

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK,

AND

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND,

HELD AT

PORTLAND, N. B.

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 23D, AND 24TH, 1850.

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 Rev. Charles Tupper, Amherst.

**SECRETARIES**, { Rev. I. E. Bill, Nictaux,  
 Rev. Edward D. Very, Portland.

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“ E. D. Very,	Dea. N. S. Demill,	“ G. A. Garrison,
“ A. M'Donald,	“ A. McL. Seely,	E. H. Duval.

The following resolve, submitted by the Committee to nominate Officers, was adopted:

Resolved, The Committee report their opinion that it would secure greater regularity and efficiency were the Treasurers of the respective Boards to attend at every meeting of the Board for which they act; and that it would probably tend to the same end were the office in each case held by one individual only instead of being divided between two Provinces.

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# MINUTES.

PORTLAND, September 21, 1850.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island commenced its Fifth Annual Session at the Baptist Meeting House in Portland on Saturday afternoon, after Ministerial Conference at 4 o'clock. The Rev. Charles Tupper was elected to the Chair, *pro tem.*, and called the Meeting to order. The Rev. I. E. Bill was chosen Secretary, *pro tem.*

The names of Delegates were then announced and received.

Brothron Robinson, Casewell and Very were chosen a Committee of Arrangement.

The Committee appointed last year to prepare RULES OF ORDER, made their report, which was accepted.

Resolved, That the Hon. J. W. Johnston, and Brethren Robinson, Very, Barss and Cutten be a Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Letters addressed to the Convention were then read, in which the following brethren were named as

## DELEGATES.

*Nova Scotia Association*—Elders I. E. Bill, William Burton, Brethren J. W. Barss, D. C. Landers and C. R. Bill.

*Eastern New Brunswick Association*—Elders John Marsters and Samuel Bancroft.

*Western New Brunswick Association*—Delegates appointed but not present.

*Granville Street Church, Halifax*—Elder E. A. Crawley and Bro. J. Ferguson.

*Weymouth Church*—Elder C. Randall.

*Porton Church*—Elder R. E. Burpe, and Bro. Simon Fitch.

*Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society*—Hon J. W. Johnston.

*New Brunswick General Union Society*—Brother S. Hersey.

*Portland Church*—Elder E. D. Very.

*Portland Local Union Society*—Brethren A. McL. Seely, Robert Stevens, T. Boyne, J. Berryman and Thomas McHenry.

*Armain Street Church*—Elder J. D. Casewell, and brethren Dr. S. Fitch and C. A. Hart.

*John Domestic Missionary Board*—Brother Wm. P. Everett.

*Russell Street Church*—Elder S. Robinson, and Brethren N. S. Demill, S. Kinsman, S. Gerow, and S. Spillar.

*New Brunswick Baptist Education Society*—Elder C. Spurden.

*Sackville Church*—Elder W. J. Parker.

*Porton Church*—Elder A. McDonald.

*Local Union Society, 1st St. George*—Brethren H. E. Seelye, A. Gilmour, and Mark Young.

*Local Union Society, Amherst*—Elder Charles Tupper.

*Amherst Church*—Brother E. B. Cutten.

*St. Martins Church*—Elder W. Jackson, and Brother J. Moore.

*Financial Agent*—Elder John Chase.

*Local Union Society, Aberton*—Elder John Francis.

*Local Union Society, Fredericton*—Brother J. P. A. Phillips.

*By their own subscriptions*—Elders G. F. Miles, T. Magee, E. N. Harris, and Brother E. H. Duval.

The Committee to nominate Officers for this Convention presented the following list, which was adopted:

**PRESIDENT**—Rev. Theodore S. Harding.

**VICE PRESIDENTS**—Rev. Edward Manning, Rev. Joseph Crandall, Rev. Charles Tupper, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, and Hon. J. W. Johnston.

**SECRETARIES**—Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. E. D. Very.

**TREASURERS**—C. R. Bill, Esq., and Bro. A. McL. Seely.

*Resolved*, To adjourn to Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the Chairman.

**Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.**

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder I. E. Bill, of Nietaux, from Matt 24th chap. 14th v. 1. "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

A collection was then made for the purposes of this Convention.

After prayer, by Elder Spurden, the Convention was called to order by the Moderator reading the regulations adopted for the transaction of business.

*Resolved*, That Ministers and members of Baptist Churches in good standing, who may be present, be invited to take part in the deliberations of this Convention.

The following Committees were then appointed:

1. *To nominate the Office Bearers and the several Boards of the Convention*—Hon. J. W. Johnston, Elders S. Robinson, E. D. Very, I. E. Bill, J. D. Casewell, Brethren J. W. Barss, E. B. Catten, and Dr. Fitch.
2. *On Religious Publications and Colportage*—Hon. J. W. Johnston, Elders C. Randal, J. Francis, C. Tupper, and Brother N. S. Demill.
3. *On Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings*—Elders W. Barton, T. Magee, J. Marsters, W. Jackson, Brethren D. C. Lansons, Elders C. R. Bill, H. E. Seelye, R. Stevens, J. P. A. Phillips, A. H. Gilmour, S. Kinsman, T. McHenry, J. Read.
4. *On Sabbath Schools*—Elders A. McDonald, E. N. Harris, W. Jackson, W. G. Parker, Brethren J. Moore, C. A. Hartt, W. I. Everett, S. Hersey, W. Robinson, and J. Smith.
5. *Foreign Missions and Bible Society*—Elders I. E. Bill, E. A. Crawley, S. Bancroft, E. N. Harris, W. G. Parker, Brethren Berryman, T. Boyne, J. P. A. Phillips, J. F. Marsters.
6. *On Education*—Hon. J. W. Johnston, Elders E. D. Very, A. Crawley, C. Spurden, J. D. Casewell, I. E. Bill, J. Francis, W. Barton, S. Robinson, J. Chase, Brethren J. W. Barss, N. S. Demill, S. Gerow, J. Berryman, C. R. Bill, S. Fitch, I. Fitch, E. B. Catten, T. McHenry.

7. *On Domestic Missions*—Elders E. N. Harris, C. Randal, H. Bancroft, J. Marsters, T. Magee, W. G. Parker, Brethren D. C. Landers, S. Fitch, S. Hersey, W. P. Everett, S. Spillar, R. Stevens.

The General Union Society of New Brunswick made their Report, which was received. (Appendix A.)

Prayer by the Moderator. Adjourned.

**Monday, 4 o'clock, P. M.**

Prayer by Elder J. Francis.

The Report of the Board for controlling the Funds for Superannuated and Infirm Ministers was presented and adopted. (Appendix B.)

The Treasurer's account was handed in and read.

Ordered, That every Treasurer's account be referred to a special Finance Committee, to report thereon.

The following Committee was appointed:

J. W. Barss, S. Gerow, A. McL. Seely, E. D. Very, Dr. Fitch, J. Ferguson, E. B. Catten, J. W. Johnston.

Resolved, That all applications for Ministerial aid from Nova Scotia, be made through Elders I. E. Bill and N. Vidtsoe, to the Superannuated Ministers' Board in St. John.

The Committee on Religious Publications and Colportage made their Report, which was received.

**REPORT**

That this Convention rejoices in the continued usefulness of our two excellent Periodicals, which are exerting a highly beneficial influence in their respective Provinces, and strongly recommend them both to public patronage, earnestly desiring that their circulation may be greatly increased.

J. W. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

Prayer by the Moderator. Adjourned.

**Monday Evening, 7 o'clock**

Prayer by Elder T. Magee.

Dr. Crawley the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions presented the Report of that Board, which was adopted, and will be found in Appendix C.

Several interesting addresses upon the subject of Foreign Missions were delivered by various brethren present, and in the course of their remarks it was stated, that our beloved brother Burpe was strongly advised by high medical authority to abstain from public meetings, and services, for the next six months at least.

Prayer by Elder C. Randal. Adjourned till Tuesday, at 9 A. M.

**Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.**

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. S. Bancroft.

