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OF THE
TWENTY-NINTH SÉSSION
OF THE
Eastern Baptist Association
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD WITH THE
BAPTIST CHURCH AT GOOSE RIVER, CUMBERLAND
COUNTY, SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,
JULY 12TH, 14TH, AND 15TH.
WITH THE
CIRCULAR LETTER, &C.

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GOOSE RIVER, CUMBERLAND CO.,
Saturday Morning, July 12th, 1879.

The Nova Scotia Eastern Association, assembled in its Twenty-ninth Annual Session, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Secretaries retired to prepare a list of Delegates. during which a social service was conducted by the Moderator.

The following list of Delegates was read :—

DELEGATES :

- Advocate Harbor*,—Rev. J. F. Kempton.
Amherst,—Rev. D. A. Steele, Deacons Moses Lowe and Wm. Reed, and Brethren T. R. Keiler, Isaac Logan, and W. E. Hillson.
Amherst Shore,—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, and Brother Chas. D. Rockwell.
Acadia Mines,—Rev. G. F. Miles.
Amherst, Beulah,—Rev. G. F. Miles, Deacons Wm. Cove, James Embree, and Charles H. Traverse.
Brookfield,—Deacon Archibald Hamilton, Brethren Enoch Phalen and Cyrus Traverse.
Cape Canso,—Rev. A. W. Barsa.
Centreville and Mount Pleasant,—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, Deacon Duncan Walker, and Brother John Bigelow.
Crow Harbor,—Rev. A. W. Barsa.
Diligent River,—Rev. J. F. Kempton, and Brother Thomas Bentley.
Glenville and River Philip,—Rev. S. Thompson, and Deacon J. W. Johnson.
Goose River,—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, Deacon Hance B. Hunter, Brethren John Mills, John M. Hunter, and Amos Hunter.
Great Village,—Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Brother H. Upham.
Greenville,—Brethren James Doyle, and George Hunter.
Guysboro' and Manchester,—A. H. Deakins, Lic.
Little River,—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, and Deacon Levi Johnson.
New Annan,—Rev. D. W. Crandall.
New Harbor,—Rev. A. W. Barsa.
Oxford,—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, and Deacon James R. Reid.
Onslow East,—Rev. C. H. Martell, and Brother Alexander Fulton.
Onslow West,—Rev. C. H. Martell, and Deacon S. McKinlay.
Parreboro' Village,—Rev. J. F. Kempton.
Portaupique,—Rev. G. F. Miles, Deacon John Robinson, and Brother Edmund Davidson.
Pugwash,—Rev. H. Bood, Deacon Wm. Seaman, and Bro. Abram Layton.
River Hebert,—Brother Albert Mills.
River John,—Rev. D. W. Crandall.
Tatamagouche,—Rev. D. W. Crandall.
Truro,—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Deacons Wm. Faulkner, Richard Upham, and Brother John King.
Upper Londonderry,—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Wentworth,—Rev. T. B. Layton.

Westbrook,—Deacon Hance Mills.

Westchester,—Brethren H. B. Rushton, and W. Pearson.

Wallace,—Rev. H. Bool, Deacon P. Woodland, Brethren Andrew Colter, and Francis Heathers.

Williamsdale and Millvale,—Rev. T. B. Layton, and Deacon John R. S. Purdy.

Delegate from Central Association,—Deacon S. Selden.

INVITED.—Revds. Charles Tupper, D. D., George Armstrong, of St. John; D. H. Simpson, of P. E. Island, William George, Burnah, Solomon Smith, N. B., Deacons Eliphalet Reed, Sackville, and P. O. Traverse, of Windsor.

The ballot having been taken for *Moderator* for the ensuing year, the choice fell upon the Rev. Joseph F. Kempton, who took the chair, and read the Rules of Order.

After prayer by Rev. J. E. Goucher, Revds. M. P. Freeman and C. H. Martell were elected Secretaries. Dea. Wm. Faulkner was appointed Treasurer, and Bro. John Hunter, Assistant Treasurer.

The following Committees were appointed:

NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. J. J. Armstrong, H. Bool, Brethren Hance Hunter, Jno. Hunter, Abram Layton, and Chas. Rockwell.

~ TO EXAMINE AND READ LETTERS.—Revds. J. E. Goucher, H. Bool, and Geo. Armstrong.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. A. W. Barss, T. B. Layton, and Henry Upham.

Letters from Goose River and other churches were read till the time of adjournment, when the following report in part of Committee on Nomination and Arrangement was adopted.

That the Association meet in the morning at 10 o'clock, and adjourn at 12 o'clock. That the afternoon session commence at 2 o'clock, and adjourn at 5 o'clock. That a prayer meeting be held each morning at 9 o'clock. That a temperance meeting be held this evening in the Hall, to meet at 7 o'clock, and that Brethren Goucher and Kempton give the opening addresses.

The session closed with prayer by Rev. A. W. Barss.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was opened by prayer by Rev. C. H. Martell.

The reading of Letters was resumed.

The Committee on Questions in Letters recommend that a letter from a member of the Barney's River Church, to Rev. D. Freeman, and Rev. D. Freeman's letter to the Association be read before this body. The report was received.

Resolved, That the Letters now read be referred to a committee to report upon at this Association.

Brethren A. W. Barss, Richard Upham, Wm. Faulkner, and M. P. Freeman, were nominated the committee.

A further report of Committee on Nomination and Arrange-

ment was adopted, clause by clause. That the appointments for the Lord's day be as follows :

Baptist Meeting House at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 A. M., Rev. Dr. Tupper.

7 P. M., Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Presbyterian " $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 A. M., Rev. George Armstrong.

" " 3 P. M., Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Centreville at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 A. M., Rev. S. Thompson,

Oxford 11 A. M., Rev. T. B. Layton.

Little River 3 P. M., A. H. Deakins, (Lic.)

Pugwash 11 A. M., Rev. J. F. Kempton.

" $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 P. M., Rev. A. W. Barss.

Wallace River at 11 A. M., Rev. C. H. Martell.

And that collections be taken in the Baptist Meeting Houses for Home Missions.

Prayer-meeting each morning during the Association at 9.

That the following Committees be appointed :

MISSIONS.—Revds. Geo. Armstrong, Samuel Thompson, Brethren James R. Reid, Wm. Faulkner, and Richard Upham.

EDUCATION.—Revds. J. E. Goucher, Chas. Tupper, D. D., and M. P. Freeman, Brethren H. Upham, and S. Selden.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. H. Bool, T. B. Layton, Dea. Patrick Woodland and Bro. Jno. Robinson.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Rev. A. W. Barss, Deacons Charles Rockwell, Wm. Seaman, and Levi Johnson.

TEMPERANCE.—Rev. C. H. Martell, A. H. Deakins, Lic., Brethren John Bigelow, James Doyle, and Wm. Hunter, 2nd.

That the Associational Sermon be preached Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, and that the Circular Letter be read immediately after.

Rev. T. B. Layton having stated that in consequence of recent indisposition he had been unable to prepare the Circular Letter, it was voted that he be excused from performance of that duty.

Deacon S. Selden, who had then just arrived, was requested by the vote of the Association to write a Circular Letter to be read at the time specified.

The session closed with prayer by Rev. George Armstrong.

MONDAY MORNING, July 14th.

Public service commenced at 10 o'clock. Scriptures were read by Rev. John E. Goucher, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. Kempton, after which the Associational Sermon was delivered by Rev. C. H. Martell, from Ps.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. D. A. Steele.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Brethren Steele and Goucher were appointed a committee to examine the Circular Letter.

Reading of Letters was resumed.

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported further.

The following clauses of report were adopted.

That the Report on Missions be presented this afternoon, and that it be succeeded by the Report on Education.

That a Public Missionary meeting be held this evening, and that the following brethren be the speakers. On Foreign Missions—Revds. C. Tupper, D. D., Wm. George, and M. P. Freeman, and Deacon J. R. Reid. On Home Missions—Revds. J. E. Goucher, E. Armstrong, and D. H. Simpson.

That the Report on Education be received on Tuesday morning, at 10'clock, and that the following brethren speak upon the subject, Revds. D. A. Steele, J. E. Goucher, and C. H. Martell.

That the Reports on Sabbath Schools, Denominational Literature, &c., follow in succession.

That the Rev. H. Bool preach the Annual Sermon, and that Rev. M. P. Freeman be his alternate, and that Rev. D. A. Steele write the Circular Letter.

It was resolved in amendment to a clause of the Report, that the next session of the Association be held with the Church at Advocate Harbor.

Committee on Circular Letter reported that they had examined the Letter and recommended that it be read when called for.

The Secretary read Reports from T. M. King, Esq., Trustee of Pictou Mission Fund, and also from Wm. M. Reid, Treasurer of Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Moved that Brethren Henry Upham and James R. Reid, be committee to audit the same.

The session closed with prayer by Rev. Wm. George.

MONDAY—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. A. W. Barss.

On motion it was resolved to request Brother Martell to furnish a copy of his excellent sermon for publication in the columns of the *Christian Messenger* and *Christian Visitor*.

Moved that 1250 Copies of the Minutes be printed, and the usual number of copies be sent to the Clerks of the Churches for distribution.

The Committee on Letters from Barney's River presented their report, which was discussed. On motion, it was resolved to request Brethren T. M. King and Charles Whidden of Antigonish, to visit Barney's River, and report the state of the church there and what they may deem desirable to be done in the matter to the Missionary Union, at its meeting during the Convention in Truro.

Rev. D. A. Steele presented the report of Committee on Better Method of making the Infirm Ministers' Fund more permanent, in accordance with resolution of 1878. (See Minutes page 8.)

On motion of Brother Miles the report was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

The Circular Letter, having been called for, by a vote of the body, it was read by the writer, Brother S. Selden.

Rev. John E. Goucher moved and Rev. G. F. Miles seconded the motion, that the Letter now read be adopted as the Letter of this Association, that it be inserted in its proper place in the Minutes, published in the *Christian Messenger*.

Moved that the thanks of the Association be tendered to Brother Selden for the writing of the Letter.

Rev. George Armstrong presented the report of Committee on Missions, which was laid on the table.

Brethren Jno. King, Jas. Embree, Moses Lowe and Jas. Doyle were granted leave of absence.

Moved that Brethren Miles and Goucher be a committee to revise the List of Ministers of this Association.

Rev. John E. Goucher, chairman of Committee on Education presented their report, which, on motion was laid on the table.

On motion, Bro. Martell was appointed to report concerning the state of the church at Pictou to the next Association, and Bro. Freeman was requested to look after the interest at Folly Lake and report in like manner; these churches having failed in sending letters to this Association for the past three years.

