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N N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIA

SACKVILLE, N. B., July S. 1852.

The Ministers and Brethren composing the Bestern New Brunswick Baptist Association convened at the First Baptist Chapel in Sackville, at about half past 9 o'clock, A. M., and organized by appointing

ELDER WILLARD G. PARKER, Moderator.

BROTHER ISAIAH WALLACE, Clerk.

ELDER JAMES NEWCOMB, Assistant Clerk.

The Introductory Sermon was then preached by Elder J. Newcomb, from Matt. 28: 18th, 19th, and 20th verses; after which the following Officers were appointed, viz:

BROTHER JAMES ANDERSON; Treasurer of Domestic Missions, Minute Money and Monies for Union Society.

BROTHER THOMAS ANDERSON, TREASURER of Association.

ELDER J. NEWCOMB, Financial Secretary.

Unanimously Replied; That the Delegates and Bruhran from Nova Scotia and Western New Breaswick Associations, legather with Brethran recommended by Delegates, take their costs, and participate in the deliberations.

The following Brethren took their seats as mem-

bers of the Association, vis:

Dr. Crusse. Delegate frest Nova Scotia Central Reptist Astion; Elder C. Tapper, Delegate from the N. S. Western B Association; Elder J. Shaw, Delegate from the N. S. Eastern itst Association; Elder J. Davier, Agint for the Association; elder J. Davier, Agint for the Association; Elder J. Davier, Parist for the Association; Elder J. Davier, Parist Portrand Foreign Minny; Elder B. Goots, from Charlette; F. E. Lip Elder W. H.

Pagwash; Elder J. Rowe, Maccan; Elder J. V. Tabor, Stewiacke; Elders S. Robinson, G. F. Miles, A. D. Thomson, E. Clay, J. Francis, and C. Spurden, A. M., Principal of the Baptist Seminary, Fredericton, and Brethen R. H. Emmerson, H. Angell, and Jac. Hurd, Licentiates. Brother E. H. Duval, J. Moran, Esq., and Brether P. Knight, French Missionary.

The following Committees were appointed:

To Examine Letters.—Elders D. Crandal, G. F. Miles, J. Bunt, ing, and W. Jackson.
To Read Letters—Elders Francis, Coleman, Sears, and Dr. Cramp.

On Special Business—Elders J. Francis, J. Herrit, G. F. Miles, S. Robinson, W. Jackson, J. Rowe, J. Bunting, Dr. Cramp, and R. H. Emmerson.

To Examine Circular Letter-Elder C. Spurden and Brother E. H. Duval.

On Colportage—Elders A. Mutch, J. Bleakney, E. F. Foshay, J. Herrit, J. V. Tahor, J. Francis, and Brethren R. II. Emerson, and J. Reed.

On the Christian Visitor—Elders Robinson, Dr. Cramp, C. Spurden, G. F. Miles, J. Francis, R. E. Burpe, D. Crandal, and Brethren E. H. Duval, and F. Wallace.

OA Missions-Dr. Cramp, Elders R. E. Burpe, G. F. Miles, J. Davis, W Jackson, A. D. Thomson, P. Duffy, J. Francis, and Brother Peter Knight.

The following is a list of the Churches from which Letters were received and read, with the names of their Delegates:

Sussex—Elder T. Stone and J. Newcomb.

3rd Springfield—Brother D. Crandal, jun.

2nd Moncion—Elders D. Crandal, and J. Newcomb.

Point de Bule-Elder W. G. Perker, Brethren S. Miner, W. C. Fillmore, Rufus Fillmore, Walter Irvine.

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Upper Loch Lomend—Elder W. Jackson, Deagen J. Tabor, Jas. Stackhouse, E. Tradwell. 1st Backville—Elder J. Francis, Brethren John Anderson, John

Tingley, John Seare, James Auderson.

Norton—Elder J. Herrit.

2nd Sackville—Elder W. A. Coleman, Brethren E. Reed, C. Har-

and Sackviste — Eider W. A. Coleman, Brethren E. Reed, C. Harper, and John Lawder.
Upham—Elder J. Bunting, Deacon J. Tabor, Brother J. Brown.

Hopewell—Elder J. Wallace, Deacon E. N. Bennett. Harvey—Elder E. Foshay, Brethren W. Fillmore, S. West. 1st Dorchester—Elder W. Sears, Brethren R. Cole, Geo Buck,

Gid. Back, Jones Cole.

2nd St Martins—Elder W. Jackson.

1st Salisbury—Elder J. Crandal.

2nd Salisbury—Elder J. Herrit, Brethren Jonathen Bleakney, C. Kinnear, J. C. Jones.

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2nd Elgin-Elder J. Bunting, Brother J. S. Colpitt.

2nd Wickham-Elder J. Bleakney.

Buller nut Ridge-Brother Jonathan Hicks.

Hillsborough-Elders J Crandal, and P. Duffy, Deacon Edward McLatchy, and Brother W. Wallace. 1st Moncton-Elders D. Crandal and J. Newcomb.

1st Elgin-Brother Solomon Smith.

