

MINUTES
OF THE
SECOND SESSION
OF THE
CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF NOVA SCOTIA.
HELD AT HANTSPORT,
SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,
19TH, 21ST AND 22ND JUNE, 1852.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 19.

The Association met at 2 P. M. Bro. W. Chipman was chosen Moderator; brother Dr. Cramp, clerk; and brother J Judson Skinner, Assistant Clerk.

Brethren G. Dimock, Miller, and Barss, were appointed a Committee to examine the letters; and brethren Chase and Hall to read them.

The letters from the Churches were then read, from which the following list of Delegates was obtained, and also the table showing the state of the churches.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Aylesford, Upper—Bro. E Parker.

Chester—Deacons James Mosher and John E Melvin, and Brethren Gasper Eisenhour, David Hume, and John Bradshaw.

Cornwallis, First—REV. A. S. HUNT, A. M., Brethren Elisha Harris, Henry Eaton, Mayhew Beckwith, and Thomas Elder.

Cornwallis, Second—REV W CHIPMAN, Deacon Abel Parker, and Brother J. Judson Skinner, *Licentiate*.

Cornwallis, Third—REV. A. STRONACH, REV. T. H. PORTER, Deacons C. R. Bill and A. Strong.

Falmouth, First (Hantsport)—REV. BENJAMIN VAUGHAN, Deacon Peleg Holmes, Brethren Elisha Holmes, Ezra Churchill, and N. T. Harris.

Falmouth, Second—Brethren Peter Payzant and David Shaw.

Halifax, Granville Street—Deacons J. W. Nutting and J. W. Johnston, and Brother J. Ferguson.

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Halifax, North—REV. J. MILLER, Brethren J. W. Barss,
Thos. M 'Learn, and William Irish.

Hammond Plains, Second—Brother James Thomas.

Horton, First—REV. T. S. HARDING, REV. J. M. CRAMP, D.
D., REV. R. E. BURPE, Deacon Simon Fitch, and Brother Hartt.

Horton, Second—REV. JAMES STEVENS.

Jeddore—Brother James Thomas.

Kempt—Brethren Joseph Masters and Joseph Caldwell.

Long Point—REV. W. CHIPMAN, Brother Henry Hall.

Lunenburg—REV. BENNET TAYLOR.

New Germany—REV. R. S. MORTON.

Newport—REV. G. DIMOCK, Deacon Joseph Dimock.

Preston—Brethren James Thomas, John Crawley.

Rawdon—REV. J. BANCROFT, Brethren F. Parker, W. Casey,
W. Whittier.

Sherbrooke, West—REV. ROB. MORTON.

Windsor—REV. W. HALL, Brethren James Burgess, Thomas
J. Bennett, Daniel Mosher, and Constantine Curry.

Windsor Road and Sackville—REV. N. BAKER.

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Halifax, North—Rev. J. Miller, Brethren J. W. Barss, Thos. M 'Learn, and William Irish.
Hammond Plains, Second—Brother James Thomas.
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Horton, Second—Rev. James Stevens.
Jeddore—Brother James Thomas.
Kempt—Brethren Joseph Masters and Joseph Caldwell.
Long Point—Rev. W. Chipman, Brother Henry Hall.
Lunenburg—Rev. Bennet Taylor.
New Germany—Rev. R. S. Morton.
Newport—Rev. G. Dimock, Deacon Joseph Dimock.
Preston—Brethren James Thomas, John Crawley.
Rawdon—Rev. J. Bancroft, Brethren F. Parker, W. Casey, W. Whittier.
Sherbrooke, West—Rev. Rob. Morton.
Windsor—Rev. W. Hall, Brethren James Burgess, Thomas J. Bennett, Daniel Mosher, and Constantine Curry.
Windsor Road and Sackville—Rev. N. Baker.
Aylesford—Rev. J. Miller, Brethren J. W. Barss, Thos. M 'Learn, and William Irish.
Bridgewater—Rev. J. Miller, Brethren J. W. Barss, Thos. M 'Learn, and William Irish.
Burton—Rev. J. Miller, Brethren J. W. Barss, Thos. M 'Learn, and William Irish.
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Kempt—Rev. J. Miller, Brethren J. W. Barss, Thos. M 'Learn, and William Irish.
Lawrence—Rev. J. Miller, Brethren J. W. Barss, Thos. M 'Learn, and William Irish.
Long Point—Rev. J. Miller, Brethren J. W. Barss, Thos. M 'Learn, and William Irish.
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CHURCHES.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Removed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Aylesford, Upper,								66
Bridgewater, (no letter,)								27
Burton Road, (no letter,)								24
Chester,	1			5			2	220
Cornwallis, First,	8	1					6	331
Cornwallis, Second,					5		4	281
Cornwallis, Third,		1		2		1		295
Dartmouth, (no letter,)								34
Falmouth, First (Hantsport,)	1			6	5		4	151
Falmouth, Second,								15
Halifax, Granville Street,								161
Halifax, North,	11	6		3		5		120
Hammond Plains, First, (no letter,)								43
Hammond Plains, Second, (no letter,)			2				1	48
Horton, First,	3			6			4	243
Horton, Second,		1		2			1	140
Indian Harbour (no letter,)								26
Jeddore,		2			4	2		52
Kempt,	23					3		106
Lawrence Town, (no letter,)								14
Long Point,								29
Lunenburg,		3	1	1				69
Margaret's Bay (no letter,)								72
New Germany,	2	2	1	1	1	2		23
Newport,	10		1	1		3	1	126
Preston,	49						2	179
Rawdon,					1		2	90
Sherbrooke, East,				5	5			33
Sherbrooke, West,	11	2						33
Windsor,	4	2						41
Windsor Road, and Sackville,						3		30
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Delegates from other Associations were then introduced; Brother J FRANCIS, from the Eastern Nova Scotia Association; Brother C. RANDALL, from the Western Nova Scotia Association; Brother E. F. FOSHAY, from the Eastern New Brunswick Association, and brother T. Todd from that of Western New Brunswick. Brother CHASE, Deacon Shaffner, and brother J. C. Everett were also invited to sit with the Association.

