

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT ST. GEORGE, N. B.

SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,

September 3rd, 5th, and 6th.

Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and other Documents relating to the W. N. B. Baptist Association, and Letters of General Correspondence, may be directed to the Editors of the Christian Visitor, St. John, N. B.

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# MINUTES.

SAINT GEORGE, September 3, 1853.

The Delegates comprising the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association convened in the Baptist Chapel, at St. George, at 2 o'clock, P. M. A short time was appropriately spent in Christian Conference, and then the Association was called to order by the appointment of the following officers:—

Rev. A. D. THOMSON, *Moderator.*

Rev. I. E. BILL, *Secretary.*

Bro. J. H. HUGHES, *Assistant Secretary.*

Bro. G. A. GARRISON, *Treasurer.*

Brethren Miles, Foshay, G. Seely, and Day were appointed a committee to examine and read the letters.

*Committee of Arrangement.*—Brethren Miles, Walker, H. E. Seelye, A. H. Gilmour, and Edward Seelye.

The following Brethren appeared from the letters as Delegates from the Churches named, and took their seats accordingly.

*St. George.*—Rev. G. F. Miles, Deacon Philo Seelye and J. Mann, and Brethren Edward Seelye, A. H. Gilmour, and H. E. Seelye.

*Grand Manan.*—Elder Edmund McInnis.

*Woodstock.*—Elder Todd, and Brethren G. W. Campbell, and V. A. Hartley.

*Newcastle.*—Brother George Seely.

*The Lodge.*—Elder William Rideout, and Brother Judson Joyce.

*Brussels Street, St. John.*—Elder Robinson, and Brethren John Smith, George Seely, (Licentiate), and James Goldrup.

*Jacksonton.*—Elder Todd.

*Cartleton.*—Deacons Clark, Colwell and Hanson.

*2d. St. Patrick's.*—Elder A. D. Thomson, and Brethren Isaac Hanson, Wm. Ballentine, A. Foshay, and Samuel Orr.

*Prince William.*—Elder T. W. Saunders, and Bro. Zebulon Currie.

*St. Patrick's, Oak Bay.*—

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*Germain Street, St. John.*—Elder I. E. Bill, and Deacons G. A. Garrison and A. McL. Seely.  
*Canning.*—Elder G. F. Foshay.  
*St. Andrews.*—Elder A. D. Thomson, Deacons J. Russel, J. Hitchings, and W. Grant.  
*Kingsclear.*—Brother Thomas Dunphy.  
*Fredericton.*—Brethren C. Spurden, A. M., John H. Hughes, and T. R. Estey.  
*Second Falls, St. George.*—Brethren Brockway, D. Stewart, John McLeod, J. S. Craig, and G. Allen.  
*Maugerville.*—Brethren George E. Day and George Miles.  
*Penfield.*—Elder Hopkins, and Brother Samuel Caleff.  
*Portland.*—Elder Wm. Burton, and Brethren Robert Stephens and A. Sime.  
*Dipper Harbor.*—Brother R. Mills.  
*1st St. Patrick's.*—Elder A. D. Thomson.  
*Aroostook.*—Elder Alfred Todd.  
*African Church, Douglas.*  
*New Jerusalem.*

The following visiting Brethren were invited to a seat:—

Rev. Dr. Maclay, New York, Agent for the American Bible Union, Rev. James Gilpatrick, of Maine, Agent for the American and Foreign Bible Society, Rev. Hugh Ross, Messenger from the Central Association, State of Maine, Rev. T. H. Porter, Missionary at Gagetown, Rev. J. Wallace, Rev. Alex. Mutch, and Brother Peter Knight, French Missionary.

*Committee to examine the Circular Letter.*—Brethren Thos. Magee, George Rigby, and James Gilpatrick.

*Committee on Special Business.*—Brethren Robinson, Satinders, Burton, and Hopkins, and Deacons Clark and Sharp.

*On Domestic Missions.*—Brethren G. F. Foshay, J. Walker, John Magee, Mills, George Seely, J. H. Hughes, I. E. Bill, T. H. Porter, and P. Knight.

*Foreign Missions.*—Brethren Burton, Ross, Robinson, Dr. Maclay, Gilpatrick, H. Hitchings, and G. Dunham.

*Bible Cause.*—Brethren I. E. Bill, Hugh Ross, G. Rigby, G. A. Garrison, A. McL. Seely, Burton, Miles, Robinson, Spurden, A. H. Gilmour, R. Brockway, H. E. Seelye, Todd, John Magee, Stephens, E. Seelye, and T. R. Estey.

*Sabbath Schools.*—Brethren Todd, Garrison, A. H. Gilmour, H. E. Seelye, H. Hitchings, Joseph Dolen, Samuel Campbell, Thomas Magee, John Hughes, John Magee, and Robert Stephens.

