MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

HELD IN

Albert Street Baptist Church, Woodstock, June 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1884.

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the fourth Tuesday in June at such makes as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes, and in the date and the minutes, and in the date and the minutes and conference; after which the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be

opened and concluded by prayer.

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

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

Arricle 6. It shall be the duty of each church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association during the session and turnish a correct copy for the press.

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Arricle 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

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

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

Rules of Order.

- That each meeting be opened by prayer.

 That motions be made and seconded according to parliamentary usage. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.

 That every motion be written out and handed to the Clerk.

 That motions which are lost be not recorded.

 That invited members enjoy the privileges of delegates, except voting. That these resolutions be read at each session.

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Woodstock, June 24th, 1884 The Western N. B. Association convened on the above date with the Albert Street Baptist Church, at Woodstock.

At 2 p. m. a social conference meeting was conducted by Rev. G. N. Ballentine, the Moderator of last year. Select D. O. W. T. - Market Co.

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The clerk read the following:

LIST OF DELEGATES. ALBERT STREET, WOODSTOCK - Rev. Thos. Todd, Deas. Craig, Kerr, Breth. I. Vanwart. Patterson and Black. Fatterson and Black.
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AVONDALE BIRGH RIDGE—Rev. Chas. Henderson.

BLISSTEED—Rev. W. M. Edwards, Dea. Chas. Betts.

BLOOMFIELD—Rev. Sam. Burtt, Bro. Jas. Foster.

BRIGHT (African)— CAMBRIDGE, 187, (1.ower)—Geo. L. Cadwell.
CAMBRIDGE, 2ND- No delegate. CHIPMAN—
C STERBURY, 1st—Gideon G. Dow, Aaron W. Dow, Alonzo Dow.
CANTERBURY 28D (Howard Settlement)—No.delegate.
CALVARY (African)— CALVARY (African)—
CENTERVILLE Rev. Geo. Howard, Deacon Currie, Deacon Jas. Sloat, Samuel Cogswell,
CARDIGAN—Rev. P. O. Rees.
CARLISLE—Bro. Jarvis Shaw.
DUINFRIES AND QUEENSURY—
FLORENCEVILLE EAST—Bro. James Bridges. they M. R. Hall, Treatment FOREST GI, N.—
FREDERICTOR—Rev. F. D. Crawley. Rev. W. H. Beckwith, D. W. Estabrooks and J. W. Spurden, Bro. M. S. Hall and H. C. Creed.
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GRAND LAKE 23D—Rev. F. S. Todd.

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HAINESVILLE, LOWER—Rev. H. J. Coy:

HODGDON AND RICHMOND—Breth. Albert Turney, Wm. London and Calvin Green.

JACKSONYULLE—Rev. B. N. Nobles, Pos. F. E. Good, Breth. Geo. Grass.

JOHNSTON, 28D—No delegates.

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KNOWLESVILLE AND GLAMSVILLE—Rev. H. J. Shaw and Dea. E Smith.
LITTLE SOUTH WEST—No delegate.
LUDLOW—Rev. W. M. Edwards, Breth. Geo. L. Price, Abel R. Pound.
LOWER CAMBRIDGE—No delegate.
MACNAQUACK—Rev. T. A. Blackarder, Rev. Jas. H. Tupper, Breth. J. F. Clark.
MAPLE GROVE (Knoxford)—Rev. H. A. Charlton, Breth. R. Scott Estabrooks

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MILL COVE—No delegate, MIDLE SIMONS—Breth, John P. Cowell, Melbeurne Ebbett and C. H. Palmer, MAPLE RIDGE—Rev. H. J. Coy, Breth. G. D. Reed, G. Blaney and Simpson Dunlap, NEWOASTLE, GRAND LAKE—None present.

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PRINCE WILLIAM—Rev. B. N. Hughes, Bro. Mosea B. Jewett.

QUEENBURY, UPPER—Rev. J. H. Coy, Rev. J. W. Young.

ROCKLAND—Hev. A. H. Hayward, Rev. H. J. Shaw, Deas. S. W. Estabrooks and H. S.