Brother Chase was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

The following committees were appointed:—
Of Arrangements:—Brethren B. Vaughan, R. E. Burpe, E. Churchill, E. Holmes.

On Temperance:—Brethren J. Francis, J. W. Johnston, T. Todd, J. Stevens.

To examine the Circular Letter:—Brethren S. Vidito and J. Miller.

On the Bible Cause:—Brethren J. W. Barss, J Francis, Henry Eaton, C R Bill.

On Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes:—Brethren Abel Parker, E Parker, Thos Elder, J Mosher, Nathan Harris, T Todd, T H Porter.

On the Christian Messenger:—Brethren C Randall, A S Hunt, David Shaw, Peleg Holmes, Simon Fitch, G Dimock, John Melvin.

On Home Missions:—Brethren J Mosher, N. Baker, M Beckwith, C R Bill, Robt Morton, Peter Payzant, Bennet Taylor, Thos Bennett, J Miller, J Stevens, W Davidson.

On Foreign Missions:—Brethren A S Hunt, R E Burpe, J W Barss, J Ferguson, Thos M 'Learn, W Hall, A Parker, J Francis, E F Foshay, C Shaffner, T Todd, C Randall, D Hume.

On Union Societies:—J Stevens, J Judson Skinner, Jer. Baneroff, R E Burpe, N Harris, H Eaton, T Elder, J Mosher.

On Questions in Letters:—Brethren J M Cramp, C Randall, T S Harding.

On Education:—Brethren J M Cramp, J W Johnston, J W Barss, J Francis, J Chase, G Dimock, J Miller, A S Hunt, R E Burpe, J Ferguson, C R Bill, M Beckwith, W Hall, T Todd, E F Foshay, C Shaffner, J W Nutting, J R Fitch, J S Hartt.

On the recent Calamity (which occurred on the 7th inst, when

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Professor Chipman, Rev. E. D. Very of St. John, and four of the students of Acadia College, viz., Benjamin Rand, Anthony E. Phalen, W. Henry King, and William E. Grant, were drowned, by the upsetting of a boat in which they were returning from an excursion to Cape Blomidon):—Brethren J. M. Cramp, R E Burpe, and J Francis.

On the French Mission:—Brethren C. Randall, B. Vaugan, J. Mosher, A S Stronach,—Baker.

The Committee of arrangements reported, and their report was adopted.

Addresses in reference to the recent calamity were delivered by the moderator, and brethren Francois, Hall, Foshay, Miller, and Cramp.

Prayer by Father Harding. Adjourned.

On Lord's day sermons were preached by Father Harding (Ephes. i. 5), and brethren Francis (1 Kings ii. 2), and Foshay (1 John 4 19.) Collections were taken for the Domestic Mission.

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 10, A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Brother Hall, from John xi. 39. A collection was taken for the Domestic Mission. Prayer by Dr. Cramp.

The reading of the letters was continued.

The Committee on Temperance reported.

REPORT.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report—That while there is much to encourage the friends of Temperance in the rapid progress of their principles, yet your committee, believing that the annihilation of the drunkard's drink is the only cure as well as the only preventive of intemperance, do earnestly recommend christian philanthropists and patriots to use their influence by moral suasion, legislation and all other lawful means in order to exterminate the evil from the face of the earth.

