

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
Eastern Baptist Association,
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD AT PUGWASH,
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, July 4th, 6th & 7th, 1868.
TOGETHER WITH
THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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CONSTITUTION
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EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those churches, together with Delegates from corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association, and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council, none but Delegates being entitled to vote, and such only as represent churches being eligible to office.

ART. 2nd.—Each church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over the Churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any Church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk, who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the monies contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preced-

ing, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship.—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending any Letter, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of the Moderator shall be made by ballot. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession.

3rd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

4th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

5th.—When any church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last before the final adjournment.

7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered by the Association.

8th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

9th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

10th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

11th.—These rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of each annual session of the Association.

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MINUTES.

PUGWASH, Saturday, July 4th, 1868.

According to appointment the Association convened at 10 o'clock, A. M., and spent two hours in devotional exercises, while the clerk prepared from the letters the following list of

DELEGATES.

Advocate Harbor.—Rev. D. McKeen.

Alexandra, P. E. I.—Rev. E. N. Archibald, Deacon Thomas Wood.

Amherst.—Revs. D. A. Steele, and G. F. Miles, Deacons A. S. Blenkhorn, J. M. Layton, and Brother Daniel Freeman.

Amherst Shore.—Deacon Charles D. Rockwell, and Bro. Gideon P. Read.

Antigonish.—Rev. B. Scott, and Bro. T. M. King.

Bedeque, P. E. I.—Deacon Solomon Schurman.

Brookfield.—Deacon Jacob Stevens.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

Coddle Harbor.—Deacons William Sponagle, and John Fanning.

East Point, P. E. I.—Rev. John Shaw.

Five Islands and Lower Economy.—Rev. S. Thompson, Deacon Josiah Soley, Brethren J. D. McCart, and Hibbert Corbet.

Glenville and River Philip.—Deacons Wm. McKinlay, and Joseph Dimock.

Goose River.—Bro. W. F. Armstrong, (Licentiate), Deacons Hance B. Hunter, and George B. Hunter, and Bro. William Hunter.

Goshen.—Theodore Nichols.

Great Village.—Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Deacon James Gourley, and Brethren T. B. Layton, H. C. Upham, and Donald McKay.

Greenville.—Deacon Harris Webb, Bro. John Hunter.

Guysboro and Manchester.—Rev. J. Murray.

Hawkesbury, C. B.—Rev. J. W. Manning.

Lower Stewiacke.—Rev. A. Chipman, Brethren James W. Stevens, and Benjamin Woodworth.

Maccan.—Brother John R. Stnbbert, (Licentiate), and Brother Hance Mills.

Margaree, C. B.—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

North River, P. E. I.—Rev. E. N. Archibald, and Bro. Henry Warren.

North Sydney, C. B.—Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr.

Onslow West.—Rev. S. Thompson, Brethren Daniel Blair, Turner Blair, John Dickson.

Onslow East.—Rev. B. Scott, Brethren John King, and N. M. King.

Parrsboro Village.—Rev. D. McKeen, and Bro. M. Hunter.

Pictou.—Deacon R. J. Griffith.

Portaupique.—Deacons George Davison, and Jehiel Carr, Brethren James Morrison, Robert C. Fulton, and Archibald Davison.

Pugwash.—Deacon Wm. Seaman, Brethren A. McKenzie, G. Thistle, and Hance Hollis.

St. Peters Road, P. E. I.—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

Sydney, C. B.—Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Three Rivers, P. E. I.—Rev. John Shaw.

Truro.—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Brethren Wm. Faulkner, Wm. Cummings, and David Nelson.

Tryon, P. E. I.—Deacon Bynon.

Uigg, P. E. I.—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

Upper Londonderry.—Rev. S. Thompson, Brethren Charles McCully, James Morrison, Wm. McCully, 4th, Edward Higgins, and Robert Higgins.

Upper Stewiacke.—Revs. A. Chipman, and O. Chute, Deacons Charles L. Cox, and Wm. Bentley.

Wallace.—Deacon John Crawford, Brethren Joseph M. Fisher and David S. Higgins.

Wentworth.—Deacons James Higgins and Wm. Smith, Brethren James Higgins, and James Gowe.

Westbrook.—Rev. David McKeen, Deacon E. Taylor, Brethren Gaius Lewis, and Nathan Taylor.

FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Central.—Bro. S. Selden, Revs. Dr. Cramp, T. A. Higgins, John Chase, W. George.

Western.—Revs. W. H. Porter, J. H. Saunders, M. Normonday, W. G. Parker, J. M. Parker.

INVITED.

Brethren H. Morrow, Prof. D. F. Higgins, E. C. Spinney, H. E. Munro, Rupert Johnson, Dr. Clay, J. Gilroy, J. Slade, J. A. Black, Rev. Corey, Bro. Geo. F. Miles, Rev. F. Kidston, Brethren Newcomb, Simmons, Freeze Black, Deacon S. Taylor, Bro. Dimock Archibald.

OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Association were then chosen as follows:

Moderator.—Rev. Geo. F. Miles.

Clerk.—Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Assistant Clerk.—Bro. Wm. F. Armstrong.

Treasurer.—Bro. H. C. Upham.

Assistant Treasurer.—Bro. T. B. Layton.

The rules of order were read by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp. The Committee of Nomination and Arrangements was chosen, consisting of the following brethren:—Revs. T. A. Blackadar, D. W. C. Dimock, W. George Brethren A. McKenzie, W. Cummings, W. Faulkner, Joseph Dimock.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

Saturday afternoon, July 4th.

Prayer by Rev. A. Chipman. Minutes of last meeting read, amended, and approved.

Resolved, That the whole question before us respecting the Onslow Church be referred to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangements presented their Report which was adopted.

COMMITTEES.

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revs. Dr. Cramp, O. Chute, A. Chipman, T. H. Porter, Jr.

MISSIONS.—Revs. J. F. Kempton, and M. Normondy Brethren, Wm. Faulkner, J. W. Stevens, W. H. Seaman, Joseph Dimock, James Gourley, James Layton, W. Cummings, T. B. Layton.

EDUCATION.—Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. D. A. Steele, Brethren C. L. Cox, H. C. Upham, A. S. Blenkhorn.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS AND SPECIAL BUSINESS.—Revs. J. Murray, John Shaw, W. H. Porter, J. H. Saunders, T. A. Higgins, O. Chute, Brethren J. W. Stevens, W. H. Seaman, A. S. Blenkhorn.

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.—Revs. D. W. C. Dimock, T. A. Blackadar, Brethren Alex. McKenzie, J. Stubbart, and W. F. Armstrong.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Revs. T. H. Porter, Jr., S. Thompson, Brethren H. Morrow, W. McCully.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Bro S. Selden, Revs. J. Murray, W. H. Porter, A. Chipman, W. George, J. H. Saunders, M. Normondy, Brethren H. E. Munro, and E. C. Spinney.

That there be paayer meeting each morning during the session at 6 o'clock A. M.

That the morning sessions commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., and close at 12½. Afternoon sessions commence at 2½ P. M., and close at 5½ o'clock.

That the subject of Education be taken at the commencement of the afternoon session on Monday, and that Monday evening be devoted to the subject of Home Missions. That

the meeting of the Sabbath School Convention be held on Tuesday forenoon immediately after the Sermon.

That the sermon on Tuesday morning be preached at 10 o'clock, by Rev. D. McKeen.

That the Lord's Day services be as follows:—

Pugwash,—Baptist Meeting House, at 11 A. M., Rev. W. H. Porter; 3 P. M., Rev. D. A. Steele; 7½ P. M., Rev. J. Shaw.

Wesleyan Meeting House, at 11 A. M., Rev. Dr. Cramp; 3 P. M., Rev. J. Chase; 7½ P. M., Rev. T. A. Higgins.

Wallace,—At 11 A. M., Rev. J. F. Kempton; 3½ P. M., Bro. E. C. Spinney.

Wentworth,—1½ A. M., Bro. W. F. Armstrong.

Goose shore,—11 A. M., Bro. J. Stubbart.

Goose River,—11 A. M., Rev. J. Murray; 3 P. M., Rev. A. Chipman.

Lakeville,—11 A. M., Rev. B. Scott.

Pugwash River,—3 P. M., Rev. O. Chute.

Revs. Dr. Cramp, T. H. Porter, Jr., D. W. C. Dimock, and Bro. S. Selden were appointed a Committee to Examine and Read the Letters.

The Letters from the churches were then read,

Resolved, That all ministers belonging to this Association who may attend Corresponding Associations shall be delegates.

Resolved, That Bro. Selden be requested to publish 1250 copies of the Minutes, at the same rate as hitherto, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association.

Resolved, That the following brethren be appointed Delegates to the Convention,—Wm. Faulkner, H. C. Upham, J. M. Layton, Alex. McKenzie, and Hance Mills.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Services on Lord's day as above arranged.

Monday, Morning, July 6th,

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr., from Psalm cxxxvii. 5, 6. Prayer by Rev. W. George.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Several letters not received on Saturday were now read.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be read to the Association. In the absence of the writer it was read by Rev. Dr. Cramp.

Resolved, That the Circular Letter be printed with the Minutes; and that the Editor of the *Messenger* be requested to give the same a place in his columns.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare extracts from the Letters of the Churches, to be published in the *Messenger*; and also together with the Minutes, and that the clerk be said Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. Clay.

Monday Afternoon, July 6th.

Prayer by Bro. H. Munro. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That Bro. Porter be requested to furnish the substance of his discourse for publication in the *Messenger*.

Resolved, That blanks for letters be again supplied to the churches and that the expenses be met in the usual way.

The Report on Education (Appendix A) was presented by Prof. D. F. Higgins the chairman of the Committee.—After remarks by Rev. Dr. Cramp, Bro. W. Faulkner, H. C. Upham, Revs. E. N. Archibald, D. A. Steele, Bro. W. F. Armstrong, Rev. W. George, Bro. J. King, Revs. G. F. Miles, and J. W. Manning, the Report was adopted.

The Committee on Questions in Letters (Appendix B) reported.

Resolved, That the Report be taken up clause by clause. Clause 1st adopted. Clause 2nd recommitted. Clause 3rd adopted. Clause 4th laid on the table.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Cramp, Bro. S. Selden, Revs. W. H. Porter, and J. Murray, be a Committee to prepare an address, signed by the Moderator and Clerk, to be presented to the Prince Edward Island Association on the occasion of its formation.

Resolved, That Bro. Normondy have an opportunity to present the claims of the French Mission.

Closed with prayer by Rev. W. H. Porter.

Monday Evening, July 6th.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That this Association do now adjourn to allow the Home Missionary Society to hold its Annual meeting.

After the meeting of the Society the Association resumed.

Resolved, That the sermon be omitted to-morrow forenoon to make way for Bro. Normondy to present the claims of the French Mission.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. Normondy.

Tuesday Morning, July 7th.

Prayer by Rev. J. Chase. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Committee on Missions (Appendix C) reported. After remarks by Revs. M. Normondy, O. Chute, W. G. Parker, W. H. Porter, A. Chipman, and Bro. Wm. Faulkner, the report was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the Home Missionary Board to send Bro. Chute on a tour for ——— weeks through the French Mission field.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted.—Remarks were made by Revs. T. H. Porter, Jr., W. H. Porter, W. George, and D. A. Steele, and Brethren W. Cummings, W. Faulkner, S. Selden, J. Gourley, and Wm. McCully, after which the report was adopted. (Appendix D.)

