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OF THE
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OF THE
Eastern Baptist Association,
OF
Nova Scotia,
HELD AT PORTAUPIQUE,
Saturday, Monday, & Tuesday, July 3, 5, & 6, 1858.
TOGETHER WITH THE
CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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MINUTES
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EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PORTAUIPQUE, *Saturday, July 3rd, 1858.*

The Association met at Portauipque on Saturday, July 3rd, 1858, in accordance with the Resolution of last year. In the absence of the Moderator and Clerk of the previous year, the meeting was called to order by the Pastor of the Church, Rev. James Reid, at 2, P. M. Prayer having been offered by Rev. A. D. Thomson, the following officers were chosen by ballot:—Moderator, Rev. E. F. Foshay; Clerk, Bro. H. C. Upham; Assistant Clerk, Bro. Benj. Douglass; Treasurer, Bro. Cyrus Black.

Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp and J. Reid, and Bro. Wm. Faulkner were appointed a Committee to examine, and Rev'ds. D. W. C. Dimock and J. E. Balcom a Committee to read the letters, from which was obtained the following list of

DELEGATES:

Portauipque:—Rev. James Reid; Brethren George Davidson, Thomas Fulton, Archibald Davidson, and Levi Kerr.

Greenville:—Brother Josiah Eagles.

Parrsboro':—Rev. T. Keillor; Brethren Eleazor Taylor, Nathan Taylor, and David J. Taylor.

Advocate Harbor:—Rev. T. Keillor.

Wallace:—Rev. S. Thompson; Brethren R. Woodland and Jas. Fountain.

Little River and Leicester:—Rev. Daniel Farnham.

Amherst:—Rev. J. Balcom; Brethren C. Black, J. Layton, Benjamin Douglass, G. Logan, and H. Logan.

Upper Londonderry:—Rev. S. Thompson; Brethren John Carter and Wm. McCully.

Goose River:—Rev. E. F. Foshay.

Pugwash:—Rev. E. F. Foshay; Brother W. H. Seaman.

Onslow:—Rev. B. Scott; Brethren Blackmore, Blair, T. Soley, and J. King.

Maccan:—Brother H. Mills.

Westchester:—Rev. M. Parker; Brethren Moore and E. Sutherland.

Great Village:—Rev. J. Reid; Brethren R. B. Yuill, H. C. Upham, E. Layton, J. Gourley, and A. Thompson.

Guy'sboro and Manchester:—Rev. W. Hall.

Upper Steviacke:—Brethren Wm. Porter, Licentiate, Daniel Archibald, C. Cox, J. Layton, A. Layton, and W. Bentley.

Five Islands:—Rev. Samuel Thompson; Brethren John Broderick and Thomas DeWolfe.

Lower Steviacke:—Brethren William Faulkner, J. W. Stevens, and B. Woodworth.

Glenville:—Rev. H. Charlton; Brother J. W. Johnson.

St. Mary's 1st:—Rev. H. Eagles.

St. Mary's 2nd:—Rev. H. Eagles.

Isaac's Harbor:—Rev. H. Eagles.

New Churches:—

Truro:—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock; Brethren Richard Upham, Chas. Blair, and J. Cummings.

Lakeland:—Rev. T. Keillor.

Diligent River:—Rev. T. Keillor; Brother D. H. Jenks.

DELEGATES FROM SISTER ASSOCIATIONS:

Western:—Rev. O. Chute.

Central:—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

All other Ministering Brethren present were invited to take a seat with the Association.

Rev'ds. W. Hall, Samuel Thompson, and A. D. Thomson were appointed a Committee of Nomination.

The new Churches at Truro, Diligent River and Lakeland were received into the Association, Rev'ds. D. W. C. Dimock and T. Keillor, and Brother D. H. Jenks receiving the right hand of fellowship in behalf of their respective Churches.

Resolved, That the next Session of the Association be held with the Church at Pugwash, that Rev. J. E. Balcom preach the Association Sermon, that Rev. B. Scott be his alternate, and that Rev. D. W. C. Dimock write the Circular Letter.

Resolved, That 500 copies of the Minutes be printed under the supervision of Brother Selden, and that the sum of £8 be paid to him for the printing and service.

The Clerks and Brother William Faulkner were appointed a Committee to audit accounts, and Rev'ds. E. F. Foshay, B. Scott, and Brother H. C. Upham a Committee upon the Statistics of the Churches.