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SALMON UREBE-No delegates. SCOTCH TOWN-

RICHMOND SOUTH-Deas. Lewis Purinton, Rob. Henderson, Breth. J. Y. Hoyt, and T. E. Henderson. American Land Charles Lording

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SPRINGFIELD-No delegate. Sheffield and Canning-Bro. W. J. Bridges.

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WAKEFIELD Breth. C. I. Shaw, Jos. Sherwood, Henry Clarke.
WICKHAM, LOWER—No delegate.
WOODSTO. K.—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Rev. Benj. Jewett, Breth. Palmer. Woodworth,
Aaron Clark. G. W. Sloat. C. N. Soott.
WOODSTOCK, LOWER, ALBERT STREET—Breth. Stephen Taylor, John Scott, EH Taylor.

The Association then elected ;-

Rev. B. N. Hughes, Moderator. and the second and the second Bro. H. C. Creed, Assistant Clerk.
Bro. M. S. Hall, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS: - Revs. T. Todd, G. N. Ballentine, B. Jewett, Deacons Craig, Kerr, Bro. C. N. Scott.

COMMITTEE ON NoMINATIONS: -Revs. B. N. Nobles, J. S. Harvey, H. J. Coy, T. A. Blackarder, Bro. J. W. Spurden.

The Committee on arrangements reported the order for subsequent sessions,

The Assistant Clerk read a letter fron the Southern Association introducing a resolution passed at the late meeting of that association, as follows:

Whereas, the Annual Associational gatherings of the Baptist Churchs of the Maritime Provinces afford the best, and to many churches and individuals, the only opportunities of becoming intimately acquainted with the great enterprises of the denomination in Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions:

And Whereas, it is of the highest importance that representatives of the several Boards which have in charge these undertakings should be present at all our Associations to present an official report, and thereby stimulate the interest and benevolence of the churches in regard thereto:

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Therefore Resolved, that the Clerk of this Association be a Committee to confer with the Clerks of the other Associations in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, as soon as possible, with the view to a rearrangement of the dates of the meeting of the Associations, so as to admit of their being visited in order.

And Further Resolved, that the Joint Committee thus formed be empowered to report to the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, at the meeting to be held report to the Hapitat Convention of the Maritime Provinces, at the meeting to be field at Monotton, in August next, a Schodule of Dates for holding the Associations, in accordance with the intent of this resolution; and that such report, so far as it fixes the date for holding this Association shall be binding upon this body.

Assi Parther Resolved, that the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces be requested to instruct the several Boards under its direction to submit to each Association by the hands of a delegated representative, a report upon the progress, condition and outlook of the work in Sand.

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Resolved, That the resolution be laid on the table for consideration at a subsequent

The committee on nominations reported, naming the following committees.

Committee to Examine and Read Letters :- Revs. A. H. Hayward, T. Blackarder, Bro. J. March.

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Committee on Home Missions:—Revs. I. J. Skinner, H. J. Coy, J. H. Tupper,
Brethren C. N. Scott, George Reed, Fred Clark, F. E. Good, D. W. Estabrooks.
Committee on Foreign Missions:—Revs. A. Estabrooks, J. S. Harvey, Charles Henderson, Brethern John March, J. E., Masters, J. W. Spurden.
Committee on Education:—Hevs. Dr. Sawyer, F. D. Crawley, G. E. Good, W. H.
Beckwith, Brethren W. J. Bridges, George Hoben, Dr. Higgins.
Committee on Sabbath Schools:—Revs. G. N. Balleutine, B. N. Nobles, Benj. Jewett
Samuel Burtt, T. Todd, Brethen, G. W. Sloat, Simpson Dunlap, Stephen Estabrooks,
Eli Taylor.

Committee on Temperance:—Revs. P. O. Rees, W. T. Corey, J. W. S. Young, Brethern Robt. Henderson, Wm. Watson, Luther Patterson, Samuel Cogswell, J. W. Estabrooks, Henry Black, Milton Anderson.