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. McKeen.

Tuesday Afternoon, July 7th.

Prayer by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock moved and Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr. seconded the following resolution, which passed.

Whereas, the evils arising from the use for beverage purposes of intoxicating drinks are so manifest and so fearfully injurious to society, imposing also as it does, so formidable a barrier to the conversion of men and the prosperity of religion :

Therefore Resolved, That this Association do most earnestly urge upon all the churches and all the members thereof entire abstinence from the use of such liquors as a beverage, and by all Scriptural means to promote temperance among men.

Committee on *Christian Messenger* reported. (Appendix E.)

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Remarks by Revds. W. George, D. A. Steele, A. Chipman, J. W. Manning, J. Chase, E. Clay, M. D., and Brethren S. Selden and Thomas King. Report adopted.

Rev. Dr. Cramp read the fraternal address to the P. E. Island Association, which was unanimously adopted, the vote being taken by rising.

Resolved, That Revds. G. F. Miles, D. W. C. Dimock and J. W. Manning be Delegates to the Island Association and expenses be paid out of the Home Mission Fund.

The report of the Committee on Questions in Letters was taken from the table. Clause 3 being substituted for one previously submitted the report in full was adopted.

The first Article of the Constitution was amended as it now stands.

Resolved, That Appendix "G" p.p. 34 and 35, (1867) be published in the Minutes of this year. (See page 12.)

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee on Nomination and Arrangement, it was

Resolved, That Rev. W. B. Boggs be appointed to preach the Association sermon next year, that Rev. J. F. Kempton be his alternate, and that Rev. J. Murray write the Circular Letter.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was adopted.

The report of the Infirm Ministers' Fund was submitted and adopted.

Bro. Wm. Faulkner moved and Rev. W. H. Porter seconded the following resolution which passed unanimously.

Resolved, That this Association with much pleasure records its approval of the Church Polity advocated in the *Christian Messenger*, and is of opinion that such polity is, in general, in harmony with the word of God and the practice of Baptist Churches, and that this Association sympathizes with the Editor in the trials he has been called upon to pass through during the past year.

Report on Systematic Beneficence submitted. Remarks were made by Rev. E. Clay, M. D., Bro. Wm. Cummings, Revs. B. Scott, W. H. Porter, D. W. C. Dimock, Dr. Cramp, H. Porter, Jr., Geo. F. Miles, T. A. Higgins, A. Chipman and Prof. Higgins, and the report adopted. (Appendix F.) The Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay over the various monies to the Treasurers of the respective boards.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the Baptist Church and congregation at Pugwash, and other friends in the vicinity for their kind hospitalities during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the other denominations for the offer and use of their houses of worship.

Minutes read and approved.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet with the Onslow West Church, the first Saturday in July, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GEO. F. MILES, *Moderator*.

W. B. BOGGS, *Secretary*.

Pugwash, July 7, 1868.

[The Committee appointed (1867) to suggest Improvements in the Management of the Association, recommended:

1. That the Association do henceforth meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday, and continue its sittings if necessary, till the following Wednesday evening.
2. That immediately on the assembling of the Association the letters be handed in to the Clerk, who shall retire and prepare a list of the Delegates. Meantime the Moderator to conduct devotional exercises till 12 o'clock.
3. That the Committee of Arrangements be empowered to take supervision of the more prominent topics, Education and Missions; and that the appointment of the first speakers be committed to them; that they also appoint the place for the succeeding Association together with the preacher of the Associational Sermon and the writer of the Circular Letter.
4. That in connection with the Sabbath-School Convention a concert be held, and that a session be set apart for the whole subject.
5. That a sermon be preached every morning at 10 o'clock, the preachers to be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements.
6. That the Committee on Temperance be dispensed with.
7. That the Moderator will, at his option, in the intervals of business, cause a hymn to be sung or prayer to be offered.]

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MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. E. N. Archibald	North River, P. E. I.	Jan. 7, 1866	N. River, P. E. I.
" M. A. Bigelow..	Antigonishe.....	Sep. 14, 1859	Guysboro.
" T. A. Blackadar	Great Village.....	Sep. 5, 1865	Parrsboro.
" Wm. B. Boggs.	Sydney, C. B.....	Sep. 24, 1865	Sydney.
" Obed Chute....	Upper Stewiacke..	Feb. 7, 1850	Wentworth.
" A. Chipman....	Stewiacke.....	Nov. 16, 1862	River Philip.
" Edwin Clay....	Pugwash .....	.....	Pugwash.
" D. W. C. Dimock	Truro.....	Dec. 6, 1841	Chester.
" J. Davis.....	Ch Town, P. E. I.	June 1829	Southsea, G. B.
" H. Eagles.....	St. Mary's.....	Aug. 1842	Kempt, Hants.
" M. P. Freeman.	Bedeque, P. E. I..	July 5, 1863	Bedeque.
" J. F. Kempton..	Margaree, C. B...	June 5, 1864	Mira, C. B.
" Geo. F. Miles..	Amherst.....	Aug. 1846	Newcastle, N B
" Joseph Murray.	Guysborough.....	Oct. 29, 1865	Guysborough.
" D. McKeen....	L. Forks, Maccan.	Sep. 13, 1854	River Hebert.
" R. McDonald..	Margaree, C. B...	Aug. 23, 1853	Margaree, C B.
" Saml. McLeod..	Uigg, P. E. I.....	.....	.....
" W. McPhee....	Baddeck, C. B....	July 10, 1863	Guysboro.
" T. H. Por. er, Jr	N. Sydney, C. B...	Nov. 6, 1861	Lr. Stewiacke.
" Malcom Ross...	West River, P. E. I.	June 3, 1843	N. River, P. E. I.
" Hugh Ross.....	Sydney, C. B.....	Sep. 1847	Mira Bay, C. B.
" G. Richardson.	Sydney, C. B.....	Mar. 25, 1822	Hmds. Plains.
" John Shaw.....	East Point, P. E. I.	Oct. 14, 1832	Three Rivers.
" Benj. Scott.....	Onslow.....	Sep. 18, 1832	P. E. Island.
" D. A. Steele....	Amherst.....	June 20, 1865	Wolfville.
" S. Thompson...	Economy.....	Sep. 1852	Westbrook.

LICENTIATES.

H. E. Morrow.....	East Point, P. E. I
C. F. Myers.....	Guysboro.
B. Spencer.....	Mira Bay, C. B.
W. F. Armstrong.....	North Sydney.
John McDonald.....	Uigg, P. E. I.

CHURCHES.

Statistics of the Churches in the Eastern Baptist Association, 1868.

CHURCHES.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Present Membrs'p.		
					INCREASE	DECREASE	
						Dismissed.	Excluded.
						Retired.	Died.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	
1 Advocate Harbor.....	1840	David McKeen.....	.....	A. W. McLellan, Advocate Harbor.....	51	1	1
2 Alexandria, P. E. I.....	1832	E. N. Archibald.....	.....	Theophilus Wood, Alexandria, Lot 49.....	22	1	1
3 Amherst.....	1832	E. N. Archibald.....	1867	B. Douglas, Amherst.....	273	3	3
4 Amherst Shore.....	1843	D. A. Steels.....	.....	C. D. Rockwell, Amherst Shore W. O.....	42	1	1
5 Antigonish.....	.....	.....	.....	C. E. Whidden, Antigonish.....	22	1	1
6 Antigonish.....	.....	.....	.....	Edward Lidson, Lower Free-town.....	122	1	2
7 Bedeque, P. E. I.....	1862	M. P. Freeman.....	.....	William Carter, Brookfield, Colch. Co.....	47	1	1
8 Brookfield.....	1846	D. W. C. Dimock.....	.....	Thomas C. Cook, Cape Canso.....	84	1	1
9 Cape Wolf.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	1	1
10 Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	1836	J. Davis.....	1858	J. Desbrisay, Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	46	1	1
11 Crow Harbor.....	1862	.....	.....	.....	33	1	1
12 Coddle Harbor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	1	1
13 Diligent River.....	1857	.....	.....	D. H. Jenks, Diligent River, Parrsboro.....	23	1	1
14 Earlton.....	1849	.....	.....	D. Fields, Nelson's P. O., New Annan.....	83	4	4
15 East Point, P. E. I.....	1832	John Shaw.....	.....	D. Robertson, Red Point, Lot 46, P. E. I.....	56	1	1
16 Five Island & L. Economy.....	.....	S. Thompson.....	.....	David P. Soley, Lower Economy.....	66	2	2
17 Glenville and River Philip.....	1865	.....	.....	H. A. Davison, Glenville, River Philip.....	38	1	1
18 Goose River.....	1847	.....	.....	Edmund Findlay, Goose River, Cum. Co.....	28	1	1
19 Goshen.....	.....	.....	.....	C. D. Nicholls, Goshen, Guysboro Co.....	19	1	1
20 Grand Mira, C. B.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	1	1
21 Grand River, P. E. I.....	.....	.....	.....	Amos Fountain, Great Village.....	126	1	1
22 Great Village.....	1856	T. A. Blackader.....	1867	J. Hunter-Greenville, Westchester, W. O.....	30	1	1
23 Macan.....	1844	.....	.....	.....	59	1	1
24 Margaret, C. B.....	1835	J. F. Kempton.....	.....	Amos Atkinson, Hoeg's, W. O., Macan.....	1	1	1
25 Merrigomish.....				Joseph Tingley, Margaree, N. E., C. B.....	20	2	2
26 Mira Bay, C. B.....	1838				80	1	1
27 New Harbor.....				J. B. McQuillan, Mira Gut, C. B.....	22	1	1
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17	Glenville and River	1847	Edmund Findlay, Goose River, Cum. Co.	1	1	28
18	Goose River	1847	C. D. Nicholas, Goshen, Guysboro Co.	1	1	19
19	Goshen	1847	.....	1	1	22
20	*Grand Mira, C. B.	1847	.....	1	1	126
21	*Grand River, P. E. I.	1847	.....	1	1	30
22	*Grand Village	1847	.....	1	1	98
31	Maccan	1844	Amos Atkinson, Hoeg's, W.O., Maccan.	1	1	67
32	Margaree, C. B.	1835	Joseph Lingley, Margaree, N. E., C. B.	2	111	20
33	*Merrigomish	1835	.....	1	1	180
34	Mira Bay, C. B.	1838	.....	1	1	22
35	*New Harbor	1831	J. B. McQuillan, Mira Gut, C. B.	1	113	113
36	North River, P. E. I.	1831	Francis Bain, North River, P. E. I.	1	1	29
37	North Sydney, C. B.	1825	John T. Moffatt, Little Bras d'Or, C. B.	3	1	92
38	Onslow West	1825	Charles M. Dickson, Onslow	4	3	148
39	Onslow East	1825	.....	1	1	75
40	Farrsboro	1825	John King, Truro	22	1	87
41	Pictou	1833	C. Y. Sael, Farrsboro Village	1	1	57
42	Portauisque	1842	John P. McDonald, Pictou	2	1	14
43	Pugwash	1827	Arch. Davison, Portauisque Mountain	6	2	95
44	*River John	1827	Angus McDonnell, Pugwash	12	4	57
45	*Sand Point	1827	.....	1	1	15
46	St. Mary's, 1st	1846	Z. H. Hewitt, St. Mary's, Sherbrook E.	24	1	24
47	*St. Mary's, 2nd	1846	.....	1	1	30
48	St. Peter's Road, P. E. I.	1846	.....	1	1	32
49	Sydney, C. B.	1858	.....	1	1	13
50	Tatamagouche	1846	C. H. Harrington, Sydney, C. B.	1	4	43
51	Three Rivers, P. E. I.	1846	Hector Johnson, Three Rivers, P. E. I.	2	3	30
52	Tracadie	1846	Edward H. Jordan, Tracadie	20	3	26
53	Truro	1858	William Faulkner, Truro, Box 75	23	2	118
54	Tryon	1858	Horatio Howat, Tryon, P. E. I.	2	2	120
55	Uigg, P. E. I.	1851	Donald McDonald, Uigg	1	1	52
56	Upper Londonderry	1851	Wm. McCully 1st, Debert River	1	2	56
57	Upper Stewiacke	1851	E. N. Bentley, Upper Stewiacke	1	2	92
58	Wallace River	1848	D. S. Higgins, Angwin's, W.O., Wallace	19	5	2
59	Wentworth	1838	Wm. Smith, Wentworth, Cum. Co.	1	1	43
60	West Brook	1838	Nathan Taylor	1	1	45
61	West & Clyde Rivers, P. E. I.	1838		1	1	65
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Circular Letter.

