

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH AT LOCKEPORT, SHELBURNE CO.

Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday,

June 20th, 22nd, and 23rd, 1874.

WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

"CHRISTIAN MESSENGER" OFFICE.
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LOCKPORT, SHELBURNE CO.,
Saturday Morning, June 20th, 1874.

The N. S. Western Baptist Association convened this day, according to appointment with the Baptist Church at Lockeport, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its twenty-fourth anniversary.

In the absence of the Moderator of last year the Association was called to order by the Rev. Isa. Wallace. Singing. Prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.

Social services were engaged in, while the Clerks made out the following

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Anapolis and Upper Granville*,—Rev. P. F. Murray.
Wilmot Mountain,—Rev. P. F. Murray.
Westport,—Rev. W. L. Parker.
Hampton,—Rev. P. F. Murray.
Lawrencetown and Valley West,—Rev. W. G. Parker.
New Albany,—Rev. W. G. Parker.
Digby,—Rev. J. H. Saunders.
Tusket,—Rev. P. R. Foster, and Brother I. Harding.
Hebron,—Rev. J. Rowe, Deacons W. Durkee, S. Patten, Brethren N. E. Allen, and S. Patten, Senr.
Arcadia,—Rev. John Williatns.
South Yarmouth,—Rev. John Williams.
Brookfield,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Deacons P. Murray, J. Hardy, A. Christopher, Brethren H. Johnston, and A. J. Leadbetter.
Wilmot,—Rev. A. Cohoon.
Dalhousie West,—Brethren Samuel Swift, and Daniel Medcraft.
Greenfield,—Rev. H. Achilles, and Brother G. Freeman.
Milton,—Rev. J. A. Durkee, Deacons E. Kempton, S. Freeman, Brethren H. Burnaby, and Joseph H. Cook.
Tusket Lakes,—Rev. A. Cogswell, and Deacon J. Trefry.
Pubnico,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
Argyle,—Rev. L. B. Gates.
Lower Sable River,—Brother Josiah Pearce.
Mill Village,—Rev. A. Shields, Deacons S. D. Munro, Thomas Munro, and Brother C. B. McKenne.
Lewis Head,—Rev. J. F. McKenne, and Brother S. Giffin.
French Mission Church,—Rev. N. Normonday.
Forest Glen (new church),—Rev. G. E. Day.
Hillsburg,—Rev. G. D. Cox, and Brother G. Miller.
Middlefield,—Rev. H. Achilles.
Clements,—Rev. J. M. Parker, Deacons J. D. Potter, and D. Potter.
at Ragged Islands,—Rev. G. B. Titus, Brethren Jacob Giffin, Jas. Loyd, and Deacon James Hayden.

Caledonia,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine.
Temple,—Rev. W. H. Warren, and Brother N. W. W. Hogg.
Liverpool,—Rev. G. O. Gates, Deacons C. Bill, Brethren Thos. Nickerson
 Robt. Nixon, and Stephen West.
St. Mary's Bay,—Rev. A. Gogswell.
Jordan River,—Brethren S. Harding, Wm. Armstrong, C. Harding,
 Harding, and D. Nickerson.
1st Yarmouth,—Rev. G. E. Day.
Barrington,—Rev. W. H. Richan, and Brother A. H. Lavers, (Lic.)
Woods Harbor,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
Freeport,—Rev. W. L. Parker.
Tiverton,—Rev. W. L. Parker.
Kempt,—Deacon Abiel Harlow.
Port Medway,—Rev. A. Shields.
Lockport—Rev. E. Whitman, Deacons Austin Locke, J. Chadsey, Is
 Loyd, Brethren John M. McKenne, and Jacob Locke,
Milton, Yarmouth,—Rev. P. Gallaher.
Nictaux,—Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney, and B. H. Parker.
East Ragged Island,—Rev. J. F. McKenne, and Brother Joseph Page.
Central Association,—Brother W. J. Gates.

The Association was organized by the election of the Rev.
 Wallace, as Moderator; and Revds. J. M. Parker, and G.
 Gates, Secretaries; Brother Wm. Herkins, Treasurer; and Broth
 B. H. Parker, Assistant Treasurer; Brothers Austin Locke, and
 Samuel Freeman, Jr., Auditors.

The following committees were appointed:—

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. E. Whitman, W. H. Rich
 G. B. Titus, J. H. Saunders, J. F. McKenne, Brethren Austin Locke
 Smith Harlow.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. P. R. Foster, J. A. Dur
 and J. Rowe.

COMMITTEE TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. W. H. Warren, A. Cohoon,
 G. D. Cox.

The following brethren were invited to a seat:—Brethren Art
 Ford, Eben Rice, Martin Ringer, Clifford Locke, Dr. J. Burn
 Prof. C. E. Gates.

Brother W. J. Gates reported himself from the Central N
 Scotia Baptist Association.

A number of Letters were read.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part as follows
 That the time of meeting be as follows: *Morning Session* meet
 10 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 o'clock, A. M. *Afternoon*
Session meet at 2 o'clock, P. M., adjourn at 5 o'clock, P.
Evening Session meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

They further recommend that Prayer-meetings be held at
 o'clock, A. M., during the session of the Association, and that
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Saturday-Afternoon Session.

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Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney. Minutes of previous session read, corrected, and approved. Reading of Letters resumed, and after a large number were read, the 781st Hymn was sung, and Dr. Day offered a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to God, for the wonderful manifestations of Divine grace in our churches during the past year.

Voted. That the \$5 sent by the Middlefield Church be appropriated to the same Mission.

Voted. That a collection be taken up for Acadia College after the Introductory Sermon.

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The Committee of Arrangements further reported, as follows:—

SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

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Lockeport,—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., at 10.30 a. m.; Rev. W. G. Parker, at a. m.; Rev. W. H. Warren, at 7.30 p. m.

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Green Harbor,—Rev. A. Cohoon, at 3 p. m.

East Ragged Island,—Rev. A. Cogswell, at 10.30 a. m.; Rev. Cogswell, at 2.30 p. m.

Stable River,—Rev. H. Achilles, at 10.30 a. m.

Kirk,—Rev. John Rowe, at 10.30 a. m.; Rev. John Williams, at 3 p. m.

Jordan River,—Rev. W. L. Parker, at 2.30 p. m.; Rev. M. Normonday, at 3 p. m.

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Shelburne,—Rev. P. Gallaher, at 10.30 a. m.; Rev. Dr. Day, at 8.30 p. m.; I. Wallace, at 7.30 p. m.

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They further recommend that collections be taken at all the Sabbath services for Home Missions.

A. Cohoon,

Your Committee further recommend that the Circular Letter be read immediately after the Associational Sermon on Monday, that the afternoon session be given to Home Missions; and the Evening Session, be a general Missionary meeting; that Tuesday morning Session be given to Education, and Tuesday afternoon to reports of Committees, &c., that the session close with a religious service on Tuesday evening.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS,—Revs. W. H. Warren, W. Parker, Brethren A. J. Better, S. Munro, T. Munro, Jacob Giffin, J. D. Potter, Israel Harding, John West, and G. Miller.

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RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Revs. G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, G. O. Gates, J. McKenne, G. N. Ballentine, J. Rowe, Brethren I. Harding B. H. Parker, E. Kempton.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS,—Revs. P. R. Foster, J. A. Durkee, P. F. Day, and Brother Chas. Bill.

MISSIONS,—Revs. J. H. Saunders, I. Wallace, W. G. Parker, M. Normonday, Dr. Day, W. H. Richan, A. Cogswell, J. Williams, G. B. Titus, Brethren A. Locke, and S. Patten.

EDUCATION.—Revs. A. Cohoon, J. A. Durkee, S. Freeman, M. P. P., Archibald, P. Gallaher, Brethren J. H. Cook, P. Murray, and A. V.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revds. Edw. Whitman, A. J. Cogswell, B. Gates, and Brother J. Chadsey.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. G. O. Gates, W. A. J. Elackney, Brethren D. Potter, and Chas. Bill.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Rev. A. P. Shields, Brethren S. Freeman, M. P. Thos. Nickerson, Dr. Burnaby, M. Ringer, J. Hayden, Smith Harlow, C. McKenne.

Closed by prayer, by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Saturday—Evening Session

A Public Temperance meeting was held Saturday evening under the auspices of the Association. It was largely attended, and interesting addresses were delivered by Revds. G. D. Cox, A. Shield, G. N. Ballentine, J. Rowe, J. H. Saunders, G. O. Gates, and Brother I. Harding.

