

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**TWENTY SIXTH SESSION**  
OF THE  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**  
HELD AT  
**JACKSONTOWN, COUNTY OF CARLETON,**  
IN THE  
**PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,**  
ON  
**MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, 5th, 6th, and 7th JULY,**  
**1847.**

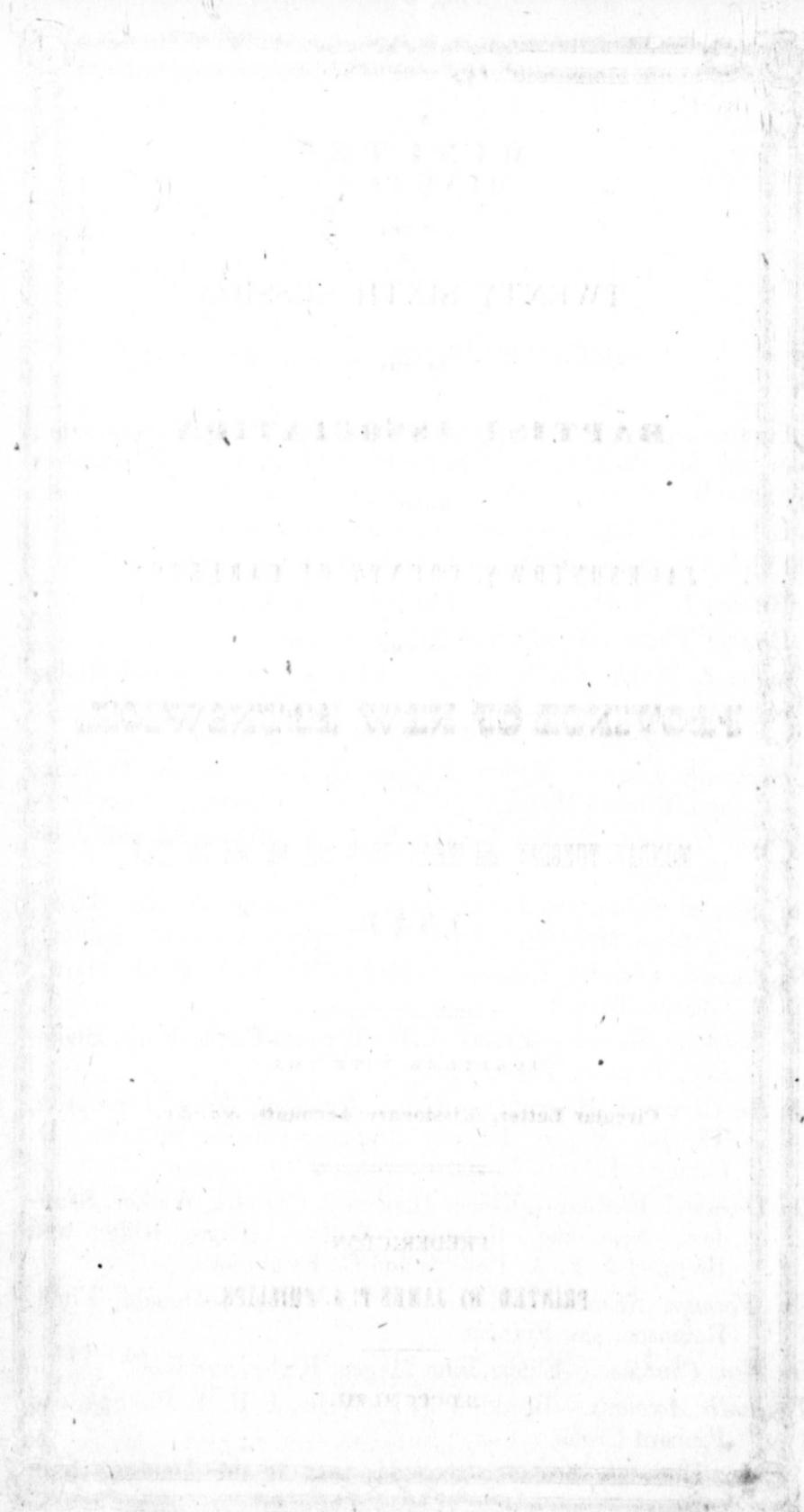
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TOGETHER WITH THE  
**Circular Letter, Missionary Accounts, &c. &c.**

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**MINUTES**  
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**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

JACKSONTOWN, Monday, 5th July, 1847.

INTRODUCTORY Sermon preached by Elder SAMUEL ROBINSON, from the 9th chapter of Ecclesiastes, 10th verse,—“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might,” &c.

Elder A. D. Thompson was appointed Moderator.

Elders Charles Spurden and Edward D. Very, Clerks.

Brother E. H. Duval, Treasurer of General Union.

Brother Thomas Todd, Secretary of the same.

Elder A. McDonald, Treasurer of Domestic Missions and Minute Money.

The following Committees were then nominated.

*To examine Letters.*—Elders William D. Fitch, Joshua Bunting, and Thomas Magee.

*To read Letters.*—Elders George Miles, A. McDonald, and John Francis.

*On Special Business.*—Elders Samuel Robinson, Watson, Rigby, Spurden, Marsters, Crandal, with power to add to their number.

*To examine Circular Letter.*—Elders E. D. Very, E. J. Harris, Charles Tupper.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—Elders J. H. Tupper, Fitch, Ring, Blakeney, Trimble, Tozer, Parker.

*On the Christian Messenger.*—Elders Robinson, Very, Thompson, Thomas Magee, Charles Tupper, Charles Spurden, D. Crandal, Edward J. Harris.

*On Domestic Missions.*—Elders Blakeney, Crandal, Walker, Saunders, Spaulding, Robinson, William Harris, Ring; and Brethren J. P. A. Phillips and G. Estabrooks.

*On Foreign Missions.*—Elders G. F. Miles, McDonald, Fitch, Robinson, and Francis.

*On New Churches.*—Elders John Magee, Rigby, and Todd.

*To Audit Accounts.*—Brethren J. P. Wells, J. P. A. Phillips, and Richard Crabb.

Elder Ebenezer Stronach took his seat as the Delegate from Nova Scotia.

Elder H. V. Dexter took his seat as Delegate from Washington Association, State of Maine.

Elders Charles Tupper, R. C. Spaulding, D. Outhouse, T. Bechelder, and W. Beckwith, with all other Ministers in good standing, were also requested to take part in the proceedings.

The Letters from the following Churches were then read, and the Delegates took their seats as Members of the Association.

- Dumfries*, . . . . . David Dow, Obediah Akerley, J. S. Patterson.  
*1st St. George*, . . . . .  
*Little River*, . . . . . Elder Watson, and John Russel.  
*Coverdale*, . . . . .  
*Canning*, . . . . . Elder W. D. Fitch, and John Estabrooks.  
*Springfield*, . . . . .  
*Greenwich*, . . . . . Elder James Trimble.  
*Douglas*, . . . . . Elder George Rigby, Daniel Clark, and George Jewett.  
*1st St. Andrews*, . . . . . Elder A. D. Thompson.  
*Carleton*, . . . . . Elder Alexander McDonald, and J. P. Wells.  
*2d Sackville*, . . . . . Elder G. Parker, and Brother Moore McDonald.  
*2d St. Patricks*, . . . . . Elder Thompson.  
*Kingsclear*, . . . . . William Estey.  
*1st Sackville*, . . . . . Elder W. G. Parker.  
*Northesk*, . . . . . Elder Joshua Bunting.  
*St. Davids*, . . . . .  
*1st Range Grand Lake*.—Elder John Marsters.  
*Cardigan*, . . . . . Elder William Harris.  
*Norton*, . . . . . Elder John Francis and Richard Crabb.  
*Brighton*, . . . . . Samuel Estabrooks, Henry Albright, James Smith, and Thomas Akerson.  
*1st Grand Lake*, . . . . .  
*Nashwaak*, . . . . . Elder William Harris.  
*Maugerville*, . . . . . Elder John Magee, and Brother White Boon.  
*Fredericton*, . . . . . Elder Charles Spurden; Brethren J. P. A. Phillips and Jacob Cummings.  
*2d Dorchester*, . . . . . Elder W. G. Parker.  
*Springfield*, . . . . . Elder Jarvis Ring, and Deacon W. Davis.  
*Blackville, Blissfield, and Ludlow*, Elder James Tozer.  
*1st Wickham*, . . . . . Elder David Crandal.  
*Mill Cove, Grand Lake*, . . . . .  
*Prince William*, . . . . . Elder Thomas Saunders.  
*Woodstock*, . . . . . Brother Cornelius Connolly.  
*Butternut Ridge*, . . . . .  
*Upham*, . . . . . Elder Joshua Bunting.  
*Gondalow Point*, . . . . . Elder James Blakeney.  
*Saint James*, . . . . .  
*Saint John*, . . . . . Elder Samuel Robinson; Brethren Thomas Todd and Duval.

- Portland, . . . . . Elder Edward D. Very.  
 Simonds, . . . . . Deacons Wheeler and Boyer; Brethren G. Estabrooks, A. Turney, and W. McDonald.  
 Waterborough, . . . . . Elder D. Crandal; Brethren W. Sharp, and Caldwell.  
 2d St. George, . . . . . Elder James Walker.  
 Little South West, . . . . . Elder J. Bunting.  
 Jacksontown, . . . . . Elder E. J. Harris and James Read; Brethren B. Churchill, W. Atterson, John Everitt, George Everitt, George L. Churchill.  
 Hopewell, . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chipman, . . . . . Elder George Miles.  
 2d Wickham, . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harvey, . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

The Committee appointed to examine the Letters from New Churches, recommended, that the following Churches be received into this Association.