The Committee of Nomination reported the following Committees, which Report was adopted :

CIRCULAR LETTER:—Rev'ds. B. Scott and D. W. C. Dimock.

EDUCATION:—Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, S. N. Bentley, A. D. Thomson, W. Hall, D. W. C. Dimock, J. E. Balcom; Brethren C. Black and Rich'd. Upham.

TEMPERANCE, (INTOXICATING DRINKS AND TOBACCO):—Rev'ds. J. Reid, S. Thompson, T. Keillor, M. Parker; Brethren J. King, Wm. McCulley, R. Upham, and J. W. Stevens.

SABBATH SCHOOLS:—Brethren J. Gourley, H. Mills, J. Cumming, Josiah Eagles, and A. Davidson.

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER:—Rev'ds. W. Hall, A. D. Thomson, J. E. Balcom; Brethren J. Layton and H. Logan.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE:—Rev'ds. B. Scott and J. Reid; Brethren George Davidson and E. Layton.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:—Rev'ds. A. D. Thomson, S. N. Bentley, T. Keillor, Samuel Thompson; Brethren William Porter, Albert Porter, Licentiate, C. Cox, and E. Taylor.

FRENCH MISSION:—Rev'ds. O. Chute, S. Thompson, H. Charlton; Brethren Nathan Taylor and J. Brckerick.

BIBLE CAUSE:—Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, D. W. C. Dimock, J. E. Balcom, B. Scott; Brethren W. Bentley, R. B. Yuill, and N. Taylor.

HOME MISSIONS:—Rev'ds. E. F. Foshay, S. N. Bentley, D. W. C. Dimock; W. Hall, B. Scott, H. Eagles; Brethren W. Porter, Licentiate, Blackmere, Blair, and T. Fulton.

UNION SOCIETIES:—Rev. Daniel Farnham; Brethren W. H. Seaman, B. Douglas, W. Faulkner, T. Soley, and Levi Kerr.

Resolved, That the daily Session of the Association be held at 10, A. M., and 3, P. M., and adjourned at 12½, M., and 6, P. M.

Resolved, That Rev. J. Reid or any other Ministering Brother new present, who shall attend the next meeting of the Western N. S. Association, be appointed a Delegate to that body; and that Rev. D. W. C. Dimock be our Delegate to the Central N. S. Association; and that their necessary travelling expenses be paid.

Adjourned at 5½, P. M., after prayer by Rev. S. N. Bentley.

Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp and A. D. Thomson preached on the Sabbath at 11, A. M., and 4, P. M., and other Ministering Brethren occupied the various preaching stations in the neighbourhood in the after part of the day.

MONDAY, July 5th, 1859.

Met by appointment at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. Hall preached the Introductory Sermon, from Proverbs iv. 18, 19. A collection was taken to aid the cause of Home Missions, and also at all the preaching stations on the Sabbath.

Committee on Circular Letter recommended that it be read, which was done by the Moderator. The letter was received and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

An address from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance was presented by Rev. Dr. Cramp. After having been read, and a few explanatory remarks by Rev. Dr. Cramp, it was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Report of Committee on the Bible Cause presented, and unanimously adopted. (*See Appendix A.*)

Resolved, That all monies not otherwise designated be paid to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Society.

The account of the expenses of Rev. E. F. Foshay, as Delegate to the N. B. Western Association, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Adjourned at 1 o'clock, after prayer by Rev. T. Keillor.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 3½ o'clock. Prayer by Rev. H. Charlton.

Auditing Committee recommended payment of Rev. E. F. Foshay's account of expenses as Delegate.

Committee on Temperance reported. After remarks by Rev. Messrs. Hall, Cramp, D. D., Dimock, and others, the report was adopted. (*See Appendix B.*)

Report of Committee on Home Missions was read, after which the Report of the Home Mission Society was read by the late Secretary, Rev. S. N. Bentley, and interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Hall, Scott, Eagles, A. D. Thomson, and Brother C. Black. The Report was adopted. (*See Appendix C.*)

Cloth contributed by Upper Londonderry Church, for French Mission, was ordered to be consigned to Brother Walker, of Truro, for that purpose.

Adjourned at 6¼ o'clock, after prayer by Rev. S. Thomson.

TUESDAY, July 6.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp.

