see a reform, and if a house can be obtained for a missionary, and labor continued, there is still a prospect of a Baptist Church and interest here. Many desire it. There is not better attention to preaching in any part that I visit, than in this village, and I feel a degree of reluctance in leaving the field.

In every part of the country that I have visited I have been most cordially received, and kindly treated. There is a lamentable need of gospel preaching and practical instruction, and I cannot express the satisfaction I have taken in endeavouring to meet the demands of the case while engaged in the service of the Board, although an unprofitable servant. I shall endeavour (D. V.) to meet the Board according to request.

Yours, in hope of eternal life,

T. H. PORTER.

It appears from the above report, that notwithstanding the mission in the immediate vicinity of Gagetown, has not been attended with any very signal marks of success, that our valued brother, upon the whole, has been encouraged in his labors, and that a large proportion of his time has been successfully employed in visiting the churches in that extensive region, many of whom are destitute of pastoral oversight, and of the stated administrations of God's word. His efforts to establish auxiliaries to the mission, and to increase the funds, were highly successful, and there is every reason to believe that the seed of truth sown by him, will in due time produce fruit to the praise and glory of God.

Your Board is deeply impressed with the importance of continuing the mission in the same form at Gagetown, and they would express the hope, that should Brother Porter feel it to be his duty to remove to one of the adjacent neighbourhoods, that they will be able to secure the services of some faithful Brother, who, under God, will carry forward the work which he has commenced.

KINGSTON.

On the 22d of August, 1853, your Board appointed Brother James Trimble to labour one half the year ensuing, in the parish of Kingston. He accepted the

appointment, and entered immediately upon the duties of his mission. Our valued brother has found this a field of much promise, and has prosecuted his work with commendable zeal and encouraging success. The following is an extract from his report:—

Dear Brother,—Since August last I have laboured twenty-two weeks in the service of the Board, during which time I travelled 438 miles, preached 108 sermons, attended 9 prayer and 8 conference meetings, 125 in all; and paid 138 ministerial visits to families. As we counted the cost before we entered on our labours there, we don't feel disposed to complain of opposition. We have reason to be encouraged. Sinners have been converted,—6 believers have been baptized,—a church of ten has been organized, including four baptized several years ago by Elder Blakeney,—and we have reason to believe that many more are seeking the Lord, and that some have found him as a sin pardoning God, who have not been able as yet to break the bands of tradition, and follow the example of Christ. Thus the Lord is magnifying the riches of sovereign grace, in saving souls in that land. Last year we were only able to collect £3 10s. for the benefit of the Board; this year we expect to raise £20 towards defraying the expenses of the mission—£18 have already been collected. We expect soon to report the commencement of a Meeting House here, should the Lord continue to bless the efforts made.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours, &c.,

June 6th, 1854.

JAMES TRIMBLE.

The Baptist cause in Kingston is in its infancy, and evidently requires the fostering care of this Society. The funds already expended have yielded a satisfactory increase, and your Board are assured that there is every inducement to prosecute the mission there with redoubled zeal and energy.

ELDER BLAKENEY'S MISSION.

Early in January last, the Board extended a unanimous invitation to Elder James Blakeney, to labor in their service at Milkish, Grand Bay, Red Head, and Black River. He accepted the mission, and spent three months under the direction of the Board. His monthly reports have been highly satisfactory, evincing ardent zeal and untiring effort in the cause of his Master. During the period he travelled 597 miles, visited the

following places, viz., Kennebecasis Island, Long Island, Milkish, Lower Kennebecasis, Land's End, Grand Bay, South Bay, Red Head, Black River, Loch Lomond, Sea Dog Cove, Gardner's Creek, Musquash, Dipper Harbor, and Chance Harbor. He preached 83 sermons, made 165 visits, distributed 1200 pages of gospel tracts, and baptised one believer. Our Brother was everywhere well received, and devout attention paid to his instructions. Your Board feel that it is exceedingly desirable that brother Blakeney's efficient labours should be continued in some part of the great mission field.

