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THE BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

ORGANIZED A. D., 1846.

Officers for 1875-76.

PRESIDENT.—THEODORE H. RAND, Esq., D. C. L., Fredericton, N. B.

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CONSTITUTION.

1. This Convention shall be known as the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

2. The object of the Convention shall be to maintain Acadia College, and other Educational interests of the body; as also its Foreign Missionary operations; and to advance the general interests of the denomination.

3. The Convention shall be composed as follows:—1st. Each of the Baptist Associations, within the limits of the Convention, shall be entitled to send to any meeting of the Convention, five of its own members as delegates to represent it therein. 2nd. Every Church connected with either of the above-named Associations, and contributing toward the objects of the Convention, shall be entitled to send one of its members to represent it at any meeting of the Convention, and an additional delegate for every twenty dollars so contributed; provided, that no Church be at liberty to send more than five delegates. 3rd. Every ordained Baptist minister connected with one of the above Churches, shall be a member. 4th. Any member of one of these Churches, who shall contribute five dollars annual or fifty dollars at one time, towards the objects of the Convention, shall be a member.

4. The officers of the Convention shall be chosen annually, from its members, and shall consist of a President, two or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, residing in the Province in which the Convention is at the time in session, and an Assistant Secretary, chosen from one of the other Provinces.

5. The Convention shall meet on the first Saturday after the 10th of August, annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the body, when, addition to the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the body, in accordance with Art 2 of this Constitution, a Board of Foreign Missions shall be chosen, consisting of fifteen members of the Convention; five members shall constitute a quorum; also a Ministerial Education Board or Boards, of seven members each; three of whom shall constitute a quorum. The Convention shall also fill any vacancies that may have occurred in the Board of Governors of Acadia College, and shall, once in three years, appoint six new members, in place of six who will then go out in rotation, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Convention in September 1859, and in accordance with the Act 14 Vict., of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, cap. 37.

6. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Convention, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Persons invited to a seat may speak on all subjects under debate, but vote on none.
3. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the body.
4. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.
5. Immediately after the opening of the Convention, these rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair.

SPECIAL SESSION

Of the BAPTIST CONVENTION of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, held at Amherst, May 12th, A. D., 1875.

Pursuant to the call of the President at the request of the Foreign Missionary Board, a special meeting of the Convention of the Baptist churches of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island was convened in the Baptist church at Amherst, May 12, 1875, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The President, Hon. Judge McCully, took the chair and declared the Convention opened by reading the rules of order and calling upon Rev. J. E. Goucher to offer prayer. On motion R. M. King, of Halifax, was appointed Secretary, and Rev. W. H. Warren, of Yarmouth, Assistant Sec'y.

The President read a telegram from Rev. J. L. Campbell, Secretary of the Canadian Foreign Mission Society, announcing that he was in Bangor en route for the Convention.

The following names of delegates and visiting brethren were enrolled and read :

FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

Amherst,—Rev. D. A. Steele, Deacons Moses Lowe and J. M. Layton, with Brethren W. M. Read, T. R. Black and G. W. Freeman.

Brookfield and Caledonia,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine.

Cornwallis First,—Rev. S. B. Kempton.

Cornwallis Fifth and Sixth,—Rev. D. Freeman.

Great Village,—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Halifax, Granville St.,—Brethren Hon. Dr. Parker, H. N. Paint, R. M. King, and X. Z. Chipman.

Halifax, North Baptist,—Hon. Judge McCully.

Hantsport,—Rev. J. C. Bleakney.

Jeddore,—Rev. J. Meadows.

Lower Aylesford, South and Upper Wilmot,—Rev. Chas. Tupper, D.D.

Onslow, East and West,—Rev. S. March.

Pugwash,—Rev. D. W. Crandall.

River Hebert,—Rev. H. Bool, with Brethren Job Seaman and John Barnes.

Truro,—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Deacon Richard Upham, with Brethren William Faulkner and J. Lyman Walker.

Temple, Yarmouth,—Rev. W. H. Warren.

Windsor,—Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

N. S. Eastern Association,—Brother H. Miles.

N. S. Central Association,—Brother S. Selden.

FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

St John, Brussels St.,—Rev. W. P. Everett, Deacons T. P. Davis, Wm. Allwood, and Brother T. H. Hall.

St. John, Germain St.—Brother John H. Harding.

St. John, Leinster St.,—Hon. A. McL. Seely, and Brother John March.

St. John, Portland,—Rev. D. McClellan.

Carleton,—Rev. Edward Hickson.

Fredericton,—Rev. Dr. Spurden.

Germantown,—Rev. T. A. Blackadar.

Harvey,—Brother Asahel Mills.

Havelock,—Rev. J. Hughes.

Moncton,—Rev. Thomas Todd, Brother H. C. Davison.

Sackville First,—Rev. G. F. Miles, with Brethren J. B. Cahill and Josiah Tingley.

Shediac,—Rev. A. W. Barss.

Springfield,—Rev. W. A. Corey.

St. Stephen,—Rev. J. W. Manning.

In their own right,—Revs. Dr. Cramp, E. M. Saunders, J. F. Kempton, W. A. Coleman, and J. M. Curry; Brethren E. Edwards, and Edward Munro.

Invited,—Rev. J. R. Skinner, and Brother Wm. Blenkhorn.

In reply to Rev. Dr. Cramp, the President gave at length his reasons for the opinion that the present meeting of Convention was quite constitutional and that the President had the power to call the same.

By order of the Convention the Secretary read "the joint letter from our Missionaries in Siam" to the F. M. Board, which was the cause of the present special meeting of Convention.

Adjourned until 7.30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

WEDNESDAY—Evening Session.

The President having taken the chair the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. E. M. Saunders. Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. Letters were read from churches at Bridgewater, Liverpool, and Milton.

Rev. W. P. Everett, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board read letters from Rev. W. S. McKenzie, District Secretary, and Dr. Murdock, Foreign Secretary of the American Foreign Mission Union; also letters from Rev. J. L. Campbell, Secretary, and Dr. Fyfe, a member of the Canadian Foreign Mission Society, and also letters from Rev. Dr. Dean, Missionary, and Dr. Wm. Campbell, of Bangkok. Rev. Dr. Spurden moved and Rev. E. M. Saunders seconded.

That the letter from the Missionaries read at former session, be taken up for consideration.

An address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Spurden.

Voted, That all addresses before the Convention be limited to 10 minutes.

The discussion was continued by Revds. W. P. Everett, Dr. Cramp, President McCully, Rev. Joseph F. Kempton, Hon. Dr. Parker, and Rev. E. M. Saunders. Miss Minnie B. DeWolf, returned Missionary, who was present by request, enlivened the Session by singing a hymn in the Karen language. On being asked her opinion on the question, Rev. E. M. Saunders at her request, expressed her views upon the matter under discussion. Discussion adjourned. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. P. Everett.

THURSDAY Morning, May 13th, 1875.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The discussion adjourned from last session was resumed by Dr. Cramp who read extracts of a letter from Mrs. Armstrong, Maulmain, and continued by Jno. March, Rev. Jos. Kempton, Rev. W. P. Everett, Moses Lowe, Dr. Tupper, David Freeman, Hon. Dr. Parker and Rev. G. F. Miles who moved in amendment and as a substitute for the resolution of yesterday :

That a committee consisting of Hon. Dr. Parker, Jno. March and Rev. W. H. Warren retire and frame a resolution embodying the views of the Convention as suggested by the discussion.

Seconded by Hon. A. McL. Seely and passed.

The committee reported and after discussion the following resolution was passed,—

Whereas, There is a necessity for more definite information in reference to the several fields of Missionary operations to which the attention of this Convention has been called by the joint letter from our Missionaries dated Rahang, Siam, Feb. 13, 1875, and it is of the utmost importance that we decide intelligently upon the subject for which we are convened, therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be instructed to seek the fullest information from every available source, in relation to the several fields of Missionary labor, proposed and suggested to this Convention in the above mentioned letter, and especially by explorations by our Missionaries in the Telooqoo district, in order to place the results obtained before the Annual Session of the Convention to be held in Hillsburg in August next for their decision.

Meeting adjourned to 3 P. M., with prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele.

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Thomas Todd. Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

A letter from C. Raymond, Chairman of Committee of the Canadian Foreign Mission Society introducing their Secretary, Rev. J. L. Campbell, was read. Upon being introduced Mr. Campbell,

addressed the Convention detailing at length the present position and prospects of their Mission to the Telooqoo people. He also presented the following resolutions, passed at a recent meeting of the Canadian Foreign Mission Board, looking toward united efforts with us in the Telooqoo mission fields.

Resolutions passed by the Board of Directors for Foreign Missions in Ontario and Quebec, 4th May, 1875, Brantford.

The Missionary field among the Telooqoos selected by us with the full consent and fraternal good wishes of the authorities of the American Baptist Missionary Union is the fertile region drained by the Godavery river and of which it is the natural outlet. Cocanada is situated in the heart of the Telooqoo country, two hundred miles north of Ongole, with Telooqoo country extending 200 miles north of Cocanada, and 350 miles to the west up the Godavery river. This field must contain from six to ten millions of people.

1. *Resolved*, That we cordially invite our brethren of the Maritime Provinces to send Missionaries over at once, and help us to cultivate this Telooqoo field.
 2. *Resolved*, That we respectfully suggest that only those Missionaries who give themselves cheerfully and willingly to the Telooqoo field, should be sent there. It seems to us almost certain that unwilling missionaries will consciously or unconsciously make trouble on any field. As there are seemingly strong reasons why at least some of your missionaries should be stationed where they have already made preparations for work, could you not send 3 or 4 men to the Telooqoo field? We are anxious to appoint a man immediately to aid Bro. McLaurin in Cocanada. Perhaps one of their number might receive an appointment from us.
 3. *Resolved*, That we propose that Ontario and Quebec on the one hand, and Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, on the other, shall entirely sustain and direct all the missionaries whom they may respectively appoint.
 4. *Resolved*, That we take it for granted that the threefold cord, viz., the Missionaries being all of the same nationality and government, being all of the same faith and order, and all having the same object in view, *i. e.*, the glory of God in the salvation of the Telooqoos—will bind them together, and dispose them to co-operate in their great work without minute Rules or Articles of agreement.
 5. *Resolved*, That the Missionaries of the respective Boards might write letters from time to time to the papers in the respective provinces. Bro. McLaurin and others whom we may send could write occasionally to the papers in your Provinces, and your men could write occasionally to our papers: thus a common interest in the whole mission would be created and extended.
 6. *Resolved*, That any closer union in our modes of working should be left to time and experience. Whereto we have attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing, and God will open the path of duty as soon as he wishes us to walk in it.
- Moved and seconded that our Secretary, Bro. J. L. Campbell, be appointed to represent us at the coming Convention in Amherst, Nova Scotia—his expenses to be paid out of the funds of the Society.
- Carried.

I certify the above to be a correct abstract from the Minutes of the Board of Directors for Foreign Mission of Ontario and Quebec passed in Brantford, 4th May, 1875.

J. L. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*

Chatham, 6th May, 1875.

After considerable general discussion it was moved by Hon. Dr. Parker and seconded by T. R. Black and resolved that a Committee consisting of Revs. E. M. Saunders, J. W. Manning and J. E. Goucher be requested to prepare a reply to the communications of the Canadian Foreign Mission Society embodying the views of the Convention elicited by the discussion, and to report to the Convention to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning.

FRIDAY Morning, May 14th, 1875.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. J. Meadows. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee to whom the communications from the Baptist Foreign Mission Society for Ontario and Quebec, were referred, reported.

Rev. S. B. Kempton moved, and Rev. J. Hughes seconded the adoption of the report. The discussion was participated in by Rev. D. Freeman, Dr. Tupper, W. P. Everett, J. L. Campbell, S. B. Kempton, G. F. Miles, M. P. Freeman, E. M. Saunders, J. Hughes, Dr. Parker, President McCully, Wm. Faulkner, L. J. Walker and T. R. Black. An amendment to the report was moved by Dr. Parker and passed, and as amended the report was passed with three dissenting votes.

Report of the Committee to whom was referred the communications from the Board of Foreign Missions for Ontario and Quebec:—

Your Committee, appointed to take into consideration the communications of the Directors of the Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec through their Secretary, the Rev. J. L. Campbell, beg leave to report as follows:—

That the promptness with which the brethren of the Board in the Upper Provinces replied to the communication of our Secretary is worthy of all praise, and that the cordial and fraternal greetings tendered by our brother in behalf of his brethren in Ontario and Quebec are most heartily reciprocated by us, and that the resolutions of which he has been the bearer and which he has presented for our consideration and *immediate action*, are in our judgment both wise and practical.

Your Committee have been greatly pleased with the frankness and fullness with which questions relative to the Telooogo Mission have been answered, and the evident desire, on the part of the brethren of Ontario and Quebec, for a closer union in Mission work as expressed by their representative, leads us to indulge in the

belief that side by side we may be able to make known to the Telooogo people what God has wrought for man's redemption.

The proposal to send our Missionaries at once to the Telooogo field, conveyed to us in the first resolution, is fully accepted by your Committee. It meets a demand that now presses heavily upon our churches, arising out of the earnest request coming after a year and more of suspense from our Missionaries to be located in the field of their future labors. The sad consequences entailed by further delay, the sufferings of suspense by both the Missionaries abroad and the churches at home, the loss of time and money, together with the fact that all needful information is now possessed, combine to convince your Committee that, trusting in the great Head of the church, it is now the path of duty to accept this proposal, and to instruct the Missionaries to remove immediately to Cocanada.

The views of the Committee are in perfect accord with that part of the second Resolution which refers to the matter of the Missionaries who may go from us into the Telooogo field, undertaking the work "cheerfully and willingly." We have every confidence that our Missionaries will give themselves heartily and joyfully to the great work in any field to which they may be sent. While we agree with our brethren that no unwilling Missionary should be employed, it does not appear to us as it does to them that strong reasons exist why some of our Missionaries should remain where they are at present.

With reference to the suggestion in the same Resolution that one of our Missionaries might receive an appointment from the Board of the Upper Provinces, it is the opinion of this Committee that all our Missionaries should be retained in the service of this Convention. At present this proposition cannot be entertained.

The 3rd Resolution which proposes that the respective Boards shall "entirely sustain and direct all the Missionaries whom they may respectively appoint" is in the opinion of your Committee the best provision that can be made for the present, and it is fully accepted by them as a part of the present arrangement. Your Committee fully share in the belief of the Directors expressed in the 4th resolution, that entire harmony and co-operation will exist among the missionaries without specific Rules and Articles of agreement.

The proposal in the 5th Resolution for our missionaries in writing to our denominational papers, to make an exchange at least occasionally of their respective correspondents, i. e., the missionaries of the Upper Provinces to write for the papers of the Lower Provinces, and those of the Maritime Provinces to write for the papers of Ontario and Quebec, would, in the opinion of your Committee, do much to perfect the Union of the Baptists of Canada; and it is a proposal to which the Missionaries will heartily agree.

The Committee is in entire agreement with the Directors in their 6th Resolution, in which the opinion is expressed that closer union in modes of working should be left to time and experience.

As immediate action is not only desirable but imperative, your Committee recommend that the Foreign Mission Board of this Convention be directed to promptly communicate with our Missionaries, informing them that, at this Special Convention held at Amherst, called to consider their joint letter of February 13th, 1875. it was there decided after protracted discussion, and after obtaining full information from a delegate sent from the Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec respecting their Missionary operations, that the Telooogo field should be immediately occupied by us as an Independent Mission, acting in harmony with the Canadian Foreign Mission work.

Your Committee recommend also the passage by this Convention of the following resolution:—

Whereas, Since this Convention passed a resolution directing the Foreign Missionary Board to seek further information of the several fields of labour referred to by the Missionaries in their joint letter to the Board, and also to send some of the Missionaries to explore the Telooogo field, the Rev. J. L. Campbell, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions for Ontario and Quebec, has arrived and has supplied all necessary information that could reasonably be expected, even after the loss of several months spent in further enquiry, therefore

Resolved, That the Board be released from carrying out the instructions of the said resolution, and that it be directed to follow the instructions of this Convention as contained in the reply to the proposals from the Board of Foreign Missions for Ontario and Quebec.

And Resolved further, that as a slight expression of our appreciation of the valuable and timely help rendered by the coming to us of the Rev. J. L. Campbell, the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to pay the travelling expenses of Mr. Campbell on his visit to this Convention.

E. M. SAUNDERS, *Chairman of Committee.*

On motion of Mr. Faulkner it was resolved that the minutes of this Convention together with the communication from the Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec, and the resolutions in reply thereto be published in the denominational newspapers of the Canadian provinces.

The thanks of the Convention were voted to the Baptist church and friends in Amherst for their kindness and attention in entertaining the Delegates.

Minutes of the present meeting were read and approved.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. B. Kempton.

J. McCULLY, *President.*

R. M. KING, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEES 1875-76.

- ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS, ETC.—Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Brother T. H. Rand, D.C.L., Revds. Stephen March, John H. Hughes, Joseph Murray and W. H. Warren.
- ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. G. D. Cox, J. H. Saunders, J. M. Parker, T. A. Higgins, P. R. Foster, Brethren R. Clarke, H. H. Chute and E. Clarke.
- ON NOMINATION OF GOVERNORS OF ACADIA COLLEGE.—Revds. I. E. Bill, D. A. Steele, T. Todd and Joseph Murray.
- ON SPECIAL MEETINGS OF CONVENTION.—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D.D., I. E. Bill and Brother Hon. J. McCully.
- ON NEXT MEETING OF CONVENTION.—Revds. I. E. Bill, G. M. W. Carey, W. P. Everett, J. D. Pope, J. Spencer, E. Hickson, D. McClellan, J. H. Hughes, T. Todd, W. A. Coleman, Joseph Murray and A. W. Masters.
- ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—Brethren E. D. King, Hon. Dr. Parker and Rev. J. W. Manning.
- ON TRAVELLING CERTIFICATES.—Revds. J. A. Durkee and T. Todd.
- ON HOME MISSIONS IN CONVENTION.—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D.D., G. E. Day, M.D., J. D. Pope, Bro. T. H. Rand, D.C.L., Revds. E. M. Saunders, A. W. Sawyer, D.D., Bro. Hon. J. McCully, Revds. W. P. Everett, I. E. Bill, E. Hickson, T. Todd and J. B. McDonald, M.D.
- ON CREDENTIALS.—Brother B. H. Eaton and Rev. W. H. Warren.
- ON HISTORIC RECORDS.—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D.D., W. P. Everett and Joseph Murray.
- ON TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. I. E. Bill, G. M. W. Carey, W. P. Everett, J. D. Pope, J. Spencer, E. Hickson, D. McClellan, J. H. Hughes, W. A. Coleman, Joseph Murray and A. W. Masters.
- ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D.D., D. McClellan and W. B. Haynes.
- ON OBITUARIES.—Rev. E. Hickson.
- ON PUBLIC AND DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.—*For Nova Scotia*,—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D.D., Brother E. D. King and Rev. D. M. Welton.
For New Brunswick,—Revds. I. E. Bill, T. H. Porter and Brother A. F. Randolph.
For Prince Edward Island,—Rev. Joseph Murray and Bro. J. R. Calhoun.

DELEGATES OF CONVENTION.

- TO THE BAPTIST CONVENTION EAST, to be held at Montreal, 22nd Sept., 1875;—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D.D., and J. B. McDonald, M.D.
- TO THE BAPTIST CONVENTION WEST, to be held at Guelph, Ontario, 20th October, 1875:—Revds. D. A. Steele and S. B. Kempton.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION.

NOVA SCOTIA.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—Avarad Longley.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION CHURCHES.

- Annapolis Royal*,—Dimock Whitman.
Annapolis and Upper Granville,—J. Clark, Solomon Clarke.
Beaver River,—J. D. Skinner, David Floyd.
Bridgetown,—Ainsley Brown.
Brookfield,—Peleg Murray, S. M. Freeman.
Clements,—James E. Potter.
Digby Neck, 1st,—A. J. Denton.
Digby Neck, 2nd,—George Cormick.
Hebron,—R. D. Burgess, W. R. Doty.
Hillsburg, 1st,—G. D. Cox, Wm. Dunn, Richard Clark.
Liverpool,—George S. Parker.
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot,—Reuben R. Baker.
Lower Granville,—P. R. Foster, John J. Ray.
Milton, Queen's Co.,—J. A. Durkee, Jas. H. Nickerson, Joseph B. Wyman, Joseph H. Cook, E. G. Freeman, Samuel Freeman.
Milton, Yarmouth,—P. Gallaher, William C. Rose.
Mill Village,—A. H. Lavers.
New Albany,—Albert Oakes.
Nictaux,—W. J. Blakeney, John Whitman, W. A. Morse, L. Bloomfield Page, W. C. Shafner.
Pine Grove, Wilmot,—Isaiah Dodge.
Port Medway,—A. H. Lavers.
Shelburne,—E. N. Archibald.
Sissiboo,—William Lent.
Temple, Yarmouth,—W. H. Warren.
Tusket,—Augustus Shields.
Tusket Lakes,—Augustus Shields.
Wilmot,—Asaph Marshall, W. H. Balcom, George Starratt, Joshua Ray, Robert Marshall.
Westport,—L. B. Gates.
Wood's Harbor,—W. H. Richan.
Yarmouth, 1st,—W. E. Heustis.
- Churches in Association, 70; Represented in Convention, 29; Delegates, 48.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—J. McCully.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION CHURCHES.

- Aylesford, Upper*,—J. L. Read, S. W. Goucher.
Bridgewater,—B. W. C. Manning.
Canning,—S. J. Nelly.