THE POSITION OF BAPTISTS, AS A DENOMINATION IN THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CONVENED AT PUGWASH, JULY 4TH, 1868, TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Beloved Brethren,—

It shall be our endeavour on the present occasion to indicate the position that we, as a denomination hold in the christian brotherhood. We can easily show that we are a peculiar people ; in some respects indeed *identified with all* evangelical christians, but in others *separated* from them. The subject suggested is worthy our gravest consideration ;—and more especially at such a time as this, when, not only in political circles, but also in the sphere of religious influences, opinions revolutionary in their tendencies are being proclaimed and accepted ; when men's minds impatient of restraint are breaking away from the shackles of creeds, and over-leaping the ancient boundaries of thought ; when we perceive an increasing desire for license to reject all that is old, and to embrace whatever is new, and when there is so much danger that the good shall be thrown away with the bad, when religious systems are being so thoroughly discussed, and their very foundations subjected to tests that must prove their merits or their worthlessness at such a time, it surely becomes us as Baptists to look well to ourselves, and the ground we occupy. This accords with the dictates of reason and prudence. It is exceedingly important that we should know our real position, that we should compare it with what is

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required in the word of God, so that we may retain more tenaciously whatever is scriptural, and reject all that is not.

We are an ancient people.—Do others boast of their antiquity?—we, more. We are older than those Baptists who suffered for their opinions in the first British Colonies of America;—older than the Mennonites of Holland or their reputed ancestors the Waldenses;—older than the ancient Paulicians or suffering Patarines:—older than those Donatists and Novatians who hated, maligned and persecuted, were, nevertheless, among the purest and most scriptural in their times. We look for our origin beyond the days of Tertullian who faithfully resisted Pedobaptism in its first beginning, and contended for purity of church membership; and, since the word expressing the initiatory ordinance cannot in fairness, bear any other meaning than immersion, and since the New Testament *does not* teach that baptism is to be administered in unconscious infancy, and since it *does* clearly teach that believers are thus to put on Christ, we may, without presumption, trace our descent, through the line of the apostles, to Christ the Great Head of the church! This claim is ours, irrespective of such historians as Mosheim, who avers “the true origin of the Baptist denomination is hid in the remote depths of antiquity,” or of the historians in the Netherlands, who assert that “the Baptists may be considered as of old, the only religious community which has continued from the times of the Apostles.” Not that we find any ancient records of a people bearing our present name, for it is to be observed that while the more recent sects of note, retain, generally the name they took at first, those professing sentiments in common with ourselves have existed through all the periods of the church’s history under various designations. In the New Testament they are called “disciples” “Christians,” “saints,” “Holy brethren,” &c. Some of our times, who hold the most pernicious errors, seek to cloak themselves under a scripture appellation; but let us remember

that a *name* cannot conceal, or excuse an error. Let it be *ours* to retain the doctrines and to honor the precepts enforced in the word of God, in the defence of which our brethren from the times of the apostles have suffered, many of them unto death.

We have no connection with the State :—we do not acknowledge its jurisdiction in religious matters. From no documents or records does it appear that churches holding our views ever had any organic connection with the State. Against this they have always protested. They must of necessity do so, because they are followers of Him whose ‘kingdom is not of this world.’ Whatever sins may be charged against us as a people that of “fornication with the kings of the earth” can never be preferred. To remain in the true apostolical succession, we must ever be free from such an unholy union, from its bondage and corrupting tendencies.

Baptist churches claim to be *independent* in the management of their affairs, and in the exercise of discipline. They are indeed “under law,” but it is to Christ;—they acknowledge the right to obey—but it is in obedience to God, and not to man. They defer to counsels, but they must be those of the “All wise God, and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

We dare not erect the barriers of *caste* in the church, nor permit one, nor a body of men, the exercise of hierarchical authority, for we belong to a kingdom whose sovereign is Christ Jesus, and which bestows the highest honors upon those who humble themselves to be the servants of all. “It appears plainly from the sacred narrative,” says Archbishop Whately, “that though the many churches which the Apostles founded, were branches of our spiritual brotherhood, of which the Lord Jesus Christ is the Heavenly Head—though there was “one Lord, one faith, one baptism,” for all of them, yet they were each a distinct, heavenly community on earth, united by the common principles on which they were founded

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and by their mutual agreement, affection, and respect, but not having any recognized head on earth, or acknowledging any sovereignty of one of these societies over others." We can employ no more appropriate language as descriptive of our Baptist polity. The bond of love must unite the individual members of the same church. Each church must be a unit, and joined by the same bond to all the rest, so as to secure the harmony of faith and action in the body;—the same heavenly principle must centre the whole in Christ and bind all to Him as the only source of authority and power.

We strive for a *regenerated church membership*. We believe that none but new-born souls have any place in the church of Christ. This proposition we have defended in every period of our history. We might mention the Donatists of the 4th century, who "maintained that the church ought to be made up of just or holy men;" or the Waldenses, who from the times of Calvin, have manifested a preference for Presbyterianism, but who originally asserted in the strongest terms the baptizing of believers, and denied that of infants." We would, as far as human knowledge permits, have the church of Christ composed of those only, who are, previous to their admission, members of the kingdom of heaven, through faith in Christ Jesus. This, in our imperfect state, is of course impossible, but the nearer we approach to it, the more closely shall we copy the primitive model. There are other communities with us on this vital point; we welcome such as laborers together with us in the effort to maintain a spiritual religion against the zealous, and alas! too successful endeavours of many in our day to undermine the evangelic faith.

We are peculiar in our views with reference to the *design of baptism*. Nearly all others connect saving grace with the administration of the ordinance. Some pronounce the baptized, regenerate, others assert that baptism washes away original sin, and others, that by baptism we are introduced

into the covenant of grace ;—while a more recent sect declares baptism to be a condition of the remission of sins. If either of these opinions be correct, then the unbaptized, whatever proofs of piety they give us, are unregenerate, or they can claim no right to the blessings promised in the covenant, or their sins are unforgiven. If such a conclusion is unfounded, we should surely regard that view of baptism, which upholds it as subversive of godliness, and opposed to the declaration of scripture, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting.” The advocates of baptismal efficacy betray a feature more or less closely resembling that of the “apostolic church!” which denies the doctrine of justification by faith, and boldly declares that baptism regenerates. This fact so impressed the mind of that profound philosopher, Sir Isaac Newton, that, as Whiston, his biographer, declares, he frequently expressed his conviction that “the Baptists were the only christians, who had never symbolised with the church of Rome.” This agrees with the statement of the Roman Catholic bishop of New Jersey, that “there are but two denominations of Christians in America, the Roman Catholics and the Baptists.”

There is still another feature that is worth while to note—it is our *unchangeableness*. The word of God needs no alteration to adapt itself to the varied state of society. It must remain entire as God’s only revelation to man, until the end. Abiding by the scriptures we cannot change. We have no laws to amend, no fresh enactments to make. Should we ever presume to legislate for the church, we should lose at once our distinctive character, and become unworthy our name and profession. And yet how often do we hear of changes in the codes of laws, by which certain churches are regulated ; changes affecting the mode of worship, the manner of administering the ordinance of baptism, the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, and christian doctrine. This very circumstance is suspicious. What ! is not the divine Word a

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sufficient guide? Once beginning to legislate for the church at what point shall we stop? with one step of departure from the scripture rule, are we not likely to get farther and farther away? are we not on the road to entire renunciation of the sacred oracles.

We have thus far tried briefly to indicate our position. We have not been exhaustive in our delineation of Baptist principles, but we have, we trust, given an outline sufficiently distinct to show the reasonableness of our dissent from other religious bodies.

But we must not only retain the organism of the primitive church, and defend the "faith once delivered to the saints;" we must also exhibit the spirit of the early christians. Without this our boast of apostolicity is only pompous declaration. The life of religion is better than its forms. The husk derives its value from the grain it protects, but when this is gone the chaff may well be consumed.

We look into the New Testament to discover the constitution of the christian church, we compare our own and find a similarity of feature. Thus far, good. We look again and mark the character of those early christians, their love for the truth, the sanctity of their lives, the simplicity of their manners, their patience under sufferings, their constancy in times of persecution; but when we compare these with the state of our own churches, we find it difficult to trace the resemblance. We have successors of those noble ones, "of whom the world was not worthy," who would die rather than deny their Lord, whose lives are ornaments of the christian profession; but as a general rule, piety is at a low ebb. The great majority of professing christians live in the world as though they were of it. The world and the church seem to have proclaimed a truce, and resolved to dwell together in amity. Why, we would inquire, is it that the ministers of the Gospel are so poorly provided for? Why is it that the prayer meeting is so

much despised? Why do so many slight the Lord's Supper? Why do so many places famish for the bread of life? Why is it that so many destitute churches ask in vain for pastors to instruct and guide them? Why is the cry of the perishing heathen so little regarded? Why are the treasuries of our Missionary Boards, and Institutions of learning, so inadequately supplied? Why are there so few young men offering themselves for the christian ministry? Why is it that now in the ministry there is so much evidence that the sacred calling is but slightly esteemed? Let us, dear brethren, deal faithfully with ourselves, as those who must be judged by the Lord Jesus. Let us honestly seek the solution of these, and similar questions that suggest themselves with an earnest desire to fill up whatever is lacking, and to correct whatever is wrong.

That the ranks of the ministry are not filled, is not for the lack of young men. We have them to send abroad in search of wealth. We have them in abundance for the professions, and for every department of industry. That our benevolent institutions are not fully sustained, cannot be the result of poverty. We have wealth in our farms, wealth stored in our warehouses, and wealth upon the sea. We expend every year for our personal comfort more than we give to God. Fine houses, fine carriages, fine dresses abound. Do not these betoken wealth? Not always, as every one knows; but they do this much, they expose the falsehood so frequently uttered, "I have nothing to give."