The session then adjourned.

MONDAY-Evening Session.

A public Missionary meeting was held on Monday evening, according to arrangement, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D., Rev. Wm. George, Missionary of the American Union, M. P. Freeman, Rev. D. H. Simpson, Rev. Geo. F. Miles, and Rev. A. W. Barss. The Report on Missions was then adopted. (See Appendix B.)

It was moved and carried unanimously that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Presbyterian Church of this place for their kindness in giving their place of worship for the use of the Association, and for their hospitality towards the delegates.

It was resolved that the morning session convene at 9 o'clock, and that there be a prayer meeting at 8 o'clock.

After singing the Doxology the meeting closed.

TUESDAY-Morning Session.

Prayer by Rev. Solomon Smith.

Reading of letters was completed.

Resolved, That the Board of the Infirm Ministers Fund for the current year be as follows: D. A. Steele, M. P. Freeman, J. F. Kempton, G. F. Miles, J. E. Goucher, Deacons Moses Low and Wm. Read; and that Dea. Read be Treasurer of the fund.

The report of the Audit Committee on the Infirm Ministers Fund was accepted. (See Appendix C.)

The report on Education was then read by the chairman of the committee, which was spoken to by Revds. J. E. Goucher, D. A. Steele, C. H. Martell and Dr. Tupper, after which the report passed. (See Appendix D.)

Treasurer presented account of monies received; and Rev. J. E. Goucher and Dea. Richard Upham were appointed to audit the Treasurer's report.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be directed to pay over the monies received to the Treasurers of the various Benevolent Funds.

Moved that Brethren Goucher and Martell be requested to prepare a digest of the Letters for publication in the Minutes.

The Report on Denominational Literature was presented and spoken to by Brethren G. F. Miles, S. Selden, D. A. Steele and Wm. Faulkner, and then passed. (See Appendix E.)

Rev. G. F. Miles moved and Rev. J. E. Goucher seconded the following resolution:

That this Association would most respectfully urge the Editors of the *Christian Messenger* and *Christian Visitor* to so arrange their business as to unite the general interests of these papers, and give to the denomination one paper to meet our demands;

This was spoken to by Brethren Steele, Selden, Barss, Martell, Simpson, E. Phalen, Upham and Crandall, and passed.

Report of Sabbath Schools was then presented and passed, after addresses by Brethren T. B. Layton, E. Phalen, and J. E. Goucher. (See Appendix F.)

Report on Temperance was next presented, and, with slight modification, was adopted, after having been spoken to by Brethren C. Tupper, D. D., W. Johnson, E. Phalen, S. Thompson and D. W. Crandall. (See Appendix G.)

The hour for adjournment having arrived it was moved that the time be extended.

Report of committee appointed to revise List of Ministers was presented by Bro. Miles and adopted. (See Appendix H.)

The following resolution was presented by Bro. R. T. Keiler and passed:

That the churches be requested to be more particular in sending in correct Statistics of all the Sabbath Schools to succeeding Associations.

The following were appointed delegates to Convention:—John Bigelow, S. McKinlay, Hans Mills, John Read and Moses Lowe.

Resolved, Any brethren of this Association attending the Western, Central or Prince Edward Island Association next year be authorized to act as delegates.

It was resolved that the thanks of this Association be tendered to the church and friends of this community for their generous hospitality accorded to the delegates to this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Railway officials for the favor extended to the delegates to this Body, in conveying them to and from Oxford Station at reduced fares.

Moved that Bro. J. F. Kempton and D. A. Steele be a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the delegates in going to and returning from the Association next year, and to give sufficient notice of the same.

After prayer by Rev. J. J. Armstrong, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Advocate Harbor at 10 o'clock on the 2nd Saturday in July, 1880.

J. F. KEMPTON, *Moderator.*
M. P. FREEMAN, *Secretary.*

26 Isaac's Harbor*	1847	J. E. Hitchens, Little Glace Bay, C. B.	3	1	2	15	192
27 Little Glace Bay	1840	Thos. M. Johnson, Pundy's W. O., L. River	2	4	2	68	17
28 Lower Stewiacke	1882	R. N. Sibley, Lower Stewiacke.	2	1	1	74	41
29 Nabou*	1844	Amos Atkinson	3	1	1	25	99
30 Naccan*	1886	Jos. Tingley, N. E. Margrave	3	1	1	72	22
31 Margrove	1888	A. J. Spencer, Mira Gut	3	1	1	76	56
32 Mira Bay	1849	D. W. Crandall	3	1	1	40	45
33 New Annan	1862	J. W. Bancroft	3	1	1	25	58
34 New Harbor	1875	C. H. Martell	13	1	1	36	2
35 North Sydney	1809	C. H. Martell	13	1	1	32	173
36 New Glasgow	1878	E. Douglas, Truro	3	2	2	167	41
37 New Glasgow East	1878	C. M. Dickson, Onslow, Central	3	2	2	133	107
38 Onslow West	1878	Jas. R. Reid, Oxford	3	2	2	60	43
39 Oxford	1876	Eliph. Spencer, Parrsboro	1	1	1	33	103
40 Parrsboro	1879	Wm. Dickie, Pictou	1	1	1	92	13
41 Pictou	1827	H. Boal	4	4	4	52	73
42 Pictou & Upp. Economy	1848	D. W. Crandall	14	1	1	36	5
43 River John	1873	J. R. Skinner	1	4	1	50	9
44 River Hebert	1846	H. Engles	1	2	8	40	13
45 St. Ann's*	1848	D. W. Crandall	2	1	6	49	27
46 Sandy Point*	1822	Frederick Bowden	1	1	2	223	74
47 St. Mary's 1st	1803	J. E. Goucher	13	1	1	98	13
48 St. Mary's 2nd	1801	M. P. Freeman	4	1	1	111	23
49 Sydney	1846	R. H. Hishop	12	2	1	27	17
50 St. Mary's 2nd	1835	Wm. Smith, Wentworth	10	2	2	15	4
51 Sydney	1854	D. McKen	10	2	2	36	12
52 Takamagouche	1849	H. Boal	151	2	1	5	81
53 Tracadie	1877	Patrick C. Woodland, Wallace Bridge	151	2	1	5	59
54 Truro	1878	A. J. Walker, Box 102, Truro	151	2	1	5	59
55 Upper Londonderry	1873	Richard McCully, DeBart River	151	2	1	5	59
56 Upper Stewiacke	1879	E. N. Bentley, Upper Stewiacke	151	2	1	5	59
57 Wentworth	1835	Wm. Smith, Wentworth	151	2	1	5	59
58 West Bay	1854	Wm. McKenzie, Head of West Bay	151	2	1	5	59
59 West Brook	1854	Stephen Roscoe, West Brook	151	2	1	5	59
60 Westchester	1854	Alex. Rushton, Westchester Lake	151	2	1	5	59
61 Wallace	1849	H. Boal	151	2	1	5	59
62 Williamsdale & Millvale	1877	Ralph W. Fildmore, Millvale, Cumb. Co.	151	2	1	5	59

*No letter for 1 year. **No letter for 2 years. ***No letter for 3 years, &c.

Ministers in the N. S. Eastern Association.

NAME.	Place of Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. J. Armstrong	Oxford	1874	Greenville
" A. W. Baras	Canso	1855	Lunenburg
" D. W. Crandall	Tatamagouche	1864	Carridock, N. B.
" H. Bool	Pugwash	1869	Coatbridge, G. B.
" Edwin Clay, M. D.	Pugwash	1851	Pugwash.
" D. W. C. Dimock	Truro	1841	Chester
" Henry Eagles	St. Mary's	1842	Kempt, Hants Co.
" M. P. Freeman	Great Village	1868	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" J. E. Goucher	Truro	1859	Georgetown, N. B.
" A. E. Ingraham	Upper Economy	1874	N. W. Lunenburg
" J. F. Kempton	Parraboro	1864	Mira, C. B.
" T. B. Layton	Great Village	1872	Musquash, N. B.
" David McKeen	Athol	1854	River Hebert.
" James Meadows	St Andrews	1868	Jeddore.
" G. F. Miles	Amherst	1846	Newcastle, N. B.
" D. A. Steel	Amherst	1865	Wolfville.
" Samuel Thompson	Little River, Cumb. Co	1852	Westbrook.
" F. O. Weeks	Antigonish	1876	Caledonia, Queens Co..
" C. H. Martell	Onslow	1878	Onslow.
" R. H. Bishop	Brookfield	1879	Upper Stewiacke.

LICENTIATES.

I. C. Archibald, Upper Stewiacke.
 James Morrison, Onslow West.
 Caleb Huntingdon, Grand Mira, C. B.
 Wm. McKenzie, West Bay, C. B.
 Edward Munro, Pugwash.
 A. H. Dealins, Guysboro.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Common Errors respecting Christian Churches, and Ordinances.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

In harmony with our usual practise we send you our annual epistle, in reply to, and by way of return for, the one sent by each of the churches to this body.

Our combination is formed for the purpose of mutual sympathy, edification and co-operation in Christian Work.

Whilst we disavow all right, on the part of Associations, to interfere in the management of the several churches, organized according to gospel teaching, yet we acknowledge the obligations that arise from our common fellowship, to do all in our power to help in efforts to extend the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour. These obligations rest on us, as individual members, as churches, and as an Association of Churches.

We must labor to remove whatever obstacles we may find hindering the progress of truth, and must help each other in efforts to spread the gospel at home and abroad. These obstacles often appear in the form of errors of doctrine and practice and in inaccurate views prevailing respecting the church and its ordinances:

1. With regard to the Church we find errors very common respecting what, we believe, according to the Sacred Scriptures, to be its constitution; and the nature and design of its ordinances.

These may be occasioned largely in Christian communities, so-called, by the term church being associated with an ecclesiastical organization formed on the model of human governments, having as its depository of power, a pope, a bishop, or certain courts, and being governed by laws framed without reference to the teachings of the New Testament, having for their object the securing of influence, power and wealth, rather than as we affirm in our Articles of Faith and Practice:—

1. A particular visible church of Christ is a number of his saints, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth his declarative glory, and for their own edification. 1 Peter ii. 5; 1 Cor. i. 2; Acts ii. 42-47.

1. The term "Church" is sometimes, even by Baptists, applied to the aggregate of Baptist churches, instead of saying "churches" when referring to more than one individual organization. There

is no such thing as "the Baptist Church." The Association or Associations are not *the* Baptist Church and have no power of discipline, or of administering the ordinances, nor of ordaining ministers. To regard an Association as the Church would be interposing some other authority over an individual church, instead of holding Christ as Lord and Master, and His Word and Spirit as Teacher and Ruler. From this common error many evils flow. It is one of the great mistakes on which the great apostasy is founded.