Monday Morning, June 23rd

After the usual preliminary exercises the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. G. D. Cox, from Isaiah xlix. 24, Subject "The complete and final triumphs of the Church of Christ."

A collection for Acadia College was taken up. Amount collected \$21.00.

After prayer by Rev. John Rowe, business was resumed. Minutes of previous session read and confirmed.

Resolved, That the Rev. G. D. Cox be requested to furnish a copy of Sermon, to be published in the *Christian Messenger* and *Christian Visitor*.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be read. It was read by its author, Rev. A. Coheon. At which it was

Resolved, That it be adopted and printed in the Minutes and the *Christian Messenger*.

A number of letters were then read.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Parker.

Monday—Afternoon Session

Session opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. F. McKenne. Minutes of last session read and approved.

On motion, Bro. Jos. R. Raymond was invited to a seat.

Moved that Deacon P. Murray and Brother A. H. Lavers be added to the Committee on Education, and Dea. George Miller and Bro. Stephen West be added to the Committee on Sabbath School.

Committee on Religious Literature submitted their report, and was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Committee on Questions in Letters reported, Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

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Report on Missions was read and received, and by advice of the body was laid on the table till the letters from Forest Glen and Pine Grove Churches were read.

Report of Home Missions was taken from the table and spoken to by Dr. Day and a number of others.

Voted, That Bro. Selden be requested to print 1500 copies of the Minutes of this Association, at the same rate as last year, and also to insert the Report of the Home Missionary Union, and reserve 50 copies for the use of the Association next year.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that the new church called Forest Glen, according to their request, be admitted into this Association.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was then given by the Moderator to the Rev. Dr. Day in behalf of that church.

Resolved, That Revds. Dr. Tupper, I. Wallace, W. A. J. Bleakney, M. Normond and John Clark, be our delegates to the Central Association.

Voted, That Revds. Dr. Day, A. Cohoon, G. N. Ballentine, and P. R. Foster be our representatives at the Eastern Association.

Voted, That Bros. S. Freeman, M. P. P., J. C. Anderson, W. H. Balcom, Austin Locke and B. H. Parker, be our delegates to the Convention.

The Committee of Arrangements reported finally, viz.:-

1. That the Association be held next year with the Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Church, at Tremont.

2. That Rev. W. H. Richan preach the Associational Sermon. That Rev. E. Whitman be his alternate.

3. That Rev. J. A. Durkee write the Circular Letter.

Arrangements for Monday evening.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—Speakers—Revds. Dr. Day, M. Normond, P. Gallahar, A. Cohoon, I. Wallace and J. Rowe.

Speakers for Tuesday morning on Education—Revds. W. H. Richan, P. Gallahar, G. D. Cox, J. A. Durkee, W. H. Warren, and W. G. Parker.

The Home Missionary Board presented their twenty-third and final Report, which was read and adopted.

Closed by prayer by Rev. G. B. Titus.

Monday—Evening Session.

The meeting opened with singing the 407th hymn.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Parker.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The subject of Missions was then taken up. The speakers of the evening were as follows, viz.:-Revds. John Rowe, A. Cohoon, P. Gallahar, Dr. Day, and I. Wallace.

A collection was taken up for Missions. Amount collected \$55.00.

Report on Missions adopted

Closed with prayer by Rev. G. O. Gates.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 22nd.

The session opened with singing and prayer by Rev. A. Shields. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The French Mission Board presented their Report as follows:—

“ The French Mission Board report that in accordance with the decision of this Association it handed over its work and available funds to the Executive Board of the Home Missionary Union.

Your Board has failed to comply with the instructions of this body to transfer its real estate to the Union Board, so that it will be necessary to appoint a Board to do this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

On motion the French Mission Board was re-appointed, with the name of Rev. P. Gallahar inserted in the place of Rev. I. Wallace, resigned.

The Board of Infirm Ministers presented their Report, which was adopted.

The Board of the Infirm Ministers Fund report that it has received and paid the following sums during the past year :

1873.	June 20.	Balance in Treasury	\$ 98 61
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1874.	Sept. 5.	Paid Rev. S. J. Neily	\$50 00
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	“ 15.	“ “ Rev. R. S. Morton	30 00
	“ “	“ “ Rev. S. J. Neily	50 00
1874.	May. 15.	Paid Mrs. S. Richardson	20 00
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		Balance in Treasury	\$287 58

This balance is invested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Secretary.*

On Motion the Board of Infirm Ministers was appointed, viz.:— Revds. J. A. Stubbart, J. H. Saunders, J. Rowe, Dr. Day, P. R. Foster, W. H. Warren, P. Gallahar, Brethren Samuel Brown, and A. C. Robbins.

Committee on Temperance Reported.

After some objections were made to the “ Destruction Clause ” as being equal to the Maine Prohibitory Law, and spoken to by Revds. J. H. Saunders, Dr. Day, G. N. Ballentine, A. Shields, Bro. Samuel Freeman, M. P. P., and others, the report was tabled.

The Committee on Education reported. (See Appendix E.)

After very interesting and convincing addresses by Revds. W. H. Richan, P. Gallahar, J. A. Durkee, W. H. Warren and I. Wallace the report was adopted.

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Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association pay to Dr. Day the monies of the Home Missionary Union, French Mission and Foreign Mission; and also all monies for Acadia College and Ministerial Education to Rev. I. Wallace; and also monies of the Infirm Ministers' Fund to Rev. J. H. Saunders.

This deeply interesting session closed by prayer by Rev. E. Whitman.

Tuesday—Afternoon Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. M. Normondy. Minutes read and confirmed.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance reported, which was adopted. (See App. F.)

The Committee on Departed Brethren reported, and was adopted. (See App. G.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, and was spoken to by a number of the brethren, and adopted. (See App. H.)

Moved that the report on Temperance be taken from the table. After some discussion it was amended and passed.

Resolved, That this Association tender their heartfelt thanks to the Baptist Church, and the community of Lockeport for the kind and hospitable manner by which they have entertained the Ministers and Delegates during this association. (Passed by a unanimous vote.)

On motion Dr. Day was appointed reporter for next year.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet with the Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Baptist Church on the 3rd Saturday in June, 1875, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned by singing the Doxology, and prayer by the Moderator.

- I. WALLACE, *Moderator.*
- J. M. PARRER, *Secretary.*
- G. O. GATES, *Assist. Sec'y.*

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MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles.....	Greenfield.....	Nov. 1, 1864	Marshall's Cove.
" E. N. Archibald.....	Shelburne.....	, 1865	Alexandra, P. E. I.
" G. N. Ballentine.....	Brookfield.....	Oct. 3, 1872	Brookfield.
" J. C. Bleakney.....	Lower Granville.....	Feb. , 1868	Richmond, N. B.
" A. Cahoon.....	Paradise.....	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" A. Cogswell.....	St. Ma y's Bay.....	Jan. , 1843	St. Mary's Bay.
" Adoniram Cogswell.....	Tusket Lakes.....	, 1874	Tusket Lakes.
" G. D. Cox.....	Hillsburg.....	Jan. 4, 1865	Clements.
" G. E. Day.....	Yarmouth.....	June 26, 1868	Yarmouth.
" P. R. Foster.....	Tusket.....	Sept. 4, 1868	Kempt, Queen's Co.
" J. A. Durkee.....	Milton.....	Oct. 23, 1873	Milton.
" P. Gallaher.....	Milton, Yarmouth Co.....		
" L. B. Gates.....	Argyle.....	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" G. O. Ga es.....	Liverpool.....	Oct. 22, 1873	Liverpool.
" J. C. Morse.....	Digby Neck.....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" P. F. Murray.....	Bridgetown.....	Mar. 14, 1848	Westport.
" J. A. Moore.....	Victoria Road.....	Aug. 5, 1867	Port George.
" J. F. McKenne.....	Ragged Islands.....	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normondy.....	Saulnierville.....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" W. G. Parker.....	Lawrencetown.....	Jan. 20, 1843	New Albany.
" Obed Parker.....	Melvren Square.....	F. b. 21, 1844	Wilnot.
" W. L. Parker.....	Freeport.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Upper Aylesford.
" J. M. Parker.....	Clementsport.....	Oct. 5, 1865	Springfield.
" C. Randall.....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" W. H. Richan.....	Barrington.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe.....	Hebron.....		Maccan.
" P. A. Shields.....	Port Medway.....	July 18, 1862	Hantsport.
" J. A. Stubbert.....	Deerfield.....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" J. H. Saunders.....	Beaver River.....	Aug. 11, 1868	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" Charles Tupper, D. D.....	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" John Williams.....	Arcadia.....	Jan. —, 1862	Centreville, N. B.
" G. B. itus.....	Osborne.....	Mar. 26, 1874	Osborne.
" John Clark.....	Bridgetown.....		
" A. Stronach.....	Lower Aylesford.....	Oct. 6, 1836	Bill Town.
" W. H. Warren.....	Milton, Yarmouth Co.....	, 1872	Cavendish, P. E. I.

