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OF THE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

FREDERICTON, COUNTY OF YORK,

IN THE

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

ON

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 11th, 12th, and 13th July,

1842.

TOGETHER WITH THE

Circular Letter, Missionary Accounts, &c. &c.

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FREDERICTON, MONDAY, 11th July, 1842.

Met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Introductory Sermon preached by the Rev. Joseph Crandall, from 4th chapter of Matthew, 17th verse,—“*From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*” After which a collection was taken in behalf of Domestic Missions.

The following Ministers and Delegates from the different Churches then took their seats as Members of the Association:—

Fredericton—Rev. I. E. Bill, Jarvis Ring, W. S. Estey, John T. Smith, Z. G. Gable and J. F. Gale.

Canning—Rev. Benjamin Coy, John Currey and George Currey.

1st Saint John—Rev. Samuel Robinsen, Charles D. Everitt, Solomon Hersey, Valentine Harding, Charles Harding and George Wilson.

2nd Saint John—Asa Blakslee, John Berryman and James Colman.

Norton—Rev. David Crandall, and David Jones.

1st Salisbury—Rev. Joseph Crandall, and John Crandall.

2nd Salisbury—Rev. Joseph Crandall.

1st Springfield—Rev. David Crandall, Rev. Peter Sprague, and Kaled Davis.

Saint George—Rev. Thomas M^cGee.

Hampton—Rev. John Masters, and Henry Blakslee.

1st Wickham—Rev. J. C. Skinner.

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Saint David—Rev. A. D. Thompson, George Hopps and James Robinson.

Moncton—Rev. Joseph Crandall, and William Prince.

Keswick—Rev. Thomas W. Saunders, Sanford Boies, Samuel B. Smith, Benjamin Yerza, A. D. Yerxa and William Boone.

1st Saint Martins—Rev. Ezekiel Masters.

Cardigan—Rev. William Harris, Benjamin Richards and David Saunders.

North Branch Oromocto—John Nason.

Brighton—Samuel Estabrooks.

Grand Lake—Rev. Michael Doyle, and Alex. Reece.

Upham—Rev. John Masters.

Waterborough—Rev. David Chase.

2nd Saint Patrick—Rev. A. D. Thompson.

Maugerville—Rev. John M'Gee, James Estabrooks and R. Cowperthwaite.

Saint Andrews—Rev. A. D. Thompson.

2nd Sackville—Rev. Joseph Crandall, Jeremiah Foot and James Estabrooks.

Blackville, Blissville and Ludlow—Rev. James Tozer, John J. Donald, Robert Wasson and Charles Tozer.

Johnston—Rev. Charles Thorne.

Carleton— — Clark, — Coldwell, — Christopher.

1st Sackville—Frederick Sears and Thomas Anderson.

Prince William—Rev. Thomas W. Saunders, Charles Marsh and Charles Sloote.

Jacksontown—Rev. E. J. Harris, and Thomas Burpe.

Dumfries—Rev. E. J. Harris, and Charles Hartley.

Nashwaak—Rev. William Harris.

2d Wickham—Rev. James Smith.

Pennfield—Rev. Thomas M'Gee.

Woodstock—Rev. E. J. Harris, J. Estabrooks and Jas. Everitt.

Douglas (African Church)—Joseph Wherry and William Barnes.

Butternut Ridge—No Messenger.

Mill Stream—Rev. — M'Phee.

Portland—Joshua Bunting.

Coverdale—Rev. James Wallace.

Grand Lake—Arthur Branscomb.

Grand Manan—Rev. A. D. Thompson.

Harvey—Rev. William Pulcifer.

The Rev. John Masters was then appointed Moderator.

Mr. William Hall, Clerk,

William P. M'Adam, Assistant Clerk.

Zebedee G. Gable, Treasurer of Funds collected for Domestic purposes; and

John Berryman, Treasurer of Funds collected for Foreign Missions.

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The Rev. Charles Tupper, Missionary from the Nova Scotia Association, with the Ministers and Licenciates of the several Churches, not included as special Messengers, were then requested to take a part in the deliberations of the Meetings.

The following Committees were then appointed:—

The Rev. Messrs. David Crandall, Chase, Skinner, Bill and Tupper, to examine the Letters from the different Churches, and report thereon.

The Rev. Messrs. Thompson, E. Masters and Beckwith, with J. T. Smith and Jarvis Ring, to arrange the ordinary business of the Association.

The Rev. Messrs. Robinson, Thomas M'Gee, Tozer and Wallace, and Messrs. Boies and Gabel, to arrange the special business of the Association.

The Rev. Messrs. Mann and E. J. Harris, to examine the Circular Letter.

Messrs. Z. G. Gable, John Currey and Boies, with the Agent of the Sabbath School Union, (Rev. Mr. Beckwith,) to examine into and report upon the state of the Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Messrs. Robinson, Bill, Tupper, Pulcifer and Walker, and Messrs. C. D. Everitt, J. Berryman, and A. Fowler, to report relative to the Christian Messenger.

The Rev. Joseph Crandall, Robinson, Bill, Thompson, E. J. Harris, Sprague, Tozer and Pulcifer, and Messrs. A. Blakslec, J. Ring, Donald and Jones, to report on the state of Domestic Missions.

The Rev. Messrs. Robinson, Bill, Doyle, and Messrs. C. D. Everitt and Ring, to report in reference to Foreign Missions.

The Rev. Messrs. Beckwith, Mann and Coy, and Mr. Valentine Harding, to examine into and report on the state of new Churches.

The Rev. Messrs. Tupper and Beckwith, and Mr. Berryman, to examine into and report upon the Bible question.

The Rev. Messrs. J. Crandall, Robinson, Bill, Thompson, Hammond and Tupper, and Mr. A. Blakslee, to form a Constitution for a Society for the support of Superannuated Ministers, and Widows of deceased Ministers.

Recommended by the Committee to arrange the ordinary business of the Association—

That a Missionary Meeting be held this evening at 8 o'clock, P. M. when a Sermon be preached by the Rev. A. D. Thompson, and a collection taken in aid of Domestic Missions.

That the Education Society, Board of Directors, and Committee of Management meet in the Vestry of the Chapel tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

That the Rev. Ezekiel Masters preach at 10 o'clock, A. M. after which the subject of Education to be brought before the Association; and the Reports of the several Committees to be called for.

That the Meeting now adjourn until 3 o'clock.

ORDERED, That the above be adopted.

Met at 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by the Moderator.

Read the Letters from the several Churches, the statements respecting the standing of which will be found at the end of the Minutes.