- Rushagonish, ~~New Brunswick~~ <sup>as p 30</sup> . . . . . Brother Thomas Phillips.  
 Newcastle, . . . . . Elder G. F. Miles.  
 3d Salisbury, . . . . . Brother David Blakeney.  
 Great Dip. Harbor, . . . . . Brother McGinnis.

After Prayer, by Elder Bunting, adjourned till half-past 3 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder W. Harris.

After which, upon motion of Elder J. Francis, seconded by Elder J. Marsters, it was

RESOLVED, That the time has arrived when it appears to be expedient, in the opinion of this Body, that the New Brunswick Baptist Association should be divided.

After a long and friendly discussion, the Resolution was passed by a large majority, whereupon it was

RESOLVED, That all the Delegates who can assemble at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, form a Committee to take the necessary preliminary steps for carrying the above Resolution into effect.

The Report and Accounts of the General Missionary Board and the various Local Boards were then read, and the Committee on Domestic Missions reported as follows:—

That this Committee recommend, that a special effort be made to station a Missionary at the Grand Falls of the River Saint John, for one year; And further, if possible, that two Missionaries be sustained in the Northern Counties of the Province for the same time.

RESOLVED, That the Reports be received, and the following Local Boards be appointed for the ensuing year:—

*Saint John Board.*—John Smith, Thomas Lockey, George A. Garrison, N. S. Demill, James Brayley, Moses Lawrence, Alex. McL. Seely, Robert Stevens, C. D. Everitt, Samuel Spillard, J. P. Wills, W. Buchanan, W. Hayward,—with all the Pastors in Saint John and its vicinity.

*Fredericton Board.*—Elders Charles Spurden, Samuel Elder; Brethren W. S. Estey, Z. G. Gabel, S. W. Babbit, James F. Gale, W. F. Barker, James P. A. Phillips, James C. Watson, and David Richards.

*Charlotte Board.*—Brethren P. Seely, J. McLeod, J. Walker, J. Russel, G. Hopps, R. Brockway, B. Williams, J. Davidson, and M. Young,—with all the Ministers who attend the Quarterly Meetings in the County.

Pledges were made for the support of a Missionary during one year at the Grand Falls, with the understanding that the nomination of the person be approved by the parties contributing, each one paying one-tenth of the deficiency.—Elder S. Robinson, Very, McDonald, G. Miles, J. H. Tupper, E. J. Harris, Duval, W. H. Beckwith.

The following persons pledge themselves to meet the deficiency in sustaining a Missionary at the Bay de Chaleur—Brethren Francis, Miles, and Fitch, one-fifth each; Brethren John Magee, D. Crandal, and W. Caldwell, one-twentieth; Brother Hayward, £3.

The following Brethren were nominated to meet the Committee on the Christian Messenger, to consider the expediency of commencing a cheap Religious Periodical in the Province:—J. Ring, Phillips, Beckwith, Bunting, and E. Stronach.

Prayer by Elder John Magee.

## TUESDAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Very.

After discussion, in Committee, respecting the most eligible line of division, it was

RESOLVED, That the line of division run from the Harbor of St. John up the River to the Jemseg, through the Grand Lake and along Salmon River to Richibucto; and that the Churches in the City of St. John and its suburbs be included in the Association on the Western bank of the River St. John.

That the Churches comprised in the section along the shore of the

Bay of Fundy to Nova Scotia, be called the *Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association*; and that the Churches comprised in the other section of the Province, comprising the St. John Churches, those in Charlotte County, and the other Churches in the West and North-West of the line, be called the *Western New Brunswick Baptist Association*.

A Committee of nomination was then appointed, who advised that the Western Association meet in St. George on the first Saturday in September, 1848; that Brother Samuel Elder preach the Sermon, and in case of failure, Brother E. J. Harris; that Elder A. McDonald write the Circular Letter; and that Brethren Thompson, Hall, and Thomas Magee, be appointed to nominate Committees and make all necessary preparation for the orderly meeting of the Body.

A similar Committee recommended, that the Eastern Association be held at Moncton on the third Monday after the 20th June; that Brother Francis preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, Brother Blakeney; and that Brother Parker write the Circular Letter.—Committee of Arrangement, Elder J. Crandal and J. Francis.

The Committee to examine the Circular Letter gave in their Report; the Letter was then read, and it was unanimously resolved, that it be adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

Elder W. G. Parker then preached from 3d chapter, 1st Epistle of John, 3d verse. Adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

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Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder McDonald.

The Committee on special business reported, that they have considered the request of the Church of Simonds, and advise that the Church obtain Ministers to attend to the Ordination of Brother G. Estabrooks, at their own place.

They also recommend, respecting the request of the Church at Woodstock, that the Association appoint a number of Ministers to sit with them in Council immediately on leaving the Association, and would recommend the following Brethren:—J. Francis, A. D. Thompson, J. Walker, A. McDonald, and Saunders.

Respecting the case of Brother Matthew Smith, they advise that his Ordination be postponed for the present.

They further recommend, that when Edward McGinnis shall be licensed to preach the Gospel by the Church to which he belongs, with the advice and concurrence of three ordained Ministers, this Association will receive him as a licenced Minister into the Body.

**IT WAS RESOLVED,** That the above report be adopted.

The Committee on the Christian Messenger, and the publication of a cheap periodical in New Brunswick, after hearing a communication from the Editors of the Christian Messenger, report as follows :

That this Association gratefully acknowledge the obligations of the Denomination to the Editors of the Christian Messenger, for their long continued and highly useful labors in conducting that excellent Periodical ; but at the same time this Committee are impressed with the necessity which exists in this Province for a cheap Periodical to meet the wants of the Province, and recommend, that a Committee be appointed to correspond with the Editors of the Christian Messenger, on the best possible way to effect that object without injury to that Paper, and gain all the information they can by the time of the meeting of the Convention ; and they further recommend, that Brethren Robinsor, Very, and McDonald, form that Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report, That they recommend the Board to follow out the suggestions in reference to an additional Missionary, contained in the Minutes of last year, and report to the Convention.

And further, That the Churches be recommended to make it a subject of earnest prayer to the Lord, that He would direct the minds of the officers of the Foreign Missionary Society in their search after a suitable man.

The above Reports were severally received.

After the Education Society had held its meeting, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Report, Accounts, and Resolutions, be received and printed in the Minutes.

The Report of the General Union Society having been read, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Report and Accounts be received and printed in the Minutes.

That the following persons be the Board for the ensuing year :—  
S. Hersey, Treasurer ; J. T. Smith, Secretary ; S. Gerow, E. Barbeau, H. Vaughan, J. Marsters, Joseph Read, J. S. Clark, and A. McL. Seely, with the Ministers and Deacons of the Churches in St. John and Portland, and any Ministers present during the Meetings of the Board.

That this Association earnestly recommend to our Churches, the necessity of supporting our Union Society, believing it admirably adapted to meet the wants of our benevolent institutions, and being convinced that a failure in our Union Society would be ruinous to our denominational interests.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, That the Churches and friends of Sabbath Schools be earnestly recommended to carry out the principles and spirit of the Report adopted last year and published in the Minutes of 1846.

The above Report, together with the following from the Union, was then received :—



The Committee of Management of the New Brunswick Sabbath School Union, report, That they obtained the services of Elder John Francis, last Fall, in the upper part of the Province, for several weeks. He was engaged as Agent for the New Brunswick Baptist Union Society; and that Society instructed their Agent to form Sabbath Schools where there were none, and to visit and encourage them where they existed. Brother Francis attended to their instructions, and we have reason to believe he rendered much useful service to the Sabbath School Society.

This Spring the Committee employed Brother Richard Crabb, a Colporteur, about to travel through the Province, to sell religious books and tracts, to act as Agent for the Sabbath School Union. He has spent many months in travelling through King's, Queen's, and Westmorland Counties. All this amount of labor your Committee obtained gratuitously from the above named Brethren, no funds having been put into their hands to remunerate an Agent.

Your Committee would recommend, that the Agent of the Union Society do continue at all times to act in behalf of the Sabbath School Union, in forming Schools where none exist, collecting monies to supply such Schools with Books, and attend to matters connected with Sabbath Schools generally. And also that a Depository be provided for our Churches, Ministers, and Sabbath Schools.

In behalf of the Committee,

J. F. MARSTERS,

*Cor. Secretary.*

IT WAS ORDERED, That Elder George Rigby be the Messenger to the next Meeting of the Nova Scotia Association, and in case of failure, Elder W. D. Fitch; and that six pounds be allowed to defray his expences, and that five pounds be allowed for the expences of the Delegation last year.

ORDERED, That Brethren Charles Spurden and Samuel Elder, be appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes; that the Minute money be entrusted to them, and fifteen hundred copies be printed for circulation.

Prayer by the Moderator. Adjourned till Wednesday at 8, A. M.

### WEDNESDAY.

Met at 8 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder T. Saunders.

RESOLVED, That the following Brethren be added to the Council for Woodstock:—J. Ring, D. Craudal, David Dow, Obediah Akerley, Charles Cupper, E. J. Harris, and S. Robinson.

**RESOLVED,** That the 1st day of January be recommended to the Churches to be set apart as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer.

**ORDERED,** That the expences for correspondence to promote the interest of the Body be paid for out of the general Fund.

That Elder E. D. Very be appointed to represent this Association in the next Washington Association, and that three pounds be allowed to defray expences.

That this Association, rejoicing in the facilities for obtaining books, afforded by Brethren Very and Spaulding, who will continue to furnish them at the publishing price in Boston, would strongly recommend the Ministers to promote a spirit of reading among the members of the Churches.