Our great want is vital godliness. Here lies the true cause of complaint. We lack the degree of spirituality that is essential to the proper development of the christian character and without which we shall be unable to accomplish our heaven-appointed mission. Our pastors, and evangelists need a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit, that they may preach the gospel with greater earnestness and power. Our young men need large measures of grace, to withstand the flattering

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allurements presented to them in the world, and to impel them into the gospel ministry. O that more of them were filled with a burning desire to proclaim the glad tidings! O that more were willing to endure a life of toil and poverty, if it must be so, for the sake of winning souls! Our churches need reviving influences to raise them to a higher sphere of activity;—they require a more thorough conversion to God, a conversion that will turn over to the service of Christ the treasured wealth that belongs of right to Him. We all need more of Christ in our sermons and exhortations, in our hearts and in our lives. This is the grand specific, the unfailing remedy—the sum of all that can be desired for this world, or needed for the world to come. This to us is an absolute necessity. A church in union with the State, does not depend for its existence upon its religious life. A church that derives its members through infant baptism, may increase in numbers by natural generation. A church that does not make the new-birth a pre-requisite to membership may preserve its name and form, apart from the Spirit's presence and power. This with a Baptist church is an impossibility. With the departure of spiritual life, nothing is left that is worth retaining we must write "Ichabod" upon our walls. We will not, however, yield to despondency. A faithful God will not forsake his people. His merciful intentions appear by the recent manifestations of grace in our churches. We have confidence in our principles—we have faith in God. Let us seek a higher consecration to his service. Let us contend for the faith in the strength of Christ, and the victory is ours.

APPENDIX.

(A)

ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg to report :

That the work of the College during the past year has been conducted in the usual manner and with a fair share of success. Ten of the students, having completed the Course of study, and passed the necessary Examinations, were admitted to the degree of B. A., at the Anniversary in June. It is expected that about twice that number will matriculate, thus giving the prospect of an unusually large Freshman Class for the coming year.

The Academy and Seminary have also been in vigorous operation, but with a smaller attendance than on previous years. This is owing chiefly to the fact that a free school has been opened in the village, perhaps partly also to the High Schools and Academies that have sprung up in different parts of the country. Our Institutions are thus released of labor they have hitherto had to perform, but which properly belongs to schools of a lower grade ; they will therefore be better prepared to do their proper work, and will become, we believe, more than ever worthy of the confidence and support of the denomination.

Your Committee are happy to be able to report that the divine favor still rests upon our Institutions, as evinced by the recent outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A number have been converted, some of whom, it is hoped, will strengthen the ranks of the christian ministry.

Owing to financial depression and other causes, little or nothing has been done toward carrying out the plan for the Endowment of the College, proposed at the Convention last year. This is the more to be regretted, as every year of inaction places us further toward the rear, and makes it more

difficult to regain the ground we are losing. It is to be hoped that the coming year will witness results more worthy of us as Baptists, that we will rally more heartily to this work, and be willing to make some sacrifices for a cause for which our fathers prayed so earnestly, and sacrificed so much.

Your Committee regard the present as a most critical period in the financial aspect of our Educational affairs, and and seriously hope the denomination will see the importance of the crisis and put forth such efforts as by the blessing of God may issue in placing our College on a firm basis.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

(B)

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee on questions in letters and special business beg to report as follows:—

1. In concurrence with the suggestion of the Association of 1867, a number of the Island Churches tender their resignation, and wish to be dismissed from this Association to form a separate one.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the resignation tendered to the Association by several churches in P. E. I., in order to form an Association in harmony with this, be accepted, and that this resignation thus tendered and accepted be understood also to refer to any other churches of the same faith and order on the Island which may entertain the same desire.

2. The Wallace Church (Head of the tide) wish to know how to obtain a correct membership.

This Committee recommend that the Statistics of the church be gathered from the church book. And if none has been kept, that a Committee be appointed by the church to gather all possible information concerning their membership, and to form a true record.

3. The Greenville Church on investigation finding that they were not duly organized, and having corrected the wrong:

Your Committee recommend that as the Greenville

Church has been in regular fellowship with this Association, we do still recognize them as belonging to this body.

4. Two letters have again been sent to the Association, both claiming to be the letter from the Onslow Church:

The Committee have great satisfaction in stating that the two Sections of the Onslow Church have mutually agreed to settle the unpleasant differences existing among them, by dividing the Church into two distinct Churches, the one to be known and designated as the "Western," the other as the "Eas'ern," Onslow Baptist Church.

The Association is therefore requested, to recognize two Onslow Churches, and to direct that the Minutes be printed in accordance with the mutual agreement stated above, both Churches promising to forward immediately the statistics of their membership.

JOHN SHAW, *Chairman.*

(C)

ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions, beg to report that now, no less than formerly, they recognize in the cause of missions, the cause of God; and are, therefore, urgent in recommending that every possible means be used by all the churches for the advancement of that cause.

Your Committee feel that special gratitude is due to God for the pleasing success granted our Home Mission cause during the last year.

Your Committee also believe that special thanksgiving to our Father in heaven is demanded, because that by his blessing the Foreign Mission Board have at length succeeded in securing and sending forth a beloved sister in the Lord to act as their Foreign Missionary in Burmah. And more especially do your Committee feel that there is cause for praise to God, in this connection, since the tidings have come to us, that already the divine blessing has crowned the efforts of this missionary to win souls to Christ.

In addition to the above, it is gratifying to state that 23 native preachers are being employed and supported by individuals and churches composing the Baptist Convention of these Provinces.

The success of the past and the prosperity of the present, encourage and permit enlargement of effort. And as the Island of Newfoundland geographically is more closely connected with us than with any other people, and has already been frequently before us in this connection, and as it is known that in different quarters a deep interest is being taken in this matter; and many minds are being directed thither, we are led to believe the time has come when steps should be taken for immediately occupying it, and that the facts warrant us in anticipating blessed results.

Much gratitude is also due to God for the success He has been pleased to grant those who are laboring in connection with the French Mission Board. And your Committee are especially desirous of bringing the claims of this important mission before all the churches and people of this Association,—all of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. KEMPTON, *Chairman.*

(D)

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Sabbath School institution becomes year by year of increasing importance to the Church and the world. As general education becomes more prevalent, it is the more necessary that positive religious instruction be imparted to the young.

There is great need that in all the churches the earnest workers should unite for the purpose of making efforts in behalf of the young, and to give them instruction in the truths of God's Word.

We believe that heretofore there has been too much distinction drawn between the young and those of more mature age, as being the proper subjects of Sabbath School labor. Adult Bible Classes, either in connection with, or separate from Sabbath Schools, are greatly required, and are admirably adapted for mutual edification and profit. Christians by becoming members of such classes, may employ efforts on behalf of others, and often thus become extensively useful to them.

Your Committee are of opinion that many of the books provided for Sabbath School Libraries are deleterious in their influence on young minds, in conveying error, and in culti-

vating a taste for fiction, which subsequently demands what is more injurious or positively vicious. We recommend therefore, that a very careful examination of books for this purpose be made by competent persons before placing them in the hands of youth.

Your Committee would further suggest that the Statistics of Sabbath Schools sent with the Church Letter should be more carefully filled up, and in future read before the Association with the Letters. We have returns from 30 Schools.

We are glad to learn that the Colchester County Sabbath School Convention is still in active operation and would recommend that other Counties or Districts, as Cumberland County, Guysboro County, Cape Breton Island, &c., form themselves into similar Conventions, and meet periodically for mutual help and encouragement, and that they make an annual communication to this Association of their operations.

Respectfully submitted,
S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

(E)

ON THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* beg leave to report:

The age is a progressive one. However trite or common this remark, nevertheless it is true, and numerous and important considerations arise therefrom. To the Christian and the Christian Church the fact that all around is in progress and advancing, the inquiry should be made, is the church keeping pace with the world's progress? Are religious appliances being adjusted to meet the increasing demands? And while the secular press is educating by the pages it sends forth in the shape of its dailies and its weeklies, is the church sufficiently awake to the importance of this mode of conveying religious knowledge? In the opinion of your Committee this is not the case.

The *Christian Messenger*, therefore,—it being the only religious journal of the denomination in the Province—assumes great importance, and involves great responsibilities, not only upon the Editor, but upon the Churches.

A more extensive circulation should be sought, and the prompt payment of subscriptions. These two things are necessary to make an efficient periodical, such as is required by the present statistics of the denomination. Your Committee therefore, earnestly commend the *Christian Messenger* to the extensive patronage of the Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. C. DIMOCK, *Chairman.*

(F)

ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Beneficence report their continued and increasing conviction of the advantages of system in raising funds for Benevolence, both as relates to the objects sustained and the individuals contributing. They are more and more convinced that we have departed from the "Scriptural mode" of giving, and that to this is due much of the difficulties and failures experienced in this department of Christian effort. It is believed that new feelings and convictions are being awakened and that a radical reform will ultimately be the result. What we need is a return to first principles as enunciated in 1 Cor. xvi. 2. Mere admission will not do. Thorough conviction is not enough. Action is requisite. "On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

As churches we need to unite in carrying out this principle and as individuals not only to act upon it ourselves, but use all our influence to induce others to do likewise. We should have our church treasury and our family fund, and teach "those under our care" to contribute according to this rule for all benevolent purposes.

It is gratifying that this body has formally adopted this principle, and that it is now the only system of Beneficence recognized by either of the Associations in the Province.— But at the same time it is to be feared that few churches or individuals are strictly carrying it out. Shall not the coming year witness something more than the mere record of our resolve?

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PORTER, JR., *Chairman.*

THE N. S. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, *in acct. with*
HENRY C. UPHAM, *Treasurer.*

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July 13, 1868.

FRATERNAL ADDRESS TO THE P. E. ISLAND CHURCHES.
The Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia to the Churches
in Prince Edward Island about to be formed into a separate
Association :

Dear Brethren,—

In accordance with your request we hereby dismiss you from our Association, in order that you may be formed into a separate Association for Prince Edward Island. While we are sorry to part from you, having for so many years enjoyed the pleasures of fellowship, we consent to your withdrawal, in the hope that the cause of the Saviour will be benefited hereby. We trust that the employment of your undivided energies in the advancement of the interests of our Denomination on Prince Edward Island will be productive of the best fruits, and that we shall hear from time to time of your zeal, and of God's blessing following your efforts. It is unnecessary to remind you of the importance of maintaining, unimpaired, the principles of Baptist polity, and of exhibiting, in all its loveliness, the beauty of brotherly union. On these points you are already well instructed. We wish you an abundance of blessing from the Lord, and shall rejoice to hear of your continued and growing prosperity. You will visit us, we hope, by delegation, at our annual meetings.

We are, dear Brethren, yours in the Saviour.

(Signed by order of the Association.

Pugwash, July 7th, 1868.

G. F. Miles, *Moderator,*
W. B. Boggs, *Clerk.*

Remarks.

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H. C. UPHAM, Treasurer.