LICENTIATES.

Benjamin Miller, Bridgetown.
 N. C. Landers, Yarmouth.
 J. F. Armstrong, Bridgetown.
 Z. C. Vickery, Ohio, Yarmouth.
 W. A. Newcomb, Beaver River.
 G. H. Goudey, Beaver River.
 A. N. Perry, Beaver River.
 Israel M. Longley, Wilnot.
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CHRISTIAN FELLOW-HELPERS TO THE TRUTH.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, ADDRESSED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren,—

Because of the blessings enjoyed by so many of the churches, during the year now closing, we call upon you, in this our annual letter to thank God and take courage. Much has been done—to God be the glory—but there remains much land to be possessed, and the church still needs to nerve herself for the conquest. While past blessings call for thankfulness and an increasing trust in our Heavenly Father, they increase rather than lessen, both the duty and the need of labor. As in almost every department of labor, so in this, past success only prepares the way for greater effort. Let us then, dear brethren not be slow to improve the present opportunities.

Fearing that there is a growing inclination on the part of many, to leave the work of the church exclusively to the pastors, and to look for prosperity through their single efforts, we wish in this Epistle to call attention to some of the ways by which you, brethren and sisters of the churches, may assist in building up this "pillar of truth, the church of the Living God." Not that we wish to lessen, in any degree, the responsibility or work of the ministers of Jesus Christ, for it must ever be their work to strive "by all means to save some," and to "feed the flock of God, committed to their care"; but that their work may be made more successful through your co-operation. Let the idea that when you have contributed liberally to the support of your pastor, you have done your whole duty to him and to the church be at once abandoned. His should indeed be a liberal support, but in his case it is emphatically true that "man cannot live by bread alone." He needs besides your hearty sympathies and earnest efforts in behalf of the cause he is endeavoring to advance. These tend to strengthen him and make him more enthusiastic in his work, and he in turn becomes a tower of strength to you. It is, in fact, almost impossible to overestimate the increase of strength and effectiveness which is thus secured to the church. Instead, then, of looking to your pastors to build up the church, aim to become "fellow-helpers to the truth." The following suggestions indicate some of the ways by which you may attempt this:—

1. *You may help them preach the gospel.* This is the peculiar work of the minister. His instruction from the court of Heaven is "preach the word." To this he should give his strength, from this

he should suffer nothing to turn him aside. You may help him: First by a constant and interested attendance upon the ministrations of the Word. Few things have a more disheartening effect upon the trembling servant of Christ or tend more to produce poor sermons than the empty seats of brethren and sisters, while most important aid is rendered by intelligent returned faces and heart-beaming eyes. The habitual desertion of your own church and pastor, in order to attend the meetings of some popular preacher, perhaps of another denomination, is the most effective way of preventing the growth of your pastor. Ministers are not such spiritual beings as to be entirely removed beyond the reach of those influences that affect other men. There is nothing more disheartening than desertion. Even the Master, felt this; as may be seen by the enquiry "Will you also go away?" How much more then must the humble servant of God feel it, when from time to time he finds himself deserted by those to whom he has a right to look for support. The act itself may seem trifling, but as it gives almost unmistakable evidence of lack of sympathy and interest, the result, in most cases will be serious. No man can continue to work with that enthusiasm necessary for success when he knows that he does not possess the sympathy and esteem of those among whom he labors. Whatever therefore indicates diminution of interest and sympathy weakens the hands of your pastor. Instead of this cruel desertion, an occasional word of encouragement may be safely given. Do not flatter, this will only disgust; but an occasional hearty word of commendation will be more valuable than gold.

You may, moreover, assist your pastor in preaching the gospel by timely and suitable references to the word preached. In this manner admonitions may be pressed home in such a way as to make the impression lasting which otherwise would have soon faded away. It is manifest that anything like criticising or fault-finding especially before the unconverted should ever be avoided. It must not be supposed that your minister will always say such things as please you; but then the fault may be in you. If things are said of such a nature or truth uttered in a way you think likely to do harm, seek an early opportunity to speak of it privately to your pastor himself. Do it in the right spirit and there is little fear but he will take it kindly.

Again, by living the truth preached, you greatly strengthen the heart and hands of your pastor. How can he stand up and proclaim the morality of christianity the highest of all morality if he sees around him professing christians whose lives are known to be grossly immoral. Or if he should do so, what would it profit those who heard. Have they not before them practical demonstration to the contrary. Let the preacher, on the other hand, stand up in the midst of those who are living witnesses of the truth, as well as for the truth, and he can speak with boldness for there are cleansed ones about him, whose very presence is enough to still the gain-sayer. The words of Baxter are in place

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2 *By bringing within the sound of the gospel those who are not in the habit of attending the public worship of God*, you may be a fellow-helper of your pastor and of the truth. As strange as it may seem it is nevertheless true that even in Sabbath-keeping Nova Scotia there are many who from various causes habitually neglect the House of God. The faithful minister of Christ will seek out such, and by placing himself on kindly relations with them, endeavor to draw them to the sanctuary and to Christ. But he greatly needs the aid of the members of the church to accomplish this. If no effort be made by them, these persons are apt to think themselves not cared for, especially if they be persons in poor circumstances. Attention on the part of brethren and sisters in the way of invitations, to attend, and recognition and interest when they do attend, remove this feeling, and in most cases secure their regular attendance, often to their everlasting profit. The surest way to lead men to care for their own souls is to make *them feel that we care for them*. Are there not some among whom you mingle my brethren, who feel and that not without cause, "no man cares for my soul?"

3. *The training of those lately received* is another important duty revolving on the church. To this every pastor should apply himself with diligence. Those baptized are to be taught the things commanded by Christ and to be fed with "milk" or with "strong meat" as they are able to bear it. They should be trained to activity, encouraged to speak and pray in the social prayer meetings, to aid in the benevolent work of the church and in every way possible to assist in promoting the cause and kingdom of Christ. But it should not be supposed that the pastor, unaided, can, however faithful he may be, accomplish all this. The strong men and women of the church should likewise give themselves to the work. A great amount of interest is generally manifested in those who are enquiring, or who have professed conversion, but too often this interest ceases as soon as they have been baptized and received into the fellowship of the church. This is a great mistake, and a previous wrong. They are still babes in Christ, and still need care and nursing. How many a youthful convert might have been saved from days of darkness and months or even years of wandering, had christians been faithful to their trusts. This point cannot be insisted upon too strongly at present. Many of you have had your numbers greatly increased by the gracious revivals of the past winter. It now remains, largely with yourselves to decide, whether these accessions shall weaken or strengthen you. If care has been exercised in receiving candidates for church membership, too much care cannot be exercised, there is reason to hope that a large

proportion of those received are "new creatures in Christ Jesus." But this by no means precludes the need of your watching over them in love, and seeking to build them up in the faith. There is then no room for the quiet settling down to inactivity so often seen in churches after powerful revivals. Many youthful ones are looking to you, who are older, for an example, many ignorant ones for counsel, and many weak ones for help. If there is one time more than another in the history of the church, that christians need to be "steadfast unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord," that time is after a powerful revival. For this is the time that those blossoms that have appeared, set in fruit, or are driven away by the rude blasts of temptations. It is the first few months or years of a christian's life that decides largely the character of that life. No after labor can fully atone for neglect here. We dwell upon this point because, by many, the church seems to be looked upon merely as a net, and when all the hopeful cases of the unconverted are gathered in, think there is nothing more to do for a time, and so relax their diligence and efforts until the prayer and conference meetings are almost entirely deserted. Hence revivals are brought into bad repute, and come to be regarded by many, merely as times of religious excitement, to be followed by religious declension. Brethren we call upon you to hold the ground already gained and carefully train your forces for further conquest.