**ORDERED,** That Elder Samuel Robinson be the Delegate to the Eastern New Brunswick Association, and in case of failure, Elder G. F. Miles.

A Committee to prepare a correct list of Ministers and Licentiates, was appointed, consisting of Elders J. Magee, W. D. Fitch, and G. F. Miles.

The Delegation to attend the Conference of the Free-Will Baptist Body, report, That there was a mutual manifestation of kindly feeling, but the Committee appointed by that Body, to confer with the Brethren, thought a Union was at present impracticable.

At 10 o'clock, according to the arrangement of a special Committee, the recognition of the Rev. J. Read, as a Minister of the Body, was attended to, and as the service was one of more than ordinary interest, a slight sketch of the proceedings will be found in the Appendix.

The Ordination of Brother Gideon Estabrooks, as Pastor of the Church at Simonds, was attended to, according to the request of that Church, and in conformity with a vote of the Association passed subsequently to the reception of the Report of the Committee on special business.

The Committee appointed last year to take steps in order to excite more extensively a taste for useful reading, &c., report, That they consider the Colporteur system the one best adapted to accomplish that object, and have procured the services of a good Brother, named Richard Crabb, who has been provided with a suitable establishment and large quantities of Bibles, Testaments, Tracts, Books, &c., for supplying Sabbath Schools and families, and would recommend this Body to adopt him as their Colporteur, and to appoint a Committee for the purpose of carrying this resolution into effect.

The Report was received, and Elders Very, McDonald, and Francis, with Brethren Seely and Demill, were nominated as that Committee.

**ORDERED,** That the Minutes for 1846, which are on hand, be given to the Colporteur for sale at three pence each.

That the Board of the Union Society apply to the American and Foreign Bible Society for whatever number of English Bibles and Testaments their constitution will allow them to send.

That Brethren E. D. Very, and N. S. Demill, be a Committee of correspondence with the Rev. Mr. Cramp, of Montreal, respecting the Swiss Mission.

That a Ministerial Meeting be held at the First Church, St. John, on Thursday the 16th September.

The Harvey Church having applied for a Council, Elders Francis and McDonald were appointed, with power to add to their number; and it was

**RESOLVED**, That when all parties concur in summoning a Council, and agree to abide by their decision, that decision shall be decisive, and it is expected that the expences of the Delegation be paid by the parties.

The Committee, on request of Convention, to consider the subject of more united action in relation to Domestic Missions and Education, recommend that the subject be allowed to remain in its present position. Recommendation adopted.

**ORDERED**, That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the General Missionary Board, £4 4s. 1d., together with that in the hands of the Treasurer of the Westmorland Board, £6 19s. 10½d., and also the funds unexpended by the Charlotte Board, £17 17s. 1d., be all added to the funds collected at this Association, and after the payment of the various sums voted by this Association, that the remainder be divided among the St. John, Fredericton, Westmorland, and Charlotte Boards.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the members of the Church and friends in Jacksontown, and to the Brethren and friends in Woodstock, generally, for their hospitality and kindness to the Ministers and Messengers of the Churches.

The Association then adjourned to meet, respectively, at Moncton on the Third Monday after the 20th of June, and at Saint George on the First Monday in September, 1848.

## CIRCULAR LETTER,

*To the New Brunswick Baptist Association, convened at Jacksonstown, on the 5th July, 1847.*

DEAR BRETHREN,—The subject to which we would call your attention in this Letter, is, the present spiritual condition of our Churches, the manifest declension of piety which so generally prevails, and which demands our serious consideration. The reflections we purpose to make on this subject will lead us to mention the causes of this declension, and to suggest the employment of such means as may result in the revival of religion.

It is a lamentable fact that a decline of religion has spread, during the few past years, over the Churches of Christ, both in Europe and America. Our own Province mourns under its influence, and we cannot shut our eyes to the melancholy truth that the most of our Churches have declined very far from their former state of piety and prosperity. How strongly was this painful fact written in the letters which were read at the last annual meeting of this Association! How general was the complaint they uttered of the decay of religious feeling, the prevalence of a worldly spirit among professions of religion, the defection of many from the truth, and the absence of those gracious and heavenly influences which are essential to the preservation and revival of godliness, and to the conversion of sinners! Alas! how mournfully evident is it that the glory has departed from many of our Churches, and that coldness, indifference, and the want of spiritual comfort, have succeeded, in too many instances, to the zeal, the love, and joy of former years!

But is there not a cause—rather, are there not many causes—to which this sad declension may be attributed? In enumerating the principal of these causes, we are aware, brethren, that our remarks will not wear the garb of novelty; we do but remind you of truths already well known, and often discussed; but we wish “to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance,”—to recal to mind duties too often forgotten and departed from in practice, and the neglect of which involves the greater guilt, inasmuch as we have professed to be well acquainted with their nature.

1. The *disuse of prayer*, especially of *private prayer*, is doubtless one of the most evident causes of the decay of piety.

There is a divinely established relation between the faithful discharge of the duty of prayer, and the enjoyment of spiritual blessings. They stand and fall together, so that if the duty is sincerely performed, the blessings certainly follow, according to the unchangeable law and promise of God; while, on the other hand, if prayer is restrained, the life and power of religion is sure to decline. God has taught us that he “will be enquired of by his people to do those things which he has promised;” and it would be presumptuous to expect him to bestow upon us the gifts of his grace, when we fail to solicit them. “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.” “If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask him?” Such is the doctrine taught us by the Saviour, in reference to the connection between prayer and the reception of heavenly blessings. Many other passages of scripture might be cited in confirmation of it, but we have only space to advance one more: “But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”

After reflecting on the meaning of these words, can we doubt that there exists, and has existed for some time, in our Churches, a deplorable neglect of prayer—especially of secret prayer? When God has promised to answer the requests of his people by conferring on them the richest gifts, when the Lord Jesus Christ has solemnly given us the same promise, saying, “Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you;” why is it that we mourn the absence of revivals among the people of God, and of conversions among sinners? There is but one answer to the question, and we may give it in the words of the Lord to his ancient people, “But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.” Yes, brethren, too much of the lukewarmness, the worldliness, the departures from God, which mark the present state of the greater number of our Churches, is attributable to the prevalence of a prayerless spirit. The closet, the secret sanctuary, where communion with Heaven has been enjoyed in other days, is now forsaken. The voice of prayer, the breathings of holy desire, have ceased to ascend to “the throne of the heavenly grace;” and the consequences have been that fervent love, and hope, and peace, have deserted the hearts of multitudes of professed Christians, and they have proceeded step by step in the path of the backslider, till they are at a great distance from the Cross of Christ. To the abandonment of closet devotion has succeeded the neglect of the family altar, and of the social prayer meeting, and in too many cases the disuse of all the means of Grace.

2. But another cause of spiritual declension is the *neglect of watchfulness*.

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation,” was the Saviour’s command to his disciples on that solemn and awful occasion when he was about to enter upon his own fiery trial. The injunction must be regarded as addressed to all his disciples; for they are always exposed to temptation, and need the support of the strongest preservatives. “Be sober, be vigi-

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lant; because your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Now, it is manifest that, together with the decay of "the spirit of grace and supplication," the spirit of sobriety and vigilance will decline; there is a beautiful and lasting union between them by which they are strengthened, and form an efficient means of guarding the believer; they co-operate in his preservation, and they cannot be disunited, nor can the one be maintained in its power if the other is left to disuse.

It is not surprising that the Christian should be overcome when he lays aside his armour, and goes into the presence of the foe without precaution, or trusting in his own strength. He thus exposes himself to the shafts of the enemy; he falls into sin; his own strength is weakened; his religious profession is dishonored; and the cause of Christ is wounded. Thus it has happened to multitudes of Christian professors, whose lives and deportment testify that they have yielded to the tempter, and wandered far from the fold of the good Shepherd.

3. The neglect of the Word of God may be mentioned as another cause of that spiritual declension which we deplore.

How seldom do the disciples of Christ "search the Scriptures" with diligence, and with an earnest desire to derive the benefit which they are designed to convey to the soul! How few study them, in order to imbibe the sanctifying influence of the truth, to understand their obligations, and to grow wise unto salvation. Beyond the occasional task of reading a brief chapter of Holy Writ, as a customary preface to family prayer, it is to be feared that the Bible is, even in families professedly religious, a neglected book. Many seem to regard their own feelings, and the impulses of their own minds, as a better rule of life than the doctrines and precepts of Christ, forgetting the language of the Apostle, that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." They forget also the precepts which enjoins them to "receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save their souls;" nor do they remember that the sons of God are said to "be born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever;" nor that the Saviour's memorable prayer for his Church contains this prominent petition, "Sanctify them through the truth: thy word is truth."

That there is a lamentable ignorance of Scriptural truth in our Churches, and a corresponding contempt of its most sacred obligations in practice, is painfully obvious. Were the inspired oracles studied as they ought to be, with meditation and prayer, there could not be an open and repeated violation of the holy commands of Him who gave us his word as the transcript of his divine perfections, and the revelation of his will. Were they thus studied, believers would not "forget the assembling of themselves together" for holy worship, nor "be carried about with every wind of doctrine," nor act according to the suggestions of an ill-regulated imagination, and the caprices of variable feelings.

4. The last cause of the decline of piety which we shall mention, is the unholy fellowship which Christians have formed with the world.

