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8th Annual Meeting

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Walkerton Association \*  
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Baptist  
Churches

HELD AT

WALKERTON,

Wednesday and Thursday, June 5th & 6th,

1895

REV. D. McLENNAN,  
Moderator.

REV. T. C. ROBINSON,  
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## MINUTES.

The eighth annual meeting of this Association was held with the church in Walkerton, according to announcement, on the 5th and 6th of June.

The first session opened with devotional exercises led by Student pastor Stobo, of Tiverton.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. D. McLennan, of Farewell. He took for his text Ps. xlviii. 12:13—"Walk about Zion," etc.—pointing out that the church is open to inspection and courts the criticism of the community, and emphasizing the true strength of Christian principles.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. W. S. Walker, then called the Association to order for the election of officers, when Rev. D. McLennan was chosen Moderator, and Rev. T. C. Robinson, Sec'y-Treasurer.

The usual committees were then appointed and the remaining minutes of the forenoon were occupied in welcoming delegates just arriving. The following churches were represented: Atwood, Base Line, Carrick, Clinton, Farewell, Howick, Kenilworth, Listowel, Lucknow, Mount Forest, Palmerston, Teeswater, Tiverton, and Wingham, besides a strong deputation from the Walkerton church.

The Walkerton brethren welcomed us all very cordially.

In the afternoon a season of prayer and praise was enjoyed, after which a number of Committees reported. The Finance Committee showed a serious deficit, and recommended that it be met by the collection that evening, which was agreed to. This collection amounted to \$9.46. Against this there were accounts from last year amounting to \$11.50. The Auditors, Rev. J. McKinnon, of Glamis, and Bro. Henry Arkell, of Teeswater, were reinforced by the addition of Bro. J. J. Cook, of Mount Forest, and requested to act as a committee to work up the finances of the Association, which they did to good purpose.

The Association then listened to the church letters and reports. It appears from these that while some of the churches have been fairly prosperous, so that on the whole there is a slight increase in the aggregate membership of the Association, yet on the whole the progress throughout the year has been very small. The churches reporting last year gave a total of 959 members. This year we reckon up 1,343; but the difference is mainly due to the fact that two of the largest churches in the Association did not report last year. Counting only the churches that reported we show a net increase of thirty-five members. This feature being regretfully commented upon, a resolution was carried appointing pastors Grant and McKinnon as a Committee on the state of religion in the Association.

(These figures show gratifying improvement as the result of later reports. See statistics of membership).

The Associational report on Home Missions was then presented by Rev. Jas. Grant, from which it appeared that members of the Local Board had taken no small pains in visiting certain churches and localities in the interest of the cause. It was pointed out that there are certain destitute neighborhoods yet where the cause might be revived or resuscitated by personal attention, and a resolution was passed requesting the Local Board to continue their efforts along this line. The contributions from the churches show a gratifying increase this year. Last year the sums reported amounted to \$398.76, this year to \$601.43, an increase of over fifty per cent. Nearly half of this increase is, from the two churches that did not report last year, but still there is an increase of over \$100 from the churches that did report. The average sum per member from the whole Association is nearly 45 cents. Teeswater stands first with 90 cents per member.

The Associational report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. W. S. Walker, giving a very full statement of the work in India and calling the brethren to gratitude and prayer. The contributions from the Association this year show a gratifying increase in this department also. Last year \$340.25 was reported, this year \$507.89. Making allowance for churches reporting this year that did not report a year ago we have from the churches reporting both years a net increase of over \$100 in Foreign Missions. The average sum per member contributed through out the Association for this object is about 38 cents. Walkerton heads the list with \$1.34 per member.

Rev. W. S. Walker delivered an acceptable address upon "The Necessary Elements for Strong Churches in our Association," dwelling upon the importance of prayer, response to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, obedience and work and liberality.

Visiting brethren were then invited to the platform and responded accordingly: Rev. J. B. Kennedy, of Toronto; Rev. R. Garside, lately from India; Rev. M. Vansickle, of Paisley, and Rev. C. H. Phillimore, of Chesley. Brethren new to the Association were also invited forward to become acquainted; Student pastors E. J. Stobo, of Tiverton; Currie, of Lucknow; McGregor, of Underwood and North Bruce; Matthews, of Kincaidine, and McLaughlin, of Monck.