4. The work of maintaining correct scriptural discipline in the church is closely connected with the foregoing. Nothing tends so much to destroy the usefulness of the church as failure here. Yet there is nothing, perhaps, so sadly neglected among the churches at present. Disorderly walkers are allowed to continue their disorderly walk, and at the same time remain members of the church. Now we do not take the ground advocated by some, that this work does not in any degree belong to the pastor, but we do most emphatically say that however much he may desire it, he cannot establish and maintain correct discipline without the hearty co-operation of the church. With this the task will still be difficult enough—without it absolutely impossible. Notice here the admonitions of the Book which we profess to follow, "Brethren if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." "Warn them that are unruly." Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly and not after the tradition which you received of us." "But now have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat." It is manifest from the very nature of these and similar instructions of God's word, that this work of discipline belongs to the church. The pastor may strive to restore the erring, and warn the unruly, but even these efforts will more likely be effective of good, if others are engaged in similar labors. If brethren were faithful in the

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discharge of these duties, much evil would be prevented in the outset, and the need of further action prevented. But when it becomes necessary to deal with any case of irregularity, there should be the fullest co-operation, not only between pastor and people, but among all the members. Unless there be concerted action, it is almost better not to attempt discipline. In this matter of discipline many christians appear to forget the words of Christ, "If any man come to me and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." They shield their friends in their wrong doing, even if the cause of Christ suffers, and regard any attempt on the part of the church to maintain correct discipline as an injury done to them. In too many cases this influence is yielded to, and a regard for the feelings of friends is pleaded for neglecting most flagrant disorders. Hence discipline either ceases altogether, or becomes partial in its character. But the church of God is the last place for partiality. Here all are brethren," and "members one of another." What causes suffering to one causes suffering to all. When family connections or worldly position is allowed to control the discipline of the church, she has "become carnal, and walks as men." Brethren shall not be one of the results of this year of grace which so many of you have enjoyed, be a return to a more truly scriptural discipline? Remember it was for lax discipline, that Jesus complained against the church in Pergamos.

Without further increasing the number of these suggestions, the line of action, we wish to indicate will be apparent. We believe the church capable of becoming much more powerful for good than she is at present. To this position she can only attain by bringing into active operation the forces existing within her. These forces should be bound together by the golden bonds of sympathy so that the action of one shall be the action of all. Thus united she will become a power, whose influence will not be easily resisted. Error will fall before her and truth be established in her presence, and she will go forth as it is written of her, "Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Appendix.

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REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee advert with pleasure to the fact, that during the year, there have been marked improvements in the *Christian Messenger*. In the departments of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and of Education, much of interest to the lovers of the Kingdom of Christ has appeared.

Your Committee are pleased to learn, that the circulation of this periodical has considerably increased, and they recommend that the Denomination should circulate it still more extensively, and give its Editor the aid of their sympathies and prayers.

Your Committee are likewise thankful to know that the Book Department of the H. M. Union, has employed their Colporteurs during the year, and that many Sabbath Schools, and private families individually have been supplied with pure Baptist Literature.

Your Committee, therefore would urge upon the attention of this Association the importance of being very careful about supplying their Sabbath Schools and families with books from Union Societies, as there is an admixture of error with truth they teach, and while we have a Book Department of our own, your Committee would commend it to the favorable notice and first consideration of our body.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. DAY, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

Your Committee have considered the papers placed in their hands:

A communication from a member of one of our churches, with reference to matters pertaining to our Educational work; as the subject is not in the province of the Association, we deem it inexpedient to detain the body with such long documents, though the subject be important.

The attention of your Committee has been called by the letter from the church at Milton, Queens, to the question of non-resident church members and to the desirability of correcting this evil. Your Committee therefore suggest:

1st. That it be imperative upon members on removal to ask for letters of dismission when practicable, and that it be incumbent upon pastors to see that letters are sought and obtained.

2nd. That in cases where this is neglected, undesirable, or impossible, a half-yearly correspondence be held with absentees.

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3rd. That those who neglect to reply for a year, be considered as no longer desiring church fellowship, and that their names be transferred to a separate list marked "Cancelled," and considered decrease, and that a column under "Decrease," also marked "Cancelled," be inserted in the statistical tables of the Letters and Minutes.

An application from a New Church at Forest Glen, Yarmouth County, for admission to this Association, has also been before your Committee, and they recommend that the Church be admitted to this body.

P. R. FOSTER, *Chairman.*

(C)
REPORT OF WESTERN HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Board having transferred all its transferable funds and work to the Home Missionary Union, in accordance with the vote of your body at its last session, has had nothing to do during the last year and therefore but little to report. At a meeting held 22nd June, 1874, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

That whereas the Western Association has ordered the Domestic Missionary Board to transfer all the invested funds to the Home Missionary Union, when that Board was legally qualified to receive the same :

And whereas, the Home Missionary Union is thus qualified :
 Therefore resolved that this Board immediately transfer their funds to the said Union.

By this vote it will be perceived that the Western Baptist Home Missionary Board ceases to exist after an existence of twenty three years.

A. COHOON, *Secretary.*

(D)
REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg to record praise to God for the successes of the past year. In the Home department much has been accomplished through the agency of the Home Missionary Union. The Province has been nearly explored—its destitution noted and its wants are being rapidly supplied; fifty-one men have been employed by the Executive Board of the Union—the aggregate labor amounting in all to about nine years. The Lord has smiled on these endeavors. Large accessions to our churches are reported, and the prospect of increased benevolence in our churches for the support of the gospel is just what might have been expected from a revival of a true missionary spirit.

The French department has not been without tokens for good. The labors of our Missionary are still being blessed. We learn with pleasure that the churches of Prince Edward Island through the Home Missionary Board are seeking an affiliation with us in our Home Mission work. Your Committee heartily commend their request to the favorable consideration of the Baptists of this Province.

With profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father we record the safe arrival, and comfortable location of our Foreign Missionaries in the neighborhood of their chosen field of labor. The facilities of their command for acquiring a knowledge of the languages of Siam, as well as of the ways and wants of the people, and the prospect of being permitted to establish a Mission in this kingdom as soon as they are qualified to do so, show us plainly that the Lord is guiding us in this our new departure.

As in the past he has heard our prayers and given success to our endeavors, let our confidence in him abound, and our labours be multiplied.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee believe that we should as a denomination give more earnest support to the free Non-Sectarian School System, that we should watch and resist all ultramontane efforts for its overthrow, and that we should give our sympathy, and as far as possible, our aid, to those who are struggling in defence of a like system.

Your committee learn that there has been a fair attendance at the Horton Collegiate Academy during the past year. Eleven young men have applied for matriculation in Acadia College. The retirement of the Principal has created a vacancy which, it is hoped, the committee, who have the matter in charge, will spare no pains to fill with an efficient man.

The opening of the Academy to young ladies, has been so successful; but more and better accommodation is needed, if anything respectable is to be done in that direction. Your committee therefore learn with pleasure, that a plan for the erection of a Female Seminary received the sanction of the Board of Governors at its last meeting; and trust that the undertaking will receive the support from the denomination which its importance demands.

Under the able superintendence of Dr. Sawyer, the college is becoming every year more and more efficient. He deserves the hearty support of the denomination. Your committee hail with pleasure the appointment of a professor to the chair of Natural Science, and the proposed appointment of an additional professor in the Theological Department. In view of these things,

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committee regret that the contributions to Acadia College have fallen below those of last year.

In conclusion your committee would with gratitude record the fact that the institutions have again been visited by a powerful work of grace. Nearly all the students have embraced the Saviour, and many of them will make the proclamation of the gospel their life work.

Respectfully submitted,
A. COHOON, *Chairman.*

(F)

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee to whom this matter was referred report their abounded confidence in the Scriptures of eternal truth as constituting an infallible guide in all matters pertaining to the Sabbath.

They unanimously agree that the use of the Sabbath as designed for the purposes of God tends to promote domestic, social, and national peace and prosperity.

They are also of the opinion that the desecration of the Sabbath, more than any other cause, tends to retard the progress of pure religion, to foster the enmity of the carnal mind, and ripen man for the harvest of destruction.

Your Committee recommend, therefore, that the churches here presented do their utmost, by precept and example, to secure the strict observance of the Sabbath, as a day of spiritual recreation. Being specially enjoined upon us all to "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."

EDWARD WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT ON DEPARTED BRETHERN.

Your Committee on Departed Brethren, report that during the past year the ministerial ranks of this Association have not been broken by death.

But among our lay brethren many of sterling worth have been called home. Prominent among these, we have the name of Thos. Patillo, for many years a worthy and consistent member of the Liverpool Church. A man of good works—a lover of God's cause

liberal in his gifts toward benevolent—objects an earnest Temperance advocate—a citizen honored and esteemed in his own community—a friend to the poor—a Brother in Christ. He had to dread "the valley of the shadow of death" for he was suddenly called and peacefully fell asleep in his Saviour's arms.

Your Committee would also note the decease of Bro. Handly E. which a member of the Wilmot Church—a faithful and earnest

Christian, deeply interested in everything tending to the prosperity of the cause of Christ.

