# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT JEMSEG, N. B.,

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY.

10th, 11th, and 12th July, 1862.

WITH THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

N. B. B. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

B Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and all documents relating to be fastern New Brunswick Baptist Association, and letters of General Correspondence, may be addressed to the Rev. I. E. Bill., 3t. John, N. B.

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Pursuant to appointment, the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association convened in the Baptist Chapel, Jemseg, on Thursday, the 10th day of July, 1862, at 2 o'clock, P. M. After an interesting conference, the Association was called to order by appointing-

REV. J. HUGHES, Moderator;

THOMAS TODD, Secretary;

DEACON M. McDonald, Assistant Secretary;

B. TITUS, Treasurer;

G. DYKEMAN, Assistant Treasurer.

Resolved, That visiting brethren from other Associations and Churches be invited to take seats with us as Members of this Association, viz. :-

Reva John Pryor, D. D., Charles Spurden, D. D., J. C. Hurd, M. D., Samuel Rebinson, J. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, A. D. Thompson, J. Blakeney, H. P. Gullford, Rethren—George Godsoe, E. H. Duval, W. W. Corey, Peter McLeod. Licenlates, and Brethren—J. Smith Millar, J. E. Masters, James Akerly, S. Gerow, I. Hicks, W. H. Hall, J. Currie, D. Currie, T. Lockey, R. Babbitt, and J. Fer-

The following Committees were then appointed:-On Arrangements: -W. S. Corey, G. W. Springer, J. A. Smith.

Committee to Read Letters: - Dr. Pryor, Dr. Hurd, E. H. Duval, and A. B.

Committee on Circular Letter :- I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, and C. Spragg. Committee on Home Missions : - Brethren Edwards, Crandal, Troop, Spragg. Curie, Lockey, Godsoe, and Trimble.

Committee on Special Business:—Samuel Robinson, W. H. Burnham, J. sax, E. C. Cady, Hetherington, J. Jones, James Herritt, J. A. Smith, J. Minble, George Seeley, Thomas Blakeney, and T. Todd.

Committee on Statistical Information :—C. Spurden, D. D., E. B. Demill, M., J. Trimble, and J. Chase.

Committee on Religious Periodicals:—D. Crandal, Samuel Robinson, J. C. lad, J. Trimble, J. H. Hughes, W. A. Coleman, and E. C. Cady.

Committee on Sabbath Schools: —J. E. Masters, J. W. Titus, J. Fillamore, — Unphart, Esq., M. Starritt, T. Blakeney, L. Kinnear, D. Cutten, J. Wilbe, and James McLarry.

mittee on Education: — C. Spurden, D. D., Dr. Pryor, E. B. Demill, J. S. D. Millar, J. Chase, A. Washburn, I. E. Bill, and S. Robinson.

Committee on Temperance:—Dr. J. C. Hurd, T. Hicks, M. Starritt, J. A. Smith, D. McRay, J. Raymond, A. Steves, E. B. Demill, T. Blakeney, L. McDonald, and J. Blakeney.

Committee on Union Societies:—Thomas Todd, S. Robinson, E. B. Demill, J. E. Masters, John Fillamore, E. C. Cady, J. Irvine, I. E. Bill, Geo. Godsoe, George Seeley, T. Lockey, and J. Tabor.

Committee on Departed Brethren :—L. E. Bill, J. Gunter, George Seeley, A. B. McDonald, M. McDonald, and D. Crandal.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, that they advise this Association to hold their Sessions at 8½ o'clock A. M., 2 o'clock P. M., 7½ o'clock P. M.; and that the Introductory Sermon be preached on Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Resolved, That Dr. Pryor preach the Introductory Sermon.

Letters read from the following Churches, and the Delegates took their seats.

#### DELEGATES.

Jemseg.—Rev. T. W. Corey, B. Titus, G. C. Dykeman, G. Coldwell, J. Gunter and J. G. Camp.

3d Hilsboro .- E. M. Starritt.

1st St. Martins .- Rev. J. Rowe and B. Vaughan.

1st Salisbury.—Rev. George Seeley, J. S. Titus, J. M. Jonah, E. R. Hopper, and J. Steves.

2d. Springfield.—Rev. G. W. Springer, Deacon Gray, and J. H. Bragman.
2d. Cambridge.—Rev. W. T. Corey, Deacon Henry Todd, J. Doherty, and

F. E. Wilson.

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1st Springfield.—Rev. W. A. Corey, W. C. Davis, J. Urquhart, and Samuel
Wetmore.

1st Cambridge.—Rev. T. Lockey, J. Coldwell, J. Hendry, A. B. McDonald, and M. McDonald.