ORDERED, That Mr. J. Bunting, C. D. Everitt and J. T. Smith, and the Rev. Messrs. Saunders and W. Harris, be a Committee to ascertain what Churches, if any, have failed to correspond with this Association for three years past.

Pursuant to a Resolution of the last year, the Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Church at Harvey, (Salmon River,) report—Having visited that place, and found to their satisfaction the Brethren walking in Gospel fellowship; they therefore recommend that the Harvey Church be received into this body.

The Committee for inspecting Letters from new Churches, report—Having examined Letters from eight new Churches, including the one at Harvey, recommend that they be received into this body; whereupon

ORDERED, That these eight Churches, being situate at Pennfield, Woodstock, Mill Stream, Portland, Coverdale, Grand Lake, Grand Manan and Harvey, be received as Members of this Association.

ORDERED, That the Association be held on the next year with the first Church in the Parish of Saint Andrews, commencing at the usual day and hour.—That the Rev. Mr. Robinson preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, the Rev. John Masters; and that the Circular Letter be written by the Rev. Jos. Crandall.

That the Rev. A. D. Thompson be our Messenger to the Nova Scotia Association, and in case of failure, the Rev. Mr. Beckwith, and that the sum of six pounds be allowed to defray the expenses thereof.

ORDERED, That Messrs. J. T. Smith and Babbit be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that 1500 copies be printed and circulated.

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ORDERED, That Messrs. J. T. Smith, Babbit and Gale, open a correspondence on behalf of this body with the Baptist Churches in Canada.

ORDERED, That the first day of January next be observed as a day of fasting and prayer by all the Churches in the Province.

The Committee appointed last year to visit the Churches at Sackville, reported—That they had attended to that duty, and counselled them to forbearance and love to each other, and also pointed out to them such things as they thought were wrong in their past proceedings.

ORDERED, That their Report be received.

ORDERED, That Messrs. J. T. Smith, Babbit and Gale, be a Committee to procure correct information relative to the general affairs of our Denomination in this Province, such as the number of Chapels, the number of persons they will severally contain, and the number usually attending Divine Service in them, the number of ordained Ministers, and time of ordination, the number of Churches organized and time of organization, and such other particulars as may serve to make a full record of the Denomination, and cause the same to be entered into a suitable Book, and that all the expenses connected with such proceeding be paid from the Funds of the Association; also

ORDERED, That the foregoing Committee furnish the Secretary of the Province with the information requested in his Letter to J. T. Smith of the 23d August last.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Petition to the several Branches of Legislature, relative to the obtaining of Marriage Licences free of the expense now connected with that object, to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk as representing the whole body.

ORDERED, That the Rev. D. Crandall and Mr. Bunting, be a Committee to investigate the business connected with Gilbert Spurr.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M.

Then met, and Sermon preached by Rev. D. Thompson, from 14th Mark, 18th verse,—“*She hath done what she could*” After which a Collection was taken up in behalf of Domestic Missions.

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TUESDAY.

Education Society met at 8 o'clock.

Report presented by the Committee and read by the Secretary.

RESOLVED, That the same be published with the Minutes.

Preaching at 10 o'clock by the Rev. E. Masters, after which the business of the Education Society was resumed.

RESOLVED, That the Office Bearers and Board of Directors be continued the same as last year, as also the Committee, with the exception that the Pastor of the Baptist Church in Fredericton for the time being be a Member thereof, in place of the Rev. F. W. Miles, deceased.

RESOLVED, That the Committee be requested to continue to supply the Institution with efficient Teachers, in order to render it increasingly useful.

RESOLVED, That the grateful thanks of this Society are due to the several branches of the Legislature for the liberal Grant made last winter in aid of the Funds of the Institution, as also for the encouragement then given to expect a continuance of Legislative aid.

RESOLVED, That the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to procure an Act of Incorporation for the Society, or to make such other proper and suitable regulations as will meet the views of the Legislature, preparatory to permanent provision being made for the Institution.

RESOLVED, That it having pleased Almighty God in the wise arrangements of his Providence to remove the late Rev. F. W. Miles from his militant state to join the general assembly and Church of the first born, this Society desire to express their deep conviction of the worth of the deceased, as also their belief that his connexion with the Baptist Denomination in this Country has been attended with the happiest results in promoting the best interests of the Denomination, and that this Body sincerely deplore his death as an irreparable loss to the literary, moral and religious improvement of this growing Colony.

RESOLVED, That it is, in the opinion of this Association, exceedingly desirable that those young men who think of devoting themselves to the sacred Ministry should avail themselves of the advantages for mental improvement which the enlightened age in which we live afford, and that our Churches seek by every means in their power to promote the education of such persons.

The Committee for Foreign Missions, report—That there is a sum of £31 6 11 due the Foreign Missionary Society.

They also recommend, that the Association concur in the Resolution of the Nova Scotia Association, to select a second Missionary to accompany Brother Burpe to some Foreign field, but as the Baptist interest in New Brunswick is much smaller than in Nova Scotia, and consequently our means much more limited, we feel that it will be quite our proportionable part to bear one third of the expenses of the Mission upon this enlarged scale.

ORDERED, That the above recommendation be adopted, and this Association hereby pledges itself to carry out the same.

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The Committee appointed to take into consideration the providing for the relief of superannuated Ministers, &c. having recommended the adoption of the following Resolution, it was accordingly adopted:—

RESOLVED, That each and every Member of the Churches in connexion with this Association, be requested to pay monthly, in aid of Foreign Missions, one penny per month; of Domestic Missions one half-penny per week; of the Education Society one penny per month, and for the support of superannuated Ministers, and destitute Widows and Families of deceased Ministers, one penny per month; and that the Ministers and Deacons of the respective Churches be requested to carry the measure into effect, and have the amount forwarded to the Association annually; and also, that the co-operation of the Members of the Congregations be endeavoured to be secured in this matter; and it is further recommended that the support of the Sabbath School be secured as far as possible by the payment of one penny per month from the Children attending them.

Adjourned until to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY.

Met at 10 o'clock.

Preaching by Mr. S. Boise, Licentiate of the Church at Fredericton. After which the Committee with respect to the Christian Messenger recommended the following Resolution:—

RESOLVED, That this Association regards the Christian Messenger as a highly useful vehicle for the communication of Religious and general intelligence, and well adapted to promote the interests of Missions, Education, Sabbath Schools, Temperance, and every good work, and that it be strongly recommended to all the Ministers and Members of our Churches, generally, to encourage its circulation, not only by subscribing for it themselves, but as far as may be in their power, inducing others to do so also. That all our Missionaries be particularly requested to introduce it and obtain subscribers for it in all places they may visit, and that it be urged upon our Brethren, generally, to communicate accounts of revivals of Religion, of Missionary labors, and all other matters of interest for its pages, and that it be recommended to the Missionary Boards to sustain the Agents for the Christian Messenger so far as they may be considered as labouring on Missionary ground, or in a way that may tend to advance the cause of Domestic Missions.