- Cambridge, (Cornwallis),*—W. H. Forsyth.
Chester,—I. J. Skinner.
Cornwallis 1st, Canard,—William Eaton.
Cornwallis 2nd, Berwick,—Charles Skinner, T. H. Parker, Alfred Wilson.
Cornwallis 3rd, Biltown,—James Bligh, D. W. C. Dimock, Wm. C. Bill, John G. Lantz.
Halifax 1st, Granville Street,—A. L. Wood, W. L. Prince, B. H. Eaton.
Halifax 2nd, North,—J. W. Manning.
Hantsport,—J. C. Bleakney.
Horton 1st, Wolfville,—D. M. Welton, D. F. Higgins, R. V. Jones, A. D. W. Bars.
Horton 2nd, Gaspereaux,—E. O. Road.
Horton 3rd, New Minas,—Wm. Spencer.
Kentville,—A. J. Stevens.
Windsor,—Mark Curry, J. W. Bancroft.
 Churches in Association 47. Represented in Convention 16. Delegates 29.
 EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—Wm. Faulkner.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION CHURCHES.

- Amherst,*—D. A. Steele.
North Sydney, C. B.,—J. B. McDonald.
Onslow, East,—Stephen March.
Onslow, West,—Stephen March.
Truro,—Richard Upham, A. J. Walker, Israel M. Rushton.
 Churches in Association 57. Represented in Convention 5. Delegates 7.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION CHURCHES.

- Chipman,*—E. M. Kierstead.
Fredericton,—C. Spurden, T. H. Rand.
Portland,—D. McClellan.
St. John, Brussels Street,—W. P. Everett, T. P. Davies, Thomas L. Hay, Wm. Allwood.
St. John, Germain Street,—G. M. W. Carey, I. E. Bill, J. H. Harding.
St. John, Leinster Street,—J. D. Pope, A. W. Masters, J. F. Masters, J. March, C. E. Burnham.
St. John, Pitt Street,—James Spencer.
St. John, Carleton,—Edward Hickson.
 Churches in Association 78. Represented in Convention 8. Delegates 18.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION CHURCHES.

- Butternut Ridge,*—John H. Hughes.
Hopewell,—F. Beattie.
Moncton 1st,—Thomas Todd.
Norton,—J. G. Hayes.
North River,—J. M. Currey.
Salisbury 1st,—W. W. Corey.
Salisbury 2nd,—J. M. Curry.
Springfield 1st,—W. A. Corey.
St. Martins 1st,—I. E. Bill.
Sussex,—J. F. Kempton.
 Churches in Association 66. Represented in Convention 10. Delegates 9.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ASSOCIATION CHURCHES.***Alexandra*,—James J. DeWolf.*Bedeque*,—A. Chipman.*Cavendish*,—Benjamin Simpson.*Summerside*,—Dimock Archibald.

Churches in Association 14. Represented in Convention 4. Delegates 4.

MEMBERS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.

George Armstrong, Sydney, C. B. G. N. Ballentine, Brookfield, N. S.
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 Delong, Tancook, N. S. T. A. Higgings, Annapolis, N. S. Asa T. Morse,
 Williamston, N. S. H. H. Morse, Paradise, N. S. Joseph Murray, Sum-
 merside, P. E. I. Obed Parker, Melvern Square, N. S. W. L. Parker,
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 mentsport, N. S. D. McN. Parker, Halifax, N. S. A. A. Pineo, Cambridge,
 N. S. R. R. Philp, Hantsport, N. S. E. M. Saunders, Halifax, N. S. J. H.
 Saunders, Digby, N. S. A. W. Sawyer, Wolfville, N. S. Isaac Shaw,
 Berwick, N. S. C. Tupper, Aylesford, N. S. Members 23.

INVITED TO A SEAT.

E. J. Adams, D.D., Holyoke, Massachusetts. X. Z. Chipman, Halifax, N. S.
 R. A. Fyfe, D.D., Woodstock, Ontario. B. D. Marshall, D.D., Worcester,
 Massachusetts. Jacob Neilly, Aylesford, N. S. R. D. Porter, Milltown,
 Calais, Maine. Edward Lavers, Yarmouth, N. S. Invited 7.

Total Delegates 114. Members 23. Invited 7. Total 144.

MINUTES.

HILLSBURG, NOVA SCOTIA,

Saturday Morning, 21st August, 1876.

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, assembled in the Baptist Church at Hillsburg, Digby County, Nova Scotia, this day at ten o'clock, A. M., the HON. JUDGE McCULLY, President for 1874-5, in the chair. The

FIRST SESSION

was opened with prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele.

In the absence of the Secretaries, Professor D. F. Higgins and brother John March were temporarily appointed to perform their duties.

The business of enrolling the names of delegates and other members of Convention was then proceeded with. (See page 13.)

A number of visiting brethren were cordially invited to take seats and participate in the discussions. (See page 16.)

The President appointed a Committee for the Nomination of Officers, etc., (See page 12), who, after consultation, submitted a list of officers for the year 1875-6, (See page 12), which, on motion was unanimously adopted.

Before retiring from the chair the Hon. Judge McCully returned thanks to the body for the uniform sympathy and support extended to him during the year—a year from which, he believed, we should hereafter date our success in the field of Foreign Missions. It afforded him great pleasure to be able to read the following telegram just received from our missionaries:—

“CABLE.

To the President of the Convention, Hillsburg, N. S.

All here. Expect Miss Armstrong. Joyfully working.

12 Coconada.

(Signed)

R. SANFORD.”

Dr. Rand then took the chair, and addressed the Convention, after which the Rules of Order were read.

A Committee of Arrangements was appointed. (See page 12.)

Read a letter from the Rev. J. L. Campbell, Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Ontario and Quebec, introducing to the Convention the Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D.D., as a deputation from that body.

Hon. Judge McCully introduced to the Convention, Rev. Robert D. Porter, as a deputation from the Baptist State Convention of Maine.

The President informed the Convention that the Rev. Theodore H. Porter, who is laid aside by illness, tendered his resignation as a

member of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, whereupon it was moved by the Rev. W. H. Warren, seconded by the Rev. G. E. Day, M.D., and unanimously

Resolved, That whereas the Rev. T. H. Porter has in consequence of ill health tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, this Convention, with great reluctance and much regret accept Brother Porter's resignation, expressing at the same time our high appreciation of the valuable services of our brother during his term of office.

Read a letter from Hon. Judge McCully tendering his resignation as a member of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, whereupon it was moved by the Rev. S. W. DeBlois, seconded by Rev. E. M. Saunders, and unanimously

Resolved, That the Hon. Judge McCully be requested to withdraw his resignation.

Hon. Judge McCully having agreed to comply with the wishes of the Convention, the President announced that it would be necessary to proceed to the election of Governors of Acadia College, *vice* Rev. T. H. Porter, resigned, and Rev. John Davis, deceased. He accordingly appointed a Committee on Nomination, for that purpose. (See page 12.)

Moved by Rev. J. M. Cramp, D.D., seconded by Rev. D. W. C. Dimeck, and

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an article to be inserted in the Constitution, whereby provision may be made for holding special meetings of this Convention. (See page 12.)

The Committee on Arrangements submitted the following recommendations.

1. That the meetings of this Convention be held as follows:—
 - (1.) Prayer meeting in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Hillsburg, at 6 o'clock, A. M.
 - (2.) Convention Morning Session open at 10 o'clock, and close at 12 noon. Afternoon Session to open at 2.30 P. M., and close at 5 P. M., except this afternoon, when the Session shall open at 4 P. M. and close at 5.30 P. M. Evening Session to open at 7.30 P. M., except this evening, when no meeting shall be held.
2. That the following be the preaching stations for the Sabbath:

Hillsburg Baptist Church,	10.30 A. M.,	Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D. D.
"	"	3 P. M., Rev. R. J. Adams, D. D.
"	"	7.30 P. M., Rev. W. P. Everett.
" Methodist Church,	10.30 A. M.,	Rev. I. E. Bill.
"	"	7.30 P. M., Rev. B. D. Marshall, D. D.
Clement's Vale,	10.30 A. M.,	Rev. E. O. Read.
"	"	3 P. M., Rev. P. Gallaher.
Goat Island,	10.30 A. M.,	Rev. W. L. Parker.
Waldeck Line,	10.30 A. M.,	Rev. A. Shields.
Annapolis,	11 A. M.,	Rev. W. A. Corey.
"	7 P. M.,	Bro. E. M. Keirstead.
Granville Ferry,	3 P. M.,	Rev. J. C. Bleakney.
Digby,	11 A. M.,	Rev. Jos. Murray.
"	3 P. M.	Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.
"	7 P. M.,	Rev. J. Spencer.

Hill Grove, 11, A. M., Rev. J. Spencer.
 " 8, P. M., Rev. L. B. Gates.

Smith's Cove, 11 A. M., Rev. J. L. Read.
 Morgan Settlement, 8 P. M., Rev. G. N. Ballentine.
 Back Line, 8 P. M., Rev. E. N. Archibald.

3. That the Convention Sermon be preached on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and the remainder of the day be occupied with the subject of Education.

4. That a meeting of the Women's Missionary Aid Society be held on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the vestry, and one or more brethren be appointed to address the meeting.

5. That a Public Meeting in the interests of Education be held on Monday evening, and addresses delivered by the Rev. J. D. Pope, Rev. D. M. Welton, Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D. D., and Bro. T. H. Rand, D. C. L.

6. That Tuesday be devoted to the subject of Foreign Missions; a Public Meeting in the evening to be addressed by Rev. W. P. Everett, Rev. P. Gallaher, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Rev. J. B. McDonald, M. D., and Hon. Judge McCully.

On motion the report was adopted and its recommendations ordered to be carried out.

On motion adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

The second session of Convention opened at 4 o'clock, P. M., this day, the President Dr. Rand in the Chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. P. Everett.

The minutes of the first session were read and approved.

The Committee on Nomination of Governors of Acadia College reported, recommending the appointment of Bro. John Calhoun, of Summerside, P. E. I., in place of the Rev. John Davis, deceased, and of the Rev. W. P. Everett, in place of the Rev. T. H. Porter, resigned.

On motion the report was adopted and its recommendations ordered to be carried out.

On motion a Committee was appointed to arrange for holding the next annual meeting of Convention. (See page 12.)

On motion it was

Ordered, That three thousand copies of the minutes of this Convention be printed for the use of the churches, and that a Committee be appointed to superintend the publication of the same. (See page 12.)

On motion it was

Ordered, That the Rev. J. A. Durkee and Rev. T. Todd be empowered to procure printed travelling certificates for the use of delegates to Convention.

On motion it was

Ordered, That the Secretaries be authorized to telegraph to St. John for copies of the Year Book for 1874.

Moved by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., seconded by the Rev. E. Hickson, and

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report at the next annual meeting of Convention upon the advisability of bringing the Home Missionary enterprises of the denomination in the Maritime Provinces under the consideration and direction of this body. (See page 12.)

The Assistant Secretary called the attention of Convention to the printed forms for returns from the churches which had been forwarded, and asked that they be submitted to a Committee for examination and report. (See Committee on Credentials page 22.)

On motion Convention adjourned to meet on Monday morning, 23rd instant, at 10 o'clock, after prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, August 23rd.

Convention assembled at 10 o'clock this morning, the Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., one of the Vice-Presidents in the chair.

After devotional exercises the Annual Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. D. Pope, pastor of the Leinster Street Baptist Church, St. John, from Titus i. 5. "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting."

At its close the President, Dr. Rand, took the chair, and the minutes of the second session were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Governors of Acadia College was read by the Secretary, Rev. S. W. deBlois.

On motion, the report was received and ordered to lie on the table for discussion.

On motion adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. C. Tupper, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY—Afternoon Session.

Convention reassembled at 2.30 p. m., the President, Dr. Rand, in the Chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. H. Hughes.

The minutes of the third session were read and approved.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Rev. J. D. Pope be requested to furnish a copy of the Convention Sermon for publication in the denominational papers.

The Committee on Special Meetings of Convention reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to prepare an article of the Constitution providing for the holding of Special Meetings of Convention, submit the following :—

“ Special meetings of the Convention may be convened and held in the manner following :

When twenty of the delegates who attended the last meeting of of the Convention shall send a requisition to the President of that meeting asking him to convene a special meeting, and specifying the object or objects for which it shall be held it shall be his duty to give notice of such meeting, which shall be held within a month from the time of issuing the notice, but no decision of said meeting shall be binding unless it has received the votes of fifty members then and there present.

Moved by Rev. I. E. Bill, and seconded by Rev. S. March, That the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by brother Avar Longley, seconded by Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., and *Resolved*, That the report lie on the table for further discussion.

Moved by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., seconded by the Rev. I. E. Bill, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Hon. Dr. Parker, M. L. C., Avar Longley, Esq., M. P. F., and J. B. North, Esq., M. P. P., for their very able and efficient advocacy in the Legislature of Nova Scotia, of the equal rights of all denominations in the matter of public support of education and that the Committee on Education appointed last year be reappointed, the name of the Rev. Joseph Murray being substituted for that of the Rev. J. Davis, deceased. (See page 12.)

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following recommendations :

1. That the Rev. E. M. Saunders preach the next annual Convention Sermon, and that the Rev. T. A. Higgins be his alternate.

2. That the Foreign Missionary Board consist of the following brethren : Hon. A. McL. Seely, Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., Rev. W. P. Everett, Rev. D. A. Steele, Rev. A. B. McDonald, A. W. Masters, Esq., Rev. E. Hickson, Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., Rev. W. A. Corey, Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. J. D. Pope, Rev. D. McClellan, J. H. Harding, Esq.

On motion of Rev. T. C. Delong, seconded by Rev. J. H. Hughes the report was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of Acadia College was read by Dr. A. DeW. Barsa, and on motion adopted. (See “Ed. Institutions.”)

On motion the report of the Governors of Acadia College was taken from the table, freely discussed, and adopted. (See “Educational Institutions.”)

On motion of Rev. E. M. Saunders, seconded by Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be extended through the Rev. I. E. Bill, and Rev. J. F. Kempton, to the friends of the College in England and the United States for their liberal donations to the Endowment Fund of Acadia College.

On motion the proposed Article of Constitution on Special Meetings of Convention was taken from the table and discussed.
On motion adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. I. E. Bill.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY—Evening Session.

Convention reassembled at 7.30 P. M., the President, Dr. Rand, in the Chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. The minutes of the fourth session were read and approved.

Convention was addressed on the subject of Education by the President, brother T. H. Rand, D. C. L., Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D. D., of Woodstock, Ontario, Rev. R. J. Adams, of Holyoke, Mass., Rev. D. M. Welton, Rev. I. E. Bill, and Rev. E. M. Saunders.

Moved by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, seconded by the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, and

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of Acadia College to take measures to secure a fair and equitable distribution of the public money of Nova Scotia for higher education.

A collection was taken in aid of the funds of the new Academy building.

On motion Convention adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. T. Todd.

SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, August 24th.

Convention met this day at 10 o'clock, A. M., the President, Dr. Rand, in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. C. Spurden, D. D.

The minutes of the fifth session were read and approved.

On motion the further discussion of the report of the Committee appointed to prepare an article of the Constitution providing for Special Meetings of Convention was postponed until next year.

On motion the Treasurer of Convention was instructed to pay bills for printing, stationery, and telegrams, incurred by the Secretaries.

On motion the name of the Rev. J. M. Cramp was added to the Committee on Obituaries for last year, and the report of the Committee was ordered to be placed in the hands of the Secretaries to be incorporated in the Minutes.

Moved by the Rev. W. P. Everett, seconded by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., and

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report some plan whereby the Minutes of this Convention, and of our Associations, and other journals and denominational papers of historical value may be preserved. (See page 12.)

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:—

Your Committee have examined the returns made on the printed forms, and find 68 in all, which may be divided into 5 classes :

1. Forty-one of these returns appear to be correct.
2. Eighteen contain a statement of contributions, but no delegates.
3. Six do not contain any statement of contributions, but five of the churches so reporting send one delegate each, and one sends four.
4. Five contain a statement of contributions but send too many delegates.
5. Two returns are blank.

One hundred and six delegates are reported.

Your Committee recommend that an explicit statement of the object of the returns be hereafter printed on the blank forms.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,)

B. H. EATON, *Chairman.*

On motion the report was adopted, and its recommendations ordered to be carried out.

The report on the State of the Denomination, was read by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., and adopted.

Moved by the Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., seconded by the Rev. W. P. Everett, and

Resolved, That the first Thursday in December be set apart by the churches as a Day of Special Humiliation, Thanksgiving and Prayer.

The Committee on the next annual meeting of Convention ask leave for time after the adjournment of Convention to report to the Secretaries.

On motion the request of the Committee was granted.

The order of the day—Foreign Missions—was then taken up and the Foreign Department of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions read by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., Foreign Secretary, the Home Department of the report by the Rev. W. P. Everett, Home Secretary, and the Treasurer's Report by brother T. P. Davies.

The Convention was addressed on the subject of Foreign Missions by the Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D. D., deputation from and representative of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec.

On motion Convention adjourned, after prayer by Rev. G. M. W. Carey.

SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

Convention reassembled at 2.30 p. m., the President, Dr. Rand, in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. I. E. Bill.

The minutes of the sixth session were read and approved.

On motion the Rev. J. W. Manning was added to the Committee on the Publication of Minutes of Convention. (See page 12.)

The consideration of the three-fold report of the Foreign Missionary Board was resumed and addresses delivered by the following brethren : Hon. Judge McCully, Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., Rev. G. Armstrong, Hon. Dr. Parker, and Rev. E. M. Saunders, after which the report was adopted. (See "Foreign Missions.")

On motion the Nova Scotia Ministerial Education Board was reappointed and instructed to make an annual report to the Convention of their proceedings and expenditures, and also to provide a statement of their receipts and expenditures during the past year, for publication in the minutes. (See "Educational Institutions.")

Moved by brother Hon. Dr. Parker, seconded by brother W. Faulkner, and unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Foreign and Home Secretaries and the Treasurer, T. P. Davies, Esq., of the Foreign Missionary Board, for the able and satisfactory reports which they have submitted to the Convention; and also

That the thanks of this body be given to the gentlemen of the firm with which brother Davies is associated in business, for affording him time and opportunity for the performance of his arduous duties.

On motion it was unanimously

Resolved, That the President this evening present the cordial thanks of this Convention to the members of the Baptist Church and congregation, and other friends in Hillsburg and vicinity, for their abundant hospitality enjoyed by the members of Convention during its present session.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the managers of Railway and Steamboat lines, for courtesies extended to delegates and other members travelling to and from this gathering.

On motion the Committee appointed to arrange for the next annual meeting of Convention was also charged with the duty of arranging with the Railway and Steamboat authorities for reduction of fares to delegates travelling to and from Convention next year.

Moved by the Hon. Judge McCully, seconded by the Hon. Dr. Parker, and unanimously

Resolved, That the fraternal greetings of this Convention be presented to the Foreign Missionary Board of Ontario and Quebec, whose delegate and representative, the Rev. Dr. Fyfe, has afforded in his pleasant intercourse much gratification and information in reference to Missionary and Educational subjects; and that the President of this Convention be respectfully requested to communicate the same to the Board.

Moved by the Rev. I. E. Bill, and seconded by the Rev. C. Tupper, D. D.

WHEREAS, The missionaries of this Convention in the providence of God are brought into intimate relationship with the missionaries of the Baptist Union of Ontario and Quebec in the same field of missionary effort, and

WHEREAS, It seems desirable that this arrangement should culminate in an organic union of all the Baptists of the Dominion of Canada in Foreign Missionary work, therefore

RESOLVED, That in the judgment of this Convention the sooner such union can be consummated upon a basis satisfactory to all the cooperative parties, the more hopeful it will be for the important interests involved.

On motion the resolution was ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion Committees were appointed on the State of the Denomination and Obituaries for the current year. (See page 12.)

Moved by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., seconded by the Rev. G. M. W. Carey, and unanimously

Resolved, That the Foreign Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to communicate the thanks of this Convention to the Rev. S. J. Smith and J. H. Chandler, Esq., of Bangkok, Siam, for their many acts of kindness to our missionaries during their residence in that city, especially in connection with their tour of exploration, during which they were supplied with conveniences and comforts by the thoughtful care of those brethren, which lessened the fatigue of the journey and contributed to its success.

Moved by the Rev. W. P. Everett, seconded by the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, and unanimously

Resolved, That the Foreign Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to communicate the thanks of this Convention to the Rev. Dr. Dean, of Bangkok, Siam, for his kind attentions to those of our missionaries who resided in Bangkok last year.

On motion, the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., and the Rev. J. B. McDonald, M. D., were appointed as the authorized representatives of this body at the next annual meeting of the Baptist Convention East, to be held at Montreal, Quebec, on the 22nd September next.

On motion, the Rev. D. A. Steele, and the Rev. S. B. Kempton, were appointed as the authorized representatives of this body at the next annual meeting of the Baptist Convention West, to be held at Guelph, Ontario, on the 20th October next.

On motion the names of the Rev. S. W. deBlois, Rev. E. O. Read, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock and Rev. Isaiah Wallace were added to the Nova Scotia Ministerial Education Board.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Churches of Nova Scotia be requested to take a collection in aid of the funds of the Ministerial Education Society, either upon the day appointed for Humiliation, Thanksgiving and Prayer, or on the first Sabbath of the year 1876.

The Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., informed the Convention of the serious illness of the Rev. Isaiah Wallace, and asked that special prayer be offered in his behalf.

On motion adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. C. Tupper, D. D.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY—Evening Session.

Convention reassembled at 7.30 p. m., the President Dr. Rand in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. I. E. Bill.

The minutes of the seventh session were read and approved.

On motion leave was granted to the Rev. I. E. Bill to withdraw his motion relating to the organic union of all the Baptists of the Dominion of Canada in Foreign Missionary work, as by the introduction of the question to the consideration of the denomination and eliciting an expression of opinion thereon, his present purpose had been attained.

The President introduced the Rev. Robert D. Porter, accredited delegate and representative of the Baptist State Convention of Maine, who addressed the Convention.

Moved by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., seconded by the Rev. I. E. Bill, and unanimously

Resolved, That this Convention has listened with much pleasure to the address of the Rev. R. D. Porter, delegate and representative from the Baptist State Convention of Maine, and that they cordially reciprocate the kindly christian feelings he has borne to the Baptists of these provinces from that body.