2d Baptist Church, Sackville.—Rev. Thomas Todd, C. Knapp.

2d Elgin.—Rev. J. Trimble.

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1st Johnson.—Rev. W. A. Troop, B. Thorn, T. Hetherington.

Kars .- Rev. W. A. Corey.

Point De Bute.—Rev. W. A. Coleman, W. Wallace and J. Cleveland. Hopewell.—Revs. J. Irving, J. H. Hughes, and Brother A. B. Calhoun. New Cangan.—Rev. J. A. Smith, and W. Fulton.

1st Campbridge.—L. McDonald, J. W. Bulyes, J. A. McDonald, and Jame McAlary.

2d Hilsboro.—Rev. J. E. Fillamore, and Absolem Steves.

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at Hillsboro.—Rev. J. H. Hughes, and D. Cutten.

Hammond.—Rev. J. E. Fillamore, J. W. Titus, A. Fowler and J. Tabox.

lat Sackville.—Rev. Thomas Todd, Deacon F. Sears, J. Sears, and L. Kinnear.

24 Studholm New Church .- Rev. W. H. Burnham and W. A. Troop.

Studholm .- Rev. W. H. Burnham.

2d Johnson .- W. H. Burnham.

Upham.—Rev. A. B. McDonald, E. Titus and J. Titus. 2d Salisbury.—Rev. George Seeley, J. Steves, J. Blakeney, J. C. Jones and

2d Harvey .- Rev. T. Blakeney.

2d Moncton.-Rev C. Spragg, J. Titus, and John Horseman. Caledonia .- Rev. Thomas Blakeney.

Loch Lomond .- Rev. A. H. Washburn.

Lower Coverdale. - Rev. C. Spragg. Adjourned to 74 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Spurden.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. T. Rowe.

Resolved, That the next Association be held with the 1st Baptist Church, Sackville, on the second Thursday in

Resolved, That J. Rowe preach the Introductory Sermon. Alternate, Rev. J. A. Smith.

Resolved, That Rev. George Seeley write the Oircular Letter.

Resolved, That the number of Minutes printed this year be according to the monies paid by the Churches for that

Resolved, That Revs. Thomas Todd and J. H. Hughes be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

Resolved, That the order of business be changed, and hat the Rev. J. C. Hurd be requested to preach a sermon text, Heb. ii. 10. and the days and the

Adjourned to 84 o'clock a. w. Friday. Prayer by W. A.

Prayer by Rev. A. B. McDonald.

Committee on Circular Letter (I. E. Bill, Chairman), reported, recommending its adoption and publication in the Minutes and in the Baptist and Visitor.

The report was then read and adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to revise ministerial list—A. D. Thompson, E. B. Demill and C. Spragg to be that Committee.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported-

That they are pleased to find by the letters, so far as they have been read that most of our Churches have flourishing Schools. We regret that fuller statistical information had not been given, which would have guided the Union board in the distribution of the funds in their hands for that department. We recommend that those Schools should be continued in the winter, as far as practicable. We advise the cultivation of singing in our schools. The Sabbath School Bell is an excellent collection. As a periodical, we recommend to the schools, the Young Reaper. It and the Bell, with an excellent assortment of books, can be obtained at the Colonial Book Store, St. John, N. B., on the most reasonable terms.

10 o'clock, A. M.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. Dr. Pryor. Subject-"Union of Secular and Religious Education."

The President of the Education Society now took the chair. Report read (vide appendix).

The Committee on Education beg leave to report :-

That they regard the subject of Education as intimately connected with the welfare and progress of the Denomination, both in this Province and in Nova Scotia, and they rejoice to think that the people generally are not indifferent to the diffusion of a sound religious education.

But, as much still remains to be accomplished, they recommend the Ministers and Brethren, in their several localities, to maintain a continued at lively interest in the subject, by encouraging young men to avail themselves of the means of improvement afforded by our different Institutions.

As the New Brunswick Education Society has not yet been incorporated they advise that this matter be attended to forthwith, and that the necessary that the processing of the Convention.

steps for this purpose be taken at the meeting of the Convention.
They learn from the report of the Committee that the sum of one thousand dollars is required this year to liquidate part of the debt on the Seminary, they recommend that the Churches composing this Association do collect from their members a subscription of not less than twenty-five cents each. If the Western Association adopts this plan, and it is faithfully carried out, he sam required will be easily raised.

They rejoice to learn that the Institutions at Horton, comprising the Celleg the Academy, and the Young Ladles' Seminary, are in a flourishing condition and they trust that the liberality of the Denomination will soon place them a secure financial position. They commend all these interests to the conditional trust of the condition of the condit

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Resolved, That Brethren C. Spurden, J. C. Hurd and R. Phillips, be a Committee to carry the financial plan recommended in the above report into effect.