Ist Springfield-Brethren J. C. Hurd, and D. Crandal, jun.

. After prayer by Dr. Cramp, adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Chas. Tupper. The remaining Committees were then appointed.

On the Union Society-Elders C. Tupper, D. Crandal, M. Paiker, B. Scott, J. Rowe, W. Hobbs, and Brother J. C. Hurd. On the Bible Question-Elders J. Davis, W. Hobbs, P. Duffy, J.

Wallace, and E. F. Foshay.

On Education-(General and Theological)-Dr. Cramp, Elders C. Spurden, S. Robinson, C. Tupper, R. E. Barpe, E. F. Foshay, Joseph Crandal, J. Davis, and Brethren Angel, Duval and J. Moran, Esq.

To prepare a Memorial in reference to our Departed Brethren-Elders C. Spurden and Dr. Cramp.

On Sabbath Schools-Elders Coleman, E. F. Foshay, B. Scott, R. H. Emmerson and Descen Jesse Tabor.

To Audit Accounts Labon Lawrence, W. Wallace and J. C.

Resolved. That this Association hold its next annual Meeting at Hillsborough on the Saturday preceding the third Monday after the 20th of June. 1853; that the exercises commence at 2 o'clock, p. m., by a conference to be continued till 5 p. m., at which hour the Association shall be organized, and proceed to business; and that the Constitution of this Association be modified accordingly.

Resolved, That Elder J. Bunting preach the Introductory Sermon; and that in case of failure, Elder J. Wallace.

Resolved, That Elder J. Newcomb write the Circular Letter. Resolved, That Elders J. Crandal, J. Wallace, and E. F. Foshay, and Brother R. E. Steves, be a Committee of Arrangement for the Association next year.

Resolved, That Elder Joseph Crandell, be our Delegate to the Western N. B. Baptist Association, and that Elder J. Wallets be his alternate.

Resolved, That W. A. Coleman be delegated to the Eastern N. S. Baptist, Association, to be held at Pugwash, next week.

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Resolved, That Elder J. Trancis be delegated to the Central N. S. Baptist Association, and that Elder W. Sears be his alternate. Resolved, That Elder W. Jackson be Delegate to the Western N. S. Baptist Association, and that Elder D. Crandel be his alternate.

Resolved, That Brethren Fred. Sears, Jas. Anderson, S. Minor, E. Reed, and Edward Bowes be our Delegates to the Convention

to be held in Sackville next September.

Resolved, That Brother Isaiah Wallace be requerted to superinted the princing of the Minutes this year, and that 900 copies be printed and circulated; that the Churches be requested to send a larger amount of Minute money next year than they have done this, in order that the Constitution, Articles and Covenant may be printed with the Minutes.

Resolved, That Elders C. Tupper and Robinson be a Committee to revise the Articles and Covenant of this Association to be sub-

raitted at its next Annual Meeting.

The Committee to examine the Circular Letter, having attended to their duty, recommended its being read; the Letter was then read by its author, and it was

Resolved, That it be received and printed in the Minutes.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock this evening. Prayer by Elder W. Hobbs.

Monday Evening, 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother Davis.

The Committee on Missions submitted their Report, (see Appendix A.,) which embraced the Foreign, Domestic, and French Missions. Forcible and touching addresses were then made in support of these several missions by Dr. Cramp, Elders A. D. Thomson, R. E. Burpe, G. F. Miles, and Brother Knight. The Report was adopted.

A collection was then taken amounting to £7 10s. 3d. Adjourned to meet te-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Prayer by brother Robinson.

Tuesday, 6th July, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Elder C. Tupper. Preaching by Elder S. Robinson, from Dan. ii. ntral N., rnate, Western is alter-

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44. The Meeting was addressed by Elder J. Davis, the Agent for the American and Foreign Bible Society. A collection was then taken for the support of his object, amounting to £4 8s. 3d.

The Committee on Education submitted their Report, (see Appendix B.,) which was ably sustained by the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Cramp. The importance of endowing Acadia College was earnessly enforced. He was followed by Brother E. H. Düval, from St. John, who pleaded energetically the cause of Education generally, and the duty of benevolence.

The Report was adopted.

The principal of the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton then submitted the Report of the N. B. Baptist Education Society, and spoke in favor of the Endowment of Acadia College. Brother Robinson and Brother Thomson also warmly supported the endowment scheme. The Report submitted by Brother Spurden was unanimously adopted — (See Appendix C.)

The Committee on the "Christian Visitor" submitted their Report, which was adopted. (See Appendix D.). The claims of the Visitor on our Brethren in this Province were clearly set forth by Elders Robinson and G. F. Miles.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Brother Bunting.

Tuesday Afternoon, 3 Calcak, PM.

Prayer by Brother W. A. Coleman.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their Report, which was adopted. (See Appen. E.) The Committee on Special Business submitted

the following Report.—Adopted :—viz.

The Committee on Special Business Report; That this Committee cannot recommend the Association to receive the letter or the persons sent as Messengers from the Church at Coverdale.

Signed in behalf of the Committee. J. HERRIT. Chairman.

