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## Constitution and Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall consist of Delegates, representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, and shall be styled the "Southern N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the Churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, the promotion of individual godliness, and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the second Tuesday in June at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes, and in the denominational paper. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more; but no church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year, immediately on their arrival, the Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on Arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of each church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, on behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 8.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connection, who to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship, without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 10.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular session.

### Rules of Order.

- 1 That each meeting be opened by prayer.
- 2 That motions be made and seconded according to parliamentary usage.
- 3 That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
- 4 That every motion be written out and handed to the Clerk.
- 5 That motions which are lost be not recorded.
- 6 That invited members enjoy the privileges of delegates, except voting.
- 7 That these resolutions be read at each session.

## MINUTES.

### FIRST SESSION.

TUESDAY June 14th, 1881.

The second annual session of the Southern New Brunswick Baptist Association convened with the First Baptist Church, St. Martins, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., the moderator, Dr. I. E. Bill, in the chair.

After prayer by Rev. H. Foshay, Rev. J. E. Hopper preached a sermon from Luke 17 : 5.

Letters from the churches were handed in and the following Delegates enrolled :

#### KINGS COUNTY.

##### *Fairfield—*

*Greenwich Hill—*Joseph McBay, Chas. Wallace.

*Hammond Vale—*Jesse Tabor, Geo. Tabor, Weden Fowler.

*Hampton—*Rev. S. W. Kierstead.

*Hampton Village—*A. A. Mabee, G. White.

##### *Kars—*

*Norion—*B. N. Nobles (Licentiate), E. A. Hayes.

*Penobsquis—*Wm. Stone.

##### *Salt Springs—*

*Springfield, 1st—*Rev. W. T. Corey.

*Springfield, 2nd—*James Kierstead.

*Studholm—*Rev. E. Kierstead.

*Sussex—*Rev. H. Foshay, Wm. Davies.

*Upham—*Wm. Titus.

#### SAINT JOHN COUNTY.

*Brussels St., St. John—*Rev. J. E. Hopper, J. A. Estey, E. W. Elliott, W. H. Brown, D. Brown.

*Germain St.—*Rev. W. M. Weeks, J. H. Harding, G. W. Marsters, E. H. Jones, T. D. Denham.

*Leinster St.—*T. L. Hay.

*Pitt St.—*

*Zion Carleton.—*

Marsh Bridge, Portland—  
 Portland—Rev. W. A. Corey, J. E. Spragg.  
 Zion, Portland—Rev. W. P. Everett, Thos. Hicks, T. H. Hall.  
 St. Martins, 1st—Rev. I. E. Bill, D. D., Jacob Titus, J. D.  
 Bradshaw, J. M. Bradshaw.  
 St. Martins, 2nd—Rev. R. Mutch.  
 S. Musquash and Dipper Harbour—Rev. J. Murray, C. F. Clinch.  
 G. K. Hanson, J. W. Clinch.  
 Willow Grove—

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

Baillie, St. James—  
 Bocabec—  
 Ledge, Dufferin—  
 Oak Bay—  
 Pennfield—  
 Rollingdam—  
 St. Andrews, 2nd—  
 St. George, 1st—  
 St. George, 2nd—  
 Second Falls, St. George—  
 St. Stephen—Wm. Vaughan.  
 Tower Hill—

The following Visiting Brethren accepted an invitation to participate in the deliberations :—Revs. A. Washburn, A. Estabrooks, A. Cohoon, Brethren J. R. Hutchinson, Wm. Lewis.

On motion the election of officers for the current year was proceeded with and the following Brethren elected :—

- REV. W. P. EVERETT..... Moderator.
- BRO. T. D. DENHAM..... Clerk.
- BRO. J. A. ESTEY..... Assistant Clerk.
- BRO. C. F. CLINCH..... Treasurer.

The newly elected Moderator, then took the chair and read the Rules of order. The following committees were appointed :

ON ARRANGEMENTS.

Revs. I. E. Bill, D.D., J. E. Hopper, W. A. Corey, W.M. Weeks, Brethren Jacob Titus, and Wm. Stone.

ON NOMINATIONS.