Moved to adjourn to 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer/by A. D. Thompson.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK."

Prayer by Dr. Pryor.

The Committee on New Churches reported,

That they recommend the letter from the New Church at 2d Studholm be read, and said Church received into the Association.

The Church received the hand of fellowship, given by the Moderator to the Delegates.

The Committee on Temperance reported—

That they regard the cause of Temperance as one of very great importance, deserving the sympathy and hearty support of all the Ministers and Churches of this Association.

and while they cannot but deplore the apathy which prevails in many places with regard to it, they have much satisfaction in noticing the results of more earnest efforts for its advancement in other localities.

Your Committee would urge upon the Ministers and Churches of this Association the necessity of more active and persevering exertions to promote his great and good cause, inasmuch as it seeks to exterminate an evil which as ever been opposed to the best interests of society, and is still regarded by all good men as a withering scourge to humanity, a most formidable obstacle is the progress of the Gospel, and utterly incompatible with the principles

Your Committee would further recommend that occasional sermons be reached on the subject, and that all suitable means be employed for the furtherance of the temperance enterprise throughout the various districts

J. C. HURD, Chairman.

The Committee on revised list of Ministers reported (vide list.)

The following resolution was moved and carried:-

Whereas it seems to be a fact that some of our Churches in this Association are employed pastors, while the former ministers have been left unpaid; before resolved, that we disapprove such conduct, and would strongly urg to on the ministers of this Association never to accept the pastorate of a dark until all debts previously due to the pastor be paid. Prayer by J. A. Smith.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION, 71 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by E. B. Demill.

The Committee on Union Societies reported-

hat in their opinion the Union organization is the only tangible and estate and which the benevolent tunds of our denomination can be seen to the organization of the control of the contr

expense or labour of an agent. We advise the Union board to exercise their own discretion in this matter.

T. TODD, Chairman.

The Council to Point De Bute Church reported as follows:

The Council appointed by the E. N. B. Baptist Association met according to appointment on Tuesday, July 23d, 1861, and after enquiring into all the circumstances connected with the Point De Bute Church, reported—

That they found a number of persons who have professed faith in Christ, and who adhere strictly to Baptist sentiments, and who compose a part of Point De Bute Church, willing to continue their union and fellowship with the Association; therefore resolved by this Council—

That those members be recognized as the Church at Point De Bute, and in

fellowship with the denomination.

JAMES A. SMITH, Chairman.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Special Business report nothing to do.

The New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society now holds its annual meeting, the President, Rev. S. Robinson, in the chair.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports read by the Rev.

E. C. Cady (vide appendix).

Addresses were given by E. C. Cady, J. Rowe, E. B. Demill, J. C. Hurd, A. D. Thompson and J. A. Smith.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the above Society reported (vide appendix).

Moved to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. J. Herritt.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, 82 0'OLOCK

Prayer by Rev. J. Herritt.

The Committee on Periodicals reported-

That we think it would best promote the peace and union of the body to say nothing about the past, but arrange for the future in connection with our periodicals. The proprietor of the "Now Brunswick Baptist and Christian Visitor" has given notice that he will discontinue the publication of that pay, and wishes us to make provision for its publication, if we want the organ of the Baptists in this Province confinued. The pastor of the Germain Siret Church, St. John, having had long experience in the work of publishing religious paper, and being unable to preach from a failure of his voice, we wink we can see the hand of Providence directing in a certain course. We would recommend this booly to request Brother bill to take the sole charge of the above paper, as preprietor and editor, and to be responsible to the I-nomination for every thing which appears in its columns. And we would further recommend that, in case of his taking the sole charge of our paper, that he visit the Churches and seek their sympathy and co-operation, as also of their pastors. And we pledge ourselves to assist him in this work is engages in it on the above conditions.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL ROBINSON. Chains.

Respectfully submitted, SAMUEL ROBINSON, Charmed Addresses were then delivered, and pledges given, and

the report was unanimously adopted.

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Moved, that the thanks of this Association be given to the Church and friends at Jemseg, for their kindness and hospitality to this Association.

The Committee on departed Brethren reported-

That Brother James Blakeney departed this life on the tenth day of December last, in the 60th year of his age. For nearly forty years he was devoted to the work of the Christian ministry, and was eminently successful in winning to the work of the Controlled Hispersching was purely evangelical, and his life was a souls to Christ. His preaching was purely evangelical, and his life was a pactical illustration of the purity of the faith which he proclaimed. He was frequently employed in Missionary service, and wherever he travelled his ministry was attended with a holy unction from the Holy One. He died of a disease which sadly afflicted his mind as well as his body. But, as death drew bear, his mind became more composed, and he yielded up his life in peace. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Resolved, That collections be taken to morrow (Sabbath) for Home Missions.