The Committee on the Bible Question submitted their Report, which was adopted. (See App. F.) . The object was sustained by Elders J. Davis

and C. Tupper in appropriate remarks.

The Committee on Union Societies submitted their Report. Addresses were delivered in connexion therewith by Elders C. Tupper, J. Rowe, Dr. Cramp, J. Francis, G. F. Miles. Adopted .-(See App. G.)

Resolved, That this Association appoint a Board of Domestic Missions, consisting of a Delegate from each Church that contributes

not less than £1 to the Union Society. And further

That the Board transact the Home Missionary Business, and appropriate its funds for the ensuing year, before the close of each aunual meeting. And further,

That the following brethren, who are du'y qualified, compose such Board for the present year. - J. Francis, W. G. Parker, E. F. Foshay, D. Czandal, J. Newcomb, J. Herrit, W. A Coleman, R. E. Steves, and W. Jackson.

The account of the Norton Missionary Board was presented by Brother Tupper, and adopted. It may be seen in the Appendix.

The Committee on Colportage submitted their

Report, which was adopted. (See App. H.) Resolved, That Elder Donald McPhail be adopted as an additional Colporteur, by this Association, and that the Churches be recommended to give him every assistance in his labours of love.

Resolved, That the proceedings of Brethren D. Crandal and G. F. Miles in engaging Brother Knight for the French Mission be approved by this Association, and that Brother Knight be now recognized as a Baptia' Missionary to the French population of this Province.

Further Resolved, That the concerns of the French Mission he managed by a Committee consisting of Elders G. F. Miles, D. Crandal, and J Newcomb, and Brother J. F. Masters, who is heraby requested to act as Trensurer of the Funds which may be contributed for this purpose; that the pastors be affectionately urged to present the claims of the Mission to the Churches under their care; and that the Brethren generally be requested to extend sympathy and hospitality to the Missionary, and to "bring him forward on his journey after a godly sort."

Resolved. That the Officers of the General Union Society continue as last year, viz. :- Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. 1 H. Bill, E. H. Duval, S. Hersey, J. F. Marsters, W. Hayward, J. Christopher, W. Buchanan, T. McHenry, G. F. Borns, S. Kinsman, R. Stevens, John Smith, A. McL. Seely, Jas. Brayley, G. A. Garrison, Dr. S Fitch.

Adjourned to To'clock. Prayer by bro. Spurden.

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Tuesday Evening, 7 o'clock.

Prayer by the Moderater. Listened to preaching by Elder W. Jackson, from Mat. 12, 21.

Brother J. H. Hughes spoke at the close of the sermon in connexion with the text.

Resolved, That Brother E. F. Foshay's bill of expenses for attending as our Delegate, the Central and Western N. S. Baptist Associations, be received and paid.

Resolved, That this Association hereby acknowledge the marked kindness that has characterized the conduct of the Inhabitants of this place toward the Ministers, Delegates, and Brethren, composing that Body, during the present Session; and that its sincere thanks is bereby tendered to the Brethren and friends of Sackwille for the hospitality thus manifested.

A Collection was then taken towards liquidating the debt on the Colporteur Horse, amounting to £2 9s.

The following Minutes of the Meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board held in the 1st Baptist Chapel, Sackville, 6th July, 1852 were read and approved.

Resolved, That Elder J. Nowcomb be Secretary and Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Board.

Resolved, That Elder D. Crandal receive £2 10s. for Missionary labour performed up to the present time.

Resolved, That Elder J. Blenkney be appointed Missionary of this Board, and labor between Bay de Vorte and Canada, and that he report to the Board to meet at Sackville on the third Saturday in September next. All which is respectfully sebmitted.

JAMES NEWCOMB, Secretary.

Resolved, That it is sincerely to be regretted that so many of the Churches in connexion with this Association have neglected to Report themselves by letter at this our Annual Meeting, and that such Churches are earnestly ontreated to neglect no longer a duty so necessary and so satisfactory to all parties.

The Committee appointed to prepare a memorial in reference to departed Brethren read their Report to a deeply solemn audience. (See Appendix I.) Prayer by Dr. Cramp.

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to send a cony of the above Memorial to Mrs. Very, and also to the "Christian Visitor," and "Christian Messenger"

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and the Association then adjourned to meet in Hillsboro' on the Saturday preceding the 3d Monday after the 20th of June, 1853.

WILLARD G. PARKER, Moderator.

ISAIAH WALLACE, Clerk.

JAMES NEWCOMB, Assistant Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

To the Churches, comprising the Western New-Brunswick Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In selecting a subject for your consideration, and upon which to address you in this Annual Epistle we have thought proper to lead your minds to the importance of dasty and prayerfully searching the Scriptures. This is an express command of the Lord Jesus, and as such is fraught with solemn importance, as it developes the true character of the only living and true God, so far as it halb been his pleasure to reveal it, and contains a vivid revelation of his mind and will concersing us; in both of which it is very important that our minds should be well instructed, without which we shall not be likely to glorify God, nor prove that blessing to the world which we should; neither can we attain to that very desirable stage in the heavenly science without a cheerful response to the injunction, "Search the Scriptures."