2. Membership in our churches is often held as a privilege to be enjoyed without the responsibility which should always be connected with such privilege. Each member should contribute towards the support of the Ministry and the Benevolent Objects of the body, according to his or her ability. Even absent members should not be excused from these duties so long as they remain members. In case of removal to another locality, where fellowship cannot be continued, the membership should be removed to a church that is nearer and convenient to attend. Contributions should then be transferred without loss of time. The benefits of such fellowship would then be enjoyed both by the individual and the church. Membership without fellowship is an anomaly in Christ's Church to be corrected only by applying New Testament principles in its government.

3. Then thirdly with respect to Gospel ordinances. Our practice with regard to the two ordinances of the gospel is sufficient to declare how we understand New Testament teachings. It is evident to all that Bible Baptism involves a public profession of religion. It plainly teaches the need of previous conversion and a change of heart. A death and burial is unmistakably shown by the act of baptism and the rising again from the baptismal waters shews the rising to newness of life. The common error we meet with, in this respect, is that of *thinking something else will do instead of baptism*, and that the use of a little water might be a sufficient substitute for immersion. The fact that this is applied to those who make no profession of faith in Christ is, we hold, cherishing and encouraging the doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration and leading men to trust in that ordinance for salvation rather than looking alone to Christ. When it comes to this it is of course a most terrible evil which is destructive of all evangelical religion, and leads on ultimately to Ritualism and Popery in its worst dogmas.

The necessity for the existence of Baptist Churches is sometimes called in question. Many supposing that the only or principal point of difference between ourselves and others is the initiatory ordinance of Baptism, whereas the far greater one, we hold, is that the membership of a Christian Church should be only of such as have made a credible profession of conversion to God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Without supposing that we are better than others we hold that a church of Christ can only be formed of His followers.

4. Respecting the Lord's Supper we meet with errors of a grave and mischievous character. Instead of making it an observance for

the church only, it is sometimes held that it may be administered to others without any such restriction as we observe. Then again in other bodies, instead of allowing all the members to participate some who have received in infancy what is regarded by them as the initiatory rite to the Church are not permitted to partake of the Supper. Thus making a distinction between the members, having some in full fellowship whilst others are not, and are consequently debarred from Church privileges, but nevertheless are held to be in some sort, members. Again, in cases of dangerous illness of children and other persons who have not received baptism, or the, so-called, sacrament, one or both are frequently hastily administered as a sort of preparation for death. Thus leading the person to trust in such observance for salvation rather than in Jesus the Saviour of sinners. This, we hold, is all wrong, and, among Protestants, almost equal, as it appears to us, to the extreme unction of the Roman Catholic Church.

It is incumbent on us to guard against all such infringements of gospel order, and be ready, at all times, to give a reason for our practice. Our rule in these matters is we think scriptural, plain, and consistent: 1st Faith, 2nd Baptism, then 3rdly Fellowship and communion, as given in a few sentences in No. 2 of Part 2nd of our Articles:—

2. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, to be Continued until his second coming and the former is requisite to the latter; that is to say, those are to be admitted into the communion of the church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their faith, have been baptized, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. xxviii. 19, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23-26; Acts ii. 41, 42; viii. 12, 36, 39; Matt. iii. 6-16; Romans vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; John iii. 23; Acts viii. 36-39.

Brethren, we need hardly say that the human heart is full of error respecting the way of salvation. Men allow all sorts of mistakes to prevent them from accepting Christ. Instead of regarding the gospel as offering a present and immediate salvation, some hold that a certain length of time is required for the various stages of experience, or for the development of gospel truth in the heart of the unbeliever before he is changed from an awakened sinner to a trusting obedient follower of Christ.

Many of our churches suffer from a want of appreciation of the power of Christ to save. They are disposed to wait for some time of revival before they expect to see the results of the faithful preaching of the gospel. This we need not say is an error which vitally affects and hinders the progress of the cause in such churches. This error is very specious and requires close examination, and carefully watching against. The grand design of the gospel is to remove from this world the darkness of heathenism and sin, and to bring in the light of truth, to drive the clouds of error by having the rays of the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us. This light should be reflected on the world by Christians, whose aim should

be to enlighten and bless all with whom they come in contact. It is for the members of our churches by their lives and conversation to meet the errors as they appear, and to remove them as they have opportunity, by the testimony they bear to Christ's truth. We have a glorious inheritance. The work was well begun and has been transmitted to us by those who have suffered and died in defence of the truth. We have entered into their labors which they have left us as a precious legacy, to use for future generations. Brethren let us be faithful to our trust, and we shall meet the Master's commendation: "Well done good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

APPENDIX.

(A)

Report of the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Report of Committee appointed last year "To report on a better method of making the Infirm Ministers' Fund more permanent." (See Minutes 1878, page 8.)

Precisely what is meant by the said resolution, your committee, do not profess to understand. All the funds in the hands of the Board may be regarded as "permanent." That is to say, the funds are in one way or another, invested, and bearing interest.

Your Committee, however, deem it in keeping with the resolution to lay before the Association the exact state of the funds held by the I. M. Board of this Association.

In Treasurer's Report.....	\$175 88
In W. Faulkner's hands.....	170 00
Invested on Mortgage.....	500 00
Unpaid Interest.....	80 00
	\$925 88

Your Committee beg leave to make the following suggestions :

1. This Fund ought to be largely augmented. It is miserably inadequate to the purpose designed, the relief of men who have been laid aside by failing health or old age. While other bodies make stated provision for their infirm ministers, the Baptists in these Provinces have scarcely conceived the idea of their duty in this respect. If the whole of the disposable funds were voted to one individual, he would not be kept in comfort for six months. If a family were to be maintained, or an establishment of any kind kept, the interest, &c., available per annum, would not pay the expense for six weeks. And yet, any day there may be several applicants to this Board for assistance.

Your Committee would urge upon the Baptist people the necessity of making this Fund more worthy of our care and anxiety. It should be possible to vote any one who is compelled to retire, at least one hundred dollars a year from this Fund.

2. As to the methods of increasing this Fund, your committee are of opinion that every minister should himself contribute a stated sum yearly. Some of the Denominations *require* their ministers to pay so much a year to the Fund for Infirm Ministers and Ministers Widows. In other bodies, it is left to the *option* of the ministers, who may, or may not, pay the annual premium, according to a regular scale of fees, for older or younger men. The Committee would press upon the pastors themselves the necessity of *self-help*. Ministers are liable to look upon a fund of this kind only as an aid, to which they

have a certain kind of claim. Because they are incapacitated ministers, they make application to participate in this Fund. But is there not something of the feeling of mendicants going to a kind man's door, humbly suing for relief? Suppose that each man should contribute his annual subscription, say of ten dollars; he would then apply to the Board for his right—for what in part at least, belonged to him. With what feeling of independence would the old man approach the august council who dispense the monetary favors of the denomination. Instead of hat in hand, beseeching for a pittance, he would simply have to present his claim.

In addition to these payments, your Committee would respectfully urge that a collection be taken in every church in connection with this Association, once a year; and that Donations and Bequests to this fund be respectfully solicited. The late Gardener Colby of Massachusetts, has left by will twenty-five thousand dollars to a Society to be incorporated for the relief of aged and indigent Baptist ministers. Such munificence should be held up as an example to our people. We cannot expect such sums in these provinces, but our people can give proportionally.

EXPLANATIONS TO BE MADE.

Your Committee would urge every pastor to explain to the people in public, the nature of this Fund. He should not be kept from this by any mock modesty. If a man give himself to the work of the ministry, body and soul, as every minister ought to do, he will not be able to provide for sickness or old age. The ministers should make this clear to their congregations, who would respond to the justice of the claim.

CAPITAL OF THIS FUND.

Your committee would suggest that the Capital Stock of this Fund consist of the securities now held by the I. M. Board; the annual subscriptions, together with all legacies and donations; and any excess of current income over the claims in any year.

CURRENT INCOME.

and that for the current expenditure only such monies be available as may accrue from the collections, and from the interest received on the investments of the Board.

THIS FUND OUGHT TO BE PLACED ON A DENOMINATIONAL BASIS.

Finally, your Committee would suggest the advisability of having one Board of Infirm Ministers' Funds—for the Maritime Provinces. There are many reasons why such a Fund should be placed upon the broadest Denominational basis. The application should be considered by a Board removed from local influences. All the capital could be easily managed by one Board, and more profitably. The funds should never be left at the disposal of a sectional Committee, but by those who are completely independent. Other reasons may appear to business men, but these seem to your Committee grave.

enough to warrant the statement, that one inter-Provincial Board should be formed for the purpose of receiving and administering all such moneys as may be now held or hereafter contributed for this praise-worthy object.

D. A. STEELE, *Chairman.*

(B)

Report of Committee on Missions.

Your Committee in contemplating the great Mission field of the world which has been entrusted by the Lord Jesus for care and culture to His Church, and perceiving with anxiety and deep sorrow the vast extent of territory untraversed by the missionaries of the Cross, and the immense population to whom the Saviour of mankind is as yet totally unknown, are impressed anew with the solemn obligation that we as churches of Christ are under to obey His last command, and feel that pressing necessity exists for more earnest, determined and united efforts to carry out the great commission given us by our Lord and Saviour for the evangelization of all the nations.

It remains now as true as ever—"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." And the need is as great as ever for resort to God to meet the wants of the field, according to the corresponding direction of the Great Teacher: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into his harvest."

Our own missionaries now in Telugu are rapidly becoming better acquainted with the field, the people, and their language, and are therefore better prepared than before to labor for the salvation of souls in that benighted region.

In the opinion of this committee the contributions of our churches and congregations to the Foreign Mission should be largely increased; and it is hoped that systematic efforts will be employed to enlist sympathy and contributions towards this Divine and benevolent cause from all.

And the same sympathy and support are equally needed for our Home Missions. Much work is required to meet the wants and demands of the Home field. In nearly every county within the limits of this Association the labors of the missionary are needed. The island of C. Breton in particular needs and should have missionary help and labor in larger measure than in the past.

Home Missions in their influence and bearing upon the growth and prosperity of our churches, and the extension of Christ's kingdom in the world, are a prime interest and great power, and should therefore receive most careful attention and culture. For if neglected, or but languidly looked after, weakness and decay will begin at home, and depression and want will be felt by our missions in India. Larger contributions are required for the support and extension of all our missionary operations.