Rev. John Chase preached a sermon from 1 Cor. 15th ch. 58th v.

After which the Committee to nominate the different Boards and their officers, submitted their report which was adopted as found on page 2.

The Committee on Union Societies, and Quarterly Meetings, submitted their report which was adopted. (Appendix D.)

The Committee on Education then submitted the following report which was adopted:

Whereas the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society at its recent Annual Meeting at Nictaux adopted the following Resolutions, viz.:

*Resolved, 1.* That this Society gratefully acknowledges the kindness of the Baptists of New Brunswick, in voluntarily adopting in connection with the Baptist of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Acadia College as the Collegiate Institution of the three Provinces, according to certain resolutions, passed at the last Session of the Convention, and cheerfully concur in the arrangements then made for its future government and support; except as respects that regulation which requires annual change in the governors, it being the opinion of this Society, and a condition on which this Resolution is passed, that it would be more conducive to the interest of the College that the change should not take place more frequently than every three years, and with the power of re-election.

*Resolved, 2.* That for carrying these arrangements into effect, this Society does hereby resign to the Convention its control and authority over Acadia College, and direct the Executive Committee to apply to the Legislature at its next session, so to alter the Act of Incorporation that the government of the College maybe legally transferred from the present Governors and Committee to such Governors and their successors as have been, and as may be agreed upon by the Convention, and that the Act may be made permanent, and be otherwise amended to suit the altered government of the College. But that due provision be made that the Baptist Education Society continue to retain their title to the real estate and buildings, until the debts and securities for which the Executive Committee, or any former member thereof, are or may be liable, shall be discharged, or the parties be relieved therefrom--on which event arrangements shall be made for selling the title in a manner suited to promote the interest of both the Academy and the College on just principles."

Therefore *Resolved, 1.* That this Convention does hereby confirm the transfer of Acadia College on the terms expressed in these two resolutions:

*Resolved, 2.* That the Convention do petition the Legislature of Nova Scotia to make the necessary alterations in the Act incorporating Acadia College and to give that Act permanency and that Hon. J. W. Johnston, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, and Dr. Simon Fitch, be a Committee to prepare and cause to be presented in the name of the Convention the petition for that purpose; and if they shall see occasion also to petition the Legislature of New Brunswick for extending to Acadia College and its graduates such privileges as may be reasonable and just.

*Resolved, 3.* That the following gentlemen form a Board of Governors of Acadia College together with the President of the College as an ex-officio member of the same.

Rev. Ingraham E. Bill; Hon. J. W. Johnston; Rev. William Burton; Hon. W. B. Kinnear; Rev. Samuel Robinson; Simon Fitch, M. D.; Rev. Charles Spurden; John W. Barss, Esq.; Rev. Edward D. Very; Stewart Freeman, Esq.; Rev. Abraham

Hent; Prof. I. L. Chipman; Caleb R. Bill, Esq.; William Stone, Esq.; James W: Nutting, Esq.; James R. Fitch, M. D.: Mr. Nathan; S. Demill; Mr. Alexander M'L. Seely.

*Resolved*, 4. That at the expiration of every three years six of the governors shall go out of office, subject however to re-election, and that an appointment of six be then made to complete the Board. But nothing in this resolution shall be held to controul or abridge the power of this Convention at its pleasure to remove any one or more of the governors and appoint others in their stead as occasion may make necessary.

J. W. JOHNSTON, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That this Convention exceedingly regret that men were to be found on this side of the Atlantic, or Periodicals in England, to circulate reports with reference to the Financial Agency appointed by this Convention at its late session, impugning the motives of this Convention, and of its Agents; and we hereby attest that our action was in good faith, hoping to be relieved of the debt, that we might be able, by the voluntary contribution of the friends of Acadia College in the three Provinces, to give it an efficient annual support.

This honest purpose of the Convention having been to a great degree frustrated by those who have injuriously interfered to misrepresent us. We acknowledge with devout gratitude the earnest and sincere regard for the college manifested by its numerous friends in the three Provinces in making an unusual effort, under many depressing circumstances, to liquidate a large portion of the debt, and to support it by their free contributions in future.