Revs. S. W. Kierstead, J. Murray, W. T. Corey, H. Foshay, and Bro. E. W. Elliott.

The committee on arrangements reported in part : That the following daily sessions be held during the present association :—

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Morning Session to open at 10.30 and close at 12.30.

Afternoon Session to open at 2.30 and close at 5.30.

Evening Session to open at 7.30.

That the Association Sermon be preached to-morrow morning at 10.30 by Rev. W. M. Weeks, in consequence of the absence of Rev. T. W. Crawley.

Adjourned after prayer.

## SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 15th.

Association met at 10.30 a.m.

After prayer by Rev. E. Kierstead, the Minutes of last evening's Session were read and approved. The following Brethren were appointed to read the Letters from the Churches: Rev. J. E. Hopper, Rev. W. M. Weeks, Bro. B. N. Nobles. Reading of Church Letters proceeded with.

The Committee on Arrangements presented the following programme for this afternoon and evening: Afternoon—Education and other matters of general interest.

Evening—Foreign Missionary Meeting, to be addressed by Bro. J. R. Hutchinson, Rev. W. P. Everett and others.

Reading of Letters continued.

After prayer by Rev. W. A. Corey, and singing led by the Church Choir the Association Sermon was delivered by Rev. W. M. Weeks, from Mark 4: 25.

Business resumed. Reading of Letters concluded.

The Committee on Nominations reported recommending the appointment of the following Committees: (after amendment as to what time the committees should report, the following was adopted.

To report at present Session.--

*Revising List of Ministers:*—E. H. Jones, J. A. Estey, Rev. W. A. Corey.

*Obituaries.*—Rev. W. A. Corey, J. H. Harding.

*Special Business*—Rev. H. Foshay, Chas. Wallace, H. Reid.

To report next year.—

*Education:*—Revs. I. E. Bill, D.D., S. W. Kierstead, W. T. Corey, Bro. B. N. Nobles.

*Home Missions:*—J. March, G. K. Hanson, Rev. R. Mutch, J. Kierstead, E. A. Hayes, G. White.

*Foreign Missions:*—Revs. E. W. Kelly, W. P. Everett, Bros. W. Stone, C. F. Clinch, J. G. C. White, G. Tabor, Jacob Titus.

*Denominational Literature*:—Revs. J. Murray, E. Kierstead, Bro. W. Fowler.

*Temperance*:—Revs. W. A. Corey, W. M. Weeks, Bro. J. A. Estey, E. W. Elliott, Hon. A. H. Gilmour.

A collection was taken for Association Expenses, which amounted to \$7.78.

Adjourned after prayer.

### THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Moderator took the chair at 2.30 o'clock, minutes of morning Session read, and after amendment, confirmed.

The Committee to arrange for the formation of a Sunday School Convention in connection with this Association, presented their report, which was on motion laid on the table till to-morrow morning.

*Resolved*—That the Clerks and Rev. J. F. Hopper be a Committee to print and distribute the minutes—that as many copies be published as the funds will allow—and that they be distributed to the Churches in proportion to the amounts contributed.

The Committee on Special Business reported, that no business had come before them.

The Committee on Arrangements further reported, recommending—That the Association meet next year with the First Baptist Church, St. George. That Rev. H. Foslay preach the Associational Sermon, and that Rev. E. W. Kelly be his alternate.

*Resolved*—That we request the oldest church in this association—the Norton church—to prepare an Epitome of its history for publication in next year's minutes.

The Committee appointed to frame resolutions on Home and Foreign Missions and Education, submitted the following, which were unanimously adopted.

The Com. appointed at the last Session of the Association, to frame Resolutions on Home and Foreign Missions and Education, would report the following resolutions as expressive of the voice of the churches of this Association.

1. *Resolved*—That the obligation on our Churches to support Home Missions is in no degree weakened by the lapse of time, and we believe it is alike the duty and privilege of our churches to contribute annually and liberally for the support of Home Mission work in our Maritime Provinces.

2. *Resolved*—That it is still the imperative duty of the church of Christ to recognize her obligation to fulfil and execute her Lord's great commission to preach the gospel to every creature and to disciple all nations, and therefore our churches should practically

acknowledge the necessity and importance of generously contributing for the strengthening and widening of our Foreign Mission work in India.