Addresses in the interests of Foreign Missions were delivered by the Rev. P. Gallaher, Rev. W. P. Everett, Rev. G. Armstrong, Rev. J. B. McDonald, M. D., Hon. Judge McCully, and Rev. E. M. Saunders.

A collection in aid of the Foreign Mission Funds was taken.

Rev. G. D. Cox, on behalf of the Baptist Church and Congregation and other friends at Hillsburg and vicinity, returned thanks to the Convention for the opportunity it had afforded for christian intercourse with brethren and friends from all parts of the three Provinces, and expressed the conviction that the important interests discussed during the meetings, and the harmony that had characterized all the deliberations, would result in fresh consecration to the work and service of Christ.

On motion the thanks of Convention were tendered to the ladies and gentlemen of the choir for their valuable services in providing appropriate and excellent music during its meetings.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Convention do now adjourn until the first Saturday after the 19th of August, 1876, then to meet with the Second Baptist Church at Sackville, N. B.

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. E. M. Saunders.

THEODORE H. RAND, *President*.

D. F. HIGGINS, }
J. MARCH. } *Secretaries*.

CONVENTION RECORD.

No Year.	Place.	President.	Secretaries.	Preacher.	*No in Attd	Member-ship of Churches.
1	St. John, Germain St.	Rev. T. S. Harding.	Revs. I. E. Bill and Samuel Elder.	Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D.		
2	Nictaux.	do.	do.	" C. Spurgeon, D. D.		
3	Frederickton.	do.	do.	" Edward D. Very.		
4	1846 Bridgetown.	do.	do.	" Samuel Robinson.		14,182
5	1850 Portland.	do.	do.	" Ingram E. Bill.		
6	1851 Wolfville.	do.	do.	" Edward D. Very.		
7	1852 Sackville.	do.	do.	" Geo. Armstrong.		16,000
8	1853 Nictaux.	Rev. C. Tupper, D. D.	I. E. Bill and E. D. Very.	" David Nutter.		16,268
9	1854 St. John, Brussels St.	Rev. Samuel Robinson.	I. E. Bill and W. Hall.	" John Davis.	117	17,035
10	1855 Liverpool.	Rev. John Davis.	I. E. Bill and W. Hall.	" George F. Milne.		16,560
11	1856 Fortland.	Rev. Joseph Crandall.	J. Davis and D. Nutter.	" David Nutter.	55	17,851
12	1857 Yarmouth.	do.	S. W. DeBlois and A. H. Munro.	" A. D. Thompson.	63	17,759
13	1858 St. John, Germain St.	Rev. C. Tupper, D. D.	S. March and H. Angel.	" A. W. DeBlois.	46	18,976
14	1859 Casard, Cornwallis.	do.	E. D. Porter and J. E. Masters, Esq.	" W. H. Humphrey.	90	19,506
15	1860 Nictaux.	do.	I. Wallace and S. W. DeBlois.	" D. M. Helton.	90	20,760
16	1861 Nictaux.	Rev. I. E. Bill.	S. W. DeBlois and E. B. DeMill.	" J. M. Cramp, D. D.	106	21,939
17	1862 Moncton.	Hon. J. W. Johnston.	I. Wallace and E. C. Cady.	" John Pryor, D. D.	81	23,677
18	1863 Amherst.	do.	S. B. Kempton and T. Todd.	" J. Warren, D. D.	109	25,695
19	1864 St. John, Leitner St.	Rev. I. E. Bill.	I. J. Skinner and E. C. Cady.	" J. M. Cramp, D. D.	107	24,640
20	1865 Berwick.	Rev. John Davis.	I. Wallace and J. F. Masters, Esq.	" W. V. Garner.	137	24,740
21	1866 St. John, Brussels St.	Rev. S. Robinson.	I. Wallace and W. S. McKenzie.	" E. C. Cady.	115	25,362
22	1867 Pine Grove, Wilmot.	Hon. J. W. Johnston.	G. M. W. Carey and Prof. D. F. Higgins.	" David Freeman.	134	26,781
23	1868 St. John, Germain St.	Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D.	Rev. W. B. Roggs and Rev. W. B. Roggs.	" J. S. Backus, D. D.	132	27,157
24	1869 Halifax, Granville St.	Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.	Prof. D. F. Higgins and Prof. D. F. Higgins.	" H. G. Weston, D. D.	124	28,181
25	1870 Fredericton.	Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D.	H. C. Creed and E. D. King, Esq.	" E. A. Crawley, D. D.	101	28,977
26	1871 Yarmouth.	do.	Prof. D. F. Higgins and J. March, Esq.	" C. Spurgeon, D. D.	109	29,357
27	1872 Saint Stephen.	J. H. Harding, Esq.	do.	" A. Sawyer, D. D.	183	31,663
28	1873 Windsor.	Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.	do.	" J. D. Pope.	143	32,942
29	1874 Portland.	Rev. I. E. Bill.	do.			
30	1875 Hillsburg.	Hon. Judge McCully.	do.			

*N. B.—The number in attendance includes all members, delegates, and invited brethren.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

The following Statistics are furnished by the Minutes of the Associations :—

NOVA SCOTIA.			
Western Association.....	68 Churches,	264 Baptisms,	9,567 Members.
Central ".....	48 " "	362 " "	6,737 " "
Eastern ".....	57 " "	419 " "	4,191 " "
	—178	—1135	—20,495
NEW BRUNSWICK.			
Western Association.....	72 Churches,	149 Baptisms,	4,999 Members.
Eastern ".....	67 " "	593 " "	6,376 " "
	—139	—742	—11,375
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.....			
	16 Churches,	153 Baptisms,	1,072 Members.
	—16	—153	—1,072
Total.....	318	2030	32,942

The net increase is somewhat more than seven per cent : Nova Scotia, about three per cent ; New Brunswick, a trifle over five per cent ; Prince Edward Island almost 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Last year the average increase was nearly eight per cent. That was an extraordinary year. Two such years rarely occur in succession. The time has not yet come for continuous prosperity, on a general scale, though individual instances do sometimes appear. But the fulfilment of the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah is sure, nor is it possible according to human calculation, that "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. xi. 9.), till that magnificent picture becomes a reality. Meanwhile, it is cheering to observe indications of awakening energy. The ages of formality, and sloth, and selfishness, it is hoped are things of the past. Christian churches will henceforth be gardens of the Lord, producing fruits for the Master's use, and Christian professors will be much more ambitious than heretofore, of being individual witnesses for truth and holiness. As true godliness thus advances, the divine origin of the gospel will be more generally acknowledged, and infidelity put to shame. Referring to the question, "Whether Christianity has done most good or harm in the world," an esteemed Baptist author of the present century observes, "If every Christian had been an exemplary one, this question never could have been asked; and, when every Christian shall be an exemplary one, it never can be asked again." (J. H. Hinton's Theological Works, iv. 258).

Ten brethren have been ordained during the year, viz :—

- 1874. Sept. 22. J. Johnston Armstrong, Greenville, Cumberland Co., N. S.
- " 26. L. M. Weeks, Isaac's Harbour, N. S.
- " Oct. 27. P. R. Knight, Maryland, N. B.
- " Dec. 4. James I. DeWolf, A. B., Uigg, P. E. I.
- 1875. Jan. 27. R. D. Burgess, Hebron, Yarmouth, N. S.
- " Feb. 9. Ezekiel Hopper, Pollet River, N. B.
- " Mar. 17. Joseph Cahill, Upper Kingsclear, N. B.
- " April 17. J. W. Bancroft, A. B., Windsor, N. S.
- " " 26. J. D. Skinner, Bear River, N. S.
- " May 6. William Spencer, New Minas, N. S.

Two new churches have been constituted: at Annapolis Royal and Pleasantville, both in Nova Scotia.

New meeting-houses have been opened at Annapolis Royal; Kentville; Osborne, Shelburne Co; Morristown; Mahone Bay; New Canaan, in Nova Scotia;—and at Hillsborough; Pleasant River, Queens Co.; and Fairfield, St. Martins, in New Brunswick. Others are in progress.

The Committee have noticed, with great interest the movements in Great Britain and Ireland, and in various places on the Continent of Europe, on behalf of religious revival. Without pledging themselves to an approval of every method employed by evangelists, they cannot fail to rejoice in the attention excited to the truths of the gospel, and the deep convictions produced in favour of an advanced state of personal piety. They believe that "the higher Christian life," as it is now called, is the natural and necessary development of Christian character, resulting from "faith in the Lord Jesus and love unto all the saints"; and that what is viewed in the distance as an object of admiration, supposed to be capable of being possessed and realised by only a select few, is in fact the common privilege of the family. That very many are satisfied with a lower position, is too true; but it is certain that completeness of Christian character is attainable by every believer, and should be secured by all. And it will be, when holy meditation shall be the habitual exercise of Christian minds, and prayer shall be distinguished by the faith and fervour due to the claims of the unchangeable God, and individual effort, conversion and edification shall form the every-day history of all the followers of the Saviour.

An approximation to such a state of things may surely be looked for even now; and especially it may be hoped that one result of recent manifestations will be a large increase of Christian workers, —men "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost" entering into the field, anxious to be employed in gathering in the harvest. And in recognising the gifts and graces by which men are qualified for the service of God, it is fair to expect that peculiar regard will be had to earnest personal devotedness to Christ, and the acquisition of such culture as the times demand to be sanctified to noblest ends. The Lord Jesus calls for the employment of the best men, the most extensive attainments, and the amplest resources.

The Committee renew the recommendation to appoint a day for special humiliation, thanksgiving, and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Three of our ministering brethren have died during the year. **REV. BENJAMIN VAUGHN**, died Dec. 26th, 1874. He was ordained at Gaspereaux, in 1842. After a short service there he took the charge of the church at Hantsport, where he continued several years, diligently labouring for the Lord. He then removed to Kempt, Hants Co., N. S., and died there, after lengthened sickness, in which he enjoyed the consolations of the gospel, and realized the blessedness of faith. He was a plain, solid preacher and a faithful pastor.

REV. ALEXANDER MUTCH was ordained to the work of the ministry at Norton, N.B., in July, 1848, and continued faithful to his ordination vows, until he exchanged his ministry on earth for his reward above. A large part of his ministerial life was devoted to missionary work. At one time, he connected with the ministry of the word the sale of religious books, and, in this capacity, was instrumental in supplying many parts of the country with a healthful, religious literature. The libraries of ministers were frequently replenished with valuable books, through the active efforts of our departed brother. He travelled extensively in nearly all parts of the Province, preaching the Gospel, and scattering broadcast the good seed of the kingdom. His last years were spent quietly in the bosom of his family at Fairfield, K. C., where he departed this life on the 31st of May, 1875, aged 76, and in the 27th year of his ministry.

REV. JOHN DAVIS died August 14th, 1875. He was born at Liverpool, England, Nov. 8th, 1803. He was a son of the Rev. Richard Davis, an excellent Baptist minister, who enjoyed the unusual privilege of having four of his sons engage in the work of the ministry, viz., Ebenezer, Joseph, John, and Thomas. Ebenezer died in 1870; Joseph is labouring at Romford, E.-sex; Thomas has retired from active employment, and is dwelling among his children somewhere in the State of New Jersey, the death of John is now recorded.

After his conversion he gave himself to the Lord's service, and pursued preparatory studies at Horton College, Bradford, then under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Steadman. His course was highly respectable, and foreshadowed a life of usefulness. On the 13th of January, 1829 he was ordained at Portsea, Hants, and became pastor of the church in that place. He ministered successfully to several other churches, the last of which was Port Mahon, Sheffield. The immediate fruits of his labours did not always appear, yet he was much encouraged by learning that others reaped harvests the seed of which was sown by him. The Rev. T. Pulsford, Senr., who succeeded him at Sheffield, baptized 150 persons at that place, most of whom had been indoctrinated, if not converted, under the faithful ministry of Mr. Davis.

In 1845 he came to America, and became pastor of a church in New Jersey, transferring his services afterwards to another church

in the same State. Then he accepted an agency for the American and Foreign Bible Society, during which he first visited these Provinces, and was led to form an acquaintance with the brethren at Yarmouth, who invited him to the pastorate after the retirement of Mr. Burton. This was in the Spring of 1853. A short period of ministry at St. George, N. B., followed, and in 1858 he entered on his last pastoral charge, at Charlottetown, P. E. I., where he spent the closing years of his life. The churches at North River and St. Peter's Road shared in the benefits of his ministrations, and all the Baptist churches on the Island owe much to him, under the Divine blessing, for constant watch-care and valuable assistance. About two years ago he resigned his office, under pressure of the infirmities of age, and was succeeded by the Rev. W. B. Haynes.

Our brother's fatal illness was lingering and painful, but was sustained with pious resignation and strong faith in the promises of God. Through physical weakness his mind gave way at times to transient aberrations; yet even then he thought and spoke much of the loving-kindness of the Lord. Sometimes he imagined that he was again standing in the pulpit and addressing the people, and discoursed from some precious text in the most appropriate and beautiful manner. The last text he was heard speaking from was Rev. xxi. 1.—“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth”:—an attendant describes his utterances at that time as most eloquent and touching. Thus the closing hours were spent in the indulgence of the hope that he would soon “study theology in the Saviour's face.”

On Saturday the 14th, he gently departed; and on the Monday following his remains were deposited in the “house appointed for all living.” Ministering brethren of our own and other denominations, and many friends of all classes, were present on the occasion. Rev. J. McLeod (Presbyterian), delivered a very appropriate address in the meeting-house; and, in the absence of the pastor, through indisposition, the Rev. D. Fitzgerald (Episcopalian), officiated at the grave.

Brother Davis was a remarkably well-informed christian. He gave to the gospel his mind and his heart. He revelled in the intellectualities of the evangelical scheme, while, as in the very presence of the Saviour, he loved and adored. He sympathized with truth rather than with feeling, although the emotional in his religion was not wanting in power and depth. His preaching was eminently instructive. By sermons thoroughly thought out he taught his hearers to “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” God's word. His discourses were clear, powerful, and comprehensive. He could untie hard knots, straighten crookednesses, and “dissolve doubts.” He loved “all the counsel of God,” and sought a place in his theology for every revealed truth, however difficult it might be, in some cases, to reconcile and combine them. He could say with Paul, “I believe God,” and he could wait for further light.

He was an enthusiastic friend of liberty—liberty of conscience—liberty of trade and intercourse among the nations—constitutional

liberty—the freedom of the press—the freedom of the slave. He would “loose the bands of wickedness—undo the heavy burdens—let the oppressed go free—and break every yoke.” (Isa. lviil. 6.)

It is not needful to speak of him in other relations. He was a Baptist pastor, loving and practising righteousness, and teaching people so. There is no higher style of man. God preserve the succession!

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman,*

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HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

ESTABLISHED A. D. 1828.

MANAGEMENT.

Previous to 1865, the Academy was under the direction of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society. In accordance with a Resolution of the Convention passed in 1863, the trust was then transferred by Legislative enactment to the Board of Governors of Acadia College, and the Governors resident in Nova Scotia were constituted a special Committee for the management of the Academy. [But see Resolution of Convention, page 12 Year Book 1874, and the Report of the Board of Governors of Acadia College p 36 of this book.]

TEACHERS.

- J. F. TUFTS, A. M., Principal, Teacher of Latin and English.
 ALBERT COLDWELL, A. M., Teacher of Greek and English.
 J. C. SPURR, A. B., Teacher of Mathematics.
 MISS MARIE WOODWORTH, Preceptress, Teacher of Painting and
 Drawing.
 MISS AUGUSTA DODGE, Teacher of Music.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Anniversary was held in the Baptist Meeting House,
 Wolfville, on Thursday, June 3rd, in the following order:
 Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill, of St. John.

ORATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.

Tendencies of Modern Civilization.....	A. J. Stevens, Gasperaux.
Integrity, the Soul of Commerce.....	Howard Bars, Wolfville.
The use and the abuse of the Emotional.....	Geo. E. Good, Woodstock, N. B.
How far is Political Antagonism a vice?.....	Benj. Rand, Canning, N. S.
The Greek Chorus.....	Wm. G. Parsons, Kingston.
Blomidon—A Poem.....	Israel M. Longley, Paradise.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

Messrs. Howard Bars, Geo. E. Good, Israel M. Longley, Wm.
 G. Parsons, Benj. Rand and A. J. Stevens, having fulfilled the
 prescribed term of study, and passed satisfactory examinations
 thereon, were respectively admitted to the Degree of Bachelor in
 Arts.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor in Divinity, was conferred on
 the Rev. John Crawford, Professor of Biblical Interpretation and
 Church History in the Literary and Theological Institute at
 Woodstock, Ontario.

PRIZES AWARDED.

Scholarship Prizes:

- Junior Class—J. Schurman, Bedeque, P. E. I.
 Sophomore Class—P. W. Campbell St. George, N. B.
 Freshman Class—M. R. Tuttle, Wolfville.

MATHEMATICAL PRIZE.

Edward Young Gold Medal, for excellence in Mathematics—P.
 W. Campbell, St. George, N. B.

Monthly Essay Prize—J. Schurman, Bedeque, P. E. I.

HONORS CONFERRED.

Certificate, first class in Mathematics and Classics—J. Schurman,
 Bedeque, P. E. I.

ADDRESSES DELIVERED.

Interesting and valuable remarks were made by the following
 gentlemen:

Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M., Superintendent of Education in Nova
 Scotia; Rev. J. Burns, D. D., of Halifax; D. Allison, Esq., D. C.
 L., of Mount Allison College, Sackville, N. B.; T. H. Rand, Esq.,

D. C. L., Superintendent of Education in New Brunswick, and
Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D. of Halifax.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COLLEGE.

The following extracts from the President's Report to your Board will furnish the required information on this point.

The studies of the year, with some modifications, have followed the published curriculum. Dr. Crawley during the first session, met the Senior Class four days in the week in Intellectual Philosophy, and the Juniors, in the same number of exercises in Political Economy. During the second session instruction was given by him to the Sophomores in Logic. Dr. Crawley has been relieved from the care of the two lower classes in Rhetoric that he might give more time to the Theological Department. Professor Higgins has performed the customary labor with the three lower classes in Mathematics, and also has given a lecture, on Wednesday of every week, to the Sophomore class in Astronomy. Professor Higgins is bestowing all the time and labor on the Mathematical department that can, with reason, be asked of him, and the students seem to me to be doing all in the department that can be expected of them. To accept a less amount of work in the Mathematical department than is now required, would, in my judgment be a serious mistake. Professor Jones has continued his labors in the Classical department, much of the time spending four hours a day in the class-room. The labors in this department are very onerous and there should be some division of them. The studies in Honor Courses and the necessary examinations demand a large amount of time in addition to the assignments for regular class work. If Professor Jones could be relieved from a portion of these labors and permitted to employ more time in lectures on the Literature and life of the ancient Greeks and Romans, and present comparative views of these and other ancient nations, it would be a great gain to the students. The Scientific department, for the year, has been under the charge of Professor Kennedy. This gentleman has shown himself an enthusiast in his department, and has devoted a large amount of labor to the advancement of his classes and the accumulation and arrangement of materials for illustrating the Natural Sciences. The Museum and the Scientific Rooms on the first floor exhibit evidences of this labor. It is to be regretted that this department is yet without any satisfactory financial basis. The multiplied calls for means, wherewith to meet other obligations which the Governors have assumed since they decided to establish a permanent foundation for this Professorship, have diverted attention from a duty, which, in the judgment of many friends of the College, should have had the first claim. I cannot doubt that the Governors will by some means maintain an efficient Scientific department in the College. Professor Welton has had charge of the Rhetorical studies and exercises of the Freshman and Sophomore classes. I have reason to believe that he has attended to the duties of this department with fidelity and success. According to the action of the Board last August, the

historical studies of the young men in College were transferred to Professor Tufts. He has met the Freshman class twice a week through the year, and the Junior and Senior classes combined in the same number of exercises. The interest that these classes have manifested in these studies is a clear indication that the Governors were fortunate in the selection of an instructor. The President, in addition to the miscellaneous duties required of him, has conducted the Freshman class through some portions of the history of English Literature, has met the Sophomore class once a week through the year for studies in practical Ethics, and performed the usual amount of labor in connection with the Senior class in the Evidences of Christianity and in Moral Philosophy.

I have thus presented the work of the different departments, that the Board may have some clear idea of the amount and kind of labor performed by each professor. It appears to me that they are doing all that can be expected, that the opportunities now presented to students, give scope for the exercise of all their powers. Not much more class-work can be done, than is now assigned; and advancement must come, first, by improving the quality of the work, and secondly, by demanding higher qualifications for admission.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

A class in Hebrew, composed of some members of the Senior class in College, and special Theological students, has been under the instruction of Dr. Crawley during the last year. The members of this class, who were seniors in college, took Hebrew as a substitute for Classical Greek. During the second session the study was carried on in addition to the regular college work. By the transference of the Rhetorical exercises to the care of Professor Welton, Dr. Crawley was enabled to give more time to exegetical studies, and has met a class, twice a week through the year, in New Testament Greek. Some number of the Senior Class, who took this study in addition to their regular work, and some special students, constituted this class. Prof. Welton has met the Licentiates belonging to the College and Academy, on the successive Saturday mornings, for Lectures in the Homiletical Department. He also has had a class in Theology, three times a week. This class has numbered five, and was composed of members who were disconnected from the College classes.

The Board would urge the Convention to carry forward plans for extending this Department, and making it increasingly useful. Duty to the obligations resting on the churches, to disseminate the truth, and assist the men who are specially called to their labor, demands that this part of our Education work, should receive most serious consideration.

ATTENDANCE.

Of the forty two students on the roll at the beginning of the College year four have been dropped, leaving the whole number thirty-eight.

Mr. Aaron Ross of Margaree, C. B., was compelled in December last, to leave the institution, on account of failing health. In February last, the mournful intelligence of his death was received. He was a young man of great promise, had chosen the ministry for his life-work, and his early effort in preaching had met with marked approbation. But the Almighty had other designs for him and has said "Come up higher." We bow in silent submission to His will.

CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT AND CONTROL OF HORTON ACADEMY.