ORDERED, That the foregoing be adopted.

The Committee on Domestic Missions having reported that there is a most lamentable destitution of Ministerial labour in numerous

sections of this Province, and that there is an effectual door open in many of those places for the labours of our Ministers, whence the thrilling appeal is heard, "come over and help us;" it was therefore

RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude to Almighty God for His special blessing upon the labours of our Missionaries during the past year, by renewing our exertions to supply the destitute with the invaluable treasures of the Word of Life, and we would affectionately urge upon our Churches the necessity of increased liberality in replenishing the Missionary Fund, and of praying with more earnestness and faith, that Gospel labourers may be thrust into the vineyard.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended that collections be taken up at the Quarterly Meetings, and that the amounts so collected be paid over to the Missionary Board in whose district such meetings shall be held.

RESOLVED, That the Rev. John Masters be requested to visit the friends at Newcastle, agreeably to their request, they providing for the expenses of his journey.

RESOLVED, That this Association highly disapprove of the expressions contained in the Letter from the Church at Hopewell, as well as their conduct towards the Committee appointed last year to visit them and to enquire into the difficulties then existing between that Church and the Church at Harvey; and also

RESOLVED, That the Rev. Ezekiel Masters and James Wallace visit that Church, and endeavour to remove the disaffection under which they appear to be resting.

RESOLVED, On recommendation of the Committee to whom the subject was referred, That we heartily approve of the course pursued by our Brethren the Baptist Missionaries in the East Indies, by giving full and faithful translations of the Word of God to the Heathen, and the conduct of our Brethren in England and America in sustaining them, and we recommend to our Denomination in this Province to aid the Bible Translation Society in England in the publishing and circulating such translations.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Berryman be Treasurer, to receive such sums as may be contributed for the above object, and transmit the same to the Treasurer of the Bible Translation Society in Great Britain.

RESOLVED, That as the Rev. David Benedict, of Rhode Island, is about to publish a new History of the Baptist Denomination, and requests information relative to the Baptists in these Provinces, the Rev. Samuel Robinson and W. H. Beckwith be a Committee to collect such information, and submit it to the Association at its next Session.

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RESOLVED, That every Minister connected with this Association be furnished with a copy of the Resolutions relative to the information respecting the Churches, Chapels, &c.

The Committee appointed to ascertain if any Churches had failed to correspond with the Association for the three years last past, reported, that the Churches at Northesk, (Miramichi,) and Andover had not; whereupon

RESOLVED, That the Rev. Messrs. Saunders and E. J. Harris, visit the Church at Andover, and the Rev. John Masters and Tozer the one at Northesk.

RESOLVED, That the Monthly Missionary Prayer Meetings be held as usual, also the Quarterly Meetings.

The Committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter having reported favorably,

ORDERED, That it be received, and published with the Minutes.

RESOLVED, On recommendation of the Committee appointed to investigate the matter, That as Mr. Gilbert G. Spurr has been excluded from the Baptist Church at Wakefield, of which he was formerly Pastor, he therefore cannot be considered a Member of this Association.

RESOLVED, That the following persons compose the several Missionary Boards for the ensuing year:—

Saint John—John Smith, Zebulon Estey, George A. Garrison, Charles D. Everitt, John Harding, A. Blakslee, John Berryman, Joshua Bunting and J. S. Clarke.

Westmorland—Rev. Joseph Crandall, Rev. Wm. Sears, Rev. James Wallace, Warren Perrigo, Silas Black, Laban Lawrence, John Crandall and Thomas Prince.

Miramichi—Rev. James Tozer, John J. Donald, R. B. Wasson, Alexander Brown, Charles Tozer, Jared Tozer and William Grimley.

Charlotte—Rev. A. D. Thompson, Philo Seelye, Reuben Brockway, George Hopps, John Bradford, Rev. Thomas M'Gee, William Smart, Thomas Justison and James Russell.

Fredericton—Jarvis Ring, W. S. Estey, John T. Smith, Z. G. Gabel, E. E. Packard, J. P. A. Phillips, Samuel W. Babbitt, J. F. Gale and W. F. Barker.

The Office Bearers of the General Missionary Board to remain the same as last year.

ORDERED, That the Foreign Missionary Board be composed of the following persons:—

Honorable W. B. Kinnear, N. S. Demill, Charles D. Everitt, Zebulon Estey and A. Todd.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Association are due to the Church at Fredericton, for their kindness and hospitality to the Ministers and Messengers of the Churches during the present Session.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the New Brunswick Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN,

In this our Annual Epistle, we desire to recommend increased and systematic efforts in reference to the temporal support of the Christian Ministry. In order that you may feel the importance of this subject, we request your attention to the following considerations:

1st.—The Ministers of Christ have the same feelings for their families which other men have. Their love is as strong for their children, and their anxiety as great for their future welfare in the world. To suppose the contrary of this would be to conclude that the religion which they profess and teach, destroys the natural affections implanted by the Creator in the human heart. The reverse is the truth; the Holy Religion of Christ refines and strengthens the natural affections. If we compare Paganism with the Christian Religion, we shall be convinced of this. Among the worshippers of the former we see those who leave their Parents, to starve and die in some secluded spot, and Parents destroy their offspring when they become numerous, and are not promising, with far less feeling than many of the brute creation. It is needless to seek proof in reference to the latter, for the efforts of Christians to ameliorate the condition of mankind, to instruct the ignorant, and to *save* the miserable *both from temporal and spiritual death*, convince even the unbelieving that it is mild and lovely, and that those who are under the influence of its principles, in a greater or less degree, bring forth these fruits.

If, then, a Minister's family be destitute of the necessary comforts of this life, or if he have not the means of social and intellectual improvement, what will be the consequences? What must be the state of his mind through the week? Is it reasonable to suppose that he can profit the people on the Sabbath under such circumstances? Let any brother make the case his own and he will soon understand it. If there be a professor of religion who imagines himself to be so much under the influence of religious feeling as to be insensible to the wants and sufferings of his family, he does not much honor his profession.