RECAPITULATION.

The number of English missionaries employed within the past year is five. Of that number two were employed all the time, two half the time, and one for three months only. The places permanently occupied were as follows:—Miramichi, Gagetown and its vicinity, the Parish of Kingston, Shediac, and the County of St. John.

The number of Sermons preached,	- - -	433
Other meetings of a religious character,	- - -	80
Sabbath Schools established,	- - -	1
Missionary visits made,	- - -	1044
Baptisms,	- - -	12 or 15
Churches formed,	- - -	2
Auxiliaries established,	- - -	5
Pages of religious tracts circulated,	- - -	4200

Who can measure the results of these evangelical labors? Time, doubtless, will tell of seed sown on good ground, and eternity will exhibit souls gathered to the Saviour through this instrumentality.

SUGGESTIONS IN REFERENCE TO FUTURE ACTION.

The Board of Management are deeply impressed with the necessity of maintaining the positions already taken; to abandon any one point now occupied would be attended with injurious results. The labor already expended would be comparatively lost. It is not

enough that we commence the culture of a given field; we must prosecute our work with untiring perseverance, for it is only in this way that we can hope for a harvest.

But in addition to the ground now occupied, there are other sections to be provided for. The immense district spread out before us in brother Scott's Report as already ripe for the harvest, demands our most active and liberal efforts. He tells us that at least four missionaries are wanted where there is now but one; and any one having a just conception of the extent of country to which he refers, and the number of inhabitants cannot but feel that his demand is by no means extravagant.

The Grand Falls, and the surrounding regions, present impressive claims upon missionary enterprise, and a permanent interest should be established there without delay.

Hampton, now a thriving village, destined, from its local position, to increase rapidly in numbers and influence, ought not to be forgotten by us. Through the liberality of a few liberal friends, a commodious chapel has been erected, and there the lamented McDonald finished his earthly career, having died with his armour on. He laboured faithfully until God took him away. Where is his successor in the field? Shall the house, built at so much expense, in the midst of a growing village, be allowed to remain with closed doors until its foundations give way, and it crumbles to dust? Surely the missionary spirit of the denomination will not permit such a reproach to come upon us. It would resemble too much the putting of the hand to the plow and then looking back.

In addition to these, and other districts of much interest, to which reference might be made, your Board have had under consideration the large number of churches located in different sections of the Province, that are without pastoral oversight, and that are consequently in a languishing state. All experience proves

that no church will remain long in a healthy state in the absence of pastoral instruction and guidance. The reason is obvious. It is a departure from God's law—it is a violation of his ordinance. Is it not, therefore, a melancholy fact, that 40 of the churches out of the 88, comprising the two associations, or nearly one-half of the whole, are without pastors? What are we to expect under such circumstances but religious desolation, not merely in places where no church of Christ has yet been planted, but in the very heart of Zion? Your Board are fully aware that these churches should make exertions to supply themselves with pastoral labor. Probably, some of them are endeavouring to do so; but suppose from any cause they do not succeed, shall they be allowed to go to desolation? Will the denomination of which they are members feel no concern for them? or will they not rather exercise toward them a watchful care, and send among them faithful men to teach them their duty, and to administer to them in holy things, and in this way aid them in procuring the needful supply?

In a word, to whatever part of the Province the Board turn their thoughts, they see a most pressing necessity for missionary exertion, and they cannot but feel that the time has fully come when the denomination should combine in one enlarged and comprehensive plan, to meet the spiritual necessities of the churches, and the wide spread destitution, which is so apparent on all hands.

FRENCH DEPARTMENT.

