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ART. 8. Although as an Association we disclaim all power over the Churches, as far as respects any interference with their independency and to any measure for the support of their Ministers, yet we reserve the property of containing in our Constitution, and in our By-Laws, such provisions as shall appear to be necessary for the better regulation of our members. In order however that we may not withhold from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made, the aid of our members of this body, we have inserted in this Association, composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall be members of the Churches which they represent, shall be styled *The Western New Brunswick Baptist Association*.

CONSTITUTION

ART. 2. The Association shall meet Annually, at 2 o'clock, P.M., on the 1st Saturday in September, at such place 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.

ART. 3 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 the Pastor.

ART. 4. At each meeting of this Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for 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 transactions of the meeting, nominate Committees, and maintain due order among the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during its Session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press.

ART. 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, particularly 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.

ART. 6. When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter and satisfactory evidence furnished of their *faith and order*: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers, if any be present, the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 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 shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

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Art. 16. Alterations or amendments may be made in this Constitution, from time to time such as experience may dictate.

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MINUTES.

JACKSONTOWN, Sept. 6, 1856.

The Ministers and Delegates composing the Western N. B. Baptist Association, met in the Baptist Meeting House, Jackson- town, at 2 o'clock, P. M. After the usual religious conference the Association was organized by the appointment of the fol- lowing Officers:

Rev. SAMUEL ROBINSON, Moderator,

“ ISAIAH WALLACE, Clerk.

“ STEPHEN MARCH, Assistant Clerk.

Brother CORNELIUS CONALLY, Treasurer.

“ JOHN ESTY, Assistant Treasurer.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. I. E. Bill, and the Associa- tion proceeded to business.

The following visiting brethren, being invited, took their seats with us, and participated in our deliberations:

Rev. T. S. RAND, Indian Missionary.

Bro. MORECOCK, Agent for S. S. Union.

Rev. G. F. MILES, Delegate from Eastern N. B. Baptist As- sociation.

Rev. JARVIS RING; Brethren B. Hughes, G. W. Springer, and G. Churchill.

The following Committees were then appointed:

On Arrangement—Elders Todd, Seely, Harris, and Magee.

To Examine and Read Letters—Elders Francis, Davis, Miles.

On Circular Letter—Elders Fitch and Howe.

On Special Business—Elders Nutter, Davis, Tozer, Harris.

On Domestic Missions—Elders Bill, Tupper, Wallace, Seely,

Fitch, Ring, Magee, March, and Brethren B. Churchill, C.

E. Stocomb, J. Hovey, and Wheeler.

- On Foreign and Australian Missions*—Elders Francis, Rand, Miles, Bill, Outhouse; Brethren Knight and Smith; A. H. Esty, J. L. Read, G. N. Springer, E. N. Hovey.
- On Bible Cause*—Elders Nutter, McInnis, Francis, Davis, Todd, Harriß; Brethren Bonny, Conally, and Morecock.
- On Sabbath Schools*—Elder Rand, and Brethren Dea. Guiou, Dea. Alexander A. Dunphy, Jones, N. D. Esty, John Day.
- On Christian Visitor and Family Casket*—Elders Francis, Seely, Rigby, Davis, and Brethren Dea. Churchill, George Causewell, Blake, J. Estabrooks, and G. L. Hart.
- On New Churches*—Elders McInnis, Tupper, Tozer, and Bro. Hughes.
- On Education*—Elders Davis, Wallace, Bill, Outhouse, Fitch, Howe, and Bro. Read.
- On Candidates for the Ministry*—Elders Wallace, Fitch, Nutter, Bill, Robinson, Francis, Saunders, and Rigby.
- On Claims of Seamen*—Elders March, Ring, and Francis.
- To Correct List of Ministers*—Elders Wallace and March.
- On Temperance*—Elders Todd, Davis, Magee, and Brethren Akerly, Grant, Guiou, Dickenson.

The Committee on Arrangements then made their appointments for the Sabbath.
 After prayer by Bro. McInnis, adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 2.

Met pursuant to adjournment.
 Introductory Sermon by Elder I. E. Bill. Text—Acts xx. 28.
 Moderator resumed his seat. Prayer by Bro. March.
 The Committee appointed proceeded to read the letters from the following Churches. The names of the Delegates are affixed:
Jacksontown.—Deacon B. Churchill, John Estey, Deacon Conally, Deacon Alexander, Elder Todd.
Rushagornish.—Brother J. L. Read.
Douglas, Macknaquack.—Rev. J. R. Tupper, Samuel B. Smith.

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St. Andrews.—Rev. J. Davis.

Keswick.—Rev. T. W. Saunders.

St. George.—Rev. J. Davis.

2nd. St. Patricks.

Kingsclear.—Rev. T. W. Saunders.

African Church, Douglas.—Rev. J. H. Tupper.

Carleton, St. John.—Rev. McInnis.

Presque Isle.—Brethren M. Rose, E. Clard and — Kennedy.

2nd. Falls.—Rev. J. Davis.

St. John, Germain Street.—Rev. I. E. Bill, Brother Bonney.

St. John, Brussels Street.—Rev. S. Robinson, Brethren P.