Committee to Examine Circular Letter:—Revs. G. N. Ballentine, A. E. Ingram, Bro. H. C. Const.

H. C. Creed. Committee on Religious Literature :-- Revs. G. E. Good, George Howard, Calvin Currie, Brethran J. W. Spurden, Robi. Henderson.

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Reading of letters was resumed.

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OB BRE The Committee on Arrangements reported the order for Wednesday's sessions, and announced that the representatives of the W. M. A. S. would meet in Main Street Church, to-morrow at 3 P. M. Adjourned.

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Opened at 10 a. m. Prayer by Rev. Calvin Currie.

On motion, Brethern Hoyt and Scott were appointed to audit the Treasurer's account. Committee appointed to examine Circular Letters reported as follows.

Reports of Committee on Circular Letter: - Your Committee having examined the Circular Letter have great pleasure in recommeding that it be read-before the Association, and printed in the Christian Visitor, and also it Importes. if the Association decide to have the minutes printed separately from the N er Blanche deep to the test of the first of the state of the state of G. N. Ballenian

A. E. Ingram. H. C. Creed.

hinday , to Test our file gone and aller The Association sermon was then preached by Rev. A W. Sawyer D. D., from Gal. 6.12 "Bear ye one anothers burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

A collection was then taken for the Convention Fund (\$12.76.)

Rev. F. D. Crawley then read the

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN .-- Since we last met, the old, prophetic word has found fresh ful-"Of Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her." Some have had the special joy of seeing the young gathered into the fold of Christ. It thrills the heart to behold matured and thoughtful lives confessing Christ as Lord, but sad thoughts intrude of long years that Knew not his blossed sovereignts. It was one thing to get Israel out of Egypt—it proved a long and painful process to get Egypt out

A revolted province, after prolonged rebellion, yields to its king, but the evils of cession leave traces not at once removed

It is often thus with those who put off decision for God till late in life. Brighter, from every point of view, are the prospects of those who come to Christ, in the bonny, breezy days of youth.

Our duty to young christians, is the subject chosen for brief consideration in this letter.

For a moment look back upon the methods we employed in winning their souls to Christ. In the ardor of special effort, some among us were beset by the temptation to do hasty work, lacking in thoroughness. We do well to remove groundless fears, and needless difficulties, from the way of seeking souls, but disastrous are the conseneedless dimenters, from the way as became quences that must follow any failure, to present faithfully the scriptural conditions of life. The new birth, the strait gate, and the narrow way, Christ trusted as Saviour, and obeyed as absolute Lord and Master, were the strong, and necessary truths suggested by these words, made wisely and healthfully prominent.

Helpful to a young convert is such a quiet and reverential administration of baptism as the gracious and solemn import of the great symbol demands. Instructive in this connection is the practice that was followed at ancient baptisms, when the white linen garments worn by the candidale, was afterward handed back to him, with the words.

"See thou present this robe of your profession spotiess at the judgment seat of Christ."

Were we careful, on behalf of the young christian, in these open and public beginnings of the new life, to have all that was said and done, prevaded by the spirit of revirence!

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had held in my friend's heart. He rarely speaks to me now, though I feel, more than ever, the need of shristian counsel and help."

Our duty to young christians, is a duty sadly neglected. They are left to themselves, and then, when they do ill, we profess grave surprise that they should so econ fall away. The feult is largely ours. We forgot that God honers the use of the appropriate means in training the converted, as much as in winning the unconverted.

The new life, like all life, begins in weakness. It needs to be mothered. Babes in Christ, is the New Testament representation of the case. The youthful disciple would be spared much painful perplexity, should experienced christians impart kindly counsel, instructions is called for in right and wise methods of Bible study. This special perils of the way need to be faithfully pointed out. The common histakes into which young christians fall are to be corrected. Often should they be reminded of their dependence upon Christ, without whom they "can do nothing;" and when disturbed with anxious thought, concessing growth in grace, they are to be told that growth is best and turnest attained, not by painfully trying to grow, but by simply abiding in Christ, and faithfully doing his will, for "who, by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature." Let them be taught the principles of New Testament morality. Point out that any divorce between spirituality and norality has me saction in the teachings of the Gospal, and that when a truth is so held as to relax the grasp upon integrity and honesty in the common affuirs of life, that truth is being wrongly held.