Others too have gone from among the aged and young and now we trust live with the redeemed in Paradise—gone where beyond the power of sin and death they live and live forever. And though we call them dead, by their holy lives here and the godly example set, they live in our remembrance and affections.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. O. GATES, *Chairman*.

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee notice with much satisfaction the growing interest manifested by our churches in the grand Sabbath School enterprise. A great work is being done through this divinely appointed means. Of the extensive additions that have recently been made to our church-membership a very large proportion has come from the ranks of the Sabbath School scholars. God has richly blessed the study of his precious word; and multitudes of dear children and young men and young women have through this means been gathered into the fold of Jesus.

Many useful suggestions might be made in connection with this interesting subject. We deem it expedient, however to give prominence to a few practical thoughts.

Next in importance to the preaching of the Word stands the instruction of the Sabbath School. It becomes therefore a question of much moment, How may this instruction be rendered efficient? Prominent among other means is the securing of faithful teachers imbued with zeal for the work and love to Jesus and his word, together with an intimate acquaintance with the doctrines of salvation. It should be the constant aim of every teacher to keep in the foreground the great doctrine of "repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Your Committee regret the apparent want of interest too often shown by parents and adults in the Sabbath School work. In many instances the school are almost entirely in the hands of the younger portion of our churches and congregations. This is not as it should be. None are too old or too wise to learn something from the Sacred Volume. We deem it to be the duty of every church member to take a deep interest in this work, thereby not only profiting the young, but also helping themselves along in the divine life.

The question of Sabbath School literature cannot be too carefully considered. We want wholesome Baptist literature in all our schools. To this end we strongly recommend that Sabbath School libraries be obtained from our Home Mission Book Depository. Suitable periodicals should be secured. We are so constituted that

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we are attracted and influenced largely by what is new and popular, and those periodicals which bring truth to the minds of our young people with freshness and power will form important auxiliaries in our Sabbath School efforts.

The formation of Mission Bands in connection with our Sabbath schools as recommended by our Foreign Missionary Board, we regard as of the first importance. Every school should be a Mission Band. The practical and the theoretical should be combined in religion as well as in philosophy. Let the young be taught their duty to be benevolent; and then let a proper channel be opened for the exercise of this benevolence. We would urge the propriety of appropriating Sabbath School funds for missionary purposes. The principle of devoting these funds to the use of the schools is radically defective. Its basis is selfish. And if our children are taught to make contributions merely for their own comforts or improvement they will be likely to carry out that principle in other respects when they shall have attained to mature years. Let the Sabbath School funds be given to Missions, and let the expenses of the schools be defrayed by our churches. This will make a bond of sympathy between our children and our Missions, and between our churches and our Sabbath Schools.

Brethren let us be awake to the increasing demands of this important sphere of usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WARREN, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is with pleasure that your committee report the steady progress of the great temperance reform in our Province, and throughout the Dominion. Through the earnest and untiring efforts of faithful men, a deep temperance interest has been awakened through the provinces. Petitions were sent to the Dominion Government and to the Local Legislature signed by over seventeen thousand persons, asking for a more efficient law, which resulted in securing us a Law known as "The Destruction Clause" which we think affords the means of successfully arresting the dire effects of "this pestilence which walketh in darkness and destruction which wasteth at noon-day."

Your Committee would urge on Parents in the home circle, Sabbath School teachers in their work, as well as our school teachers, to give more attention to the training of our youth in habits of sobriety and temperance.

Your Committee would further recommend that all our ministers in this Western Association should preach if possible four sermons during this coming year with reference to elevating public sentiment in this humane and praiseworthy movement.

A. SHIELDS, *Chairman*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association

ART. 1.—This body shall be called the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

3.—The objects of the 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.

4.—The Association shall meet annually on the 3rd Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastor.

5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for, take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition.

The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the vote of the Association.

6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed, by dismission, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

8.—The Association shall not in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

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RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of Moderator shall be made by ballot.

3rd.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

4th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

5th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

6th.—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

7th.—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

8th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

9th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

10th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

11th.—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

12th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.

MINUTES

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

PARRSBORO, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Friday Afternoon, July 10th, 1873.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, convened at the Baptist Meeting-house, Parrsboro, July 10th, 1874, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The President, Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., in the chair.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Zechariah Morton, and others.

Resolved, That Rev. Isaiah Wallace be associate Secretary, pro. tem., with Rev. M. P. Freeman, Secretary for the Union during the past year.

The List of Delegates was next called for, and appeared as follows :

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot*,—Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D.
Tusket,—Rev. P. R. Foster.
Granville Street, Halifax,—Brethren S. Selden, D. McN. Parker, and J. W. Ruhland.
Diligent River,—Deacon D. H. Jenks.
Yarmouth 1st,—Rev. G. E. Day.
Lower Stewiacke,—Rev. James Meadows, and Brother J. W. Stephens.
Truro,—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Brethren Wm. Cummings and Lyman Walker.
Maccan,—Brethren Wm. Blenkhorn, Amos Atkinson and Hance Mills.
Wilmot,—Rev. A. Cohoon.
Onslow East,—E. M. Kierstead, Licentiate.
Onslow West,—E. M. Kierstead, Licentiate.
Brookfield, Queen's Co.,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine.
Amherst,—Brethren Moses Lowe, Wm. Read, and Wm. Freeman.
Mahone Bay,—Rev. A. E. Ingram.
Great Village,—Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Deacon Ezra Layton.
Lower Economy,—Brother Isaiah Soley.
West Brook,—Brethren A. Lewis and Stephen Rusco.
Upper Stewiacke,—Brother Wm. Bentley.
Pugwash,—R. D. Burgess, Licentiate; Deacon Seaman and Edw. Munro.
Wallace,—R. D. Burgess, Licentiate; and Brother P. Piers.
North Sydney,—Rev. John B. McDonald.
Parrsboro,—Brethren Thos. Seaman, Martin Hunter, and Wm. Armstrong.
Portaupique,—Brethren Thomas Fulton, George Davidson, and John Robinson.
Members in their own right,—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D. D., A. W. Sawyer, D. D., (Acadia College), Isa. Wallace, D. McKeen, G. F. Miles, Jas Parker,

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Moved that the following brethren be invited to seats in this Union :

Revs. W. B. Boggs, Calvin Goodspeed, Brethren Ashael Bentley, Andrew Shaw, Edward Davidson, and Judson Davidson, Lic.

After remarks by the President, the Second Annual Report of the Board of the Union was read by Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., Corresponding Sec'y.

After the reading of the above named Report, Bro. Day also presented the Report of the Treasurer.

Resolved on motion by Bro. Selden, seconded by Rev. G. Ballentine that the Reports presented, be received.

A motion for adjournment to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, having been carried, the Session closed with prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster.

Friday—Evening Session.

The Union resumed business, in accordance with the previous resolution of adjournment, with prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The discussion of reports presented at the previous Session was opened by Bro. D. McN. Parker, M. D., and continued by Brethren H. Bool, A. E. Ingram, Wm. Cummings, Isa. Wallace, Dr. Tupper, and G. F. Miles; after which, on motion of Brethren E. O. Read and G. Ballentine, the Reports were adopted.

Dr. Day, having addressed the Union on the subject of ministerial supply, presented the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. P. R. Foster.

In view of the great lack of ministerial labor in this Province, and the importance of having men trained for the great work of the ministry,

Therefore Resolved, That this Union engage to supervise the raising of \$1000 per annum to sustain a Theological Professor in Acadia College, with the understanding that the donations for this object shall be kept separate from the general fund.

This resolution was spoken to by Brethren C. Goodspeed, Dr. Sawyer, Geo. F. Miles, Dr. Tupper, Dr. Parker, D. McKeen, Wm. Cummings, J. E. Goucher, D. A. Steele, Jas. Parker, W. B. Boggs, John Coombs, Moses Lowe, and W. G. Parker. After a most animating and interesting discussion the motion passed.

Adjourned to meet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock to-morrow morning was carried.

The Session closed with prayer by Bro. McKeen.

Saturday Morning, July 11th.

The third Session of the Union met on Saturday morning at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. Opening prayer was offered by Rev. G. F. Miles.

The minutes of previous Session were read and approved.

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The following was submitted by Dr. Day, and unanimously adopted:—

In view of the many years of service of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, and the great work it has done for the denomination, and the cause of Christ in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island:

And whereas, That society has transferred its work, funds and property to the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, and has this day by resolution ceased and determined.