The following was adopted as a standing Resolution of the Association :

Resolved, That the letters from the several churches be handed over to the Secretary of the Home Mission Society after the Session of the Association.

The Report of Committee on French Mission was read, and after addresses by Rev'ds. D. W. C. Dimock, Dr. Cramp, and A. D. Thomson, the Report was adopted. (*See Appendix D.*)

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted, after highly interesting addresses by Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, W. Hall, H. Eagles, and Brethren J. King, W. Faulkner, and others :

Resolved, That the destitution in so many places in our country of the stated preaching of the gospel renders obligatory upon us greater exertion in this department of Christian labor ; and this Association does therefore most earnestly recommend to the Churches it represents increased zeal and benevolence in the Home Mission work, and that the delegates now present use their exertions, either by the formation of Societies, auxiliary to the Home Missionary Society, or by such other means as shall be deemed expedient, greatly to increase the contributions of the Churches.

Report of Committee on Education presented by Rev. Dr. Cramp. Addresses were delivered by Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, A. D. Thomson, Wm. Hall, J. E. Balcom, D. W. C. Dimock, and the Report was adopted. (*See Appendix E.*)

Adjourned at 1 o'clock, after prayer by Rev. H. Eagles.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 3½ P. M. Prayer by Rev. W. Hall.

Resolved, That the management of the Infirm Ministers' Fund be continued.

Report of Committee on Union Societies presented and adopted. (*See Appendix F.*)

Resolved, That the expenses of the Association (printing Minutes, Delegates, &c.) be paid from the Home and Foreign Mission funds.

Committee on *Christian Messenger* presented their report, which was adopted, after remarks by Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, D. W. C. Dimock, and others. (*See Appendix G.*)

Brethren W, Faulkner, J. King, C. Black, B. Douglas, and W. F. Cutten were appointed Delegates to the Convention.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance presented, and after remarks by Rev'ds. W. Hall, J. Reid, and Brother T. Soley, adopted. (*See Appendix H.*)

After kind and complimentary remarks by several brethren, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the Brethren of Portauquique, Economy, and Great Village, for their kind and Christian hospitality, and the enlarged liberality with which they have entertained the Ministers and Delegates composing this Association.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools having failed to report,
the following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That this Association esteem the religious education of the young to be of paramount importance, deeply so, to the present, and in all probability, to the rising generation, and they would earnestly recommend to the Churches, the establishment and cordial support of Sabbath Schools and Bible classes.

The following Resolution was also unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That in view of the great mercy of our Heavenly Father, which has been bestowed upon many of our Churches during the past year, in their being revived, and receiving additions to their numbers, of souls converted by the grace of God,—we hereby thank the Divine goodness, and implore the gracious assistance of the Holy Spirit to lead us on to a fuller consecration of ourselves to the service of God.

After which Prayer was offered by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock,
the Union Hymn sung, and the Association adjourned to meet
next year at Pugwash, the Moderator having pronounced the
benediction.

E. F. FOSHAY, *Moderator*,

HENRY C. UPHAM, *Clerk*.

B. DOUGLAS, *Assistant Clerk*.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase.			Decrease.				Total.
	Restored.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Removed.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	
Portauisque,	5	39	5		1	1		95
Greenville,		2			1	2	2	85
Parrsboro',	1	10			3		3	38
Advocate Harbour,		5			1			31
Antigonish,								27
Wallace,								67
Little River and Liechester,		3	1				2	57
Amherst,		29	5		4		5	193
Upper Londonderry,		9					2	59
Earl Town,	1							46
Goose River,	1	1			2	2		35
Pugwash,		24			5	2	1	150
Onslow,		8		18	49		1	109
Maccan,		24			1	5		125
Westchester,					1			16
Great Village,		4						46
Guysboro' and Manchester							1	103
Upper Stewiacke,		16		1	4	1	1	60
Five Islands,		3	2					33
Lower Stewiacke,		47	3					109
Glenville,								23
Amherst Shore,		21	3		4	1	1	47
St. Mary's 1st,		3						20
" 2nd,	1	8						34
Isaac's Harbor,		20						57
Sydney, C. B.								20
* Charlottetown, P. E. I.,						1		31
* North River, P. E. I.,								
NEW CHURCHES.								
Truro,		30	10		1		1	80
Lakeland,								12
Diligent River,								20

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* Letters from these Churches were received after the adjournment of the Association.