The deacon was suspicious as to the orthodoxy of his minister's views. At last he said, "I hear sir, that you oppose the perseverance of the sinners I oppose." "But, see here, don't you believe a christian can fall very far in sin, and yet be saved "" "Well," said the minister, "I think it is a very dangerous experiment for any christian to try." "A dangerous experiment," let the young Christian be taught to l

dangerous experiment," let the young Christian be taught to look at sin in that way.

The realous example of his paster and brethren, is of supreme importance in the appritual education of the convert. Let Jesus be presched by word and deed as a living force in life, and the lives we seek to help will feel the contagion of health. "It is astonishing," said one, "how much goodness, goodness makes." Byrsonal instruction and encouragement, carried even to the point of spending two or three weeks at a time in prayerful effort on behalf of individuals, will find its reward. I am convinced that the principle involved in the Methodiat system of class meetings, with class leaders, is sound and fruitful. It is a step in the right (direction when the judicious and spiritually minded members in our churches are led to feed a special responsibility for the well being and well doing of young christians. We dread too much machinery, and a cast from system. If may be useful to temper that dread by recalling the Prophetic vision of the wheels, wheels within wheels, an intricate, complicate system of wheels, but all revolving to effective purpose, because the spirit of the living creature was within the wheels.

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The end we should have in view in all that is done for the young christian, is to help him to become an efficient worker for Christ. We help him most wisely, when we help him to the present of the state of the first provisions of grace are to the end, that we may "attain unto the knowledge of the Sen of God, unto a full-grown maa, unto the measure of the stature of the fainess of Christ, that we may be no longer children." And St. Paul avows this aim, when he says, "We admonish every man, and teach every man mall wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ." Heaven is not to be peopled with a race of moral inbedies. The reward of the crown of life is "to him that overcometh." In this line of making "good soldiers of Jesus Christ "of these recruits, we should certainly, for one thing, sake to inspire in them, a large-hearted intelligent interest in our denominational work. "When one is only a "family man," he may have a sound nature, but it will not be a large or generous one. "A like obsequation holds true of any christian, whose interests are all local, whose sympathies do not extend beyond the church of which he is a member. "They say in England, that the books which record the deeds and darings of British naval heroes have dones more than anything else to man the ships of that country and to develop youthful enthusisem for a sea-faring life." Familiarize the minds of young christians, by all the means within our reach, with the lives and work of our hero martyrs and missionaries, and with the facts of our denominational history, full, as they are, of

charm and interest when rightly viewed. In close relation with such work, seek to education heart and conscience up to the sadly neglected duty and privilege of systematic, liberal christian giving. If the patry sums, now contributed to the support of our denominational enterprises, are to show large increase in corsing years, if the local support is to be more generous, it must come chiefly as a result of a diligent training in these matters of the young christians of to-day.

May our churches become true homes for souls, homes in which the tender, springing virtues of early christian life, may swiftly attain to sturdy, tree-like growth.

There are homes estatute of all that makes home happy and science. We feel regret that children should ever be born into such homes. Alas for the souls born into such homes, the poisonous, stifling air Churches afflicted with the deadly dry rot of covetounces, exposed to the blighting frosts and surrly east winds of selfahness. May the Spirit of Christ fill our burch homes with cheery light and genial warmth. God grant them all the blessing of requent accessions of fresh, youthar life, and may that blessing lead ever to the other responsibility, they give wisely and liberally of their strength to those who are spiritually weak. spiritually weak.

"No blood relationship ought to be counted more real or more abiding than relation-

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, especially toward them that are of the household of faith."

On motion of H. C. Creed it was

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Sawyer be requested to furnish for publication in the Christian Visitor, the admirable sermon delivered by him this morning.