It is written "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in rightecomess," of all of which we need to possess a competent knowledge, in order that we may shine as lights in the world. The sword of the spirit is quick and powerful, able to make wise unto salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ. "The law of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoing the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

The law of the Lord, perfect; the testimony of the Lord, sure; the statutes of the Lord, right; the commandment of the Lord, pure; the fear of the Lord, clean; the judgments of the Lord, tree: recommending itself by the most endearing epithets, and spon the most inviting terms to every human ear, saying counsel is mine, and sound wisdom, I am understanding; I have strength; riches and honer are with me, yen, durable riches and righteomases. Now therefore hearken unto it, O children, for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise and refuse it not, for Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gate, waiting at the posts of my doors." "For whose finded the findeth

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life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord." The Apostle Peter informs us that we have in the Scripture "a more sure word of prophesy whereunto we do well to take need, as unto a light shining in a dark place, and that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation, for it came not in old time by the will of man. but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." It is a light to our feet, a lamp to our path, a guide to our youth, a staff to our age. A modern writer upon the excellency of the Scriptures says that whether in a national, domestic, or personal point of view, Bible Rule is the most effective, the most enduring, the most beneficent, and the most economical, -it is effective because it rules the heart, enduring, for it promotes love and charity; the best preventive of internal discontents, and surest bond of union, against exterior aggression; beneficient, for it ensures the profit, both of this world, and of that which is to come, fitting men for the purest happiness in either, when accompanied by the powerful influence of the Spirit of God, for we are fully persuaded that no Christian can possess health of soul, nor be growing in grace, or in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, without being daily conversant with, and possessing a fervent love for the Scriptures; indeed every Christian mind ought to be deeply imbued with a competent conception of the word of life, in the possession. of which he will arrive at that desirable stage of Christian experience, to be steadfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that his labour is not in vain in the Lord. Our gorious Head, by way of shewing the necessity of our taking the Scripture for our infullible guide, while preaching the gospel, often said, "Thus it is written." Daniel referred to what was noted in the Feriptures of truth. The Apostle Paul, that bold asserter of Jehovah's hogor, often said "What saith the Scripture ?" Seeing therefore that we are compassed about with so great a cloudof witnesses, I would ask, is it not of equal importance that we do. imitate those who now through faith and patience inherit the promises? The Holy Scriptures is the glorious medium through which God's people are sanctified. " Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth," said the blessed Jesus to his heavenly Father just before he died. " Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." "If any man hear not my word, I judge him not, but the word that I speak shall judge him at the last day." If our religion, our doctrine, our practice, our objects, or our aims, fulls short of compatibility with the Scriptures, we must reasonably expect to suffer loss at the last day.

When Jesus opens the understanding of his people to understand-the Scriptures, we are led to exclaim in the language of the disciples, with animated epirits and capitivated souls, "did not our hearta burn within us," while we gaze with astonishment and pleasing delight upon the finished work of our glorious and ascended Lord, alining in every page, his glorious precepts and cougsels in every chapter, his examples in every paragraph, and his love in every line, and whispers in immocal strains, children follow on, because I live you shall live also." I say then, "Search the Scriptures for in them ye

think ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of me." Dear Brethren,-In reflecting upon the soul-stirring and heartthrilling appeals which have hitherto been made from pulpit, press, and platform, is our annual circulars, and otherwise, relative to the importance of entire devotedness to God; or of zeal and activity in the cause of God, yet it still appears needful to suffer the word of exhortation. Let us look around and we behold in every direction at home and abroad inviting fields of Christian enterprise presented before us; the fields all white and ready to harvest, and a voice whispering in the ears of the messengers of salvation, enter ye into the harvest, with the solemn weight of "woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel," and who for a moment can reflect upon the state of the perishing millions destined to the judgment-seat, in possession of immortal spirits, who in point of duration, must endure an eternity of inexpressible woe, co-eval with the existence of Diety, except they be converted and made new creatures, and not feel bowels of compassion roll for their salvation.

Dear Brethren,-Let us do, and do now, what we can, and not leave what can be done to-day to a later period, for we who compose the present generation will soon be gone, and there is no device nor work to be done in the grave. We are differently circumstanced, and our resources are more ample, than they were in the days of the Apostles, yet they isboured indefatigably, and did what they could, and we read with delight the success that attended their doings, let us imitate their example and go and do likewise. obedience of our glorious head was spotless, ours ought to be as

near it as possible.