*Christian Visitor.*—Brethren Spurden, Miles, Robinson, Bill, Z. Currie, A. McL. Seely, A. H. Gilmour, and A. D. Thompson.

*On New Churches.*—Brethren Hopkins, T. Magee, W. Ballentine, and Philo Seelye.

*Union Societies.*—H. E. Seelye, G. Rigby, E. McLinnis, Thomas Dunphy, W. Hopkins, J. Walker, John Craig, Deacons Goldrup and Smith.

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*French Missions.*—Referred to the committee on Domestic Missions.

*Education.*—Brethren Spurden, Dr. Maclay, W. Burton, Robinson, Bill, Gilpatrick, Stephens, Allen and Sime.

*Claims of Seamen.*—J. Walker, Alexander Sime, G. A. Garrison, H. Hitchings, Clark, and Colwell.

*Temperance.*—Brethren Todd, Currie, J. Russel, Dr. Woodcock, H. E. Seelye, and Gilmour.

*Tobacco.*—Brethren T. H. Porter, Thomas Magee, Dr. Maclay, Goldrup, Hughes, Rideout, Gilpatrick, and V. A. Hartley.

**Resolved,** That Elder Hopkins be our Delegate to the Eastern New Brunswick Association.

**Resolved,** That Brethren Bill, A. D. Thomson, Miles, Robinson and Burton be our Delegates to the Convention at Nictaux.

**Resolved,** That any Ministering Brother presenting a copy of the Minutes of the last Session of the Association to any Sister Association in the British Provinces, or in the State of Maine, provided his name appears in such minutes as a Minister in good standing, be regarded as our Messenger to such Association.

**Resolved,** That the Editors of the *Christian Visitor* superintend the Printing of the Minutes, and that one thousand copies be published.

Prayer by Brother Saunders.

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

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

Introductory Sermon by Elder I. E. Bill, from St. Matt. ix. 37, 38, "Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

The Moderator took the Chair.

Prayer by Brother Thomas Magee.

**Resolved,** That Brother Bill be requested to publish his introductory sermon in the pages of the *Christian Visitor*.

The Committee read the Letters from the Churches.

*Resolved*, That the next Session of the Association be held in Fredericton.

*Resolved*, That Brother Thomas Magee preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Brother G. F. Miles be his alternate.

*Resolved*, That Brother Foshay write the Circular Letter.

Prayer by Brother Spurden. Adjourned.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Prayer by Brother Gould of Maine.

The Circular Letter prepared by Bro. Robinson was read and adopted, and ordered to be published in the Minutes, and also in the *Christian Visitor*.

The following Report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted.

The committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to Report, that having investigated the letters from the churches, find that eighteen report their schools, twenty-two in number, having one thousand four hundred and forty three scholars, two hundred teachers, and three thousand and seventeen books in their libraries. We find in this examination that there are not as large a number of scholars reported this year as was last, but there are a number of churches who have not reported, which, if they had, would make the number much larger than on the past year. This presents an encouraging feature in Sabbath School operations; nevertheless, there is much yet to be done in this department of religious instruction. We would most faithfully urge upon our churches the absolute necessity of well organized Bible classes for the teachers and others disposed to attend, and that a more strenuous effort be still put forth, by each one who loves the Saviour, for the furtherance of this universally approved auxiliary to the church of Christ, and that it is of great importance that each church should send a statistical account of its schools to the Association. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS TODD, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows—

The committee on Foreign Missions Report, Whereas, we have been disappointed in not being able to send a Missionary to Burmah under the direction of our Foreign Missionary Board.

*Resolved*, That this Association recommend to the Convention to select *Australia* as their Foreign Missionary Field, and that they send two or more missionaries to that inviting country with the least possible delay.

WILLIAM BURTON, *Chairman*.

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Addresses by Brethren Robinson, Bill, Burton, Dr. Maclay, Rideout, Seelye, Miles, Ross, and Sime. Report adopted.

The Committee on Union Societies reported. An interesting discussion followed, in which several Brethren took part, and as there was a difference of opinion expressed upon the subject of the Report, it was referred back to the Committee for revision. Prayer by Brother Burton. Adjourned.

**EVENING SESSION.**

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows.

The committee on Home Missions Report, that while Counties are numerously populated in this Province are destitute of Baptist preaching; churches are without pastors, or have an inadequate supply of ministerial labor. Your committee acknowledge with gratitude the success which has hitherto attended Missionary labor in our denomination, and cannot but feel that the time has come for increased effort in this department. They rejoice to learn that a society has been organized in St. John, designated the New Brunswick Baptist Home Mission Society, and as the Eastern Association has committed its funds to the direction of this organization, they would respectfully recommend to this Association to adopt the same course, and as far as possible to replenish its funds and extend its influence by forming auxiliaries, taking collections, and in any other way that may be adapted to accomplish so desirable an object.