And that a committee of three brethren who can conveniently consult together be appointed to take into consideration during the year the numerous important points brought out in the sermon, in order to recommend, either to the Association next year or to the denomination through the press, such steps as may be taken, to give practical effect to the suggestions therein contained,

And that the same committee take into consideration the Circular Letter read by Rev. F. D. Crawley, for the like purpose.

Bro. H. C. Creed and Revs. F. D. Crawley and Benj. Hughes, were appointed as this committee.

Discussion resumed on resolution of Southern Association.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Taylor, (F. C. B.) The set word and threath are a of these, it is no perfect to a perfect the property of the perfect of the perfe

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Opened at 2 p. m., will prayer by Rev. G. E. Good

The discussion on the resolutions forwarded by the Southern Association was continued. second

After remarks by a large number of brethren, it was on motion of Bro. Hall,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of a change in the time of the annual meeting of this Association, and report at the next annual meeting. On metion of Bre. Rall, the following brethren were appointed as the committee: Revs. B. N. Hughes, Thomas Todd, George Howard.

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SIXTH SESSION.

Thursday, June 26. Opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. McDonald. The Audit Committee presented their report on Treasurer's account of last year, as follows. The second to make any longer to the

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Woodstock, June 25, 1884.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed)

L.Y. Hoyr,
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Committee.

The Report was adopted.

Bro. J. W. Spurden read the

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Denominational Literature, beg leave to report that they have had under their consideration the matter intrusted to them and are of opinion, that the Baptist Churches of this association should be very particular about the literature placed in the hands of the children of their Sunday Schools. That books and papers which teach the necessity of "repentance toward God," and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ," and give prominence to our denominational views, should fill the shelves of the library and be distributed among the children.

We also commend to the denomination, the Christian Visitor and Canadian Record, Youth's Visitor, and Gem, as papers worthy the supportion confidence of the denomination. You committee recommend that Sunday Schools 'obtain their "Quarterlies" for the use of their Schools from Baptist publishers. Beside those obtainable in our own Provinces, those of the American Baptist Publication society are recommended.

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G. E. Good, Chairman

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The report was received, and laid on the table.

Reading of letters resumed. add to resource of the secondary against the state of Rev. T. A. Blackarder, and Rev. A. E. Ingram asked to be relieved from serving on the Committee on special business. This was granted, and Rev. B. N. Nobles, and Bro. J. E. Masters were appointed in their place.

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Resolved, that the 'Association meet next year at Jemseg, in compliance with the quest of the Church at that place Bro. Mr. S. Hall, and Rev. Calvin Carrie were prointed a committee to make travelling arrangements for next year.

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Resolved, that the Treasurer be requested to hand over to the Clerk of the Association, the amount of money sent in for minutes, and to purchase as many copies as possible of the Year Book, to be distributed to this churches, according to the amounts sent in, On motion.

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Resolved, that the Treasurer be requested to hand over to the Clerk of the Association.

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On motion.

Resolved, that the Delegates from this Association to the Convention be requested to represent to that body, the facts and views which have been expressed relative to the publication and distribution of the Year Book.

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REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Your committee recognize the fact of the supreme importants of the Sunday School, and would express their thanks to God for the success that has attended the same and the great good that has been accomplished under God, by this institution. We are of the opinion that as far as possible, the whole church should be indentified with this good of the opinion that as far as possible, the whole church should be indentified with this good work. Too much importance cannot be attach to the 'implanting of God's word in same lost to our churches, and the cause of Christ, who are not won through the Sunday same of the opinion of the own should be indentified with the Sunday of the schools open during the whole year. The keeping of the schools open during the whole year.

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Received and laid on the table.

Closed with prayer by Rev. F. S. Todd. Ling that he street were and have to the Opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Beckwith. Resolved. That the appointment of the preacher of the sermon before the association at its next session, and the writer of the Circular Letter be left to the Committee on porthagilans.

The reports on Denominational Literature and Sunday Schools were adopted, after remarks by a number of brethren.

On motion.

Resolves, That the attention of the churches be called to the first article of the Constitution, in accordance with which no person can be a delegate, to this association whe is not a member of one of its churches, this to be understood as referring to ordained ministers, as well as others.