In the month of August last, brother Richard Knight was received by your Board as the missionary of this Society, to labor for the spiritual welfare of the French population. The first Protestant missionary that visited the French settlements on the Gulf Shore was brother Chute, who is now labouring so indefatigably, and with some degree of success, in the French settlements in the western part of Nova Scotia. He was

succeeded by brother Knight, who was supported by the denomination, principally through the instrumentality of Rev. G. F. Miles. At the Eastern Association, held last year at Hillsborough, in July last, the Association, in accordance with brother Miles' wishes, suggested that brother Knight should be placed under the direction of this Society. The case was submitted to the Board, and they unanimously resolved to accept of brother Knight as their missionary to the French population of this province. Our brother speaks the French language with much fluency, seems deeply interested in the temporal and spiritual welfare of these interesting people, and has had reason to believe that his labor amongst them was not in vain. He has not favored the Board with any very minute report respecting his labors. They can only speak, therefore, in general terms. His last letter explains the reason why he has not gone more into detail, and furnishes the following items of information in relation to his present engagement, and his prospects for the future.

DORCHESTER, April 22d, 1854.

Dear Brother,—My long silence has, no doubt, made unfavourable impressions on the minds of some of my friends, who consider it important that I should give more publicity to my proceedings in the Mission in which I am engaged, but the daily experience which I have had amongst this people, has led me to act cautiously, patiently, and perseveringly:

The work in which we are engaged is not less important than that in which our ministering brethren are engaged, but it requires much more caution. The minds with which we are labouring are not only superstitious but ignorant, as to the Word of God. They want instruction first. We want to act in conformity to, and with the Word of God. How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard; and how can they love Him whom they know not. We have abundance of cause for encouragement and thankfulness; although the seed may seem buried in some places, yet in others we see a germ, in another a small blade, although not a great cry out, still a small voice; if not fruit in maturity, yet an appearance of buds; and thus we take courage, we look at our venerable Judson's first labours, as well as other of our missionaries, and we believe we have the same God with us. The same spirit of Idolatry to contend with,—we have the same weapons to fight with,—and we are willing

to take the whole armour of God, and stand fast in the ranks in which Emanuel has placed us, believing we shall reap if we faint not.

Yours, in Christian love,
R. KNIGHT.

Your Board are exceedingly desirous to multiply the means of instruction amongst these people. It cannot be expected that the labors of one man, scattered over such an extended tract of country, are anything like adequate to the necessities of the people. The French population of New Brunswick numbers not less than 35,000 souls. These are spread over different sections of the colony, and some of them widely separated. What can one do amongst so many? The plan adopted by Madam Feller and her associates in the Grand Ligne Mission is probably the best that can be adopted. Mission Schools are established, and Colporteurs are employed in addition to the preaching of the Gospel, and these are found to exert a most healthful influence in preparing the minds of the people for the reception of evangelical truth, and glorious indeed have been the results of these self-denying exertions. If we would succeed in training the French of these lower Provinces under the influence of Gospel truth, we must be prepared to adopt a similar plan of action. This cannot, of course, be done without an increase of funds. Your Committee cannot but cherish the hope that this momentous subject will be duly considered by the churches, and that they will feel the responsibility that rests upon them in reference to these perishing thousands who are going to the judgment seat of Christ wrapped in the darkness of a false and superstitious faith.

In conclusion, your Board would express their grateful sense of the divine goodness, which has so permitted them, during the past year, to labour for the good of souls under circumstances so auspicious, and with prospects so thriving, and they feel that they have reason to cherish the hope that the success of the past may be regarded as the first fruits of an abundant ingathering of precious souls into the fold of the Redeemer.

RESOLUTIONS
PASSED AT THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING
OF THE
N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Board now read, be approved and published under their direction.

Resolved, That devout gratitude is due to Zion's King, for his signal favor to this Society, inasmuch as he has made it instrumental during the short period of its existence, in advancing evangelical truth, and in giving a renewed impulse to the important work of Home Missions.

Resolved, That this Society regards with hearty interest the design of the Managing Committee, to establish permanent missions in commanding and influential positions; and to revive, by missionary agency, churches that have lost their spiritual vigor for the want of pastoral oversight.