There is a real and manifest "difference between the righteous and the wicked—between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not;" and much of the worldly-mindedness, conspicuous amongst the professed followers of Christ, has undoubtedly arisen from their not having been careful to preserve this distinction. The servant of God should be known by the contrast which his spirit, his pursuits, his character, present to those of the servants of sin. And so long as he continues to serve God faithfully, he will be recognized as belonging to Christ, as being his living epistle read and known of all men. He will not be "conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of his mind;" the moral standard by which his life is fashioned will be that which is despised and set at nought by men of corrupt minds; he will have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but reprove them both by his words and by his actions. Alas! dear brethren, how few of those who are numbered as members of our Churches present this pleasing picture of spiritual-mindedness, and of crucifixion to the world by the Cross of Christ! Have we not to mourn that many are found "walking in the counsel of the ungodly, standing in the way of sinners, and sitting in the seat of the scornful," and instead of bringing forth the fruits of righteousness, exhibit the aspect of almost perfect barrenness. How many are pursuing the paths of unholy pleasures, in companionship with those who are enemies of the Cross of Christ, and displaying great eagerness to enjoy carnal happiness. This mingling in the amusements and pursuits of the world, has benumbed conscience, destroyed communion with God, and divested Zion of that purity and glory which once made her so attractive.

Having thus briefly touched on some of the causes which have conspired to blight the growth of so considerable a portion of the Christian world, permit us, dear brethren, to urge upon you the adoption of such means as may, with the blessing of God, effect the revival of his cause amongst us.

1. It is our duty to humble ourselves before God, sincerely confess our backslidings, and to return to God.

He summons us to the performance of this duty. "Return unto me, and I will return unto you," saith the Lord. "O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, take away all iniquity and receive us graciously." The motives by which we are urged to do this are solemn and affecting, and should be efficient. "I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge

their offence and seek my face." And if we sincerely seek his face, he will be found of us, according to his gracious promise: "I will heal their backsliding—I will love them freely." O that it may be our united desire to hearken to his voice, and accept his forgiveness. "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up." If we humble ourselves beneath his mighty hand, he will exalt us in due time.

2. In order that we may be disposed to repent of our sins, and to forsake them, it is necessary to reflect on the guilt with which we are chargeable.

It was when Peter thought on his denial of Christ that he wept; and it is manifest that serious reflection is essential to a just perception and sense of our transgressions. If we view our backslidings as they affect our character, our happiness, and usefulness; if we consider how much injury they have done to the cause of religion, and to the souls of our fellow-men; above all, if we remember the obligations we owe to Him who hath bought us with a price, and how we have broken those obligations, we will not be without a deep and painful conviction of our guilt. This conviction will be accompanied with unfeigned contrition, and followed by a renewed consecration of our hearts to the service of God.

3. It is solemnly incumbent on us to resume the use of those means of grace which we have neglected.

We must again call on the name of the Lord with fervent prayer and supplication; we must be sober and watch unto prayer. If we have failed to devote attention to the perusal of the Scriptures, and to religious meditation, we must be no longer guilty of this sinful neglect; we must beseech our Heavenly Father to forgive our disregard of his Word, and to lead our mind to the renewed and profitable study of its truths. Some have, perhaps, neglected family prayer, to the great scandal of their profession, and the injury of their own souls and those of their families; such are reminded that God has threatened "to pour out his fury on the families that call not on his name," and they are affectionately besought to resume the performance of this most important duty. Others have forsaken the house of God, and forgotten the assembling of themselves together for his worship; we call upon them to confess this sin before Him whose temple and ordinances they have despised, and again to enter the gates of the Lord's house. All, whatever may have been the most striking feature of their backslidings, are exhorted, yea, entreated by the mercies of God to acknowledge and forsake their transgressions.

4. Finally, dear brethren, let us remember that our dependence is in God; that we must seek his aid and blessing as absolutely necessary to the renewal of our hearts in righteousness.

The work of revival is, in the most absolute sense, God's work; it owes to him its origin, its progress, and its completion. He is the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift. It is he who worketh in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure. But it is to be feared that this great truth has been too much lost sight of among us, both by ministers and people; that we have trusted to the arm of flesh rather than to the sovereign agency of God; and that, in consequence he has left us to feel how weak is human strength, and how impotent all means are without his blessing. "I have planted, Apollas watered, but God gave the increase." Such is the devout and humble acknowledgment of the Apostle to the Gentiles; may his spirit be manifested more generally in our Churches, and then we may cherish the most lively hopes of a revival of religion. We are drooping and dying for want of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, without which all our labors, and the whole machinery of means employed, will be utterly unproductive of saving results. If ever there was a time when the Churches of Christ were required to fast and pray, that time has come; and if ever the progress of iniquity and decline of piety were peculiarly calculated to impress Christians with a conviction that their help cometh from God who made the heavens and the earth, we should now feel this conviction solemnly pressing upon our minds. Our constant and united prayer should be, "O Lord revive thy work in the midst of the years—in the midst of the years made known, in wrath remember mercy."

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## List of Ordained Ministers in Connection with the New Brunswick Baptist Association.

DATE OF ORDINATION.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
June, . . . . . 1798	* Joseph Crandal, . . . . .	Salisbury,
June, . . . . . 1840	* Lathrop Hammond, . . . . .	Andover,
November, . . . . . 1824	* James Blakeney, . . . . .	Gondalow Point,
June, . . . . . 1825	* John Marsters, . . . . .	Norton,
March, . . . . . 1826	* William Sears, . . . . .	Hopewell,
August, . . . . . 1826	* James Tozer, . . . . .	Blackville,
July, . . . . . 1828	* James Wallace, . . . . .	Hillsborough,
July, . . . . . 1828	* James McPhee, . . . . .	Springfield,
February, . . . . . 1830	* Benjamin Coy, . . . . .	Canning,
January, . . . . . 1831	Titus Stone, . . . . .	Sussex Vale,
March, . . . . . 1831	* William Harris, . . . . .	Nashwaak,
July, . . . . . 1832	* David Crandal, . . . . .	Springfield,
August, . . . . . 1832	* Thomas Magee, . . . . .	Saint James,
May, . . . . . 1834	* Thomas Saunders, . . . . .	Prince William,
April, . . . . . 1836	* Samuel Robinson, . . . . .	Saint John,
August, . . . . . 1836	* A. D. Thompson, . . . . .	Saint Andrews,
October, . . . . . 1837	Edmond Watson, . . . . .	Little River,
January, . . . . . 1839	* J. C. Skinner, . . . . .	Wickham,
January, . . . . . 1840	* William Pulcifer, . . . . .	Harvey,
September, . . . . . 1840	* James Walker, . . . . .	Saint George,
April, . . . . . 1841	* John Magee, . . . . .	Maugerville,
February, . . . . . 1842	* Peter Spragge, . . . . .	Springfield,
March, . . . . . 1842	* E. J. Harris, . . . . .	Jacksontown,
March, . . . . . 1842	Charles Spurden, . . . . .	Fredericton,
July, . . . . . 1842	* J. A. Smith, . . . . .	Wickham,
January, . . . . . 1843	* George Rigby, . . . . .	Douglas,
July, . . . . . 1843	* Charles Thorne, . . . . .	Johnston,
January, . . . . . 1843	* William Hall, . . . . .	Saint George,
July, . . . . . 1843	W. G. Parker, . . . . .	Sackville,
March, . . . . . 1841	* Joshua Bunting, . . . . .	Upham,
January, . . . . . 1841	Nathan Cleveland, . . . . .	Shepody,
January, . . . . . 1845	* James H. Tupper, . . . . .	Keswick,
January, . . . . . 1845	* John Francis, . . . . .	Norton,
January, . . . . . 1845	* John Mills, . . . . .	Saint Martins,
February, . . . . . 1845	* W. D. Fitch, . . . . .	Canning,
August, . . . . . 1845	James Tremble, . . . . .	Greenwich,
August, . . . . . 1845	James Herritt, . . . . .	Butternut Ridge,
November, . . . . . 1845	Merritt Keith, . . . . .	Butternut Ridge,
November, . . . . . 1845	* Samuel Elder, . . . . .	Fredericton,
November, . . . . . 1845	* James Hopkins, . . . . .	Pennfield,
October, . . . . . 1844	Samuel Bancroft, . . . . .	Hampton,
August, . . . . . 1846	Alexander McDonald, . . . . .	Carleton,
January, . . . . . 1847	E. D. Very, . . . . .	Portland,
July, . . . . . 1847	George F. Miles, . . . . .	Newcastle,
	Daniel McPhail, . . . . .	
	Jarvis Ring, . . . . .	Springfield,
	James Read, . . . . .	Richmond,
	Gideon Estabrooks, . . . . .	Simonds.

## LICENCED TO PREACH.

Wm. Coleman,	James Newcomb,	Thomas Todd,	William Gremley,
Patrick Duffey,	Daniel Perry,	John Sears,	Hezekiah Harris,
Joseph Catharine,	J. W. Hartt,	Alexander Mutch,	George Burns.
Frederick Joyce,			

NOTE.—Those marked thus \* are Licenced to Solemnize Marriage.





The Fredericton Domestic Missionary Board in Account Current with Z. G. Gabel.