Referring to the "Year Book" of 1874, on page 11, Minutes of Convention, we find the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Governors of Acadia College, be instructed to petition the Legislature of Nova Scotia, to repeal the section of the Amended Act of Incorporation, which provides that the Governors of Acadia College resident in Nova Scotia, be a committee to take charge of Horton Collegiate Academy, and that the management and control of Horton Collegiate Academy be hereafter vested in the Board of Governors of Acadia College.

At the meeting of your Board in February last, a committee was appointed to give effect to the above instructions. Through some inadvertence, the matter failed to come before the Legislature at the proper time, so that the proposed change has not yet taken effect; but the following report of the affairs of the Academy, is brought to your notice.

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

Another year has passed, and the Academy which is forty-six years old, in vigor seems unimpaired. One hundred and forty-one pupils were enrolled from whom a matriculating class of twenty-seven, has appeared before the College Faculty for examination. The male department of the school will be furnished with enlarged accommodations during the coming year. The whole of the old Boarding House, which has been temporarily yielded to the young ladies, has been made as comfortable as our limited funds will permit. It is to be hoped that the scheme of providing a thoroughly commodious and desirable Ladies Seminary, which has received the sanction of the governors, will before long be enthusiastically carried out.

The religious aspect of the school during the year has been cheering, nineteen members have been added to the church in Wolfville.

At the beginning of the past year, in order to procure suitable accommodations for males and females, four hundred dollars was borrowed which still remains unpaid. It was expected that the income of the past year would meet this additional outlay, but the expenses were somewhat in excess of the income. It is hoped that with the increased attendance of the coming year, funds will be provided to meet the liability.

NEW BUILDING FOR ACADEMY PURPOSES.

Referring again, to Minutes of Convention, 1874, on page 12th the following Resolution is recorded,

Whereas, There appears to be an immediate and pressing necessity of providing enlarged accomodation for Horton Collegiate Academy,

Therefore Resolved, That this Convention approve of the proposal to raise \$10,000 or thereabouts, for such purpose, said sum to be expended by a judicious Building Committee, duly appointed.

Notwithstanding the fact, that a plan for a Female Seminary on a joint stock basis, had already received the sanction of your Board—and the consideration that the necessity for increased endowment for the College, was immediate and pressing—it was decided to endeavour if possible to carry out the instruction. A site was obtained on favorable terms, and the building was commenced, and has advanced towards completion. It is to be of a good size, and commanding appearance, and will accomodate from seventy-five to a hundred pupils. Rev. D. M. Welton has given a large portion of his time towards the collection of funds. Nearly six thousand dollars have been subscribed, and at least eight thousand more will be required.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's report will be presented. It will be seen, that with the exception of two thousand six hundred dollars secured by Rev. I. E. Bill on his recent visit to England, and a smaller sum by Rev. J. F. Kempton in New England, but little has been accomplished in the way of Endowment. The response from the Appeal to the churches, has also fallen much below the average. With the burden of the new Academy building resting on us, this was no more than could have been expected. The year past has been one of great financial prostration all over the world—and as a people we must necessarily be affected; still we should not be discouraged. If we can maintain our own, during the years of famine, the full years which must necessarily follow, will bring prosperity and increase.

OBITUARY.

Just previous to the annual meeting of your Board, intelligence was received, of the death of Rev. Jno. Davis, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. The following was placed on record as a memorial:

"It is with great regret that the death of the Rev. Jno. Davis, one of the members of this Board of Governors is reported. He died on Saturday last the 14th inst., in the seventy-second year of his age, having been a minister of the gospel in our denomination forty-six years. The Board will long cherish respectful remembrance of his sterling qualities of mind and heart; his love of freedom, his extensive acquaintance with all Theological truth, and his sympathy with the benevolent movements of the age."

All which is respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, *Secretary.*

ACADIA COLLEGE in General Account with A. D. W. BARSS,
Treasurer.

1875.		Cr.	Dr.
Aug. 1.	By received from churches on appeal.....	\$ 618 11	
"	" " for Rents of Rooms and Premises.....	466 25	
"	" " as Donations.....	389 00	
"	" " for Diplomas.....	28 00	
"	" " as Interest.....	3276 25	
"	" " Provincial Grant.....	400 00	
"	" " Amount due Treasurer.....	6 07	
To	Paid Professors salaries.....		\$4585 00
"	" " for Insurance.....		59 38
"	" " Fuel, Postage, Janitor, &c.....		167 56
"	" " Repairs.....		164 15
"	" " Interest on borrowed money....		50 50
"	" " Treasurer.....		150 00
"	" " Balance due Treasurer, 1874....		2 09
		\$5178 69	\$5178 69
Aug. 1. 1875.	To amount due Treasurer brought down.		6 07

Wolfville, August 1st, 1875.

A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

ACADIA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND in account with
A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

1875.		Cr.	Dr.
Aug. 1.	By balance from 1874.....	\$ 76 67	
"	" Collected on Notes and Pledges.....	2202 38	
"	" Mortgages paid off.....	5525 34	
"	" Donations and Legacies.....	2986 92	
To	Invested in Mortgages.....		\$5584 00
"	" Paid Agents for collecting		239 00
"	" Paid for Yarmouth Co. Bonds.....		4618 00
"	" Balance in hand carried down.....		153 51
		\$10,791 51	\$10,791 51
Aug. 1. 1875.	By balance in hand carried down.....	153 51	

Wolfville, August 1st, 1875.

A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
Jas. S. MORSE.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Donations received during year, 1874-1875.

From A. Torrey Bent, Esq., Amherst.....	\$ 20 00
" Mr. James Douglass per S. Freeman, Esq.....	2 00
" Mrs. Mary Allan Cameron, per Dr. Day.....	5 00
" Bequest of late Dr. Van Ess Parker.....	200 00
REV. I. E. BILL, collected in Liverpool, G. B., viz:	
" John Starr DeWolf & Co., Liverpool.....	243 33
" John Houghton, Esq.,	121 67
" B. Vaughan, Esq.,	486 67
" Jas. R. DeWolf, Esq.,	486 67
" G. V. R.	486 67
" John Houghton, Esq.,	121 67
" John L. DeWolf, Esq.,	243 33
" Robert Moran, Esq.,	48 67
" John Hughes, Esq.,	10 24
" L. Baron Vaughan, Esq.,	97 33
" Jas. Houghton, Esq.,	121 67
" Geo. T. Soley, Esq.,	48 67
" John Starr DeWolf, Esq.,	243 33
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	\$2986 92

Pledges and Subscription, during year 1874 and 1875.

T. P. Davies, Esq., St. John.....	100 00
Obtained by Rev. J. F. Kempton, from	
Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Morse, Charleston, Mass.....	900 00
Lewis E. DeWolf, Esq.,	500 00
M. B. DeWolf.....	5 00
L. E. DeWolf.....	25 00
W. B. Cogswell.....	5 00
Eunice Munroe.....	5 00
Adam Bowlby.....	2 00
George McGregor and wife.....	50 00
Fred. L. Hale.....	5 00
W. B. Forrest.....	20 00
Hugh Ringer.....	10 00
Josiah Ringer.....	5 00
Elias Grimes	10 00
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	\$1642 00

Donations to Current Expenses of Acadia College.

Chandler Robbins, Esq.....	\$ 4 00
Capt. E. Kelly, Yarmouth.....	1 00
Rev. W. A. Corey.....	4 00
W. C. Davies, Esq.....	2 00
Guysborough Church for Chair of Natural Science.....	10 00
B. Douglas, Esq., " ".....	20 00
Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, " ".....	10 00
Truro Church per W. Faulkner, Esq. ".....	20 00
Rev. L. B. Gates, ".....	10 00
C. Jost, Esq., Guysborough.....	6 00
H. R. Cunningham, ".....	4 00
Rev. W. E. Hall.....	3 00
Chas. Webber, Esq., St. Margaret's Bay.....	3 00
C. W. Shafner, Esq.....	2 00
Rev. Alfred Chipman, Chair of Natural Science.....	10 00
Fredericton Church, ".....	40 00
Sundry subscriptions on account ".....	240 06
	<u>\$399 00</u>

Wolfville, August 1st, 1875.

A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

D. WOLF LEGACY FUND in account with **A. D. W. BARSS,**
Treasurer.

1875.

LIBRARY FUND.

	Cr.	Dr.
Aug. 1. By balance from old account.....	\$ 80 00	
" Interest Received.....	130 00	
To Paid Dr. Sawyer.....		\$90 00
" " ".....		60 00
" " ".....		80 00
" " ".....		40 00
	<u>\$210 00</u>	<u>\$210 00</u>

1875.

THEOLOGICAL FUND.

Aug. 1. By Interest Received.....	\$186 24	
" Balance from old account.....	0 58	
To Paid Theological Students.....		\$75 00
" Amount Invested.....		61 77
	<u>\$186 77</u>	<u>\$186 77</u>

Wolfville, August 1st, 1875.

A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct—JAS. S. MORAN.

Churches Contributing to Current Expenses of Acadia College.

N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.		1874.	1875.		
Amherst	.....	\$42 85	\$32 00	Liverpool	..... 2 50 19 00
Antigonish	.....	7 00	12 20	Milton, Queens Co.	..... 12 50 13 00
Brookfield	.....	2 05	2 76	Ohio	..... 3 50
Cow Bay	.....	1 00	0 75	Pine Grove	..... 20 23 14 00
Five Islands & Lower Economy	.....	2 50	3 00	Temple Church, Yarmouth	..... 3 50 0 50
Goose River	.....	5 00	6 00	Tusket Lakes	..... 1 00 1 00
Great Village	.....	7 80		Tiverton	..... 2 00 2 00
Guyaborough	.....	11 00		Upper Wilmot	..... 8 30 3 50
Advocate Harbor	.....	7 00	4 00	Wilmot	..... 5 68 20 00
Lower Stewiacke	.....	11 00	5 00	Westport	..... 10 00 10 25
Maccan	.....	6 00	3 00	Woods Harbor	..... 3 00 5 00
Merrigomish	.....	3 00		Yarmouth 1st	..... 22 57 12 72
Mira Bay	.....			Lower Granville	..... 4 52 5 00
Mount Pleasant & Centreville	.....		3 00	Kempt	..... 1 50
North Sydney	.....	15 00	15 00	Yarmouth 2nd, South	..... 3 00
Onslow East	.....	4 00	3 00	Barrington	..... 1 00
Onslow West	.....	6 40	3 00	Caladonia	..... 7 50
Pugwash	.....		0 00	Digby	..... 1 00
Portauquique	.....		0 65	Hebron	..... 1 00
Pubnico	.....	5 00		Hill Grove	..... 1 00
River Hebert	.....	0 45	5 20	Lawrencetown & Valley West	..... 0 50
Sydney, C. B.	.....	10 50	2 00	Little River, Digby Neck	..... 5 00
Truro	.....	3 25		Upper Eble River	..... 2 00
Upper Londonderry	.....	4 35		Acadia French Mission	..... 8 25
Indian Harbor	.....	5 25		Collection Western Association	..... 24 08
Cape Canso	.....		4 00	From Western Association, un-	.....
				accounted for	..... 0 50
		\$154 61	\$116 50		\$195 92 \$178 08

N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.		1874.	1875.	NEW BRUNSWICK.	
Aylesford, Upper	.....	\$10 00	\$13 00	Fredericton	..... \$15 00
Bridgewater	.....	12 90	8 00	Harvey	..... 8 00
Canning	.....	3 75	0 70	Moncton	..... 10 00
Chester	.....	6 70	11 30	Sackville	..... 5 00
Cornwallis 1st	.....	30 00		Butternut Ridge	..... 20 00
Cornwallis 2nd	.....		20 00	First Elgin	..... 10 00
Cornwallis 3rd	.....	5 00	4 70	N. B. Eastern Association	..... 6 00
Cornwallis 4th	.....	*10 00	2 00	Endow. Fund of H. M. Society	..... 52 80 25 24
Cornwallis 5th	.....	12 00	0 70	Brussel St., St. John	..... *34 57
Falmouth	.....	6 00	3 00	Leinster St., St. John	..... *20 45 32 00
Elliesshause	.....		5 00		\$176 72 \$63 24
Halifax 1st	.....	32 25			
Halifax 2nd	.....	40 00			
Hammonds Plains 1st	.....	3 00	6 45		
Horton 1st, Wolfville	.....	51 00		Alexandra	..... 85 00
Horton 2nd, Gasperaux	.....	20 00	4 00	Uigg	..... 5 00
Horton 3rd, New Minas	.....		0 25		\$10 00
Jeddore	.....	5 00	10 00		
LaHave	.....	2 00	2 00		
Kempt	.....	8 00			
Lanenburg	.....	2 00	7 00		
Margaret Bay 1st	.....	2 00	1 00		
Margaret Bay 2nd	.....	4 30	1 00		
Musquodocut	.....	2 00			
New Germany	.....	2 00			
Pleasantville	.....		4 00		
Rawdon	.....	7 35	1 00		
Tanook	.....	3 00	5 00		
Windsor	.....	40 00	11 97		
New Ross	.....		3 00		
Sackville	.....	2 00			
Chalaco	.....		2 00		
Cambridge	.....		5 00		
Hantsport	.....	12 80			
		\$342 14	\$161 85		

N. S. WESTERN ASSOCIATION.		1874.	1875.	SUMMARY.	
Annapolis & Upper Granville	.....	\$ 0 75	\$0 40	N. S. Eastern Association	..... \$154 61 \$116 50
Beaver River	.....		0 70	N. S. Central Association	..... 342 14 161 85
Brookfield	.....		9 24	N. S. Western Association	..... 186 08 178 08
Clements	.....	10 00	7 00	New Brunswick	..... 176 72 63 24
Digby Neck 1st	.....	10 00	20 00	P. E. Island	..... 10 00
Freeport	.....	10 00	10 00		
Hillsburg 1st	.....		5 22		
Greenfield	.....		0 02		
Lower Aylesford & 9th. Wilmot	.....	6 00	6 25		
				Totals	..... \$600 20 \$609 71

* Received too late for entry in account of 1874.
 ** \$50 1st Horton Church, omitted in accounts this year.

MEMORANDA.
 In account 1874, \$14.30, credited to Upper Wilmot Church should be:
 Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot..... \$5 00
 Upper Wilmot..... 8 30

Received since Auditing accts. this year, viz.:
 Truro Church, Current expenses.....\$20 00
 Granville St., (Halifax) Ch. do. 43 94
 Milton Church, Yarmouth..... 7 00
 Wallace Church..... 5 00
 Olive Church, N. B..... 0 50
 West Onslow Church..... 1 00
 1st Digby Neck Church..... 3 50

\$61 54

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND in account with J. W. BARRS, *Treasurer.*

1875.	To	Dr.	Amount
August 1st.	To paid 12 Ministerial Students at \$15 each.....		\$180 00
	“ “ 1 Do. Do. \$12		12 00
	“ Balance in hand.....		172 00
			\$364 00
1874.	By	Cr.	Amount
August 1st.	By balance per account.....		\$361 21
	“ Guysboro Church.....		2 00
	“ Wolfville Church.....		11 24
	“ Western Nova Scotia Association.....		36 00
	“ Central Nova Scotia Association.....		27 61
	“ Eastern Nova Scotia Association.....		21 34
	“ Interest on Bank deposit.....		4 00
			\$364 00
1875.	August 1st.	By balance in hand.....	\$172 00

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NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

This Society was organized in 1834, its object being “the establishment and maintenance of a Seminary of Learning at Fredericton.”

The Seminary was founded in 1836, and continued in operation until 1871, a period of more than thirty-five years. Its successive Principals were Brethren F. W. Miles, C. Randal, C. Spurden, D. D., J. E. Hopper, and C. Goodspeed, Rev. Isa. Wallace also occupied the position during a temporary absence of Dr. Spurden in England.

In July 1873 the Society resolved to dispose of the Seminary property, and it was subsequently purchased by the Board of School Trustees of Fredericton for \$5000. The amount was paid in Fredericton School Debentures at par, and the interest thereon is for the present “devoted to meeting certain liabilities of the Board of Directors.”

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Society was held in connection with the Western New Brunswick Association, at Centreville, on Thursday, 24th June, 1875. Its officers for 1875-8 are as follows:—

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THE NEW BRUNSWICK MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND is managed by the Home Missionary Society, whose Board in their annual report for 1875 thus refer to this important interest:—

Perhaps the union of benevolence and wisdom was never more clearly exemplified than in the provision made by our churches to assist young men who, being the subjects of renewing grace, desire to consecrate themselves and the talents with which God has endowed them to the highest work that mortals can engage in. When our Lord surveyed the world lying in the arms of the wicked one, He charged his disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest; the offering of such a prayer supposes the co-ordinate duty of encouraging young men whose hearts may be stirred to engage in the sacred work; and where the means of such men are limited, no money can be better employed than in enabling them to acquire that knowledge that will qualify them to perform their work efficiently. Happily, it is well understood in our churches that no natural endowments can be a substitute for divine grace; and no human learning can stand in the place of the teaching of the Holy Spirit; but when gracious young men can be favored with the fruits of the rich experience and valuable acquirements of those who possess an extensive knowledge of biblical literature and other branches, that will qualify them to be critical expositors and able preachers of the Word of God it becomes the duty of the churches to supply such aid. During the year, \$237.50 have been granted to the students at Wolfville—this being \$50 more than the grants of last year—which has been a valuable assistance to them, and without which aid some of them must have discontinued their studies. This fund is commended to the liberality of our churches.

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REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.

In the management of our enterprise during the past year the Board have anxiously sought divine guidance and blessing, while they have also desired that their proceedings should be regulated in harmony with the understood wishes of the denomination. They have deemed it their duty, in the first place, to ascertain the will of God, and to give due regard to the voice of the brethren.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

The missionary work of the year has been chiefly performed at Tavoy, where Mrs. Armstrong has been diligently engaged in superintending the Burman and Karen schools. Not only did the pupils make good progress in secular learning, but a number of them received the truth, and made public profession of Christ in baptism.

"Two death-scenes," Mrs. Armstrong remarks, in a letter written Dec. 5, last, "are among the brightest spots in the history of the year. One was the case of a Burman young man, of whom I think I have already written. He died here in town, triumphantly, confessing Christ to his heathen mother and friends. The other occurred a few weeks since. A little Karen girl who has been here in the house with us (as all the Karen girls are) since last May, sickened and suddenly died while Mr. Armstrong was away at the Convention. She had made a good profession, and her life had borne testimony to the sincerity of her heart. She is the first of those who have been baptized this year who has been called away. The last day she was with us she was delirious nearly all the time; but her mind was given to prayer, to the Bible, and now and then to her jungle home. She talked of seeing angels, and once of seeing Moses and Paul—"and they both came," she said, and shook hands with her."

"Towards night-fall I was sitting by her side, when something disturbing her she raised her head from the pillow, and looked around; then, burying her face in her hands she prayed. I do not know whether she was conscious or not, but she prayed just as she had often done in our female prayer-meetings—a most touching prayer—confessing her sins and her ignorance—asking grace and forgiveness for Christ's sake—asking, too, for an understanding heart, and that God would please to make her well, so that she could do his will—adding, 'you know I pray to you every night and morning.' She prayed connectedly to the close—then saying 'Amen' she tried to get up, but her strength was gone and she sank down a few hours more. She died so peacefully that we did not know it, though we were watching her, till, on touching her we found that the spirit had fled. That prayer was the last utterance of her life."

"I had given the girls as a reward of good conduct a jacket each, making a difference in the material to mark the different classes. Little Loessai had stood among the highest. When she died she

happened to have on the jacket I had given her. The next day as I looked at her in her coffin I noticed that some one had brought the jacket, and placed it folded by her side in the coffin. They told me it was their custom to put beside the dead in the coffin the dress in which the deceased person died. I could not but call their attention to the witness she was bearing with her to her grave of the gentleness and docility which had made us all love her. When we tried to sing around her coffin every voice was choked with sobs. We cannot doubt she has reached home safely.

"Both these young persons have professed Christ since my coming to Tavoy, and I cannot help looking back to their deaths with a feeling of confidence concerning them that one can never entertain for the living: so many have 'run well' for a time; who can say which shall endure, and which will wither before the noon-day sun?

Having stated that there were ten young men then in the school who were preparing for mission work, Mrs. A. adds—"I do trust that ere long we shall find a permanent place where we can lift the Nova Scotia, or rather the Provincial banner for Christ, and attack the enemy on a new field, wherever the Master shall direct."

Rev. W. F. Armstrong and Miss M. E. Armstrong have continued their studies of the language, and have rendered valuable assistance to the mission in various respects. Miss A's services in the singing department of the schools were much appreciated. Mr. A. was also usefully employed on behalf of the churches in the Tavoy district. Mr. Sanford remained at Rangoon, studying and teaching, throughout the year, with the exception of the time spent in the tour of exploration, which will be presently reported. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill and Miss Eaton (now Mrs. Boggs) continued to be similarly occupied at Bangkok, where their school for the instruction of Eurasian girls in English met with encouraging success. Copious extracts from letters written by the missionaries to the Secretaries and others were published in our denominational papers during the year, conveying interesting information to the supporters of the mission, and encouraging them to continue and increase their exertions. A passage from a letter written by Mrs. Armstrong (dated Feb. 1.) may be inserted here, as it contains observations and statements of a very instructive character:—

"You must not suppose that your missionaries of a year can converse fluently in a foreign language already: there are but very few who feel at their ease with the natives in less than three years. With one year's experience one may carry on mission work among Christian churches, where every one is ready to help him; but this is entirely different from establishing a new work among the heathen, who have no sympathy with you, nor any interest save to hinder you, and make you appear more ridiculous than you will inevitably be in their eyes from your ignorance of what they know. I fear the anxiety of the people at home to know that their new mission is actually started may lead them to forget that premature work is doubtful matter of rejoicing, or evidence of substantial progress.