3. *Resolved*—That we continue to efficiently maintain Acadia College, and the other institutions affiliated therewith, and that we deem it advisable that the present autonomy of the College be preserved. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. EVERETT.

E. KIERSTEAD.

St. Martins, N. B., June 15th 1881.

The following report was presented :

The Committee on Obituaries Report that we have cause for thankfulness to Almighty God, that death has not entered our Ministerial ranks in this Association through the past year.

W. A. COREY.

Chairman, Com.

Adjourned after prayer.

#### FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Association resumed business at 7.30 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Estabrooks led in prayer.

The committee on arrangements reported recommending that Rev. H. Foslay preach a sermon at 10.50 o'clock tomorrow morning.

A largely attended Missionary Meeting was then held, addressed by Bro. J. R. Hutchinson, missionary elect, Rev. A. Coohon, Secretary Home Mission Board, Rev. A. Estabrooks, returned Missionary, and Rev. W. P. Everett, Secretary of the Foreign Board. A collection amounting to \$23.65 was taken up for the cause of missions.

An Epitome of the history of the Germain St. Baptist Church, St. John, was read by the Pastor, Rev. W. M. Weeks.

Adjourned after benediction by Rev. A. Estabrooks.

#### FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 16th,

The Moderator called the Association to order at 9.30 o'clock. After prayer by Rev. H. Foslay, proceeded to business, minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

The Committee on Temperance would report that while the

interest manifested is by no means so general as we could desire, a marked improvement has taken place of late in public sentiment on this important question. There can be no doubt of the fact that the "Canada Temperance Act" is a step in advance of any former legislation we have had, still it seems to us in vain to attempt to put the act in operation in any community, till public sentiment is so far aroused as to insist on its provisions being carried out. To bring the public mind to view this matter in its true light is, we believe, largely the work of the Christian Church, and no Pastor should fail from time to time to denounce from the pulpit the vice of intemperance, and to enforce both by precept and practice the benefits of total abstinence, and in this he should have the hearty support and co-operation of his people.

Until the Church of Christ, in all its departments, takes a more decided stand against this evil, we cannot hope to see it overcome. It therefore behoves us as Baptists—in view of our past reputation—to labor faithfully for the advancement of the cause of Temperance, and the elevation of our brother man, who through the appetite for strong drink, will if not rescued by the Grace of God, go down to a drunkard's grave.

T. D. DENHAM, Chairman,

St. Martins, June 15th, 1881.

Adopted after addresses strongly in support.

The Committee on Denominational Literature presented their report, which after a full discussion mainly in reference to the portion relating to International S. S. Lessons, was after amendment, adopted as follows :

#### *Report on Denominational Literature.*

Your committee for the preparation of a report on "Denominational Literature" humbly submit the following for your prayerful consideration.

We feel assured that, second only to the preaching of the gospel there is nothing of so great moment to the Churches comprising this Association as their literature.

And now at the beginning of our associational life we deem it a most befitting time in which to speak plainly concerning that kind of religious literature which we recommend to be circulated among the Churches.

It is evident to your committee that should this association succeed in arousing the Churches of which it is composed, to a just conception of the value of a literature purely denominational much will have been accomplished toward the *Spiritual growth* and *unity* of the same.

It seems evident that the chief strength of any system of opinions must be in the character and circulation of its literature.

The Holy Ghost has been pleased to commit the doctrines of our Lord into the keeping of the science of letters, and our missionaries are fully aware that the grand means of evangelizing the nations is the translation and diffusion of the word of God. Thus a printed Bible has become the basis of all religious operations. In the same way have our distinctive principles been brought to rest chiefly in our literature. It is certain that the pulpit will partake

argely of the spirit of what is most read. Indeed we may say that the soundness of the pulpit is largely dependent upon the orthodoxy of the press.

Your committee believe that as a denomination we have a right to a distinct literature.

The same right as we have to an existence apart from all other bodies of Christians; the same right which the Baptist pulpit has to be different from all pulpits in every land. If we have no just reasons for being a peculiar people then are we guilty of schism. But if, as we believe, we have valid reasons for our position then it is right to maintain that position by all lawful means.