Resolved, That there is no religious enterprise in which the Baptists of these Provinces are engaged, that is more intimately identified with the progress of vital Christianity, or that exerts a more healthful influence over every department of Christian labour than Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That in sustaining feeble Churches, and in planting new ones, composed of such as have experienced the converting power of the truth, we are opening new springs of benevolence, the streams of which shall fertilize and bless the world.

Resolved, That the successful working out of this Missionary idea demands that the pressing claims of the Province should be frequently presented by every pastor to the people of his charge, and that active measures should be adopted without delay to multiply auxiliaries to the society, and to take collections for the furtherance of its important objects.

Resolved, That as human agency is entirely dependent upon the divine influence for success in the work of the Lord, we therefore commend the interests of this Missionary organization to the earnest and united prayers of the people of God.

Subscriptions and Donations to the N. E. B. H. M. Society.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Jonathan Anderson,	1	0	0	Forward,	129	19	7
Stephen Burns,	0	5	0	Wm. Blakeney, F. M.,	0	5	0
Mr. Short,	0	5	0	Friend, at Hillborough,			
J. F. Masters,	2	10	0	(per B. Scott,)	0	2	7
David Crandal,	0	5	0	General Union Society,	31	4	3
A. McL. Seely,	25	0	0	John Smith,	7	10	0
Collection in Germain				Friend, (per N. S. D.)	0	7	4
Street Church,	1	10	7	Henry Blakslee,	0	10	0
R. Thomson, A.M.,	4	0	0	Mrs. Brailey, on account			
Lucinda Babcock,	0	5	0	Life membership,	1	5	0
B. Herrington,	0	5	0	Collection Brussels St.			
N. S. Demill,	25	0	0	Church,	1	10	9
Ebin McNicoll,	2	0	0	Thos. Whitmore,	0	5	0
A. Sime,	3	0	0	Mrs. Herron,	0	5	0
Portland Ch. Collection,	5	17	6	Anonymous, per B. Scott,			
Mr. Burnett,	0	15	0	for F. M.,	2	10	0
John Fisher,	2	0	0	Miss H. Allen,	0	5	0
Mrs. John Kirk,	2	0	0	Julia Marsters,	0	10	0
Brussels Street Church				Augusta Marsters,	0	5	0
Collection,	1	7	3	Thos. Brown,	0	5	0
E. Duval, Jr.,	0	10	0	Baptist Ladies' Sewing			
Mrs. Wm. Vaughan,	1	0	0	Circle,	2	10	0
Friend, (per I. E. Bill,)	0	10	0	Collection Portland Bap-			
Rev. S. Robinson,	1	0	0	tist Church,	2	3	6
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John Farris,	2	0	0	Mrs. U. Blakeney, F. M.,	1	0	0
E. H. Duval,	5	0	0	" I. Innis,	0	2	6
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Elizabeth & Emma Seely	0	10	0	Sol. Hersey,	2	10	0
Rev. C. Spurden,	1	0	0	Mrs. Turner,	0	5	0
Anthony Appleby,	1	0	0	" Witt,	0	5	0
Jas. H. Harding,	5	0	0	W. Godsoe,	0	4	10
Miss Marsters, & others,	2	8	1	Collection Brussels St.			
A. Sime,	3	0	0	Church,	1	6	4
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D. V. Roberts,	3	0	0	Collection Brussels St.			
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G. W. Carpenter,	0	5	0	" Prince Wm.,	0	5	7
Mrs. M. Fowler, Hampton,	0	5	0	" Dorchester,	0	18	3
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" J. Trimble,	18	0	0	" Joggins,	0	14	3
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5	0	“ Margaret Barnes,	2	0	0	Mrs. Geo. Steves,	0	3
5	0	John Steves, 4th,	0	5	0	Deacon Isaac Steves,	0	5
3	0	John O'Neill,	0	5	0	Mr. Sutherland,	0	2
5	0	Jacob A. Steves,	0	5	0	Jas. Irving,	0	2
3	0	Christian Steves,	0	5	0	Merritt D. Harris,	0	5
5	0	J. L. B. Steves,	0	7	6	J. L. Wilnot, Esq.,	0	5
0	0	Thos. McLatchey,	0	2	6	John S. Trites,	0	10
1	4	Stephen Steves,	0	5	0	Jacob Beck,	0	5
6	6	Robert Steves,	0	5	0	John Beck,	0	5
4	4	A. Philamore,	0	5	0	Samuel Nilder,	0	5
0	0	Widow J. McLatchey,	0	5	0	Isaac Steves,	0	2
0	0	Harris McLatchey,	0	2	6	Thos. S. Trites,	0	5
0	0	H. H. McLatchey,	0	7	6	Caleb Beck,	0	5
0	0	Ellen S. McLatchey,	0	2	6	W. H. Blakeney,	0	5
0	0	Eliza Pearson,	0	2	6	John Mollins,	0	5
0	0	Lewis S. Steves,	0	5	0	Mrs. C. Sinton,	0	5
0	0	Jas. McLatchey,	0	3	1½	Mrs. D. Taylor,	0	5
0	0	Stephen Steves, Jr.,	0	5	0	Miss Elizabeth Sinton,	0	10
0	0	Abm. Steves,	0	5	0	Mary Beck,	0	3
0	0	Thos. Dawson,	0	2	6	Geo. Wortman,	0	5
0	0	Dennis Duffy,	0	4	9	Joseph C. Wortman,	0	5
0	0	Henry Duffy,	0	5	7½	Mrs. Martin Beck,	0	2
0	0	Daniel Steves,	0	5	0	Miss Founds,	0	1
0	0	Levi T. Steves,	0	5	0	Henry Jones,	0	5
0	0	Mariner Steves,	0	5	0	Jacob Jones,	0	5
0	0	Isaiah Steves,	0	10	0	Deacon Israel Steves,	0	5
0	0	John L. Steves,	0	4	8	Mrs. Ruth Steves,	0	5
0	0	Joseph Steves,	0	10	0	Deacon Jas. Anderson,	1	0
0	0	Joshua Steves,	0	5	0	Eliphalet Hicks,	0	5
0	0	Widow N. Steves,	0	10	0	Geo. Barnes,	0	5
2		Forward, £329	19	0	Forward, £343	1	6	