The first year of a new mission does more to shape its whole future history than any five other years, probably. To acquire some skill with their weapons before they attack Satan in his strongholds is not slackness nor want of zeal, neither should it be a grief to those who uphold them. No system of theology requires the amount of careful study by the missionary that the heathen oriental mind requires, in order that Western Christians should find the key to it. I often think of how Christ became man, and bade man preach to man everywhere, and I believe that in one sense, unless we can become heathen, that is, come into sympathy with them, we need not hope for much result from our efforts. But no one at home can conceive how much we must unlearn, and learn again slowly of their modes of thought and strange ideas of things. Could we talk their language fluently at once we would probably, in their eyes, make such fools of ourselves that they could only charitably suppose us insane. We have to throw off our own habitual dressing of ideas and take on theirs before they are able at all to understand us, You may think I write too strongly, but I do judge it hopeless to convey the difference between East India and America by any power of the pen, or even of one or two years acquaintance. I heartily wish we could enter our field at once, after over four years of drifting, helping a little here and there and everywhere. I am hungry for my own table, that I may spread for my own people, and call it home; yet I know the prosperity of our mission is best served by a longer apprenticeship of those who must bear the burden and heat of the day: so I have felt constrained to write you not to urge on them too much what we all are perhaps too eager for, lest we all repent by-and-by. After all, God knows best, and I trust he will neither permit us to run too swiftly nor to loiter on the way. He will lead us to our Canaan as soon as we are ready to enter in; and if he can discipline us without the wilderness wandering, let us bless Him, and strive hard to have the necessary faith."

Rev. W. B. Boggs reached Burmah in November last and was cordially received at the meeting of the Burmah Baptist Convention at Henthada. The brethren passed the following resolution:— "Whereas a number of Missionaries sent out by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, have arrived in this country, and are now present with us Therefore *Resolved*, That we cordially welcome them as visiting brethren at our Convention; and further *resolved*, That in view of the scarcity of Missionaries in Burmah, and the pressing demands of the field, we would be glad to see these brethren (should they see their way clear to do so) take up some unoccupied field in Burmah—the Tavoy District for instance—were they could carry forward the work already begun, and whence, as a base, they might ultimately carry out their original plan of evangelising the Karens of Siam." Mr. Boggs afterwards proceeded to Bangkok, where he and Mr. Churchill commenced preaching in English in a chapel which had long been closed.

The tour of exploration which had been contemplated from the beginning, in order to ascertain the state of the Karen population of Siam, and select localities for mission stations, was undertaken at the beginning of the present year. The brethren Sanford and Armstrong left Maulmain Jan. 20, accompanied by four Karen preachers, who proclaimed the gospel as they travelled along. The brethren Boggs and Churchill started from Bangkok about the same time, and went up the river by boat. They took with them a considerable quantity of tracts and portions of Scripture, kindly furnished by the Rev. S. J. Smith, of Bangkok, which were distributed on the way, and eagerly received by the Siamese. The two parties met at Rahaing, where several days were spent in consultation and prayer. The result was given in a joint letter addressed to the Board, of which the following is a copy:—

RAHAING, SIAM, Feb. 11, 1875.

TO THE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA,
NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Dear Brethren,—

Four of your missionaries have at length met in Siam. We arrived in this northern town a few days since, Bro. Sandford and Armstrong having come across the country from Maulmain, and Bro. Churchill and Boggs up the river from Bangkok.

The object of the journey, as you are aware, was to gather reliable information, and ascertain facts concerning the Karens of Siam, and in view of these facts, to consult together in reference to future movements.

We have now spent several days together in prolonged consultation, to which we have brought all the information gained thus far, which bears on the questions at issue, and all the earnest thought and judgement of which we are capable. And we have sought the guidance of our Heavenly Master in our discussions.

And now permit us to lay before you the facts which we have ascertained and the conclusions we have reached:

1. In reference to the proposed mission to the Karens of Siam,

Bros. Churchill and Boggs, on their journey up from Bangkok, visited Muang Oo-tai, a place formerly spoken of as probably suitable for a missionary station, having in view the Siamese Karens. At an interview with the governor of Oo-tai, they understood him to make the following statements:

1. That there are no Karens in the district of Oo-tai.

2. That there are Karens, and Tounghoos to the Westward, but that they are from 10 to 15 days distant and reached with difficulty. No definite information could be gained as to their numbers.

Now supposing the above statements to be, in the main correct, the conclusion is that Muang Oo-tai is out of the question as a place from which to reach Karens. The distance and difficulty of the way amount to inaccessibility. If they are 10 or 15 days west they must be near the British boundary.

Again, it had been supposed that Karens might perhaps be found in considerable numbers in the vicinity of Rahaing. Brethren Sanford and Armstrong, however, in coming from Maulmain, passed through the supposed Karen region, and they and the native pastors who accompanied them made full inquiries concerning Karens, and yet they failed to find or hear of more than a very small number scattered about the mountains.

We are led to the same conclusion in reference to the District of Ching Mai. We have obtained information from Rev. Mr. McGilvray (who is at present in Rahaing, on his way to his mission field at Ching Mai) and from others who have travelled through that country, and their statements agree in representing the Karens as few and scattered.

The other region which remains to be considered is that of the Meklong River, and the neighborhood of Kanboree. According to the highest conjectures within the range of probability there are not more than 10,000 Karens in both the Redstone and Meklong valleys. These, taking as a standard the 3,000 actually found by Mr. Carpenter, the native preachers who accompany him, and by native preachers on a previous tour, are about equally divided between Pwos and Sguas. This gives us, of one language, 5000 persons, and a large proportion of even this small number are practically inaccessible from Kanboree, scattered as they all are over the whole length of two long valleys, and on the mountain ranges which bound them.

From the foregoing facts we are led to the following conclusions :

1. That the number of Karens in Siam, *is very much less than was supposed.*
2. That *they are very widely scattered*, no large villages or towns having thus far come to our knowledge.
3. That they inhabit, chiefly, the mountain ranges, running North and South, near the boundary between Burmah and Siam, and are therefore so far West, as to be practically inaccessible from the Manam River, the great highway of Siam.

To the above may be added the fact, testified by many who know the actual state of things, that Karens are constantly emigrating from Siam across to British Burmah, so that in some cases where villages existed a few years ago no Karens are now to be found.

We therefore feel that *the facts do not warrant us in making any further efforts, looking to the establishment of a mission to the Karens of Siam.*

II. Supposing this to be disposed of, the next question is, to what people shall we now turn our attention? One course that has suggested itself is, that we should all come to Siam and undertake missionary labor for the Siamese proper. Three of your missionaries having lived in Siam now nearly a year, it is natural that in their minds a deep interest should be awakened in behalf of this people.

In connection with this proposal we may offer briefly the following statements :

For some time the Baptists have had no missionary actively engaged for the Siamese.

The Presbyterians of the United States of America have for many years occupied portions of the country. They have had missionaries at Bangkok, Ayuthia, and Petchaboree, laboring for the Siamese proper, and at Ching Mai for the Laos.

Notwithstanding this, the destitution of the country is great and its need of the gospel, as pressing as that of any heathen nation can be. No evangelistic work is being done in all the country from Bangkok to Ching Mai, with the exception of a brief visit from some missionary once in several years.

But at the same time there would be great disadvantages in the case of our people undertaking a mission to this country.

During the 4 or 5 years that would necessarily elapse before the missionary could preach with acceptance there are no native preachers to be employed.

The want of books would be a serious hindrance, as the New Testament translated by Dr. Jones is out of print. A considerable outlay would be required before the scriptures could be distributed.

Again, a majority of your missionaries have studied the Karen language, two of them, viz., Mrs. Armstrong and Miss DeWolfe, being well acquainted with it and prepared to employ it in missionary labor. This advantage would in all probability be lost if Siam should become our field.

If then the disadvantages and the unpromising outlook in Siam should be such as not to warrant our settlement in this country, where shall we look next for a field?

III. At this point the thoughts of some may turn to the proposal recently advocated, viz., that we should again seek to consummate a union with our brethren of Ontario and Quebec, and to obtain a share with them in the Telooqoo field. The objections to the adoption of this plan are, to our minds, many and serious, among which are the following:

1. There are grave obstacles in the way of a union, at present, with our brethren of the Upper Provinces, and a long period of suspense would have to be endured while negotiations were going forward, before your missionaries could enter, without hesitation, on the preparation for their life work.

2. But it may be said, a Union with the Canadian brethren is not necessary; let us enter the field without it. To this we would reply that the country is already occupied by the missions of two Baptist Societies, besides those of the American Lutherans, the Church of England, the London Missionary Society, and the Presbyterians.

3. What has been said in reference to a number of your missionaries having studied the Karen tongue, applies with equal if not greater force in this case.

4. From all we can learn, the Telooqoo country is an extremely expensive one in which to carry on missionary operations.

IV. We believe that a field fulfilling all the conditions required, and offering just such a sphere of effort as we and the brethren at home could desire, lies open before us.

At the last session of the Burmah Baptist Convention held at Henthada in Nov. 1874, we were invited by the unanimous voice of missionaries and native brethren to take up and work any unoccupied field in British Burmah. In our judgement it is wise to accept this invitation, for the following reasons :

1. Burmah is the field of our sympathies and efforts and successes during the past of our foreign missionary experience. The work among both Burmans and Karens may well continue to engage the prayers and benevolence of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces.

2. It seems very undesirable to remove to another people all those already committed to the Karen language, and our sisters in particular, who have become so successfully engaged in work for that people.

3. It cannot but be urged that British Burmah to-day is in pressing need of at least a dozen Baptist missionaries to occupy new stations, besides as many more to man the stations already occupied. We are confident, however, that the missionaries on the field would earnestly plead for a much larger number.

4. There is ample room in British Burmah, for all your missionaries to labor side by side and shoulder to shoulder with their brethren of the Union, without crowding upon foundations already laid, or clashing in any wise with the work now in operation. Identical with them in faith and christian order; having the fullest sympathy with the Union, their missionaries, and the work carried on by them, we can only wish to be fellow-helpers with them in the promotion of His kingdom.

The Constitution, Bye-Laws and aims of the Burmah Baptist Missionary Convention invite us, without modification or compromise on the part of either, to a free participation in the privileges and labors of that body.

As to our occupation of new fields in British Burmah, we see no serious objection, which legitimately would lead to a marring of the work, an impediment to the Missionary Union, or a compromise of the principles upon which we stand. On the contrary, after carefully considering the matter, in its various bearings, we are led to the conviction that this course gives promise of issues the most successful that the friends of Baptist Missions in Burmah could desire.

A variety of providential circumstances combine to recommend this sphere of labor. The reasons are many, clear, and strong. To present them faithfully and at length, however, demands greater space than this communication will admit. We beg you to entertain this proposition, and carefully consider with us the little difficulty in its solution.

British Burmah presents to us a far more inviting field than any other. Its population is increasing very rapidly, by immigration from Upper Burmah, Siam, and Hindostan. The rapid development

of its resources, the immense advantage which wholesome British rule gives to the carrying on of missionary work, the appliances which we have good reason to believe are available at once, and which are especially favorable to our strength, all unite in leading us to this sphere of labor.

6. Two inviting stations present themselves at once, viz., *Ma-oo-ben* and *Thayet-myo*. These are the chief towns of 2 Deputy Com-missionships, or Government Districts, on the Irriwaddy. The *former* is a new District just formed, and situated between the Rangoon, Bassein, and Henthadah Districts. It comprises a dense population of Burmese, Sgau and Pwo Karens, who have been too far removed to receive the repeated labors of any missionary. The *latter* is bounded on the North by Burmah proper, and on the South by the Prome District. It comprises within comparative narrow limits, a rapidly increasing population of some 140,000 souls. The town of *Thayet-myo* is about the size of Henthada. It is some 50 miles North of Prome, and is the military station for Northern Pegu. It was recommended to the Union several years since as a field which ought to be occupied at once. These two Districts not only present themselves to us, but our attention has been directed to them by our missionary brethren in Burmah. We did not, however, feel ourselves at liberty to entertain this project, or to lay it before you until now.

It should be added that the occupation of these two Districts would place us in a position to extend operations into Independent Burmah, which, in all probability, will, before very long, be fully opened to the missionaries of the cross.

Permit us, dear brethren, to submit the above for your careful consideration, humbly praying that you and we may be guided by Infinite wisdom.

RUFUS SANFORD,
W. F. ARMSTRONG,
GEORGE CHURCHILL,
W. B. BOGGS.

The hope that had been entertained respecting the number of the Karens resident in Siam being thus disappointed, the location of the Mission became a very serious question. Should a mission to the Siamese be established, and Buddhism be attacked in one of its mightiest strongholds? Should our missionaries be instructed to accept the invitation of the Burman Convention, if it should be sanctioned by the Executive Committee of the American Baptist Missionary Union? Or should the attention of the Board be directed to any other quarter? It was deemed advisable to appeal to the Denomination, and the President of the Convention held at Portland, St. John, last year was requested to call a Special Meeting of that Body. As the Constitution of the Convention makes no provision for Special Meetings, the opinion of the President on that subject was asked, and he stated that in his judgment, in the absence of any rule or bye-law providing for a

special session, power was vested in the President to call the Convention together whenever an exigency, such as the present one, should arise and demand it.

It may be added, that copies of the Missionaries' joint letter had been sent to the Secretaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union and of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, with a view to obtain any information which they could furnish to aid the Convention in their deliberations.

The meeting summoned by the President was held at Amherst on Wednesday, May 12, and two following days. The proceedings of the meeting were thus recorded in the Official Minutes:—

SPECIAL CONVENTION.

Pursuant to the call of the President at the request of the Foreign Missionary Board, a special meeting of the Convention of the Baptist churches of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island was convened in the Baptist church at Amherst, May 12, 1875, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The President, Hon. Judge McCully, took the chair and declared the Convention opened, by reading the rules of order and calling upon Rev. J. E. Goucher to offer prayer. On motion R. M. King, of Halifax, was appointed Secretary, and Rev. W. H. Warren, of Yarmouth, Assist. Sec'y. The president read a telegram from Rev. J. L. Campbell, Secretary of the Canadian Foreign Mission Society, announcing that he was in Bangor, en route for the Convention.

The following names of delegates and visiting brethren were enrolled and read.

FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

Amherst.—Rev. D. A. Steele, Deacons Moses Lowe and J. M. Layton, with Brethren W. M. Read, T. R. Black and G. W. Freeman.

Brookfield and Caledonia.—Rev. G. N. Ballentine.

Cornwallis First.—Rev. S. B. Kempton.

Cornwallis Fifth and Sixth.—Rev. D. Freeman.

Great Village.—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Halifax Granville St..—Brethren Hon. Dr. Parker, H. N. Paint, R. M. King and X. Z. Chipman.

Halifax, North.—Hon. Judge McCully.

Hantsport.—Rev. J. C. Bleakney.

Jeddore.—Rev. J. Meadows.

Lower Aylesford, South and Upper Wilmot.—Rev Charles Tupper, D. D.

Onslow, East and West.—Rev. S. March.

Pugwash.—Rev D. W. Crandall.

River Hebert.—Rev. H. Bool, with Brethren Job Seaman and John Barnes.

Truro.—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Deacon Richard Upham, with Brethren William Faulkner and J. Lyman Walker.

Temple, Yarmouth.—Rev. W. H. Warren.

Windsor.—Rev. J. W. Brancroft.

N. S. Eastern Association.—Brother H. Mills.

N. S. Central Association.—Brother S. Selden.

FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John, Brussels St..—Rev. W. P. Everett, Deacons T. P. Davies, Wm. Allwood, and Bro. T. H. Hall.

St. John, Germain St..—Bro. John H. Harding.

St. John, Leinster St..—Hon. A. McL. Seely, and Brother John March.

St. John, Portland,—Rev. D. McClellan.
Carleton,—Rev. Edw. Hickson.
Fredericton,—Rev. Dr. Spurden.
Germantown,—Rev. T. A. Blackadar.
Harvey,—Brother Asahel Mills.
Havelock,—Rev. J. Hughes.
Moncton,—Rev. Thomas Todd, Brother H. C. Davison.
Sackville First,—Rev. G. F. Miles, with Brethren J. B. Cahill and Josiah Tingley.
Shediac,—Rev. A. W. Barss.
Springfield,—Rev. W. A. Corey.
St. Stephen,—Rev. J. W. Manning.
In their own right,—Revs. Dr. Cramp, E. M. Saunders, J. F. Kempton, W. A. Coleman, E. Edwards, Edward Munro, and J. M. Curry.
Invited,—Rev. J. R. Skinner, and Bro. Wm. Blenkhorn.

In reply to the Rev. Dr. Cramp, the President gave at length his reasons for the opinion that the present meeting of Convention was quite constitutional and that the President had the power to call the same.

By order of the Convention the Secretary read "the joint letter from our Missionaries in Siam" to the F. M. Board, which was the cause of the present special meeting of Convention.

Adjourned until 7.30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The President having taken the chair the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. E. M. Saunders. Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. Letters were read from churches at Bridgewater, Liverpool, and Milton.

Rev. W. P. Everett, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, read letters from Rev. W. S. McKenzie, District Secretary, and Dr. Murdock, Foreign Secretary, of the American Foreign Mission Union; also letters from Rev. J. L. Campbell, Secretary, and Dr. Fyfe, a member of the Canadian Foreign Mission Society, and also letters from Rev. Dr. Dean, Missionary, and Dr. Wm. Campbell, of Bangkok. Rev. Dr. Spurden moved and Rev. E. M. Saunders, seconded,

"That the letter from the Missionaries read at former session, be taken up for consideration.

An address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Spurden.

Voted, That all addresses before the Convention be limited to 10 minutes.

The discussion was continued by Revs. W. P. Everett, Dr. Cramp, President McCully, Rev. Joseph F. Kempton, Hon. Dr. Parker and Rev. E. M. Saunders. Miss Minnie B. DeWolf, returned Missionary, who was present and, by request, enlivened the Session by singing a hymn in the Karen language, on being requested to give her opinion on the question, at her request, Rev. E. M. Saunders expressed her views upon the matter under discussion. Discussion adjourned. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. P. Everett.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The discussion adjourned from last session was resumed by Dr. Cramp who read extracts of a letter from Mrs. Armstrong, Maulmain, and continued by Jno. March, Rev. Jos. Kempton, Rev. W. P. Everett, Moses Lowe, Dr. Tupper, David Freeman, Hon. Dr. Parker and Rev. G. F. Miles, who moved in amendment and as a substitute for the resolution of yesterday:—

That a Committee consisting of Hon. Dr. Parker, Jno. March and Rev. W. H. Warren retire and frame a resolution embodying the views of the Convention as suggested by the discussion.

Seconded by Hon. A. McL. Seely and passed.

The Committee reported and after discussion the following resolution was passed,—

Whereas, There is a necessity for more definite information in reference to the several fields of Missionary operations to which the attention of this Convention has been called by the joint letter from our Missionaries dated Rahang, Siam, Feb. 13, 1875, and it is of the utmost importance that we decide intelligently upon the subject for which we are convened, therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be instructed to seek the fullest information from every available source, in relation to the several fields of Missionary labour, proposed and suggested to this Convention in the above mentioned letter, and especially by explorations by our Missionaries in the Teloogoo district, in order to place the results obtained before the Annual Session of the Convention to be held at Hillsburg in August next for their decision.

Meeting adjourned to 3 P. M., with prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Meeting opened with prayer by Revd. Thomas Todd. Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

A letter from C. Raymond, Chairman of Committee of the Canadian Foreign Mission Society introducing their Secretary, Rev. J. L. Campbell, was read. Upon being introduced Mr. Campbell addressed the Convention detailing at length the present position and prospects of their Mission to the Teloogoo people. He also presented the following resolutions, passed at a recent meeting of the Canadian Foreign Mission Board, looking toward united efforts with us in the Teloogoo mission fields.

Resolutions passed by the Board of Directors for Foreign Missions in Ontario and Quebec, 4th May, 1875, Brantford.

The missionary field among the Teloogoo selected by us with the full consent and fraternal good wishes of the authorities of the American Baptist Missionary Union is the fertile region drained by the Godavery river and of which it is the natural outlet. Cocanada is situated in the heart of the Teloogoo country, two hundred miles north of Ongole, with Teloogoo country extending 200 miles north of Cocanada, and 350 miles to the west up the Godavery river. This field must contain from six to ten millions of people.

1. *Resolved*, That we cordially invite our brethren of the Maritime Provinces to send their missionaries over at once, and help us to cultivate this Teloogoo field.

2. *Resolved*, That we respectfully suggest that only those Missionaries who

give themselves cheerfully and willingly to the Teloogoo field, should be sent there. It seems to us almost certain that unwilling missionaries will consciously or unconsciously make trouble on any field. As there are seemingly strong reasons why at least some of your missionaries should be stationed where they have already made preparations for work, could you not send 3 or 4 men to the Teloogoo field? We are anxious to appoint a man immediately to aid Bro. McLaurin in Cocanada. Perhaps one of their number might receive an appointment from us.

3. *Resolved*, That we propose that Ontario and Quebec on the one hand, and Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, on the other, shall entirely sustain and direct all the missionaries whom they may respectively appoint.

4. *Resolved*, That we take it for granted that the threefold cord, viz., the Missionaries being all of the same nationality and government, being all of the same faith and order, and all having the same object in view, i. e., the glory of God in the salvation of the Teloogoo—will bind them together, and dispose them to co-operate in their great work without minute Rules or Articles of agreement.

5. *Resolved*, That the Missionaries of the respective Boards might write letters from time to time to the papers in the respective Provinces. Bro. McLaurin and others whom we may send could write occasionally to the papers in your Provinces, and your men could write occasionally to our paper: thus a common interest in the whole mission would be created and extended.

6. *Resolved*, That any close union in our modes of working should be left to time and experience. Whereto we have attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing, and God will open the path of duty as soon as He wishes us to walk in it.

Moved and seconded that our Secretary, Bro. J. L. Campbell, be appointed to represent us at the coming Convention in Amherst, Nova Scotia—his expenses to be paid out of the funds of the Society. Carried.

I certify the above to be a correct abstract from the Minutes of the Board of Directors for Foreign Missions of Ontario and Quebec, passed in Brantford, 4th May, 1875.

J. L. CAMPBELL, *Secretary*.

Chatham, 6th May, 1875.