If the general diffusion of a literature purely Baptist will serve to entrench us in our opinions then let us use eagerly the means, which in this age of freedom of thought, God has surely put within our reach.

The channels through which a literature such as we commend may most easily reach our people are two.

1st. A well stocked book-store from which the ministers of the denomination may supply themselves at the most reasonable selling prices with standard works. And from which the libraries of our Sabbath Schools may be chosen, thus supplying both pulpit and pew with reading having a tendency to establish the doctrines of the bible as we hold them.

2nd The more general circulation of our religious news paper the *CHRISTIAN VISITOR*. Respecting the book-room, we are pleased to direct the attention of the pastors of our Churches and the superintendents of our Sabbath Schools to the efforts being made to supply these wants by Rev. J. E. Hopper.

As to the manner in which the *VISITOR* propagates and defends the doctrines of the denomination any words here would be superfluous. We think it a pity that any family hailing for Baptist should be without it. Your Committee would urge upon the pastors and leading members of our Churches, the duty of encouraging all efforts to establish among us an unmixed literature.

Here we are met by the argument of cost. By some means or other Baptist literature seems to be more expensive than that furnished from other sources: and many schools hard pressed for funds are induced by the saving of a few dollars, to purchase books from other than Baptist sources.

These books are found to contain many errors both of faith and practice, which are all the more dangerous because of the truth in which they often lay concealed.

It is no wonder, with such literature in our schools that so many grow up holding our principles so loosely that upon the least temptation they are able to pass over to other communions.

We would urge upon the superintendents of Sabbath Schools the necessity of patronizing our own publications as being the cheaper in the end though the present cost may be a trifle more. The same argument is used against the *VISITOR*. Every pastor feels that the religious paper is his helper in the ministry and for that reason works for its circulation among his people but he has no power to place it in any family against their will.

Many Baptist families are not able to take the paper at the present price. Secular papers they say, containing more reading matter come to them at half the cost of the *VISITOR*.

While your committee are fully persuaded that, until the inevitable and happy period comes round in which we shall see one paper for these Maritime Provinces with a circulation sufficient to warrant a reduction in cost, \$2.00 per annum is as cheap as the paper can be run, yet we deem it a loss that some arrangement has not been made by which all those poor families that are willing to certify to the pastor, or other agent of the VISITOR, that they are not able to take the paper at the present rate, might have it at a reduced rate. This we are persuaded would not decrease the present circulation, but would place the paper in many families now deprived of its valuable assistance.

Your committee regret to know that the pretty general use of Undenominational helps to the International Series of S.S. Lessons is doing harm to our cause. We would strongly urge the use of the Visitor Helps or the excellent ones published by the Baptist Publication Society.

H. FOSHAY, Chairman.

After prayer by Rev. J. E. Hopper, Rev. H. Foshay preached a very interesting sermon from 2nd Corinthians 4: 13—"We also believe and therefore speak."

Moved that the Epitome of the history of the Germain St. Church be published in the Minutes.

On motion :

*Resolved.* That the thanks of the Association be tendered to our Brother Weeks for his sermon delivered before this Association.

Committee on Arrangements reported recommending that Association adjourn at 4.30 this afternoon to allow time for the meeting of the Board of Directors of the N. B. Baptist Education Society.

Adjourned by prayer.

## SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Association again met at 2.30 o'clock.

Minutes read and approved.

The Home Mission Committee reported that they had attended to all business which came before them.

The Committee to revise the List of Ministers handed in their report

The Committee on Nominations reported the following, as a standing Home Missionary Committee, to look after the destitute portions of the field within the limits of this Association: Gilbert White, Jacob Titus, G.K. Hanson, Thomas Hay, John Dewar, Revs. J. E. Hopper, W. P. Everett and S. W. Kierstead.

The following was adopted :

*Whereas*, We have learned with much pleasure that the "History of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces" by our esteemed brother, Rev. I. E. Bill, D. D., is nearly ready for sale.

*And Whereas*, We have all seen with great pleasure the remarks of commendation made on the merits of the work by those who have examined the advance sheets through the *Visitor* and *Messenger*.