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for them. Of course the Minister is not released from this obligation. Now the christian world, and the Bible also, requires the Minister of Christ to give himself wholly to his appropriate work, "that his profiting may appear to all," hence they cannot enter into business as other men, nor can they toil with their own hands to any advantage. It is impossible for one to excel as a spiritual teacher, and pursue at the same time, profitably, some secular calling.

How, then, is the Minister to discharge his duty to his family? shall he go in debt for the necessaries of life and for means to educate his children? "Owe no man any thing," is the language of Inspiration. Certainly he whose duty it is to teach men to be honest and just, should practise accordingly. But I ask again, how the Ministry is to be sustained? It is not natural to suppose that the people of the world will move forward in the matter and take upon themselves the responsibility, neither is it reasonable to suppose that the Saviour will feed them with manna from heaven by the agency of a raven. There is only one of three things for a Minister to do, he must leave his appropriate work,—or suffer in his person and family, and thus neglect his duty to his family,—or he must be sustained by the Church of Christ.

2d. - Moral honesty requires the Church to fulfil this duty to her Ministers. If a number of men unite for mechanical or mercantile purposes, they bind themselves to remunerate those whom they employ. Every individual connected with this body or company, is holden for the amount due to persons employed in their service. If a number of persons unite for their own edification, and for the purpose of advancing the principles of the Gospel, they find it necessary to obtain a Minister to instruct and lead them. As they profess to be governed by principles of justice and love, a neglect on either part to fulfill their engagements, unless it could be made to appear that it was caused by something over which they had no controul, would evince a deficiency in moral principle.

If a company of men formed for purposes merely secular, should, when failing to meet their engagements, lose their credit, and sink in the estimation of the public mind, in what light would a body of Christians appear under circumstances to which we have alluded? No one thing injures the cause of religion more than the neglect of a people to sustain, according to their ability, the man whose labors they have received, and whom they encouraged to expect a reasonable compensation. It is impossible to fully describe the effect on the mind of the Ministers or the people themselves, and on the community generally. Christians declare in their taking on themselves the holy name of Christ, that they are the "light of the world," but if they proceed so as to violate the principles on which the people of this world conduct their business, to shock the feelings of humanity, to reject the dictates of common sense, and

to act in opposition to the Law of God, to justice and the holy principles of the blessed Gospel of Christ, they will spread around them a moral darkness, which must be sensibly felt; therefore "if the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." We see the cause of Ministers concealing their sufferings,—they know a development of facts must injure the influence of their brethren, and therefore they willingly suffer wrong rather than give any occasion by which the cause of God may be reproached.

3d.—The Church of Christ is under as great an obligation to sustain her Ministers, as the Jewish Church was to support the Priest who ministered at the altar.

The gospel has introduced us into liberty, but it becomes us to be careful that we do not use that liberty as a stumbling block. If the proportion of our property be not specified by the Lord, as was the case under the Law, it does not follow we should do any less. The superior blessings and privileges which the gospel confers, ought to dispose all who possess them, to cheerfully give more than was required of the Jews. He, who would urge the liberty of the gospel, as a reason for withholding what is necessary for the support of the Servant of the Lord, would evince a deficiency in regard to a knowledge of the Scriptures, and give but slight evidence of piety. There are certain Rules given by the Saviour, according to which, the Church must guide herself. We see that the Jewish Church prospered in proportion as they attended to the directions given them by the Almighty. One tribe out of twelve was set apart to the service of the Sanctuary, and was considered justly entitled to the proceeds of the land cultivated by the remaining tribes. A careful reader of the Bible will discover the threatenings of God against the people, for a departure from this rule. The support of the Priests was based on the ground of justice, hence the wickedness of their conduct in the sight of God. Now unless it can be shewn that justice, law, and the principles on which God now governs the world are opposed to those of the former dispensation, we must conclude, that if the Christian Church withhold from her Ministers what is their just due, she must be equally guilty with them.

4th.—It is proper for us to close these remarks, with a few selections of Scripture, bearing on the subject.—"Take heed to thyself, that thou forsake not the Levites, as long as thou beest upon the earth.—And I perceived, that the portion of the Levites had not been given them. Then I contended with the Rulers, and said, why is the house of God forsaken?—Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.—For the Scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn, and the labourer is worthy of his reward.—If we have sown to you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we should reap your carnal

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“ things?—Do ye not know, that those who minister about holy things, live of the things of the temple, and those who wait at the altar, are partakers with the altar.—Even so hath the Lord ordained, that those who preach the gospel, should live of the gospel.—Let him that is taught in the word, communicate to him who teacheth in all good things.”

Thus, dear Brethren, we have laid before you a few considerations, to shew the importance of sustaining the Christian Ministry. We have appealed to your understanding, rather than to your feelings. If we were to move your sympathies, a momentary relief might be obtained, but it is desirable that the support of the Ministry should rest on permanent ground. If this object be accomplished, the Ministry must be sustained on the ground of justice: they should not be supported as paupers, but as persons justly entitled to a reasonable compensation for their labors. Reflect on the principles presented to you, and immediately form some system among yourselves, to bring them into practice. That the Ministry is not sustained among us, as it should be, cannot admit of a doubt. Something ought to be done speedily, or the Churches will languish, and many of them will become extinct. We have said that a certain proportion of our property, (not less than a tenth,) is God's; which is to be appropriated to religious purposes. Dear Brethren, did you not recognize this principle in your baptism? In that solemn hour, did you not vow as sacredly as did Abraham, that you would cheerfully devote your property to the Lord? Is it not a serious thing to rob a fellow creature but it is much more so to rob God! In what light ought we to view the conduct of the man who should withhold the wages of him who reaps down his field? “I speak as to wise men,” how does the conduct of those appear in God's sight who neglect to reward his servants for their labours? We entreat you by your principles as men, by your profession as christians, by the honor of the cause which you love, by the prosperity of the Churches, by the salvation of immortal souls, and by the thrilling truth, that we must all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, not to dismiss this subject, until there is such a change in the system, in respect to the support of the Ministry, as will place it on equitable and permanent ground.

We hope you will not think that we have any object in view but your prosperity, as individuals and Churches. We have arrived at a point, as a denomination, when it has become necessary for the prosperity of the Churches to have stated Pastors, to go in and out before them, and to instruct them in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion. Many Churches are now destitute, and many have preaching only a part of the time. Such a state of things is very undesirable. However it must exist until the Churches make more persevering and systematic efforts to remunerate those, whose

labours they so greatly need. We earnestly desire that this subject may be considered rationally, scripturally, and prayerfully. It is intimately connected with the existence and enlargement of the Churches composing this Body. "And now, Brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them who are sanctified."

MONIES RECEIVED DURING THE SESSION.