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Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Eastern Baptist Association, July 4th, 1868.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Ch'rch in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.	
		Total.	Female.	Male.	Total.	Female.	Male.					
Amherst.....	D. F. Quigley.....	50	70	120	75	6	7	13	22	29	360	\$33 00
Advocate Harbor.....	A. McLellan.....	14	10	24	20	1	1	2	6	10	...	...
Alexandra, Lot 49, P. E. I.....	Theophilus Wood.....	12	18	30	...	2	3	5	12	3	120	8 00
Brookfield.....	J. Stephens, W. Carter.....	25	25	50	45	4	4	8	...	10	...	...
Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	Jas. Desbrisay.....	14	30	44	45	4	2	6	20	14	...	...
Diligent River.....	D. H. Jenks.....	10	15	25	20	2	2	4	...	...	75	3 50
Guysboro, (4).....	Christopher Jost.....	5	5	7	12	1	2	3	30	100	...	...
" Cove.....	Albert Horton.....	5	4	9	8	1	1	2	4	50	...	...
" New Canada.....	John Cunningham.....	7	8	15	12	1	2	3	6	7	...	...
" Colored.....	H. R. Cunningham.....	8	2	16	14	2	...	...	...	10	...	...
Goshen.....	Ezra Layton.....	40	25	65	65	3	4	7	...	...	...	...
Great Village.....	Hance B. Hunter.....	9	9	18	14	1	2	3	...	...	...	...
and branch at Folly.....	James Hingly.....	17	8	25	20	3	1	4	...	...	...	...
Goose River.....	E. C. Banks, C. Sibley.....	32	29	61	45	4	2	6	21	7	300	6 50
Indian Harbor.....	Philip Spencer.....	15	20	35	25	3	3	6	...	...	160	...
Lower Stewiacke.....	Lauchlin McDonald.....	58	46	104	60	9	5	14	...	...	160	...
Mira Bay, C. B., (2).....	George H. Dobson.....	25	27	52	36 1/2	3	4	7	...	...	120	17 50
Margaree, North East.....	Allen McKinlay.....	...	...	60	45	3	4	7	22	20	...	...
North Sydney.....	Alex. Grant.....	8	12	20	12 1/2	2	3	5	6	5	100	10 00
North River, P. E. I.....	W. H. Seaman.....	25	35	60	45	6	3	9	8	15	200	40 00
North West Arm.....	H. C. Creed.....	17	30	47	21	3	6	9	...	...	...	...
Pugwash.....	L. J. Walker.....	44	39	83	62	5	6	11	12	17	200	40 00
St. Mary's Ist.....	C. H. Blair.....	28	26	54	40	1	5	6	...	...	...	...
Sydney.....	D. McDonald.....	17	18	35	20	4	5	...	24	100	...	...
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Extracts of the Letters from the Churches to the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association.

Pugwash.—Our houses and our hearts are open to receive you, and we give you a hearty welcome. We have been for some time without a pastor, but hope that we shall be able shortly to secure the services of some one whose labour will be blessed in this place. Our Prayer meetings are regularly held and we have a good Sabbath School, well attended. Baptist sentiments are deeply rooted in these regions and if faithful labour were expended in Pugwash and regions around good would result therefrom.

Westbrook.—We are trying to build a meeting house which we very much need, as we have no convenient place to hold public worship. in Dear Brethren we therefore appeal to you to aid us. We have our respected Pastor, Rev. D. McKee, labouring a part of his time with us, and hope that the fruit of his labours may soon appear.

Upper Stewiacke.—We have no revival to record, or upon which to think with pleasure, or thanksgiving. We have, through the year, been favoured with the consistent and untiring pastoral labours of our Brother Rev. A. Chipman. We owe much to the earnest labours of Brother O. Chute, whose health is much improved.

Truro.—Union still continues amongst us. Labour in the Sabbath School continues, and the Lord has graciously smiled upon this part of Christian effort. The church, and individuals connected therewith, have contributed about \$450 for Missionary and Educational purposes during the past year.

Onslow.—By mutual agreement this church will henceforth be recognized as two churches, *Onslow East* and *Onslow West*.

Twenty persons were baptized during the year by Rev. B. Scott. Sydney, C. B.—Owing to the general depression in trade and pecuniary affairs, combined with deep poverty in the majority of the inhabitants, we are compelled to let our Pastor leave us, being utterly unable to support him and Elder Richardson in our present circumstances. We can only hope and pray for the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit, that the Church may be quickened and sinners converted.

Greenville.—On the first day of January last a church was duly organized here by the Rev. S. Thompson, assisted by Deacon McCulloch and Bro. Carter of DeBerte. We would wish to be received and recognized as a church belonging to the Eastern Baptist Association.

Diligent River.—The cause of pure and undefiled religion is very low with us and we are unable on this account to maintain proper discipline. We are through many trials and difficulties endeavouring to keep up our Prayer Meeting and Sabbath School.

Mira Bay, C. B.—We have during the past winter, enjoyed the labours of Bro. Malcolm Ross, who was appointed by the H. M. B. to perform three months missions in this place. He faithfully performed the work assigned him, and since his departure we have felt more keenly our destitution, and have thus been urged to make

greater efforts to secure, if possible, the constant services of some devoted servant of God.

Margaree, North East.—Bro. J. F. Kempton has laboured amongst us for two years, with much acceptance. His labours in the Lord have been abundantly blessed in the conversion of many that have joined the Baptist Church in this place; and, doubtless, many more that have not joined it as yet.

Maccan.—Our hearts grow sad while we review the past year, we have had no Pastor during that period, and but little preaching, the Church has become cold. The house of God forsaken, the means of grace neglected, hence the low state of religion amongst us.

Lower Stewiacke.—Notwithstanding it has been a season of darkness with us, yet our hearts have been gladdened from time to time, by the good news of God's gracious dealings with other churches throughout the Province.

Indian Harbor, Guysboro Co.—Our Conference meetings for the most part have been meetings of interest, and our communion seasons have been soul cheering. We trust that the good seed of the kingdom has been sown which will yet spring up and bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God.

Hawkesbury.—The "Cape Breton Quarterly Meeting" in March last was held in connection with the church worshipping in this place, when tokens of the Spirit's presence were manifested. Old professors were aroused from their lethargy—wanderers were led back by the hand of the Gentle Shepherd, and stout-hearted sinners made to tremble under the sound of the Gospel. The meetings were continued. Bro. Manning (who has been laboring here since June last) being assisted by Bro. Kempton who remained with us for two Sabbaths and had the pleasure of baptising fourteen happy converts. The ordination of Bro. Manning was at this time felt to be a necessity. Since then eight more have been added by baptism, and one by letter. Our numbers have been more than doubled; our faith has been strengthened; our zeal quickened.

Coddle Harbor.—We had a very refreshing season in our little church last winter. The church appears more prosperous since the revival.

Wallace.—At present, we are without a Pastor. We deeply regret not having sent letters regularly. Pray for us, that we may stand fast in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Our Prayer meetings and Conference meetings are maintained with spirit and interest. We still find it good to give as well as pray for the advancement of the cause of heaven in the world. Thus your "little sister" in this city is not without her encouragements and her hopes.

Brookfield.—We endeavour to sustain two weekly prayer meetings when we have no preaching, we have Prayer meetings on Sabbath. We contemplate finishing the inside of our place of worship this season.

Bedeque, P. E. I.—We continue to enjoy the stated ministrations of the Gospel under Bro. Freeman. In the rising town of Summerside, through the joint labors of our Pastor and Bro. Frederick Kidson, a church has been recently organized in accordance with the usages of the denomination. The Cavendish section of the church are now engaged in building a larger place of worship.

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Antigonish.—We are yet without the regular services of a Pastor. We have occasional visits from Ministering brethren which are highly appreciated and result in good. Our meetings are regularly sustained on the Sabbath, the attendance however is small.

Amherst Shore.—While not blessed with pastoral aid, we have endeavoured to keep up Prayer and Conference meetings, and though "faint, yet pursuing."

Amherst.—Since the first of December last the church has been under the Pastorate of the Rev. D. A. Steele, whose labours have been graciously blessed in adding to our number thirty-four willing converts, most of whom were members of the Sabbath School.

Alexandra, Lot 49, P. E. I.—We enjoyed a very solemn and profitable series of meetings in February last. Recently 3 have been added by baptism, several others are expected shortly, held back at present by the enemies to "liberty of conscience." Our peculiar tenets are on the advance.

Advocate Harbor.—Though our numbers are small we have our Prayer meeting every Sunday except there is preaching. Our numbers have been increasing every Sunday all the Spring.

Upper Londonderry.—We are not in that active prosperous state we once were. Brother Thomson's labours we highly appreciate; we have large congregations and attentive listeners, but find we need the influence of the Divine Spirit.

East Point, P. E. I.—We neglected to send any letter last year. Our beloved pastor, Rev. John Shaw continues to labour amongst us with much acceptance, scattering the seed—the good seed of the kingdom.

Tryon River, P. E. I.—We have had the labours of the Rev. J. F. Gooldrup since last November, for one half his time. Since our last two have been added by baptism.

Wentworth.—Our meetings are not attended as they should be. We have been engaged in erecting a building for the worship of God and hope to have it ready for meeting this season.

Three Rivers, P. E. I.—Although separated from you by sea and by land yet we are one with you in the spirit and fellowship of the Gospel. We ask leave to be dismissed—not separated—in order to unite with sister churches on the Island to form an Association here. Separated from you? No dear brethren, we are still united in the best of bonds.

Uigg, P. E. I.—We enjoy the means of grace and are enabled to hold our Sabbath and Weekly Prayer meetings. The church is walking in love and harmony.

Tracadie.—During the twelve weeks labours of your missionary, our beloved brother Rev. David Shaw, twenty were added to our fold by baptism, and four wanderers restored. We have two feeble Sabbath Schools opened a week or two since.

St. Peter's Road, P. E. I.—Our congregation, as often as we can gather, which is not every Lord's Day, are as good as could be expected. They include many of our young people, we long to see them acknowledge the Saviour.

St. Mary's Ist.—We are led to hope the time is at hand when our blessed Lord will again visit us. We have a small Sabbath School, which we hope will prove a blessing to the young.

Portauipique.—We feel the want of a pastor. Our confidence is in Him who saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth.

Pictou.—We take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to God, and to our Baptist Brethren, and especially to the Eastern Association for what has been done for Pictou. We are now without a minister in all this fine county, and we would earnestly pray that you would still remember Pictou.

Parrsboro Village.—Rev. D. McKeen labours with us one fourth of the time. Our Sabbath afternoon prayer meetings continue to be well attended.

North River, P. E. I.—During the past year we have not had many accessions to our numbers, but the angel of Peace has overshadowed us with his wings. The manifestation of the Spirit has been present, backsliders have been quickened and we have rejoiced in the light of the Lord. The prospects of our Sabbath School are highly encouraging, and we think that Baptist principles are rapidly securing a broader and firmer hold in our community. We have just finished a neat and commodious place of worship which we purpose to occupy in July.

North Sydney, C. B.—Our Pastor still faithfully labors, and at times we rejoice over manifest results. In return, there is a disposition to hold up his hands, and not only administer to his wants, but promote his comfort.

Guysboro and Manchester.—The conversion of souls is the first desideratum of the church, and we are pleased to report a goodly number. In the month of February our meeting house in Manchester was destroyed by fire. We have, however, another in progress, and expect to finish the exterior during the Summer. Our friends have liberally aided us. We regret that our Pastor is leaving us, his labors have been richly blessed, the church has doubled its numbers during the past three years he has been with us.

Goose River.—Brother Armstrong who has been sent to this part of the country by the Home Missionary Board gives us a portion of his time; but we hope soon to have a settled Pastor. We have one Sabbath School which we have sustained during the past winter.

Lower Economy and Five Islands.—A few have been enabled to take up their cross, we trust to live to the honour of our Redeemer's name. We feel the want of more ministerial labour.

Great Village.—We have secured the pastorate of Rev. T. A. Blackadar. He has abounded in zeal and labour, and the great Head of the Church has blessed the means employed. The church has been quickened and souls have, we trust, been saved.

Goshen.—We wish to be remembered by the Missionary Board. We have not had the Lord's supper administered to us the last year. We greatly need some faithful labor amongst us.