JOHN FRANCIS,

Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Bible Cause reported.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause reported as follows:

It is to be regretted that though the circulation of the Scriptures is highly approved of by the Baptists, still but little is done in contributing to the funds requisite for printing and circulating the word of God within the limits of this Association. Your Committee would again respectfully call upon the churches herein represented to give greater attention to the sacred cause of Bible distribution, as the more freely the Sacred Scriptures are spread abroad the more successful will be the advance of those principles which as Baptists we profess to receive alone from the sacred Oracles—and the spread of which, is the most effectual way to overthrow the power of Antichrist and demolish the erroneous and false systems of religion so fearfully prevailing in our world at the present day

J. W. BARSS.

Chairman.

Addresses were delivered by the brethren Francis, Chase Mosher, Hunt, Miller, Barss and Todd. The report was then adopted.

The Committee on Sunday schools and Bible Classes reported.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS AND BIBLE CLASSES.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes beg leave to report—

That it is pleasing to them to witness the onward march of the Sabbath School, deeming it as they do such a powerful auxiliary to the Church of Christ. They would commend it to every Pastor, Parent, and Church member. They would recommend the continuance of bible classes for the better instruction of the teachers, and also well selected libraries in order to give prominence, stability and efficiency to this valuable institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. TODD

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The Report was adopted.

The Committee on Union Societies reported.

REPORT ON UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies report that in their opinion these Societies will never successfully accomplish the objects for which they have been constituted without the guidance and support of Pastors of churches. They would further suggest

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that stated meetings of the Societies be held at which the Pastors shall preside, aided by the leading members of the churches, in order that the objects which those Societies promote may become increasingly dear to their members, and thus the streams of their benevolence may continually deepen and widen, diffusing increased blessings around them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES STEVENS,
Chairman.

After addresses by the brethren Mosher, Hall, Beckwith, Hunt, Cramp, Francis, Chase, and the Moderator, the report was adopted.

Adjourned.

2½, P. M. Prayer by Brother Todd.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee have to state that they are happy to say that they believe the interest felt in the foreign mission is growing of late in our churches, owing no doubt in part to the visits of Brother Burpe during the last Winter. We regret to state that the health of our missionary is still delicate, unfitting him for constant service, either at home or abroad. We therefore advise that the usual sum be paid out of the For. Missionary funds, to sustain Brother Burpe, and hope that his strength may be so far restored as will enable him to aid in raising funds for various objects of our denomination; and we would respectfully urge upon the Churches to contribute to the funds of this Board so as to enable them to employ as soon as possible two missionaries in the Foreign Field. And as a Committee we approve of the plan of uniting ourselves as soon as practicable with the American Baptist For. Mission Union.

A. S. HUNT.

Addresses were delivered by the brethren Hall, Chase, Burpe, Cramp, G Dimock, Barss, and Francis; after which the Report was adopted.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending its adoption. The Letter was read, received and adopted, and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes:

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported.

REPORT ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee on questions in letters beg to report:—

With reference to the question proposed by the church at Chester, respecting members who remove to a distance without giving information of their residence to the church to which they belong, they advise that such members be reported as "removed," if, at the expiration of twelve months from their departure no application be made for dismission to other Churches.

The Committee take the opportunity of suggesting to the churches the desirableness of periodical revisions of their list of members, in order that all cases of removal, as well as irregular conduct, may be duly dealt with from time to time, and that the statistical returns may be confided in as faithful records.

The Church at Jeddore having requested that a Council may be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of ordaining brother James Thomas, the Committee are of opinion that the Association should not be regarded as a Court of appeal, but that each church should exercise its rights as an independent body, in such concurrence with neighbouring churches as may tend to preserve the "fellowship of saints."

Two Churches have applied for the Association next year—the Church in North Halifax, and that in Newport. The Committee recommend that the request of the North Halifax Church be complied with, judging it desirable, for various reasons, that the Metropoletan Churches should have an early opportunity of receiving the Association.

J. M. CRAMP,

Chairman.

The Brethren Todd, Hunt, Nutting, Holmes, Randall, Hall, Beekwith, and G. Dimock addressed the Meeting, and the Report was then adopted.

Resolved, That an additional column be placed in the Statistical Table, for "Returned" Members; and that it be specially recommended to all the Churches, to give Testimonials to Members who leave the country or the district where they reside, and to urge them to join other Churches as early as possible.

The Committee on the recent calamity reported:

REPORT ON THE RECENT CALAMITY.

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable Memorial with reference to the recent calamity which has deprived the Denomination, by a sudden and awful stroke, of the valuable services of Professor Chipman and the Rev. E. D. Very, together with four of the Students of Acadia College, viz:—Messrs. Benjamin Rand, of Cornwallis; Anthony E. Phalen, of Rawdon; W. Henry King, of Onslow, and William E. Grant, of Sydney. C. B., Report by recommending the following Resolutions:—

1. That the heart-rending disaster which has taken place, affecting so many Churches, so many families, so many interests, calls for deep humiliation before God, and solemn self-inquiry, that it may be ascertained wherefore He contendeth with us, and that each one may put away his iniquity.