Collections on Sabbath,	£11 18 4
Collections after the introductory Sermon, Monday,	3 5 6
Collection in Box, Monday evening, <i>11 watches, 11/2</i>	11 18 3½
Collection from Subscriptions, <i>and Steamboat</i>	33 5 0
Amount received from a Friend, to redeem the Watch given by the Rev. A. D. Thompson,	4 0 0
Minute money from the Churches,	18 5 9½
Collection, Tuesday evening,	2 0 9½
From the Female Mite Society, Canning, collected by Mrs. Currie,	1 13 0
Received from the Charlotte County Missionary Board, being balance in hand by that Board,	1 10 0
Received from the Westmorland Missionary Board, by an unexpended balance by that Board,	3 5 2
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This sum paid over to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Board,	£91 1 10

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List of Ministers in connexion with the New Brunswick Baptist Association.

	* John Masters, (Moderator,) Hampton.
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	* Lathorp Hammond, Andover.
	* Samuel Robinson, Saint John.
	* James Blakeray, Greenwich.
	* Thomas W. Saunders, Prince William.
	* William Sears, Hillsborough.
	Titus Stone, Sussex Vale.
	* Michael Doyle, Grand Lake.
	* David J. Chase, Waterborough.
	* James Tozer, Blackville, Blissville and Ludlow.
	* J. C. Skinner, Wickham.
	* A. D. Thompson, Saint Andrews.
	Ezekiel Masters, Saint Martins.
	William Pulcifer, Upham.
	* John M'Gee, Maugerville.
	Charles Thorne, Johnston.
	Peter Sprague, Springfield.
	* E. J. Harris, Dumfries, Woodstock & Wakefield.
	Theodore S. Harding, Saint John.
	Nathan Cleveland, Shepody.
	* David Crandall, Springfield.
	* William Harris, Cardigan, Rushagonis and Nashwaak.
	Sanford Boies, Keswick.
	* Thomas M'Gee, Saint George and Pennfield.
	* Benjamin Coy, Canning.
	George Rigby, Kingslear.
	James A. Smith, Wickham.

The following Ministers are employed under direction of the several Missionary Boards, to visit destitute parts of the Province, until they may be called to take charge of a Church:—

James Walker,	James Wallace,
John Mann,	William Hall,
* W. H. Beckwith.	

LICENTIATES.

Abraham S. Hunt,	William Rideout,
W. P. M'Adam,	Joseph Catharine,
Joshua Bunting,	William Grimley.

Those marked thus * are licenced to solemnize Marriage in the Province.

ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	ADDITIONS.			Returned,	Dismissed.....	Excluded,	Died,.....	TOTAL,.....	Money for print- ing the Minutes.
	Restored,.....	By Letters,....	By Baptism,...						
Fredericton,	—	—	4	—	6	5	3	160	£0 18 8
Canning,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82	0 15 0
1st Saint John,	1	5	90	—	23	3	5	398	1 15 0
2nd Saint John,	—	9	23	—	38	—	9	156	0 10 0
Norton,	2	7	35	—	—	1	—	76	0 5 0
1st Salisbury,	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	101	0 10 0
2nd Salisbury,	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	88	0 6 3
1st Sackville,	—	—	5	—	—	3	—	55	0 7 6
1st Springfield,	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	90	0 5 0
Saint George,	2	—	20	—	16	2	4	259	1 0 0
Hampton,	—	—	9	—	3	—	—	53	18 1½
1st Wickham,	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	37	0 7 6
Kingsclear,	1	3	7	1	4	—	—	50	0 5 0
Saint David's,	—	8	18	—	—	—	—	101	0 7 6
Moncton,	—	—	14	—	8	2	1	63	0 4 5
Keswick,	—	2	45	1	—	—	2	119	0 13 10½
1st Saint Martins,	—	—	2	—	1	1	1	190	0 15 2
Cardigan,	1	3	—	—	—	2	1	23	0 5 0
Oromocto,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	0 2 6
Brighton,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	0 6 3
Grand Lake,	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	62	0 2 6
Upham,	—	2	—	—	—	2	2	66	0 5 8
Waterborough,	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	64	0 6 3
Butternut Ridge,	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	62	0 4 9
2nd Saint Patrick,	2	4	18	—	—	2	1	80	0 5 0
Maugerville,	—	1	10	—	—	—	—	42	0 10 0
1st Saint Andrews,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	0 0 0
2nd Sackville,	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	66	0 10 0
Blackville, Blissville and Ludlow,	—	1	18	—	—	3	—	122	0 10 0
Johnston,	—	3	25	—	—	3	3	68	0 5 0
Carleton,	—	10	39	3	1	—	—	78	0 10 0
Prince William,	1	—	26	8	5	1	2	111	0 12 6
Jacksontown,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	0 8 3
Dumfries,	6	—	5	—	—	—	—	43	0 3 1½
African Church,	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	21	0 5 0
Nashwaak,	—	—	9	—	1	—	—	32	0 5 0
2nd Wickham,	—	—	6	—	5	1	—	84	0 10 0
<i>New Churches received the present Session :</i>									
Harvey,	1	5	16	—	—	—	—	22	0 5 0
Pennfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	0 8 0
Grand Manan,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	0 2 6
Woodstock,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	0 8 0
Portland,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	0 7 6
Coverdale,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	0 2 6
2nd Grand Lake,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	0 2 6
Studholm Mill Stream,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	0 1 6
<i>Churches from which no Letters have been received, and are returned the same as last year :</i>									
Hillsborough,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88	0 0 0
New Canaan,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	0 0 0
Hopewell,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	113	0 0 0
Sussex Vale,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	0 0 0
Greenwich,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	0 0 0
Andover,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	0 0 0
1st Saint Patrick,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	0 0 0
2nd Saint Patrick,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	0 0 0
Dorchester,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	0 0 0
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The Fredericton Domestic Missionary Board in Account Current with Zebedee G. Gabel, Treasurer.