Glenville and River Philip.—We have not been exempt from trials, yet we have been able to uphold our conference meetings in two sections of our church regularly; although there have been dismissions, yet there have been sufficient visits to Jordan to retain our former numbers.

ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

A. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The eleventh annual meeting of the above Society was held in connection with the Eastern Association at Pugwash, on the 6th of July, 1868.

The Report of the Board was read by Rev. Dr. Cramp and adopted and ordered to be printed.

Interesting addresses were delivered by several of the brethren present.

The following are the Officers of the Society, and Board of Managers appointed for the ensuing year :

S. Selden, *President.*
J. W. Barss, } *Vice-Presidents.*
John King, }
D. McN. Parker, M. D., *Treasurer.*
R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary.*
Geo. Robins, *Auditor.*

Board of Managers.

Rev. J. E. Balcom,	Rev. D. M. Welton,
" J. M. Cramp, D. D.,	Bro. H. R. Cunningham,
" S. W. DeBlois,	" E. G. W. Greenwood,
" D. W. C. Dimock,	" Lewis Estano,
" David Freeman,	" H. N. Paint,
" J. E. Goucher,	" T. H. Rand,
" A. S. Hunt,	" Alex. Robinson,
" G. F. Miles,	" John Steele,
" James Parker,	" David Thompson,
" A. F. Porter,	" Francis Webber,
" E. M. Saunders,	" Wm. Ackhurst,
" I. J. Skinner,	" J. F. L. Parsons.

A vote of thanks to the late President, J. W. Nutting, Esq., for his long and valuable services, was unanimously passed.

R. N. BECKWITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT.

In submitting the Eleventh Annual Report of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society, your Board are happy to be able to state that financially the Society has never been in so satisfactory a position as at the present time.

This may be accounted for in part by the increased contributions of our churches, but it is also to be attributed to the generous donations of a few individuals of whom the Board would make mention in the hope that it may be an incentive to others to follow their noble example.

Ezra Churchill, Esq., of Hantsport, has forwarded to the Board \$100 with an intimation that a like sum may be expected from him annually.

A friend in the neighbouring States, a native of this Province, \$74 through Rev. Dr. Tupper, which has been appropriated towards the support of one of our most faithful Missionaries on Cape Breton.

D. R. DeWolfe, Esq., New York, has through Rev. Dr. Cramp guaranteed the support of a Missionary at the Cow Bay Mines, Cape Breton, for one year.

The Board would also refer to the donation of \$50 from the Ladies Working Society of the Wolfville Sabbath School.

Will not these worthy examples be followed by others of our Benevolent Societies, as well as by other individuals, that the Board may be enabled largely to extend its operations for the coming year?

The number of Missionaries employed and the amount of work performed are considerably in excess of last year, but hardly equal to the two preceding years. The Board deem it better not to make engagements beyond the amount placed at their disposal by the churches, experience having shewn that to do so is unwise.

The Board are under obligations at the present time to the extent of the sum in the Treasurer's hands, and they would urge upon their brethren the necessity of continued and increasing effort, by their prayers and by their contri-

butions, to send the Gospel to the destitute in our own Province, so many parts of which are unable to provide for a stated ministry, and can only be reached through the operations of this Society.

The Board with great satisfaction and with humble thanksgiving record the large number who have put on Christ by baptism through the labors of our Missionaries during the year. 85 have thus publicly professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, more than in any one year since the Society has been organized. Is not this cause for encouragement and continued labor?

The Macedonian cry is heard from many of our mining and other mission districts. Shall the call be responded to? Should there not be greater self denial on our part in order that additional missionaries, and they more continuously may be employed in preaching the Gospel to the perishing around us.

We do not ask you dear brethren to diminish your interest in other and kindred Societies, but we do urge upon your consideration the great importance of giving *systematically* and *increasingly*, for the support of our *Home Missions*.

How many are giving back to the Lord *one tenth* of the yearly income which God in his Providence has bestowed upon us? Should not our individual and household expenses be considerably curtailed that we may be enabled thereby to give additional support to the Gospel ministry, and more substantial aid in sending the Word of Life to the destitute? Much we feel assured could be done in this way if we were keenly sensible of the privileges enjoyed by us, and the obligations under which we are laid to make great sacrifices for the glory of God, and the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom.

May we not ask also that our highly favored Churches dispense with the services of their Pastors for a season that they may engage in Missionary work under the direction of the Board, their pulpits being supplied for the time by younger men? There is great need of experienced men in the Mission fields at the present time, men whose hearts are glowing with love to Christ, and who will devote their whole energies to the work of winning souls to the Lord.

In consequence of the extreme destitution existing in many parts of this Province, particularly in the Eastern Sections, many of those churches where heretofore the stated

ministry has been maintained, are now from force of circumstances quite unable to continue that support. The Constitution provides for the existence of these feeble churches, but the Board are powerless to afford them the required aid unless their brethren of the more highly favored districts are alive to the responsibility resting upon them, and place the needed funds at their disposal.

We ask you prayerfully to consider the state of these, your suffering brethren, and give such assistance as God in his Providence has placed it in your power to bestow.

Subjoined are some extracts from the reports of Missionaries who have been in the service of the Board during the year.

Halifax County.

Rev. A. F. Porter by appointment spent 6 weeks at Jeddore and Waverly.

Bro Porter states as follows: Upon arriving at Jeddore I was much cheered to find Bro. Meadows, who was teaching school through the week, laboring with the church, preaching every Lord's Day, and often on week evenings, to good acceptance. I found the church in a very happy state of revival, and a number of enquirers anxious for salvation, while many converts were rejoicing in God's pardoning mercy.

I spent two weeks here, during which time Bro. Meadows received ordination, and 20 happy souls were added to the Church by baptism.

As the church had now given Bro. Meadows a call to become their Pastor, and could with the utmost efforts hardly sustain him. I did not think it advisable to remain longer there in the service of the Board, while there were so many places more destitute. Therefore, by request of the Board, I willingly spent the remaining four weeks at Waverly. Here are a few true Baptists who are trying to hold on their way amidst the general darkness by which they are surrounded. They have a meeting house mostly occupied by Presbyterians on Sabbaths, and for a School-house during the week. I have no doubt that if a faithful, judicious Missionary could spend a few months there a considerable church might be organized and the Baptist interest greatly increased, as I found a goodly number there of Baptist

sentiments who have come from different parts of the Province a number of whom were members of churches, but finding no church organization here, they are scattered. I hear the cry from this church very loudly, "Come over and help us." Oh! that our churches were awake to the importance of supplying these Mining districts with a constant Baptist ministry.

Travelled 200 miles, preached 15 sermons, attended 10 Conference and Prayer Meetings, visited 25 families, baptized 10 persons, and distributed 250 pages of religious tracts. Collected \$10.15.

Rev. A. Chipman has been engaged in the service of the Board for 3 months at Musquodoboit.

The following extracts have been taken from his report to the Board in May:

In point of cheering details I fear my report will be meagre. The work and description of seed sowing are seldom so gratifying to us as those of the season of harvest. Occasionally indeed, in spiritual things the reaping-time is permitted to follow closely on the sowing, but not often. Such was not my privilege while in your service during the last few months.

I commenced devoting a third of my time in Musquodoboit the first of last September, and during the succeeding nine months carefully adhered to that arrangement. My Sabbath appointments, although to reach some of them involved twenty-five miles of travel, were I think with a single exception, not interrupted. I endeavored to occupy three stations preaching at one of them one every three weeks, at each of the other two once in six weeks.

This entire region has claims to be regarded as real and important Missionary ground for us to participate in cultivating.

At *Little River*, Musquodoboit, we have a church of twelve members, a feeble, yet I hope in the main, consistent band, and having no small claim upon our sympathy and support. My first visit to this place was made two years ago last winter, at which time I had merely heard of a scattered Baptist or two—a remnant result of earnest, successful but spasmodic labor once expended there by two or three of our brethren.

On such information I thought it duty to go and see if they could be found. I was successful, quite beyond my expect-

tation, they were hungering to have the Word preached and Bread of life broken to them by some Baptist Minister. I yielded to their desire and to the praise of Divine Grace, had the ineffable privilege of baptizing four willing converts also of extending to these with another sister the hand of fellowship into the little Baptist Church organized the day before, and of administering the Lord's Supper. That Sabbath was an oasis, a day to me, and I trust to the cause of Christ in that place, of enduring and precious memory.

A few Sabbaths later I was permitted to baptize and receive into that Church two others, all of whom have worn well.

During the term of my recent Mission, one joined us at L. R. or elsewhere in Musquodoboit by baptism; one was added by letter and experience.

I did not keep an account of the number of visits made, but endeavored to visit very generally, and as often as practicable. Number of sermons preached about 26. The cause of Temperance for the most part stands well in Musquodoboit. I had the privilege of assisting in the Organization of a Division of the Sons at Little River, and of several times speaking before Divisions while on that field.

Rev. R. R. Philp spent 2 weeks at Jeddore.

Collected for the Society \$11.12½. Baptized 2 persons.

Lunenburg County.

The Rev. Wm. E. Hall by the appointment of his church in New Germany, spent 2 weeks at New Ross, the following account of which has been sent to the Board:

I went to New Ross on the 26th September, found the church in a very dark state. The enemy had sown the seeds of discord broadcast till nearly every member had become disaffected with some other member. Ephraim was envying Judah, and Judah was vexing Ephraim.

But though Satan had divided them, yet there are converted souls in that church and they only needed to have the truth candidly yet lovingly presented in order to see their errors and turn from them.

I am happy to state that the difficulties are removed and the church again united.

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meetings the last Saturday I was there, that I have attended for a long time.

I preached 11 sermons, attended 1 Conference meeting, and 1 Temperance meeting. Collected for the Board, \$4.

Rev. T. C. Delong also laboured 6 weeks at New Ross.

Preached 31 sermons, attended 4 Conference and prayer meetings, visited 45 families.

Collected for the Society \$3.58.

Rev. I. J. Skinner has spent 5 weeks in the service of the Board, and visited Tancook, Little Tancook, Iron-bound Island, and Hubberts Cove.

"Tancook has been for some time without the ministration of God's word and ordinances, and as is generally the case, the results are visible in the cold and scattered state of the church. But we hope for better days. Congregations good and attentive, and some indication of revival.

At Hubbert's Cove there are a few Baptists, and they are scattered along the shore on the Western side of the Bay. I have no incidents of peculiar interest to mention, but hope that the truth of God though spoken in weakness may become 'the power of God unto salvation.'

My labors may be summed up as follows. Preached 10 sermons, attended 4 Conference and prayer meetings, made 44 family visits, distributed 926 pages of Tracts. Collected \$4.68½."

The Mission is not yet completed and Bro. Skinner expects that the amount of collections will be considerably augmented before the final report is sent in.

MISSION PRINCIPALLY TO THE COLOURED POPULATION IN HAMMONDS PLAINS, TRACADIE, AND GUYSBOROUGH.

Rev. D. G. Shaw has performed 26 weeks mission in the above places.

Preached 119 sermons, baptized 58 persons, attended 45 Conference and prayer meetings. Restored 9. Visited 108 families. Travelled 1000 miles. Lord's Supper administered 4 times. Collected \$116.32.