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich." He drank the gall to give us wine to quench our parching thirst, even the salvation of our souls, is his gift, his sovereign claims upon us are reasonable, equitable, and just. The gold and silver are his, and the cattle upon a thousand hills; we are but stewards, and what we possess belongs to him, and it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful, and there is some who can with propriety say we can do sothing, and we pity such who feel disposed to say we will do nothing. We can all do something, and in order to carry out this great work even the feebler members of the body are necessary, and the equitable law of His kingdom is according to what a man hath, and not to what he hath not. God is pleased to accomplish his gracious designs of love and mercy in the salvation of sinners, in the use of

means; faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Every Christian's life should be a life of prayer. The command
is "Enter into thy closet." In short "Pray without ceasing, and
in everything give thanks." "If you love me," said Jeans, "keep my commandents." "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear my commanders where the state of th you out of darkness into his marvelloss light;" " Diligent in business, fervent in Spirit, serving the Lord." While the Christian

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is living a life corresponding with those precepts, he is prepared to use the things of this world as not abasing them. Let us ever bear in mind not to undervalue temporal favours, because he giveth us richly all things to enjoy, and a capacity of relishing them is his Likewise the consideration of his love in bestowing should exceedingly enhance their value, and a regard to his will should regulate their use.

Dear Brethren,-Let as remember, that two mites,-a cup of cold water, -our five shillings, -our ten pounds, or twenty pounds, -is not forgotten before God, and whilst we are thus discharging the duty we owe to God and our fellow-men, in casting into God's Treasury, we are engaged in carrying means into effect for the emancipation of souls from darkness to light, and from the power of

Samn unto God.

The Lord grant an increase in all our souls of the Spirit that dwelt in the Lord Jesus When the people possess a mind to work, the demolished walls of our Zion must go up, then all the claims of our denomination can and will be cheerfully responded to, our rerources are ample; God grant a willing mind. While we deeply lament the loss of our lats esteemed Brother, Rev. E. D. Very, from the walls of our Zion, whose sainted spirit has gone to the great association above, may his mantle fall on some other to fill up the vacancy, while we bow with humble submission to that inscru tible providence that orders all things well,

Dear Brethren,-With these things in view, we say go on pressing after the full possession of that salvation, of which you see the need, and that grace which renders sin loathsome and Christ lovely in your view, may serve as a fresh impetus daily to a more strict observance of whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whitenever things are just, whatenever things are pure, wintsnever things are levely, whatsoever things are of good report, i there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these

things.

Norton Missionary Board in account with John Hayes.

Paid Elder James B'ackney a balance due him from the Westmoreland Missionary Board,

Paid Elder James Tremble for six weeks mission to the English Settlement and Head of Washedemouk Lake,

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By Cash from S. Hersey, Balance on hand,

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JOHN HAYES, Sec'y and Treasurer.

Norton, June 27th, 1852.

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APPENDIX.

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REPORT ON MISSIONS. The Committee on Mission beg to report:

The whole subject of Missions is of the highest interest and importance to Christians and Christian Churches. Every Christian is constituted a Missionary at his conversion, and is bound to make known the gospel to the utmost of his power, throughout his whole life. Every Christian Church is a Missionary Institution, brought under sacred obligation to communicate the truth to all men.

Domestic Missions are the natural expression of Christian patriotism. Your Committee are of opinion that these Missions demand much more liberal support and much more systematic management than they have yet received. Weak Churches require sympathy and help; destitute districts call for benevolent provision. Your Committee rejoice in what has been done already in this Province; nevertheless, they think that more may be accomplished, and they beg to suggest the desirableness of the appointment of one or more Missionaries, in suitable Districts, for twelve months at a time, with a special view to the establishment of Baptist Churches.

The French Missions brings us into contact with Popery, opposi-tion to which form of Anti-Christian spostacy is peculiarly binding on Baptists. The Committee rejoice to learn that the spirit of inquiry begins to be manifested among the Roman Catholic population of this Province, and that the labours of Brother Knight have excited considerable attention, the priesthood having opposed with characteristic zeal the diffusion of knowledge and truth. It is confidently hoped that the Churches will continue to sustain this interesting Mission.

With regard to the Foreign Mission, your Committee regret to find that the health of Brother Burpe has not been sufficiently restored to warrant the expectation of his return to the former scene of his labours; he has been able, however, to render efficient sid by visiting the Churches, and awakening of reviving Musicaary at-Brother Arthur Crawley, who has just completed his studies at Newton, has been accepted as a candidate for foreign service, and will be prepared to depart for the station appointed him as soon as the Board shall give the necessary instructions.

The Committee are informed that the Missionary Board have resolved that it is expedient to be connected with the American Buptist Missionary Union, and have entered into correspondence with the Secretary of that Institution, with a view to ascertain whether such connection can be formed with due regard to the independence of the Board, and its seperate action as far as the same may be deemed desirable. This resolution harmonizes with a similar one passed by this Association last year. The proposed arrangement is contemp taged T ceive despa

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The Committee carnestly hope that the Foreign Mission will receive enlarged support, so that two Missionaries may be shortly despatched to the Foreign field.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

[B.] REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee Report as follows .

The Academy at Fredericton enjoys an encouraging degree of prosperity, as will fully appear from the Report of the Education Society, which will be laid before the Association. It is unnecessary, therefore, to enlarge on that subject; and your Committee lave only to commend the Institution to the sympathy of the Denomination, and to arge its claims to more extensive patronage and support. The number of pupils would be considerably increased if the Baptists of the Province duly appreciated the advantages and blessings of education.