Knight and Thomas Hicks.

Lower Woodstock.—Rev. D. Outhouse, Deacon O. Akerly,

Brother J. Dickenson.

New Castle, Grand Lake.—Rev. Isaiah Wallace.

Little River, Sheffield.—Rev. I. Wallace.

Chipman.—Rev. W. S. Howe.

Maugerville.—Brother John S. Day.

1st Patricks.

Pennfield.

Canning.—Brother Charles Estabrooks.

Portland.—Rev. D. Nutter, Brother R. Stephens.

Nashwaak.—Rev. John Magee.

Simonds.—Rev. W. Harris, Deacons E. Wheeler and John

Cogswell, Brother Jacob.

Hodgeman.—Estabrooks, Brother W. D. Estey.

Richmond.—Brethren G. R. Campbell, W. Grant, J. N. Foster.

Canterbury and Southampton.—Rev. D. Outhouse, Brother J.

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Brother Samuel McGuire.

The Committee on New Churches report favourably in

reference to the New Churches in the following places, viz :—

Gagetown, St. Francis, Scotch Town, Northampton and Dum-

fries, and it was

Resolved, That the letters be read and the Churches received.

The following letters were then read :—

St. Francis.—Rev. S. March, Deacon C. E. Slocomb.
Norhampton.—Rev. T. Todd, Deacons S. Hovey and E. Sharp,
 Brother G. W. Hovey, Brother J. I. Hovey.
Dumfries and Queensbury.—Deacons W. Clark and J. Guiou.
Scotch Town.—Rev. I. Wallace.
Gagetown.—Rev. W. D. Fitch.

The right-hand of Fellowship was then given to the representatives of the above new Churches.

Adjourned until half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening prayer by Elder Outhouse.

Resolved, That Brother Bill be requested to publish in the *Visitor* the substance of the Introductory Sermon.

Resolved, That Brother Wallace be requested to write the Circular Letter for next year.

Resolved, That Brother Bill take charge of the printing of the Minutes, and that 1,000 copies be printed, containing the Constitution of this Body.

Voted, That Brethren Deacon W. Blake, Calvin Goodspeed, Deacon W. Estey, Charles Eastabrooks, and Brother Reuben W. Coperthwaite be appointed as Delegates to the Convention.

Voted, That Brother Todd be our Delegate to the Eastern N. B. Baptist Association, Brother J. H. Tupper his alternate.

Voted, That Brother Fitch be our Delegate to the Western N. S. Baptist Association.

Voted, That Brother I. Wallace be our Delegate to the Central N. S. Baptist Association, and that Brother Francis be our Delegate to the Eastern N. S. Baptist Association.

Resolved, That this Association hold its next Annual Session with the Baptist Church in Nashwaak, on the first Saturday in September next.

Resolved, That Brother Davis be requested to preach the Introductory Sermon next year, and that Brother Harris be his alternate.

The following Report of the Committee on Home Missions was read and adopted, and addresses made upon the subject of Home Missions by Brethren Bill, Wallace, Knight, (French Missionary), Slocomb, Miles, and Deacon Conally. A great interest was excited in behalf of the Missions, especially of the French

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Mission, and a Collection taken amounting to £21 5s., in aid of the object.

In surveying the vast field spread out on all hands for Home Missionary operation, your Committee cannot but feel that the call for increasing liberality and energy in this department is loud and urgent. A number of small and weak churches require the fostering care of the faithful Missionary.—A number of growing villages, situate in different sections of the Province, and open to the preachings of Baptist administration, are seldom if ever visited by any of our ministers; and extensive settlements in almost every County in New Brunswick are to be found that have not the means of grace, and would gladly receive the Word of God, from the lips of our own Missionaries. Say not, four months and then cometh harvest; the fields are now white and ready, inviting the Gospel sickle.

Your Committee greatly rejoice in the onward progress of the N. B. Baptist Home Missionary Society, and the success which has attended its labors during the past year. Its agents have preached the Gospel extensively from the Bay De Verte to Miramichi, and from Miramichi to the St. Francis.

It reports twelve English labourers in the field, a portion, or all the time during the year; the conversion and baptism of many precious souls; the organization of five new churches; the ordination of three ministers of the Gospel, and funds amounting to £551 1s. 2d. It reports, also, one Missionary to the French, Bro. Peter Knight, whose work is prosecuted with commendable zeal, and prospects increasingly encouraging. Two Colporteurs have been laboring under the auspices of the Society, and diffusing widely the advantages of a religious literature amongst the people.

Your Committee is happy to learn that the influence of this organization is exciting a deep interest in the Ministers and Churches of Nova Scotia, and that they are anxiously looking forward to the formation of a similar institution for the extension of the cause of truth in that Province.

With these facts in view, your Committee cannot but be deeply impressed with the obligations that rest upon our ministers and churches to render to the N. B. Baptist Home Missionary Society the most cordial co-operation in the prosecution of the important work upon which they have entered.—I therefore,

Resolved,—That for the purpose of extending information in regard to the doings of the Society, the report printed in the minutes of the Eastern Association be republished in the minutes of this body.