*Therefore Resolved*, That this association express their gratitude to God in enabling the author to complete the work; and do also most heartily commend it to the patronage of the Denomination.

*Resolved*, That any members of this Association attending the meetings of sister Associations be considered as representatives from this Body.

The following were appointed Delegates to the Convention: Rev. W. T. Corey, S. W. Kierstead, H. Foshay, Brethren G. White and T. H. Hall.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Railway and Stage Companies, for reduced rates on their respective lines.

On motion the Clerk was directed to request the Secretary of the Home Mission Board, to furnish a statement showing number of men employed, what fields have been occupied, how many Baptized, and how much has been expended in this Province, from end of Convention year to June 1882. Said statement to be presented at our next session.

The Sunday School Convention Committee submitted the following:

Constitution of Sabbath School Convention in connection with Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Convention shall consist of members of the Southern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 2 The objects of this Convention shall, be for the collection of Statistics, and other information from Sabbath Schools connected with the Southern N. B. Baptist Association, and for the consideration of other subjects pertaining to their advancement.

ARTICLE 3. This convention shall meet annually in connection with the Southern N. B. Baptist Association.

SECTION 4 That the officers of the Convention be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, in addition to an executive committee of three. Said officers to be appointed annually.

On Motion proceeded to organize the S. S. Convention. The following committee appointed to nominate officers: Wm. Vaughan, J. A. Estey, Rev. J. E. Hopper, submitted the following list of officers:

*President*.—W. VAUGHAN.

*Vice Presidents*.—A. W. MASTERS, J. S. TRITES.

*Secy. Treas.*—E. H. JONES.

*Executive.*—T. S. SIMMS, J. A. ESTEY, M. E. COWAN.

Moved that a Committee be appointed to arrange for a reduction of fares &c., for the meeting of the Association at St. George next year. On motion the Officers were appointed said Committee.

After prayer by Bro. B. N. Nobles, the association adjourned at 4.30, to give time for the meeting of the Directors of the Baptist Education Society.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING.

After prayer by Bro. J. H. Harding, the association proceeded to business, minutes read and confirmed.

On motion :

*Resolved*, That the collection taken last evening be divided between Home and Foreign Missions, and that the collection to be taken this evening, after paying any expresses incurred by the association, be devoted to the Convention Scheme.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted :

That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Church, congregation and friends of St. Martins, who have so generously entertained the Association during its session, also to the choir for the choice music with which we have been favored.

Rev. W. A. Corey then preached an admirable sermon from Daniel 12 : 3, which was followed by addresses by Bro. B. N. Noble, Licentiate, and Revs. E. Kierstead, and S. W. Kierstead.

A collection amounting to \$10.00 was taken up.

The Treasurer read his report which was on motion adopted.

The Moderator in closing referred to the very kind and hearty reception the Association had received from the church and friends of St. Martins, and conveyed to Dr. Bill as their representative, the unanimous expression of the Association in reference thereto, at the same time complimenting the Doctor himself, on the justly deserved honor lately conferred upon him by Acadia College. To which the venerable Doctor made a most feeling reply, and extended to the Moderator the hand of farewell, expressing the hope that should we all never meet on earth again he looked forward to a joyous meeting in the bright world above.

The closing prayer was then offered by Rev. J. Murray

and after singing the Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, and the Association adjourned.

W. P. EVERETT, Moderator.

T. D. DENHAM, Clerk.

J. A. ESTEY, Ass't Clerk.



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## An Epitome of the History of Germain Street Baptist Church.

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As in looking over a landscape, our gaze rests chiefly upon those objects which rise above the surrounding plain, so in taking any retrospect, those deeds and circumstances which were the more conspicuous alone catch the eye of our mental vision. It moreover is especially important that in an epitome of a history, in order to preserve the proper relation of events, only those of chief importance be largely noticed. In this Epitome of the History of Germain St. Baptist Church, it will therefore be the aim to deal solely with those phases of the church's life which seem to be the chief peaks in its chain of events. And since the character, disposition and talent of every pastor has much to do with the prosperity of his church during his pastorate, it seems desirable to trace the development of the Germain St. Baptist Church with reference to the term of service which each of its ministers has filled.