Forward, 343			Forward, 371				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Isaac Barnes,	0	5	0	Wm Coy,	0	5	0
John Tingley,	0	7	6	Edward J. Coy,	0	2	5
Deacon E. Read,	0	10	0	Elijah Brooks,	0	2	7
Mrs. Rebecca Read,	0	10	0	Jarvis Estabrooks,	0	5	0
Wm. Read,	0	10	0	Jesse Estabrooks,	0	10	0
Dea. Christ'r Harper,	0	10	0	Chas. Estabrooks,	0	5	0
Samuel Hicks, Jr.,	0	7	6	Amos Plummer,	0	5	0
Jas. Ayer,	0	5	0	Reuben Hoben,	0	5	0
Wm. Ayer, 2d,	0	5	0	Widow R. Hoben,	0	5	0
Obadiah Ayer,	0	5	0	Geo. Courier,	0	5	0
Jerusha Ayer,	0	5	0	Birdsill Carpenter,	0	5	0
Samuel Hicks,	0	3	1½	Robert Babbitt,	0	5	0
Barnwell Cahill,	0	2	6	John Babbitt,	0	10	0
Deacon Titus Hicks,	0	5	0	Thos. Nicholson,	0	1	2½
Albina Hicks,	0	1	3	Miss D. Coy,	0	1	2½
Martha A. Hicks,	0	1	3	Thos. Turney,	0	6	1
Mary Hicks,	0	5	0	Abm. Estabrooks,	0	5	0
John Fawcett,	0	5	0	Wm. Estabrooks,	0	5	0
Nathan Lawrence,	0	5	0	Nathaniel Cottle,	0	5	0
Robert Bell,	0	1	3	Rev. B. Coy,	0	10	0
Wm. Barnes,	0	3	2½	Jas. Curry, Esq.,	0	10	0
Seth M. Campbell,	0	2	6	Geo. W. Curry,	0	5	0
John Ford,	0	5	0	Messrs. Coy,	3	0	0
Wm. Cole,	0	5	0	Collections, Canning,	0	7	5
Geo. Wry,	0	3	1½	J. Hendry, Sen.,	0	10	0
Mrs. R. Perrington,	1	0	0	John Gerow,	0	10	0
Mr. Cahill,	0	5	0	Mrs. John Colwell,	0	10	0
Deacon E. Freeze,	0	10	0	Wm. Colwell,	0	5	0
Chas. Anderson,	0	10	0	Jas. Colwell,	0	5	0
David Stone,	2	12	0	Jas. Hendry, Jr.,	0	5	0
Wm. Stone, Esq.,	0	10	0	Geo. Hendry,	0	5	0
Collection, Sussex,	0	7	10	Alex. Hendry,	0	5	0
Mr. Morton,	0	5	0	A. B. McDonald, Sen.,	0	5	0
Jacob Hall,	0	2	6	Wm. Hendry,	0	5	0
Collected in Shediac,	7	12	6	Mrs. M. A. Hendry,	0	5	0
Lemuel Wilber,	1	0	0	Collection, Wickham,	0	19	2
Collection P. nt DeBute,	1	0	7	Enoch Lunt,	5	0	0
" 2nd Moncton				Chas. Hoben,	1	0	0
Church,	0	18	6	Chas. Burpee,	1	0	0
" Hopewell do.	1	1	0	Deacon Wm. Estey,	0	5	0
Mrs. Rogers,	0	5	0	Miss Curry,	0	1	3
Stephen Estabrooks,	1	0	0	Mrs. Short,	0	5	0
John Curry,	1	0	0	Collection New Jerusa-			
Abm. Cowperthwait,	1	0	0	lem,	0	13	7
Thos. Babbitt,	1	0	6½	Do. Summer Hill,	0	1	2
John Estabrooks,	0	5	0	Mrs. H. Bailey,	0	5	0
Forward, £371 15 2			Forward, £394 1 3				