NOTE.—No Letter or Report was received from the following Churches, viz:—Mabou, C. B.; North Sydney, C. B.; Schooner Pond, C. B.; Tracadie; Indian Harbor; Margaree; C. B.; East Point, P. E. I.; Three Rivers, P. E. I.; Mira Bay, C. B.; River John, Canseau; Tryon, P. E. I.; Bedeque, P. E. I.; Lot 49, P. E. I.; Grand River, P. E. I.; Wentworth; Canseau Strait; Tatamagouche, and Merigomish.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE EASTERN NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren,—Since we last addressed you much has transpired in our world to cheer the friends of Zion. In the neighbouring republic God has poured out his Spirit in a remarkable manner, reminding us of the gracious promise—"a nation shall be born in a day," and that the time is drawing near when the knowledge of His glory shall cover the earth as the waters do the channels of the great deep. In this gracious revival the Baptist churches have shared largely, and when we look at the rapid progress that Baptist principles have made during the last fifty years, and believing, as we do from the Bible and History, that amid the fires of persecution, and the tortures of the Inquisition, the Baptists have kept the ordinances as they were delivered by the great Head of the Church, we cannot but feel that our mission is peculiar, and fraught with heavy responsibilities.

In order that we may do the work assigned by our Heavenly Father it is not only necessary that we cultivate personal piety, but we must carry out the discipline of the Church as taught in the Bible. Nothing will more effectually destroy the religious influence of a church, and render inefficient the preaching of the Gospel, and all means of grace that she may employ, than the neglect of this duty. In the days of Joshua Israel could not stand before her enemies while iniquity was harbored among the people (Joshua vii., 5). David says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me."

What David said of himself is also true of a church, if she winks at sin in her members, in vain do they gather together for the purpose of prayer. An Apostle has commanded us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to withdraw from every brother that walketh disorderly. The Scriptural separation of an offending member from the Church will prove an inestimable blessing to him, if by it he be brought to repentance and is a sincere Christian, as well as to the Church from which he is removed. Says the Apostle Paul, "deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh that the Spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ." But by discipline we do not barely mean the separation of unworthy members from our Communion. Necessary as this may be it is only a small part of the work. This should not be left to the Pastor, as unhappily it too often is, but is a solemn duty which belongs equally to every member of the Church.

In the proper execution of Gospel discipline much may, and ought to be done, by the members individually, and much of the peace and purity of a church depends upon the faithful discharge of these duties. Many differences have been brought into churches, which have marred their peace and retarded their progress, that might have been settled by individual effort. Before any difficulty is allowed to enter the Church the rule laid down in the 18th chapter of St. Matthew should be carefully attended to. If we are walking in the light and comfort of the Gospel we will never seek to expose our brother's faults, by telling them even to the members of the same church, but, on the contrary, if we see one of our brethren fall we will make some effort to give him the helping hand, considering ourselves lest we also be tempted, and bearing in mind the words of the Apostle, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

In this way we may bear each others' burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. The Scriptures give particular encouragement to believers in the use of personal and private efforts for

aiding each other in the divine life. "If any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know that he that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death, and hide a multitude of sins." The following remarks, made by Rev. Andrew Fuller, on personal effort are to the point:—"In cases of evil report, where things are said of a brother in our hearing, which, if true, must affect his character and the purity of the church, it cannot be right to go on to report. Love will not lead to this; many reports, we know, are unfounded, or if true, in the main they have been aggravated, or there may be circumstances attending the case which, if fully understood, would make things appear very different from the manner in which they have been represented. Now it is almost impossible that any one but the party himself should be acquainted with all the circumstances, or be able to give a full account of them. No time, therefore, should be lost ere we enquire at the hand of our brother, or, if on any consideration we feel that to be unsuitable, it would be proper to apply to the Pastor of the Church, who may conduct it with greater propriety." If the Saviour should make known to us the condition of our churches, as he did to the seven churches of Asia, the state in which they were, while we hope that there is much that he would approve, have we not reason to fear that there is much in our discipline which he would condemn, as he did also those things which he exposed so faithfully in them?

Let us then, dear brethren, examine ourselves by the light of inspiration, and seek in all things to be conformed to the Word of God, that, as churches, we may prosper, and do the work assigned us by our Father in Heaven."

APPENDIX.