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1846.		Dr.	
June 9,	Balance due the Treasurer,	£2	16 11
July 8,	Paid the Rev. James Blakeney for thirty-one days' Missionary Labor performed in March last,	7	15 0
	Paid the Rev. James Blakeney for twenty-three days' Missionary Labor, performed in June last,	5	15 0
July 30,	Paid Rev. L. Hammond for eight weeks' Missionary Labor in the County of Carleton,	12	0 0
	Paid Rev. Charles Tupper for four days' Missionary Labor,	1	0 0
Nov. 4,	Paid for fifteen weeks and five days' Missionary Labor, performed by the Rev. James Blakeney in the Counties of Northumberland, Gloucester, and Restigouche,	23	10 0
Nov. 19,	Paid Mr. William A. Coleman (Licentiate) for six weeks' Missionary Labor,	6	0 0
	Paid the Rev. L. Hammond for four weeks' Missionary Labor at the River de Clute and the Arestook,	6	0 0
Dec. 9,	Paid the Rev. James Walker for seven and a half weeks' Missionary Labor at the Rushagonish and the Oromocto,	11	5 0
	Expences on ditto,	0	7 1
Dec. 29,	Paid two weeks' Missionary Labor, performed by the Rev. Thos. W. Saunders, at the Rushagonish,	3	0 0
	Expences on ditto,	0	2 6
1847.			
January 4,	Paid the Rev. S. Bancroft for fifteen weeks' Missionary Labor at the Grand Falls and adjacent places,	22	10 0
	Expences on ditto,	1	7 0
January 14,	Paid four days' Missionary Labor by Rev. C. Tupper,	1	0 0
March 2,	Paid four weeks' Missionary Labor, performed by the Rev. James H. Tupper at the Oromocto and the Rushagonish,	6	0 0
March 17,	Paid the Rev. Thomas Magee for two weeks and five days' Missionary Labor at the Grand Lake,	4	5 0
March 19,	Paid the Rev. James Blakeney for eleven weeks and three days' Missionary Labor in the Counties of Northumberland, Gloucester, and Restigouch,	17	5 0
April 8,	Paid five weeks and four days' Missionary Labor, performed by Rev. Thomas W. Saunders, at Tobique, Grand Falls, &c.,	8	10 0
	Expences on ditto,	0	2 11
May 28,	Paid two weeks' Missionary Labor, performed by Licentiate William A. Coleman, at the Cardigan and the Tay Creek,	2	0 0
		<u>£142 11 5</u>	
1846.		Cr.	
July 8,	By amount received—division of Union Society money at the Association,	£10	10 0
	Amount received from James F. Gale, Treasurer of the Local Union Society, Fredericton,	3	7 8
	Division of money received at the Association for Missionary purposes,	10	0 0
	Amount collected by the Rev. James Blakeney, when on his Mission in March,	7	15 0
	Amount collected by the Rev. James Blakeney when on his Mission in May and June,	2	18 11
July 30,	Amount collected by the Rev. L. Hammond,	4	0 0
	His own donation,	1	0 0
Nov. 4,	Amount collected by the Rev. James Blakeney, in Northumberland, Gloucester, and Restigouche,	16	2 8
Nov. 19,	Amount collected by Mr. William A. Coleman,	2	7 4
	Collection from the Quarterly Meeting at Prince William, per Mr. C. N. Marsh,	2	9 0
	Amount collected by the Rev. L. Hammond,	2	0 0
Dec. 9,	Amount collected by the Rev. James Walker, at the Rushagonish and the Oromocto,	6	11 10
Dec. 29,	Amount collected by the Rev. Thomas W. Saunders at the Rushagonish,	0	17 0
1847.			
January 4,	Amount collected by the Rev. Samuel Bancroft when on his Mission,	6	5 7
	Collection at the Quarterly Meeting at the Nashwaak,	2	3 9
		<u>£78 8 0</u>	
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	Amount brought forward,	£78 8 0
	Donation from Asa Coy, Esq., for the Grand Falls Mission,	5 0 0
	Donation from James F. Gale, Esq., for ditto,	5 0 0
	Donation from the Rev. Charles Spurden for ditto,	1 10 0
	Donation from the Rev. G. Miles for ditto,	1 0 0
	Donation from Mr. David Richards for ditto,	0 15 1
	Donation from Z. G. Gabel for ditto,	0 5 0
January 14,	Amount collected by the Rev. C. Tupper at the Keswick,	0 1 6
March 2,	Amount collected by the Rev. James H. Tupper when on Mission,	2 5 9½
March 17,	Amount collected by the Rev. Thomas Magee at the Grand Lake,	4 5 0
March 19,	Amount collected by the Rev. James Blakeney, in Northumberland, Gloucester, and Restigouche,	6 13 11½
April 8,	Amount collected by the Rev. Thomas W. Saunders, at Tobique, Grand Falls, &c.,	2 9 1½
May 28,	Amount collected by Licentiate William A. Coleman, when on his Mission,	0 15 8
		<u>£108 9 1½</u>
	Balance due the Rev. James Blakeney,	17 18 4½
	Balance due the Rev. Thomas W. Saunders,	7 9 3½
	Balance due the Rev. James H. Tupper,	3 14 2½
	Balance due the Rev. Charles Tupper,	1 18 6
	Balance due the Rev. Samuel Bancroft,	1 17 7
	Balance due Licentiate William A. Coleman,	1 4 4
		<u>£142 11 5</u>

Z. G. GABEL, *Treasurer.*

The Saint John Domestic Missionary Board in Account with John Smith.

1846.	DR.	
July 3,	To Balance due the Treasurer,	£10 4 1
July 8,	Paid Elder John Francis for Carleton Church Missionary Labor,	4 0 0
July 10,	Paid Elder James Tremble for three months Missionary Labor,	18 0 0
Dec. 3,	Paid Alexander Mutch for Missionary Labor at Miramichi,	8 10 0
Feb. 1,	Paid Elder Thomas Magee for one week's Missionary Labor,	1 10 0
May 15,	Paid Elder James Blakeney for four weeks' Missionary Labor,	6 0 0
June 14,	Paid Thomas Lockey, horse hire for Missionaries,	1 18 6
June 21,	Paid Elder Samuel Robinson, Postage of Letters,	0 3 0
June 25,	Paid Elder James Walker for three weeks' Missionary Labor,	4 10 0
		<u>£54 15 7</u>
1846.	CR.	
July 8,	Received from the Treasurer of General Board, being part of money collected at Association in Portland,	£10 0 0
	Received from the Union Society,	13 10 0
July 17,	Received from Elder John Francis,	0 16 10
Sept. 1,	D. Mitchel's Donation,	0 5 0
	Received from Union Society by Solomon Hersey,	5 0 0
Dec. 3,	Collected by Elder Alexander Mutch, on Mission at Miramichi,	8 10 0
April 5, '47,	Collected at Missionary Meeting in Saint John,	2 16 7½
April 10,	Collected by Elder James Tremble,	3 10 0
	Collected at Missionary Meeting in Portland Church,	2 10 0
May 15,	Collected by Elder James Blakeney while on his Mission,	1 6 7
June 25,	Collected by Elder James Walker,	0 12 6
	Balance due the Treasurer,	5 18 0½
		<u>£54 15 7</u>
	CITY MISSION.	
1847.	DR.	
June 17,	Paid Elder A. D. Thompson for two weeks' City Mission,	£4 0 0
	Paid his Travelling Expences,	1 19 2½
		<u>£5 19 2½</u>
1847.	CR.	
June 17,	By amount collected,	£5 19 2½

JOHN SMITH, *Treasurer.*

## The Westmorland Domestic Missionary Board in Account with Cyrus Black.

1846.		DR.	
Nov. 5,	To cash paid John Sears (Licentiate) for three weeks' Missionary Labor to Bay Verte, Shediac, &c.,		£4 10 0
Feb. 13,	Paid Elder McPhail for six weeks' Missionary Labor to Buc-touche, Richibucto, &c.,		9 0 0
March 13,	Paid Elder Parker for two weeks' Missionary Labor to Shemogue,		3 0 0
June 15,	Paid Elder McPhail for three days to Richibucto,		0 15 0
	Paid Book for Treasurer,		0 1 3
	Paid Postages,		0 2 11
	Balance in the Treasurer's hands,		6 19 10½
			<u>£24 9 0½</u>

1846.		CR.	
August,	Amount received from Union Funds, £6 15 0, and division of monies of Association, £5 0 0, per Treasurer General Board,		£11 15 0
Sept. 5,	Received from Moncton Union Society, per T. Prince,		3 13 7
Sept. 8,	Received from Quarterly Meeting at Sackville,		1 14 1
	Collected by Elder McPhail when on his Mission,		0 19 1½
Feb. 13, '47,	Collected by ditto ditto ditto,		0 12 8
March 15,	Received from collection taken at Quarterly Meeting at Moncton,		2 13 9
June 15,	Received from collection at Quarterly Meeting at Sackville,		3 0 10
			<u>£24 9 0½</u>

CYRUS BLACK, *Treasurer.*

## The Charlotte County Missionary Board in Account with John McLeod.

1846.		DR.	
July,	Division of money at the Association,		£10 0 0
	Proportion of money from the Union Society,		13 10 0
	Collection at Quarterly Meeting—2d Saint George,		3 2 6
	Collection at Quarterly Meeting—Saint Patricks,		1 6 0
	Collection at Quarterly Meeting—Upper Falls,		0 17 0
	Received by Elder Pulcifer on his Mission,		1 17 0
			<u>£30 12 6</u>

1846.		CR.	
July,	Paid Elder W. Pulcifer for four weeks' mission on Grand Manan,		£6 0 0
	Expences,		0 13 5
	Paid Elder Charles Tupper, balance of one week's mission,		0 7 0
	Paid Elder Thomas Magee for Mission through the county,		2 0 0
	Paid Elder Bachelder, at Pennfield,		1 0 0
	Paid Elder Thompson, balance of two weeks' mission at Waweig,		2 15 0
	Balance in hand,		17 17 1
			<u>£30 12 6</u>