In the evening, after a prayer-meeting led by Rev. C. H. Phillimore, an address on Home Missions was listened to from Rev. J. B. Kennedy, of Toronto, in which the speaker pointed out forcibly the leading facts in connection with this great department of our work. Since the Board was organized in 1851, two hundred churches have been built on home mission fields, 8,500 persons have been baptized, and over forty fields have become self supporting. Ninety-five missionaries are now employed having charge of 197 churches. Fifteen of these missionaries labor on salaries of less than \$500. This Association is asked to give \$700 from the churches alone, during next year, not counting contributions from Sunday schools, Mission Circles, etc.

Rev. R. Garside then addressed the meeting on Foreign Missions. One thousand millions of people are yet unevangelized; only ten thousand missionaries have yet been sent out; great need yet of more laborers in the vineyard. At present the missionaries have to spread themselves over too much ground to be most effective. Last year, in India, Bro. Garside rode over 1000 miles on horseback and 500 miles in Jirikisha. He gave, among other interesting matters, an account of the way in which he approached a heathen village so as to attract an audience.

A forcible address upon our work in Quebec, in connection with Grand Ligne was then delivered by Bro. D. Sinclair, of Walkerton, in which the speaker urged the special responsibilities of Baptists to give the Gospel to Quebec, particularly because of the special opportunities open to them. No other denomination is so well known and no other can so easily get at the people.

On Thursday morning, after praise and prayer, the circular letter was read by Rev. W. Walker, of Teeswater. Hindrances to church growth were denounced; building with inferior material, want of system in raising funds, deficiency of funds in the Home Mission treasury, and short pastorates; and the churches were exhorted to systematic giving, to build with the gold, silver and precious stones, and to cultivate the spirit of forbearance with their pastors. This led to vigorous discussion along the line of the principles laid down.

The claims of Manitoba and Northwest Missions were then ably presented by Bro. Sinclair, of Walkerton. Many of our strong churches here had received help during their days of small things, therefore we owe a debt of love to help our weak causes on the prairies, especially as the membership of those churches consists mainly of our own flesh and blood. The needs of German and Scandinavian settlers were also set forth and the facts of their peculiar accessibility to the Baptists. In this connection it is well to note that the reports from the churches show that the Association raised during the year for Manitoba Missions only

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\$35.66, a slight decrease on last year's income from churches reporting both years. This is an average of less than seven cents per member.

The claims of the Book Room and the BAPTIST were set forth by Bro. E. J. Stobo, of McMaster University. Patronize the Book-Room, especially for Sunday school libraries. Poor literature at that point must grow a generation of week backed Baptists. Our Book Room abounds in the right sort of pabulum for the young idea as well as for the mature. Push the BAPTIST, the price is reasonable.

A well directed paper on "How to Make Sunday-school Work Efficient," was then read by Rev. Jas. Hamilton. The whole church must take an abiding interest in the Sunday school, which is properly the work of the church, not of individuals. Energy, promptness, skill, courage, persistency must be exercised. Memorize Scripture. Expect conversions. Pray for success.

In the afternoon, after meeting for praise and prayer, led by Bro. Jas. Grant, Jr., a number of Committees reported. Strong resolutions were passed concerning Manitoba and North-west Missions, urging the churches to increase their contributions; Foreign Missions—thanking God for success and bespeaking a continuance of substantial support; Home Missions—expressing gratitude for results and pledging larger aid; Grand Ligne—expressing sympathy and a desire to have the mission brought more fully under control by the Convention; Prison Reform—concurring with the resolution passed by the Convention, in favor of a better classification of prisoners and establishing industrial homes for the destitute; Separate Schools—adopting the resolution of the Convention protesting against bringing us into unholy compact of Church and State involved in attempting to force such schools upon Manitoba; B. Y. P. U.—joining in the resolution of Convention to have representatives on the Board of Management of B. Y. P. U. of Ontario, elected by the Associations and to have statistics of local B. Y. P. U.'s incorporated in minutes of Association; Temperance—branding the Liquor

Traffic, denouncing mere regulation as inadequate, and calling for total prohibition; The CANADIAN BAPTIST and the Book Room—upholding the paper as a great factor in our work, urging pastors and brethren to extend its circulation, and commending the Book Room to the hearty support of the churches.

The Associational report for Grand Ligne Mission was here presented by the Secretary, showing aggregate contributions of \$124.18 which is less than last year by \$33.60, being an average of less than ten cents per member throughout the Association.

Our Educational Interests were presented by Dr. Newman, of McMaster University. Woodstock and Moulton are doing good work; whenever a boy has to go to attend school away from home he should be sent to Woodstock; Moulton is to be reckoned superior to other ladies' colleges in Ontario, certainly for Baptists. The Arts Department had greatly exceeded expectation—especially in the number of students. From all that can be learned, the number of Baptist young people receiving a liberal education has been doubled as a result of having our own University. We must remember that our educational institutions exist mainly for the benefit of the mission work of the denomination. Students do good permanent work on Home Mission fields during vacation.