2. That, considering the high esteem and respect in which our departed brethren, Professor Chipman and the Rev. E. D. Very, were deservedly held—the important offices which they filled, discharging their duties with exemplary conscientiousness and devoted assiduity, and the fact that they were both cut down in the full vigour of life, the Association cannot but contemplate this affliction as marked by unusual, though doubtless righteous severity.

3. That it becomes this Association to pay a special tribute of affectionate regard to the memory of Professor Chipman: born among us, he was identified from earliest childhood with our various concerns, social and religious. From the time of his conversion till his death, he evinced in an eminent measure, the spirit of Christian patriotism and pious philanthropy. His labours for the Denomination, and particularly on behalf of the Institutions at Horton, were accumulated and incessant, and were characterized by ardour, sagacity, forethought, self-denial, and unyielding perseverance. The spring of his activity and endurance was personal Godliness, intelligent and deep-seated, blending exalted views and aims with fervent emotions. His literary and scientific acquisitions, which were of high order, were consecrated to the cause of God. As an Instructor, he uniformly secured the attachment and confidence of those who were placed under his care. He “lived not for himself,” but for the Lord, whose grace was glorified in him, and in whose presence he will dwell for evermore.

4. That the painful and afflicting manner in which the course of the Students above mentioned—young men whose excellencies and talents encouraged the hope of much usefulness to society, has been suddenly terminated—while it suggests salutary reflections on the uncertainty of life, and the necessity of preparation for the great change, should also lead the Churches to earnest prayer that “the spirit of power” may rest on many young disciples, and constrain them to devote themselves to the work of the Lord.

5. That to the Denominational interests and Institutions which engrossed the attention of our beloved brethren, the Members of this Association hereby declare their own unswerving attachment, and they solemnly pledge themselves to carry on the work in which the departed were engaged, in believing dependence on the Divine blessing.

6. That the afflicted families and friends, bereft by this sad dispensation, demand the tenderest sympathy of the people of God, and their fervent prayers that they may be supported and comforted under overwhelming sorrow.

The Report was adopted. Prayer was offered by Father Harding.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on the use of Tobacco, viz:—Abel Parker, Chase, Randall, J. W. Barsz, Mosher. Adjourned.

Evening, 7.—Brother Francis prayed.

The Committee on Home Missions reported:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions feel deeply impressed with the vast importance of efforts to diffuse the knowledge of Christ in our Province, and regret much that the Resolutions adopted at the last Association have not been carried into execution. The Committee recommend that increased exertions be made on behalf of Home Missions, and also, that the Board be enlarged, either by the appointment of individuals by the Association, or by the Churches availing themselves of the privilege afforded them last year, of sending a Brother from each, to meet with the Board.

JAMES STEVENS,

Chairman.

The Report was adopted. The Domestic Missionary Board of last year was re-appointed and the following brethren were added to it, viz:—Brethren Morton, M. Beckwith, W. Chipman, Mosher, Miller, S. Fitch, Bennett, Taylor, Cramp, and Davidson.

Resolved, That five Members constitute a quorum.

The Committee on French Missions reported:

REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

The Committee on the French Mission beg to Report:

That they learn with pleasure that our brethren of the Western Association have undertaken a Mission amongst the Acadian French of this Province, and have engaged the services of the Rev. Obed Chute, as their Missionary, who has been for some months past prosecuting a course of studies at the Grand Ligne Mission, preparatory to his work, in which he expects immediately to engage.

Your Committee, impressed with the importance of said Mission, earnestly recommend that this Association co-operate

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with our brethren in the West in their godly enterprise, and that the Pastors of the Churches be requested to bring the subject before their respective Churches and Congregations on the first Sabbath of September next, and take up collections for the support of the Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. RANDALL,

Chairman.

The Report was adopted. A Missionary Meeting was then held, with reference to all the Missions, Domestic, Foreign, and French. Addresses were delivered by the brethren Randall, Francis, Hall, J. W. Johnston, Burpe, Cramp, Harding, Ferguson, and Morton.

Prayer by Father Harding. Adjourned.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd, 10, A. M.

Brother Randall preached from Mat. v, 47.

The Committee on the Christian Messenger reported:

REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Committee on the Christian Messenger beg leave to Report:

That your Committee, impressed with the fact that the Press, so often used as an instrument for evil, is equally powerful in the hand of the Church, in the advancement of the cause and interests of religion, rejoice that we have such instrumentality in the Christian Messenger; and they consider the thanks of the Denomination due to the respected Editors, for the faithful, judicious, and able manner in which they have advocated our Denominational interests, as well as for the prompt and fearless manner in which they have from time to time met and refuted charges preferred against us.