Every member of the denomination owes it to Christ and the church, to his own country and people, to contribute according to his ability for the support and furtherance of this sacred enterprise. Indeed wise and Scriptural measures, devoted and earnest efforts to carry out the great commission to preach the gospel fully at home and abroad, are essential to the highest spiritual prosperity of the churches and to the performance of our entire duty to the Head of the Church—the Lord and Redeemer of men. The Committee therefore recommend that the churches, brethren and friends be earnestly requested to devise more liberally, pray more fervently, and give more abundantly for the promotion of our missions at home and abroad during the year on which we now enter.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

(C)

Report of Committee on Infirm Ministers' Fund.

The undersigned appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurers of the "Pictou Missions" and "Infirm Ministers'" Fund report—

1st. That the account of the Pictou Mission Fund is correct.

2nd. We find the account of the present Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Fund correct, but beg to call attention to a discrepancy between the amount received from the late Treasurer and the amount reported at the last Association as due from him. The difference arises from charges now made which he claims to have omitted from former statements, from his repudiating credits formerly given from year to year in the accounts rendered by him—and from some errors of calculation.

They recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of the Board managing that fund for final settlement.

HENRY C. UPHAM,
JAS. R. REID.

July 15, 1879.

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION in account with W. M. READ, Treasurer
of the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

1878.

CR.

July—By cash from D. A. Steele.....\$22.61

1879.

July 1—By interest on \$22.00 deposited in D. Sav. Bank.... 77

" 12— " cash from B. L. Douglas.....155.50

Total amount,.....\$178.88

" 12—Amount deposited in Dominion Savings Bank.....\$178.77

Amount not deposited..... 11

\$178.88

Amherst, 29th July, 1879.

W. M. READ, *Treasurer.*

THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION in account with T. M. KING, Trustee
of Pictou Mission Fund.

CR.	
1877.	
July 7—By balance rendered.....	\$509 20
1878.	
July 7—By interest 1 year.....	30 55
1878.	\$539 75
July 7— “ “ 1 year.....	32 38
Due Association at date.....	\$572 13

T. M. KING, *Trustee.*

(D)

Report of Committee on Education.

So closely has our denominational progress been identified with our Educational Institutions at Wolfville, that to write their history in full, would be to write a tolerable history of the Baptists of these seaside Provinces for the last 50 years.

The effort put forth to provide higher education for our young men, in the opening of Horton Academy in 1828, and Acadia College 10 years later, no doubt greatly taxed the then meagre resources of our people, but it correspondingly developed denominational power. One of the fathers named the College “the child of Providence,” but it was the offspring of the denomination as well, and the struggles both in prayer and effort that preceded its birth, were fully compensated by the healthy appearance and fair proportions of the child when it saw the light, and more especially by the benedictions of Heaven that crowned its early days. Indeed it may be said in truth, that, through all its history, these heavenly benedictions have never been withheld. Numbers of young men who have gone thither with no higher aim than literary culture, have there been met by the grace of God and led to consecrate their best powers to his service, and the churches of these Provinces have been and now are reaping the benefits of that consecration in a cultured ministry, while others who there heard the call, “Go work in my vineyard,” have gone to the far East to plant the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley in a pagan soil.

The fire of December, 1877, which reduced to ashes the walls of the old College, will, by God's tavor, prove less a calamity than a blessing, by further developing the energies of the Baptist brotherhood, and by gathering more closely the affections of the present and subsequent generations around Acadia the new. Your committee are profoundly impressed with the conviction that what is now imperatively demanded to make our Institutions a glorious success, is, that they command the sympathy of all our people, and that those who have sons or daughters to educate, should send

them to Wolfville in preference to any Academy or College in the land, and moreover that our people arise in their might and sweep off as soon as possible the debt that hangs over them. Then we may proudly point to as fine a group of educational structures as can be found in the Dominion of Canada, as monuments to the denominational zeal and indomitable perseverance of Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. GOUCHER, *Chairman.*

(E)

Report on Denominational Literature.

Your Committee report that while we regret that the Denomination in the Maritime Provinces are not as far advanced in this direction as is desirable, yet we are glad that efforts are being made to procure wholesome libraries for our Sabbath Schools and other reading matter, both by our Home Missionary Union in Yarmouth, N. S., and by J. E. Hopper in St. John; and we recommend that as far as practicable those book rooms be patronized in the purchase of Sabbath School literature. We also heartily recommend the *Christian Messenger* to the confidence and support of the denomination in this Province; we are sure that its weekly visits where it comes are highly appreciated and doing a noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. BARSS, *Chairman.*

(F)

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report that the subject is worthy of the greatest consideration of the Association. They very much regret that it receives so little attention at our annual meetings.

Your Committee would again call to mind the fact that all our religious interests will soon be in the hands of the present rising generation. These interests will, therefore, flourish or languish in future according to our efforts in seeking the conversion of the young around us, and educating them in the glorious principles of our denomination.

Your Committee are exceedingly dissatisfied with the condition of our schools, as gathered from statistics, and would kindly urge the churches to do all they can to increase the number of teachers and scholars, and improve every opportunity to train the dear youth for the service of Jesus and the honor of our denomination.

From the reports in letters your Committee find that the number

of scholars averages about 35 per church, with only about 4 teachers for each church engaged in this important work. Eighteen of the churches have given no reports of Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BOOL, *Chairman.*

(G)

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report they consider the question of Temperance one of the most important subjects that comes before the Association.

About two years ago the Reform movement was supposed to be doing great good in reforming men and advancing the principles of Temperance, but intemperance is still doing its deadly work.

Prohibition as advocated by some may partially remedy the evil, but cannot wholly reform society as long as men have the acquired appetite for strong drink. Therefore in the judgment of your Committee the presenting of Temperance principles from a gospel standpoint, is the most effectual method for staying this widespread curse.

It is also the opinion of your Committee that if the churches and pastors composing the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, were to more earnestly contend against the inroads of the great drink traffic, many who are now ruining their souls and disgracing their manhood would be reclaimed from the drunkard's path and become useful members of society.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MARTELL, *Chairman.*

(H)

Committee on Revision of List of Ministers.

Your Committee on Revision of List of Ministers beg to report that they called the attention of Ministers to the case of E. T. Carbonell; their decision will be learned in the columns of the *Messenger*. The other names will be presented for publication in the Minutes. Your Committee would urge the churches to be very cautious in giving license to men wishing to secure such. And also would recommend churches to be very careful about receiving men into their pulpits who do not possess license, or have the approval of the churches of which they are members.

G. F. MILES, *Chairman.*

Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association in account with
R. Upham, Treasurer.

1879.	Dr.	
July—To paid Home Missions.....		\$350 04
“ Foreign “.....		322 53
“ French “.....		64 17
“ Ministerial Education Fund.....		12 12
“ Infirm Ministers Fund.....		20 20
“ Acadia College.....		22 03
“ S. Selden's Bill.....		61 06
“ Postage, &c.....		37

\$852 52

Cr.

By monies received at Association per statement.....\$852 52

Truro, N. S., August 1st, 1879.

ERRATUM.—On page 15, line 27, the following words are omitted—that is, immersed in the name of the Father. The article should read as follows:—

2. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, to be continued until his second coming, and the former is requisite to the latter; that is to say, those are to be admitted into the communion of the church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their faith, have been baptized, that is immersed, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Sabbath School Statistics.

Name of School.	Name of Superintendent.	SCHOLARS.			Average attendance.	TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of church in S. S. and B. C.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Totals.		Male.	Female.	Totals.				
Amherst	Thos. R. Black			196	102	6	8	14	13	34	520	.....
Amherst, Beulah	Wm. Cove			60		6	3	9				
Advocate	R. W. Spicer	23	35	58	45	2	2	4	25	15	100	\$4 20
Antigonish	T. M. King	16	20	36	20	2	2	4	10	12	100	1 50
Brookfield	Wm. Carter	8	20	28	20	2	3	5		12	250	19 77
"	Jacob Stevens	8	7	15	12	1	2	3		7	100	
Cape Canso	Rev. A. W. Barss.			40	30	2	3	5	10		100	50 00
Cow Bay	R. D. Rice	21	19	40	33	4	2	6		8		
Goshen	H. McGregor	21	13	34	28	1	1	2	21	17		
Greenville	Geo. Rushton	22	12	34	30	2	1	3	26	17		
Guysboro & Manch	Jas. Hall, &c.	15	30	45		4	2	6	15		50	
Homeville	W. L. Holmes	13	11	24	16	3	2	5		10		3 00
Indian Harbor	Wm. Sutherland	20	30	50	45	2	3	5				
Lower Stewiacke	E. L. Sibley	32	22	54	38	3	2	5	25	25	100	42 29
Little River	Lewis Johnson	14	16	30	20	2	1	3	6	7		
Margaree	Wm. B. Ingham	8	16	24			3	3				
Mira Bay	Jno. Nicoll	8	8	16	10		2	2	16	6		
New Glasgow	P. F. Morrww			30	30	2	2	2				
Onslow East	Chas. Douglas	16	24	40	30	5	2	7	8	15	50	
Onslow West	C. M. Dickson	22	25	47		2	3	5	10	23	112	
Oxford	W. R. Smith	28	45	73	32	2	3	5	10	7	150	18 58
Parsboro	Elijah Spencer	30	33	63	45	3	3	6	24	18	100	
Portaupique	G. Davidson	17	18	35	30	4	1	5		14	100	
Pugwash	A. McDonnell	10	20	30	20	2	3	5			100	
River John	Robt. Allen	20	20	40	34	2	3	5	8	12	100	4 50
River Hebert	M. R. Pugsley	39	37	76	56	4	6	9		175		
St. Mary's 1st	Z. H. Hewitt	14	16	30	28	3		3				
St. Mary's 2nd	Saml. McKeen	13	16	29		4		4				
Sydney	Chas. R. King	36	35	71	27	3	2	5	18	14		14 23
Tracadie	Chas. Parris	21	16	37	24	2	3	5				
Truro	L. J. Walker	118	119	237	140	10	11	21		48	221	55 00
Up. Londonderry	Jas. McCully	22	14	36	30	3	2	5		70	8 00	
"	Robert Smith			15		1	2	3		60	6 00	
"	David Stevens			12		1	1	2				
Wentworth	Wm. Smith	23	26	49	40	2	3	5		7	60	13 25
West Brook		30	18	48	....	3	1	4			71	
Wallace	P. C. Woodland	18	22	40		2	1	3				
Westchester	Jno. Rushton	15	10	25	20	2	1	3	12		50	
		1847				186						

Treasurer's Account

OF MONEYS FOR BENEVOLENT OBJECTS RECEIVED AT THE N. S. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT GOOSE RIVER CUMBERLAND CO., JULY 1879.