In regard to the French Mission, your committee are happy to be able to report, that Brother Peter Knight has been laboring for the past year with commendable zeal for the spiritual instruction and salvation of the Acadian French, and they would beg to report that the Association cordially approves of the labors of the French Mission by the New Brunswick Baptist Home Mission Board, and they earnestly pray that Brother Knight may be instrumental in his work.

The Report was sustained by stirring addresses from Brethren Robinson, Maclay, Bill, Todd, Burton, Walker, Knight, and Ross. Adopted.

Resolved, That this Association recommend that the funds collected for the Gaelic Mission among the Roman Catholics of the Island of Cape Breton, be paid over to the board of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Mission Society, and that they give £20 additional, making in all £40, upon the condition that the associations of Nova Scotia pay £60 to the same object.

Prayer by Brother Gilpatrick. Adjourned.

## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Preaching at 10 o'clock, A. M., by Brother Hugh Ross, Messenger of the Eastern Association of Nova Scotia. After which the Moderator resumed the Chair. Prayer by Brother Miles.

The Committee on the Bible Cause reported as follows:

Your committee on the Bible cause beg to Report, that they rejoice to know that Baptists have invariably taken a deep interest in the universal circulation of the Word of God without note or comment, and that they have always cherished an earnest desire that the Book of Inspiration should be faithfully translated into all languages that exist in the world, that all men may read in their own vernacular tongue all the words of this inspired volume. They would therefore commend all Bible efforts adapted to accomplish these important objects to the sympathies and prayers of our churches, and would express their sincere hope that they will aid this good cause by their contributions, as far as they can do so in accordance with the numerous and urgent claims of those local institutions to which we, as a denomination, are already pledged. *H. E. BILL, Chairman.*

Report adopted.

The Committee on the Christian Visitor reported as follows:

The committee on the Christian Visitor beg leave to Report, that they learn with much regret that the sum of £442 8s. 1d. remains due from the denomination to the committee appointed to conduct the Visitor, before it came into the hands of the present proprietors, of which sum £216 1s. 1d. is due the Estate of our late esteemed Brother Very, and that sum must be paid to prevent the sale of the property of the widow and children.

The balance of £226 7s. will probably be met by the subscriptions remaining unsettled.

They would recommend for the purpose of raising the above mentioned sum of £216 1s. 1d. due the widow of our deceased brother, that the committee nominated by the Association to conduct the paper, be empowered to distribute the burden on the churches according to their relative ability, and thus raise their proportion of the amount required. Those Brethren who had charge of the paper finding it impossible to conduct it without involving the denomination in fresh expense, as was proved by a six months trial, deemed it expedient to transfer the Visitor to the present Editors.

The committee think that the whole body is under great obligations to the esteemed Brethren upon whom rests the labour of editing and conducting the Christian Visitor, for the zeal and ability which they have displayed in its management; and they would cordially commend the interests of the Paper to the sympathy of the Brethren, and strenuously urge upon them the duty of united exertion for its circulation and support.

All which is respectfully submitted.

*CHARLES SPURDEN, Chairman.*

The Report was supported by addresses from Brethren



Spurden, Robinson, Burton, and A. McL. Seely, and unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Union Societies submitted a revised Report, which was unanimously adopted:

The committee on Union Societies Report, that in their judgment these societies as at present organized are too complicated, and need revision. They would therefore recommend, that the general board, after having discharged its duties for the present year, disorganize, and that each church work out its own union efforts as a simple instrumentality to collect funds for the several objects embraced by the Union, and that the sums so collected be reported to the Association annually; specifying the objects for which they are intended, to be transmitted by the Treasurer of the Association, to the several Treasurers of the funds to which they belong, or to be paid by the church directly to such Treasurers. And as large sums of money are being collected by agents from the United States for the Bible cause, they would suggest, that in the distribution of any monies sent to the Association by the churches, or individuals, for general purposes, the appropriation of a portion of such funds to that object be discontinued, and that it be added to Education.

THOMAS MAGEE, *Chairman.*

Prayer by Father Magee. Adjourned.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Dr. Maclay.

The Committee on Tobacco presented their Report:—

Your committee on Tobacco are grieved to learn that the use of this luxury, falsely so called, is increasing in the Province to an alarming extent. The Church of God we fear is deeply implicated in this evil. The use of this poisonous weed is regarded by competent judges as injurious, and only so, in its physical, moral, and religious influence upon man, as such it ought to be abandoned. We would most respectfully call upon our Ministers and church members seriously to examine the subject, in the light of social and religious obligation, and to set such an example in relation to it as shall be worthy of imitation by old and young.

T. H. PORTER, *Chairman.*

An interesting discussion followed. Addresses were made by Dr. Maclay, Brethren Stephens, Ross, Walker, and others. Report adopted.