The following brethren were appointed delegates of this association to the Convention:—J. W. Spurden, George W. Hoben, Edward Jewitt, Dr. Benj. Coburn.

The Committee appointed then read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee consider intemperance one of the greatest evils with which our world is cursed at the present time; it not only destroys the health, entails suffering on the innocent as well as the guilty, and is the parent or prolific cause of a very large proportion of the evils under which our world is groaning, but is one of the greatest barriers against the progress of religion, and the .advancement of Christ's Kingdom, with which the christian church has to contend. Therefore we consider it the binding duty of every Association, church, and individual Christian, to set their faces against the use of and traffic in intoxicating liquors in any and all its shapes and forms, and avail themselves of every means to suppress and put it down. We are convinced that nothing short of a thorough prohibitory law can fully destroy the evil, and for this let each and all labor and give our law-makers no rest until the pressing demand is acceded to. We hold that christians, and other temperance people ought to combine at the polls, on this question, so as to make them feel that their demands must be attended to, and with faith in God toll on in every possible way, in the good cause, until victory is gained.

Respectfully submitted.

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P. O. REES, Chairman.

The report was adopted, after remarks by a number of brethren,

The Committee on nominations recommend that the associational sermon be preached by Rev. A. H. Hayward, alternate Rev. F. D. Crawley, and that the Circular Letter be written by Rev. Charles Henderson

The bill of (\$1.00) one dollar, of the "Carleton Sentinel" for printing certificates was ordered to be paid.

Resolved, That members of this Association visiting the Eastern Association be regarded as our delegates thereto.

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The Treasurer reported that the full amount of moneys paid in at this Association to the Treasurer was (\$170.03, one hundred and seventy dollars, and three cents. Resolved, That Brethen Ballentine and Crawley be a committee to carry out the suggestion made in a clause of the report on Sunday Schools.

Adjourned.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Opened with prayer by Rev. G. N. Ballentine.

After devotional exercises, a sermon was preached by Rev. A. E. Ingram from Psalm

After a vote of thanks to the friends in the church and city, who have entertained the members of the Association, and a vote of thanks to the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet on the fourth Tuesday in June, 1885, with the Baptist church at

Closed with prayer by Rev. Benj. Hughes.

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List of Ordained Ministers.

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PART I.-ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, and truth: Deut, vi. 4; John iv. 24; Ps. xc. 2, exlvii. 5: James i. 17; 1 Tim. i, 17; Mark x, 27: Isaiah vi. 3; Deut. xxxii. 4; Ex. xv. 11, xxxiv. 6, 7.

That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: Matt. xxviii, 19; John, xv. 26; I Cor. xii, 4.6 2 Cor. xiii. 14: Eph. ii. 18.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our only rule of faith and practice: Luke xv. 29-31; 2 Tim. iii. 15-17; 1 Thes. ii. 13; 2 Peter i. 21, iii. 2; Rom. iii. 2; Iss. viii. 16, 19, 20.

4. That God who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, has foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by His order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xx. 18, ii. 23: Ps. Ixxvi. 10, xxxiii. 11; Rom. ix. 17-23, xi. 36.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of His power; Gen. i.; Ex. xx. 11. Dan. iv. 35; Heb. i. 3.

That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and true
holiness; and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect
obedience; Gen. 1, 26-27; ii. 16-17; Ecc. vii. 29; Gal. iii, 10.

7. That man being left to himself soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen. iii. 6: Rom. v. 12-19.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: John vi. 44; Eph. ii, 4-5, 7-10; 1 John iv. 10.

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9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to His Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and posses of God and of His Christ's atonement secure the increases and establishment of Christ's kigdom so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the standard of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever; Rom, viii. 19:50; Eph. i. 4, 5, 11; John vi. 27-39; Rev. vii. 9; Titus ii. 14; Mark xvi. 15; ZTim. 11. That Jenns the eternal Son of God, bath come, and taken on, him only nature.