Bro. C. H. Jordan wrote to the *Messenger* on the 8th January from which we extract the following:

"Rev. D. G. Shaw's labors in Tracadie have resulted in a great revival in the Church. 19 have been baptized in Tracadie and Guysboro Road. Meetings have been held for

12 weeks in these two places. Many have cried for mercy and have been made to rejoice in Christ's great salvation, and prodigals have come to their Father's house with joy and gladness.

Among the happy number there is one formerly a Roman Catholic. Oh sir, we have joyful times here. Parents rejoicing in the conversion of their children, children rejoicing and praising God. Many family altars have been erected where the name of the Lord was never heard but on a blasphemous tongue." "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men."

March 12th, Bro. H. R. Cunningham wrote as follows from Guysborough :

"The glorious work of grace is still going forward in our midst, and increasing in interest every day.

This week has been an eventful period in this place, the blessed Lord is taking hold of our young men, and causing them to enlist under the blood-stained banner of Jesus.

This village seems to be shaken from centre to circumference, as well as some localities around, and we are still looking for a large addition to the Church of God in this place.

"Glorious things are spoken of Zion the city of our God."
"He shall see the travail of his soul and be satisfied."

Bro. Shaw left us on Monday last to spend a few days at Tracadie expecting to proceed homeward.

Bro. Shaw writes to the Board as follows : I sincerely hope the time is not far distant when a Missionary can be kept constantly moving through those destitute places, it appears evident to me that the time has already come when we, as Baptists and as Christians, should become more alive to the responsibility resting upon us, and giving more earnest heed to the word of truth. Go at once and teach those destitute and populous regions on our Eastern shores the way of the Lord more perfectly.

Very great destitution prevails this season all around. Many families are suffering extreme poverty. The children in the streets cry for bread, and of course the poor coloured and too much neglected sons of suffering share very largely in the common misery.

Cape Breton.

Rev. Wm. McPhee in July, 1867, was assigned a Mission of 13 weeks at St. Anns and vicinity, and on the 8th of January 8 weeks additional.

Preached 93 sermons. Prayer meetings attended, 3 reported. Conference meetings 2. Families visited, 66. Baptized 1. Miles travelled, 1300. 1 Church organized. 1 Sabbath School do. Collected for the Society, \$80.20.

The following particulars are gleaned from the report to the Board in December, 1867. "I laboured in St. Anns, North Shore. Boulardrie, and Baddeck River. Baptized one believer in the Lord Jesus. The immersion of this brother had a blessed effect on the minds of some, whom I hope will soon follow his example. Indeed I believe that no argument or comment is needed in favour of the immersion of believers stronger than the act itself. It carries with it an irresistible conviction that the ordinance is of God's own appointment.

During the time that I laboured under the auspices of the Board I scarcely varied from my usual course for more than seven years, only more constant on the field on week days, as I feel that I am always on a mission.

The great desire of my soul is, that Jesus may be glorified in the conversion of sinners; and the best and only support I have in going forth with the word of life and light is His own sure word of promise. It will not fail.

The brethren and sisters here expressed a desire to form themselves into a church and partake of the Lord's Supper. I gladly complied with their request. It was a joyful day to me. Seven years last June I came hither, and among the associates of my childhood, I could find none to whom I could open my bosom. All looked upon me with suspicion but I bless the Lord that it is not so now.

Rev. Malcom Ross has been engaged in the service of the Board 19 weeks at Cow Bay Mines and vicinity.

Preached 72 sermons. Attended 29 Conference and Prayer meetings. Visited 136 families. Travelled 700 miles. Collected for the Society \$70.75.

The following extracts are taken from Bro. Ross's report of 23rd March—

"It is not my privilege to make a rapturous report of my Mission in this place, however, I can say truthfully that many of the members of the Cow Bay and Mira Church have

been greatly refreshed, also of late the heart of your Missionary has been made glad in hearing the cry of the returning prodigal, exclaiming, "pray for me," hence it is with great reluctance I must leave this mission ground.

Another pleasing result of the Mission is that God has been pleased to own it in removing long existing prejudices against Baptist preaching.

I would most earnestly urge upon the consideration of the Board the imperative necessity of seeing this Baptist Missionary ground continually occupied."

MISSION AT MARGAREE, MABOU, AND BIG BADDECK.

Rev. Joseph F. Kempton reports 9 weeks labor performed a friend in the United States having defrayed the expenses of said Mission.

Sermons preached 40. Miles travelled 620. Conference, Prayer, and other meetings 34. Family visits 126. Pages of tracts distributed 152.

On the 17th February reported in the *Messenger* the result of his labors, from which the following extracts are taken.

I commenced the Missiou on the 11th November, 1867. The usual appointments at Margaree were filled, and the same round of family visitation performed, which I endeavour to continue from the beginning to the end of each year.

Two weeks were spent at Mabou where there is a small feeble Baptist Church. Here there is an attentive hearing given to the word of the Lord. The congregation is not large but very interesting. Two or three cases of anxious enquirers after salvation were found. I hope soon to see some of them brought into the full liberty of the gospel of Christ. One of them, a young man, said to me in substance as follows:—"For twelve months past I have been seeking salvation by my own efforts. This I see to be wrong. I see that 'Christ is all.' I see the promise—see beauty in it and want to lay hold of it—but do not appear to have the power. A few days since I thought I had Christ. He seemed precious to my soul, and I said I cannot let Him go—but in a little time consolation was gone. Still I long for Christ, and cannot be satisfied without a knowledge of Him as my Saviour."

One week was spent in Big Baddeck. Here there was formerly a Baptist Church, but a large number of the most prominent members have removed to other places, and some

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have been called to their final rest; so that now there are but two or three remaining. They are hoping and praying for "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

The remaining portion of the time has been spent in Margaree. Here is a Baptist Church numbering 72. Six of these have been added by baptism since September 29th. We have been gladdened each month, one excepted, since we entered our new chapel last September, by seeing one or more joyfully obeying Christ in the ordinance of believers' baptism.

And our hearts have been made glad also, by seeing quite a number more enabled to trust in Christ, and declare their attachment to Him and His cause who have not as yet been immersed. Some of these I expect soon to see following Christ in this precious ordinance—others of them will probably unite with other bodies of christians. Be that as it may we do rejoice; yea and will rejoice in their conversion to God. And we hope they may have light given them from heaven, in reference to the ordinances of the christian church. We believe that as soon as they do they will connect themselves with the Baptist denomination. True, it would be a sacrifice of natural inclinations, and probably would subject them to more or less persecution. But what of this? When Christ himself has said: "Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," &c. (Matthew v. 10, 12.)

We have in operation a very interesting Sabbath School, numbering over 100 pupils and 14 teachers, and is increasing both in number and interest. We have a Sabbath School Concert quarterly; a Concert of Prayer for Foreign Missions, monthly; Conference meeting and the Lord's Supper, monthly; Prayer meeting, weekly; Preaching twice on Sabbath. These with the superintendence of the Sabbath School keep me pretty busily occupied. But I hope to be permitted to labor while life lasts.

Brother J. W. Manning received an appointment in June, 1867, to Hawkesbury, Cape Breton, the time not being specified, as Brother Peter Paint, Jr., guaranteed that the mission should be self-sustaining, or nearly so. This agreement has been carried out in good faith, thereby relieving the Board from any pecuniary responsibility.

Brother Manning under date, April 1st, reported the result

of his mission so far as relates to the amount of work performed.

"Spent 40 weeks in the service of the Board. Preached 101 sermons. Baptized 14. Attended 48 Conference and Prayer Meetings. Visited 189 families. Distributed a few pages of Tracts. Received for my support \$200.

I have to say that the baptisms were performed by Bro. Jos. Kempton, but during the time of my mission I have to add that I organized a Bible Class, and taught regularly a class in Sabbath School the most of those baptized were members of one or the other of my classes. I think we have abundant reason to bless and adore the All-wise Creator for what he has done. Much has not been accomplished, but I trust I have endeavoured to labor in the fear of my Master. What has been done is due not to my poor work and feeble efforts, but to the grace of God alone, to whom be ascribed all the glory.

More have been added to the church than I have reported but these have been since I took charge and after my mission ceased."

Bro. Manning has been ordained and called to the Pastorate of the Church in that place.

Rev. Samuel Thompson has been engaged during the year one fourth of his time with the church at Greenville. The Board has appropriated \$20 towards Bro. Thompson's support.

Pictou County.

Rev. Wm. Hall has been labouring in the above county for six months. The Board made an appropriation of \$50 towards defraying expenses of the mission. The following statements were forwarded to the Board June 1st.

"I have preached in New Glasgow, at the Mines, Fishers' Grant, Pictou Town, and River John. The congregations were good. I occupied the chapel in town steadily for the period of three months. Although eternity alone may reveal the results yet I would express my thanks to ministers and people for their attention and hospitality. My thanks are due especially to the Rev. Messrs. Roy and Philips for the privilege of occupying their pulpits. The religious state of our brethren and sisters in this county is not so promising as is desirable. The labor is self-denying and the privations great in this missionary field.

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MISSIONARY LABOR
PERFORMED DURING THE YEAR.**

No. of Missionaries employed, all of whom are ordained,.....	13
Weeks services,.....	174
Sermons reported,.....	518
Prayer and Conference meetings held,....	180
Family Visits,.....	789
Baptisms,.....	86
Restored by one missionary,.....	9
Miles travelled by five,.....	3820
Tracts distributed by three,.....	pages, 1322
1 Church organized,	
1 Sabbath School and one Bible Class by one Missionary.	

GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1st, 1867,.....	\$280 65
Received during the year,.....	1007 06
Collected by the Missionaries,.....	562 81
	\$1850 52

EXPENDITURES.

Collected and retained by Missionaries,.....	\$514 88
Travelling expenses of de.	47 98
Disbursed by Treasurer for labor performed to	
May 31, 1868,.....	541 95
Secretary for Postages, Stationary, &c., 2 years,.	12 50
Secretary's Assistant,.....	60 00
Balance in hand 31 May, 1868,.....	678 26
	\$1850 52

The Board are under obligations equivalent to the amount in hand.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. R. R. Philp.

William Arnold.....	\$1 75
John Maskill.....	1 00
Grace Hopkins.....	1 00
Mary Hopkins.....	1 00
Harris Arnold.....	1 00
John Maskill, Senr.....	0 62½
Elizabeth Moser.....	0 75
Mary Arnold.....	0 50
Luke Blakeny.....	0 50
George Baker.....	0 50
Enos Baker.....	0 50
David Blakeny.....	0 25
Collection.....	1 75

\$11 12½

KING'S COUNTY.

WOLFVILLE.

Contributions from 1st Horton Church.