The following Report on Education was submitted:—

The committee on Education beg leave to Report, that the interests of Education in reference to the Baptists in this Province, and the prospects of the denomination in this respect, are now so encouraging that it becomes us to render our most humble and hearty thanks to God for his goodness in disposing our Brethren to aid this enterprise.

The amount which has been engaged for the endowment of the College is a monument of the munificent liberality of the people in

permanently providing for the education of the youth of the Provinces; and the Committee hail with much satisfaction the arrangement recently made by the Governors of the College for combining the energies of Dr. Crawley, with those of Dr. Cramp in the several departments of Collegiate and Theological instruction.

The committee are much gratified to learn from the Report of the Principal of the Fredericton Academy that the institution is in a prosperous state; and they recommend that the report and resolutions adopted at the Eastern Association be inserted in the minutes.

They would especially commend to the notice of the Brethren the plan which has been devised for the liquidation of the debt; the report of the agent who has been engaged in carrying it into effect is any thing but encouraging, still they would not despair of eventual success if the churches can but be aroused to a full consideration of the subject.

They recommend by no means to abandon the plan, but to attempt its accomplishment, not for the present by the method of agency, which would involve considerable expense, but by the efforts of those who are friendly to the object in their several localities; and further, that no payment of the shares already taken be solicited until the whole debt is provided for. *As which is respectfully submitted.*

**CHARLES SPURDEN, Chairman.**

Speeches by Brethren Spurdén, Miles, Hughes, Dr. Maclay, Bill, and Seely. *Adopted.*

The Committee on Seamen reported as follows:

The committee on the claims of Seamen beg to Report, that they are pleased to hear, by a letter from the Seamen's Friend Society, that a *Sailor's Home* has been provided in the City of St. John, for the especial accommodation of the brave sons of the Ocean, where they will find ample provision made for their comfort, and security also from many of the temptations to which they have been hitherto exposed.

We commend the Rev. E. N. Harris and the enterprise in which he is engaged to the prayers and sympathies of the Lord's people, and earnestly pray that the time may soon come when the abundance of the Sea shall be converted to God.

*Adopted.* **JAMES WALKER, Chairman.**

*Resolved,* That this Association express its cordial thanks to the Church and Congregation, and other friends in St. George, for their marked hospitality to the Ministers and Delegates of this Body.

*Resolved,* That a vote of thanks be given to all who have aided the Gaelic Mission during this session.

*Resolved,* That this Association adjourn to meet in the Baptist Chapel in Fredericton, on the first Saturday in September next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Brother Burton.

**A. D. THOMSON, Moderator.**

**I. E. BILL, Secretary.**

**J. H. HUGHES, Assistant Secretary.**

## CIRCULAR LETTER,

*To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Western  
New Brunswick Baptist Association, and the  
Churches which they represent.*

BELOVED BRETHREN:—

We propose in our Annual Epistle to address you on the importance of stability and permanency in the Pastoral office. That a divinely called living spiritual ministry has been the principal means, in every age, employed by God for the conversion of sinners, no one can doubt, who believes in the religion of Christ. "For when that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

"The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but to us that are saved it is the power of God." The Ministry of the gospel being an ordinance of God, whatever affects its efficiency, and the relation it sustains to the Church of Christ, seriously affects the cause of God.

Permit me therefore, dear brethren, to say that I fear we are departing from the example set us by our aged fathers in the Ministry. Did they change their Pastorate yearly, or every few years? No, these venerable men, whose memory we love and honour, lived and died among their people; and the few that remain still occupy the same field that they occupied when young men. They were with their people in prosperity and adversity. They never fled from trouble or difficulty in their churches. The Mannings, Hardings, Crandals, Dimocks, Munroes, Burtons, and Ansleys died at their post, or are still living in grey hairs among their flocks.

The average pastoral relations of these venerable men was something over forty years. If some were called home before they were that length of time in the Pastorate, others have been continued to a much longer period.

Compare the stability and permanency of many of our Pastors at the present with these men, and you will at

once see how far we have departed from the course pursued by them. Now we feel the paralyzing effect of the practice so common among us—a continual change among our Ministers.

We admit that some of the Lord's servants should be Evangelists, yea, that such a class of Ministers is necessary to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. And that the Bible honors them, for when the scriptures give a catalogue of the gifts Christ has bestowed on his Church, the office of the Evangelists is placed before that of the Pastors, Eph. iv. 11, "and he gave some Apostles, and some Prophets, and some Evangelists, and some Pastors, and Teachers." We are not speaking about Evangelists who travel, preach and gather Churches—men who in modern times we call Missionaries. We are speaking of the Pastoral relation, its stability and permanency.