JOHN McLEOD, *Treasurer.*

## The New Brunswick Baptist General Missionary Board in Account with John T. Smith.

1846.		DR.	
July 8,	Cash paid G. F. Miles, being balance of Mission,		£3 6 2
	Cash paid Rev. A. D. Thompson's expences as Delegate in September last,		3 10 0
	Cash paid Rev. Charles Spurden for the same,		1 5 0
	Paid Treasurer of General Union, and advanced Rev. Thomas Magee's expences on same Delegation,		2 10 0
	Paid Rev. J. Crandal's allowance as Delegate to the Association in Maine,		3 0 0
			<u>£13 11 2</u>
Amount carried forward,			

July 8,	Amount brought forward,	£13 11 2
	Paid Rev. A. D. Thompson for same,	0 10 0
	Paid Rev. Charles Spurden's allowance as Delegate to the Nova Scotia Association last year,	3 0 0
	DIVISION OF ASSOCIATION MONEY.	
	Paid Rev. James Wallace for Albert County Board,	5 0 0
	Paid Rev. W. G. Parker for the Westmorland Board,	5 0 0
	Paid Rev. Charles Spurden for the Fredericton Board,	10 0 0
	Paid John McLeod for the Charlotte Board,	10 0 0
	Paid John Smith for the Saint John Board,	10 0 0
	DIVISION OF UNION MONEY.	
	To Rev. James Wallace for the Albert County Board,	6 15 0
	Rev. W. G. Parker for the Westmorland Board,	6 15 0
	Paid the Rev. Charles Spurden for Fredericton Board,	13 17 8
	Paid John McLeod for the Charlotte Board,	13 10 0
	Paid John Smith for the Saint John Board,	13 10 0
	Paid James P. A. Phillips for printing Minutes,	15 0 0
Dec. 10,	Paid Boone carriage of Minutes to Saint John,	0 2 6
	Paid James P. A. Phillips balance for printing and stitching the Minutes,	9 14 0
Feb. 1, '47,	Paid postages,	0 5 8½
	Carried forward to new account,	4 4 1
		£140 15 1½

1846.		CR.
July 8,	Balance per last year's Account,	£0 1 6½
	Cash received from Solomon Hersey, Treasurer of the General Union Board, being division for Domestic Missions,	54 0 0
July 9,	Amount received from S. Gerow, Treasurer of the Association,	86 3 7
	Received afterwards from S. Gerow, being Minute Money from the Carleton Church,	0 10 0
		£140 15 1½

JOHN T. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in Ac't with N. S. Demill.

1846.		DR.
July 30,	Cash paid for a Bill drawn by John Duncan on S. Henshaw & Son, remitted to the Hon. H. Lincoln, Treasurer A. B. F. M. S.,	£50 0 0
	Premium on the above,	0 15 0
1847.	Postages,	0 6 10
June 30,	Carried forward to new account,	29 3 8
		£80 5 6
1847.		CR.
July 2,	Balance on hand,	£30 5 0
July 3,	Collected by Mr. J. Hartt,	2 0 8
	Alexander Smiley,	0 15 0
	2d Church, Sackville,	0 10 0
	Collected at Butternut Ridge,	0 16 4½
	Elder Joseph Crandal,	0 13 10
	Elder Silas Stone,	1 0 0
	Amount carried forward,	£36 0 10½

July 3,	Amount brought forward,	£36 0 10½
	George McLean,	0 2 6
	Collected at 2d Church, Salisbury,	2 18 9
	Collected at Woodstock Church,	3 1 2
	Mr. A. Fowler,	0 5 0
July 17,	Elder James Wallace,	1 0 0
	Harvey Church,	2 10 0
	Collected at 1st Church, Saint John,	4 9 7½
	Collected at 2d Church, Wickham,	4 5 7½
	Springfield Church,	0 11 2½
	Elder B. Coy,	0 10 0
	Elizabeth Turner,	0 10 10
July 30,	Solomon Hersey from Union Society,	24 0 0
		<u>£80 5 6</u>
	Deposited in Savings' Bank,	£100 0 0
	In hands of Treasurer,	29 3 8
		<u>£129 3 8</u>

N. S. DEMILL, *Treasurer.*

*Statement of Monies received at the Association for Home Missions  
and printing the Minutes.*

Collections at Jacksontown, per G. L. Churchill,	£3 9 7½
Collections at Jacksontown per Deacon Churchill,	5 13 10
Collections at Woodstock, per J. Everett,	2 10 1
Donation, per Brother Flower,	0 2 6
Donation, per Miss Wood,	0 2 5
Received for Printing the Minutes,	14 12 10
	<u>£26 11 3½</u>

DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS.

Paid to Charles Spurden, Messenger to Nova Scotia last year,	£2 0 0
To George Rigby, Messenger to Nova Scotia this year,	6 0 0
To Edward D. Very, Messenger to Washington Association,	3 0 0
Reserved for Printing Minutes,	14 12 10
Discount on Silver,	0 0 10½
Balance on hand,	0 17 7
	<u>£26 11 3½</u>

ALEXANDER McDONALD, *Treasurer.*

## APPENDIX.

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Officers and Board of Directors of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society.

*President.*—Elder Joseph Crandal.

*Vice Presidents.*—Elders John Marsters and Samuel Robinson.

*Treasurer.*—Solomon Hersey, Esquire.

*Secretaries.*—John T. Smith and Samuel W. Babbit, Esquires.

*Principal.*—Rev. Charles Spurden.

*Assistant Teacher.*—Mr. Thomas B. Smith.

Every Minister of the Denomination is a Member of the Board.

The studies are conducted under the inspection of the Principal, and comprise the usual branches of an English, Commercial, Classical, and Mathematical Education.

### TUITION FEES.

Under ten years of age, ten shillings for each term of 11 weeks.

Between ten and fourteen, fifteen shillings, ditto ditto.

Above fourteen years, twenty shillings, ditto ditto.

Two shillings and sixpence for fuel each spring, winter, and autumn term.

Accommodations in the Seminary are provided for Students at the rate of eight shillings and sixpence per week. This includes board, the washing of six articles, and necessary attendance. Each Student brings his own bed and bedding. Every attention is paid to the moral behaviour and correct deportment of the Students.

At the Thirteenth Meeting of the Society, held at Jacksontown on the 6th July, 1847, the following Report was presented to the Committee, and Resolutions adopted:

### REPORT.

In presenting to the Society the Annual Report of their proceedings, the Committee have much pleasure in being able to give a favorable account of the state of the School. The Principal reports that the diligence and good conduct of the Students during the past year have afforded him much satisfaction. Several young men, sons of Ministers, Licentiates and others, have distinguished themselves by their persevering application and proficiency in various branches of learning, and the general deportment of all the Scholars has been, such as to merit approbation. The number of Students

enrolled during the year that is past, has been 53, and the weekly attendance has ranged from 28 to ~~28~~. The plan of half-yearly examinations has been adopted this year, and with beneficial effects; that in the winter was attended by the Rev. J. M. Brooke, and John Gregory, Esquire, as Examiners, and several other friends; and the Students were examined in the summer by the Rev. Mr. Ketchum, who was present the first day, and the Rev. J. M. Brooke, who attended the second day as Commissioner appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; two days being devoted to this object, in order to allow sufficient time for a full examination of the acquirements of the Pupils in English, Classical studies, and Mathematics. The usual Legislative grant of £250 has been received this year, and the finances of the Society would be free from embarrassment, were it not for the large amount annually required to pay the interest upon the debt. The Committee would earnestly direct the attention of their friends to this subject, and would rejoice in any well directed effort for liquidating the debt, especially as the dilapidated state of the fences and parts of the building will require a larger expenditure than usual for the next year. They have not been able to succeed in their efforts to secure a competent delegation to collect for the Society in Nova Scotia, and must again refer this important matter to the decision of the Society. 33

The Committee regret to state, that owing to the occurrence of a fire in the dwelling house where the records of the Society were deposited, all the documents pertaining to the Institution have been burnt, with the exception of the Account Books, which happened to be in another place, and have been preserved.

Two Licentiates, Brothers W. Coleman and J. Todd, have been pursuing their studies at the Seminary during the past year, the former from the commencement until the end of September, and the latter through the whole year. Some unexpected pecuniary losses compelled Mr. Todd to avail himself of the liberality of others, in order to continue his studies, and the Principal did not hesitate to devote to this object the funds which were placed at his disposal by some friends in England for this purpose, as stated in the last year's report; the statement of this Account, together with the current receipts and expenditure for the year, and a schedule of the debts owing by the Society, will be found annexed.

The Committee cannot abstain from adverting to the fluctuating character of the attendance at the School—changes are perpetually taking place. At the close of each term several Students leave, and those who come fresh do but fill up without augmenting the number; they would earnestly press upon parents and guardians the importance of securing for their children all the advantages of education, by allowing them to remain a sufficient time for the formation of habits of study and the full development of the mental powers.

In conclusion, while the Committee rejoice in the progress already

made, and are thankful for the cheering prospects which the future presents, they would impress upon the minds of their friends the necessity which still exists for the most vigorous and unremitting exertions, that the Institution may advance with accelerated rapidity, for they are convinced that it is impossible to remain stationary; not to advance is to recede, and knowing the requirements of the age, and the laudable efforts which are being made by other literary institutions to meet the exigencies of the times, they would stimulate the friends of the Society to an honorable rivalry in this department of labor; nor is there any reason to doubt but that in such an increasing country as this, the Baptist Education Society, if at all adequately supported by pecuniary and friendly assistance, cannot fail to occupy an important position among the various Seminaries of learning in the country.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1st. That the Report now read be adopted, and this Society rejoices in the cheering prospects which, through the blessing of God, lie before them in their educational efforts, and pledge themselves to use redoubled energy in advocating the claims and extending the usefulness of the Institution.