NAME CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Indian Ministers.	Acadia College.	Total.
Amherst.....	\$83 85	\$82 90	\$17 75	\$9 55	\$8 90	\$10 90	\$113 85
Amherst, Bulah.....	7 05						7 05
Amherst Shore.....	1 00	5 00					6 00
Advocate Harbor.....	6 00	12 30					18 30
Antigonish.....		10 00					10 00
Acadia Mines.....	2 00						2 00
Brookfield.....	4 35	1 00		0 65	0 50	0 50	7 00
Centreville and Mount Pleasant.....	5 00	6 00	2 45				13 45
Cow Bay.....	3 95	2 45	0 56	0 42	1 06	0 56	9 00
Diligent River.....	3 00	3 00					6 00
Five Islands & Lower Economy.....	4 00	3 20	2 14		0 50	1 75	11 50
Goose River.....	4 00	4 00		1 00		2 32	11 32
Goshen.....	5 00						5 00
Great Village.....	8 57	15 28	0 25				24 10
Greenville.....	3 00	14 82					17 82
Guysboro and Manchester.....	8 00						8 00
Homeville.....	4 00	1 00	1 00		0 79		6 79
Lower Stewiacke.....	5 25	8 25				0 50	14 00
Little River.....		8 00					8 00
Margaree.....	1 00	1 00					2 00
Mira Bay.....		4 00					4 00
New Annand.....		3 00					3 00
North Sydney.....	8 95	29 80	1 00	0 50	2 00	0 75	43 00
New Glasgow.....	5 00	2 00					7 00
Onslow East.....	5 75						5 75
Onslow West.....	12 25	16 85					29 10
Oxford.....	2 00	50 00					52 10
Parrsboro Village.....	8 00	15 38					23 38
Portapique.....	15 17	8 50	7 02			2 50	33 19
Pugwash.....	5 20	2 00					7 50
River John.....		4 00					4 00
St. Mary's 2nd.....	2 00	2 00					4 00
Sydney.....	8 50	4 75	1 00		1 50	2 25	18 00
Tatamagouche.....		2 00					2 00
Truro.....	165 00		25 00				190 00
Upper Londonderry.....	7 38	10 80					18 18
West Bay.....					1 00		1 00
West Brook.....	4 00	6 00	2 00				12 00
Wallace.....	3 50	1 00					4 50
Westchester.....	1 00	1 00					2 00
Williamsdale and Millville.....	2 00	1 00	1 00				4 00
Maccan.....	3 50	5 50	1 00		1 00		11 00
Mrs. Nathan Tupper.....					1 75		1 75
*Miss Eliza Turner.....	10 00	10 00					20 00
*W. Freeman.....	1 50	1 50					3 00
River Hebert.....	6 90	12 65	2 00		1 20		22 75
Collections.....	24 45						24 45
	\$411 47	\$322 63	\$64 17	\$12 12	\$20 20	\$22 03	\$352 52
Expenses, &c., off.....	61 43						\$61 43
	\$350 04	\$322 63	\$64 17	\$12 12	\$20 20	\$22 03	\$791 09

*Handed in by the Rev. Dr. Tupper.

NOTE.—The churches at "Indian Harbor" and "St. Mary's 1st," report in their letters that the send moneys for benevolent objects by P. O. order, which has not yet been received by Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

J. E. GOUCHER.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending any Letter, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes, unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

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

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be handed to the clerk, who shall retire and make out a list of the delegates—the Moderator meanwhile shall conduct devotional exercises.

2nd.—From the list so prepared the Moderator shall be chosen by ballot—no brother shall be chosen two years in succession.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10th.—The Committee of Arrangements shall, in addition to the provision for the "order of business," provide also for the discussion of the more prominent topics, Education and Missions, by appointing one or more persons to speak upon them. Said Committee shall further recommend the place for the succeeding Association, the preacher of the Associational Sermon, and the writer of the Circular Letter.

11th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

12th.—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of each annual session of the Association.

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

CONSTITUTION.

1.—The consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both English and French, would, in the estimation of this Convention, tend to the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this Province;—the French Mission to be considered a separate Department, and all gifts, bequests, &c., made to the French Mission to go to that Department.

2.—This Convention shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

3.—The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the gospel throughout the Provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and the Island of Newfoundland, the fostering of feeble churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature.

4.—This Union shall be composed of ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their respective churches in the Province, and delegates appointed by the churches, each church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates; together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of the Theological Institute, and the Principal of Horton Academy, the same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

5.—The officers of the Union shall be a President, who shall be elected annually by ballot; four Vice-Presidents, one from each Association, two Secretaries, and an Auditor, all of whom shall be appointed by open vote.

6.—The Union shall annually appoint and locate an Executive Board of thirteen suitable men, seven of whom shall form a quorum; and every Baptist pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board, and taking part in its deliberations, but not voting; the officers of the Society named above to be ex-officio members of the Board.

7.—The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.

8.—There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union, held in each of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations in turn, to assemble the day previous to the meeting of the Association with which it is held, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

9.—This Union shall appoint annually a Board of Directors to consist of eight from each Association composing the Union, whose duty it shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in cases of emergency, and by the written requisition of eight or more of whom, the President shall call a special meeting of the Union.

10.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless by a two-third affirmative vote of the members present at an annual meeting.

MINUTES

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

HEBRON, YARMOUTH CO., June 13th, 1879.

The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union met in its Seventh Annual Session at Hebron under date as above.

Vice-President Rev. J. H. Saunders called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. John Brown.

Brethren W. H. Warren and B. W. Lockhart were appointed as Secretaries.

The following is a list of

DELEGATES.

Annapolis Royal—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Dea. J. Healey, and Bro. Dimock Whitman.

Arcadia—Rev. A. H. Lavers.

Beaver River—Deacons W. H. Goudey and R. C. Raymond, with Bro. David Crosby.

Bridgetown—Rev. W. H. Warren, with Brethren Wallace Young and Ansley Brown.

French Mission—Rev. M. Normond.

Forest Glen—Bro. Z. C. Vickery, lic.

Hebron—Dea. W. R. Doty, with Brethren H. H. Crosby and James Crosby.

Lawrencetown—Rev. J. C. Bleakney, with Brethren Minard Beals and John Armstrong.

Liverpool—Rev. G. O. Gates and Dea. Thos. Nickerson.

Lockeport—Bro. B. W. Lockhart, lic., and Bro. Clifford Locke.

Lower Granville—Rev. F. Beattie.

Paradise—Rev. John Brown.

Temple Church—Dea. J. C. Anderson, Dr. Randall.

Tusket—Bro. A. Hurbert.

Wilnot Mountain—Rev. J. E. Bleakney.

Yarmouth 1st—Rev. G. E. Day, and Deacons A. C. Robbins and W. E. Huestis.

Yarmouth 3rd—Rev. J. A. Stubbart.

Yarmouth South—Bro. Jos. A. Kinney.

Members in their own right—Revs. G. B. Titus, P. R. Foster, A. Cohoon, John Clarke, L. M. Weeks, J. H. Saunders, J. Rowe, H. N. Parry, J. B. McQuillin, W. H. Richan.

Invited—Brethren F. C. Snow and E. P. Coldwell, lic., William Durkee, L. Patten, Dea. Geo. Wilson.

It was decided to close present session at 12 o'clock, to com-

mence afternoon session at 2 P. M., and close at 5 P. M., and to open the evening session at 7½ P. M.

A letter from Bro. A. P. Shand, President, was read by Bro. Cohoon, explaining reasons for being absent and expressing deep interest in the prosperity of our Union.

The Seventh Annual Report of the Home Missionary Board was read by Rev. A. Cohoon, Secretary.

Voted, That the Report be received for discussion, and considered clause by clause.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

The first and second clauses of the Annual Report were then discussed and adopted.

Prayer having been offered by Rev. T. A. Higgins the meeting adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Opening prayer offered by Rev. W. H. Richan.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The Report of the Board was further considered. The clause relating to the French Mission was discussed at considerable length. Remarks were made by Revs. J. Rowe, G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, A. Cogswell, G. O. Gates, J. H. Saunders, M. Normondy, J. C. Bleakney and P. R. Foster. The clause was then adopted.

The last clause of the Report, in reference to the transfer of the funds and work of the Home Missionary Union to a Board appointed by the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, was fully considered and unanimously adopted.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. C. Bleakney.

Evening Session.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. I. DeWolfe.

The Annual Report having been considered it was now adopted as a whole.

Resolved, That this Union recommend the appointment of an additional French missionary as soon as practicable.

Remarks on the foregoing resolution were made by Revs. John Brown, T. A. Higgins, G. O. Gates, A. H. Lavers, Normondy, A. Cohoon, W. H. Warren, J. B. McQuillin and John Rowe.

On motion, the Executive Board of the Union was authorized to transfer the work, funds and property of said Union to the Home Mission Board appointed by the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the President, Secretary and other members of the Executive Board for their faithful and efficient services during the past year.

The thanks of the Union were also tendered to the friends at Hebron for kindness and hospitality.

An earnest closing prayer was offered by Rev. G. E. Day.

With this session the existence of the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Union ceases. Much has been accomplished, under the blessing of Heaven, by this Society. Since its formation, seven years ago, about 1400 converts have been baptized by its missionaries, a large number of weak churches have been cared for, and new interests have been started in many parts of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The meeting adjourned *sine die*, Rev. G. E. Day having offered fervent prayer for the future prosperity of our Home Missions.

W. H. WARREN, }
B. W. LOCKHART, } *Secretaries.*

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the N. S. Baptist Home Mission Union respectfully submit their Seventh Annual Report.

Knowing that many pressing calls for aid were being made upon our churches, and that the financial depression still continued, your Board have not deemed it wise to undertake all that they would otherwise have undertaken for the benefit of our weak churches and destitute portions of our land. They have judged it better, however, to have faith in God and their brethren, than to close their ears against worthy appeals.

OUR POLICY

has been to give aid only where union with other Churches in support of a pastor was impossible; or where inability to afford sufficient support remained after union. Much the larger part of the aid given has been in the way of grants to the churches. Only a few mission appointments have been made. While this method lessens considerably the reported amount of receipts and expenditures, your Board regard it as much the safer and more economical plan. Wherever possible the aid given has been extended over the year, *i. e.*, instead of twelve consecutive weeks one week per month has been spent. Thus several that appear in the annexed table as short missions are in reality regular supplies throughout the year.

That the work done, as well as the condition and prospects of the different fields may be the more clearly understood, we shall speak of each separately, and though the remarks must necessarily be brief, we trust that, with the subjoined tabulated statement, they will give all the information required.