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1841.			
July	17.	To balance due Treasurer at Date,.....	£16 4 3½
		“ Amount paid Mr. Sanford Boies, Licentiate, on account of his 4 months Mission, agreeably to the order of the Board on the 19th instant,....	4 0 0
	28.	“ Paid the Rev. D. Chase for 1 week's Missionary labour at the Grand Lake, performed in February 1841,.....	1 10 0
	31.	“ Paid the Rev. Charles Tupper, the Agent for the Christian Messenger, while in the District of this Board, 2 weeks Missionary labour and expenses,.....	3 5 3
Aug.	10.	“ Paid Brother James Parker, for 4 weeks labour performed in the Counties of Carleton and York, at 20s. per week, 80s.; expenses, 1s. 3d.....	4 1 3
	27.	“ Paid Rev. Wm. Harris, on 4 months Missionary labour, performed by him on his 6 months Mission, from 1st May to the 1st September,.....	18 4 4½
Sept.	3.	“ Paid Mr. Aaron Cogswell, Licentiate of the Baptist Chapel at Aylesford, N. S. for five weeks Missionary labour on the North and South Branches of the Oromocto, at 20s. per week, (see Report.).....	5 0 0
Oct.	26.	“ Paid Rev. Mr. Harris, on his 17 weeks Mission, ending 1st September,.....	7 5 7½
		“ Paid Mr. Sanford Boies, Licentiate, amount of his Mission, 28th July, being 13 weeks performed at 20s.....	£13 0 0
		Less this amount,.....	4 0 0
			£9 0 0
		Expenses, &c.....	1 19 6
Dec.	31.	“ Paid Rev. William Harris, for 13 weeks Missionary labour, being from 1st October to date, at 30s..	10 19 6
			19 10 0
1842.			
April.		“ Paid the Rev. William Harris, 13 weeks Missionary labour, being from 1st January, 1842, to the 1st April next, at 30s.....	19 10 0
June.		“ Paid Mr. Sanford Boies, Licentiate, for 8 weeks Missionary labour, at 30s.....	12 0 0
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July	29.	By amount received from Kingsclear, by the hands of Aaron Hartt, their Treasurer,.....	£2 8 0
		“ Received from the Fredericton Domestic Missionary Society, by the hands of James P. A. Phillips, their Treasurer,.....	4 15 3
	16.	“ Received as our amount, in the division of money from the Association, by the hands of the Treasurer of the General Board,.....	16 16 3
			£23 19 6
		Carried forward,.....	

		<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	£23 19 6
1841.	July 16.	By amount received from Waterbury, by the hands of the Rev. D. Chase,.....	4 2 0
		“ Received from Canning Mite Society, by the hands of Mr. John Currie,.....	2 3 3
	“ 19.	“ Minute Money from the Jacksontown Church, since the Association,.....	0 6 6½
	“ 26.	“ Received from Jacksontown Missionary Society, by the hands of the Rev. Thomas Saunders, £1 14 4½. Less, bad Coin, 1s. 3d.....	1 13 1½
	“ 27.	“ Received from the Female Mite Society, 2d Wickham Church, by the Treasurer Miss Mary Ann M'Donald, by the hands of Rev. D. Chase, £6 6 6. Less, bad Coin, 1s. 9d.....	6 4 9
	“ 28.	“ Collected by Rev. D. Chase, at Grand Lake, during his Mission of one week,.....	0 10 0
	“ 31.	“ Collected by Rev. Charles Tupper, at Woodstock,.....	0 11 5
	“ “	“ Donation from Asa Dow to the Rev. Charles Tupper, 5s.....	0 5 0
		“ Collected at Manguerville for Rev. Mr. Tupper, and handed the Treasurer by Mr Cowperthwaite,.....	0 10 0
	Aug. 10.	“ Collected by Brother Parker at Jacksontown, as under, viz :	
		At Jacksontown,.....	£1 9 1
		Woodstock,.....	0 17 6
		Dumfries,.....	0 10 0
		Brighton,.....	0 7 7½
		Donation from Mr. Asa Dow,.....	0 5 0
		Miss Mary Ann Dow,.....	0 5 0
		Donation from Mr. Churchill,.....	0 2 6
			—3 16 8½
	July 11.	“ Received from Missionary Society at N. Branch Oromocto, by Mr. John Nason,.....	2 0 0
		“ Received from Female Mite Society at the Nashwaak, by Mrs. Peters, 19th September, 1840, not before entered, 29s. 4½,.....	1 9 4½
		“ Collected by the Rev. William Harris on his Mission, as under, viz :	
		From Nashwaak, collections,.....	1 7 6
		“ “ Subscribers,.....	3 16 3
		“ the Rushagonis,.....	2 2 0½
		“ Cardigan, collection,.....	0 3 10
		“ from Subscriptions,.....	4 10 0
		“ Fredericton,.....	1 4 9
	Sept. 3.	“ Collected by Mr. Aaron Cogswell, Licentiate, on his 5 weeks Mission, from the Missionary Society, North Branch Oromocto, by Mr. John Nason,.....	0 16 10½
		“ From other collections, &c.....	2 14 4½
	Oct. 26.	“ Collected by Mr. Sanford Boies, Licentiate, while on his Mission,.....	8 3 1½
	Dec. 31.	“ Collected by Rev. Mr. Harris, viz :	
		At Nashwaak,.....	0 3 9
		Do.	2 0 0
		the Rushagonis,.....	0 10 0
		By Mr. Bolter, 2s; Cardigan, 41s. Subscription,.....	2 3 0
		<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....	£76 4 2

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The Baptist Missionary Board in Saint John, in Account with John Smith, Treasurer.

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1841.				
September 2.	Paid Elder J. Walker five weeks Mission, at 30s...	£7	10	0
" 6.	" Elder C. Tupper, two do. do. at 30s...	3	0	0
" "	" Expenses,.....	0	8	4½
October 11.	" Elder J. Walker, five weeks Mission,.....	7	10	0
" "	" Expenses,.....	0	12	6
" 15.	" Elder Mann, 3 months Mission,.....	10	0	0
1842.				
February 17.	" Elder J. Walker,.....	2	0	0
	For 1 dozen Books for Collectors,.....	0	2	0
March 8.	" Elder J. Walker,.....	4	0	0
April 26.	" Do. do.	2	0	0
May 3.	" Do. do.	1	0	0
" 19.	" Do. do,	1	0	0
June 30.	" Do. do.	1	3	8
July 4.	" Do. do.	12	3	0
" 7.	" Do. do. balance due him,.....	1	6	4
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	0	0	11½
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1841.				
July.	By amount received from Treasurer of the General Board, including amount of balance in hand,.....	£16	16	3
September 2.	Collected by Elder J. Walker while on Mission,....	4	9	7½
" 6.	Collected by Elder C. Tupper " "	2	4	6½
October 11.	Collected by Elder J. Walker, " "	2	12	10
	Collected by First Church in Saint John,.....	4	9	9½
1842.				
February 7.	Collected at Missionary Meeting,.....	1	9	3½
" 24.	Mr. C. Hamilton's Donation,.....	0	2	6
March 7.	Collected at Missionary Meeting,.....	1	18	1½
" "	Collected by Miss Battle,.....	0	10	0
April 4.	Collected at Missionary Meeting,.....	1	0	9
" 14.	Cash from Missionary Box,.....	0	6	6½
May 2.	Collected at Missionary Meeting,.....	1	1	1
" "	" by Peter Berryman,.....	0	12	0½
" "	" by George C. Garrison,.....	0	15	5
" "	" by Alphonso Troop,.....	0	14	0
" "	" by Asaph Blakslee,.....	0	3	5
" "	" by Henry Blakslee, Junior,.....	0	7	6
" "	" by William Bunting,.....	0	14	4½
" "	" by George Joyce,.....	0	4	3
July 4.	" by Elder J. Walker at Musquash, Grand Bay, Red Head and Black River,....	12	0	0
" "	" by G. C. Garrison,.....	0	13	4
" "	" by Peter Berryman,.....	0	4	9
" "	" by Alphonso Troop,.....	0	4	9
" "	Cash from Missionary Box,.....	0	10	2
" 6.	Collected at Jubilee Meeting,.....	0	18	6½
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*The Baptist Missionary Board in Westmorland, in Account with
W. Perrigo, Treasurer.*