After considerable general discussion it was moved by Hon. Dr. Parker and seconded by T. R. Black and resolved that a committee consisting of Revs. E. M. Saunders, J. W. Manning and J. E. Goucher be requested to prepare a reply to the communications of the Canadian Foreign Mission Society embodying the views of the Convention elicited by the discussion, and to report to the Convention to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. J. Meadows. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee to whom the communications from the Baptist Foreign Mission Society for Ontario and Quebec, were referred, reported.

Rev. S. B. Kempton moved, Rev. J. Hughes seconded, the adoption of the report. The discussion was participated in by Rev. D. Freeman, Dr. Tupper, W. P. Everett, J. L. Campbell, S. B. Kempton, G. F. Miles, M. P. Freeman, E. M. Saunders, J. Hughes,

Dr. Parker, President McCully, Wm. Faulkner, L. J. Walker and T. R. Black. An amendment to the report was moved by Dr. Parker and passed, and as amended the report was passed with three dissenting votes.

Report of the Committee to whom was referred the communications from the Board of Foreign Missions for Ontario and Quebec:—

Your Committee, appointed to take into consideration the communications of the Directors of the Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec through their Secretary, the Rev. J. L. Campbell, beg leave to report as follows:—

That the promptness with which the brethren of the Board in the Upper Provinces replied to the communication of our Secretary is worthy of all praise, and that the cordial and fraternal greetings tendered by our brother in behalf of his brethren in Ontario and Quebec are most heartily reciprocated by us, and that the resolutions of which he has been the bearer and which he has presented for our consideration and *immediate action*, are in our judgment both wise and practical.

Your Committee have been greatly pleased with the frankness and fulness with which questions relative to the Telooگو Mission have been answered, and the evident desire, on the part of the brethren of Ontario and Quebec for a closer union in Mission work as expressed by their representative, leads us to indulge in the belief that side by side we may be able to make known to the Telooگو people what God has wrought for man's redemption.

The proposal to send our Missionaries at once to the Telooگو field, conveyed to us in the first resolution, is fully accepted by your Committee. It meets a demand that now presses heavily upon our churches, arising out of the earnest request coming after a year and more of suspense from our Missionaries to be located in the field of their future labors. The sad consequences entailed by further delay, the sufferings of suspense by both the Missionaries abroad and the churches at home, the loss of time and money, together with the fact that all needful information is now possessed, combine to convince your Committee that trusting in the great Head of the church, it is now the path of duty to accept this proposal and to instruct the Missionaries to remove immediately to Cocanada.

The views of the Committee are in perfect accord with that part of the second Resolution which refers to the matter of the Missionaries who may go from us into the Telooگو field, undertaking the work "cheerfully and willingly." We have every confidence that our Missionaries will give themselves heartily and joyfully to the great work in any field to which they may be sent. While we agree with our brethren that no unwilling Missionary should be employed, it does not appear to us as it does to them that strong reasons exist why some of our Missionaries should remain where they are at present.

With reference to the suggestion in the same Resolution that one of our Missionaries might receive an appointment from the Board

of the Upper Provinces, it is the opinion of this Committee that all our Missionaries should be retained in the service of this Convention. At present this proposition cannot be entertained.

The 3rd Resolution which proposes that the respective Boards shall "entirely sustain and direct all the Missionaries whom they may respectively appoint" is in the opinion of your Committee the best provision that can be made for the present, and it is fully accepted by them as a part of the present arrangement. Your Committee fully share in the belief of the Directors expressed in the 4th resolution, that entire harmony and co-operation will exist among the missionaries without specific Rules and Articles of agreement.

The proposal in the 5th resolution for our missionaries in writing to our denominational papers, to make an exchange at least occasionally of their respective correspondents, i. e., the missionaries of the Upper Provinces to write for the papers of the Lower Provinces and those of the Maritime Provinces to write for the papers of Ontario and Quebec, would, in the opinion of your Committee, do much to perfect the Union of the Baptists of Canada; and it is a proposal to which the Missionaries will heartily agree.

The Committee is in entire agreement with the Directors in their 6th Resolution in which the opinion is expressed that closer union in modes of working should be left to time and experience.

As immediate action is not only desirable but imperative, your Committee recommend that the Foreign Mission Board of this Convention be directed to promptly communicate with our Missionaries, informing them that, at this Special Convention held at Amherst, called to consider their joint letter of February 13th, 1875, it was there decided after protracted discussion, and after obtaining full information from a delegate sent from the Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec respecting their Missionary operations, that the Telooogo field should be immediately occupied by us as an Independent Mission, acting in harmony with the Canadian Foreign Mission work.

Your Committee recommend also the passage by this Convention of the following resolution:—

Whereas, Since this Convention passed a resolution directing the Foreign Missionary Board to seek further information of the several fields of labor referred to the Missionaries in their joint letter to the Board, and also to send some of the Missionaries to explore the Telooogo field, the Rev. J. L. Campbell, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions for Ontario and Quebec, has arrived and has supplied all necessary information that could reasonably be expected even after the loss of several months spent in further enquiry, therefore

Resolved, That the Board be released from carrying out the instructions of the said resolution, and that it be directed to follow the instructions of this Convention as contained in the reply to the proposals from the Board of Foreign Missions for Ontario and Quebec.

And Resolved, further, that, as a light expression of our appreciation of the valuable and timely help rendered by the coming to us of the Rev. J. L. Campbell, the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to pay the travelling expenses of Mr. Campbell on his visit to this Convention.

E. M. SAUNDERS, *Chairman of Committee.*

An motion of W. Faulkner it was resolved that the minutes of this Convention together with the communication from the Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec, and the resolutions in reply thereto be published in the denominational newspapers of the Canadian provinces.

The thanks of the Convention were voted to the Baptist church and friends in Amherst for their kindness and attention in entertaining the Delegates.

Minutes of the present meeting were read and approved.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. B. Kempton.

R. M. KING, *Secretary*.

When the Board met again at St. John it was resolved to communicate to the missionaries by cable telegram the decision of the meeting at Amherst. This was done. In their replies the missionaries expressed surprise and disappointment at the decision which was communicated to them. They had expected that the course recommended by them would be accepted, and that our missionary work would be performed in Burmah, in co-operation with the American missionaries. But the difficulties in the way of such an arrangement appeared insurmountable. A Siamese mission, however desirable in some respects, was viewed with disfavor by many of the brethren; while the Telooگو enterprise seemed to be clothed with encouragement, and was commended to the denomination by the additional consideration that it would unite the energies of all the Baptists of the Dominion, whose missionaries would work side by side, and harmoniously pursue their respective courses, rendering mutual aid by consultation or otherwise. Consequently, with the exception of the Rev. R. Sanford, whose final reply has been since received, our brethren are prepared to enter the Telooگو field.

Brethren Boggs and Churchill were at Bangkok when the telegram reached them, May 28th. They made arrangements for the voyage immediately, and left Bangkok by steamer June 8th arriving at Singapore on the 13th. They were to leave Singapore for Rangoon and Cocanada on the 19th, by the steamer *Satara*, and probably landed at the latter place in the early part of July.

At Singapore the missionaries were kindly received at the house of the Rev. Mr. Keasberry, a Congregational minister. The property is designated "Mount Zion," and deservedly so, as Mr. Boggs says, since it is "beautiful for situation."

Referring to the telegram, Mr. Boggs says, "This settles the question, and puts an end to our anxiety; and I think I am glad that the decision is what it is. I was partly prepared for it, knowing that there was a strong feeling in favour of the Telooگو mission."

"As for myself," Mr. Churchill observes, "I was surprised, and somewhat disappointed, too; for I had also been looking towards Burmah, as affording us a more suitable field than any other." "While impressed with the need of mission work in Siam, and with the wide field open there, and while sad at the destitution of the

country as to religious privileges, I cannot feel very sorry as things were, that we are not to remain there. But I am not drawn to the Telooگو field." Nevertheless, he willingly complied with the directions received.

"We were not glad," says Mrs. Churchill, "to leave the friends who had done so much for our comfort and happiness while there, or to leave the Siamese in their gross darkness and ignorance of the way of life. No: these were causes of deep sorrow to our hearts: but notwithstanding these, we were glad, at last, to know in what part of the vineyard the Lord would have us labour for Him, and glad to hasten thither."

Mr. Armstrong says, under date June 11th., "We were startled the other day by the reception of the telegram from home."—"It is no small sacrifice for Mrs. Armstrong and myself to leave the Karen work. She has a knowledge of the language such as few missionaries have ever gained, and is very much attached to the Karens, and they to her. The Lord has greatly blessed her labours among them. I, too, have quite a start in the language, and was just getting nicely into the work. And furthermore, my sympathies, and the whole bent of my being for several years past, has been in the direction of work among these poor downtrodden sons of the jungle. But if God takes us to the Telooگوs, I have no doubt he will bless us there. We will go cheerfully."

"As soon as the telegram came, we set about finding a teacher. We succeeded in finding a good Telooگو scholar. Mrs. Armstrong and I took our first lesson with him last Monday, the 7th inst. We have now mastered the alphabet, and have begun to combine the letters. Our hands are full of work."

Miss M. E. Armstrong thought it "unwise to send our missionaries to a people of character and language so different from those of the natives of Burmah, after a residence of nearly two years here; yet she expressed her willingness to go to Cocanada. Mr. Sanford wrote on the subject undecidedly, and promised to write again by the next mail; but instead of the expected letter, a cable telegram has been received from him, dated "Cocanada," of which the following is a copy:—"All here: expect Miss Armstrong: joyfully working. R. Sanford."

In separating ourselves from the Burmese and Karens, with missionary efforts among whom our churches have sympathised for more than fifty years, and in now taking a new departure for our missionary enterprise, it may be well for us to consider the alternations of success and failure which have been experienced in the prosecution of this undertaking during the present century, lest we should indulge unreasonable expectations, and so be exposed to the danger of sinking into despondency. Many years elapsed before any conversions cheered the hearts of the labourers, either in Bengal or Burmah. Then came a series of marvellous successes among an uncultivated people, and 2000 Karens were baptized in one year. After that, the number of admissions to the churches gradually declined, till at length it was reported at the last meeting

of the Burman Baptist Convention that now the candidates for baptism are more frequently found among the children of Christians than among the heathen. In another mission the aspect of affairs had become so discouraging that it was proposed to discontinue it, when suddenly a mighty shower of divine influence came down, and converts flocked by hundreds to the churches. But a reverse again occurred, and last year's Report informs us that at the two principal stations of that mission the exclusions exceeded the baptisms. On the other hand, the difficulties in the way of the gospel as preached among the Siamese have been hitherto almost insurmountable, but we are now informed that "a spirit of inquiry has been awakened among the Siamese people"; that "the women, and even Buddhist priests have come to Mrs. Dean for instruction" and that "every thing betokens not only the continuance, but an increase of the movement." The records of other missions present also instances of progress shaded by declension; and we are taught by such occurrences the necessity of mingling patience with faith. It is our privilege to work for God with cheerful confidence. He has promised that "as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall his word be that goeth forth out of his mouth; it shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleaseth, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto He sent it" (Isa. lv. 10, 11). It is often said to those who labour for the Lord, "According to your faith be it unto you;" but there are so many counteracting influences, both within and without, that the advance of the Christian army is not unfrequently much impeded, and at such times there is a tendency to undue depression. "In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem. Fear thou not; and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack" (Zeph. iii. 16). Let us work with joyful hope. Let us wait on the Lord trustingly, as those who expect him to fulfil his word, and let us wait for Him with submissiveness, knowing that we are unworthy of the blessing. "The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." (Hab. ii. 3). "Blessed are all they that wait for him." (Isa. xxx. 18).

The Rev. G. F. Currie, who applied to your Board last year for missionary employment, but was requested to wait till the Board should be in a position to avail themselves of his services, has since transferred his application to the Board of the Canada Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, by whom he has been accepted for the Telooquo Mission, and will probably sail for Cocanada in the Fall.

In closing this portion of the Report it is deemed necessary to state that in consequence of the increased expense that will now be incurred a very large sum will be required for the maintenance of the mission in the year ensuing. Carey's celebrated motto—"Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God"—will be again called for and it is hoped that the zeal and ingenuity of the

denomination will be successfully taxed to meet the emergency and supply the needful funds.

J. M. CRAMP, *Foreign Secretary.*

HOME DEPARTMENT.

ORGANIZATION.

On the 27th day of August, 1874, the present Board held its first meeting and proceeded to organize as follows :

Hon. A. McL. Seely, *Permanent Chairman.*

Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., *Secretary of Foreign Department.*

Rev. W. P. Everett, *Secretary of Home Department.*

Thos. P. Davies, Esq., *Treasurer.*

MEETINGS.

It having been voted to hold monthly meetings for the transaction of business on the first Monday of each month, your Board has held twelve meetings of this character and nine special ones, making in all, twenty-one meetings during the past year. All of these have been unusually well attended.

Duties of the Secretary.

At the commencement of the year, by request of the Secretary, he was supplied with suitable books to enable him to furnish an accurate and systematic record of all donations made to our Foreign Mission fund, in order that each church might, so far as possible, receive full credit for all monies contributed either by private donations, general church contributions, Womens' Mission Aid Societies, Sunday Schools, or Mission Bands.

Heretofore, no full statement, in detail, had been presented of the contributions of the respective churches, so as to enable the Board to ascertain the precise sources from which the revenue of our Mission is derivable.

Nor could it be easily ascertained what churches contributed regularly, nor the relative proportions that the contributions of contributing churches bore to their membership and to the donations of other churches.

We trust, that if this system of careful record be maintained, the Board will possess the reliable data absolutely necessary as a basis for the future financial operations necessary to a successful collection and judicious disbursement of our Mission funds.

The Secretary has also been endeavoring to collect from all available sources such information as will enable him to present full comparative tabular statements of the annual contributions of each of the churches to Foreign Missions since the year commencing 10th August, 1871.

These tables will clearly exhibit the amount of *substantial* interest manifested in our Foreign Mission, and the relative proportions contributed to it as Churches, Associations and Provinces.

We hope these statistics may materially assist our successors in their arduous labors of endeavoring to educate our churches in the duty of systematic benevolence.

The correspondence of this department has been certainly no less than that of any former year. About 300 official notices, and nearly 150 letters on business have been written and posted, ten telegraphs despatched, and several articles referring to our Mission work prepared for the denominational press.

DEPARTURE OF REV. W. B. BOGGS.

On the 25th August last, during the 29th Annual Session of the Convention, Rev. Mr. Boggs, missionary elect, was publicly designated as an additional missionary to our corps in Siam, and two days after this designation, he sailed for his distant field which he reached December, 1874.

TOUR OF EXPLORATION.

In a short period after his arrival and in accordance with previous arrangement, Brethren Sanford and Armstrong from Tavoy, Burmah, and Brethren Boggs and Churchill from Bangkok, set out from their respective residences on a tour of exploration, and with a view of deciding on a fixed location for our Mission.

The two parties met at Rabaing in Siam, and after exchanging views of the situation and considering the facts that had come under their notice, they decided that it was, in their opinion, impracticable to attempt the location of the Mission in Siam.

In a "joint letter," dated 13th Feb., 1875, they submitted their conclusions to the Board and recommended the occupation of a field in Burmah towards which the attention of our churches had not been previously directed.

This "joint letter," having been duly considered by the Board at a special meeting held on the 20th April last, and it appearing that we had made every reasonable effort to carry out the instructions of the Convention to locate a mission in Siam, and our missionaries, having, after the necessary exploration and inquiry, made a final report adverse to such location, we deemed it prudent in the emergency to refer the matter to our constituency and to appeal to them for counsel and further instructions.

We, therefore, requested the President of our Convention to call a special meeting of that body.

Our request was granted, and pursuant to notice, the Special Meeting was held in Amherst, N. S., May 12th.

The record of the proceedings and action of that meeting have been officially presented to the denomination through the columns of our papers, and it is expected it may be ordered to be printed in the Year Book of 1875.

The subsequent action of the Board in carrying out the instructions of the Amherst meeting, with the results of such action, will be found embodied in the report of the Secretary of the Foreign Department.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's Report will supply a full, and in our judgment, taking all circumstances into consideration,—a highly satisfactory exhibit of our receipts during the year.

The total amount paid into the Treasury has been \$6,188.04. The balance on hand now deposited to our credit in the Bank is \$9,855.47.

Besides this amount, we have a reserve fund of £400 sterling which is now probably on deposit in the Bank of Bengal, Rangoon.

This money was forwarded at the urgent request of our missionaries to be used only in case of emergency.

There still remain \$163.00 unpaid on the subscriptions signed at the so-called "Farewell Meeting" held in Brussels Street, St. John, 25th September, 1873.

LEGACIES.

The Treasurer has regularly received the interest on the four Debentures of £100 sterling each, which represent the amount of the bequest made by the late W. S. Jacobs, Esq., of Liverpool, N. S.

We have also received the interest on the legacy of the late Senator C. R. Bill of Billtown, N. S. We expect that the principal of \$1,000.00 will soon be invested as a permanent fund to yield a regular and perpetual income for the support of our Mission.

A legacy of \$200.00 left by the late Deacon Bray, of Hopewell, N. B., will be paid as soon as certain real estate can be disposed of, and the sale of which we understand is now ordered.

We are also advised of the intention of the executor of the estate of the late David Smith, Senr., of Mabou, C. B., to pay into our Treasury the sum of Fifty dollars and interest which Mr. Smith bequeathed to Foreign Missions.

Another small legacy from the late Mr. Jackson of Norton, N. B., was, as we understand, paid as directed, to the deacons of the Norton Baptist Church, but owing to financial misfortunes overtaking the brother who received the amount he has not yet been able to transmit it to our Treasury.

EXPENDITURES.

Your Board, has endeavored to carry on the financial operations of the Mission as economically as possible, and probably there is no Foreign Missionary organization in existence, receiving and expending an equal amount, which is doing the work so cheaply as ours.

DEMANDS OF THE FUTURE.

In retiring from office, your Board would urge upon the Pastors, Deacons, and Church members generally, to commence at the very beginning of the succeeding year, to devise such plans and make such arrangements as will secure large returns to the Foreign Mission Treasury during the year. For, now that we are on the point of permanently locating our Mission, and our missionaries must be soon furnished with suitable mission premises, and must also employ a number of native teachers and preachers, we shall expend a very large sum next year.

Therefore, nothing short of most liberal donations from the masses of our Church members will preserve us from a crushing debt and its attendant humiliating embarrassments.

After a careful consideration of the liabilities we are under and the obligations we have already assumed and with the additional prospect of emergencies arising which are incidental to all foreign mission work, we are persuaded that the amount of funds required to replenish our Treasury during the next twelve months will be at least double what has been received during the year now closing.

But our churches are abundantly able, if they be willing, to advance the receipts of our Foreign Missionary treasury to the sum named, and even beyond, without serious inconvenience to themselves,—and we believe they will do it.

Let it, at all events, be *generally* resolved to carry out the suggestion, and the smile of the Redeemer will rest on our Zion; and the God of Missions will abundantly bless us both at home and abroad.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES.

The sisterhood who have banded together in the Mission Aid Societies have continued to display a zeal and perseverance in the prosecution of their work which are most commendable and worthy of imitation by the brotherhood. Their annual reports as subjoined show gratifying and encouraging results. They are worthy of the most earnest and careful perusal.

W. P. EVERETT, *Home Secretary.*

Report of the Central Board of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies of Nova Scotia, to the Convention assembled at Hillsburg, N. S., August 21st, 1875.

The Central Board of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies for Nova Scotia, beg leave to submit the following Report to the Convention to be held at Hillsburg, Aug. 21st, 1875.

In presenting the fifth Annual Report to the Convention, the Central Board are conscious that they have not much of interest to communicate. The state of uncertainty with regard to the location of our missionary operations has doubtless rather lessened the activities of our friends, but we feel confident that when our future as a Missionary Society is determined, and a start once made, there will be a generous response from our sisters, who will be willing to give *themselves*, as well as their means for the furtherance of the Mission cause.

There are now 57 Women's Missionary Aid Societies in working order in Nova Scotia; eight new ones having reported themselves during the past year at the following places—Barrington, Cambridge, West Cornwallis, Hammond's Plains, Laplan I, near Bridgewater, Margarets Bay 2nd Church; New Canada, Lun. Co; Onslow West; and Waterford, Digby Co.

There have been five Life Members added since last August: Miss Hill, of Sydney, C. B.; Mrs. Deblois, Wolfville, Miss M. E. Armstrong, Mrs. Boggs, late of Bangkok, Siam, and Mrs. Selden, Halifax.

The Treasurer has received during the four quarters from June 30th, 1874, to June 30th, 1875, the sum of \$1,531.00. Of this

amount \$55.50 was contributed by children for the education of heathen children.

We regret very much that we have to report but two missionaries on our list at present—Miss Armstrong in the foreign field, most probably by this time mastering the difficulties of a new language in Cocanada, and Miss DeWolf, at home, whose health is not yet sufficiently recruited to warrant her returning to her work. She is doing good service, meanwhile, by visiting the Societies this summer, and aiding in the establishment of fresh ones in different localities, thus helping the cause as far as her strength permits.

We trust the coming year will be a brighter one for our Societies in many respects, by a knowledge that our field of labor is definitely settled, and by the promise of recruits to take the places of those, who, by marriage have transferred their services to the Foreign Mission Board. Meanwhile we desire to labour on, praying that the blessing of consecration to the Redeemer's cause, and needful wisdom, may be afforded to each one who takes a part in this great work, so that in some humble measure we may assist in bringing about the great consummation so earnestly looked forward to, when our Saviour's kingdom shall embrace the whole earth, and His will be done on earth as in heaven.

MARIA R. SELDEN,

Sec. & Treas. N. S. Central Board.

Halifax, August 11th 1875.

Report of the Central Board of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies of New Brunswick, to the Convention assembled at Hillsburg, N. S., August 21st, 1875.