Therefore Resolved, That we record our thanks to Almighty God for the success that attended the officers, members and agents of that Society in proclaiming throughout the field of its operations the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The following resolution was moved by Dr. Parker, seconded by S. Selden, and supported by J. B. McDonald:

That the thanks of this Union be tendered to its Executive Board, and especially to Rev. Dr. Day, the Corresponding Secretary, for the continuous effort and ability displayed in its organization and management during the two years of its existence.

Passed unanimously.

Bro Wallace then presented the following:

Resolved, That in view of the marked manifestation of God's favor in connection with the efforts of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union during the past year, this body hereby express their heartfelt gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, the source of all success in his service; and that in view of the increasing responsibilities and labors of the Executive Board, their agents and efforts be commended afresh to the divine guidance and blessing.

This resolution was carried unanimously by a rising vote, after which the President led in prayer.

Bro. Day moved the following:

Whereas, Great destitution prevails in these Maritime Provinces in regard to the preaching of the word. Therefore Resolved, that this Union sympathize with our brethren in New Brunswick in their Home Missionary efforts, and that it will be pleased to consult with the New Brunswick brethren in relation to a union with us in Home Mission work.

And further Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Union to meet with the New Brunswick brethren at the time of the Convention in August next, to see what arrangements can be made that looks towards a union, and to report at the next annual meeting of this body.

The motion was duly seconded, and after being spoken to by Bros.

Wm. Cummings, Dr. Sawyer, Isa. Wallace, G. F. Miles, C. Goodspeed, Dr. Cramp, and S. Selden, it was passed by a majority of 12 to 6.

Resolved, That in pursuance with the above resolution a Committee be appointed to be composed of Revds. G. E. Day, Isa. Wallace, and J. M. Cramp, D. D.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Union be tendered to the friends in Parrsboro who have so kindly entertained the delegates to this Union.

Adjournment was then moved and carried, after which the Session closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. McDonald, and benediction by the President of the Union.

M. P. FREEMAN, Secretary.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union beg to present their second Annual Report. At their first meeting after the Anniversary of the Union, your Board re-elected the Officers of last year. On the removal of Rev. W. H. Porter, the Recording Secretary, W. A. C. Randall, Esq., M. D., was elected to that office.

Delay in making appointments.—While your Board were awaiting the action of the Committee at Windsor, which was to consummate the Union or make it for a time a comparative failure, they thought it best not to make many appointments. The call, however, was so imperative to send a Missionary to Shelburne that they at once appointed Rev. E. N. Archibald to that field. The results of brother Archibald's labours in Shelburne and vicinity have convinced the Board that the appointment was exceedingly judicious. The little Church at Shelburne which had almost lost its visibility has been greatly revived. Several have been added to its number. A beautiful house of worship has been built and nearly paid for. At Sand Point brother Archibald was also instrumental in getting a new meeting house carried forward to completion. The cause at Sand Point, at Jordan River, and in fact in all parts of the Shelburne field, has been so much revived during the year, that, had little else been done by their Missionaries, your Board would be disposed to thank God and take courage.

The General Agency.—After our Union had been consummated at Windsor, your Board believed that it was necessary to put a General Agent immediately in the field, whose work it would be to examine into the destitution that prevailed and report thereon. The Rev. Isaiah Wallace was selected for that important and arduous work. Although brother Wallace was beloved by his Church and congregation, and pleasantly situated, he felt the appointment of the Board to be the call of God. He entered upon the General Agency work about the first of September last. As your Board wished to have as much as possible of the Eastern section of the Province surveyed before the approach of winter, their General Agent started at once for the Eastern extremity of Cape Breton. After he had visited the different counties in that Island and succeeded in grouping small Churches and in making arrangements for the settlement of Missionary pastors, he directed his steps to Guysboro, Antigonish, Pictou, Halifax, Lunenburg and the southern part of Queen's. Subsequently he visited the northern districts of Queen's, and his

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labours were blessed to the conversion of many souls and to the up-building of the cause of Christ in Kempt and Maitland, Middlefield, Greenfield, and Chelsea. He then passed through Annapolis and a part of King's. At Berwick he felt it his duty to remain for a time. The cause there was in a very low state. The ways of Zion mourned. The circumstances were such that the Board consented for brother Wallace to remain a few weeks. And soon, under his faithful and zealous efforts, there was witnessed one of the most remarkable displays of divine grace ever seen in this Province. The General Agent then passed on and surveyed rather imperfectly Hants, Cumberland, Colchester, Digby, and Yarmouth. In all the places he visited he seemed to be very successful. Your Board think that the beneficial effects of his labours in awakening an increased interest in the cause of Home Missions, in grouping small Churches, in reviving large ones, and in giving advice to Ministers and Churches, cannot be overestimated.

Lack of ministers and efforts to obtain them.—In view of the many destitute fields in the Province and the lack of ministers to supply them, the corresponding secretary of your Board opened a correspondence with Dr. Stock, editor of the *London Baptist*. That correspondence called forth many enquiries from brethren in England, which in turn led to the settlement of Rev. P. Gallaher, at Milton, Yarmouth County; Rev. J. P. Beel, at Guysboro and Manchester; Rev. John Clark, at Bridgetown; Rev. John Brown, at Cow Bay, C. B., and brother A. E. Ingram, at Mahone Bay. The Board are glad to learn that these brethren are pleased with their fields of labour and are preaching with acceptance to the people. Your Board are persuaded that, as a general rule, provincial men are better adapted to the wants of Nova Scotia than others. But the lack of ministers was so great and the cry for men from destitute fields was so urgent, that your Board felt it to be their duty to make an effort to supply as rapidly as possible the demand for ministerial labour. To do this they wrote not only to England, but to Canada, and the United States. They also endeavoured to induce our men who were studying at Newton Theological Institution to return to the Provinces. In this latter undertaking they are sorry to report that they have been but partially successful.

As it was the aim of your Board to do the very best they could for the cause of Christ generally and for individual churches not only for the present but also for the future, they felt it their duty to appoint to Mission Stations nearly all the ministerial students at Acadia College and Horton Academy that made application to them. They hoped that by encouraging our young men in this way, they would be more strongly inclined to give the benefit of their future labours to their native land.

The French Department.—Your Board are enabled to report that considerable progress has been made during the year in connection with the French Mission. The Missionary has been working

faithfully and his labours have been blessed. Two have been added to the French Mission church by baptism. Several have professed conversion. Some have died rejoicing in hope. Others are beginning to seek for the truth. The word of God is being studied. Its effects are coming to light. The missionary still meets with opposition in several places, but he is generally respected and his influence is acknowledged to be good.

An attempt has been made to build a meeting house at St. Mary's Bay for the accommodation of the English and French families residing there who are connected with the French Mission Church. Considerable progress has been made in building. But as there was strong opposition to the work by a neighbouring church, it was thought best to let the matter rest until a full investigation of the affair could be made. The house is generally admitted to be a necessity. It will undoubtedly, therefore, be pushed on at an early date to completion. There are two Mission premises belonging to the French Department of Home Missions. One is situated at Tusket, the other at Saulnierville. They are probably worth \$4000. The house at Tusket is rented. The one at Saulnierville is occupied by our French Missionary.

The Book Department.—Your Board felt the growing importance of having our own literature more extensively circulated in the Province, and occupying a more prominent place in our Sabbath School Libraries. To carry out their cherished plan in regard to this matter, they appointed to the colporteur work Mr. A. H. Lavers. He commenced operations in the County of Shelburne, in December last. But the weather was unusually stormy, money was very scarce in that section, and the people visited were generally poor. The sales made by the colporteur, therefore, were not so extensive as the Board anticipated. But a good work was done for the Master. Many denominational and Awakening tracts were distributed, cheap books were given to the poor, and a considerable number of books was sold. Many families were visited who seldom or never had heard the voice of prayer. The poor in several parts of the county had the gospel preached unto them, who scarcely ever had heard the good news except from the lips of our colporteur.

In the early part of April, Gardiner Tufts, Esq., who had been in the employ of the British and North American Tract Society, entered the service of your Board. He has ever since been labouring indefatigably and with the most gratifying success. His literature is circulating very extensively in the counties of Digby, Annapolis and King's, a pure Baptist literature.

The appointment of J. Albert Walker, Esq., of Antigonishe, dated from the first of May. He will canvass the counties of Antigonishe, Pictou, Guysboro, and Halifax. He entered very hopefully and energetically upon his work, and bids fair at the present time to be successful in the colporteur department.