Maria Armstrong.....	\$1 50
Rev. John Chase.....	1 00
Mrs. Edwin DeWolfe.....	0 50
Alida DeWolfe.....	0 25
John W. Barss.....	10 00
Mrs. Lewis Johnston.....	0 75
Jane Johnston.....	0 50
David J. Harris.....	0 50
Mrs. C. D. Randall.....	0 50
James S. Morse.....	1 00
Mrs. James S. Morse.....	0 75
Mrs. Joseph DeWolfe.....	0 25
Ella Morse.....	0 25
Mrs. S. B. DeWolfe.....	0 50
Mrs. Alfred Fisk.....	0 25
Loceanna Fisk.....	0 25
Lalliah Fisk.....	0 25
Mrs. Wm. Fitch.....	0 50
Mrs. Charles Fitch.....	0 25
Johnson W. Bishop.....	1 00
Mrs. S. B. Bishop.....	0 25
Mrs. George Forsyth.....	0 50
Mrs. Patriquin.....	0 25
James S. McDonald.....	1 00
Mrs. Tibert.....	1 00
Angus Tibert.....	0 25
Nelson Strong.....	0 37½
Mrs. Mann.....	0 50
John T. Mann.....	0 25

Mrs. W. H. DeWolfe.....	1 00
Mrs. Wm. Johnson.....	1 00
Mrs. James P. Johnson.....	0 50
Mrs. David Thomas.....	0 25
Rev. S. W. DeBlois.....	1 00
Mrs. S. W. DeBlois.....	0 50
Austin K. DeBlois.....	0 25
Mrs. Simon Fitch.....	1 00
Rev. J. M. ramp, D. D....	4 00
Prof. D. F. Higgins.....	1 00
Mrs. D. F. Higgins.....	1 00
Albert J. Hill.....	0 50
Mrs. R. V. Jones.....	1 00
Rev. T. A. Higgins.....	1 00
Mrs. T. A. Higgins.....	1 00
Mrs. M. Cleaveland.....	0 50
Mrs. James Wallace.....	0 50
Amelia Wallace.....	0 25½
Rev. Wm. George.....	0 50
A Friend.....	0 25
Mrs. T. Barss.....	0 25
George V. Rand.....	1 00

\$43 37½

PICTOU COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. William Hall.

From New Glasgow.....	\$13 50
" The Mines.....	4 00
" Fisher's Grant.....	8 00
" Mrs. Welsh, (Mines). ..	1 00

PICTOU.

" R. J. Griffith.....	8 35
" Sister Griffith.....	6 37½
" Sister McKinnon.....	2 62
" Sister Little.....	1 00
" Collections.....	2 05
Hat from a Friend.....	4 00

RIVER JOHN.

" Robert Allen.....	1 00
" James Sutherland.....	1 00
" Collections.....	4 00
" Mrs. Jas. Sutherland,	
(Socks).....	0 25
" Mrs. Griffith, (Socks) ..	0 25
Nelson Sutherland, keeping	
house 6 weeks.....	6 00

\$63 39½

CAPE BRETON.

ST. ANN'S,

Collected by Rev. Wm. McPhee.

1 00	Roderick McLeod.....	\$4 00
1 00	Duncan Morrison, J. P.....	1 63
0 50	John McLeod, J. P.....	0 50
0 25	John McKay.....	0 85
1 00	John McLeod, Shoemaker..	0 85
0 50	Donald McGregor.....	0 50
0 50	Widow Carr.....	0 50
0 25	Donald Smith.....	1 00
1 00	Daniel McLeod.....	1 00
4 00	Murdoch Buchanan.....	0 85
1 00	Donald McLeod, Mason....	1 20
1 00	Alex. McKenzie.....	0 50
0 50	Donald McLean.....	0 50
1 00	Angus McGregor.....	0 50
1 00	John Montgomery.....	0 50
1 00	John Morrison, Teacher...	0 60
0 50	Angus Morrison, Tailor...	0 60
0 50	Donald Morrison, Senr....	0 40
0 25	Widow McKillip.....	0 60
0 50	Angus McKaskill.....	0 25
0 25	Capt. Fader.....	0 50
0 25	George Fader.....	0 50
1 00	Caleb Fader.....	0 15
	William Phillhansen.....	0 50
43 37½	Bart. Musgrove.....	0 50
	Peter Musgrove.....	0 25
	Mrs. Peter Phillhouser....	0 25
	Angus Kerr.....	1 25
	Alex. McKenzie.....	1 25
	Angus McDonald.....	0 50
	Donald McGregor.....	0 50
	Donald Montgomery.....	1 00
	John Campbell.....	1 00
	Roderick McLeod.....	3 00
	John Morrison, Teacher....	1 00

NORTH SHORE.

8 35	Donald McLeod	\$1 50
6 37½	Duncan McLeod.....	4 00
2 62	John Smith.....	1 50
1 00	Angus Smith.....	1 50
2 05	Malcolm McLeod.....	1 50
4 00		

BOULARDRIE.

1 00	David Corbit.....	\$0 50
1 00	William Corbit.....	0 90
4 00	Hector Corbit.....	0 50
0 25	Mr. Archibald, Teacher...	0 25
0 25	Widow McLeod.....	1 00
6 00	Murdoch McNeil.....	0 50

\$63 39½

	Kenneth McKenzie,	
	(Son Donald)....	0 50
	Kenneth McKenzie,	
	(Son Roderick)...	1 50
	David Corbett and family..	1 50

BADDECK RIVER.

	Donald McDonald.....	\$1 50
	John McLeod.....	1 80
	Malcolm McLean, J. P....	1 00
	Mrs. McLean.....	1 00
	Daniel McKay.....	0 50
	Nell McKay.....	0 50
	Donald McKay.....	0 50
	Nell McMillan.....	1 00
	Donald McMillan.....	0 50
	Allen McLeod.....	0 50
	Charles McLean.....	0 40
	John McLeod (son Angus)..	0 40
	John McLeod.....	1 00
	Norman McLeod.....	1 00
	Donald McPhee.....	4 00
	Widow McPhee.....	1 00
	Hugh McLeod.....	1 05

UPPER BADDECK.

	Alex. Morrison, Shoemaker	\$1 00
	Donald McMillan.....	0 25
	Donald McPhee.....	0 50
	Niel McMillan.....	0 25
	Mary McPhee.....	1 00
	Catherine McLeod.....	0 25
	Malcolm McLean, J. P....	1 00
	Angus McLeod.....	0 20
	Donald McLeod.....	0 50
	Murdoch McLeod.....	0 20
	Allan McLeod.....	0 50
	Christopher McLeod.....	0 25
	Norman McLeod.....	0 50

LOWER BADDECK.

	George Ingraham.....	\$1 00
	Thomas Foyle.....	1 50
	Seymore F Foyle.....	1 50
	William Foyle.....	2 00
	Jacob Hull.....	0 50
	Thomas Rice.....	1 50

LITTLE BADDECK.

	J. S. Ingraham, Sheriff....	\$2 0 0
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COW BAY.

Collected by Rev. Malcolm Ross.

John Martell.....	\$4 00	Samuel Peters.....	3 25
David Spencer.....	5 00	Joseph Holmes.....	4 00
Mrs. C. Martell.....	2 00	Studson Holmes.....	3 50
Charles Martell.....	4 00	Obadiah Spencer.....	1 00
Thomas Martell.....	4 00	Robert Rice.....	1 00
Mrs. Galen Holmes.....	4 00	Duncan McInnis.....	1 00
Miss S. Holmes.....	0 50	— Munroe.....	1 00
William Holmes.....	4 00	Collections at Glace Bay....	3 00
Anthony Martell.....	1 00	“ “ Cow Bay....	4 00
Joseph McQuillan.....	1 00	“ “ Mira Gut....	8 80
George Martell.....	1 50	Arnold Holmes.....	9 00
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NOVA SCOTIA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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June 1.	By cash on hand.....	280 65½	
4.	Interest on Mortgage.....	30 00	
July 18.	Central Association.....	306 17	
Aug. 20.	Eastern Association.....	336 15	
Nov. 5.	A Friend in Cornwallis.....	0 62½	
Dec. 18.	A Nova Scotian abroad, for a Missionary in Cape Breton...	74 00	
21.	Upper and Lower Stewiacke Churches.....	9 00	
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Feb. 3.	Granville Street Church.....	57 20	
	John Bew, Arichat.....	3 00	
4.	A. F. Porter, (from Waverly)...	0 65	
8.	1st Horton Church.....	43 37	
May 22.	Ezra Churchill, Esq.....	100 00	
	Wolfville Sabbath School.....	50 00	
	John Mosher.....	2 00	
			1292 82
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Feb. 4.	To Rev. R. R. Philp.....	5 37	
	" Wm. McPhee.....	51 20	
	" A. F. Porter.....	2 50	
	Treasurer of Eastern Association, (over paid).....	5 11	
	Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	20 00	
	" Joseph Kempton.....	74 00	
Mar. 5.	" Wm. Hall, Pictou Mission.	50 00	
28.	" David Shaw.....	107 96	
May 22.	" T. C. Delong.....	44 42	
	" Malcom Ross.....	99 90	
30.	" Wm. McPhee.....	36 60	
	" A. Chipman.....	50 00	
	Secretary's assistant, 2 years		
	Postages, telegrams, &c.....	72 50	
			619 56
Balance.....			673 26
			1292 82

9th June, 1868.

G. ROBINS, Auditor.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."

II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble Churches, and the planting of new ones.

III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards, annually, to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time shall be a Life Member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds so contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall also have the privilege of sending a delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds, such church shall be entitled to send one delegate for every five pounds contributed,—*Provided*: That no Association, Auxiliary, or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.

IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.

V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and five shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such meeting being given; to appoint Missionaries, and assign their respective spheres of labor; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all amounts contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied, as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the donors; to employ agents for the collection of funds, and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society; and to furnish a reports of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.

VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive

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Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contribution; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.

VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.

VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present deem expedient.

IX. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an Annual meeting.

BYE LAWS

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD.

ARTICLE 1.—This Board shall meet for this dispatch of business at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Wednesday of each month,—Also at such other times as duly called by the Chairman, or Secretary, or two other members of the Board.

ARTICLE 2.—Each meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer, and the minutes of preceding meetings read and approved.

ARTICLE 3.—None but Licentiates from regular Baptist Churches and ordained Ministers, recognized as such by a regular Baptist Association, shall be employed as Missionaries for the Society.

ARTICLE 4.—No Missionary shall be at liberty to change his field of labor or to extend the time of his service beyond appointment without consent of the Board.

ARTICLE 5.—The compensation allowed, generally, for married and ordained Missionaries shall be eight dollars per week, for married licentiates and unmarried ordained Missionaries seven dollars, in each case exclusive of travelling expenses.

ARTICLE 6.—All Missionaries of pastors, serving under the Board are empowered and expected to make all reasonable effort during the time, and in the localities of such service, to collect funds in aid of the Treasury, to be transmitted forthwith to the same, or reported to the Board, credited towards labor performed.

ARTICLE 7.—On the expiration of Missions, reports [shall be promptly made to the Board, by Missionaries, stating definitely, the number of weeks' service, number of sermons preached, visits made, miles travelled, pages of tracts distributed, baptisms performed, Sabbath Schools visited, other meetings attended, Churches, Sabbath Schools, Temperance Societies and prayer meetings organized; moneys and other contributions, with the names of the donors; and such other facts connected with their labors likely to be of general interest.

ARTICLE 8.—No moneys shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

ARTICLE 9.—The Chairman and Secretary shall sign no orders for moneys from the Treasury unless for accounts checked by the Auditors.

ARTICLE 10.—No account shall be audited until ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 11.—The Board shall not accept and submit accounts to the Auditors, unless presenting full particulars of debits and credits, &c., as specified in Article 7.

ARTICLE 12.—The Secretary of this Board, with the consent of the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, shall furnish, monthly, for publication in that paper, the following items, viz;—Letters received [during the month], appointments made, amount of funds in the Treasury, amounts due Missionaries, the names of Missionaries and their fields of labor, members of the Board present at last meeting, and such other particulars as may be ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 13.—A copy of these Bye Laws shall be forwarded by the Secretary to each missionary on his appointment.