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Forward, 394				Forward, 414 8 6½		
Mrs. M. Bailey,	0	2	6	John Courtney,	0	10	0
Collection Grand Lake,	0	15	11	A. Miller, Senr.,	0	10	0
Henry Todd,	0	10	0	Reuben Ebbitt,	0	10	0
Amos Cory,	0	5	0	Frederick L. Knox,	0	10	0
Collection, &c., Cam- bridge,	1	18	5	F. O. D. Phillips,	0	10	0
Wm. Colwell,	1	0	0	John Fox,	0	5	0
John Colwell,	0	10	0	Henry Gilchrist,	0	5	0
Joshua Dykeman,	0	5	0	Thomas Tilley,	0	5	0
Wm. C. Dykeman,	0	5	0	Gabriel Deveber, Esq.,	0	5	0
G. C. Dykemar,	0	5	0	William Foshay, Esq.,	0	5	0
Joseph H. Dykeman,	0	5	0	Sylvester Foshay	0	5	0
Benjamin Titus,	0	5	0	Sarah E. Taylor,	0	5	0
Collection Jemseg,	0	13	5½	Mrs. E. Freeze,	0	10	0
John Tarris,	5	0	0	J. Bradshaw,	2	10	0
Collection Springfield,	0	11	0	Collection at Loch Lo- mond,	1	0	0
Abraham Bulyea,	0	5	0	“ Carlton,	0	4	3
A. B. McDonald, Jr.,	0	6	0	“ Grand Bay,	0	5	0
D. McDonald, Jr.,	0	5	0	“ Milkash,	0	2	0
D. McDonald, Senr.,	0	5	0	— Wightman, Esq.,	0	5	0
A. P. Bulyea,	0	5	0	Mrs. Hamm,	0	5	0
David Furguson,	2	0	0	Friend,	0	3	0
Charles H. Peters,	2	0	0	Rev. E. N. Harris,	0	10	0
Arthur Mullin,	1	0	0	Collected by T. H. Per- ter, (no names,)	3	7	1
F. W. Morrison,	0	5	0	“ B. Scott, “	0	19	0
Andrew Courtney,	0	10	0	“ R. Thomson,			
Edward Morrison,	0	5	0	A. M., (no names,)	15	0	0
William Delong,	0	10	0				
	Forward, £414 8 6½				Total, £443 13 10½		