*Resolved*, That we highly approve of the prudence and patience of our respected deputation, Rev. I. E. Bill, and Rev. John Francis, in the trying position in which they were placed, and acknowledge our deep indebtedness to them, and also to those friends in England who, notwithstanding the misrepresentations alluded to, exercised their kindest hospitalities to the deputation, and generously responded to their plea for help, particularly to Rev. Mr. Lister, Rev. Dr. Raffles, John Houghton, and John S. DeWolfe, Esqrs. of Liverpool: Also to Rev. Dr. Cox, Rev. Dr. Steane, Rev. Algernon Wells, Rev. J. H. Hinton, A. M., Rev. Dr. Leifchild, Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel, Rev. J. C. Galloway, A. M., Rev. Dr. Morrison, J. McGregor, and S. M. Peto, Esqrs., M'a. P., and C. D. Archibald, Esq., of London; likewise to H. Kelsall, Esq., of Rochdale, to all of whom the deputation are deeply indebted for highly influential testimonials, or for handsome donations.

*Resolved*, That a place be requested for the insertion of these resolutions in the London Baptist Magazine, the Baptist Reporter, the Primitive Church Magazine, the Christian Times, the London Patriot, and the British Banner, each of which referred to the subject during the prosecution of the Agency.

Voted to adjourn to 2½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Moderator.

**Tuesday Afternoon.**

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. W. Burton.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their Report which was adopted. (Appendix E.)

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The Committee on Domestic Missions submitted their report, which was adopted. (Appendix F.)

The Committee to examine the accounts of the Deputation to England, &c., submitted their report verbally, by the Chairman, Hon. J. W. Johnston: That the accounts were satisfactory, including the expenses charged, and recommend that the sum of £100 each be allowed to brethren Bill and Francis, which was adopted by the Convention.

*Voted*, That our next annual meeting be held with the Baptist Church, Wolfville, on the third Saturday of September, 1851, and that Rev. E. D. Very preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. Geo. F. Miles, alternate.

*Voted*, That 1500 copies of the Minutes of this Convention be published for distribution, 200 of which shall be distributed by the Deputation amongst those who contributed to their object in England.

*Voted*, that the names of the English contributors to Acadia College be inserted in the Minutes.

*Voted*, That Rev. E. D. Very superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes this year.

*Voted*, To adjourn to 7 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

#### Tuesday Evening, 7 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Parker.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That previous to the publications of the several Treasurer's Reports, the Foreign Missionary Board be requested to instruct the Treasurer to pay immediately the balance due the American Baptist Missionary Union; and also to pay the Rev. R. E. Burpe the balance due him; and that as soon as the accounts can be thus adjusted so as to give a plain statement of the condition of our funds, the accounts be published in the *Christian Messenger*, and in the *Christian Visitor*, and recommend also that after this current year, that but one Treasurer be appointed for each Board, and that he be one who can conveniently be present at any meeting of such Board, and that special care be recommended in making investments, that it be so done that the funds can be made available at short notice, if not on demand. E. D. VERY, Chairman.

Hon. J. W. Johnston, Chairman of the Committee to superintend the Agency to England, then introduced the appeal in behalf of Acadia College, with an interesting address, which was followed by Brethren Bill, Francis, Spurden, Very; Robinson, Miles, Barse, Seelye, Gilmour, and Dr. S. Fitch, at the conclusion of which £77 10s. was subscribed towards this object.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the friends in this Parish and in the City, who have so courteously entertained us during our present session.

The Moderator having expressed the thanks of the body to the friends present, the other business being concluded, the Convention adjourned, to meet in Wolfville, N. S., 3d Saturday in Sept. 1851.

Adjourned. Prayer and Benediction by the Moderator,

CHARLES TUPPER, Moderator.