(A)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible is more extensively circulated and more closely studied than at any former period in the world's history. Immense sums are annually expended in translation and distribution; the most powerful minds are engaged in critical labor; and illustrations of its pages are continually sought, and obtained, in the prosecution of antiquarian research. No book has been so scrutinized and tested. Its trial has uniformly resulted in "praise, honor, and glory."

Without referring particularly to the various institutions that have been founded for the translation and circulation of the oracles of God, the Committee express their hope that the Churches of this Association will constantly recognize the duty of sharing in this glorious enterprise, and that their contributions for the object will be proportioned to its importance.

Habitual use of the Scriptures is undoubtedly incumbent on all Christians. They should also be earnestly desirous of promoting reverential regard for the Holy Book amongst all classes. It should be daily read, consulted, and honored in the family and in the school. Every young person should be taught to "cleanse his way" by "taking heed thereto" according to God's word.

The Bible is the Baptists' statute-book. They have no other law in religious matters. Under bondage to no man, they are the Lord's freemen. They ask no aid from the civil power, in regard to things religious, either in the form of compulsion or gift. As they would not themselves submit to the dictation

of Pope, prelate or presbytery, so they would avoid the very semblance of dictation to others. They have grievously suffered heretofore from ecclesiastical tyranny, but they would not be guilty of imposing on their fellow-men. While they would place the Bible, if possible, in the hands of all, they could not enforce its use by law. Conscience, however ill-directed, must be left to its freedom.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the conviction that it is the imperative duty of every person to abstain from the use of ardent spirits and to endeavor to advance the cause of Temperance. Intoxicating liquors are still drunk in our Province to a great extent. Many disgraceful cases of drunkenness occurred at the last Election in this county. There are still many places where ardent spirits are sold; where many of our fellow-beings are ruining both themselves and their families, and causing iniquity to abound in our land. We regard the use of spirituous liquors as one of the most powerful engines by which the Wicked One maintains his kingdom in this present evil world. Your Committee therefore would affectionately request all the Pastors and Members of the Churches to exert all their influence in this noble and commendable enterprise. Let us endeavor to enlighten the public mind concerning this great evil, by frequently lecturing on Temperance, and by circulating Temperance publications. Let us also use all legitimate means to obtain a Prohibitory law, similar to that now in force in the State of Maine.

In regard to the Address, which has been sent to us by the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance in Halifax, we recommend that it be resolved, That this Address be cordially received; that we heartily concur in the remarks contained in that document; and that we will endeavor, by all means in our power, to advance the cause of Temperance in all our Churches.

In connexion with the use of ardent spirits your Committee beg leave to affirm, that it is their decided opinion that the use

of Tobacco is also injurious, both to the body and the mind. Much money is wasted in purchasing it. Much time is spent in using it; and Physicians generally avow that it injures the human frame. And may it not also be said that this evil habit is frequently the occasion of leading many of our young people to the card-table, the ball-room, and other haunts of vice? Your Committee therefore would express the hope that all the members of our Churches and all others who love their fellowmen would be disposed to give up the use of tobacco, which is so injurious and so costly, and to consecrate the amount hitherto spent upon it to benevolent objects.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES REID, *Chairmn.*

(C)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee do not hesitate to commend to the Churches the cause of *Home Missions*, as presenting the largest of all yearly demands upon their sympathies and contributions. Still the cry of weak and declining Churches, and the more urgent call from places long destitute of the preached gospel, come to our ears with imploring earnestness. These claims, as they are investigated from month to month, only show us greater delinquencies in the past and more work for the future. If we would be true to our master, to ourselves, and to the perishing around us, we must not forget what remains to be done at home. While so much of our country—our *own* beloved country—is unevangelized, we may not deal with a slack hand.

Your Committee are happy to learn that the Board of the Nova Scotia Missionary Society have prosecuted their labors during the past year with so much encouragement and success. From the report of the Board, it appears that the numbers of stations, or permanent missions occupied by our missionaries is 4; that 57 out-stations and other places have been visited; that upwards of 166 weeks' labor have been performed; 592 sermons preached, 156 lectures delivered; 982 pastoral calls and visits to families made, and 18 persons baptized; that the income of the Society has amounted to £446 6s. 10d., and its expenditures to about £407—leaving a balance of nearly £40.

Your Committee approve the disposition of the Board to occupy *permanently* as many stations as possible.