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Act of Incorporation.—Your Board found it necessary to prepare again a Draft Act of Incorporation. They forwarded this Draft to the Legislature during its last session. They forwarded this Draft to the Legislature during its last session. And on the 7th day of May it passed the Legislature and received the assent of the Lieutenant Governor. The following is an exact copy.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows:—

1. George E. Day, William H. Warren, W. A. C. Randall, James A. Stubbert, John Rowe, Joseph H. Saunders, John Williams, Paoli R. Foster, Abel C. Robbins, Samuel Brown, William R. Doty, John H. Haley, Pearl D. Kinney, and such other persons as are, or shall become members of such Union according to the rules and bye-laws thereof, shall be and hereby are constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union," with power to accept legacies and donations, to purchase, take, hold, possess, and enjoy real and personal estate, and also, by deed or other proper conveyance duly signed under the hand of the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Board of such Union, or such other officers as may from time to time be duly appointed for such purpose, and under the seal of such Union, to give, grant, sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof, and to dispose of the rents and proceeds thereof for the benefit of such Union, but according to the intentions of the granters, or donors, and to execute other things in and about the same as shall or may be thought necessary and proper, and also shall have full power and authority to make and amend such constitution, bye-laws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with law, as may be thought necessary for

the rule and good management of such Union, the choosing of officers and generally for the obtaining of the objects of such Union.

2. The Board of Managers of the French Mission of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and the Domestic Mission Board of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, incorporated respectively under Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1868, and Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1865, by vote or resolution of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of such respective Boards, and the Board of Management of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, which society was incorporated under Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1865, on a vote or resolution of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of such Board, may be and are hereby empowered to transfer their work, funds, and property to the corporation hereby established, and thereupon the existence of such Board, or Boards, Society or Societies, or either of them shall cease and determine, and the Act or Acts creating or incorporating them or either of them, shall be, and is, and are hereby repealed, and all the real, personal, or other estate, which such Board or Boards, Society or Societies, or either of them is, or may be interested in or entitled to, shall be vested in the corporation hereby established, and every conveyance, grant, bequest, devise, or gift, of any land or other real, personal, or mixed estate whatsoever, that may have been made to any or all of such Boards or Societies, or may hereafter be made to them or either of them shall be deemed to be made to and vested in the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union hereby incorporated; in the same manner and as fully to all intents and purposes as if specially given, granted, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to such Union by the proper title; and such Union shall have full power and authority to sue for and recover the same either at law or in equity, and to assign, transfer, sell, encumber, lease, convey, charge or otherwise dispose thereof, but shall appropriate the sums, proceeds and profits thereof to and for the purposes and objects for what the same was or were specially given or intended to be given by the donor or grantors.

3. The Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union now in force shall be valid and effectual until altered, repealed, or amended in accordance with the provisions of such constitution and bye-laws, and the officers of such union appointed at its Annual Meeting shall remain in office until others shall be appointed in accordance with such constitution and bye-laws.

By the authority conferred by this Act, and in accordance with the request of the Western Nova Scotia Baptist Association at its session in 1873, the Western Domestic Mission Board transferred to your Board two Provincial Debentures at £100 sterling each. The Acadian French Mission Board also transferred their property

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22 J. A. McLean.	Waterville.	1	219				12	3	57	9 50	1	1	1	1	1
23 G. A. Chipman.	Sydney &c.	6	219			350	17	3	122	30 14	1	1	1	1	1
24 Geo. Armstrong.	Dalhousie West &c.	6	132				17	11	43	8 22	1	1	1	1	1
25 Geo. C. Wallace.	Parker's Cove &c.	4	132				11	7	43	17 45	1	1	1	1	1
26 Bevil M. Wallace.	Parker's Cove &c.	2	131				17	9	136	17 45	1	1	1	1	1
27 Gardiner Tufts.	Shagby, Annapolis and King's Co's.	12	350	2304	700		17	208							2
28 W. H. J. Lawrence.	Shagby, Annapolis and King's Co's.	27	160				5	7	21	9 68	1	1	1	1	1
29 J. P. Down.	Shagby, Annapolis and King's Co's.	1	160				5	7	21	9 68	1	1	1	1	1
30 J. P. Down.	Shagby, Annapolis and King's Co's.	1	160				5	7	21	9 68	1	1	1	1	1
31 J. P. Down.	Shagby, Annapolis and King's Co's.	1	160				5	7	21	9 68	1	1	1	1	1
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33 H. G. S. Strains.	St. Margarets Bay.	217					5	6	76						
34 T. Bishop.	Little Glace Bay.	3	136				5	6	76						
35 D. M. Higgins.	Amisk Brook and Harborville.	3	136				5	6	76						
36 D. M. Welton.	Maitland &c.	3	136				5	6	76						
37 M. A. Bigelow.	New Harbor.	6					5	6	76						
38 J. James Parker.	Kentville.	6					5	6	76						
39 J. P. Down.	Cow Bay.	4					5	6	76						
40 J. P. Down.	Guyssboro and Manchester.	4					5	6	76						

24 Geo. Armstrong	West Bay, C. B.	61	219	360	12	3	57	9 90
25 Sydney &c.	Sydney &c.	61	247	17	11	122	30 14	
26 O. C. S. Wallace	Panonic West &c.	64	132	1	7	43	8 22	
27 Bend. Miller	Patrick Cove &c.	4	151	17	9	136	17 45	
28 Gardiner Turfa	Dugby, Annapolis and King's Co's	12	360	700	17	238		
29 W. F. Adams	Shelburne	37	180		7	54		
30 W. F. Adams	Shelburne	37	180		7	54		
31 W. F. Adams	Shelburne	37	180		7	54		
32 W. F. Adams	Shelburne	37	180		7	54		
33 H. N. Perry	Black Rock Bay	31	247	17	11	122	30 14	
34 T. Bishop	Black Rock Bay	31	247	17	11	122	30 14	
35 T. M. Higgins	Annapolis &c.	31	136		5	7	3 00	
36 D. M. Bilton	Matiland &c.	6						
37 M. A. Bilton	New Harbor	6						
38 James Parker	Centville	4						
39 J. P. Beel	Cow Bay	4						
40 J. Albert Walker	Cunysboro and Manchester							
41 W. A. Newcombe	Picou, Sydney &c.							
42 A. J. Davidson	New Germany	9						
43 I. M. Langley	Three Sisters							
44 J. F. Eaton	Annemburg Co.							
45 Aaron Ross	Fall River							
46 P. S. McGregor	Melrose &c.							
47 M. Brown	Cumberland Co.							
48 R. D. Burgess	Waterville &c.							
49 Jos. H. Pipes	Fugwash							
50 Henry P. Cogswell	Margaree &c.							
51 G. H. Goudy	Beaver River							
52 George S. Washburn	Westport							
53 H. Achillou	Digby &c.							
54 T. E. C. Coxy	Middlefield &c.							
55 T. J. H. Robbins	Little River &c.	13						
56 J. W. Ehlund	Ellerhouse	2						
	Preston &c.	2						

* 4 weeks not reported. † About \$3.00 not reported to Treasurer. ‡ 4 weeks not reported to us. § Balance paid by Windsor Church. || Resigned. Report not received. ¶ These were appointed by the Board in Halifax, and accepted by the Board of the Union.

SUMMARY.—56 Agents, Missionaries and Colporteurs have been in commission during the year. 10 others have received appointments a second time. Together they have laboured 473½ weeks; travelling 18,968 miles; sold 2820 volumes; given away about \$25 worth of books; distributed 3634 tracts, about completion 4 new meeting houses; attended 946 other meetings; made 5123 families; baptized 417; organized 5 sabbath schools; built or carried to amount sent by the General Agent to the Treasurer, and which appears in his account.

obtained 54 subscribers to the "Christian Messenger"; received on the field \$1536.17 beside the

Your Board further report, that that in addition to the appointments they have made, they introduced Rev. H. Bool to the Churches at Maccan and River Hebert, and that he settled with them. They also introduced Bro. Isaac S. Skinner to Rev. D. A. Steele and the Amherst Church, and that Bro. Skinner was accepted by the Church to assist their Pastor.

In view of the great success that has attended their labours during the past year, your Board wish to record their heart-felt thanks to Almighty God. Keeping in mind that it is not by might nor by power but by his Spirit that the best efforts become successful, they would not take any credit to themselves but would give God all the glory.