Bro. J. C. Morgan, High School Master, of Walkerton, delivered a pointed address on "The B. Y. P. U. Movement." These societies had not detracted from the working power of the Church, good for us to have lofty ideals and seek noble achievement—vigorous, healthful life is benefited by a fitting degree of organization.

Upon the report of the Nominating Committee, the Local Home Mission Board was chosen to consist of Revs. Jas. Grant, D. McLennan, L. McKinnon, Wm. Walker, Jas. Hamilton, and Messrs. J. J. Cook and Henry Arkell. Associational Secretaries were appointed as follows: Foreign Missions, Rev. W. S. Walker; Grand Ligne, Rev. D. McLennan; Manitoba, Mr. D. Sinclair.

Mr. Jos. Morgan was elected as our representative on the Board of Manage-

ment of the B. Y. P. U. of Ontario and Quebec.

The responsibility for the Association's sermon next year falls upon Rev. Jas. Grant, alternate Rev. T. C. Robinson, and for the Circular Letter, Rev. Jas. Hamilton, alternate Rev. W. S. Walker.

While the afternoon session was in progress, the ladies held their mission diet in the vestry to good purpose; and the evening session of the Association on Thursday was given up to a

platform meeting under their control. It was perhaps the most successful, and certainly the best attended gathering of the Association. A well prepared Report of these Ladies' meetings has been sent in, which unfortunately cannot be printed here for lack of funds.

The programme for next year was left in the hands of the Local Board and Secretary.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the Walkerton friends, the Association adjourned to meet next year at Tiverton.



## CHURCHES, PASTORS, &amp;c.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	S.S. SUPERINTENDENT.	CHURCH CLERKS.	CLERK'S ADDRESS.
Atwood	Rev. T. C. Robinson	James Hammond	John A. Turnbull	Atwood
Base Line	Student M.D. Colman	J. Rathby	Geo. Rathby	Auburn
Carrick	Rev. A. Janzen	Conrad Diebel	Conrad Diebel	Neustadt
Clinton	Student M.D. Colman	Daniel Prior	Henry Joslin	Clinton
Garwell	Rev. D. McEnnaman	Albert Pickard	John Cammen	Garwell
Glenora	Rev. L. McKinnon		W. J. Jacques	Glenora
Howick	Rev. A. McNeill		Richard Wright	Howick
Kenilworth	Rev. D. McEnnaman	Geo. Langdon	Lewis Komph	Kenilworth
Kincaid	Student I.G. Mathews	Lewis Komph	G. W. Bittan	Kincaid
Listowel	Rev. T. C. Robinson	Gordon W. Bittan	Sara J. Stewart	Listowel
Locknow	Student Currie	W. D. Stewart	A. J. Cook	Locknow
Mount Forest	Rev. W. S. Walker	Mrs. Segaworth	Wm. Tilley	Mount Forest
Monck	Stn. J. D. McLachlan		W. H. Welland	Monck
Palmerston	Rev. W. D. Magee	Wm. Kirkby	Henry Arkell	Palmerston
Teeswater	Rev. Wm. Walker	A. Kirkconnell	A. H. Cameron	Teeswater
Tiverton	Rev. E. J. Stobo	Rev. Morgan	W. J. Chapman	Tiverton
Walkerton	Rev. Jas. Grant	W. J. Chapman		Walkerton
Wingham	Rev. Jas. Hamilton			Wingham

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## NUMERICAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Membership re- ported last year.	INCREASE.					DECREASE.					Total Increase of Membership in Whole Association, 96.	Net Increase of Membership in Whole Association, 96.	Net Loss.
		By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Experi- ence.	By Restora- tion.	Total Increase.	By Letter.	By Death.	By Erasure.	By Expulsion.	Total Decrease.			
Atwood.....	69	1	12	2	12	27	2	1	1	4	95	1	78	
Base Line.....	41	11	4	13	4	32	4	4	2	4	40	10	50	
Carriek.....	40	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	6	94	
Clinton.....	29	10	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	4	28	1	
Farewell.....	138	16	9	3	3	31	3	3	13	19	21	33	155	
Hamnis.....	128	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	124	
Hill.....	70	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	66	
Kearlworth.....	70	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	2	50	
Kincardine.....	46	4	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	4	3	43	
Listowel.....	15	6	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	4	16	43	
Lucknow.....	15	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	17	12	
Mount Forest.....	166	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	28	174	
Monck.....	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	2	54	
Palmerston.....	49	3	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	4	3	52	
Peeswater.....	25	11	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	4	44	39	
Traverton.....	113	4	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	4	17	109	
Walkerton.....	123	5	10	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	4	34	111	
Wingham.....	123	5	10	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	4	34	111	
Total.....	959	104	44	20	35	207	39	19	42	8	108	1194	121	

## MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Membership.	Wages for Pastors.	Current Expenses.	Building Fund and Repairs.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Min. Education.	Church Edifice.	Superannuated Ministers' Society.	Grande Ligne.	Sunday School.	Manitoba Missions.	Other Objects.	Printing Minutes.	Total.
Atwood.....	70	\$ 250 00	\$ 40 00		\$ 51 82	\$ -44 82				\$ 8 42	\$ 50 00	\$ 10 70	\$ 3 60	\$ 2 00	\$ 461 45
Base Line.....	50	150 00	4 50		19 50						14 20				180 02
Carrick.....	90	450 00	184 31		50 37	21 00	\$25 00		\$16 58		39 00		25 00	1 00	180 02
Clinton.....	28	150 00	14 80	50 00											212 50
Farewell.....	40	185 00	26 70	50 00	31 00	4 19				7 63		5 00		1 00	310 77
Giammi.....	143	462 00	77 02	82 61	87 78	68 74				28 50		13 50	2 50	1 00	757 85
Howick.....	28	137 10	30 77		34 01	12 18						3 76			196 88
Kendall.....	20	100 00	29 75	86 08	25 00	17 03				8 37		4 50		1 00	432 38
Kennedyside.....	30	150 00													
Lakeland.....	48	150 00	82 50	440 76	27 95	32 69									743 85
Lucknow.....	17	100 00			7 00	5 00									114 50
Mount Forest.....	174	650 00	258 54	110 66	51 12	57 02			4 75	19 96		9 65		2 50	1164 37
Monck.....	20	160 00			18 21	9 00		\$37 00		1 00					215 21
Palmerston.....	49	274 05	117 90		22 00										452 40
Teeswater.....	43	251 05	41 06	1 00	28 70	20 84				5 75			2 60	1 00	392 00
Tiverton.....	219	578 00	270 00		30 73	45 02				8 75		11 00	1 00	2 00	945 50
Walkerton.....	111	678 00	157 30	1019 47	80 48	148 57				21 80		20 46	5 10		2136 88
Wingham.....	154	425 00	53 06	90 00	34 76	54 06				5 50	2 10		6 57	4 70	992 80
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	When S. was organized.	Scholars on Roll.	Teachers and Off-icers.	Total Average Attendance.	Scholars Members of Church.	Joined Church during the Year.	Volumes in Library.	Amount Received from the Church during Year.	Contributed to Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	To Manitoba and Northwest Missions.	Grande Ligne.	Other Objects.	Expended for S. S. Purposes.	Total Amount collected in School.
Atwood.....	1875	108	10	80	19	8	100	\$50.00	\$7.45	\$4.70	\$6.29	\$2.72	\$2.00	\$50.00	\$21.16
Base Line.....		20	5	20	11	1	65			2.25	2.20	1.24		14.20	
Carrick.....		82	14	70	15	1				12.00				31.68	
Clinton.....		45	7	40	20		60		5.40	2.26				50.00	57.71
Carewell.....	No	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics								
Green.....	No	116	12	59	66	11	130		4.05				8.50	15.94	
Howick.....	No	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics					2.00			
Kearney.....		53	25	26	26			5.00							
Kenilworth.....		60	6	40	5										
Kincardine.....		60	6	40	5										
Listowel.....	1896	62	13	45	9		100		1.14					32.66	32.66
Lacknow.....	No	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics								
Mount Forest.....		92	12	65	36	3	135		4.40	2.57				29.50	43.45
Monck.....		50	4	35	8										
Monk.....		75	9	60	9		270		2.00					25.30	26.44
Wainerson.....	1896	75	6	35	19	5	100		1.00	1.00		1.55		33.34	36.80
Town.....	1875	10	1	7	13	31	175								
Twickenham.....	1880	115	15	77	13	15	150		8.20	7.60		4.00	2.25	31.96	60.12
Walkerton.....	1880	75	11	63	13	15	150	2.10					20.00	26.06	41.77
Wingham.....	1894	126	12	81	59	4	185								
Total.....		1129	142	815	363	59	1370	\$57.10	\$33.64	\$82.38	\$8.49	\$11.51	\$27.75	\$340.49	\$320.11

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