On the 23rd of May, 1810, the church was organized by Rev. Henry Hale, of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society, and called the First Baptist Church of St. John. It consisted at this time of twelve members, seven brothers, and five sisters. Mr. Thomas Petingill, a man full of religious fervor was chosen deacon, and Mr. N. Garrison was chosen clerk. Among the members was Mr. George Harding, who was the first person baptized in the city of St. John.

For three years the infant church remained without a regular pastor, until in the year 1814, a Frenchman, named Peice, came to the city. His had been a remarkable conversion. Intent, like many of his countrymen on deriding Christianity, and leading a ball in a house just opposite the place where revival meetings were held, like Saul he was struck down by the power of God, and in intense soul agony, cried aloud for mercy. He became a Baptist and was called to the first pastorate of the Germain St. Church. He preached with power. Sinners were converted; and the church was edified. A place of worship, occupied first by the Epis-

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copal, and later by the Methodist Church, was procured by the Baptists, and made use of for two years, during which time the church grew so rapidly that it became wise to erect a new house. A worthy Brother Stenning in conjunction with Mr. Thomas Harding, superintended the building of the house to have his funeral discourse the first sermon preached in it.

In 1818, the new house was opened for public service, and about this time Rev. Thomas Griffin was called to the pastorate. He was succeeded in 1821, by Rev. Richard Scott, at which time the church numbered sixty-five members. On July 1st, the Baptist Association was first held in St. John. Elders Harris and Miller protracted their visit and were instrumental in producing a revival. Elder Miller was subsequently chosen pastor and continued about two years. In 1826, Elder Chas. Tupper was called to the church; and the next year Elder Joseph Crandall. In 1828, at a second meeting of the Association in St. John, Mr. Frederick Miles was baptized, and in September was ordained the seventh pastor of the church. Members were added to the church through his labors.

Rev. J. G. Naylor next occupied the pulpit, though not as pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Curtis, whose sermons were rich in evangelical truth. And in June 1835, Rev. J. D. Casewell, a man of splendid pulpit qualities, became pastor for two years. His health giving way, he felt it best to return to England; In 1838, Rev. Samuel Robinson commenced his pastoral visits to St. John. This brother converted from Presbyterianism, proved a God-sent blessing to the church. His name in St. John is the synonyme for conscientious pastoral labor. Soon after Mr. Robinson came, a portion of the brethren withdrew and formed what was called the Second Baptist Church of St. John. During Mr. Robinson's stay, a parsonage was built, a revival commenced in the Sabbath-school, the Carleton branch was formed into a separate church, a vestry was excavated under the church, Bros. John Mills, James Trimble, and J. W. Hartt, were licensed to preach, the Bethel was completed, and opened for the worship of God. Dea. Thomas Petingill, the devoted father in Zion, thirty-seven years in his office, was called to his rest, the church was greatly increased, and Brussel's St. Chapel was dedicated.

In 1849, Elder Robinson took charge of the Brussel's St. Chapel, and Rev. J. D. Casewell, who had just returned from England, became again pastor of the church, which had formerly been known as the First Baptist, but henceforth

was to be known as the Germain St. Baptist Church. He labored for two years, but his health became again impaired. The excitement of preaching wrought too powerfully upon his mind and he withdrew from the charge.

In 1852, Rev. I. E. Bill, now Dr. Bill, became pastor, and labored triumphantly for the Gospel. More than three hundred members were added to the church during his ministry of eleven years. Rev. Henry Vaughan followed Mr. Bill in 1863. He gave himself with untiring zeal to the work of erecting a new church edifice; but ere the work was accomplished God called him to his reward. It was gain to him; but the church long mourned their loss.

Rev. G. M. W. Carey followed Mr. Vaughan in 1865, and was for fifteen years the beloved pastor of his people. Kind and encouraging to the young, considerate to all, eloquent in the pulpit, and social in his manner, he drew the people to him as it were by a magnetic influence. His people loved him, and those not of his own flock delighted to grasp him by the hand, and listen to his fervent words. When he took the church it owed a debt of \$15,000; but gradual reductions, the zeal and labor of the young men, and the munificence of wealthy friends of the church succeeded in freeing the church from the incumbrance Christmas Eve, 1873.