Resolved, That the business of this meeting be suspended until 2 o'clock this P. M., and that the Rev. J. Rowe now preach a sermon.

Preaching by Rev. J. Rowe. Subject-" Value and capabilities of the Soul."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by Brother T. Blakeney.

The Moderator having beeen excused, the Rev. W. A. Coleman took the chair.

The report of the Conneil to the Upper Salisbury Church was considered, and the following resolution passed :-

The Council appointed to meet the second Salisbury Church baving reported, his association recommend that the matter of engagement between adder light and the Church be settled by mutual agreement, without any further aton of this Association, and if they cannot agree, they would further recommendation of Sister Churches

The Committee of Arrangements report that the Roy lleritt will preach this evening at 74 o'clock, and gh Sabath preaching by the following brethren in various localihas viz., Revds. Dr. Spurden, A. D. Thompson, E. C. dy, T. Todd, W. A. Coleman, W. H. Burnham, J. A. smith, W. M. Edwards, J. Herritt, Samuel Robinson, and J. Rowe.

Resolved, That this Association adjourn to meet the 1st aptist Church in Sackville on the second Thursday in My, 1863, at 2 o'clock P. M. Closing prayer by the

JOHN H. HUGHES, Moderator.

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#### CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association

DEAR BRETHERN,—We purpose to lay before you a few thoughts that have occurred to us, while reflecting on the independence of our Churches.

We claim that each Cliurch hath power to choose those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church; also, to depose such officers who walk contray to the rules of the Gospel, and so discipline its members. (We further hold that a pastor hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother.)

These are our views, as expressed in our "Declaration concerning a visible there of Christ and its discipline;" wherein we refer to those Scriptures in this that are plainly taught as our authority for holding them.

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The carrying out these principles of Church government has been attended in some Churches by a great deal of disorder. In choosing officers, disciplining members, &c., just complaint is often made concerning the action of tyramical majorities in some cases, or of turbulent minorities in others.

How shall these disorders be remedied? is a question often asked. We have heard it proposed as a remedy to revolutionize our system; to transform the ministry into an irresponsible hierarchy, giving more of the power of the cipline into their hands; and to totally change the nature and design of the Association, making its decisions binding on the Churches, and yielding to it the right of appointing pastors over them.

Can we accept this proposal? Have we liberty to change the laws and ordinances of Christ's Church? No, brethren. All human constitutions are changeable, and contain provisions for change; but the constitution of the Church is unchangeable. It is the work of perfect wisdom, therefore human

wisdom cannot amend it.

A Church cannot surrender its right, power and privilege to choose its own officers, and manage all its concerns, without disloyalty to Christ, its Largiver and King. The abuses of the independent system form no part of the system, and are to be deplored: but the very existence of any other system, notwithstanding its apparent advantages, is an abuse, because it supplants an order of things instituted by God.

What, then, shall be done, that we may obtain more regularity and harmony in Church affairs? Let us seek out the causes of disorder, and remove them.

Our principles of Church government are right; but in acting upon them we often go wrong. In the first place, we look upon neglect of Scripural direction as a fruitful source of disorder. Though the rules for regulating Church discipline are very explicit, yet it is plain that many Church members are either ignorant of them, or else, knowing, wilfully disregard them. How often do we see a member absenting himself from the communion, and giving out among his friends that he does it because some brother had offended him When, had he attended to Divine direction, he would have seen that before withdrawing from the communion, or mentioning the affair to his most instant friends, it was his duty to seek a private interview with the offender, that the matter might be explained, and a reconciliation effected. Quares that have rent Churches have sometimes grown out of a neglect of this simple rule. Doing this involves self-denial; but Jesus expects of all his dissiples that they deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him.

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The directions for determining what brethren the Holy Spirit has meed be officers in the Church are remarkably full and plain. Yet we must say the they are very much disregarded. The consequences of such disregard at deplorable; because men are thereby placed in positions for which fod are designed them. If called upon to look out among us a man to fill the Deson office, would it not be well to reason thus: "We have no power to make Desoon. We can only take the Word of God, and gathering from its Deson qualifications, select from the Church the man to whom the Holy Spirit is