Acadia College, the Committee have reason to believe, has been conducted during the year in a satisfactory manner. The Report of the studies of the year appears in the Visitor of the 11th ultimo. The same number of the paper contains an account of the Examination, and of the proceedings at the Anniversary; that article was the last production of the pen of the late lamented Editor, the Rev. E. D. Very, who repeatedly expressed the high gratification he experienced on the occasion of his visit to the College.

Your Committee observe, that in the Theological Department, but little has been yet accomplished; the President having been compelled to undertake the duties of the Classical Professor. This is much to be regretted. It is an evil which ought to be speedily corrected, by such an increase in the number of Professors, as will ensure a proper division of labour, and a just meaure of attention to all the branches of instruction, Literary and Theological.

Rejoicing in the spread of knowledge among the people, and the wide circulation of useful books, creating an appetite for yet more extensive information, the Committee are of opinion that the education of candidates for the Christian Ministry assumes in-creasing importance, and that it-cannot be neglected without incurring the risk of great detriment and loss. Religious instructors should be well informed in all respects, and able to take the lead in advancing social interests and improving the condition of the community. But in order to this, education is necessary-and your Committee deem it their duty to place on record the expression of their serious conviction—that all young men who contemplate engagement in the ministry, should avail themselves of the opportunities now afforced for gaining intellectual cultivation and general traowledge, as well as for acquiring critical skill in the interpreta-tion of the Scriptures, and acquaintance with the history of the Church of Christ. If they neglect to do so, they will experience, ere many years have elepsed, much disappointment and dis and may expect to suffer the regrets associated with failure.

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Your Committee advert, in conclusion, to the important subject of the endowment of Acadia College. They are fully convinced of its necessity. Unless it be secured the Institution is in imminent peril of sinking. Such a calamity would involve the Denomination in unmitigated disgrace, and expose it to the contempt of the community, as unable or unwilling to sustain those arrangements by means of which Christianity, as professed by Baptists, may be contemplated in its connection with knowledge, and salutory influence on society at large. A disaster so distressing must be averted. Acadia College must be endowed. Its fall, after so much toil and expense, and extended usefulness, and high hopes, would be an affliction without solace or expectation of relief.

Your Committee, therefore, advise the adoption of the following

resolution :-

That the continuance of Acadia College is essentially connected with the prosperity of the flaptist Denomination; that an enlargement of the means of instruction in that Institution, by the appointment of additional Professors is absolutely necessary, and that in order to the accomplishment of this result, the Churches of the Ass. ciation be earnestly recommended to contribute liberally to the Endowment Fund, and thus to aid in placing the Coilege on a permanent foundation.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. FOUNDED A. D., 1886.

In presenting a Report of their proceedings during the past year, the Committee rejoice to state that the Seminary at Fredericton still continues in a prosperous condition; the number of Students and Pupils has been steadily increasing, and, during the year, has been larger than for many years past; sixty-five having been under instruction at the Seminary, and the average weekly attendance having been over forty. They cannot but regard the increase in numbers, which has marked the past year, as an indication of prosperity and progression, for which they are bound to give thanks to the Grent Dispuser of all things. Convinced as they are that upon the efficiency of our Educational Institutions depends, under God, much of the future welfare and advancement of the Denomination in these Provinces, they are rejoiced at witnessing the slightest evidence of increasing interest on the subject, especially when it presents likelf in the form of extending confidence in the lastitution whose operations they are employed in directing.

From the statement of the cash account it will be seen that the debt has been reduced full Twenty Pounds this year; and in this way the liabilities of the Society have become limited to the two sums that bear interest, amounting together to £575. The Committee have authorized the outly of a large sum on repetrs and painting, which were absolutely required for the preservation and appearance of the building; and which they would inve underwhen earlier, had they felt themselves justified in adding to the debt of the Society; presuming however that they may rely upon their resources bei to incu ced the

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The Committee are gratified to learn that a most friendly feeling is entertained towards the Institution in many parts of the Province; and that a disposition extensively prevails to make a united effort to clear off the debt of the Society, which is annually absorbing a large part of income in the shape of interest. This evidence of growing confidence and sympathy affords them much encouragement; and they have only been deterred from attempting to liquidate the debt, by the pressing claims of Acadia College, and the necessity which exists for securing an endowment in order to its efficiency, if not They have therefore, for the present, cheerfully its very existence. abandoned all thought of dividing the interests of the friends of education, and presenting any claim that might in the least interfere with so important and noble an object, as that of placing the Col-

lege on a footing of permanent security.
The Committee have the mournful duty of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of their esteemed Brother, the late Rev. Sumuel Elder, of whose counsel and co-operation they have been deprived by death, since the presentation of their last Report. The intelligent interest which he always took in the prosperity of the Institution; the stimulus afforded by his own high position in mental cultivation; the advantage of his ministerial labours to the young men who attended the Seminary; his fraternal intercourse with those who had contemplated the dedication of their lives to the duties of the Christian Ministry; the salutary and judicious advice which he never failed to give on every occasion of perplexity; all combined to render him a most valuable auxiliary to the Committee and Officers of the Institution. May the Lord who has removed his servant from these ministrations on earth, cause his example and counsels to be beneficially remembered by those who enjoyed his fellowship.