On Wednesday, the 20th of June, 1877, the Lord chastened his people again. In the vast fire that swept over the city, the entire buildings were destroyed. This was a great discouragement; for the people had lost their homes, as well as their church. But they did their best. Bro Carey girded himself for the work. The members resolved to sacrifice. Friends opened their hearts. Until now, although with a heavy debt, there stands an elegant building in which the church worships. Within a few months Bro. Carey has felt that God called him to labor in Liverpool, England, where he has gone with the benediction of his people, who will always cherish in grateful remembrance his sojourn with them.

The church has recently called Rev. Wm. M. Weeks, and ordained him pastor. The brethren are co-operating with him. The religious interest is good, and it is trusted that through Divine Grace, our church may long exist to point to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

June 14th, 1881.

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### List of Ordained Ministers.

NAME.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Bill, I. E.	St. Martins,	Mar. 1829	Nictaux, N. S.
Crandall, David	Springfield,	Jan. 1831	Hammond, N. B.
Corey, W. T.	Springfield,	Nov. 1860	Grand Lake
Corey, W. A.	Portland,	Dec. 1858	Kars
Crawley, Thos. W.	St. Andrews.	Dec. 1856	Chester, N. S.
Everett, W. P.	St. John,	April 1856	E. Abington, Mass.
Foshay, Herbert	Sussex.	July 1877	Lobo, Ont.
Hopper, J. E.	St. John,	July 1867	Fredericton
Kelly, E. W.	St. John,	June 1876	Windsor, N. S.
Keirstead, E.	Collina Cor	Oct. 1840	Studholm
Keirstead, S. W.	Hampton,	June 1876	Hillsdale
Mutch, Robt.	Rotheray,	June 1864	Cooper, Me.
Murray, Jos.	Musquash,	Oct. 1865	Guysborough, N. S.
Rideout, W. C.	Oak Bay.	Sept. 1842	Aylesford, N. S.
Spencer, Jas.	St. John,	May 1853	Chester, N. S.
Spragg, Peter	Springfield,	May 1840	Springfield
Trimble, Jas.		Feb. 1845	
Vickery, W. E.	Dufferin,	June 1874	Upper Keswick
Washburn, A.	St. Martins,		Loch Lomond
Weeks, W. M.	St. John,	April 1881	St. John

### Licentiates.

NAME.	Residence.	Date of Licence.	Church Licencing.
Davies, T. P.	Sussex		Brussels St.
May, Jas. S.	Portland		Portland
Nobles, B. N.	Springfield	1881	1st Springfield
Parker, W. F.	Newton Theo. In.	1880	Germain St.
White, Geo. R.	St. Martins		St. Martins
Corey, I. W.	Acadia College	1880	Musquash
March Henry	Willow Grove		Willow Grove
Young, F. M.			1st St. George
Gamble, A.			1st St. George

Statistics.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.  
Church and Valuations.

No.	CHURCH.	Date of organization.	Name of Pastor or Minister.	Date of settlement.	Name of Church Clerk.	Post Office Address.	Church Property.			
							Value of Church Edifice.	Seating capacity.	Value of Parsonage.	
1	*Fairfield	1876		1875	W. J. Cheyne	Greenwich Hill	\$ 400			
2	Greenwich Hill	1855	S. W. Kierstead	1879	Geo. Tabor	Upperton	1200	300		
3	Hammond Vale	1821	ditto	1871	Isaiah Smith	Smith Town	550	250		
4	Hampton	1877	ditto	1871	A. A. Mabee	Hampton Village	2000	400		
5	Hampton Village	1858			John McIntire	Downey Office	600	200		
6	Kars	1800	B. N. Nobles, (Lic.)	1880	J. G. Hayes	Hayes P. O., Norton	1200			
7	Norton	1823	H. Foshay	1876	Wm. Stone	Penobsquis	1800	450		
8	Penobsquis	1876			James Allaby	Salt Springs	700	350		
9	*Salt Springs	1809	W. T. Corey	1879	D. H. Crandal	Springfield	500			
01	Springfield, 1st	1850	ditto	1879	Geo. T. Kierstead	Springfield	600	150		
11	Springfield, 2nd	1840			F. J. Kierstead	Collina	600			
12	Studholm	1871	H. Foshay	1880	J. S. Trites	Sussex	4000	580		
13	Sussex				J. W. Titus	Titusville				
14	Upham,									

KINGS COUNTY.