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1842.			
March 2.	Paid Elder C. Tupper for Missionary labour,.....	£3	0 0
June 18.	“ Elder J. Crandal,.....	7	10 0
27.	“ Elder J. Mann,.....	15	12 8½
	By Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	£3	5 2
			<u>£29 7 10½</u>

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1841.			
	By Balance from last year's Account,.....	£22	3 0
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March 2.	Received of Elder C. Tupper,.....	1	0 0
June 18.	Received of Elder J. Crandal,.....	3	7 2
	Elder J. Crandal's donation,.....	2	5 0
	Received of Elder J. Mann,.....	0	12 8½
			<u>£29 7 10½</u>

WARREN PERRIGO, *Treasurer.*

July 3, 1842.

*The Baptist Missionary Board, Charlotte County, in Account with
John Bradford, Treasurer.*

DR.

1841.			
August 10.	Paid Elder Magee for four weeks Mission,.....	£6	0 0
Sept'ber. 2.	“ Elder Tupper for Missionary labour,.....	3	12 3½
“ 10.	“ Elder Thomson for 2½ weeks Mission,.....	3	15 0
“ 15.	“ For Missionary Account Book,.....	0	3 9
“ “	“ Elder Magee for labour in 1839, and not paid by the Treasurer at that time, per his order,.....	4	0 0
1842.			
Feb. 13.	“ Elder Dickey for Mission,.....	1	10 0
March.	“ Elder John Mann,.....	2	6 8
	“ Elder Magee, 10s., Cash paid to Association, 30s.	2	0 0
			<u>£23 7 8½</u>

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1841.			
August 14.	From the General Board,.....	£14	3 7
“	By collections at Pennfield,.....	1	19 2
Sept. 2.	Collected by Elder Tupper during Mission,.....	1	14 6
1842.			
Feb. 13.	“ at Saint George at Quarterly Meeting,.....	2	10 0
March 15.	“ at Saint David, at protracted Meeting,.....	2	16 8
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	£0	3 9½
			<u>£23 7 8½</u>

*The Baptist Missionary Board in Miramichi, in Account with
R. B. Wasson, Treasurer.*

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1840.	August.	Paid Elder Thomas Magee for 21 weeks Missionary labour in the Parish of Northesk,.....	£31	10	0
1841.	May.	“ Brother Sanford Boies, 4 weeks Mission in Blackville, Blissville and Ludlow,.....	6	0	0
	Nov. 3.	“ Elder Charles Tupper, 2 weeks Mission, in connexion with his Agency in behalf of Christian Messenger,.....	3	0	0
		“ Expenses when performing the above Mission,.....	0	12	10
	Dec. 20.	“ Brother Sanford Boies, 7 weeks Mission in Ludlow, Blissville, Blackville and Northesk,.....	10	10	0
		“ Expenses when on above Mission,.....	0	7	9
1842.	March.	“ Elder James Tozer, 13 weeks Mission in Blackville, Blissville and Ludlow,.....	19	10	0
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By Female Mite Societies in Northesk and Newcastle,.....	£6	1	0
“ Collections taken in Northesk,.....	2	10	10
“ Donations of several Friends in Northesk and Newcastle,.....	6	18	2
“ Donation of Jared Tozer, Esquire,.....	16	0	0
“ Collected in Blackville,.....	6	0	0
“ Collected by Brother Boies in Northesk,.....	0	7	6
“ Cash received from the Fredericton Board,.....	15	4	1
“ Collected by Elder Charles Tupper,.....	2	2	0
“ Collected by Elder James Tozer, in Ludlow,.....	1	3	5
“ Balance due the Treasurer,.....	15	3	7
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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Committee of the Baptist Education Society beg leave to lay before the Society at this its Annual Meeting, a brief account of their proceedings during the past year, and it affords them much pleasure to be enabled to state that within that time the position of the Society, as respects its pecuniary affairs, has much improved.

When they last had the honor of submitting their Annual Report, it was with feelings of much alarm and apprehension, lest the Institution for which they had so long toiled, might, owing to the apathy of the Denomination towards it, be suffered to fall into such embarrassments as would compel the undertaking to be finally abandoned, as they could not feel themselves called upon to sustain the whole expense of its continuance. But subsequent results have happily proved that these fears were unnecessary, and that our Brethren throughout the Province were only waiting to have their attention called up and their minds informed of the necessity of decided efforts in order to be ready to "every good word and work." The representations of the Committee had the desired effect upon the Ministers and Members of the Churches then assembled at the Association, and it was Resolved to take immediate steps to pay off the existing debt of upwards of £900 against the Society. In accordance with which, a list was opened, and at that time and subsequently the full amount was subscribed for, about one half of which has since been paid, and there is good reason to believe that the greater part of the remainder will also be received, though the unparalleled pressure of business at the present time, renders it difficult for many persons to pay the amount of their Subscriptions, as expected.

In addition to the above, the Provincial Legislature have generously granted the sum of £250, to be paid from the Provincial Chest in aid of the purposes of the Society, with the general understanding, that should the Institution be placed under Legislative supervision, an annual grant would be made for the same object.

But although so much has been done, there are still difficulties presenting themselves to the minds of the Committee, and they feel desirous to caution the Society, as well as the Denomination generally, against entertaining the impression, that there is now less need for their exertions than heretofore. The debt has been materially lessened it is true, but a balance still remains due, to liquidate which, continued assistance is required.