We believe it may be the path of duty for a Pastor sometimes to change his field of labour, but the will of God, as far as we can know it, should be the rule, and not neglect of duty in the Pastor or covetousness in the people. The evils arising from an unsettled state of things among our Churches and Ministers, must be apparent to all.

In the first place, it has a tendency to create disunion and divisions. Every pious consistent Minister will soon have warm friends among his people, who will feel any neglect of the Pastor, and any thing that will remove him from them to be a very great evil, and they must feel grieved with those who do any thing to cause his removal either by absenting themselves from his ministry, or in what is more common, withholding his support, obliging him and his family to suffer or to remove.

You cannot find a united Church, where, in the space of four or five years they have had as many Pastors. Is it not common to find almost as many parties in the church as they have had Ministers labouring among them?

In the second place, it encourages covetousness in our Churches. The unscriptural practice of engaging a Pastor for the year and getting up a subscription for that time; and at the end of the year making another engagement with him, and getting up another subscription list, and calling

on the people once more to subscribe for the support of the gospel, is not only making the term of the Pastor's work and stay depend on the subscription list; but it tempts the man who thinks what he gives to support his Pastor is like giving to any other charity, to speak in the same way about it, that he would about any other object for which he is asked to subscribe, and often to find fault with his minister, when the secret is, he does not like to be so often called upon to give. You will find that where the practice of which I am speaking exists, there covetousness prevails. Such Churches, unwilling to support the Gospel among them, satisfy their conscience by praying for God to send them a Pastor, and then wait for some travelling Minister to come along. Then a collection will be made, when a man of property will throw in his pittance, and the Minister of the Lord Jesus is treated the same way as any man in distress would be. Does not such a system encourage covetousness in our Churches?

In the third place, it leaves many Churches without Pastors and many Ministers without Churches. It unsettles every thing around. Ministers with families cannot bring their families from their homes with the prospect of continuing only for one year. Hence, some of them feel it to be the path of duty, to provide for their families and preach as much to the destitute as they can. But they are unable to give themselves wholly up to the work. They soon become Ministers without Churches, and of course they will leave many Churches without Pastors. Where Ministers break through these difficulties, and engage in preaching all the time, they will be obliged to be away a great deal of the time from their families. And still further: there is another evil which we think to be greatly injurious to some of the smaller Churches—viz, when, perhaps, they could support a Pastor the whole or greater part of the time, they are satisfied with one-third, or one-fourth of his labours. The consequence is, that many of them are in a very languishing condition. The Minister feels as though every time he comes to his people, he has his work to do over anew:

beside, while one Minister has more work than he can justly attend to, perhaps another servant of Christ is comparatively idle. But let us return to that stability and permanency in the pastoral relation which marked the ministry of our Fathers in the Gospel, to which we have alluded, and all these difficulties will be overcome.

In the fourth place, this unsettled state of things affects the efficiency of our Ministers. All know that the Minister who is tossed about without a permanent home, cannot be so studious, and have so much time for reading as he who is labouring among the same people. Nor has he motives to study that the settled Pastor has. And what affects the efficiency of the Minister will soon affect the information and instruction of the people. If this reasoning be correct, then it follows that the permanency of the pastoral relation leads to an efficient ministry, and a well-informed and well instructed Church; and the observation of that divine precept, "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of life." The Pastor that has to appear three times every week before the same people; must work hard; must read and think and labor, or else give up his post, and adopt that unsettled kind of labor to which we have been referring.

The longer the residence of the Pastor among his flock, the more will he know of their wants, and the kind of preaching best adapted to their state. Young people growing under the ministry of the gospel until they are matured, hearing from the same servant of God the blessed doctrine of Christ, will have received clearer views of the way of salvation than those who have received their religious views and impressions from different Ministers.

Look around among our Churches and you will find that Church in a broken, scattered state which is continually changing its Ministry, without that moral power necessary to exert a healthy influence on the world around. You will find that Church among whom the Pastor has grown in influence and usefulness, and has been blessed with revival after revival, and has been the means of bringing multitudes into the Church of God,

branching out, spreading on the right hand and on the left, until it may be said that the small one has become a thousand. Facts prove that those Churches where the Pastors have lived and laboured twenty or thirty years, have been like a fruitful parent, whose offspring is filling the whole land. Go to those Churches where our esteemed fathers have laboured their forty or fifty years, and you will find that it is out of those Churches we have got most of our Ministers, and from those Churches we have got the persons who compose most of our new Churches. Does not this confirm the truth "that the stability and permanency of the Christian ministry are inseparably connected with the prosperity and advancement of the cause of Christ."

Some of our Churches, which are always changing their Ministers, are weaker and more scattered than they were some years ago. They engage a Pastor for six months, or for a year, then when that time is up it is not known whether they will hire or engage him another year or not. Is it not dishonouring to Christ to bring down the Ministry of his word to a level with a menial servant, or a man who is laboring for a given time for a certain amount, and when that time expires the engagement ends.