In conclusion we would earnestly press upon the Churches the importance of their *Home work*, and bespeak their prayers in behalf of the Board, of the missionaries, and the destitute.

In behalf of the Committee.

E. F. FOSHAY, *Chairman*.

(D)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

That the spiritual interests of the French Catholics of our Province, who are perishing for lack of knowledge, call for our warmest sympathies and most ardent zeal. We are glad that sympathy has been awakened, and that effort has been put forth to supply this lack of knowledge, that their souls may be enlightened by wisdom from on high. The mission, which has been prosecuted in our country for six years, though not attended with all the success we could desire, has not been destitute of blessed results, and affords strong incentives to an unwearied and energetic prosecution of this great and noble work.

And though the former missionary has, from vocal inability to continue his work, been obliged to retire from his field of labor, another is about to be, or is, perhaps, even now supplying his place, whom we hope will ere long abundantly reap where his predecessor has already sown. But what is one among so many. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send many more laborers into this field, and let not the faithful contribute sparingly for the support of such laborers, that ere long a number of efficient colporteurs and missionaries may be found occupying the different parts of this great field of Christian enterprise.

Respectfully submitted.

O. CHUTE, *Chairman*.

(E)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

It is unnecessary to expatiate on the value and importance of education. The members of this Association are fully

agreed on that subject. All that is wanted is a continuance of effort, combined with largeness of heart adequate to new emergencies.

The Academy at Horton, now under the superintendence of Mr. Hartt, has been greatly blessed. Many who have received instruction there are occupying posts of usefulness and honor. It is very desirable that the number of pupils be increased, especially on account of the College, which is almost entirely dependent on the Academy for a supply of Students. The Committee earnestly recommend the Institution to Baptist parents. They may be assured that the Executive Committee will continually exert themselves to increase its efficiency, and adapt its arrangements to the demands of the age.

The past year, your Committee learn, has been a trying one for Acadia College. In a pecuniary point of view the pressure has been unexampled. A special meeting of the Convention was called, in order to take the state of affairs into consideration, and to devise, if possible, remedial measures. The meeting was held at Wolfville on the 4th ult. After much inquiry and discussion, a resolution was unanimously passed, to the effect that the College should be sustained. This can only be accomplished by vigorous benevolence, on an enlarged scale. The Denomination, it may be confidently hoped, will respond to the appeal. Encouraging success has already attended the labors of the Rev. A. D. Thomson, the Agent, who has secured the addition of about £1700 to the Endowment Fund, besides collecting a considerable sum for the annual expenses of the College. A separate agency for the latter purpose has been recently engaged in by the Rev. D. Freeman, of Halifax.

Professor Stuart left the College in March last. The vacancy thus occasioned will be filled, your Committee have reason to believe, by some gentleman that has formerly studied in the Institution.

During the past year, twenty-four Students have been in attendance, six of whom graduated at the Anniversary on the 3rd ult. Six have matriculated, who will commence their studies next Term; others will probably be added to their number.

Eleven students have received instruction in the Theological Institute. One of them, the Rev. E. O. Read, has been ordained Pastor of the second Horton Church. Three of the

former students have been ordained since the last meeting of this Association, viz.:—Rev'ds. T. A. Higgins, at Liverpool, D. M. Welton, at Windsor, and R. D. Porter, at Dartmouth.

In conclusion, the Committee commend the Educational Institutions of our Denomination to the generous sympathies of the members of this Association. Our influence in the community must depend on the amount of our knowledge and piety. Without knowledge, piety will be weak and vapoury; without piety even knowledge may be devoid of blessing.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

(F)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION SOCIETIES.

The members of the Committee on Union Societies report as follows:—

Your Committee believe that on these monuments of benevolence is inscribed the memory of a departed brother, and that their claims are urged on all our Churches, as a voice from the spirit world of one who, though dead, yet speaketh—one who travelled the lengths and breadths of Nova Scotia with indefatigable labor in the formation of these Societies, and that, in their design, are evident tokens of the Christian spirit and rich and fertile imagination of that departed patriot and philanthropist, and Christian brother, with whom they originated. Let us perpetuate his memory by keeping these monuments in good repair. Let us not be "children sitting in the market." Let us not meet year after year and multiply resolutions, "*resolving and re-resolving*" in all the magnanimity of thought, and yet not carrying into effect the original design. We feel the weakness of *resolving Committees*, not supported by *Executive Committees*. We feel assured that the design of Union Societies, fully accomplished, would be highly conducive to the prosperity of all our Churches. And we, therefore, suggest and recommend to all the leading members of our Churches, their duty, to use all means in their power, to breathe into these Societies new life, that they may live and stand up, and become a great army. In our smiles they live, and in frowns they die.