The Committee cannot close their Report without adverting to the painful stroke, by which the Education Society, in common with every other denominational enterprise, has been deprived of the able and powerful advocacy of the late Rev. E. D. Very; while they only with a stater institution in deploting the untimely and of the late lamented Professor Chipman. The removal of these vale-ed brothers, at the present crisis, appears fraught with momentous consequences to the entire body. They desire to be taught submission under this sad bereavement, and pray that the Lord will be graciously pleased to supply the vacancies, which have thus been made in the churches of Christ, and the schools of the Prophets.

In behalf of the Committee.

CHARLES SPURDEN.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

The Committee on the ** Christian Visitor, beg leave to report

Whereas the ' Christian Visitor has, from its origin, been not

only the organ but the property of the Denomination; and whereas two of the members of the Committee, appointed at the commencement by the United Associate Body, have been removed by death, in the Providence of God, reducing the Committee to one surviving member; and whereas it is necessary to take measures for the temporary conduct of the Visitor, until some permanent arrangements can be made in regard to it,

Therefore Resolved, That the following Brethren be appointed as a Committee to manage the Visitor and consult together for its

interests until the meeting of the Western Association. Brethren A. McI. Seely,

Thos. McHenry, N. S. Demil J. F. Marsters, Geo. W. Roberts, Isaiah Wallace, Stephen Gerow, Geo. F. Miles, John Smith E. H. Duval,

and the Ministers of the Churches of St. John and vicinity. That this Association request the above-mentioned Committee to continue the present arrangement for editing and printing the · Christian Visitor, '' under the supervision of Brethren Robinson and Bill, until they can obtain the services of a competent person or, failing in that, till the Meeting of the Western Association, and that the Brethren when they meet at that Association be requested to take final action upon the subject.

That in the meanwhile Brother Isaiah Wallice be requested to continue his services as the Agent of the Visitor, for the purpose of collecting debts and extending its circulation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES SPURDEN, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS. [E.]

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report-

That they are happy to learn that an increasing interest is manifested by the most of the Churches comprising this Association, in imparting Sabbath School instruction, as we believe our future prosperity depends much on the training of the rising generation. They regret however that there is not that effort made which the importance of the subject demands. Your Committee would recommend that every Minister and Church in connexion with this Association endeavour to render Schools already established more efficient, by having them supplied with suitable Librarice, and placing them in a position to exert a greater infinence over the young, and to establish Schools in connexion with every Church, and in every locality where they are not; and that every Paster take a special interest in the Schools in connexion with his Church. Respectfully submitted.

W. A. COLEMAN, Chairman.

[F.] REPORT ON THE BIBLE QUESTION.

Your Committee on the Bible question beg to submit the following Report-The American and Poreiga Bible Society has circulated since its a vie gener The ned c and t Assoc [G.] The

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That the American and Foreign Bible Society enjoys our continned confidence, and is recommended anew to the fervent prayers and the liberal contributions of the Churches connected with this Association.

J. DAVIS, Chairman.

[G.] REPORT ON UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies beg leave to report-

That your Committee aware of the high nature and great utility of Union Societies when efficiently worked, and of the advantages attendant on a prudent travelling Agency to effect such working, recommend that, as soon as practicable, a judicious Agent, whose services may be obtained for a moderate remuneration, be employed to visist the Churches and congregations connected with this Association, in order to establish and revive Union Societies as extensively as possible. They likewise recommend that Quarterly meetings beheld in different localities; and that during these meetings the cause of the Union Society with its various benevolent objects embraced in it be brought forward, advocated, and measures adopted to promote it. They would also urgently request the active, immediate and persevering co-operation of all Pastors, Delegates, Descons, and other Brethren, to advance this good work to the utmost of their power.

All which is respectfully submitted. *
CHARLES TUPPER, Chairman.

[H.] REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

The Committee on Colportage reports-

That your Committee cannot fail to appreciate that work which through the Divine Spirit has been greatly instrumental in the dispersion of error and the diffusion of Gospel light in various lands, as well as in ministering to the spiritual comfort of thousands of our people.

That in receiving the Report of the General Committee they sympathiae with them in the removal of the late Manager, Elder Very, and would felly acquisee in the appointing of Brother J. F. Marsters to that important office, and the adding of Brother Valentine Graves, and the Baptist Ministers in St. John and vicinity, to that Committee.

Your Committee would suggest that no works be selected that are likely to remain long unsold in the Depository, and that means be taken to dispose of works long on hand, at the Discount price or otherwise.

That the success of the Colportage is widening; the sales of the Colporteur, Brother Mutch, during the last six mouths amounting to about £120.

That to enable the Colporteur to visit those parts of the Province where Baptist sentiments do not largely exist, we recommend that all Churches favoured with the ministrations of the Colporteur, should aid the same with their liberal contributions.

We do therefore recommend its further application to the full extent of the means of the General Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES V. TABOR, Chairman.