NOVA SCOTIA PROPER.

ANNAPOLIS AND GREYWOOD AND MILFORD, *Rev. T. A. Higgins, Pastor.* Rev. T. A. Higgins has continued to labor on this field—one-fourth of his time being spent with the little church at Greywood and Milford. One hundred and fifty dollars has been given to aid in his support, *i. e.* fifty to Annapolis Church, and one hundred to Greywood and Milford Church. He reports "Congregation large, attention good. Six added by letter. Prospect of baptism soon."

ARGYLE AND PUBNICO, *E. P. Coldwell, Lic.* Just previous to the close of last year Pubnico was united with the Argyle field, and it was hoped that the two united would be able to afford an adequate support. Owing to the extra burdens imposed by the building of two meeting-houses, commenced a few years ago, they have been compelled to ask for aid and a small subsidy has been granted. Bro. Coldwell has labored with them the greater part of the year.

BARRINGTON AND WOODS HARBOR, *Rev. W. H. Richan, Pastor.* Bro. Richan having given up Pubnico and taken new ground at Barrington Head and Villagedale, a grant of \$150 has been given to help forward the work. He writes, "I have preached to very attentive congregations at all my stations, and although I have not been permitted to see large results, I trust that some good has been done. Five have been baptized.

CROW HARBOR AND WHITE HEAD, *Rev. A. W. Barss, Missionary.* Since his settlement in Canso in October last, Bro. Barss has spent one week of each month on this field. He reports the people very poor and in great need of the Gospel.

DARTMOUTH, *Rev. John Clark, Pastor.* In April, 1878, Brother Clark was called to the pastorate of this Church, and the Board, desiring to aid and lift up our weak interest in this important place, in answer to their earnest request for help, granted a subsidy of \$200 per annum. Bro. C. labored faithfully, and his reports have been very satisfactory to the Board. Six were baptized and seven added by letter during the year. We regret that the action of the Church led Bro. Clark to leave the field at the expiration of the year. It is feared that much of the good that would have been accomplished, had the arrangement of last year continued, has been prevented.

FALL RIVER AND WAVERLY, *Bro. Ralph Hunt, Missionary.* This Church is very small and weak. Bro. Hunt's mission was highly appreciated by them, but was too short to be productive of large results. Since the expiration of the Mission, Bro. Clark and a member of the Dartmouth Church have preached to them occasionally. This field should be connected with some other so as to have the labor extended through the year.

FOREST GLEN, YARMOUTH CO. This little Church has been supplied with preaching one Sabbath of each month by some of the county pastors, assisted by two lay brethren, without any expense to the Board. The work is reported, however, in table. Three have been received by letter and three by baptism. This Church began a few years ago with but eight members. Though located in a sparsely settled section it now numbers twenty-two, and is exerting a very beneficial influence on the community. They are building a small meeting-house.

HAMMONDS PLAINS, &c., (colored), *Rev. Wallace Lucas, Pastor.*

A grant of \$30 for nine months was made to Bro. Lucas to encourage him to give his time more fully to preaching the Gospel to the colored people at Hammonds Plains and other settlements. His reports show that a good amount has been done.

JEDDRE, Rev. J. Meadows, Pastor. A grant of \$40 for the year was given to this field, especially to encourage Bro. Meadows to continue the work at the Head of Jeddore, where there is a good congregation, but little financial ability. The work done on the whole field has been reported, less than two-thirds of the brother's time being spent on it. Living at a great distance from the field makes the amount of work somewhat less than it would otherwise be.

LOWER SABLE RIVER, Rev. E. N. Archibald, Pastor. For seven months of the year—until his removal to P. E. Island—Bro. Archibald spent one-sixth of his time with this little Church for which he received from the Board \$23.33. In his last report he writes: "We have had blessed little meetings all summer. The eight or nine young men received recently are doing well." He adds: "In retiring from labor in Nova Scotia, I desire to express many thanks to the Board for their kindness and for the joy I have felt in beholding God's blessing on their great work all abroad."

MAITLAND, HANTS CO., Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Pastor. Our cause in this field has long suffered from spasmodic effort. Your Board were therefore greatly rejoiced when Bro. Ballentine, graduate of Newton, accepted the call of the Church in June last. To aid them in supporting him \$250 was voted for the year now closed. Bro. B. has entered enthusiastically into this work and already good results are being seen. Seven have been baptized and others received by letter and experience. Steps are being taken for the purchase of a lot of land for a parsonage, and the meeting-house, which is not well located, will be removed to the same lot. Eight or ten stations are occupied and the outlook is hopeful.

NEW GLASGOW AND BARNEY'S RIVER, Rev. D. Freeman, Pastor. The interest in this new field is steadily increasing. Bro. McGregor spent his summer vacation with them, and Bro. Freeman has carried forward the work during the winter. Five have been baptized and three added by letter. The Board are anxious to have a good man settled with them. To any one willing to do hard work for the Master, with the prospect of building up a strong Church, this affords an excellent opening. The brethren who have labored at New Glasgow have made occasional visits to Barney's River.

NEW AND CODDLE HARBORS, Rev. A. W. Bars, Missionary. During the first five months of the year Bro. Bars spent about one-fourth of his time with the little Church at the above named places. One was baptized.

NEW ROSS, C. Haverstock, Missionary. This station has been much blessed during the year. As a result of Bro. Haverstock's

mission of twelve weeks, eight baptisms were reported and others were subsequently baptized by Bro. Wm. Hall. Bro. Haverstock visited them again during the Christmas vacation, but was hindered in his work by severe illness. Though not under appointment, or paid by the Board, he kindly reported his work which is incorporated with his mission. He returns to that field this summer.

NEW CANADA, LUNENBURG Co., *H. E. S. Maider, Lic., Missionary*. Bro. Maider, who is engaged in teaching at Mahone Bay, has preached at this and surrounding stations during a part of the year. In order to make the mission self-sustaining, according to the offer made by himself, in undertaking the work, he has contributed from his own funds \$10.25 toward its support.

RIVERDALE, YARMOUTH Co., *Rev. P. R. Foster, Pastor*. This interest is properly a branch of the Tusket Church. During the year a neat little meeting-house has been opened, and a Sabbath School organized. One has been received by baptism and three by letter and experience.

RIVER JOHN, TATMAGOUCHE AND NEW ANNAN, *Rev. D. W. Crandall, Pastor*.—Bro. Crandall has completed his second year on this large and interesting field. He has baptized thirteen at River John, and regards New Annan as white for the harvest. A new meeting-house is being built at Lake Road, Tatmagouche. He says the people are willing to pay all they are able and even beyond their ability, so great is their anxiety to help on the cause.

SHELBURNE, JORDAN RIVER AND JORDAN BAY AND SAND POINT, *Rev. G. Goudy, Pastor*. These churches were without pastoral labor the first six months of the year. In November last Bro. Goudy accepted their call, and the Board granted a small subsidy to aid in his support. The interest in Shelburne town has been much weakened by the removal of useful members.

SHERBROOKE WEST, *Rev. E. J. Grant, Pastor*. Aid to the amount of \$40 per annum was granted to this church to assist them in securing the services for one-fourth of the time of Rev. E. J. Grant, pastor at Albany and Springfield. Bro. Grant remained on the field five months, and then resumed his studies at Newton. His labors during that time were much blessed. Six were added by baptism and the Church much encouraged. He reports the Church in good working order, the community very intelligent, and the people willing to give towards the support of the Gospel all they are able. Bro. Grant has returned to the field.

TRACADIE AND GUYSBORO' (colored), *A. H. Deakins, Missionary*. After a mission of six weeks among these people Bro. Deakins took charge of a school at Big Tracadie and continued to preach on the Sabbaths, and do such other mission work as he was able. He has reported in full to the Board. He regards some parts of the field as very encouraging, others discouraging.

WALTON, *Rev. M. W. Brown, Pastor*. This little Church has

long been in a low state. After the formation of the Hants Co. Aux Board, several of the pastors visited and preached to them. Since October Rev. M. W. Brown has labored with them one-fourth of the time. As the result of his labors the condition of the Church has been much improved. Five have been baptized. A few of the brethren of the Hants Co. Board have generously given from their own private funds a donation of twenty-five dollars to pay for this work.

WENTWORTH, WILLIAMSDALE AND FOLLY LAKE, *Rev. T. B. Layton, Pastor*. On the recommendation of the Pastors' Conference of Colchester and Cumberland, a small subsidy was granted to these Churches to assist them in supporting Rev. T. B. Layton. The labors of the Bro. have been much blessed, especially in Wentworth, where twelve were added by baptism and three by letter. We are sorry to know that the work has proved too great for our brother's strength. His health has again failed, and he has been obliged to retire from the field, at least for a time.

WATERVILLE, HANTS CO., *A. Whitman, Lic., Supply*. The efforts of the Hants Co. brethren to unite this Church with Falmouth under one pastor, having failed, they advised the Board to grant them a subsidy of \$40 to assist in giving this little Church the preached word. Under the direction of A. P. Shand, Esq., President of the Union, they have been supplied with preaching every other Sabbath, chiefly by Brethren A. Freeman and A. Whitman. Brother Shand reports the good work steadily progressing, Attendance and attention good. Three have been baptized.

CAPE BRETON.

COW BAY, LITTLE GLACE BAY, MIRA AND HOMEVILLE, *J. C. Spurr, Pastor*. Early in June last Bro. J. C. Spurr, graduate of Newton, at the request of the Board went to this field. The character of his work and the results will be best judged by the following from his report: "Your missionary drives twenty miles every Sabbath, and preaches three times. This, with visiting, attending prayer and conference meetings, &c., studying, &c., makes my life a busy one. I have good health and a contented mind, and believe that God in His own good time will convert the unconverted, and add to His Church such as shall be saved. There seems to be a steadily increasing interest in every part of the field. At Glace Bay the congregation has more than doubled within the last six months, and still continues to increase. This Church has only a few members, but they are true and form an excellent nucleus, since they are intelligent and highly respected in the community. At Homeville the people seem to be in earnest. They are repairing their meeting-house. A neglected and disgraceful building is being transformed into a neat and comfortable chapel. At Mira we have been compelled to vacate the old meeting-house and to hold our services in the school-house. The frame for a new one is

hewn and is to be hauled to the site and framed without delay. At Cow Bay the interest is good and the congregation increasing." We will only add that a suitable property has been purchased at Cow Bay for a parsonage, the deed of which is held in trust by the Board.