ST. JOHN COUNTY.																		
	9	17	1	4	4	350	369	1850	1	216	18	500	4280	52	211	93	J. C. Dumaresq	
1 Brussels St., St. John	21	3	1	15	17	377	369	1838	2	335	36	30	8500	52	716	00	T. S. Simms	
2 Germain "	27	11	1	11	8	203	223	1860	1	170	16	750	4400	52	213	90	J. J. Bostwick	
3 Leinster "																	A. W. Masters	
4 Pitt "																		
5 Carleton, Zion, "	10	3	1	4	6	390	328	1842	1	20	13	300	1800	52	104	00	M. E. Cowan	
6 Portland, "	3	2	3	3	4	72	70	1876	1	100	9	400	960	52	61	24	W. H. Hall	
7 Zion, Portland "	1					15	16		1	75	6	200		52	15	00	Rev. James Spencer	
8 Marsh Bridge "																	J. Trites	
9 St. Martins 1st			4	8		280	268		3	235	27	600					Wm. Vaughan	
10 St. Martins 2nd			2	3		32	32		1	27	6	100		49			Rev. A. Washburn	
11 S'th Mrsq'sh and Dip. Har.	4					134	133		3	65		200					W. R. Floyd	
12 Willow Grove	1					22	22	1863	1	20	2	144		50	10	00	G. K. Hanson	
1 Baillie, St. James			1			44	43	1837	1	35	3			13			J. Hepburn	
2 Becebec			1			27	26	1877	1	20	3	100		48	3	00	Henry March	
3 Ledge Dufferin			1	8		36	28		1	15	3						James Robi son	
4 Oak Bay				3		36	33		1	50	7	70	540	25	11	00	Levi Young	
5 Pennfield																	H. Toal	
6 Rolling Dam																	W. N. Bucknam	
7 St. Andrews 2nd			3	2		17	15		1	45	6	50	144	50	10	00	No School	
8 St. George 1st				1		94	97										John Dewar	
9 St. George 2nd						62	62											
10 Second Falls	7					50	50		1	145	13							
11 St. Stephen						104	101											
12 Tower Hill																		
Totals.	126	39	4	47	81	156	3084		32	2324	228	4726	24688					\$1447 02

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It is greatly to be regretted that the Returns are in many cases incorrect, in others incomplete, and that some churches have failed to make any report at all, though requested by letter to do so, since the Association met.

## Treasurer's Report.

*New Brunswick Southern Baptist Association, in  
account with C. F. Clinch, Treasurer.*

Name of Church.	Minutes.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Amount.
By Hampton Village,	50			50
" Marsh Bridge,	1 00			1 00
" 1st St. George,	1 00			1 00
" Oak Bay,	1 00			1 00
" Hammond,	1 00		1 00	2 00
" Zion	2 00			2 00
" Hampton	50	2 50		3 00
" Studholm.	1 00	2 50	2 50	6 00
" 2nd St. Martins,	60			60
" Kars,	20			20
" Po tland,	3 50			3 50
" 1st St. Martins,	2 00			2 00
" 1st Springfield,	1 00	4 85	9 73	15 58
" 2nd Springfield,	50		6 15	6 65
" Germain Street.	5 00			5 00
" South Musquash & Dip. Har.	1 00			1 00
" Norton,			4 00	4 00
" Penobsquis,	1 00			1 00
" St Stephen,	2 00			2 00
" Willow Grove,	50			50
" SUSSEX,	2 00			2 00
" Brussels Street,	5 00			5 00
" Collection,		11 82	11 83	23 65
" Collection Convention Scheme				15 38
" Collection for Expenses,				2 40
" Pennfield,	1 00			1 00
" Leinster Street,	2 00			2 00
Totals.	35 30	21 67	35 21	109 96
To Paid John March, Missions and Con. Scheme			72 26	
" Rev. J. E. Hopper, Postage &c.			2 40	
" Minute Money			35 30	
				109 96