The Editors having last year reduced the price of the paper to the moderate sum of 10s. per annum, when paid in advance, and having now generously resolved considerably to enlarge its size without increasing the price, your Committee would most earnestly and affectionately urge that strenuous efforts be made by all our Ministers and Churches to increase its circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. RANDALL,

Chairman.

The brethren Hall, Elder, and Ferguson addressed the Meeting, and the Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the next Association be held with the Church

in North Halifax—Dr. Cramp to preach the Introductory Sermon—Brother A. S. Hunt his alternate.

The following Committee of Arrangements was appointed:—Brethren Miller, Dr. Crawley, McPherson, Selden, Whitman, R. McLearn, and J. McCully.

Brother Baneroff was appointed to write the Circular Letter.

Resolved, That Dr. Cramp be appointed Delegate to the Eastern Association—Brother Burpe his alternate. Also, that Dr. Cramp be appointed Delegate to the Eastern and Western Associations of New Brunswick, and that the sum of £10 be allowed him for his expenses.

Resolved, That Brother B. Taylor be appointed Delegate to the Western Association for the ensuing year—that Brother Morton be his alternate, and that the sum of £3 be allowed for expenses.

Resolved, That Brother Hall receive £3 to defray his expenses as Delegate to the Western Association, for the present year.

Resolved, That the expense of printing the Minutes be paid out of the Domestic Mission Fund.

Resolved, That the following Brethren be appointed Delegates to the Convention, viz:—Brethren J. W. Barss, M. Beckwith, A. Parker, Mosher, and Ferguson.

The Committee on the use of Tobacco reported:

REPORT ON THE USE OF TOBACCO.

The Committee on the use of Tobacco Report as follows:

We are of opinion that the use of Tobacco is unnecessary, and extremely injurious to the health of those that use it; and that the time is now come, when every Christian, and especially the Ministers of the Gospel should place themselves in a position to check the progress of an enemy that is so secretly and effectually destroying the constitutions of those that come within his grasp.

ABEL PARKER,

Chairman.

After Addresses by Brethren J. W. Barss, Mosher, Nutting, Chase, Cramp, Francis, and J. W. Johnston, the Report was adopted.

Resolved, That whenever any Delegates appointed by this Association are unable to attend to their duties, they shall be expected to give due notice of the same to the Moderator, who is hereby authorized to appoint substitutes.

Resolved, That Brother Ackhurst be requested to superintend

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the printing of the Minutes—that 600 copies be printed—that they be printed at the Christian Messenger Office, and that the sum of £8 be allowed for the printing.

Prayer by Brother Francis.

3, P. M.—Prayer by Brother Miller.

The following Preamble and Resolution were unanimously passed:—

Whereas, it appears from some of the letters received by this Association, that in several Churches which are destitute of Pastors, the observance of the Lord's Supper is greatly neglected,

Resolved, That the neglect of the Lord's Supper is a sin against the Saviour, and greatly injurious to the spiritual interests of Churches—and that it is the duty of Churches which are destitute of Pastors to seek the aid of the pastors of neighbouring Churches, in order that the Lord's Institution may be regularly observed.

The Committee on Education reported:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education deem it unnecessary to refer to Horton Academy, as the state of that institution will be brought before the Association in the Report of the Education Society.

Nor need they advert to the loss sustained by Acadia College in the death of Professor Chipman—special Resolutions having been prepared in reference to that event.

The state of the College is clearly set forth in the account of the recent examination of the Students and the Report of the studies of the year, published in the Christian Messenger of the 11th inst. It is hoped that those statements will prove satisfactory to the friends and supporters of the Institution.

Your Committee are informed that the annual subscriptions cannot be collected without much difficulty and considerable expense—that they are, at best, an uncertain means of support—and that it is useless to expect from that source such amount of annual income as will enable the Governors to increase the staff of Professors, and place the College in the position which it is so desirable it should assume. It has been therefore concluded to endeavour to raise the sum of £10,000 for an endowment. Your Committee are of opinion that this is a wise measure, and they feel assured that it can be carried into effect by the united energies of the Baptists of these Provinces. It has their hearty commendation and their best wishes.

A noble beginning has been made in the Townships of flor-

ton and Cornwallis, in which the sum of £2000 is already subscribed. Upwards of £1000 will be raised in the City of St. John. These are encouraging indications. The Baptist Denomination, your Committee are persuaded, will not incur the disgrace of suffering Acadia College to fall. When they learn that such a catastrophe is likely to occur, and that unless they rush to the rescue it will speedily occur, and that, your Committee are informed, is the real state of the case, they will hasten to prevent it—they will rally round their beloved Institution, determined to save it, and to place it out of the reach of future danger.