One of the objects of the Society from its commencement has been, to place the advantages of a liberal education more generally within the reach of the youth of the Province, by placing the charges for Tuition and Board at the Seminary at an exceedingly low rate, which can only be sustained by the number of pupils being increased very much. To this point therefore the Committee are anxious to draw the attention of the friends of the Institution, and to urge upon them the necessity of some further exertions in behalf of this means of supporting its interests.

Another important object of the Society the Committee deem to be, the enabling of the Institution, with the support it may receive from the Legislature, eventually, to support itself; and in order to do this, it is necessary that it should be furnished with efficient Teachers, a Library, Philosophical Instruments, &c., that it may stand on a level with other Institutions of a similar character, and be entitled to Legislative support on the ground of its general utility. The Committee would therefore recommend an amount of support to be afforded equal to the accomplishment of these objects as soon as practicable, feeling assured that that would be the best possible course to be pursued, in order to lighten the subsequent burthen of the support of the Institution.

Aware that the ill state of Mr. Randall's health would compel him to relinquish the charge of the School at the close of the last Term, the Committee placed themselves in correspondence with the Committee of the Baptist Colonial Missionary Society in England, as also with Doctor Murch, President of Stepney College, London, and Doctor Davis, President of the Upper Canada Baptist College, with a view to the procurement of a suitable person to fill the vacancy; and, although they are not able to state any thing conclusive, with respect to that subject, they are not without hopes that these communications may eventually lead to the accomplishments of their wishes.

It would be comparatively easy to procure a person from the United States, well qualified as respects scientific attainments to discharge the duties of Principal to the Institution. But the Committee have felt that it is important that the person filling that office should be one entertaining the political feeling and predilections of the Country, who would, as opportunity offered, instil into the minds of those under his charge, those principles of loyalty and good government which, by the promotion of order and morality among the people, materially subserve the cause of Religion.

The Rev. Mr. Tupper has therefore been engaged, in the meantime, to take charge of the male department after the present Vacation, and will continue, it is expected, until an opportunity of engaging a permanent Principal should offer.

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the Female Department at the close of the last term, whose place however will be filled by Mrs. Akerley, a lady who the Committee trust will prove every way qualified to fulfil the duties of the place.

It was the painful task of the Committee, to record not long since the death of one of their most valued Members, Mr. George Miles, of Maugerville, and they have now with feelings of still deeper regret to record the death of the Rev. F. W. Miles, another of their number, which took place in February last, and to whom more than any other individual, the Society is indebted for its success hitherto. Having connected himself with our undertaking at its commencement, he continued ever after to manifest the most devoted attachment to its interests, making them every where next to the Ministry of the Gospel, the paramount object of his labors, and though compelled by the disease which ultimately terminated his life, to withdraw from the direction of the School some time before his death took place, he continued until the last to evince the same deep anxiety for the welfare of the Institution, and assist the Committee by his judicious counsels and advice, which will long be remembered by them.

Although events like those to which allusion has just been made, may appear in some measure calculated to depress the minds of the Committee, they yet desire to acknowledge with gratitude the favorable indications of Providence towards the enterprize in which the Society is engaged, experienced in too many instances to permit them to doubt that heaven approves of their labors, and they would also recognize in these occurrences of a seemingly adverse kind, an admonition not to depend too exclusively on the single efforts of any one of the numerous friends of our undertaking, but that it is necessary for all to be alike zealous and active in promoting its welfare, and further, they would admit that they have been taught that all human instrumentality, however efficient, is under the control of that gracious Being from whom all power is derived, and to procure whose benediction upon our labors, should be our first and permanent object.

For Resolutions, see Minutes, Page 8.

The New Brunswick Baptist Education Society in Account with the Committee of Management.

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July 15.	To	balance due per Account published July 15, 1841,	£996	14 4
"	"	paid for 1 Stove and Pipe,.....	£5	0 0
"	"	paid Rev. I. E. Bill's expenses to Saint John, on business for the Society in April, 1841,.....	2	0 0
"	"	paid for repairs and other contingent expenses for the year,.....	11	0 7
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"	"	cost of Fuel and attendance for the year,	17	19 8
"	"	paid Rev. S. Robinson as Agent for taking up Subscriptions for the Society,.....	8	0 0
"	"	paid Rev. W. H. Beckwith's Agency for taking up Subscriptions, and collecting money for the Society,.....	50	18 7½
"	"	paid Mr. Randal's Salary for three Terms, to date,.....	137	10 0
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"	"	paid Mr. M'Adam's Salary as Assistant Teacher, for three Terms,.....	15	0 0
"	"	paid Mr. M'Adam's Board for Summer period,.....	12	7 6
"	"	paid Mrs. Needham's Salary for the year,	100	0 0
"	"	paid Interest for the past year,.....	52	1 10½
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July 15.	By	amount of donations received during the past year,..	£419	13 11½
"	"	Rev. W. H. Beckwith's donation,.....	12	10 0
"	"	Rev. S. Robinson's donation,.....	10	0 0
"	"	amount received for Tuition for the past year,.....	115	17 11
"	"	amount received from charges to meet expense of Fuel and attendance,.....	8	14 0
"	"	Legislative Grant,.....	250	0 0
				£816 15 10½
		Balance carried forward to new Account,.....	591	16 8½
				<u>£1,408 12 7</u>
		By amount due and not collected, for Tuition, about,.....	£75	0 0

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Sabbath School Union met at 2 o'clock on Saturday. Sermon preached by the Rev. W. H. Beckwith, the Agent of the Union. After which he submitted a Report of the state of the Schools in the Province, which was adopted, and of which the following is an abstract:—

There are 38 Schools connected with 26 Churches of the Denomination, being an increase of 10 Churches and 17 Schools from last year. In these Schools there are about 1500 Children and 250 Teachers. About half of the Schools have Circulating Libraries, the number of volumes, in all of which, amounts to upwards of 1800.

After the adoption of the Report, the following Resolutions were adopted:—

Moved by Mr. William Hall, seconded by Rev. Thomas M'Gee—

RESOLVED, That we view the Institution of Sabbath Schools as a valuable auxiliary in the promotion of true Religion.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Mann, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Bill—

RESOLVED, That in the judgment of this Union, it is the imperative duty of the Baptist Association of New Brunswick, to establish and promote Sabbath Schools throughout every section of this Province; it was also

RESOLVED, That the Officers of the present year be continued the same as last year, and that a meeting of the Union be held next year, on the Saturday previous to the meeting of the Association, at the place where the Association may be held; the meeting to commence at 2 o'clock, A. M., and the Rev. David Crandall to preach a Sermon appropriate to the occasion.