Brethren—let us wipe away this reproach from among us, and come back to the New Testament ground and be governed by the authority of Christ, and not by the maxims of a selfish world, and sustain the ministry of the Gospel in the Church of God, as Christ has appointed it in his holy word. Let us as Ministers study to be able to appear unto all, that "our profiting may appear unto all," that "we may be approved unto God," and that we may be wholly given up to it.

Let us as Churches remember that the law of our great master is that "they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel," that "we are to give as God has prospered us," that we are to give freely, for "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." And in thus attending to the law of Christ's house, the stability and permanency of the pastoral office will be secured.

Account of Nonies paid in to the Treasurer of the Association, viz :

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Rec'd for Union Society, viz :			
Brussels St. Church, St. John,	£11	18	0
Frederickton Church,	6	10	0
Canning "	6	16	10
Maugerville "	5	0	0
2nd St. George "	7	0	0
Penfield,	1	15	0
Prince Wm. "	1	5	2
Kingsclear, "	0	18	4
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Jacob Cummings, (donation,)	0	6	2
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Alexander Sime,	2	0	0
Rev. Dr. Maclay,	1	5	0
Mrs. Maria Wetherbee,	1	5	0
Alfred Gilmour,	1	0	0
Rev. W. Rideout,	0	5	0
J. Cummings,	0	5	0
William Hughes,	0	5	0
George Campbell,	9	0	10
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Father McEwin,	0	0	8
Joseph Dolan,	0	5	0
Deacon Mann,	0	5	0
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Rev. Charles Spurden,		0 5 0	
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Isaac Hanson,		0 4 5	
Rev. Samuel Robinson,		0 5 0	
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Hugh McEwin,		0 5 0	
Rev. A. D. Thompson,		0 5 0	
V. A. Hartley,		0 5 0	
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Total amount received, £92 15 2

GEO. A. GARRISON, Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., September 8, 1853.

Churches by the Letters report as follows:

Portland Church, St. John.	Home Missions, £12 8 0	
	Foreign Missions, 4 10 9	
	Union Society, 7 9 7	
		£24 9 1
Brussels st. Church, "	Foreign Missions, 33 3 11	
	Domestic Missions, 18 7 8	
		51 11 2
Germain st. Church, "	Foreign Missions, 13 16 11	
	Domestic, " 3 0 0	
	Home " 39 5 7	
	Union Society, 15 9 3	
		71 11 0
Carleton Church, "	Domestic Missions, 4 16 4	
	Foreign " 1 0 5	
	Home " 4 3 3	
		10 0 0
Simonds Church. Am. For.	Bible Society in collections, 2 16 0	
1st St. George Church,	Foreign Missions, 12 10 0	
	Domestic " 25 0 0	
		37 10 0
2nd Falls, St. George, Church.	Foreign Missions,	3 10 0
	Total,	£201 8 6

Sept. 8, 1853.

GEO. A. GARRISON, Treasurer.

The Domestic Missionary Board, St. John, in account with John Smith, Treasurer.

		—Dr.—	
1851.	Sept. 4.	Balance due the Treasurer,	26 5 8
	Oct. 13.	Paid Jas. Flood for horse hire for Bro. Lockey,	3 15 0
1852.	May 5.	E. H. Duval, Hampton, Lake, &c.	4 9 6
	Aug.	Elder Rideout, three months' mission,	11 18 0
	Nov. 20.	Elder E. N. Harris,	2 0 0
1853.	Jan.	Elder Merrit Keith, 4 weeks,	6 0 0
	Aug. 30.	Elder James Tremble, 26 weeks,	50 0 0
			£79 10 2
		—Cr.—	
1851.	Oct. 13.	Cash from Treas. Union Board,	£14 4 9
1852.	May.	Bro. E. H. Duval, Donation,	0 10 0
	Aug.	Bro. J. F. Masters,	0 2 6
		M. Lawrence,	0 2 6
		Collected by Elder Rideout,	18 0 0
	Sept. 15.	Per Union Society,	2 10 0
1853.	Jan. 18.	From Treasurer Union Board,	13 10 0
	20.	Collected by Elder Keith,	0 6 6
	June 4.	Brother N. S. Demill,	2 10 0
	7.	" S. Gerow,	1 0 0
		" J. Read,	0 5 0
		" J. Anderson,	0 5 0
		" James Brayley,	1 0 0
		Collected by Bro. J. F. Masters.	3 3 2
		Do. Elder Tremble,	3 10 0
		Balance due the Treasurer,	18 10 9

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St. John, Aug. 31, 1853.