What more appropriate tribute can be rendered to the memory of the brethren whose removal from us is so generally deplored? Had they not embarked in this enterprise with ardour and joyful hope? Did they not look forward to its successful issue as destined to constitute a new and glorious era in the history of our Denomination? Can indifference or neglect on our part be reconciled with professions of regard for the lamented dead?

The Committee recommend that the following resolution be adopted:—

That the Churches composing this Association be earnestly recommended to encourage the proposed endowment of Acadia College by liberal subscriptions, and thereby to aid in placing that Institution on a permanent foundation, and in endeavouring to raise it above all others of a similar kind in this Province.

J. M. CRAMP,

Chairman.

Addresses were delivered by the Brethren Cramp, Francis, Barsa, Beckwith, and J. W. Johnston, and the Report was adopted.

The Association suspended its sitting, and the business of the Education Society was conducted—Rev. T. S. Harding in the Chair.

The Annual Report was read by the Secretary, Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M.

After addresses by the Revd's A. S. Hunt and W. Hall, the Report was received and adopted.

The Rev. T. S. Harding was appointed President of the Society—the Rev. W. Chipman, Vice President—Dr. Cramp was added to the Executive Committee, and the Secretary and Treasurer were re-appointed.

The Association was resumed.

The following Preamble and Resolution were passed:

Whereas, there is inconvenience arising from the remoteness, of the Board directing the fund for the support of Infirm Ministers; and whereas, that difficulty has been increased by the division of the Nova Scotia Baptist Association into three bodies.

Therefore Resolved, That it becomes the duty of this Association to solicit from the Treasurer of the said fund, through the Convention, its proper proportion of the fund.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Association be presented to the friends at Hantsport, for their hospitality and kindness.

The Union Hymn was then sung—the Moderator pronounced the Benediction, and the Association closed.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

*The Central Baptist Association of Nova Scotia to the Churches of
which it is composed.*

DEAR BRETHREN,

The God of love has permitted us to assemble once more in our associated capacity. We meet, not as on former occasions, when every countenance indicated uninterrupted pleasure, but with deep sorrow mingling with our joy. We are conscious that the hand of God has been laid heavily upon us, and sorrow fills our hearts as we witness the vacant places of those whom we hoped to greet at this our annual assembly—Brethren beloved for their devotedness to God's cause, uniting in their labours for the extension of truth, and breathing a spirit of pure and exalted piety, have been suddenly called from their toils below to their reward above. At this painful stroke, our Churches are filled with lamentation and mourning.—We mourn, but we rejoice that events belong to God, and ever must be wisely directed.

It becomes us, in presenting our annual epistle, to express our thankfulness for the steadfastness of our Churches in the doctrines and ordinances of the Gospel. In view of the speculative and utilitarian spirit of the times, the fact now referred to is most gratifying, and indicates how deeply rooted in the fundamental principles of God's Word were those who first planted our Churches, and early trained their rising Ministry—and we cannot but ascribe the almost unprecedented union that marked the progress of our early history, to the enlarged and consistent views that stood so distinctly forth in the preaching of the early Baptist Ministers of Nova Scotia. The Divine inspiration and authority of God's Word—its sufficiency to guide us in all things pertaining to the redemption of man; the doctrine of the Tri-

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nity; eternal and personal election to holiness here, and happiness in the world to come; the guilt and depravity of the human heart; the efficacy of the death of Christ as an atonement for sin, and as laying a foundation for hope to a guilty and condemned world; free justification by Christ's imputed righteousness; particular redemption; the work of the Holy Spirit in conversion, its necessity, agency, efficiency; the perseverance of the Saints; the duty of all men to repent and receive the Gospel; the obligation of all believers, and such only, to follow Christ in Baptism; the spirituality of the Church—its independence of, and superiority to all human Governments, and political control; the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead; the happiness of the Saints, and the punishment of the wicked—were doctrines prominent among the early teachings of our Churches, and greatly tended to consolidate that union of heart and effort, under which grew up those different Institutions, which have for years been fostered by the prayers, toils, and affections of our Churches.

We may turn from these brief hints in reference to views in doctrine—the importance of which is yet, and we trust, ever will be regarded as most important by our Churches, and present for meditation one other most important consideration—one to which the minds of many must, doubtless, at the present time be directed: we refer to the low state of religion in our Churches, and, too generally through the Provinces. The painful fact now referred to, is too palpable to require even an attempt to prove it. But the thoughts that present themselves in view of this state of things, refer to the cause of our lamented lowness in religion, and the remedy.