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Let similar deference to the Word of God be observed in choosing Pastors Let similar deservace to the word of Good be observed in encosing rastors as well as Deacons, and we shall have well governed Churches, more permanent Pastors, and more general prosperity. For if God's Word and Spirit are neglected, and we allow motives of expediency or selfishness to determine our action, the result will be a want of confidence in our decisions. We shall doubt whether we decided rightly in a case of discipline, thus justifying a demand for reconsideration. We shall doubt whether we have chosen the right man for Pastor, thus rendering a speedy change probable. On the other hand if, is attending to these duties, we submit to the teachings of God's Spirit in his in attending to these during, we should be seen that according to his promise, he will lead us to right decisions. In the next place, receiving our overseers reverent from the moulding hand of God, discerning in them those gifts by which the liely Spirit has fitted them to rule over us, we shall value and reverence them

We mention, as another cause of disorder, the presence of unregenerate ssons in our Churches. There are some who, like Ananias, keep back from he Lord's treasury what is due; others who, like Demas, love the present world, and others who, like Diotrephes, love to have the pre-eminence. All these work discord in the Church of Christ, because they lack those principles and motives that bind a Church together, that attach the whole body of believers to Christ, and prompt unquestioning obedience and loyalty to Jesus. We mean the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We have no carnal weapons—no mercion for the refractory. After proper effort has been made to bring them to a right practice, nothing remains to be done with such disorderly persons

but to withdraw fellowship from them at once.

In conclusion, we say to each Church member, You have entered a Baptist Carch. Have you reflected on the responsibilities which you have thereby sammed. There is no despotic hierarchy over you, to select pastors for you spointing and removing them at pleasure, and to take your discipline into accommodation hands, leaving you the privilege of rendering unquestioning obedience atheir mandates. You are free. Jesus would have you so. But what an bear mandates. You are free. Jesus would have you so do for your elesisatical despotism is not permitted to do for you, you must do for your sires. God directs you how to perform these duties in his blessed Word. Acquaint yourselves with it. Seek the influences of the Holy Spirit. And uire that education which alone will fit you to worthily bear the resibilities of Christian freemen.

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#### REPORT.

laids the exciting scenes by which we have been surrounded during the streat, your Board has been moving on in the even tenor of its way, engrounding to do what we could to carry out those benevolent designs of its sees. You are doubtless aware that at the last meeting of the Western and of the Home Missionary Society was made also the modern of the Union Society, virtually combining the two in one. Hence this set is to embrace the whole range of our benevolent operations.

#### HOME MISSIONS. eting of the Western Association last s

with others whose term had expired, we were largely in debt. This state of things opened our minds to the fact that we had employed more men, and promised them more assistance than our funds would warrant, even if our agent had continued his labors with his former success. What were we to do? To employ another agent would be useless, for he would be obliged to visit a field already gleaned. To dismiss our Missionaries at once would be wrong, for we were engaged to assist them. This we resolved to do: Not to reappoint those whose term of engagement was about to expire, and to inform all others that we could not assist them after the 1st of February, 1862, with the exception of Bro. Hickson, Newcastle, Miramichi, whose term was to expire

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This being done we then addressed ourselves to the work of procuring funds to pay the small amount so justly due our missionaries. A circular was then prepared and sent to the Union Societies. This brought in but little. Then the Churches were requested to take up special collections for Home Missions. on the third Sabbath in December. To this call only five or six responded. Your Board feeling that something more must be done, raised funds among themselves, and resolved to request our City Churches to hold Missionary meetings. This was more successful, and over \$100 were obtained; since then the Church in Fredericton held a missionary meeting with good success. The result of all this is, we now have in our employ no missionaries, but are in debt to those who have been, nearly \$200. Our determination is to pay this debt before we send into the field new laborers.

Our report of what has been done in this department, we hope will not,

however, be altogether barren of interest.

#### SHEDIAC.

Bro. W. A. Coleman commenced his labors in this interesting field, the 1st of February, 1861, and closed them 1st February, 1862. He writes January 26th, "I have generally preached three times a week, and attended or prayer meeting. We have held a Conference meeting and administered the Lord's Supper monthly. Two have been baptized, and two more added by letter of late. Our congregations continue to be the largest in the place, notwithstanding there are three other meetings, nearly every Sabbath, at the same hour.

"I am now forced to leave this interesting field for want of support, and I do not know how there few sheep are to fare, but I hope the Great Shepherd will provide for them. There should be a missionary kept in this growing field all the time. I hope it will not be overlooked. The people are poor

but they are willing to do what they can." (Signed)

W. A. COLEMAN.

#### DOAKTOWN AND BLISSFIELD.

Our missionary here is William M. Edwards. He writes under date of

September 1st, 1861.