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ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	Date of Formation.	Add's.				Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Money for Printing the Minutes.
		By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Removed.					
1st Saint George,	1806	—	1	1	—	1	—	3	141	0 10 0
Woodstock,	1842	1	6	1	1	1	1	—	65	0 8 0
New Jerusalem,	1848	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	0 6 0
Newcastle,	1846	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	47	0 6 0
Grand Manan,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0 3 0
2nd Saint George,	1845	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	0 10 0
Ledge, St. Stephen,	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	0 0 0
St. John, Brussels street,	1850	70	15	3	—	9	7	5	375	1 7 0
Nashwaak,	1804	25	2	—	—	—	—	1	59	0 8 0
Jacksontown,	1833	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	49	0 8 0
Carleton,	1841	29	4	1	—	6	1	—	123	0 12 0
2nd St. Patrick,	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince William,	1800	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	58	0 5 0
Simonds,	1845	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	73	0 5 0
Oak Bay,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	0 5 0
St. John, Germain street,	1810	29	9	1	—	2	2	2	25	0 6 0
Canning,	1800	3	—	—	—	2	2	1	177	0 17 0
Saint Andrews,	1806	17	—	—	—	2	8	1	87	0 10 0
Kingsclear,	1825	3	1	—	—	—	1	2	22	0 7 0
Fredericton,	1814	20	7	4	—	3	—	—	42	0 6 0
2nd Falls, St. George,	1851	11	—	—	—	—	2	—	98	0 10 0
Maugerville,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84	0 10 0
Pennfield,	1839	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	69	0 10 0
Portland,	1819	32	—	—	—	—	1	—	89	0 6 0
Dipper Harbour,	1842	7	5	—	—	1	—	—	153	0 0 0
1st St. Patrick,	1847	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	14	0 3 0
Arestock,	—	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	48	0 5 0
Douglas. (African,)	1843	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	43	0 7 0
Tobique,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	0 2 0
*Brighton,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	0 5 0
*Blissville,	1833	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	0 0 0
*Cardigan,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	132	0 0 0
*Chipman,	1820	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	0 0 0
*Douglas,	1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	0 0 0
*Dumfries,	1844	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	0 0 0
*Keswick,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	0 0 0
*Little South West,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	57	0 0 0
*Northesk,	1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	0 0 0
*Rushagornish,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	0 0 0
*St. David,	1846	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	0 0 0
*St. James,	1806	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	0 0 0
*Andover,	1842	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	0 0 0
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42	0 0 0
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59	0 9 6
49	0 8 0
123	0 12 0
58	0 5 0
73	0 5 0
27	0 5 0
25	0 6 0
177	0 17 0
87	0 10 0
22	0 7 0
42	0 6 0
98	0 10 0
84	0 10 0
69	0 10 0
89	0 6 0
153	0 0 0
14	0 2 0
48	0 5 0
43	0 7 0
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34	0 5 0
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44	0 0 0
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# APPENDIX.

## NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

FOUNDED A. D., 1836.

*President*, Elder Joseph Crandal.  
*Vice Presidents*, Elder Samuel Robinson and  
 Hon. W. B. Kinnear.

*Treasurer*, Solomon Hersey, Esq.  
*Secretaries*, Elder I. E. Bill and Asa Coy, Esq.  
*Principal*, Elder Charles Spurden.

*Assistant Teacher*, Mr. Thomas B. Smith.

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

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

The Tuition Fees are 10s., 16s., and 20s. a term, according to the age of the Pupil. Fuel 2s. 6d. a Term.

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

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

### REPORT.

The Managing Committee are thankful in being able to Report, that the Seminary at Fredericton has been favoured with an encouraging measure of success during the past year. The attendance has been well sustained, the number, for the year, being sixty-four; but as changes are continually occurring, and those who enter do not all remain the whole year, the weekly attendance has not been so large; according to a record kept of those who are actually present every week, the average number has been forty.

The Principal also reports favourably of the diligence manifested by the Pupils generally, and especially by the young men under his instruction; and the hope may be cherished, that, in addition to the acquisition of secular knowledge, religious impressions of a very salutary kind have been received by some of the youths, both in connection with our own and other denominations. Sickness, however, in some instances has been permitted to interrupt study; one valued young brother, who is preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel, has been compelled to suspend his studies for several weeks, in consequence of ill health, and seek restoration by entire relaxation and change of air, but hitherto without success. The winter half year was closed by public recitation, and the summer term by a general

examination, a report of which, furnished by a kind and firm friend of the Institution, has already been published in the Christian Visitor.

Some alterations and repairs, which had been previously authorized, were made last Summer, and have materially added to the appearance of the building and to the comfort of the inmates. The front entrance has been thoroughly repaired, and to prevent the necessity for the lads entering the School Room from that quarter, a door has been opened in the back of the building, leading directly into the school room, and a strong porch erected over it. New fences also have been constructed; the roof has been well covered with fire proof paint, and the back of the building painted.