MARGAREE AND MABOU, *Rev. J. A. Stubbart, Missionary.* At the beginning of the year the church at Margaree was in a very unhappy state. Through the labours of Rev. J. A. Stubbart, who spent three months with them a much better state of feeling was brought about and the cause of the trouble removed. He baptized one, and Bro. J. Kempton, who visited them shortly after baptized two or three more. On the return of Bro. S. the Board, desiring to encourage them to settle a pastor, voted to aid them to the amount of one hundred dollars for one year. But we are sorry to report that they are yet pastorless.

WEST BAY, *Rev. M. Ross, Missionary.* In the early part of the year now closing, this church enjoyed for a few weeks the labours of Rev. M. Ross. Subsequently, Bro. Wm. McGregor of Port Hawkesbury, was requested to labour on this field one week out of each month for the remainder of the year. The church at Port Hawkesbury, not concurring in the arrangement the appointment was cancelled. The Board regretted this, as this is the only economical way of supplying this small and poor church with the preached word.

P. E. ISLAND.

ALBERTON AND CAPE WOLF, &c., *Rev. E. B. Corey, Pastor.* On this large and important field our cause is advancing rapidly. In September last Rev. D. H. Simpson resigned his charge to resume his studies at Newton. He reported the field encouraging. Converts holding on their way. Baptist principles still gaining ground. Rev. E. B. Corey, by request of the Board went to that field shortly after Bro. S. left. His work has been much hindered by the presence of small-pox at Alberton during a greater part of the winter, but of late he has been blest with revival influences at Oleary Station. Ten have been baptized and eight others received for baptism.

CAVENDISH AND BELMONT, *Rev. J. B. Woodland, Pastor.* Bro. Woodland has continued to labor faithfully throughout the year. He has not been permitted to see large remits, but these will appear in due time. Cavendish has paid for all the work done there, but Belmont has been a heavy charge to the Board.

DUNDAS, LOWER GRAND RIVER, &c., *Rev. F. A. Kidston, Pastor.* After four months's labor in this field Bro. Kidston, through failing health, was obliged to retire from the work. He reported the prospects encouraging. New Testament principles taking hold on the minds of the people. This field is now united with East Point under the pastoral care of Rev. J. A. Gordon, who is now doing excellent work.

MONTAGUE AND MURRAY RIVER, *Rev. H. Foshay, Pastor.* Bro. Foshay has continued to labor in this field throughout the year. For six weeks Bro. Malcolm Ross united with him in laboring among the Gaelic-speaking people. Much good was done. Bro. F. has resigned and removed to Charlottetown. It is hoped that this field will be united with Uigg and Belfast, and thereby become self-sustaining.

SOURIS, *Rev. J. A. Gordon.* In September last a grant of fifty dollars was voted to aid in securing for this place the services of Rev. J. A. Gordon for one fourth of his time. No reports have been received, and it is not known whether the arrangement has been carried out or not.

FRENCH MISSION.

No change has taken place in the condition or prospects of the mission during the year. The Missionary's report shows a good amount of work done. Although six weeks was spent on a collecting tour, and appeals for aid have been made every month by the Secretary, the mission is still in debt to the amount of \$333.16.

There has been some correspondence with Rev. A. H. Munro of Montreal, in reference to another missionary, but we have not yet succeeded in finding one suited to our field.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

But little has been done in this department. A few Sunday Schools have been supplied with books, and a large number of religious and denominational tracts and pamphlets have been put in circulation. The sales have amounted to little over \$200.

AUXILIARY BOARDS.

But one county (Hants) has regularly organized under the vote passed by the Union at its annual session. This Board has co-operated most harmoniously with the Executive Board, being scrupulously careful not to exceed the powers given to it by the vote of the Union. Besides much valuable information relative to the mission fields of the County, it has forwarded to our Treasury \$138.23 for Home Missions and \$2.61 for French mission. Your Board believe that similar organizations in each county, conducted as this one has been, would not only greatly aid our Home Mission operations, but our denominational work generally. That their modes of working may be more clearly understood we give this report in full :

Report of the Hants Co. Auxiliary Home Mission Board for the year 1878-9.

TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE HOME MISSIONARY UNION :

Dear Brethren :

We beg to report in brief the work done by this Board during the past year.

The Board was organized at Summerville, on the 5th of August, 1878, when 18 laymen, representing the eleven churches of the county, were appointed by the Pastors to be members of the Board.

The following officers were chosen : *President*, Bro. A. P Shand ; *Vice-President*, Bro. Andrew Shaw ; *Secretary*, Rev. J. A. McLean, *Treasurer*, Rev. M. W. Brown.

Nine meetings of the Board have been held during the year at the following places : Summerville, Hantsport, Falmouth, Windsor, Rawdon, Newport, Maitland.

At these meetings consideration has been given to the needs of the following places and the best means of supplying them with preaching, viz. : Walton, Waterville, Falmouth, Windsor Plains, Shubenacadie, Nine Mile River, Kennetcook, Cogmagun.

By vote of the Board the churches having settled Pastors were requested to allow their Pastors to spend two Sundays in the year in destitute places in the county. By leave of the churches some work of this kind has been done by most of the Pastors, and by Bro. J. O. Redden, A. B. (Lic) By this means Home Mission work has been done at Shubenacadie, Nine Mile River, Cogmagun, Falmouth, Windsor Plains, Walton.

Several sermons have been preached in most of these places, and several families visited. It is hoped that all these places will need preaching in the future.

Considerable labor has been required in the way of travelling, correspondence, &c, to ascertain the needs of the county.

FINANCES.

The Board recommended the churches to adopt the quarterly envelope system for collecting funds for benevolent objects.

Most of the churches have adopted this system, and it is hoped that more regularity and success will attend its use during the coming year.

The Board has endeavored by public missionary meetings, by sermons, and by furnishing envelopes gratuitously (by liberality of the President), to aid in collecting funds for the Union, and to cultivate systematic and general giving. By the efforts and influence of this Board, as it is thought, the contributions from this county will exceed those of last year.

The Board appointed a Treasurer to receive the collections taken at our public meetings, and such funds as the churches might choose to forward through him.

Our work for the past year strengthens our conviction of the necessity and usefulness of such an organization as the Auxiliary Board. It promotes fellowship and unity of action among the churches, secures a more general interest in our denominational enterprises, increases the knowledge of local needs and prospects, and gains for our worthy endeavors greater liberality on the part of the membership of the churches.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

J. A. McLEAN, *Secretary.*

Per E. M. K. *pro tem.*

GENERAL SUMMARY

Of work performed under the direction of your Board and the results.

Assistance has been given to 50 churches, 123 stations occupied the whole or part of the year by 35 laborers, who together have labored $921\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, and preached 2407 sermons, attended 1814 other meetings, made 7781 pastoral visits, distributed 12,195 pages of tracts, baptized 101, and received by letter 37. In aid of this work the Board has granted \$3148.94.

While the number of baptisms is less than in some former years, it is pleasing to notice that so many of the missionaries report some increase in this way. It is to be remembered that the year past has not been a year of great revivals in any of our churches. Your Board are satisfied that your missionaries have done good earnest work, and regard the outlook on several of the fields as exceedingly hopeful.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

Your Board hoped that they had kept the expenditure sufficiently low to enable them to close the year free of debt, and are disappointed to find that instead of this their present liabilities are \$1139.49 for Home Missions, and \$333.16 for French Missions.

This is to be accounted for largely by the following considerations: First, a legacy of four hundred dollars, which was counted on in estimating the probable income, has not yet been paid over. Second, P. E. Island has not contributed the amount expected by upwards of three hundred dollars, and third, Yarmouth town, owing to the unusual financial depression of the past winter has not done nearly as much as in former years. But inasmuch as there are three legacies amounting in all to more than eight hundred dollars, which will probably be paid over during the incoming year, your Board consider the financial position as by no means discouraging.

HOME MISSIONS IN THE CONVENTION.

Your Board regard with much satisfaction the action of the General Convention at its last annual session in Fredericton, in the matter of Home Missions. And inasmuch as the Home Mission Union at its last annual session expressed its willingness to hand over its work to the Convention when proper arrangements had been made by that body to receive it; and inasmuch as said Convention at the meeting above referred to did appoint a Board of Home Missions, which Board is now legally qualified to receive all the work and trusts of your Board, we do therefore respectfully recommend that instead of appointing a new Board you direct your work to be transferred to the Board of the Convention.

(Conclusion of Report on page xv.)

General Tabulated Statement of the Labours of the Missionaries for 1878-79.

FIELDS OF LABOUR.		NAMES OF LABOURERS.													
		No. of Stations.	Total average Attendance.	Weeks of Labour.	Sermons.	Other Meetings.	Pastoral Visits.	Pages of Tracts Distributed.	No. Baptised.	No. Received by Letter, &c.	Paid by Board.	Salary raised on the field.	No. Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
1	Annapolis, Greywood, and Milford.	4	52	123	116	466	330	6	\$150 00	3	12	140			
2	Argyle and Pubnico.	4	46	94	56	288	5	1	62 56	4	13	96			
3	Barrington and Wood's Harbor.	5	250	52	136	185	379	5	150 00	3	13	96			
4	Crow Harbor.	12	190	52	134	103	849	6	200 00	2	19	80			
5	Dartmouth.	2	180	11	25	31	88	600	65 22	1	3	30			
6	Fall River and Waverly.	3	180	11	25	31	88	600	65 22	1	3	30			
7	Forest Glen, Yarmouth Co.	15	50	12	15	13	25	85	20 00	2	7	25			
8	Hammonds Plains, &c.	5	200	39	64	14	365	1	40 00	3	7	25			
9	Jeddore.	3	160	35	57	48	125	2	23 33	1	3	25			
10	Lower Sable River.	2	80	7	21	12	95	475	250 00	1	5	40			
11	Matland, Hants Co.	6	575	50	139	93	265	256	250 00	1	5	40			
12	New Glasgow and Barney's River.	10	12	39	33	83	256	2	180 00	1	5	40			
13	New Glasgow and Barney's River.	6	25	41	117	467	35	3	53 00	3	93 91	1	5	30	
14	New & Coddle Harbor.	6	40	23	6	118	35	1	29 77	3	30 23	1	5	30	