"Since my appointment to the North (12 months), I have travelled 2180 miles, made 453 pastoral visits, preached 189 sermons, held 24 Conference Meetings, and baptized 10. The Lord has blessed the labors of his servant the churches have been revived, sinners have been converted." In giving his final report, February 1st, he says, "It is my happy privilege to preach to a united church and a loving people, to whom I am very much attached. I have the pleasure of large congregations which listen with marked attention; there is a deep interest in religious meetings, although we have no additions to report. You have done much for this field, for which the church is traly thankful; but the withdrawal of your support at this time has been a street

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#### NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.

her. E. Hickson has spont a year and eight months in this field under our patronage. We were obliged to withdraw our assistance the first of May last. A writes to us of good and attentive congregations, a mission house finished, and of increasing interest. His report for the last nine months of his service is as follows: Preached 90 sarmons, attended 32 Conference Meetings, visited 189 families, and travelled 1030 miles. Concerning the withdrawal of our assistance, he says, "It is surely to be regretted that such reaction should tage piace in the churches, as to compel the Board, with its little corps of missionaries, to retreat before the enemy, and thus abandon the high and adranced position which they so lately occupied. I had hoped that a retreat from the North would never be sounded, but that we should have a reinforcement in Gloucester this very season.

"The churches in the North Esk and Little South West, have given me a united call to become their Pastor, and will do all in their power for my (Signed) EDWARD HICKSON.

Bro. H. has given his attention also, during the Fall and Winter, towards securing the erection of a house of worship in Bathurst, his native town.

#### RESTIGOUCHE.

During the past three years Bro. W. A. Crandal has been laboring in the Northern County, a part of which time he has been aided by your Board. His report comes down to the 1st February last, though he still continues his abors in this field, with the expectation of receiving further assistance when funds can be procured.

He says, "The extent of the field occupied is 40 miles, preaching stations 4, preaching twice and three times each Sabbath. We have a very interesting sabath School of 50 scholars, and a small library which the Union Society lindly provided. My meetings are well attended, and often there is a deep

(Signed) W. A. CRANDAL.

Rev. David Blakeney has also been laboring as your missionary in the same County up to the 5th of October last, when he informed your Board that he could no longer continue his labors in this field, without increased assistance; which could not be given for want of funds. He reports the prejudices against us sadenomination are dying away, and our missionary being every where kindly secred. Sinners were inquiring what they should do to be saved; but, alas! e would be obliged to leave, for the amount contributed by the people to the Board could not sustain him.

During six months he performed the following labor: Preached 61 sermons, attended 31 conference and prayer meetings, travelled 1507 miles, and visited a large number of families.

### OROMOCTO AND RUSHAGONISH.

At our last Association these stations were occupied by Rev. John Williams. med to labour in the same field He reports progress in Oromocto, but taks of the Church in Rushagonish as in great trouble.

### SCOTCH TOWN, LITTLE RIVER.

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#### JERUSALEM, LONG REACH.

This field was occupied for one year by Rev. George Burns as a missionary of your Beard, ending September last. He reports, as the result of his labors: Preached 112 sermons, travelled 821 miles, attended 12 conference meetings. He also baptized quite a number. He left this field for another last fall, since then it has been unoccupied by a missionary.

#### DIPPER HARBOR AND GONDOLA POINT.

Rev. E. McInnis closed his labors as your missionary in this place last September, his year having then expired. He appears to have been doing much good. He reports his labors for the last three months of the year as follows:

Preached 59 sermons, travelled 222 miles, attended 6 conference meetings, visited 46 families, and baptized one.

#### LOCH DOMOND MISSION.

Rev. Abel Washburn has been our missionary at this place for the last ten years. God has greatly blessed bis labors. He has preached at Loch Lomond one half his time. The regular meetings of the Church have been well attended, and order and discipline have been introduced. Last fall their house of worship was burned down, and for a time the Church seemed discouraged;

but they soon commenced to rebuild.

One has been baptized in the fellowship of the Church since the large ingathering of last year. He adds: "Great changes are noticable here in the increased knowledge and stability of the members." He also preaches in the Wade Settlement. He says: "In this region there are some who never attend any place of worship, but are of that class that fish and do business on the Sabbath; but there are others who bail with joy the preached word. On the

Sabbath; but there are others who hall with joy the preached word. On the whole, there is a better attendance, and some profess to have been benefited.

"I have labored in Stackhouse Settlement about one year, preaching to them every fourth Sabbath, and occasionally on week days. I began to preach here under great discouragement, but God has so far blessed my labors that the unhappy differences that existed have greatly subsided, and the people are thirsting more and more for the word. Our congregation is on the increase.

"In Harding Settlement I labor the same as it Lock Lomond. Here is the most encouraging part of my field. Nothing but impassable roads and the most violent storms will prevent the people from attending—There is nothing wanting here to have a flourishing Church but continued labor and the coverting nower of God. I held meetings also once ner most in the Patessa. verting power of God. I hold meetings also once per month in the Patterson Settlement." (Signed) ABEL WASHBURN.