2d. That in order to secure a visitation of the Province of Nova Scotia for the purpose of obtaining contributions from the friends of Education there, Elder J. Francis be requested to undertake the delegation, under such regulations as may be mutually agreed upon by him and the Executive Committee.

3d. That the Executive Committee for the ensuing year consist of C. Spurden, S. Elder, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Z. G. Gabel, S. W. Babbit, Aaron Hartt, and W. Sewell.

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#### Statement of Debts due by the Baptist Education Society, 1st July, 1847.

Due the Central Fire Insurance Company, on Mortgage,	£375	0	0
„ Interest,	27	10	0
„ Mrs. Sarah Smith,	200	0	0
„ Interest,	22	0	0
„ The Rev. Mr. Tupper,	7	13	4
„ The Estate of the late F. W. Miles,	19	3	4
„ John T. Smith, Esquire,	4	6	3
„ A. P. Miller, balance,	4	5	8
	<u>£659</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>

Balance in hands of Committee, £3 18 9



## ACCOUNT OF STUDENTS' BOARD.

1846.		Dr.	
July 11,	In hand,		£5 6 3
Oct. 14,	Mr. J. W. Hartt, by Mr. Todd,		0 5 0
1847.			
April 24,	Bill of Exchange,		8 10 0
	Premium, and Exchange on ditto,		1 7 4
			<u>£15 8 7</u>

1846.		Cr.	
July, 21,	Paid Mr. Coleman's Board,		£3 0 0
Sept. 17,	Ditto ditto,		0 7 6
Dec. 16,	Paid Mr. Todd's Board,		1 2 6
1847.			
Feb. 18,	Ditto ditto,		3 0 0
April 22,	Ditto ditto,		3 16 0
May,	Ditto ditto,		0 10 0
	Balance in hand,		3 12 7
			<u>£15 8 7</u>

CHARLES SPURDEN.

*Statement Shewing the sums Received and Expended by the Committee of Management of the Baptist Education Society, from 1st July, 1846, to 1st July, 1847.*

1846.		Dr.	
July 1,	Paid balance due,		£1 2 3
	„ Rev. Wm. Hall, balance due him,		12 10 0
	„ The Estate of the late Mr. Watson,		8 10 11
July 1, '47,	„ Mr. T. B. Smith, his salary for the year ending 12th June, 1847,		50 0 0
	„ Rev. Charles Spurden (Principal) his salary for the year ending 12th June, 1847,		200 0 0
March 30,	„ Interest on Mortgage at Fire Insurance Office,		40 0 0
July 1,	„ For Wood,		7 9 1
	„ Mr. James P. A. Phillips, for printing, &c.,		7 17 6
	„ Stewart for attending, cleaning rooms, &c.,		7 12 6
	„ Contingencies,		5 11 9
	„ A. P. Miller, on Account,		2 14 4
	Balance on hand,		3 18 8
			<u>£347 7 0</u>

1846.		Cr.	
July 1,	Amount received from Solomon Hersey, Esquire, Treasurer of the Union Society,		£24 0 0
	Amount received for Tuition,		72 2 0
	Amount of Legislative Grant,		250 0 0
	Amount received for two Cords of Wood,		1 5 0
			<u>£347 7 0</u>

CHARLES SPURDEN.

## SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GENERAL UNION OF THE  
BAPTIST DENOMINATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board have deferred their Report beyond the usual period, hoping to hear from a greater number of the Local Societies, but regret to state that notwithstanding this delay, no report or remittances have come to hand from the Local Societies at *Hopewell, Hillsborough, Coverdale, 1st Salisbury, Hampton, Nashwaak, New Canaan, Douglas, Cardigan, Ten Mile Creek, African Church, Saint Davids, 1st Saint Patricks, 1st Saint Andrews, Saint Andrews Town, and Pennfield*. Sixteen Societies from which upwards of seventy pounds were received last year.

The Board have received returns from twenty-four Local Societies, five of them are new Societies, from which nothing was received last year; the sums contributed vary from *twelve shillings and sixpence, to thirty pounds fourteen shillings and eight pence halfpenny*, each, amounting to about *one hundred and forty pounds*, including some donations from individuals, but exclusive of donations from members of the General Union and collections. About *one hundred and eighty pounds* have been paid into the funds of the Union, from the various sources, during the past year. More than a fourth part of this sum has been paid by a single Society and members of the General Union connected with that Society; and even this Society, by a little additional effort, might have collected double that amount. The Board feel confident, if the assistance of all the Churches could be secured, that, with increased vigilance on the part of the whole, the various objects of the Denomination would be efficiently sustained, through the medium of the Union; but no plan however well devised, can prove successful if neglected in its execution by at least two-thirds of the number of our Churches.

The sum of *thirty-two pounds, six shillings and a halfpenny*, has been expended on agencies the past year. *Two pounds six shillings and a halfpenny* of this amount was collected by the Rev. Mr. Francis, towards the expence of the Agency, leaving a balance of *twenty-two pounds* chargeable upon the ordinary funds of the Union.

The Board have been anxious to avoid, as far as possible, the expence of Agencies, hoping, as so large a number of Societies were organized last year, that the interests of the Union would be attended to by the several Societies, and others throughout the Province, without the assistance of Agents; it is, however, probable had an efficient Agent been employed for the year, that twice or three times the amount now reported, would have been collected, and an amount of good otherwise affected, more than adequate to the additional expence incurred.

The qualification of membership to the Local Unions was fixed at the low rate of 6s. 2d. per annum, to be applied to the support of

the five objects embraced in the Union, in order that persons of the most limited means might be able to become members, and enjoy the satisfaction of contributing to all those objects by the payment of this small sum. But it is hoped that the magnitude and importance of our *Domestic and Foreign Missions, the circulation of the Scriptures in heathen lands, the support of our aged or destitute Ministers and families*, in all cases where such assistance may be required, and the *dissemination of sound and useful education*, combined as they are in the Union plan, will induce persons who have the means to contribute a much larger sum than that required to constitute membership. The Treasurer's account shows the receipt of a few sums of this description, and the Board venture to express the hope that a much greater number will be received during the coming year.

The Board tender their acknowledgments to the Societies and individuals who have contributed to the funds the past year, and solicit their continued and increased aid. They also request those Societies that contributed last year, but have failed to do so this year, to commence in earnest and remedy their neglect, by collecting and forwarding their subscriptions to the Treasurer, without further delay; the monies, when received, will be divided at once, and all accounted for in the next year's account.

The Board would likewise urge upon such of our Churches as have not yet formed Union Societies, the importance of engaging in the work, that the next Annual Report may contain the pleasing intelligence that every Church in the Province has united in a systematic plan for the support of the great objects of the Denomination.

The Treasurer paid the sum of *ten pounds* to the late Rev. John Mills, during his protracted illness, from the fund for the support of superannuated Ministers, &c., by order of the Board appointed to take charge of that department, being the only call as yet made upon that fund. The Board congratulate the Denomination upon the establishment of a fund for this purpose, and trust it will always be found sufficient for the object designed. The Board having gone pretty fully into the plans, objects, &c., of the Union in their former Report, consider it unnecessary to do so at this time, but would refer those who wish for information to that Report, as published in the Minutes of the Association last year. The balance now in the Treasurer's hands will be forthwith apportioned, agreeably to the rules of the Union.

In conclusion, the Board again solicit the co-operation of the Ministers, Churches throughout the Province, and all other persons friendly to the cause, to secure the objects contemplated by the Union, to their fullest extent.

*September, 1847.*

P. S.—The Rules of both the General and Local Unions will be seen by referring to the Minutes of the Association for 1845. Printed copies may also be obtained from the Secretary, at Saint John.

## Solomon Hersey in Account with Union Societies.

		DR.	
1846.	August 3, Balance on hand,		£9 19 10
RECEIVED FROM LOCAL UNION SOCIETIES.			
1847.	Moncton Local Union Society, per Thomas Prince,		7 12 9
June 28,	First Baptist Church, Saint John, Local Union,		30 14 8½
July 1,	Dan. Keith, Treasurer Butternut Ridge Local Union,		4 13 6½
	Ditto ditto ditto		0 6 4
July 5,	Canning Local Union, per Stephen P. Estabrooks, including Stephen Estabrooks' Donation, 20s.; Thos. Bridges, 25s.,		12 10 0
	Maugerville Church to Foreign Missions,		1 0 0
	Maugerville Church to General Union,		4 2 0
	2d Saint George, by Rev. James Walker,		1 0 0
	2d Saint George, by Rev. John Francis,		1 10 10
	Newcastle Local Union,		1 10 10
	Jacksontown ditto,		2 4 9
	Simonds, ditto,		0 12 6
	Kingsclear, ditto,		2 1 0
	Tobique, ditto,		1 1 3
	Fredericton, ditto,		5 10 2
	Fredericton Domestic Missions,		2 7 8
	Waterborough Local Union,		3 1 8
	Waterborough—Miss Ann Titus,		1 0 0
	Mill Cove—Mr. John Ferris, Jr.,		5 0 0
	Rev. Mr. Bunting, for Mission,		0 10 0
	Prince William Local Union,		1 4 8
	1st Sackville Local Union,		3 7 8
	2d Sackville Local Union,		4 16 0
	1st Saint George, per Rev. John Francis,		6 5 3½
	Norton, per Rev. John Francis,		5 0 0
	Carleton Local Union,		4 0 0
	2d Dorchester Local Union,		1 10 10
August 5,	Springfield Local Union, per Rev. Jarvis Ring,		7 0 0
August 16,	1st Wickham Local Union, per J. C. Skinner, including Amos C. Corey's donation,		1 18 2
August 24,	George Hammond, Tobique, to General Union,		1 0 0
August 27,	Captain John McLean, Cumberland Bay,		0 6 2½
Sept. 8,	Saint Martins Church,		4 4 0
	James Moran, in addition to being a life member,		2 0 0
	James Moran, Jr., donation,		0 10 0
	Local Union Society, Saint Martins,		11 6 0
Sept. 9,	Portland Church, Local Union,		8 15 0
DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF GENERAL UNION, ST. JOHN.			
	Solomon Hersey,		5 0 0
	Thomas Pettingall,		5 0 0
	N. S. Demill,		1 10 0
	John T. Smith,		1 5 0
	Stephen Gerow,		1 5 0
	Alexander McL. Seely,		1 5 0
	Thomas Pettingall's donation to the Bible Cause,		5 0 0
COLLECTIONS RECEIVED BY REV. J. FRANCIS.			
1846.	Dumfries,		0 8 0
	Woodstock,		0 10 0
	Grand Falls,		0 8 3½
	Tobique,		1 17 6
	Simonds,		0 9 7½
Amount carried forward,			£185 12 1