We are happy to be able to report an increased interest in our mission work during the past year, which is shown in the addition of twelve new Societies, making in all thirty-five, encouraging us to increased efforts that the small seed may become as a great tree sending forth its branches into heathen lands, and whose leaves shall be for the healing of the nations.

While we record increased numbers we regret that we cannot report a similar increase in our funds, which may be attributed to the fact, that a number of the Societies have been newly organized and have not remitted to the Central Board, and also that last year we had four life-memberships, while this year we have had none.

The amount of funds received during the past year has been \$677.60, of which \$656.50 have been paid to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board. Next year we hope to be able to report a larger amount.

We rejoice that Miss DeWolf's health has enabled her to visit our Province this Summer, and that her tour has proved a success in awakening an increased interest in the work. During the month of July, she organized five societies at the following places: Point de Bute, North River, Penobscus, Hillsboro, and 1st Salisbury. Also, five mission bands, one at Hillsboro, of 70 members, and

another at Butternut Ridge. In addition to these she has addressed public meetings at Petitcodiac, North River, Penobsquis, Hilleboro, and Sussex, collections having been taken at each place for Foreign Missions.

While she may not be able to work in the foreign field, we are thankful that she can promote the interest in the same cause, in this part of the Master's vineyard.

We feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for the preservation of the lives of our missionaries in the foreign field. Since the marriage of Miss Eaton, we have now only Miss Armstrong, but we trust that other sisters are being prepared for the work, who shall be ready to take the places of those removed from the support of the Societies, and that as the increased expenses of our new mission call for a large amount of funds to support it increased efforts may be put forth by each one interested in the furtherance of Christ's kingdom on earth.

L. L. CUNNINGHAM,

Secretary Central Board of New Brunswick.

St. John, August 16th, 1875.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In presenting my report as your Treasurer, I regret that I have not an encouraging record to give, but considering the general depression of the business of the Provinces, and the somewhat uncertainty that for some time rested over our missionary operations, and the fact that no special effort has been made, we have much reason to thank God and take courage. In dealing with the first difficulty it is well to remember if we are desirous of the speedy return of true prosperity, it will not be accomplished by stinting the Lord's cause. "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." The second difficulty is already out of the way, as our missionaries are unitedly and joyfully working on their designated field of labour; and as a larger amount of means will doubtless this year be required to carry on the work successfully, a more systematic effort must be inaugurated.

The following is a brief review and summary of the total receipts and expenditures of the Board for the year just closed. The total receipts have been \$5,729.18. of which amount \$2,384.54 was contributed by the Women's Missionary Aid Societies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

The expenditure on general account has been \$7,001.09; this includes Rev. W. B. Boggs's outfit and travelling expenses to Siam. The expenses on the field of labour for the year ending April 1st, 1875, are as follows, viz:

Salaries, \$3,026.09. Medical expenses \$380.30. Various expenditures and expenses \$842.35, the following are the particulars:

	Rupees a. p.	Miss. appro.	Total.
Rev. W. F. Armstrong.....	1,760 0 0	226 5 1	\$902 85
Rev. Geo. Churchill.....	1,032 3 7	224 6 9	857 04
Miss Armstrong.....	880 0 0	112 5 0	450 90
Miss F. J. Eaton.....	595 1 9	50 0 0	293 19
Rev. R. Sanford.....	1,760 0 0	284 0 0	901 79
Passage to Bangkok, altering of house at Tavoy, &c.....		940 4 6	427 31
Expenses expedition of Revs R. Sanford and W. F. Armstrong.....		480 14 0	219 45
Do. Rev. G. Churchill.....			130 78
Trip Ma-wa-been.....		71 10 0	32 51
Exchange for Bankok.....		71 0 0	32 23

The amount now in hand is \$9,379 97, being \$821.87 less than last year. In addition to the amount in the Bank of New Brunswick, there is in the hands of the Rev. R. Sanford, after deducting salaries and all expenses up to April 1st 1875 \$2,607.81, and with the Rev. W. B. Boggs \$1,160.95, both sums amounting to \$3,768.73. This added to what is in the treasury amounts to \$13,148.70. You must bear in mind that the expenses from April 1st, removal to Cocanada, and salaries have to be deducted.

Account of the Treasurer of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Board of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, for the year ending August 21st, 1875:—

The Foreign Missionary Board of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH *T. F. Davies,*
Treasurer.

1874.		DR.	
Aug. 22.	To paid Rev. W. B. Boggs travelling expenses to Siam.....		\$ 600 00
"	" " " " on account of salary and outfit.....		308 69
Oct. 9.	" Rev. W. Armstrong, Premium on Insurance.....		45 50
"	" Rev. G. Churchill, ".....		54 90
"	" T. H. Harding, refunded by order.....		7 00
"	" Mrs. Alwood ".....		5 41
Nov. 4.	" Rev. W. B. Boggs, £150, 10½ per cent and stamps.....		735 23
"	" Rev. R. Sanford, 175, 10½ ".....		357 96
1875.			
Jan. 16.	" Rev. R. Sanford, 400, 9½ " ".....		1965 04
Mar. 18.	" Rev. W. B. Boggs, 100, 9½ " ".....		487 92
"	" Rev. R. Sanford, 100, 9½ " ".....		487 93
April 12.	" Remitted to Rev. W. S. McKenzie from Sydney, C. B. Church for support of Native Preachers under the superintendance of Rev. A. Crawley.....		100 00
"	" Rev. W. B. Boggs, for son.....		50 00
"	" Rev. R. Sanford, Premium on Insurance.....		67 30
June 9.	" Rev. G. Churchill, ".....		38 40
Aug. 4.	" Rev. R. Sanford, £100, 9½ per cent and stamps.....		487 98
"	" Rev. W. B. Boggs, for son.....		25 00
10.	" Rev. R. Sanford, subscription to College, and 2 years interest.....		112 00
10.	" Incidental expenses.....		289 45
10.	" On account of Women's Missionary Aid Society, Miss DeWolfe's salary to Sept. 13th, 1875.....		301 29
	Balance.....		9679 97
			\$16,381 06
1874.		CR.	
Aug. 10.	By balance on hand to credit of account.....		\$10,301 84
"	" Interest allowed by Bank to Dec. 31st, 1874.....		450 04
			\$10,651 88

1875.	Aug. 10.	By amount received from Nova Scotia.....	\$2,010 83	
"	"	" " " " " New Brunswick.....	1,213 52	
"	"	" " " " " Prince Edward Island.....	120 20	3,344 64

BY AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES.

1874.	Oct. 14.	Nova Scotia, per Mrs. Selden.....	\$422 25	
1875.	Jan. 26.	" " " " " ".....	267 33	
	April 13.	" " " " " ".....	508 50	
	July 10.	" " " " " ".....	332 92	1,531 00
1875.	Feb. 11.	Prince Edward Island, per Jas. Desbrisay.....	45 25	
	April 12.	" " " " " ".....	63 88	
	July 19.	" " " " " ".....	25 00	
	Aug. 10.	" " " " " ".....	62 91	197 04
1875.	April 12.	New Brunswick, per Mrs. Allwood.....	656 50	2384 54

\$16,381 06

1875.	Aug. 21.	By balance on hand in Bank of New Brunswick.....	\$9,379 97	
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We the undersigned have had submitted to us the foregoing account with the Vouchers, having examined the same, we find them correct. We have also had submitted to us the Treasurer's Bank Book, and find the balance on hand \$9,370.97 to the credit of the Board on the Bank of New Brunswick.

J. H. HARDING.
J. F. MASTERS.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

The Foreign Missionary Board IN ACCOUNT WITH *T. F. Davies,*
Treasurer.

1874.	Sept. 4.	To Books for Secretary.....	Dr.	\$ 4 00
"	"	" " Treasurer.....		2 07
"	"	" paid D. F. Higgins, Circulars, Stationery & Postage for Convention.....		4 20
"	"	" paid G. W. Day, Certificate for Convention.....		2 00
"	"	" paid Wm. Elder printing Circulars.....		0 75
"	"	" paid C. E. DeWolfe, Certificates for members attending Convention at Windsor.....		2 00
"	"	" Postage for F. M.....		0 12
Nov. 2	5.	" paid Roger Hunter for Letters, Receipt and Cheque Books.....		6 25
"	"	" Postage for F. M.....		0 18
1875.	Jan. 7.	" paid H. C. Creed, Fredericton Postage, Stationery.....		1 50
"	"	Preparing Year Book.....		
"	"	" paid Messrs. Barnes & Co., Year Book.....		139 60
"	"	" paid Rev. W. P. Everett, postage.....		4 57
April 12.	"	" " " " " ".....		4 73
June 9.	"	" Barnes & Co., Ledger.....		9 00
May 25.	"	" Telegram to Missionaries sent by Rev. W. P. Everett.....		53 00
"	"	" Discount on Draft.....		0 25
July 13.	"	" Postage.....		0 39
Aug. 7.	"	" " " " " ".....		1 06
"	10.	" Secretary, Postage and expenses.....		8 00
"	"	" Foreign Secretary.....		16 68

\$280 55

Women's Missionary Aid Societies, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

1874.	April 1.	To amount paid Miss Armstrong, salary, April 1st, 1874, to April 1st, 1875, by Rev. R. Sanford.....	Dr.	\$400 00
June	"	" paid appropriation for Teacher per Rev. Rufus Sanford's account.....		26 36
"	"	" amount paid Miss Eaton on account of salary per Rev. Rufus Sanford's account to April 1st 1875.....		372 78
"	"	" proportion of expenses of trip to Bangkok, alteration of house, books, &c., by Rev. R. Sanford, per account.....		229 36
Oct. 9.	"	" amount paid Miss DeWolfe, salary to Sept. 13th, 1875.....		201 29
		Balance.....		\$4,271 39

\$5,601 18

New Brunswick Eastern Association.

Churches.	How contributed.	Amount.
Buctouche.....	Con. by Miss McPhail to W. M. A. S..	\$1 00
Butternut Ridge.....	" to W. M. A. S. \$10.60 J. H. Fowler, S. Mullin, Mrs. Herritt, \$1 each.....	13 60
Caledonia.....	" of Church.....	9 00
Cambridge, 1st.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	4 00
Cambridge, 2nd.....	" W. M. A. Society.....	\$37.80
".....	" of Church.....	17.80
Cambridge Lower.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	39 81
Coverdale, 1st.....	" of Church.....	1 00
Dorchester.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	9 00
Elgin, 1st.....	" of Church.....	\$14.87
".....	Donation of Lewis Smith.....	0.25
Elgin, 2nd.....	Con. to Mapleton W. M. A. Society...	6 75
" 3rd.....	" of Church.....	6 45
Germantown.....	" ".....	39 62
Hammondvale.....	" of Church \$4.20, Mr. Herritt, \$1	5 20
Hampton.....	" of Church.....	6 05
Harvey, 1st.....	" of Church, \$25. Don., Mr. A. C. \$7. M. B. D., \$2.....	34 00
Hopewell.....	" from R. Tingley.....	\$10.00
".....	" Col. S. Clark.....	1.00
".....	" of Church.....	37.00
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	4.00
Jemseg.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	\$21.50
".....	" of Church.....	11.63
Johnston, 1st.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	4 00
Mill Cove.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	\$22.00
".....	" of Church.....	7.78
Moncton 2nd.....	" of Church.....	4 00
New Canaan.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	12 50
Norton.....	" of Church.....	20 02
Sackville, 1st.....	" ".....	\$5.80
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	45.00
Sackville, 2nd.....	" of Church.....	\$10.15
".....	S. S. Mission Band.....	26 00
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	16 00
Salisbury, 1st.....	Don. from Dea. M. D. Harris.....	2 00
Salisbury, 2nd.....	" Mr. Geo. W. Brown..	\$ 1.00
Salisbury, 3rd.....	Con. to W. M. A. Society.....	37.43
Shediac.....	" W. M. A. Society.....	3 40
Springfield, 1st.....	" of Church.....	4 00
".....	" ".....	\$11.86
St. Martins.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	12.83
Studholm.....	" at Quarterly Meeting.....	8 50
Sussex, Upper.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	14 50
Wickham, Lower.....	" of Church.....	8 80
Willow Grove.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	14 70
".....	" of Church.....	6 50
	Half of Miss. collection taken by Association at Hazelock.....	2 98
	Total from Eastern Association.....	\$631 33

New Brunswick Western Association.

Churches.	Contributions.	Amount.
Andover.....	Con. of Church.....	\$11 00
Blackville.....	Don. from Nathan Morehouse.....	1 00
Blissfield.....	Con. of Church.....	8 00
Centreville.....	" of Unknown member.....	10 00
Chipman.....	" of Church.....	8 78
Florenceville.....	Don. of T. H. E.....	5 00
Fredericton.....	Con. to W. M. A. Society.....	\$30.00
".....	Don. from Miss H. Magee.....	5 00
Gagetown.....	Con. of Church.....	2 62
Grand Falls.....	Amount of Collection.....	8 00
Jacksontown.....	Monthly Collections.....	20 00
Jacksonville.....	Con. of Church.....	8 88
Kingsclear, 2nd.....	".....	2 50
Macnaquack.....	" of Sab School.....	\$2.00
".....	Don. of Rev. J. H. Tupper.....	1 00
Maurerville.....	Con. of Church.....	0 80
Musquash.....	Don. of C. F. Clinch, Esq.....	100 00
Newcastle, G. L.....	" of Mrs. Chapman, to W. M. A. S.....	1 00
New Jerusalem.....	Con. of Church.....	2 00
New Salem.....	".....	0 50
Olivet.....	".....	0 50
Portland.....	Collections at Convention.....	\$78.78
".....	Con. to W. M. A. Society.....	68.61
Prince William.....	" of Church.....	1 50
Salmon Creek.....	".....	\$11.27
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	5 00
St. George, 1st.....	Don. from E. Seely.....	\$1.00
".....	" " Mr. Gilmour.....	1 00
St. John Chs. in general.....	Col. at Missionary Meeting.....	\$46.88
".....	" Union meeting.....	10.06
".....	" Annl. meet. of W. M. A. S.....	12.00
Brussels St., St. John.....	Collection.....	\$22.55
".....	Con. of Church.....	28.25
".....	" of Miss. Band of Cheerful Givers.....	50.00
".....	Don. of T. P. D.....	5 00
".....	Con. to W. M. A. Society.....	20.00
Carleton.....	".....	\$18.00
".....	" of Church.....	42.12
Germain St.....	Collection.....	37.67
".....	Con. to W. M. A. Society.....	80.00
Leinster St.....	Collection.....	\$21.48
".....	Walter Everitt's Bazaar.....	26.84
".....	Con. of Church & Sab. School.....	\$212.98
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	74.60
".....	Don. of Hon. Mr. Seely.....	25.00
Pitt St.....	" of W. Lewis, Esq.....	5 00
St. Stephen.....	Con. of Church.....	\$8.62
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	11.85
Woodstock.....	" of Church.....	8 12
		\$1,181 10
	Don. from Mrs. Moses of Indian Island.....	4 00
	Half of col. at Miss. Meeting during Associational Session, 1875....	7 55
	Total.....	\$1,142 65

Nova Scotia Central Association.

Churches.	How contributed.	Amount.
Aylesford, Upper	Con. of Church	\$26.00
"	" to W. M. A. Society	22.25
"	Don. from C. Graves	10.00
"	" " a Friend	1.00
Bridgewater	Con. from Church	\$ 2.15
"	" to W. M. A. S.	6.00
"	" (Lapland)	11.00
Cambridge	" from Church	\$5.00
"	" to W. M. A. Society	4.10
"	" from Coldbrook Knitting Circle	6.25
Canning	" from Church	\$23.50
"	" to W. M. A. Society	18.50
Chelsea	" from Church	\$ 2.00
"	" to W. M. A. Society	10.00
Chester	" from Church	\$29.22
"	" to W. M. A. Society	8.50
"	Don. from Rev. I. J. Skinner	5.00
Cornwallis, 1st	Con. of Church	\$24.28
"	" to W. M. A. Society	67.62
"	" to W. M. A. Society by Miss. Band of S. School	3.25
"	" from Port William S. School	16.00
"	Don. of E. R. Bishop	4.00
Cornwallis, 2nd	Con. from Church	\$36.06
"	" to W. M. A. Society	28.17
"	Don. from D. Lynds	1.00
Cornwallis, 3rd	" from James Caldwell	\$ 1.00
"	Con. from Church	11.77
"	" to W. M. A. Society	30.95
Cornwallis, 4th	" from Church	4.00
Cornwallis, 5th	Con. from Church	\$ 9.37
"	" to W. M. A. Society	16.00
Dartmouth	Don. to W. M. A. Society by Mrs. T. L. DeWolfe	1 00
Ellershouse	Con. of Church	3 00
Falmouth	" " " " \$ 5 00	
"	" to W. M. A. Society	18.50
Halifax, Granville St.	" " " "	188 60
" North Church	" " " "	\$48.75
" " "	" of S. S. " "	7.75
" " "	" of Church	30.00
" " "	Thank offering of a member for unanimity in adopting Telogoo field	100.00
Hammond's Plains, 1st	Con. of Church	8 00
Hantsport	" " " " \$ 5 40	
"	" to W. M. A. Society	81.00
"	Don. from Rev. R. R. Philp	1.00
"	" of Rev. Dr. Cramp	\$20.00
Horton, 1st	Con. of Church	66.48
"	" W. M. A. Society	38.25
"	" of S. School to do	56.00
Horton, 2nd	" of Church	43 00
Horton, 3rd	" " "	4 70
Indian Harbor	Quarterly con. of Church	\$29.50
"	Con. to W. M. A. Society	24.25
Jeddore	" of Church	2 00

NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—(Continued.)

Churches.	How contributed.	Amount.
Kempt.....	" of Church.....	\$ 7 75
".....	" W. M. A. Society.....	35 00
LaHave.....	Con. of Church.....	8 00
New Cornwall.....	" ".....	2 20
New Germany.....	" ".....	\$7 88
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	2 00
Newport.....	" of Church.....	31 20
Rawdon.....	" ".....	\$1 95
".....	Don. to W. M. A. Society.....	8 50
Sackville.....	Con. of Church.....	6 00
St. Margarets Bay, 1st.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	2 80
St. Margarets Bay, 2nd.....	" ".....	9 55
Walton.....	" ".....	4 00
Waterville.....	Don. from S. Pearson.....	2 00
Windsor.....	Con. from Church.....	\$109 21
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	79 40
		188 61
		422 60
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Don. from Rev. D. G. Shaw.....		20 00
" from unknown person to W. M. A. Society, per Mrs. T. DeWolf.		1 00
Total from Central Association.....		\$1,448 06

Nova Scotia Eastern Association.

Churches.	How contributed.	Amount.
Advocate Harbor.....	Con. from Church.....	\$ 4 00
Amherst.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	\$75 00
".....	Semi-Annual Church contribution.....	131 30
".....	Don. from Moses Low.....	3 00
Amherst Shore.....	Con. from Church.....	3 00
Antigonish.....	" ".....	25 80
Brookfield.....	" ".....	\$11 75
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	3 00
".....	Collection and Donations.....	5 34
Cape Canso.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	\$40 00
".....	" of Church.....	3 00
Cow Bay.....	" ".....	43 00
Diligent River.....	" ".....	4 04
Five Island & Lower Economy.....	" ".....	1 25
Glenville & River Phillip.....	Don. from Mrs. M. Donkin.....	3 00
Goose River.....	Con. of Church.....	\$3 00
Great Village.....	" ".....	13 43
".....	" from S. School Mission Band.....	\$42 50
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	13 88
Greenville.....	" from Church.....	22 76
Guysboro & Manchester.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	5 35
".....	" " New Canaan Branch.....	16 00
Hawkesbury.....	" of Church.....	5 05
Indian Harbor.....	Don. from Gideon Fleck.....	4 00
Little Glace Bay.....	Con. of Church.....	0 50
Little River and Oxford.....	" ".....	4 00
Londonderry, Upper.....	" ".....	3 90
Mabou.....	Don. from W. Frizale.....	11 80
Macan.....	Con. from Church.....	2 00
Mira Bay.....	" ".....	5 25
Mount Pleasant & Centreville.....	" ".....	1 00
New Annan.....	Don. from Miss E. Downing.....	5 00
North Sydney.....	Con. of Church.....	\$15 00
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	21 00
Osslow East.....	" of Church.....	36 00
		3 00

NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION—(Continued.)

Churches.	How contributed.	Amount.
Onslow West.....	Con. Church of.....	\$10 00
"	" to W. M. A. Society.....	15 75
Farrsboro.....	" of Church.....	8 00
Fortaupique.....	" ".....	24 19
Fugwash.....	" ".....	14 00
Elver Hebert.....	" ".....	18 80
2nd St. Mary's.....	" of Melrose W. M. A. Society.....	4 00
Stewiacke Lower.....	" of Church.....	5 58
Stewiacke, Upper.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	5 00
Sydney.....	" ".....	\$42 10
"	" of Church.....	7 00
"	" for support of Native Preacher.....	150 00
Truro.....	" of Church.....	\$140 09
"	" to W. M. A. Society.....	61 23
"	" of Miss. Band to W. M. A. S.....	20 00
"	Don. to Rev. W. B. Boggs.....	5 00
Wallace.....	Con. of Church.....	7 53
Wentworth.....	" ".....	7 00
Westchester.....	" ".....	1 00
Arichat.....	Don. from Mr. John Bew.....	6 00
"	" Mrs. M. Chandler.....	1 00
Riversdale.....	" Master Thos. Boggs.....	8 00
Total.....		\$1,078 07

Nova Scotia Western Association.