All which your Committee would humbly submit for your consideration.

THOMAS SOLEY, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the consideration that no instrumentality employed for the diffusion of religious knowledge is calculated to exert so wide an influence as the Press.

They have regarded the *Christian Messenger* as a most valuable and efficient auxiliary in promoting the cause of truth and sound knowledge in connection with the Denomination, and observe with much satisfaction the improvement in its character, in furnishing such an amount of matter, of historical, foreign, and local interest.

We would express, at the same time, our sympathy for its worthy Editors and the Proprietor on account of his many discouragements, and would strongly urge upon the Denomination the necessity of an increased circulation, to mould and train the public sentiment in all those exciting topics in connexion with the progress of truth in the world.

Your Committee are at the same time aware that the present is an important period of the world's history, and it is necessary to enunciate our peculiar principles with a bold and uncompromising spirit; and for this object all the talent and energy of the Denomination should be enlisted, we would, therefore, urge upon the ministering brethren, and others, the propriety and expediency of contributing to its pages articles of ability, bearing upon the religious questions of the day.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM HALL, *Chairman.*

(H)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath beg leave to report that your Committee view with deep regret the light and trifling manner in which many hours of the Lord's-day are spent, even by many professors of religion, and would earnestly recommend to all our Churches a more elevated tone of piety, a more heavenly conversation, a greater conformity to the

requirements of the Scriptures,—“Not doing your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words on my holy day,”—and that all our Ministers and Sabbath teachers frequently call the attention of the people to this important subject.

Respectfully submitted.

B. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That the duty of proclaiming the gospel among all nations is devolved on the Christian church, by the appointment of its Divine head, is universally acknowledged. That the Baptist Denomination has been greatly honored while discharging that duty, by means of its missionaries in the East and West Indies, in Burmah, and Africa, is a fact that cannot be contemplated without grateful feelings.

The Baptists of Nova Scotia have at present no missionary in the Foreign field, and their contributions are not on the increase. If more money be not collected, it will soon become necessary to discontinue remittances to the East, as an annual sum is payable to the widow of our lamented brother Burpe, which must be regularly provided for. It will be for the Denomination to decide whether it will be preferable to maintain direct connection with Burmah by assisting brother A. R. Crawley to employ native preachers, or to remit our contributions to any Missionary Society.

Your Committee trust that, whatever plan may be ultimately adopted, the Baptists of Nova Scotia will continue to manifest deep interest in the cause of Foreign Missions.

MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. C. I. Burnett.	Ch. Town, P. E. I.		
J. Balcom.	Amherst.		
H. Charlton.	Greenville.	March 6, 1856	Greenville.
Obed Chute.	Truro.		
D. W. C. Dimock.	Onslow.	Dec. 6, 1841	Chester.
J. Davis.	Ch. Town, P. E. I.		
H. Eagles.	St. Mary's.	Aug. 1842	Kemp, Hants.
E. F. Foshay.	Pugwash.	March, 1856	Harvey, N. B.
Danl. Farnham.		July, 1842	
W. Hall.			Fredericton, N. B.
T. Keillor.	Advocate Harbor.	June 24, 1857	Advocate Harbor.
D. Lawson.	Point de Bute.	March, 1855	Lower Stewiacke.
M. Parker.	Londonderry.	Sep. 1831	Lunenburg.
Malcolm Ross.	Bedeque, P. E. I.		
Hugh Ross.	N. Sydney, C. B.	Sep. 1847	Mira Bay, C. B.
Jas. Ried.	Portaupique.		
John Shaw.	East Point, P. E. I.		
B. Scott.	Onslow.	Sep. 18, 1832	P. E. Island.
S. Thompson.	Economy.	Sep. 1852	Westbrook.