In consequence of the outlay thus incurred, no reduction of the amount of the debt has been possible this year.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Ladies of Fredericton, who furnished a Tea Meeting in the Seminary, the proceeds of which were appropriated to defray the expenses of the repairs mentioned above. Through the seasonable aid thus kindly rendered, and the dividend accruing from the general Missionary Union, the Committee have been able to meet the extraordinary charges of the past year without increasing the debt of the Society, the tuition fees now due being more than adequate to cover the balance in favour of the Committee.

The Committee cannot close their report without adverting to the sum annually absorbed to pay the interest of the debt: it is now about ten years since the present Principal took charge of the Institution, and during that period the interest upon the debt has amounted to three hundred and forty-five pounds, this large sum has been actually paid out for the use of money that might be raised, without any great difficulty, from the friends of Education in this Province.

Will the Society allow another decade to see the gradual waste of between three and four hundred pounds?

The Committee make their appeal at the present time because the general prosperity of the Province encourages them to hope, that the Educational Institution, which has been the object of so much exertion and so many prayers, will not be the last to share in the abundance which God has conferred upon our Brethren.

In behalf of the Committee.

CHARLES SPURDEN.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report now read be adopted, with a request that it be inserted, together with the Cash account, in the Minutes of the Association.
2. That the Managing Committee consist of Elders J. D. Casewell and C. Spurden, Messrs. S. W. Babbit, W. S. Estey, W. Sewell and T. Stewart.
3. That it is expedient, in the present condition both of the Society and of the Province, to make an effort for the liquidation of the debt.
4. That for the better accomplishment of the above object, the whole debt be divided into Thirty Shares of twenty-five pounds each, payable in two instalments from the 1st of October next. That every shareholder be entitled to send a student to the Seminary free of charge for tuition for a period of seven years. That any one holding half a share possess the same privilege for half the time; and that any number of persons combining to take a share, be entitled collectively to the privileges of an individual Shareholder, according to

any division made among themselves by mutual agreement. That from those who are unable or unwilling to take Shares, donations be solicited for the payment of the debt. That if a larger number of Shares be taken than will suffice to pay the debt, the surplus be invested to form an endowment, the interest of which shall be applied to increase the efficiency of the Institution.

That Elder R. Thomson, A. M., and Brother John Hughes be requested to act as agents for the purpose of carrying out the above plan.

*The Baptist Education Society, in account with the Managing Committee.*

		DR.	
1852	Stove Pipe, &c.		£2 3 2
	Alterations, Repairs, &c.		47 6 0
	Wire web for Windows,		2 7 6
	Ladder,		0 15 0
	Painting Roof fire proof,		18 0 0
	Do. back of Building,		6 0 0
	Cutting Wood,		1 7 6
	Three cords dry Hard Wood,		2 6 0
	Sundries, Glass, &c.		1 17 2
	Cleaning School Rooms, &c.		8 0 0
	Assistant Teachers Salary,		70 0 0
1853	Principal's Salary,		200 0 0
	Advertising and Printing,		4 2 8
	Interest Central Fire Insurance Company,		22 10 0
	Do. Note,		12 0 0
			£398 13 6
1852		CR	
Dec.	Balance in hand,	£13 11 3	
	Treasurer of General Union,	29 15 0	
	Tea Meeting by Ladies of Fredericton,	12 0 0	
	Tuition Fees,	81 4 9	
1853	Do. late Mr. Phillips,	4 2 8	
July	Legislative Grant,	250 0 0	
	Balance due the Committee,	7 19 8	
			£398 13 6

*Debts due by the N. B. Baptist Education Society, July 1st, 1853.*

Central Fire Insurance Company Mortgage,	£375 0 0
Mrs. Smith, Note,	200 0 0
	£575 0 0

Examined the above account with the books and vouchers kept by the Rev. Mr. Spurden, and found it to be correct.

Fredericton, 4th July, 1853.

SAMUEL W. BABBIT.

## STATISTICS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	Schools.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Volumes.	REMARKS.
Maugerville,	1	30	10	100	Prosperous.
2d Falls, St. George,	1	80	13	200	
Portland,	1	90	10	300	
Jacksontown,	1	80	8	200	Prosperous.
Brussels-st. St. John,	4	220	35	540	Interesting.
Ledge, St. Stephen,	1	50	9	150	Interesting.
Woodstock,	1	70	9	200	Flourishing.
Canning,	1	40	6	150	Interesting.
St. Andrews,	1	66	9	250	
Frédericton,	1	75	13		
Germain-st. St. John	1	180	21	600	9 baptized last yr.
Oak Bay,	1				
Carleton,	1	100	18	222	Flourishing.
Simonds,	1				Just commencing.
Prince William,	1	30	3	75	
Nashwaak,	1	40	6	150	
St. George,	1	120	15	300	
Pennfield,	2	78	15	150	
<b>Total,</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1343</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>3017</b>	