10. That Jesus, the sternal Son of God, hath come and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God, and ever liveth to right enterprise for us: John i. 1, 14; Heb. i. 1-3, vii. 25, x. 5-10; Rom. i. 4; Dan, ix. 24.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and He only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement, made by Christ, to every elect soul: John iii. 5-8, xvi. 7-15 ; 1 Cor. xii. 3.

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12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefit of this atonement, by convincing us of our sinful, lost and miserable condition; and then discovering the glorous Saviour, as He is exhibited in the Gospel, in His suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace Him with our whole souls, by which he is made unto us wisdom, rightnessess, sanctification and redemption: John xvi. 8-11, 13-15; Gal. v. 32-23; 1 Cor. 1, 30.

13 That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of the anconformity with in the inward man which necessarily produceth an external conformity to His commands, and brings us to live in obedience to His holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3; 1 Cor. 31: Eph. ii. 10; Col. iii. 2, 3; Gal. ii.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ shall never perish, but live and reign with Him forever. They have communion with God, and by His Spirit are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each others gifts and graces: John vi. 39, x 28; Rev. iii. 21; John xvii. 7, 11, 21, xiv. 3; Rom. viii. 38, 39; 1 John i. 3.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's Day, is the Christian Sabbath: John xx. 19; Acts xx. 7; 1 Cor. xvii. 2; Rev. i. 10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of Civil Government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of only to Jesus Christ, the great law-giver and head of His church; Mark xii, 17; Rom. xiii, 16; 1 Peter ii, 13:15; Matt. xx. 10; Rom. xiv. 4

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r nature, ve trans-erlasting liveth to n, ix. 24. 17. That there will be a general resurrection, both of the just and the unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his work; when the wicked will be sent into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal: John v. 28-29; Acts xvii. 31, xxiv. 15; Matt. xvi. 29, and xxv. 46.

PART LIL-COVENAN PART 11.—ARTICLES OF PRACTICE.

CONCERNING A VISIBLE CHURCH OF CHRIST AND ITS DISCIPLINE.

l. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of baptized believers, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly coven anting sand uniting together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God to show forth His glory, and for their own edification: 1 Peter ii. 5; Acts ii. 42, ix. 13; Heb. x. 25; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ to be continued until His second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter that his is to say that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partiake of the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holly Ghost: Mart xxviii. 19. 23: 14; Col. ii. 23: 26; Acts ii. 41, 42 and ix. 18: 26, and viii. 12, 35:39; Matt. iii. 6-16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; Gal. iii. 27; Matt. xxvi. 26: 28; Acts xx. 11; 1 Cor. x; 16.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the ordinances, therefore the door of the church should be carefully guarded against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ; I Cer. xi. 27-29; Matt. vii. 6, 15-20; I

4. That a church thus gathered hath power to choose, and by Eiders to ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in His Church, viz., Bishops or Eiders and Deacons: and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the Gospel;

and to discipline their members, though in some cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of the neighboring churches of Christ: Acts 1. 21-26; v1, 3-6, x1v. 23, xv. 6-31. 1 Cor. v, 13: 2 Thess. iii. 6, 14, 15; Titus iii. 10.

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- 5. That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother, yet he, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place; whose place it is to lead in the actings of the church, and to administer the ordinances of the gospel, and to devote himself to the work of teaching, paring, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house: Math. xx. 25-29:1 Peter v. 3; Acts xx. 20-28, 31; Heb. xili. 17; 1 Thes.v. 12, 13.
- That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the church, and to minister at the Lord's Table: Acts vl. 1-5; 1 Tim, til. 8-14.
- 7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him; in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz., the glory of God and the good of his people: 1 Pet. iv. 10, 11 and v. 5; 1 Tim. iv. 14; 1 Cor., 12th and 14th chapters; Rom. xii, 8-8.
- 8. That there is a mutual obligation between minister and people—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free-will offering, agreeably to the Scriptures of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by Gospel rule, as for any breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix.; Gal. vi. 6.

PART III.—COVENANT.