STATISTICS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Portaupique,	2	9	65	230
Advocate Harbor,	1			72
Little River and Leicester, P. E. I.,	1		37	80
Amherst,	1	14	118	400
Upper Londonderry,	1			
Earl Town,	1	5	35	125
Goose River,	1			
Pugwash,	1			
Onslow,	2			
Maccan,	3			
Great Village,	1	5	30	100
Guysboro' and Manchester,	2		60	
Glenville,	1			175
St. Mary's 2nd,	2	6	34	
Isaac's Harbor,	1	10	70	
Sydney, C. B.	1		40	
Charlottetown, P. E. I.,	1	4	22	
Truro,	1		80	
	24			

Incomplete.

*Infirm Ministers' Fund in account with B. DOUGLAS,
Treasurer.*

	DR.	£	s.	d.
1857.		1	2	6
Aug. 13.	Paid Mrs. Hull,	3	5	9
Oct. 14.	" "	10	0	9
Dec. 11.	" Mrs. Cogswell,			
1858.		5	0	0
May 19.	" Mrs. Hull,			
		<u>£19</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>
	CR.	£	s.	d.
1857.		42	10	0
May 1.	By cash from A. W. Masters,	0	19	10½
July 9.	" C. Black,			
		<u>£43</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10½</u>
	Balance in hand	<u>£24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10½</u>

*Eastern Nova Scotia Baptist Association in account with
CYRUS BLACK, Treasurer.*

	DR.	£	s.	d.
1858.				
July 5.	To cash paid Rev. E. F. Foshay, Delegate to Western N. B. Association in 1857,	£2	0	0
	" do. to Central N. S. in 1858.	3	0	0
	" Rev J. M. Cramp for S. Selden for printing Minutes.	8	0	0
	" " J. Whitman, Treasurer H.M. Society,	71	4	7
	" " for Foreign Missions,	7	10	0
	" " Bible Cause,	1	16	9
	" " Ministerial Education,	0	12	4½
	" B. Douglas, Treasurer of Infirm Ministers' Fund,	0	16	3
	" Balance in hand to pay Treasurer of French Mission when appointed	0	6	0
	" 40 yards cotton and wool cloth to be forwarded to L. J. Walker, Truro, for French Mission,—at 1s. 8d.	3	6	8
		<u>98</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7½</u>

Approved. HENRY C. UPHAM, }
B. DOUGLAS, } Auditing Committee.
W. FAULKNER, }

1858.

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July 5. By cash from		Portaupique Church, Home Mis-	
		sion £3; Foreign Mission £1	
		14; French Mission 6s.	£5 0 0
		Truro, Home Missions £5 5s.;	
		Foreign Mission £5 1s. 3d.	10 6 3
		Antigonish, Home Mission	1 10 0
		Great Village, " "	3 0 9½
		Lower Stewiacke, Home Mission	
		36s. 9d.; Bible Cause 36s. 9d.	3 13 6
		Advocate Harbor, Home Mission	1 15 0
		Five Islands, " "	0 17 0
		Goose River, " "	1 13 0
		Maccan, " "	3 4 3
		Wallace, (Head of Bay) " "	0 10 0
		Amherst, Home Mission £28	
		11s. 2d.; Foreign Mission 5s.	
		2½d.; Ministerial Education 12s.	
		4½; Infirm Ministers 11s. 3d.	30 0 0
		Upper Londonderry, Home Mis.	
		61s. 3d.; 40 yards cloth, say	
		1s. 8d. per yard—66s. 8d.	6 7 11
		Parrsboro', Home Mission,	0 10 0
		Onslow, Home Mission £7 4s.	
		0½d.; Foreign Mission 11s.	
		9½d; Infirm Ministers 5s.	8 0 10
		Amherst Shore (for Minutes)	0 2 9
		Greenville, Home Mission	0 5 0
		Isaac's Harbor, " "	1 0 0
		2nd St. Mary's, " "	1 1 8
		Upper Stewiacke, Home Mission	
		£2; Foreign Mission £2	4 0 0
		Sydney, Home Mission £5;	
		Foreign Mission 20s.	6 0 0
		Collections during Association	7 14 8
		Subscriptions to Home Mission per Rev'ds.	
		E. F. Fosbay 5s., D. W. C. Dimock 5s.,	
		T. Keillor 5s., S. Thompson 5s.; W. H.	
		Seaman 5s., J. King 5s., J. M. Layton	
		5s., B. Douglas 5s.	2 0 0
			£98 12 7½

CYRUS BLACK, Treasurer.