Your Board in conclusion, beg to express the hope that the great questions which will come before the Union will be dealt with in a liberal spirit. They also hope that their successors in office will be much more successful than they have been and that many throughout the length and breadth of the land will bless God for the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

On behalf of the Executive Board,

G. E. DAY, *Cor. Secretary.*

N. S. BAPT

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1873.		Dr.		
June 29.	To paid A. Lawson for Blank Book.....			
July 9.	" N. C. Saunders, Lic., per Order.....		\$1 17	
" 21.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace expences as Delegate to Eastern Associ- ation per Order.....		20 00	
Aug. 29.	" Rev. L. B. Gates Mission to Argyle per Order.....		7 00	
Sept. 13.	" Rev. E. N. Archibald Mission to Shelburne per Order.....		40 00	
	" N. C. Saunders, Lic., bal. 12 weeks Mission and expences to Argyle, Osborne, &c.....		50 00	
Oct. 7.	" Windsor Baptist Church for Sabbath supply when their Pastor was absent in the service of the Union.....		97 50	
" "	" Rev. J. H. Saunders account as Agent of Board to Osborne and vicinity \$40.00. Expences 2.61.....		5 00	
" 15.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per A. C. Robbins, Esq.....		42 61	
" 22.	" Rev. W. H. Richan per Order.....		100 00	
Nov. 15.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....		65 00	
" 18.	" Rev. Dr. Day account for Printing, duties on Books, Freight, Telegrams, Postages, &c.....		57 74	
" 26.	" A. H. Lavers, Colporteur per Order.....		21 42	
Dec. 1.	" Rev. P. E. Foster Mission to Salmon River.....		60 00	
" 4.	" Rev. A. W. Barss Mission.....		25 00	
" 5.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace.....		41 70	
" 10.	" Rev. Geo. Titus, Lic., 11 weeks Miss. to Osborne & vicinity		29 00	
" 19.	" Rev. E. N. Archibald per Order.....		94 47	
" 31.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace balance 4 months Salary..... \$122 26 Do. Travelling expences..... 38 50		40 00	
" "	" Advanced to assist West and Cow Bay Churches by Rev. Isa. Wallace.....		160 76	
" "	" Post Office Orders and Postages by Rev. Isa. Wallace....		25 00	
Jan. 13.	" Draft in favor Geo. H. Springer for Books.....		2 20	
" "	" Rev. J. B. McQuillin received by him per his account....		245 21	
" "	" Do. Cash Post Office Order..... \$45 69 Cost of same..... 0 30		32 50	
" "	" Rev. Dr. Day, acc. Stationery, Postages, Telegrams, &c..		45 99	
Feb. 3.	" G. F. Curry, Lic., 3½ weeks Mission Jeddore.....		9 69	
" "	" E. H. Bishop, Lic., 12 weeks Mission Falmouth Village Waterville.....		28 00	
" "	" Chas. Mosher 4 weeks Mission Middlefield, Greenfield and Chelsea.....		96 00	
" "	" Post Office Orders for the above.....		36 00	
" "	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....		0 55	
March 20.	" Windsor Bap. Church, Rev. D. M. Welton Miss. to Maitland Do. do. do. to Waterville		65 00	
" "	" A. H. Lavers Colporteur by Rev. Dr. Day.....		10 00	
" "	" S. Seiden, Esq., Printing Reports and Postage..... \$69 20 Post Office Order for same..... 0 40		10 00	
" 14.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....		69 60	
" 25.	" Rev. P. H. Foster Mission to Salmon River.....		83 00	
" 27.	" Chas. Norwood, Lic., 8 weeks Mission to New Ross and Blue Mountain.....		25 00	
" "	" Post Office Order for the above.....		72 00	
April	" Rev. E. N. Archibald received from Lockport Baptist Church in aid of Shelburne Mission.....		0 20	
" 8.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....		45 50	
" 11.	" Do. bal. on Salary to March 31.....		81 00	
" 23.	" Rev. Dr. Day account Postages, Telegrams, Duties on Books, Cartage, Freight, &c.....		20 11	
" 25.	" L. M. Weeks, Lic., per Order.....		30 20	
May 5.	" Rev. Isa. Wallace, per Order.....		75 00	
" "	" Rev. Dr. Day account for Books purchased.....		50 00	
" 15.	" Rev. L. B. Gates in aid Argyle Church.....		5 10	
" "	" Rev. Isa. Wallace per Order.....		25 00	
" 18.	" Rev. Dr. Day Invoice Books, duties and expences.....		30 00	
" "	" Rev. J. B. McQuillin, amount collected by him..... \$25 68 Do. Post Office Order bal. acct..... 37 18		420 00	
" "	" Rev. Dr. Day, account, Freights, Telegrams, &c.....		62 68	
" 23.	" Z. C. Vickery, Lic., Mission to Upper Carlton, &c.....		12 92	
" 27.	" Windsor Baptist Church for aid to Maitland Mission.....		54 00	
June 1.	" Rev. P. E. Foster Mission to Salmon River.....		6 00	
" "	" Rev. Dr. Day account Freights, Duties and Telegrams....		25 00	
" "	" Alfred Chipman per Order.....		18 63	
" "	" Chas. Norwood, Mission to New Ross, &c.....		59 00	
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June. 22.	By received from Treasurer of Western Association per Rev. Dr. Day..	\$274	44
"	Additional from Ohio Church per		
"	Donation from Dr. Cramp..... do.	16	67
"	W. R. Doty, Esq., balance on his account.....	5	00
July 5.	From Treas. Central Association per J. B. Kinney, Esq.....	0	51
"	" Am. Baptist Lady per R. M. King, Esq.....	83	94
"	" Eastern Association per Dr. Cramp.....	2	00
Sept. 12.	" Senator Churchill per Rev. D. M. Welton.....	11	53
Oct. 7.	" Windsor Baptist Church do.....	5	00
Dec. 11.	" Bridgewater Baptist Church per Rev. S. March.....	4	75
" 24.	" Three Friends per Rev. Dr. Day.....	4	00
" 29.	" Mrs. Jos. Shaw do.....	10	00
1874.			
Jan. 9.	" Geo. B. Titus, L c.....		
" 29.	" Alex. Sime Esq., per Rev. Dr. Day.....	1	00
Feb. 3.	" Lake George Church per W. R. Doty, Esq.....	10	00
March 2.	" Windsor Baptist Church per Rev. D. M. Welton.....	3	84
" 17.	" W. R. Doty Esq; per Rev. Dr. Day.....	4	00
" 19.	" A Sister at Digby Neck per C. H. Denton, Esq.....	5	00
April 25.	" Friend at Biltown per Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.....	1	00
May 15.	" Rev. W. L. Parker per Rev. S. Boothby.....	2	00
" 27.	" Windsor Baptist Church per Rev. D. M. Welton.....	2	00
" "	" Anonymous per S. Selden, Esq.....	4	00
" "	" A Teacher do.....	4	00
" "	" A Friend do.....	5	00
June 15.	" Robt. K. Rose, Hebron.....	1	00
" 29.	" Dea. John Rose, Hebron per R. K. Rose.....	4	00
" 25.	" Treasurer Western Association per Dr. Day.....	2	00
" "	" Lower Granville Church do.....	208	15
" 29.	" Windsor Baptist Church per Rev. D. M. Welton.....	6	00
" 30.	" 1st Baptist Church, Digby Neck per Rev. J. C. Morse.....	4	00
" "	" Ohio Baptist Church per J. W. Patten.....	3	00
July 3.	" 2nd Digby Neck Church per Rev. J. C. Morse.....	6	00
" 4.	" Temple Baptist Church per Rev. W. H. Warren.....	5	00
" "	" 1st Yarmouth Baptist Church per Rev. Dr. Day.....	46	08
" "	" Milton Baptist Church per Rev. W. Gallagher.....	93	00
		10	00
	By balance in hand.....	\$857	91
1873.	Dr.	226	53
July 1.	To paid M. Normandy per order.....		
" 14.	" Francis Webber, amount over paid by him as Treas. Central Association.....	\$250	00
	Cost of remitting same.....	31	15
Nov. 5.	" Rev. M. Normandy per order.....	0	23
1874.		150	00
March 17.	" Do. do.....	200	00
	Balance in hand.....	\$681	38
		226	53
		\$857	91

The above account has been examined by us and found correct.

Yarmouth N. S., July 4th, 1874.

SAMUEL BROWN, Treasurer.
 PEARL D. KINNEY, }
 JOHN H. HALEY. } Auditors

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THE TABLE OF STATISTICS—page 10—was sent to our office without the totals. We inadvertently allowed it to go to press without making the additions. Still we have thought it better to add the columns and here give the results :

INCREASE—By baptism.....	1124
" By letter, &c.....	226
" Restored.....	46
	—1396
DECREASE—Dismissed.....	203
" Excluded.....	60
" Died.....	114
	—367
Nett increase.....	1029
Present membership.....	9469