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1847.	Mr. Stephen Burpe's donation,	0 5 0
	2d Church, Sackville,	1 1 5½
	Salisbury,	1 13 10½
	1st Church, Saint George,	0 8 11½
	Sussex Vale Church,	1 18 6
	Mrs. C. Beadford, Town of Saint Andrews,	0 6 3
	George N. Robinson, Saint John,	0 10 0
	Victoria,	0 8 7
	Received from the Moncton Local Union—paid to the	
	Westmorland Domestic Missionary Board,	3 13 7
	Received from the Harvey Local Union,	2 7 1½
	Received from the Sussex Vale Local Union,	0 12 6
		<u>£198 17 11</u>

1846.	CR.	
July 31,	Cash to Jarvis Ring, by Elder Francis' order,	£7 0 0
Nov. 3,	Cash to Rev. John Francis, account of Agency,	10 0 0
Dec. 16,	Cash paid John Smith, Treasurer of the Saint John	
1847.	Domestic Missionary Board, to be deducted from	
June 8,	dividend to that Board,	5 0 0
	Cash to Rev. John Francis, on account of agency,	2 0 0
July 11,	Two Blank Books for subscriptions,	0 1 0
	Cash to Jarvis Ring, on account of agency,	3 0 0
	Cash paid Rev. John Francis, on account of agency,	10 6 0½
	Cash retained by Fredericton Domestic Missionary	
	Board, and to be deducted from dividend,	2 7 8
	Paid the Westmorland Board, by the Moncton Local	
	Union, to be deducted from dividend to that Board,	3 13 7
	Balance in the Treasurer's hands, to be apportioned to	
	the several objects embraced in the Union,	155 9 7½
		<u>£198 17 11</u>
1847.	In the Treasurer's hands, last year's division of money	
	for the support of superannuated Ministers, &c.,	£24 0 0
	Less paid to the Rev. J. Mills,	10 0 0
	Balance,	<u>£14 0 0</u>
1847.	In the Treasurer's hands—last year's division of money	
	for the Bible Cause,	£24 0 0

SOLOMON HERSEY, *Treasurer.*

POSTSCRIPT.—The following Brethren were appointed Delegates to the General Convention:—Joseph Crandal, John Marsters, William Hall, and Willard G. Parker.

## EXTRACTS

## FROM THE REPORTS OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARDS.

The Westmorland Board has employed Missionaries for a period, in all, of about fifteen and a half weeks, who have met with a most cordial reception from the people residing upon the shores remote from opportunities of hearing the truths of God proclaimed. Three Quarterly Meetings have been held, at which the sum of £7 8 8 was collected, in all.

The Fredericton Board report the formation of a new Church in the Upsalquitch, far up the Restigouche River, by Elder James Blakeney, in conjunction with Brother Mutch, a Licentiate of the Saint John Board. The little company of disciples was composed of twenty-three, of whom twenty were baptized at the same time, by Brother Blakeney. The infant cause was subsequently visited by the same missionary, in company with Elder Joshua Bunting, who was sent out by the Church at Norton, when fourteen more were added by baptism. At the Black Lands on the Bay de Chaleur, our missionaries met with a most gratifying reception from the residents, who are emigrants from one of the islands of Scotland, and connected with one of the Presbyterian Bodies. The baptism of two persons, who gave evidence of conversion to God, in the Bay de Chaleur, was witnessed by a large concourse of persons assembled from the adjacent country; a deep solemnity pervaded the multitude during the service and the administration of the ordinance.

At Rushagonish a Church has been re-organized by Elder James Walker, whose faithful labours there were attended with the Divine blessing, and thirteen were added by baptism. The revival of religion extended through the settlement, and was participated in by the Free-Will Brethren.

A mission of fifteen weeks was performed by Elder Bancroft, at the Grand Falls, with pleasing prospects of usefulness. Nearly 86 weeks of Missionary Labour, by Ordained Ministers, and 8 weeks by Licentiates, have been performed during the last year; 277 sermons have been preached, 136 other meetings attended, 39 persons baptized, 1200 gospel tracts distributed, and 3435 miles travelled by the missionaries.

## NOTES

## OF THE RECOGNITION SERVICE OF THE REV. J. READ.

It had been arranged that Mr. Read should preach a sermon, but as the time was limited, he simply announced the subject on which he had intended to speak, in 73rd Psalm and 25th verse. After offering a few observations, he proceeded to describe the process by which he had been led, at an early age, to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. The workings of his mind, in relation to the Christian Ministry, were then detailed, after various attempts to stifle the breathings of his soul, and to engage in some secular employment. He at length yielded himself to this service, and under the guidance and sanction of several Ministers in Nova Scotia, he entered the Academy at Pictou, where he attended the collegiate classes four years, and the Theological classes three years, in addition to the last year of his collegiate course, also in part devoted to Theology.

Having received a licence to preach from the Presbytery, he proceeded to Sheffield, in accordance with the desire of the Congregational Church there, until they could meet with a Minister of their own denomination; and after a residence of one year he was ordained as a Minister of Christ by the Presbytery at Truro. This connexion was afterwards dissolved in consequence of difference of opinion respecting the invitations of the Gospel, but he still continued to discharge the duties of the pastoral office at Sheffield. After ministering four years at that place, he was invited to Richmond, where he had now resided for about four years. While disconnected with the Presbyterian Body, and before joining any other denomination of Christians, his examination of the Scriptures led to a change of views respecting the ordinance of Baptism. He thereupon stated to the Church at Richmond that he could not administer the rite to their infants, as he did not think there was Scriptural authority for it; they however requested him to remain, but being determined to follow out his own convictions of duty, whatever the loss and inconvenience to which it would subject him, he had been baptized, and expressed a desire to devote himself to the Saviour's service in any department that might be opened before him. The Moderator then gave the right hand of fellowship, and Elder W. Harris offered prayer. A charge was delivered by Elder Samuel Robinson, and Elder Charles Tupper concluded the impressive service with a few faithful observations to the members of the Association.

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## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Churches.	No. of Schools and Scholars.	Teachers.	Library Vols.	Bibles and Testaments	Remarks.	
Canning,	2				[ald, monthly.	
Carleton,	1	84	17	250	30-36	112 copies Mis. Her.
1st Dorchester,	1					No Letter.
2d Dorchester,	1	30		140	Several.	Encouraging.
Frederickton,	1	46	10	100	-154	
2d Grand Lake,	1			100		
Greenwich,	2	48	4			
Ditto,	2					
Harvey,	1	60	7	100	18-36	Prosperous.
Hillsborough,	1					No Letter.
Hopewell,	4	105	18	27		
Little River,	1	40	8	100	-20	Flourishing.
Norton,	3	108		200	20-50	Three large Maps.
North Esk,	1					Omitted in Letter.
Pennfield,	1					No Letter.
Portland,	1	73	16	250		
1st Sackville,	1					Omitted in Letter.
2d Sackville,	1	86	17	200	-55	Increasing,
Saint Andrews,	1					Omitted in Letter.
Saint Davids,	1					
Saint John,	1	180	32	350		
1st Saint George,	2	160	20	300		
2d Saint George,	1	30				
1st Saint Martins,	1					No Letter.
2d Saint Martins,	1					
1st Salisbury,	1					
1st Saint Patricks,	1					
1st Springfield,	1	60				
Upham,	1	25	4			
Waterborough,	1	50	6	100		
	39	1185	159	2717		

*The Committee appointed by the Association upon the subject of a Colporteur, beg to call attention to the following*

## NOTICE.

The services of Brother Richard Crabb have been secured by the Committee, who will be able to supply Books and Sabbath School Libraries at the Boston Depository prices, in conformity with arrangements made with the American Sunday School Union and Tract Society. Cheap Bibles, Testaments, and Tracts, will be furnished gratuitously to such—but only to such—as are not able to purchase them.

The above mentioned Colporteur is authorized to take collections and subscriptions from friends of the enterprise, towards defraying his expences and the charge of gratuitous distribution. The kind hospitality of friends is solicited for the Colporteur, whose travelling expences will otherwise be altogether too heavy; and as every charge of this nature must be met by the Committee, who have no other resources than those supplied by voluntary contributions, the free entertainment of the Colporteur will be so much in aid of the object.

☞ The Second Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the General Union Society did not come to hand till the 17th September, which has occasioned an unavoidable delay in the printing of the Minutes.