The first inquiry should demand from every faithful disciple of our Lord, a thorough and personal examination. It must not be forgotten, that the sin of one man brought upon the entire people of Israel the Divine frown. While the stolen garment and the wedge of gold remained concealed in the tent, God could not consistently with his holy law, bless even his own chosen people. This one fact marks for us a principle upon which the Divine Government proceeds. We would not, at the present time, refer to individual sins, or make mention of

any one especial departure from the path of Christian duty, but simply suggest inquiry, and urge upon each member of our Churches, in view of the absence of the converting Spirit of God, so to examine this subject as to feel its solemn importance, and enquire, "is it I?"—Is it my worldliness?—my neglect of secret prayer and self-examination?—my forgetfulness of reading and meditating upon God's word? Is it my disposition to make attendance upon the means of the Gospel a mere convenience? Is it my often or continued absence from the Prayer Meetings? Is it my unwillingness or neglect to engage cheerfully with the Church and Denomination in its efforts for Missions, for the Bible Cause, for Education, for Sabbath Schools? Do I undervalue the various means by which truth is brought to affect the unconverted, and gain a triumph over error, in bringing souls to Christ? Such inquiries as these should so urge us in an honest investigation of this subject, as to enable us to arrive at a definite apprehension of its importance in seeing the cause of our darkness and knowing and feeling it.

Whatever may be the degree of piety in our Churches, or personal holiness among our members, one consideration is evident: God, in infinite wisdom and love, has graciously provided a remedy for all our spiritual diseases, and, in his Word, most distinctly directs his people to such means for securing religious revivals, as come within the range of thought and effort common to the whole company of the Redeemed. And we may now refer the Churches composing this Association to such means of revival as harmonise with the Divine plan of redemption, as also with the dictates of every judgment enlightened at the fountain of truth. That God works by means, is a truth widely acknowledged in the Christian Church—hence, the Church is to be revived by means—our coldness of heart and dereliction of duty are to be corrected by means—the dominion of darkness and sin in the human heart is to be uprooted and destroyed by means—Satan's power is to be annihilated, and the Eternal God and his Eternal Son, glorified through the vast extent of our depraved and revolted world, by means: all this, and infinitely more of good for man and glory for God, is to be, and will be achieved by means—by means in harmony with the

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present power of the Church to use them, and adapted to the great work of renovating man's perverse and polluted heart, and establishing in every land the triumphs of the Cross.

In directing the thoughts of our brethren to the consideration of means for reviving the cause of piety, we would especially urge one or two considerations: First—the cultivation of a humble and contrite spirit. The man who understands much of life, knows well the moral power that ever connects itself with Christian humility—it establishes the Christian upon a powerful vantage ground, by throwing boldly forward the great element of Christianity—the spirit of Christ, and casting into insignificance self and worldly interest. All who have been honored of God, as the instruments of good to man, or revered by the Church as its shining lights, were men who walked humbly before God, and cultivated a humble and meek spirit. The Redeemer of the world humbled himself and became obedient unto death; and the injured Psalmist assures us that a humble heart is man's best sacrifice. A humble spirit prepares the Christian for self-examination, for profit in reading God's Word, and for a hearty response to Divine and reasonable demands. A humble spirit enfolds a large amount of Christianity.

Secondly—We would urge a constant and solemn attention to such means as the Church, acting on the authority of God's Word, may call into operation. No Church Member can, consistently with the maintenance of Christian character, absent himself from the appointed meetings of the Church—neglect in this particular is a violation of his covenant relative to his brethren—an unhappy indication of a disposition to undervalue the salvation of men, and a direct means for paralyzing the energies of those who labour in word and doctrine. It is by a constant and solemn attention to God's ordinances that the Christian is enabled to *bear much fruit*. A constant and solemn attendance upon the means of grace is, moreover, a most efficient method for impressing the minds of the impenitent, inasmuch as this constancy exhibits the depth and fervour of Christian love.

Again, a knowledge of our obligation to the unconverted, should be cultivated. If we were to contrast the amount of

means subject to the control of the Church of God, with the amount of good in which we are enabled from time to time to rejoice, the conclusion could not be resisted, that God's people are far from realizing their obligations to the unconverted. Before the Church arrives at a well-directed and efficient system of Christian benevolence, individual Christians must look upon this subject with the eye of faith, and lose sight of the grovelling interests of limited time in the great idea of eternal reality. Our obligation to the unconverted is as vast as our obligation to God. To labour for the salvation of souls is the proper business of all who aspire to the heavenly crown.

Our last remark in reference to the means for reviving our Churches, must relate to the Ministry.

It seems evident that every well organized Church should have a pastor—without this essential portion of the Church, the great end for which it holds its existence cannot be reached. If, then, we would draw forth the means for prosperity and advancement, the burden of our prayer should be, that the Lord of the harvest would send more labourers, to work in his vineyard—men prepared to teach all things whatsoever God has ordained.