New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in account with A. McL. Seely.

1853.		Dr.		
For Amount paid B. Scott for Salary,	1½ year,	£156	5	0
“ “ “ Jas. Trimble,	½ year,	50	0	0
“ “ “ P. Knight,	“ on ac.,	38	14	1
“ “ “ T. H. Porter,	“ 1 year,	125	0	0
“ “ “ Jas. Bleakney,	“ 3 months,	33	6	8
“ “ “ J. Newcomb,	“ ½ year,	59	11	3
		<u>£453 17 0</u>		

CREDIT.

By amount collected by Sundries,	£412	9	3
“ “ rec'd from Gen'l Union,	£31	4	3
Deduct amount paid John Smith Treas. of Domestic Mission Board,	18 10 9—12 13 6—425	3	2

£. E. Balance Due A. McL. Seely.....£28 13 10
St. John, N. B., July 19, 1854.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
N. BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the *New-Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society*.

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

Art. 3. Any person may become a member of this Society, by contributing 5s. or upwards annually to its funds. Seven pounds ten shillings paid at any one time shall constitute a life director, and any person paying a sum, which in addition to previous contributions shall amount to twenty-five pounds, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one delegate for every five pounds so contributed.

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

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

funds, and for all such purposes, as the interests of the Society may demand, and shall make an Annual Report of their proceedings to the Society.

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

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

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

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

Form for the Constitution of the Auxiliary:

Article 1. This Society shall be called the _____
 _____ *Missionary Society*—Auxiliary to the “New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society.”

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

Art. 3. All persons contributing 5s. per annum shall be Members of the Society, and every person paying £2 10s., at any one time, shall be a Member for life.

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

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

Art. 6. The Secretary shall keep up such correspondence with the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society as the general interests of the Missionary cause may require.

Rules to be Observed by Missionaries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regulations of the Board.

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

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

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

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

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



Salaries of Missionaries.

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

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1864.

President.—Rev. SAMUEL ROBINSON.

Vice Presidents.—Rev. Joseph Crandal, Rev. A. D. Thom-
son, Rev. Charles Spurden, A. M., Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev.
David Crandal, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Dr. J. R. Fitch, Stephen
Gerow and G. H. Hobea, Esquires.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. I. E. Bill.

Recording Secretary.—Mr. E. H. Duval.

Treasurer.—Mr. A. McL. Seely.

Auditor.—Mr. Thomas McHenry.

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Marsters, John Smith, George Robinson, Joseph Read, David
Roberts, Moses Lawrence, Robert Stephens, Alexander Sime,
Georgé Garrison, James Brailey, John Christopher, John
Fisher, Asa Coy, and John Harding.

NOTICES

The next Annual Meeting of the Western Law Society will be held at the Hotel Carlton in London, Ontario, on the 1st of September, 1910.

The next Annual Meeting of the Ontario Law Society will be held at the Hotel Carlton in London, Ontario, on the 1st of September, 1910.

Will meet with the law society on the 1st of September, 1910.

Address: ...

The Ontario Law Society ...

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The next Annual Session of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, will be held with the Baptist Church in Fredericton, the first Saturday in September, 1854.

The next Annual Session of the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association will be held with the Baptist Church at Butternut Ridge, on the second Saturday in July, 1855.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION

Will hold its next Annual Session on the Third Saturday in September, 1854, with the Baptist Church in St. John, N. B.

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