Brother Washburn's report is deeply interesting, and I should gladly quote more largely from it if space permitted. He has been doing much good, and still continues to labor. We hope we may be in a position to assist him still more.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There has been given to our Foreign Mission Board, Nova Scotis, to be expended in the Foreign field, \$182-on hand, \$9.68.

#### GENERAL EDUCATION.

Paid to the Board of Education \$66 this year; \$114.75 last; \$180.75 in all since the Union Society was formed, to be expended in support of our Seminary in Fredericton. On hand, \$6.18.

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Committee-Rev. J. C. Hurd, M. D.; Mossrs. W. S. Esty, J. T. Smith, J. 6. Wasson, William Sewell, C. L. Hartt, together with the Officers of the

BEPORT. This is the Twenty-sixth Annual Report that the Committee of Management has presented to the Society. The lapse of so long a period would appear to ford a suitable occasion for reviewing the past, that it might be known what progress had been made; but as the friends of the Society would probably namer look forward than backward, the Committee would state, in few words, that has been done during the year, and indicate the steps that require to be taken for the future.

according to the register kept by the Principal, the number of scholars simitted during the year, has been sixty seven, and the attendance has been maverage of thirty five each week throughout the year. Mr. Peter McLeod seen supported out of the fund for ministerial education; and Mr. Robert Much, another student for the ministry, has attended nearly two terms on his

At the close of the year 1861, the Committee deemed it better to return to he plan with which they commenced, and instead of having a female teacher he separate room for the young ladies—to employ a male teacher, with a ante department for the junior scholars, and receive the young ladies into be Principal's room. They accordingly engaged Mr. Joseph Jones at the management of the winter term. The trial of six months has been so far distancement of the winter term. The trial of in making a fresh engagemat with Mr. Jones. The usual exhibition took place at the close of the half as, in the winter, and the examination in the summer. The classes were endy tested in reading, English grammar, parsing, dictation, arithmetic, edited for reading, English grammar, parsing, dictation, arithmetic, ebism of English history and geography, on the first day. And on the parsing day, in Latin, Greek, French, Algebra, Geometry, &c. The Rev. Hard, and Dr. Jack. President of the University, expressed their estisfac-

Some needed repairs were made last summer. After obtaining the best advice at their command, and maturely considering all the circumstances, the Committee decided on thoroughly repairing the existing barn and wood shed.

which was accordingly done.

Repairs of one kind or another are required every year, if the buildings are to be properly kept up, and the Committee rely on the Denomination to aid them in this as well as in every other work. Next year will probably be one of even greater financial difficulty than the past; and while the Committee desire to study economy, they would not willingly neglect any thing that may contribute to efficiency. A debt of five hundred pounds, or two thousand dollars, still remains as an incubus, demanding a large amount of interest every year. Part of this debt requires to be liquidated without delay. A note of hand for £200 was given by the Committee in 1836 for money bor-wowed of Mrs. S. Smith; she died last year, and her Executors request a settlement. There is a further sum of £50 due for interest, making in all £250. or one thousand dollars. The Committee propose the following plan for raising the amount:

That the Churches composing the Eastern and Western Association do collect from the members of such Churches a subscription of not less than twenty five cents each. The number of members being upwards of 5000, they believe 4000 of them will respond to such a call, which would procure the amount.

It is the desire of all who are connected with the Seminary that its position should in every respect be one of usefulness and thoroughness, equal to that of any in the Province. To accomplish this requires the hearty co-operation of the entire Denomination. The Committee was enlarged at the last Western Association by the appointment of a number of gentlemen, who are prepared, as far as their scattered residences will enable them, to use their united exertions on behalf of the Seminary, to increase the number of students, promote their highest welfare, and secure their thorough education. They now invite their friends throughout the Province to combine for the purpose of extending and increasing the usefulness of the Institution; and they trust that, with the blessing of God, their efforts will be crowned with abundant success.

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#### A DECLARATION

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Churches of Christ, composing the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth: Deut. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Ps. xc. 2, cxlvii. 5; James i. 17; 1st Tim. i. 17; Mark x. 27; Isaiah vi. 3; Deut. xxxii. 4; Ex. xv. 11, xxxiv. 6, 7.

2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy. Ghost—who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: Mat. xxviii. 19; John xv. 26, 1st Cor. xii.