14 New & Double Harbor.....

A. W. Evans

15 New Ross.....	C. Haverstock.	3	90	15	34	21	231	215	8	1	39	72	78	55	1	4	32	
16 New Canada.....	H. E. S. Maide	4	120	14	35	10	64	.....	1	3	10	35	17	25	2	15	80	
17 Riverdale, Yarmouth Co.....	P. E. Foster	1	70	*12	24	36	93	.....	1	3	60	00	.....	.....	1	5	27	
18 River John, Tatamagouche, &c.....	D. W. Crandall	10	120	52	188	142	256	2970	13	4	100	00	204	00	2	6	40	
19 River John.....	J. Wallace	2	18	10	56	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	20	00	15	00	.....	.....	.....	
20 Shelburne, Jordan River, &c.....	G. Goudy	3	130	24	76	41	105	.....	3	.....	75	00	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	
21 Sherbrooke West.....	E. J. Grant	1	75	*6	14	24	51	.....	6	.....	16	60	22	00	1	4	25	
22 Tracadie and Guysborough, (col.)	A. H. Deskins	4	250	26	55	27	206	200	.....	.....	45	00	20	00	1	.....	.....	
23 Walton.....	M. M. Brown	1	8	19	17	50	.....	.....	5	1	25	00	20	00	1	.....	.....	
24 Waterville, Hants Co.....	A. Whitman and A. Freeman	1	80	34	76	35	110	.....	3	.....	40	00	60	00	1	.....	50	
25 Wentworth, Williamsdale, &c.....	T. E. Layton	4	.....	25	44	47	332	200	12	3	75	00	68	00	2	.....	.....	
26 Cow Bay, Little Glace Bay, &c.....	J. C. Spurr	6	200	48	150	129	875	215	.....	.....	175	00	300	00	.....	10	100	
27 Margaree and Mabou.....	J. A. Stubbart	2	300	12	32	8	143	.....	1	.....	37	75	22	25	.....	5	50	
28 West Bay.....	M. Ross	5	70	6	16	7	100	.....	1	.....	8	99	111	00	1	.....	.....	
29 Alberton and Cape Wolf.....	E. B. Corey	10	400	29	130	103	220	100	10	.....	100	01	150	00	2	8	80	
30 Alberton and Cape Wolf.....	D. H. Simpson	.....	23	100	49	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	00	110	00	.....	.....	.....	
31 Candlish and Belmont.....	J. E. Woodland	4	150	52	135	123	339	1620	2	.....	217	83	892	07	2	9	70	
32 Dundas, Lower Grand River, &c.....	F. A. Kidson	4	450	17	43	35	72	100	.....	.....	33	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
33 Montague and Murray's River.....	H. Fosday	4	200	52	142	65	300	.....	4	.....	100	00	150	00	.....	.....	.....	
34 Montague and Murray's River.....	M. Ross	.....	6	32	2	92	.....	.....	1	.....	53	25	6	75	.....	.....	.....	
35 Souris.....	J. A. Gordon	3	.....	52	114	29	716	1494	.....	.....	584	50	15	50	.....	.....	.....	
36 French Mission.....	M. Normandy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
		123	4940	921	2407	1814	7781	\$12155	101	37	\$3143	94						

*One week per month.

†Besides 6 New Testaments and 3 Bibles.

IN CONCLUSION

Your Board would record with heartfelt gratitude the pleasing fact that during the seven years that have passed since the formation of this Union more than 1400 have been baptized by the laborers employed by your Board. Unto him who giveth the increase be all the glory.

In behalf of the Board,

A. COHOON, *Cor. Secretary.*

*Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account
with J. C. Anderson, Treasurer, 1878-79.*

DR.		HOME MISSION.	
Paid Deficiency on last year's work.....	\$ 755	83	
" Missionaries and Subsidies, N. S., Branch.....	1,480	43	
" Printing Minutes Western Ass. & H. M. Union..	129	36	
" Expenses Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.	20	26	
			<u>\$2,385.88</u>

P. E. Island Branch.

Paid Missionaries and Subsidies.....	\$605	90	
" Printing Island Minutes, \$48.00, Postage, \$1.05...	49	05	
			<u>\$654.95</u>

Book Department.

Paid G. H. Springer, Boston, for books.....	\$138	72	
" Rev. W. B. Boggs for Pamphlets.....	10	00	
" Express, Duty and Freight, &c.....	13	31	
			<u>\$162.03</u>
To Balance carried down.....			<u>7.90</u>
			<u><u>\$3210.76</u></u>

FRENCH MISSION.

Paid balance due on last year's work.....	\$309	99	
" Missionary on this year's salary.....	266	84	
" Copy of Deed, French Missionary premises.....	1	40	
			<u>\$578.23</u>

Balance due Treasurer brought down..... 3.30

CR. HOME MISSION.

By balance from last report, N. S. Branch.....	\$125	87	
" Receipts from N. S. Associations.....	1,110	99	
" " Churches.....	397	81	
" " Individuals.....	280	50	
" " Mission Fields.....	321	96	
" " Miscellaneous.....	90	04	
			<u>\$2,327.17</u>

P. E. Island Branch.

By balance in Island Treasury, June 1st, 1878.....	\$31	96	
" Receipts from Association.....	115	05	
" " Churches.....	82	70	
" " Individuals.....	110	50	
" " Mission Fields.....	312	82	
" " Miscellaneous.....	3	34	
			<u>\$656.37</u>

Book Department per Rev. G. E. Day, M. D..... 227.22

\$3,210.76

By balance brought down..... 7.90

FRENCH MISSION.

By Receipts from Associations.....	\$283 51	
“ “ “ Churches.....	48 83	
“ “ “ Individuals.....	74 09	
“ Collected by Missionary on field.....	15 50	
“ “ “ on agency.....	153 00	
		\$574 93
Balance due Treasurer.....		3 30
		<u>\$578 23</u>

Examined and found correct,

JOSHUA HUESTES,

PEARL D. KINNEY.

} Auditors.

Detailed Statement of Receipts.

NOVA SCOTIA.

From Associations—Western, \$422.98. Central, \$334.53. Eastern, \$353.53.
Total, 1,110.99.

From Churches—Osborne, \$11.00. Sable River, \$8.50. Hebron, \$30.00. 1st Digby Neck, \$1.00. 2nd Digby Neck, \$1.00. West Yarmouth, \$6.20. North Church, Halifax, \$15.00. Liverpool, \$12.50. Amherst, \$40.25. Newport, 14.70. Wolfville, \$45.00. Temple Church, Yarmouth, \$25.00. 1st St. Mary's, \$5.00. Indian Harbor, \$5.00. Upper Londonderry, \$2.80. Great Village, \$4.25. Windsor, \$82.26. Waterville, \$4.32. Falmouth, \$2.50. Rawdon, \$3.92. Maitland, \$3.18. Kempt, \$12.63. Granville St., Halifax, \$38.80. River John, \$15.00. Westport, \$8.00. Total, \$397.81.

From Individuals—A Friend, Granville, \$1.00. Benj. Smith, 1.00. C. Eaton, 4.00. Wm. Weddleton, 15.00. Peter Paint, 50.00. Mrs. S. Ryerson, 10.00. Mrs. C. Turner, 1.00. Amos. Scott, 2.00. A Friend, Guysboro, 32.00. Wm. McVicker, 400. Lewis Allen, 5.00. Benj. Hardy, 2.00. W. C. Bill, 5.00. Mrs. Benj. Smith, \$1.00. J. W. Barss, 25.00. John Smith, 3.00. Mrs. J. W. Lovitt, \$10.00. J. W. Frail, 2.00. Rev. T. H. Porter, 20.00. Miss Whitman, 2.75. E. H. Eaton, 6.50. Mrs. Dr. Syda, 2.00. Legacy of the late Mrs. G. E. Dewitt, Chester, 25.00. Simeon Daniels, 4.00. Miss Nellie M. Nelson, 2.00. Samuel Embree, 9.75. A Sister 2nd Hillsburgh Church, 25c. H. E. S. Maider, 10.25. Special donation by some of the members of Hants Co. Board, 25.00. Total \$280.50.

From Mission Fields—West Bay, 7.25. New Glasgow, 49.46. Fall River, 22.77. Tracadie, \$2.00. Margaree and Mabou, C. B., 111.01. Crow Harbor, 3.44. New and Coddles Harbor, 30.23. New Ross, \$78.55. New Canada, 17.25. Total, \$321.96.

Miscellaneous—Mission Band, Temple Church, Yarmouth, \$18.00. Hants Co. Aux. Board collection, 17.72. Kings Co. Ministerial Conference, 24.70. Yarmouth Co. Ministerial Conference, 4.05. Wolfville Baptist Sabbath School, 24.00. Col. at Port Medway and Mill Village, 1.75. Total, \$80.04.

P. E. ISLAND BRANCH.

Association, July, 1878, \$115.05. Baptist Church North River, 56.50. Long Creek, 6.75. Cavendish, 10.00. Clyde River, 9.45. Total, \$222.50.

From Individuals—Late G. P. McDonald, \$10.00. Geo. Davis, 100.00. Geo. Houlett, 50c. Total, \$110.50.

Collected by Missionaries—Jos. S. Brown, \$4.00. M. Ross, 6.67. Rev. J. B. Woodland, \$302.07. Total, \$302.82.

Miscellaneous—Refunded by J. B. Woodland, \$2.44. Do. Railway Fares, 90cts. Total, \$3.34.

FRENCH MISSION.

From Associations—Western Association, \$223.48. Central, \$45.03. Eastern, 15.00. Total, \$283.51.

From Churches—Canard, \$4.50. Hebron, 4.00. West Yarmouth, 1.65. Third Yarmouth, 10.00. Great Village, 2.15. Lower Village, Truro, 4.00. Osborne, 2.00. Upper Londonderry, 92cts. Granville St., Halifax, 10.00. Windsor, 7.40. Maitland, 46cts. Newport, 97cts. Rawdon, 78cts. Total, \$48.83.

From Individuals—J. B. Chute's deceased children, \$3.04. J. B. Chute's wife, 1.00. Donald Grant, 80cts. Legacy of the late Mrs. Dewitt Chester, 25.00. Mrs. Walker, 5.00. Wallace Sanders, 1.00. Mrs. J. Newcomb, 1.00. Mrs. Jos. Shaw, 10.00. A. E. P., 2.00. G. F. Allen, 10.00. A. F. Harlow, 1.00. Mr. & Mrs. Hatfield, 3.00. Debtor, P. E. I., 1.00. A Friend Guysboro, 2.00. A Friend, 6.00. Wm. Shaw, 1.00. S. Daniels, 1.00. A Sister, 2nd Hillsburgh Church, 25cts. Total, \$74.09.

Collected by Missionaries on field—\$15.50. On Agency, \$153.00. Total, \$168.50.

Financial Position.

The state of the Finances at this date, June 1st, 1879.

Amount due Missionaries in Nova Scotia	\$816 06
“ “ P. E. Island	323 43
“ French Missionary	333 16
Total	\$1,472 65
Less balance on hand	7 90
Deficiency	\$1,464 75