Churches.	How contributed.	Amount.
Aoadla French Mission.....	Con. of Church.....	\$2 00
Annapolis and Upper Granville..	" ".....	\$33 08
"	" to W. M. A. Society.....	15 35
"	Donation from Mrs. A. M. Gidney.....	2 00
Argyle.....	Con. of Church.....	2 25
Lower Aylesford & South Wilmot.	" ".....	\$13 65
"	" to W. M. A. Society.....	30 00
"	Don. from Enoch Chute for n. preacher.....	50 00
"	" from a friend.....	1 00
Barrington.....	Con. to W. M. A. Society.....	6 65
Beaver River.....	" of Church.....	7 50
Brookfield.....	" ".....	\$16 47
"	" to W. M. A. Society.....	16 00
Clements.....	" ".....	6 30
"	" of Church.....	7 00
Digby.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	2 50
1st. Digby Neck.....	" " (Waterford).....	\$18 50
"	" of Church.....	5 00
2nd. Digby Neck.....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	8 46
Freeport.....	" of Church.....	\$16 09
"	Don. from G. N. Tibert.....	2 00
Lower Granville.....	Con. of Church.....	18 00
Greenfield.....	" ".....	13 18
Hampton.....	" ".....	1 48
Hebron.....	" ".....	8 15
"	" to W. M. A. Society.....	\$68 00
"	" ".....	21 50
"	Don. from W. R. Doty.....	5 00
1st. Hillsburg.....	Con. of Church.....	10 00
2nd. Hillsburg.....	" ".....	6 00
Kempt.....	" ".....	\$5 00
"	" to W. M. A. Society.....	6 00
Lake George.....	" of Church.....	4 00
"	Don. of Mrs. E. Killam.....	2 00
Lawrencetown.....	Con. of Church.....	3 75
"	" to W. M. A. Society.....	5 00
Liverpool.....	" ".....	5 00
"	" of Church.....	20 00
"	Don. from G. S. Parker.....	25 00
Lockeport.....	Con. to W. M. A. Society.....	50 00
Middlefield.....	" of Church.....	20 00
Mill Village.....	" ".....	2 00
Milton, Queen's Co.....	" ".....	5 00
"	" ".....	\$37 00
"	" to W. M. A. Society.....	57 00

NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN ASSOCIATION—(Continued.)

Churches.	How contributed.	Amount.
Milton, Yarmouth Co.	Con. of Church	3 20
	Don. from Mrs. Joseph Shaw	20 00
New Albany	Con. of Church	12 20
New Tusket	Don. of J. P. Nowlan	2 00
Nictaux	Con. by various branches of W. M. A. S.	\$105 25
	" of Church	13 50
Ohio	" " " "	7 00
	" of Sewing Circle	12 00
	" to W. M. A. Society	8 40
Pine Grove	" " " "	25 00
	" from Church	8 00
Port Medway	" " " "	1 00
1st Ragged Island	" to W. M. A. Society	21 57
Sable River	" " " "	4 10
Siasiboo	" " " "	\$10 00
St. Mary's Bay	" from the Church	6 00
	Don. from Miss L. Smith	10 00
	" " J. M. Smith	2 00
	" " A. Potter	1 00
Tiverton	Con. from Church	2 00
Tusket	" " " "	2 75
Tusket Lakes	" " " "	1 00
Westport	" " " "	\$20 58
Wilmot	" to W. M. A. Society	36 75
	Don. from A. T., L. L., and H. H. Morse for native preachers	\$100 00
	Con. to W. M. A. Society	81 00
	" from church	65 00
Wilmot Mountain	" " " "	196 00
Wilmot, Upper	" " " "	10 24
Yarmouth 1st	" " " "	8 50
	" to W. M. A. Society	\$ 40 27
	" from Sabbath School	41 09
Yarmouth 3rd	Con. to W. M. A. Society	100 00
	" of church	85 25
Yarmouth South	Don. from Deacon Scott	8 00
Yarmouth Temple	Con. W. M. A. Society	\$53 06
	" of Church	36 50
	" from S. School Mission Band	54 00
Yarmouth West	" from Church	143 50
	" " " "	2 00
	Total	\$1549 57
The following donations were received from unknown friends in Nova Scotia:		
	T. W., Oct. 14th, 1874	2 90
	A. B.	9 40
	E. H., July 14th, 1875	1 50
	Total	\$13 50
UNITED STATES.		
	Don. from Rev. E. C. Cady of Iowa, Oct. 9, 1874.	10 00

Prince Edward Island Association.

Churches.	How contributed.	Amount.
Bedeque.....	Con. to W. M. A. Society.....	\$50 00
Cavendish.....	" " ".....	44 91
Charlottetown.....	" " ".....	42 00
East Point.....	" " ".....	\$26 00
".....	Collection at Missionary meeting.....	50 00
North River.....	Con. of Church.....	87 85
".....	" to W. M. A. Society.....	11 25
Summerside.....	" " ".....	12 00
Tryon.....	" " ".....	10 00
		\$284 61
	LEGACIES.	
	Late J. R. Gardiner, of P. E. I.....	32 44
	Total.....	\$317 05

SUMMARY.

NOVA SCOTIA.		
Contribution from Central Association.....	\$1,443 06	
" " Eastern ".....	1,078 07	
" " Western ".....	1,549 57	
" " Unknown parties.....	13 50	
		\$4,084 20
NEW BRUNSWICK.		
Contribution from Eastern Association.....	\$ 631 33	
" " Western ".....	1,142 66	
		1,773
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.		
Contribution from Church.....	\$284 61	
Legacy of late Mr. Gardner.....	32 44	
		317 05
UNITED STATES.		
Donation from Rev. E. C. Cady.....	\$10 00	
		10 00
		6,185 23

THE ASSOCIATIONS.

THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN ASSOCIATION

held its Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting at Tremont, Aylesford, King's Country, June 19th, 21st, and 22nd, 1875. There were present
Delegates from 37 churches (including 26 ordained ministers)..... 95
Invited brethren (including 7 ordained ministers)..... 12

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OFFICERS for 1875-6.

Moderator,—Rev. W. G. Parker.
Secretary,—Rev. G. O. Gates.
Assistant Secretary,—Rev. A. Cohoon.
Treasurer,—A. T. Baker.
Assistant Treasurer,—G. Tufts.
Auditor,—Leason Baker.

ASSOCIATION SERMON by Rev. W. H. Richan. Text: John xv. 16.
"I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." Subject: "Christian Fruitfulness."

CIRCULAR LETTER by Rev. J. A. Durkee. Subject: "The Diaconate."

REPORTS of Committees on Sabbath Observance, Religious Literature, Sabbath Schools, Missions, Education, Temperance, and Obituaries, were received and adopted.

The Board managing the Infirm Ministers' Fund reported receipts from churches \$115.25, from invested funds \$36.73; total \$151.98. Expenditures \$151.98. Amount invested \$1,007.15.

The Board appointed to manage the Infirm Ministers' Fund for 1875-6 are:

Rev. J. A. Stubbert,	Rev. J. Rowe,
" G. E. Day, M. D.,	" W. H. Warren,
" P. Gallaher,	" R. D. Burgess,
Bro. J. C. Anderson,	Bro. W. R. Doty.

The location of the Board is at Yarmouth.
One church was admitted to the Association.

The Treasurer's report shewed the amount paid into Association for Missionary, Educational, and Benevolent objects to be \$1,638.60.

Rev. J. Clark was appointed to preach the next Association Sermon, and Rev. A. Cohoon his alternate.

Adjourned to meet with the Temple Baptist Church, Yarmouth, on the third Saturday in June, 1876, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THE NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

held its Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting with the Granville Street Baptist Church, Halifax, June 26th, 28th and 29th, 1875. There were present Delegates from 39 churches (including 28 ordained ministers)..... 83
Delegates from other Associations (all ordained ministers)..... 4
Invited brethren, (including 9 ordained ministers)..... 22

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OFFICERS for 1875-6.

Moderator,—Rev. S. W. deBlois.
Secretary,—B. H. Eaton.
Assistant Secretary,—A. J. Stevens.
Treasurer,—R. N. Beckwith.
Assistant Treasurer,—R. W. Clark.
Auditor,—J. W. Barss.

ASSOCIATION SERMON by Rev. S. W. deBlois. Text: Psalm lxxx. 17.
"The Son of Man, whom Thou madest strong for Thyself."

CIRCULAR LETTER, by Rev. George Wethers. Subject: "Striving together for the faith."

REPORTS of Committees on Benevolent Funds, Sabbath Observance, Missions, Questions in Letters, Obituaries, Education, and Sabbath Schools were received and adopted.

The following resolution in review of the past twenty-five years was adopted:—

Seeing it is now twenty-five years since this Association was formed by a division of the one Nova Scotia Baptist Association, in 1850, after a quarter of a century of blessing experienced by the churches of which it is composed, it becomes us at this time to call to mind the abundant favors bestowed upon the churches of this Association during that period, and the loud call they make upon us for devout gratitude to Almighty God. On our part deep humility should be felt that we have not done our work more efficiently in the vineyard of our Lord and Master. Here would we erect our Ebenezer and say, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Amid all the changes of life and ravages of death not only have there been continued accessions to our numbers, to fill the places of the departed, but a growth has been secured so that during those years our numbers have been doubled. In entering on the fourth quarter of a century as Associated Baptists in this Province, we would cherish the hope that a much larger ingathering of souls will be seen in the coming twenty-five years than has been witnessed in either of the preceding quarters of the century.

The Infirm Ministers' Board reported that the amount expended for the year was \$155, and the balance in the Treasury \$915.67. The following were appointed as the Board for 1875-6, with its location at Wolfville:—

Rev. S. W. deBlois,	Prof. D. F. Higgins,
Rev. S. B. Kempton,	Rev. E. O. Read,
Dea. J. W. Barss,	Bro. Jas. S. Morse.

One church was received into the Association.

The Treasurer reported the amount paid into the Association for Missionary, Educational and Benevolent objects to be \$1,192.45.

Rev. J. W. Manning was appointed to preach the next Association Sermon, and Rev. James Bancroft to be his alternate.

Adjourned to meet with the Hantsport Church on the Saturday following the 20th June, 1876.

THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION

held its Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting with the Baptist Church at Great Village, Colchester County, on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, —July 10th, 12th, and 13th, 1875. There were present

Delegates from 28 churches. (including 12 ordained ministers).....	71
Delegates from Associations, (including 3 ordained ministers).....	4
Invited brethren.....	16
	91

OFFICERS for 1875-6.

Moderator,—Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Secretary,—Bro. I. C. Archibald.

Assistant Secretary,—Rev. J. J. Armstrong.

Treasurer,—Bro. A. Fountain.

Assistant Treasurer,—Bro. L. J. Walker.

ASSOCIATION SERMON by Rev. James Meadows. Text Psalm lxii. 5.
"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him."

CIRCULAR LETTER—(None.)

REPORTS on Education, Sabbath Schools, Obituaries, Home and Foreign Missions, and Denominational Literature, were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported the amount paid into his hands for Educational, Missionary, and Benevolent purposes to be \$874.21.

The Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Fund reported the receipts for the year to be \$186.48, and the expenditures \$181.50. Balance in hands of Treasurer \$167.42. The Board of Infirm Ministers for this year consists of

Rev. G. F. Miles,

Bro. Moses Lowe,

Bro. Wm. Faulkner,

Rev. D. A. Steele,

Bro. Amos Blenkhorne,

Bro. Benjamin Douglas, *Treasurer*.

On the subject of Education the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association regards the present distribution of Provincial money to the different Colleges in Nova Scotia as unfair, inequitable, and disproportionate.

And further Resolved, That they recommend the people composing the community in which these churches are located, to present at the next session of our Legislature, to the Legislative Council and House of Assembly respectively, petitions, as largely signed as possible, for such a readjustment of the present distribution of Provincial money to the Colleges of our province as may be fair, just, and proportionate to all the denominations concerned.

[Resolutions of a similar purport were adopted by the Western and Central Associations, and also by the Convention.]

Rev. J. E. Goucher was appointed to preach the next Annual Sermon, and Rev. S. March to be his alternate.

Rev. M. P. Freemam was appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

Adjourned to meet with the church at River Hebert on the second Saturday in July, 1876, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION

held its Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting at Centreville, Carleton County, on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th June, 1875. There were present Delegates from 35 churches, (including 22 ordained ministers,).... 55
 Invited brethren (including 1 ordained minister)..... 2

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OFFICERS for 1875-6.

Moderator,—Rev. George Seely.
Secretary,—Rev. W. P. Everett.
Assistant Secretary,—Rev. J. D. Pope.
Treasurer,—J. E. Masters.
Assistant Treasurer,—Rev. G. M. W. Carey.

ASSOCIATION SERMON by Rev. J. D. Pope. Text: 1 Timothy i. 11.
 "The glorious gospel of the blessed God."

CIRCULAR LETTER by Rev. W. P. Everett. Subject: "Amusements."

REPORTS on Foreign and Home Missions, Education, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Religious Literature, and Obituaries, were received and adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions endorsed the action of the Home Mission Board at its then last meeting relative to the non-advisability of union with the Nova Scotia Board in Home Mission work.

The Treasurer reported the amount paid into Association for Missionary, Educational and Benevolent objects to be \$165 73.

Thirty-three Churches reported the amount raised by them during the year for Missionary, Educational, Sabbath School and Church purposes to be \$24,090.59.

Rev. J. G. Harvey was appointed to preach the next Association Sermon, and Rev. T. M. Munro his alternate.

Adjourned to meet with the Germain Street Baptist Church, Saint John, on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1876.

THE EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION

held its Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting with the Baptist Church at Butternut Ridge, King's County, on the 13th, 14th, and 15th July, 1875. There were present

Delegates from 39 churches, (including 20 ordained ministers)....101
 Delegates from Western Association, (both ordained ministers).... 2
 Invited brethren (including 3 ordained ministers)..... 6

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OFFICERS for 1875-6.

Moderator,—Rev. G. F. Miles.
Clerk,—S. W. Keirstead.
Assistant Clerk,—Rev. E. C. Corey.
Treasurer,—N. B. Cottle.
Assistant Treasurer,—A. McDonald.

ASSOCIATION SERMON by Rev. T. A. Blackadar. Text: Ephesians ii. 10. "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

CIRCULAR LETTER.—None.

REPORTS on Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, and Religious Literature, were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported the amount paid into Association for Missionary, Educational and Benevolent purposes to be \$708.09.

Forty-four churches reported by letter the amount raised by them during the year for Missionary, Educational, Sabbath School and Church purposes to be \$7,810.76.

Adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Hillsboro', on the second Tuesday in July, 1876, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ASSOCIATION

held its Eighth Annual Meeting at North River, on the 17th, 19th and 20th of July, 1875. There were present

Delegates from 14 churches (including 5 ordained ministers).....	55
Delegates from Associations, (all ordained ministers).....	5
Invited brethren, (including 1 ordained minister).....	7

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OFFICERS for 1875-6.

Moderator,—Rev. D. McDonald.

Clerk,—Bro. Jacob G. Schurman.

Assistant Clerk,—Bro. D. H. Simpson.

Treasurer,—Bro. James DesBrisay.

Treasurer, pro tem,—Bro. D. Archibald.

ASSOCIATION SERMON by Rev. W. B. Haynes. Text: Exodus xv. 11, "Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

CIRCULAR LETTER. by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw. Subject: "A higher tone of spiritual life the necessity of the churches."

REPORTS on Education, Denominational Literature, Systematic Beneficence, Home and Foreign Missions, Temperance, and Sabbath Schools were submitted and adopted.

The Treasurer *pro tem*, reported the sum of \$285.54, paid to him on account of Missions, Education and Infirmary Ministers' Fund, and the Treasurer reported an additional sum paid to him during the year for the same purposes of \$1,022.25, making a total of \$1,307.79.

The Infirmary Ministers' Board of last year was reappointed. The amount for the year amounted to \$135.75.

The Revs W. H. Warren and W. B. Haynes were appointed a committee to prepare a history of the Baptists of Prince Edward Island.

A Sabbath School Convention was appointed to meet at Tryon, on the last Wednesday in December, 1875.

Rev. A. Chipman was appointed to preach the next Association Sermon, and Rev. J. I. DeWolfe his alternate.

Rev. J. Murray was appointed to prepare the next Circular Letter.

Adjourned to meet with the Church of Brudenell, at Montague Bridge, on the third Saturday in July, 1876.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is very much to be regretted that hitherto no satisfactory method has been adopted by which complete and accurate statistics of the number and condition of the Baptist Sunday Schools in the Maritime Provinces can be obtained. During the present year, however, steps will be taken to gather up the information required. Sunday School Conventions exist in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, but the former are merely local, the largest covering the counties included in the Central Association, which held its annual meeting at Hantsport, on September 15th, but no particulars of its operations have come to hand. The Counties of Cumberland and Colchester united their conventions at a meeting held at Amherst, on September 29th. The gathering though small was of a very interesting character, and a deeper interest in the great work of saving the young was engendered by the earnest addresses presented. The President of this Convention is the Rev. M. P. Freeman, and its Secretary, A. Judson Walker, Esq., of Truro. The meetings of Convention are held semi-annually on the day preceeding the Ministerial Conference. The meeting in March, 1876, will be at Truro.

The third annual meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Sabbath School Convention was held at Moncton, on October 12th, 1875, Rev. J. D. Pope, of St. John, in the chair. The following were appointed officers for the year :

President,—Rev. Thos. Todd.

Vice-Presidents,—Rev. E. Hickson, Rev. W. A. Corey.

Secretary,—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Corresponding Secretary.—John March.

Treasurer,—T. P. Davies.

Executive Commission,—Rev. D. McClellan, Rev. W. P. Everett, Rev. J. M. Curry, Rev. F. Beattie, Rev. T. M. Munro.

Papers were read and discussions had upon the following subjects :—

“Statistical printed Reports.”

“The True Object of the Sunday School and How to attain it,” by Rev. D. McClellan.

“Sunday School Lessons, and How to teach them,” by Brother J. W. Bars.

“Continuance of Sunday Schools during the Winter,” by Rev. W. P. Everett.

“Early Conversion of Children,” by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

“Sabbath School work in New Brunswick,” by Rev. T. Todd.

“Use and Abuse of the Sabbath School Library,” by Rev. F. Beattie.

“Woman's Work as a Sunday School Teacher,” by Rev. J. D. Pope.

The following addresses were also delivered: To Parents, by Rev. D. McClellan; to Children, by Rev. J. F. Kempton; to Teachers, by Rev. W. P. Everett.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

In view of the fact that the efforts of the summer sessions in our Sunday Schools are greatly neutralized by the cessation of work during winter; in view also of the uncertainty of the lives of the children equally in winter as in summer; and further, considering that there are schools even in thinly populated districts which, through many years of happy experience, have proved the great benefit of continuing their work through winter to the scholars generally, but specially to the young men who through severe labour do not so regularly meet during summer;

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that the churches which close their schools during winter be strongly urged to retrace their steps in this matter, and open them during the coming winter.

The time and place of the next meeting are to be announced through the denominational press.

The following imperfect figures are taken from the Minutes of the Associations:

	Schools Reported.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Vols. in Library.
N. B. Western.....	29	2,304	245	6,720
N. B. Eastern.....	52	2,530	234	3,490
P. E. Island.....	10	794	64	860
N. S. Eastern, (about).....	36	1,500	194	.....
N. S. Central, (1874) “.....	60	9,000	450	.....
N. S. Western, (1873) “.....	67	4,722	522	.....
Totals.....	254	20,850	1,708	10,960

PERIODICALS.

1.—The *Christian Messenger*, a weekly newspaper, established in 1837, is published every Wednesday, at 69 and 71 Granville Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia:—Stephen Selden, Editor and Proprietor.

Price \$2.50 or 2.00 a year when paid in advance.

2.—The *Christian Visitor*, a weekly newspaper, established in 1846, is published every Wednesday, at 58 and 60 Prince William Street, Saint John, N. B.:—Rev. Ingram E. Bill, Editor and Proprietor.

Price \$2.00 a year, paid in advance.

BAPTIST STATISTICS.

EUROPE.

COUNTRY.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	MEMBERS.	SABBATH SCHOLARS.
England	1,938	1,411	185,760	286,671
Wales	543	394	59,885	58,431
Scotland	97	85	7,903	5,514
Ireland	35	26	1,450	1,308
France	26	19	878	
Spain	6	6	244	
Switzerland	9	8	390	
Italy	16	14	506	
Greece	1	1	.....
Holland	12	9	339	650
Germany	103	90	20,335	5,754
Denmark	17	15	1,869	300
Sweden	222	.....	9,678	10,533
Norway	14	14	.....
Finland	3	3	65	
Russia	6	4	1,480	
Poland	3	3	1,510	
Turkey	1	1	110	

ASIA.

Assam	4	16	676	
Burmah	372	80	19,206	
China	14	8	662	
Bengal	52	32	1767	
Northern India	13	17	514	
Southern India	2	3	.....
Orissa	16	12	847	
Telooqoo District	3	4	1,396	
Bombay	2	1	.....
Ceylon	4	5	655	
Japan	1	8	8	
Palestine	1	.....	.....

AFRICA.

Western	24	21	1,316	
Southern	23	6	437	
St. Helena	1	1	200	

AMERICA.

Dominion of Canada	649	423	40,849	
United States*	20,520	12,598	1,633,939	
Mexico	8	3	151	
West Indies	181	59	29,045	

AUSTRALASIA.

New South Wales	23	11	824	
Queensland	6	6	474	
South Australia	45	24	2,913	
Victoria	50	37	2,809	
New Zealand	16	13	941	
Tasmania	3	1	.....

* 1874.

NOTE.

Pages 5-11, although forming no portion of the Convention Minutes, and consequently not furnished by the Secretaries for insertion in this place, are given by order of the Publishing Committee. The record of the Official Minutes of the Special Convention appears in its proper place as a portion of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board.

J. MARCH.

ERRATA.

Page 3,	2nd line from bottom,	for "annual,"	read "annually."
" 4,	6th "	top, for "10th,"	read "19th."
" "	8th "	" before "addition,"	insert "in."
" 18,	15th "	bottom, for "John Calhoun,"	read "John R. Calhoun."
" 21,	10th "	" for "Rev. J. M. Cramp,"	read "Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D."
" 22,	23rd "	top, for "ask,"	read "asked."
" 29,	3rd "	" after "Gaspereaux,"	insert "N. S."
" "	34th "	" for "porsued,"	read "pursued."
" 30,	25th "	" for "bretheren,"	read "brethren."
" 36,	3rd "	" for "mounful,"	read "mournful."