I. E. BILL, and E. D. VERY, Secretaries.

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LIST OF DONATIONS RECEIVED IN ENGLAND,  
IN AID OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

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John Houghton,	30	0	0	Bro't up,	195	8	0
Richard Houghton,	10	0	0	Ogden & Barnes,	1	0	0
John S. De Wolf,	10	0	0	Currie & Newton,	1	0	0
Rankin, Gilmour & Co.	10	0	0	John Martin,	1	0	0
Gibbs, Bright & Co.	5	0	0	Tennent Clow & Co.	2	0	0
James Houghton,	5	0	0	Wm. Ashley Clayton,	2	0	0
D. & C. McIver,	5	0	0	Mrs. E. Cearns,	2	0	0
T. H. Holderness,	5	0	0	Joseph Maclan & Co.	2	2	0
James De Spurr,	5	0	0	H. & Co.	2	0	0
John Johnson,	10	0	0	Chalmers & Co.	2	2	0
John Cropper,	5	0	0	James Alexander,	2	2	0
Charles Byrne,	5	0	0	L. Williams,	2	0	0
Garnock & Bibby,	5	0	0	James Barnes,	1	1	0
John Jardine,	5	0	0	Wm. Gardiner,	1	1	0
Fielden & Brothers,	5	0	0	A Friend.	1	0	0
Richie, Mackay & Co.	5	0	0	A Friend,	1	1	0
Edmund Oliver,	5	0	0	Woodall & Jones,	1	1	0
Richard Houghton,	5	0	0	Richard Johnson,	1	1	0
David Canon Sons & Co	5	0	0	W. McCully & Co.	3	0	0
John Helmes,	5	0	0	J. Fitzhugh & Co.	1	0	0
R. L. Jones,	5	0	0	A Friend,	4	0	0
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William Jones,	1	0	0	LONDON.			
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James Stitt,	2	0	0	W. S. Smith,	2	0	0
Cearns & Brown,	2	0	0	Edw'd Edwards,	2	0	0
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Wm. Crossfield,	2	0	0	E. Freeman,	1	0	0
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Two Friends,	1	0	0	Rev. John Bigwood,	0	10	0
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James Bell,	1	0	0	Thos. Piper, Esq.,	5	0	0
Miss Bell,	1	0	0	H. Tucker, Esq.,	2	0	0
George Scovel,	5	5	0	Thomas A. Burr, Esq.,	1	1	0
Edward Steane,	1	0	0	W. D. Hanson, Esq.,	1	1	0
F. A. Cox,	1	0	0	Joseph Hanson, Esq.,	1	1	0
S. M. Peto,	20	0	0	John Bunell, Esq.,	1	0	0
A Friend,	1	0	0	Mrs. Martin,	0	10	0
B. C. F. Gray,	1	1	0	W. K.,	0	10	0
Charles Jones,	1	0	0	J. J. S.,	0	10	0
Thomas Young,	1	0	0	A Friend,	2	0	0
W. Carlisle,	1	0	0	MANCHESTER.			
William Blackburn,	2	2	0	John Banneman,	10	0	0
J. MacGregor,	2	2	0	Wm. Barbour,	5	0	0
Thomas Gurney,	1	0	0	A Friend,	1	0	0
Mrs. Whitchurch,	1	0	0	Samuel Brooks, Esq.,	1	0	0
W. W. Nash,	1	0	0	Wm. Thorburn, Esq.,	1	0	0
Mr. Marlboro;	1	0	0	ROCHDALE.			
Mrs. Bousfield,	1	0	0	Henry Kelsall,	20	0	0
John Hill, Esq.,	1	0	0	BANGOR.			
R. Cartwright, Esq.,	1	1	0	Messrs. Davis,	2	2	0
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## APPENDIX.

### (A) GENERAL UNION SOCIETY.

The General Union Society of New Brunswick to the Baptist Convention, beg leave to report:

That during the past year in deference to the opinion of some of our brethren in the Province, no Agency has been employed by the Board except a few weeks by Elder Joseph Crandal. The dependence of the Board has therefore been the free action of the Pastors and Churches.