We do now, in the presence of the great all.seeing, and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and own Him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Leader, and receive Him as our Portion forever. We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to Him as the head of His people in the covenant of grace, and rely on Him as our Prophet, Priest and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligations to glorify God by living a holy, righteous and godly life, in this present world, in all our several places and relations; and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents and advantages to His glory and in the good of our fellowmen; promising, by Divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those

under our care in the way of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourself to one another in covenant, promising to act towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuining and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by telling it to others; and if we have any personal difficulty with our brethren, we will not cherish enmity, or speak of our grievances to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the direction of our Lord Matt. xviii. 15, 17—that sin be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not

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be harbored in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not unfilling engagements—tatting and backbiting, spending time-tidy at taverns or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoand -26 ; ersy elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatso-ever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of His church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirilo of God in His word—expecting that He will yet further and more gloriously open His word and the mysteries of His kingdom; applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would pre-pare and strengthen us for every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and and the ord. ings self and 17; pare and strengthen us for every good work to do His will, working in a saw were is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever,—Amen. ever. -Amen.

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ACT OF ASSEMBLY.

An Act for the Incorporation of Certain Bodies in Connection with the Eastern and Western Baptist Association.

Passed 12th April, 1855,

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WHEREAS certain persons are associated together in Churches constituting a religious community known as the Baptist Church, in connection with the Eastern and Western Eaptist Associations: And whereas sundry chapels and other buildings have been erected, and land purchased or otherwise conveyed or held in trust for the use of such churches in the several Counties of this Province, or for educational or other benevolent objects in connection therewith, and inconveniencies have been experiences in managing the same by Trustees, without being incorporated for that purpose:—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council,

Assembly, as follows:-

1. Every Board of Trustees of any Chapel or Seminary for education, and land and buildings held therewith, or held for the purpose of erecting any Chapel or Seminary thereon for the use and benefit of any Baptist Church in connection with the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, or in connection with any Baptist Education, or other Society, to be hereafter chosen for any such purpose, and their successors, shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Baptist Chapel," or other property as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property may be situate and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal renewable at pleasure, power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and improve, sell, let, or assign the same or any part thereof, or any interest in or arising out of the same, and make thys-claws, and exercise such other powers as are conferred by law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of the said Chapel, or other property for the beneath of the Church to which the same may belong, or the educational or other objects to which it may be devoted.

2. All Chapels or other property as aforesald, held in trust as aforesald in any part of the Province; shall be subject to the provisions of this Act whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned, and a conveyance thereof shall be made to the Corporation by the existing Trustees; and the said Corporation shall then hold the same for the purposes aforesaid with as good a title, legal and equitable, as such Trustees had at the time of the conveyance.

3. Every such Church, together with the congregation regularly attending and contributing to its funds by pew rents or otherwise, may annually at such time and in such manner as soch Church shall prescribe by the male members present at any meeting for the purpose elect any number of Trustees, not less than three nor more than nine, from among the male members of the said Church or congregation or both, who shall continue in office for one year, or until others are elected in their stead.

4. Every meeting of the Church, or Church and congregation, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall act on notice to be given by the Pastor or Minister presiding over the same, or if there be none, by any Deacon thereof, of any usual meeting of the

Church for worship or business.

Such Trustees may, on due notice, meet together and manage the temporal affairs of the Chapel for which they are elected, and the property in connection there-

with, for the benefit of the Church, to which it shall belong.

d. Every Educational or other Society as aforesaid, may, at its Annual Meeting to be held at either of the said Associations, or elsewhere, on notice by post or otherwise, elect from among its members such number of Trustees as may be deemed necessary for the management of the affairs of any Seminary in connection therewith, who, together with all the ministers of the denomination accredited at such Association as additional or ex-office Trustees, may transact its business on due notice to be given as aforesaid, or by a Committee to be appointed for that purposs at the said Trustees.

at the same time by the said Trustees.

A henever by this act any Board of Trustees or number of persons may require to do any act, a majority of those present at the meeting shall be sufficient for

the purpose.

 The annual revenue derived from the rent of lands belonging to any such Chapel, Seminary, or Society asaforesaid shall not exceed five hundred pounds.

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