4-6; 2d Cor. xiii. 14; Eph. ii. 18.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our only rule of faith and practice: Luke xvi. 29—31; 2d Timothy iii. 15—17; 1st Thess ii. 13; 2d Peter i. 21, iii. 2; Rom. iii. 2; Is. viii. 16, 19, 20.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, has foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18, ii. 23; Ps. lxxvi. 10, xxxiii. 11; Rom. ix. 17-25, xi. 36.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power: Gen. i.; Ex. xx. 11; Dan. iv. 85; Heb. i. 8.

- 6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness; and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen. i. 26, 27; ii. 16, 17; Ecc. vii. 29; Gal. iii. 10.
- 7. That man being left to himself, soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death; Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 12-9.

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

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unta himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to ever rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of Christ's indicated and the standard of this kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and for ever Rom. viil. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5, 11; John vi. 37–39; Rev. vii. 9; Ti ii. 14; Mark xvi. 15; 2d Tim. ii. 19; Is. ix. 7; Rev. xi. 15.

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

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefits of this atonement, by envising us of our sinful, lost and miserable condition; and then dissibleness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace him with our whole souls, by which he is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sactification and redemption: John xvi. 8-11, 13-15; Gal. v. 22, 28; lst Cor. i. 80.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedicace to His holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3; 1st Cor. x. 31; Eph. ii. 10; Col. iii. 2, 3; Gal. ii. 20; Rom. xii. 1, 2.

14 That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never prish, but live and reign with him for ever. They have communion with 60d, and by his Spirit they are united with each other, and have ammunion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each shers gifts and graces: John vi. 39, x. 28; Rev. iii. 21; John xvii. 1, 11, 21, xiv. 3; Rom. viii. 38, 39: 1st John 1, 2.

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

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for blending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infinging upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern he worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ Begreat law-giver and head of his church: Mark xii. 17; Rom. xiii. 14; Ist Peter ii. 18-15; Mat. xxiii. 10; Rom. xiv. 4.

17. That there will be a general resurrection both of the just and spust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the said in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man saming to his works; when the wicked shall be sent away into everying punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal: John 13, 29; Acts xvii. 31, xxiv. 15; Rom. ii. 16; Mat. xvi. 27, and 25-45.

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42, ix. 31; Heb. x. 25; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter, that is to say, that 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 by Immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; 1st Cor. xi. 23-26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26, and viii. 12, 36, 39; Mat. iii. 6-16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; Gal. iii. 27; Mat. xxvi. 26-28; Acts xx. 11; 1st Cor. x. 16.

That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the Ordinances, therefore the door of the Church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ.

1st Cor. xi. 27-29; Mat. vii. 6, 15-20; 1st Peter ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered hath power to choose, and by Elders to ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz.: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some such cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of neighboring Churches of Christ: Acts i. 21-26, vi. 3-6, xiv. 23, and xv. 6-31; 1st Cor. v. 18; 2d Thess. iii. 6, 14, 15; Tirms iii. 10.

• 5 That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother; yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place; whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house: Mat. xx. 25-29; 1st Peter v. 3; Acts xx. 20-28, 31; Heb. xiii. 17; 1st Thess. v. 13, 18.

6. That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the Church, and to minister at the Lord's Table: Acts vi. 1-5; 1st Tim. iii. 8-14.

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him, in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the Church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz.: the glory of God, and the good of His people; and the Church ought to be subject to such improvements: 1st Peter iv. 10,11, and v. 5; 1st Tim. iv. 14; 1st Cor. 12th and 14th chapters; Rom. xii. 3-8.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and peoploone to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifs
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We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligations to glorify God, by living a holy, righteous, and godly life, in this present world, in all our several places and relations; and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents, and advantages to his glory and the good of our fellow men; promising, by divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those under our care in the ways of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God-reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others, but will faithfully abor with them, according to the direction of our Lord-Mat. xviii, 15, 17-that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harbored in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and isting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife-disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements-tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his word -expecting that He will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom-applying to the blood of the everasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do is will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.—Amen. ambiguition must be made by letter, and astislactory evidence human

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### CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER

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#### EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ABTICLE 1.—This Association, composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall be members of the Churches which they represent shall be styled "The Eastern N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, P. R., on the second Thursday of July, at such places as they shall appoint, notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference, after which, the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 8.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ABTIOLE 4.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance, lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, nominate Committees, and maintain due order among the members. It shall be the duty of the Olerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the deings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the press.

ARTICLE 5.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, paticularly of the additions and diminution within the last year, and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

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ARTICLE 7.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the

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ARTICLE 9.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

- 1. That each meeting be opened by prayer.
- 2. That motions be made and seconded, according to parliamentary usage.
- 8. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
- 4. That every resolution be written out and handed to the Clerk.
- 5. That motions which are lost be not recorded.
- 6. That these regulations be read at each session.

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