The result appears to have been as follows:

In the Eastern Association, out of thirty-eight churches, twelve only have contributed to the objects of the Union; with these twelve churches are connected nine of the ordained ministers, each of whom it is presumed contributed with his church to the Funds. One other of the ordained ministers, distinct from any church, making in all ten out of twenty-six of the ordained ministers of the Association stand identified with these important movements.

In the Western Association, thirteen churches out of the thirty-six have contributed to our objects, and with these thirteen churches stand connected ten of the ordained ministers out of the twenty-three of the Association, two others also distinct from the Churches, which leaves the lamentable conclusion that but about one-third of the Baptist churches of the province have contributed to the objects which are of so vital an interest to our denomination, and so creditable to christian character, and less than half of our ordained ministers have lent their influence and their contributions to encourage their churches. In the Eastern Association the amount contributed to the Union Society has been

	£36 3 2
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In the Western Association the amount contributed to the Union Society has been

	£118 4 2½
To Foreign Missions,	71 4 9

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Of the £189 8 11½ collected in the Western Association, £36 6½ was gathered from six churches in Charlotte County by a combined agency of several Pastors who have recently presented these objects to the churches.

What we are thus compelled to submit as the result of the past year's collections only strengthens the conviction which the Board have uniformly cherished, that an agency in behalf of these objects is indispensable, and that our Funds can never be suitably replenished but through the persevering and repeated labors of an enlight-

ened and zealous Agent, who shall be able to inform and persuade the Pastors and churches with reference to our objects.

It is impossible for the Board to conceive how any one having the general cause of benevolence at heart, can in the face of such facts as the foregoing object to an Agency.

While but 22 out of 49 ordained ministers and 25 out of 74 churches show any disposition to move voluntarily in the work, the covetousness and indisposition of those who do not move may very probably object to an agency, not certainly for the withdrawal of its expense from the general Funds, because any tolerable agency would swell those funds besides meeting the expense, but for fear of having an irresistible demand made upon them for their money, or an incontrovertible argument directed against their prejudices.

We still cherish the hope of better times. The developments of Divine Providence are combined so remarkably to illustrate Scripture promises, that none, who have a mind to see, will be left with any pretext for hesitancy in Missionary effort. All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of the General Union of the New Brunswick.

E. D. VERY, *Secretary*

#### (a) BOARD OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

The Board for controlling the Funds for Superannuated Ministers in submitting their yearly report cannot refrain from expressing their heartfelt gratitude to God for the preservation of the lives and health of our beloved brethren, the Ministers of the Churches. During the year that has just expired, there was not any application for relief to the Board; nor has there been to our knowledge any deceasing among our brethren, neither any sickness except such as would be expected to attend the infirmities of years. While we would describe the preservation of their health, and their support in other respects to the good hand of our God, we cannot but believe that increased liberality and attention of the churches towards their superannuated ministers contributed largely to this.

We hope however that no one will infer from the present peace and prosperity vouchsafed to our friends, that such a provision for the "Fund for Superannuated and Infirm Ministers" is an unnecessary one. The timely relief which it has already afforded to those during their last illness, who have been removed to their rest and the support imparted to others who are still labouring with sickness amongst us, while called on to pass through scenes of affliction, and the circumstances in which many of our Ministers would be placed if visited by similar Providence, more than justify the necessity of the denomination to possess a small fund of this nature, from which the pressing wants of Christian Ministers could be supplied when other sources failed. Certainly no one professing the faith of Christ and who has, as a disciple of the Saviour, been reaping the fruit of the ritual instruction of those who in many instances parted with their farms and other lucrative means of earthly support for the Gospel's sake, can withhold a small portion of his goods yearly from the support when either sickness or age prevent them from labour.

A. McDONALD, *Secretary*

## (c) BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In laying before the Convention a Report of the proceedings of this Board during the past year a very few sentences will be sufficient to present the parts which appear to be important to be mentioned.

The Board having, with the approbation of the Convention as expressed at their last meeting, recommended to our beloved Missionary, Mr. Burpe, to take such steps with regard to his health as his Physicians should advise him to be necessary, and accordingly to return to this country, if they should continue to advise this measure, waited, thenceforward, anxiously to know what the result of their communication should be.