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The Committee appointed to draw up a resolution expressing the feelings of the assembled Brethren, in reference to the decease of our departed friends, Elders E. D. Very, Samuel Elder, and Professor Chipman, feel great difficulty in compressing within the limits of a single report, even a few of the sentiments which they desire to express, and which their Brethren probably expect from them.

Though not so immediately connected with the Associations in this Province, yet they regard the sudden death of Professor Chipman as equally affecting both Provinces; in consequence of the position which he held in Acadia College, in the welfare of which Institution they take a lively interest; and where he had long and energetically devoted all his powers to the important work of disciplining the minds of the young men of the country to correct and consecutive thought by the study of the exact sciences. They feelingly deplore his autimely end, and would present to the Governors of the College, and to his surrowing friends, the fullest expression of their Christian sympathy.

The influence of the loss of their much esteemed Brother, Samuel Elder, will be less widely extended than that of our valued Brethren; but the severify of the bereavement is as fully felt within the sphere of his operations and in the circle of his associates. superior mental endowments and high standard of intellectual cultivation, combined with his deep piety and spiritual attainments, fitted him for varied and eminent usefulness in the Church of Christ, while his unassuming modesty endeared him to every one who had any intercourse with him, whether in his own communion, or among other bodies of Christians. The intellectual resources of his mind, enlarged by reading and matured by thought, rendered him a most interesting companion and wise counsellor. They feel convinced that his memory will be long and affectionately cherished by the Churches to whom his worth was known : and they desire that his mild example may continue to exert a powerfully restraining influonce when their hearts and conduct.

The sudden death of their valued and widely lamented fellow labourer in the cause of Christ, Elder E. D. Very, the late Editor of their much prized religious journal, the introducer of the system of

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Colportage into the Province, the promoter and able advocate of every good work, the Pastor of the Church in Portland, is felt to be a loss the greatness of which it is impossible to express, and the consequences of which no one can foresee. They desire in this their tribute to the dead not to be unmindful of the salutary truth that they owe to the Lord whatever has been accomplished by his labours; that the Lord directed his steps hither, and by his grace our beloved Brother was preserved to us in the discharge of his onerous and multiplied duties: and they would recognize the hand of the same all wise disposing Providence in his removal; the reflection that the hand which bestowed is the same that took away can alone mitigate the grief of their hearts when they behold his place vacant and know not whither to look for those who may occupy his post. But while they thus ascribe all the benefits which they derived from the exercise of their Brother's talents to the grace of God in him, they must also give vent to their feelings of attachment and sorrow on this the first public meeting of the Delegates of the Churches.

To his labours and untiring perseverance they owe the Christian Visitor, which is now circulated by hundreds and read probably by thousands; a paper which is weekly exerting a most beneficial inflence upon the moral and religious state of the people of the Pro-

vince.

To his business skill and tact they are indebted for the introduction of the Depository, for the sale of books and tracts, by which means religious instruction and secular knowledge have been largely diffused among them, which has contributed greatly to elevate the tone of religious feeling and deepen the impression of evangelical truth.

Besides these incessant engagements in conjuction with the duties of the ministerial office, he was ever ready for every effort of kindness, and labour of love; he was instant in season and out of season

to toil and to consult, to counsel and to exhort.

He lives in their hearts by the works he wrought in their midst, and though dead he will never cease to speak as often as they survey the foundation he has laid in this Province for the glory of our God and Saviour.

They know not in what language to convey to their dear bereaved Sister Very the sympathy which they individually and collectively feel for the desolating stroke which has fallen upon her; they can do no more than commend her to the tender care of Him who came to bind up the broken hearted.

Indeed they are sensible that the ordinary expressions of grief are totally inadequate to convey the feelings which struggle for utterance when contemplating an event which has at one stroke swept away not only the leaders of the host, but the youthful vigour of the Churches; they present the expression of sorrowing condolence to every family thus severely and suddenly bereaved, however feeble it may be to assauge their grief; and would pray for the disposition, with humble acquiescence, to look upward and say "Father, thy will done." C. SPURDEN, Chairman.

Note.—The Clerk has been unable to gather, from the Letters, anything like a full or correct account of the existing state of Sabbath Schools throughout this Association. From some of the Churches most encouraging statements have been sent, of the efficiency and prosperity of the Sabbath Schools connected with them; while too many others neglect to tell us whether they are enjoying the blessings of this valuable Institution or not.

It is hoped that the Churches, hereafter, will not fail to avail themselves of the advantages of Sabbath Schools, and that the Clerks of said churches, in forwarding their Letters to this Association, will not fail to give the statistics of their Schools.

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NOTICES.

The next Annual Session of the Sastern New Branswick Saptist Association will be held with the Baptiet Church in Hillsborough, on the Saturday preceding the third Monday after the 20th of June,

The next Annual Session of the Western New Brunswick Bap tist Association, will be held with the Baptist Church in Prince William, the First Saturday in September, 1852.

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Will hold its next Aunual Session on the Third Saturday in September, 1852, with the Baptist Church in Sackville, N. B.

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