In connexion with the duty of praying for an increase of the Ministry, one other duty stands inseparably allied with it, that is to say: the Church's obligation to make suitable provision for their education and support.

The spirit of this age demands that the Christian Ministry should press into its service, and consecrate, if possible, to the high intention of disseminating and illustrating the Gospel, all the triumphs of science. The glory of God, the state of the world, and the relation of the Church to the world, demand that the "Priest's lips should keep knowledge."

The adequate support of the Ministry is important to our Churches, and intimately connected with their spiritual welfare, and may therefore be presented as a subject for serious meditation, in its relation with Christian progress. We might enlarge, but enough has been said to awaken a train of useful and important reflections.

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not be called for, when Zion will be clad in her beautiful garments. The day, we doubt not, will come when the life of the Christian will be one continued act of consecration to God—when faith will elevate our affections to emulate Christ in humility, zeal, and devotedness to God's cause—when the eye of faith and love will rest upon the world, knowing no other command than "go work in my vineyard," and desiring no other joy on earth than that of doing good. May God so commend his blessing upon us as to enkindle Paul's enlarged desire of presenting every man perfect in Jesus Christ.

Monies Received—Central Association, 1852.

North Halifax, Home Mission 21 18s; Windsor, Min Education 18s, Home Missions, 41 17s 6d, Foreign Missions 41 3s 9. Inf Min 12s 9d; Hants Port, Min Education 21 9s 3d. Home Missions 21 11s 0d, For Missions 11 17s 5d, Inf Min 12s 0d; Windsor Road, Min Education 11 7s, Home Missions 11 19s 3d, For Missions 11 13s 10d, Inf Min 9s 5d; Newport, Min Education 14s, Home Missions 15s 3d, For Missions 11 2s, Inf Min 3s 6d, Annual Sub 21; Second Falmouth, Min Education 11 2s 4d, Home Missions 11 8s 6d, For Missions 21 15s, Inf Min 6s 6d; New Germany, French Mission 9s 9d, Inf Min 5s 3d; West Sherbrooke, Home Missions 11 2s 1d; Kempt, Min Education 12s, Home Missions 17s 6d, For Missions 21 1s 6d, Inf Min 3s; Long Point, Min Education 11 2s, Home Missions 11 4s 3d, For Missions 31 7s 1d, Inf Min 6s; Jeddore, Home Missions 15s; 2nd Cornwallis, Min Education 31 8s 6d, Home Missions 41 1s 5d, For Missions 91 1s 1d, Inf Min 16s 6d, Annual Sub 21 10s; Upper Aylesford, Min Education 11 4s, Home Missions 11 6s, For Missions 41 4s 7d, Inf Min 6s; Rawdon, Min Education 14s, Home Missions 21 5s 4d, For Missions 11 17s 9d, Inf Min 3s 1d; East Sherbrooke, Home Missions 15s; Chester, Min Education 11 10s, Home Missions 21 10s, For Missions 11 5s, Inf Min 7s; Lunenburg, Bible Cause 6s 3d, Min Education, 7s 6d, Home Missions 11, For Missions 7s 6d, Inf Min 7s 6d; 3rd Cornwallis, Min Education 21 7s 4d; Home Missions 21 12s 10d, For Missions 31 3s, Inf Min 11s 10d; Annual Sub 11; Preston, Home Missions 11 5s; Granville Street, Home Missions 51 10s; Sundry persons, per Rev. Mr. Burpe, Min Education 11, Home Missions 11, For Missions, 15s, Inf Min 5s; do do, Min Education 7s 6d, Home Missions 11 5s 4d; Inf Min 3s 6d; 1st Cornwallis, Min Education 21 4s, Home Missions 31 16s 6d, For Missions 61 10s 5d, Inf Min 14s 6d, Annual Sub 11; Collections at Hants Port, Home Missions 61 14s 4d; 1st Horton, Min Education 31 6s, Home Missions 41 2s 11d, For Missions 41 4s 9d; Inf Min 15s 11d; do Juvenile F. M. For Missions 11 2s 4d; Wolfville, Monthly Collection, For Missions 51 4s 2d. Total, Bible Cause 6s 3d, Min Education 241 6s 9d, Home Missions 581 4s 7d, Foreign Miss 551 5s 3d, Inf Min 71 9s 4d, Annual Subscriptions 61 10s—Total 1531 11s 11d. 21 by the Juvenile Society.

JOHN CHASE,
Treasurer Central Association.

Wolfville, June 24th, 1852.

**List of Monies received by Rev. R. E. Burpe, for Foreign Mission,
1852, and paid Treasurer. J. W. B.**

Names of Churches.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot, - - -	£3 7 4
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Granville Street, - - -	2 2 8
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Treasurer.