It will be recollected that about the time of the last meeting of the Convention, the distressing information had arrived that Mr. Burpe had gone, by medical advice, to Sincapore, under circumstances peculiarly painful to Mrs. Burpe, inasmuch as one of the Physicians after the departure of her husband had called to inform her that in his opinion, that voyage could not be productive of any permanent advantage.

Contrary however to this opinion, and the fears of this Committee, our valued brother, after an absence of about three months returned to Calcutta in a state of health considerably improved, the more so inasmuch as the temperature of Sincapore having had the effect of adding much to his strength. This, however, was unfortunately lessened by unavoidable exposure on his return voyage to Akyab, but still so much benefit continued as to give to his medical advisers much hope that application would have strength enough to return to America, and that the deleterious effects of this climate might be of ultimate advantage.

Accordingly, Mr. Burpe, with great regret at leaving the chosen field of his labours, but with much hope that thus his life might be prolonged for future usefulness, took passage under very favorable circumstances in the month of December last, on board the ship *Perdew*, bound for London, being so fortunate as to procure superior accommodations at an unusually low rate.

His voyage was boisterous, and rendered distressing by the death of a provisioner, Rev. Mr. Barker, a Missionary of the American Baptist Board, who is an unreturning in ill health, but our esteemed brother and his family were afforded to the protection of a kind Providence, arrived safely in their rest at the Channel about the fourth of April last; having spent but a few days in England, he reached the shores of Nova Scotia on the fifteenth of May, after an absence of five years, and with as little inconvenience from the voyage as could well be anticipated.

Burpe's health had been materially injured by the cold and exposure of England, and he suffered considerably in his health on his voyage, but since the period of arrival, the Committee are enabled to say appears for the most part to have improved in health, and we are enabled to say that he is still yet, as the Board trust, be preserved to labour usefully in some field that may present itself in this country, or be expended on the burning shores of India and amid the jungles of Karens or the Kemees, time alone can reveal.

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stationary life which the Board has derived from their connection with the enterprise of this Society, they have been led to a fixed conviction on one point which they feel it incumbent on them to state with great seriousness, and that is, that in any future efforts of the Convention in the Foreign Missionary field, it ought to be an inviolable principle never to send any missionary or missionary family alone. The duties and cares which rest on the single labourer are too heavy, and the need of brotherly counsel and encouragement too pressing and constant to make it just to him or to his work, or just to the reasonable expectations and wishes of the friends of Missions, to send any one so far away on so arduous an enterprise without any necessary aid.

In all future preparations, therefore, for labors in this important and noble department of Christian effort, the Board earnestly hope that the Convention will be guided by this principle, and for the enlarged scope of two missionaries or missionary families lay their future plans.

The Convention at the last meeting strongly declared its belief that no pressure of trial ought to deter from exertion in this field, or to have any other effect than to stir to greater effort, and to awaken more earnest and more believing prayer, that the Board feel themselves relieved from any necessity of saying much on that point, assured, as they are, that the same spirit which animated the friends of this cause in the absence of their beloved brother Burpe, will glow with redoubled fervor when they shall see him restored to them with improving health by the tender mercies of our God, and shall hear from his own lips those fervent appeals on behalf of the perishing millions of the East which he has always made, and now cannot but make with the increased intensity of feeling of one whose "eyes have seen and whose ears have heard" their misery, their desolation and their moral ruin.

The first and most immediate duty connected with Mr. Burpe's return is, as the Board conceive, the care of his health. To this they would recommend him to pay the strictest regard, under the most skilful medical advice, and by no means to peril the hopes of recovery that have brought him so far from the shores of India in pursuit of returned health, by venturing on labors or efforts howsoever desirable for the interests of the Mission, that might tend to retard that object; but in the event of his health being sufficiently restored, the Board cannot but anticipate the happiest results from Mr. Burpe's return, not only in awakening new interest in those whose pecuniary aid and future exertions must depend, but also in eliciting more fully those desires for missionary labour which they believed have slumbered for some time in the bosoms of several of our pious youth; and they trust that in this, and in other ways which seemed at first an untoward necessity, dragging away a laborious and useful labourer from his toil and his success, will prove in the long a merciful Providence, providing in a way unthought of by us a means for enlarging and consolidating the Mission, which could scarcely be hoped for from any other agency.

It is apparent too that any future effort on the part of this Convention among the tribes of India must be undertaken with vast a

vantage from the experience which Mr. Burpe has necessarily gathered with regard to the work, and which he has now brought to aid the counsels of his brethren. Cheered by these hopes and grateful for the merciful providences that have shown conspicuous in the midst of disappointment and trial, the Board again commend the Foreign Mission of the Baptists of these Provinces to all friends of Jesus Christ, in the assured belief that it will not fail to receive the ample meed of their prayers, their contributions, and their faith, while in a deep sense of dependence on the highest aid, while they would at the same time commend the whole to the favor and help of Him who is the sole fountain of all good.

E. A. CRAWLEY.

#### D) UNION SOCIETIES AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The Committee on Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings, report,

That they view with increasing interest, the important benevolent efforts contemplated and embraced in this Convention. That to give them efficient support will require the united and persevering efforts of the whole denomination in the three Provinces, the Committee would earnestly recommend the continuance of the constant labours of a competent agent, assured that the Union Society, un-der the direction of a judicious Committee, and carried forward by an animated active Agency, is the best means for securing a steady increase of brotherly denominational funds, they would recommend that a suitable person be employed as speedily as possible to visit every Church where a Union Society exists, or where no efforts of any kind have been made, as well as where they do exist, if thought proper, not only to have always lect money, but also to explain with as much care as possible the intensity of principles upon which the Union Societies must depend, and have heard that this Convention would earnestly request every Church in the denomination, however small, to bear an active part in the benevolent operations of the day, and to render the agent every possible assistance and encouragement in his arduous work.

Our Committee perceiving that great good has been done by the hopes of India Meetings, would recommend their continuance in such efforts how respectfully submitted. All of which

WM. BURTON, *Chairman.*

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report, that while they deplore the fact that so many of our Churches, but also as yet manifested so little interest in the religious training of the young, they, nevertheless are gratified to learn that the majority of several the churches in connection with this Convention are putting forth worthy efforts to promote Sabbath School instruction.

They regard the circulation of the cheap religious reading afforded by a laborious effort the last few years through the agency of Elders Very and Chase, which has proved an incalculable benefit in securing both the attendance and in-crease of the children, and we recommend to all Churches that have not as yet availed themselves of these advantages in religious instruction to lose no time in procuring Sabbath School Libraries.

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Your Committee state with pleasure that the Teachers in connection with some of the schools are in the habit of holding weekly meetings for the purpose of reviewing the lessons to be given on the ensuing Sabbath, and we would earnestly recommend to all Sabbath School Teachers the adoption of the same measure.

We would further recommend that as many of the Teachers as can afford the expense should receive a small periodical published by the American Sunday School Union, called the Sunday School Journal, which is conducted with much ability, and is particularly devoted to the instruction of the Teachers of Sabbath Schools; this is particularly necessary as the success of every school must depend on the efficiency of the Teacher.

The Youth's Penny Gazette, which your Committee are pleased to find has been successfully introduced into some of our Sabbath Schools, we regard as worthy a place in all, and especially recommend it to pupils to whose capacities it is admirably adapted. All of which is respectfully submitted. A. McDONALD, *Chairman.*

(F) DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions respectfully submit the following Report :

We are deeply impressed with the magnitude of the vast field of missionary labour in these Provinces. And while we pray that success may attend your efforts to save society in Pagan lands, and crown with the divine blessing your other philanthropic movements we *especially* recommend to your favourable consideration the wants of the French, the Indians, and the sons of the deep. In the opinion of your committee the state of our country is most favourable for the more general diffusion of light and truth. Hence it to be hoped that measures may be immediately adopted commensurate with the redemption through faith in Jesus Christ of those tens of thousands of heathen at home.

E. N. HARRIS, *Chairman.*