Resolved,—That the Ministers of this Association be recommended to preach, occasionally, missionary sermons to their respective churches, calling special attention to the N. B. Baptist Home Missionary Society, and urging upon them the importance of active co-operation in this good work.

Resolved,—That as Brother Isaiah Wallace feels that he cannot consistently continue his general agency in behalf of the City, your Committee would recommend the appointment of his successor with the least possible delay.

Resolved—That this cause be committed anew in faith and prayer with

all its interests and relations to the the fostering care of the Great Head of the Church, whose spirit alone can make the Word of God effectual in the salvation of souls.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

Adjourned till half-past 7. P. M.

Prayer by the Moderator.

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EVENING SESSION.  
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Opening prayer by Brother Tupper.

Resolved, That Brethren Bill and Davis be a Committee to prepare a memorial in reference to departed Brethren.

The Committee on the Bible Cause submitted their Report as follows:—

The Committee on this cause beg to recommend the adoption of the following:—

The Bible cause is still dear to our hearts. The brethren will feel at liberty, as heretofore, to help that cause in the way that best commends itself to their judgements. We trust that our brethren of the Bible Union will soon find means for healing existing divisions. We wish Bible organizations all manner of success in their efforts to circulate the word of God both at home and abroad.

D. NUTTER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Report be received.

Voted, That Brethren Morecock and R. Stevens be added to the Sabbath School Committee.

The Committee on Special Business submitted their Report as follows:—

The Committee on Special Business regrets the mistake by which the letter from Presque Isle was read in its entire state to the Association, but can find nothing in it to warrant any associational action.

D. NUTTER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That this Report be received.

The Circular Letter was then read.

Resolved, That the Circular Letter now read be received and printed in the *Christian Visitor*, as well as in the Minutes.

The Committee on Candidates for the Christian Ministry Reported as follows:—

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that the Eastern N. B. Baptist Association at its recent session considered favourably the propriety of organizing a Board for the purpose of aiding and directing candidates for the Ministry; and as the Brethren of that Association request the co-operation of this Body in the formation of said Board, and as the desirableness of such a Board must be apparent to all, your Committee recommend that arrangements be at once made for the organization of a Board, to be constituted upon the principles of the Report presented at and approved by the Eastern Association.

Your Committee would recommend that the sum of £2,000 be raised, instead of £1,000 as proposed in the above mentioned Report, and they would suggest that said £2,000 be divided into shares of £10 each, said shares to be taken up in the form of stock by churches or private individuals, by securing sums thus taken, in all cases, to the Board, and paying annually interest at the rate of £6 per cent. Thus an income of £120 would be realized, enabling the Board to give a fair support, constantly, to six students.

Your Committee would further recommend the appointment of five brethren by this Association, to constitute, in connexion with the five brethren appointed provisionally by the Eastern Association, said Board. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAIAH WALLACE, *Chairman.*

Interesting addresses were delivered by Brethren Wallace, Miles, Rand, Davis Francis, Bill and Robinson, after which the Report was adopted.

Resolved, That Brethren S. Robinson, I. E. Bill, W. D. Fitch, J. Davis and D. Nutter, be the five Brethren appointed by this Body to carry out the design of the above Report.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Brother Tozer.

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 9.

Prayer by Brother Bonney.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Home Missionary Society take the Chair for a few minutes, and that the Society sit in session.

Resolved, That this Society become incorporated, and that the Board chosen annually be its Trustees to receive bequests and donations, and to be Trustees to hold the property of the Society.

The Moderator then resumed his seat. An interesting discussion took place upon the subject of Church discipline as affecting the standing of Ministers of this Body, and remarks

were made in approval of the 6th article of our Constitution.

Resolved, That we adjourn, and that the Vice President of the Education Society take the Chair.

The Report of the Education Society was then submitted and unanimously adopted.—(See Appendix.)

Resolved, That the Act of Incorporation be adopted by this Society, and that the following Trustees be appointed, viz:—

Hon. A. McL. Seely, John Fisher, John F. Marsters, Samuel W. Babbit, Hon. W. B. Kinnear

Resolved, That the following Brethren be the officers for the ensuing year, viz:—

President,—JOSEPH CRANDALL.

Vice Presidents,—REVS. I. E. BILL, A. D. THOMSON, D. NUTTER.

Treasurer,—SOLOMON HERSHEY, Esq.

Secretaries,—ASA COY, Esq., REV. J. FRANCIS.

Principal,—REV. C. SPURDEN, A. M.

Assistant,—A. H. MUNRO.

Trustees,—HON. A. McL. SEELY, JOHN FISHER, Esq., JOHN F. MARSTERS, Esq., HON. W. B. KINNEAR, S. W. BABBIT, Esq.

The newly elected Vice President, Rev. I. E. Bill, then took the chair.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the propriety of removing the Seminary to some other locality, and that the following Brethren be appointed—

REVS. J. DAVIS, G. F. MILES, J. TOZER T. TODD, I. WALLACE, JOHN MAGEE, and Brethren C. L. HARTT, Hon. A. McL. Seely.

Resolved, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at the Convention in Portland, and that the above Committee be requested to Report.

Moderator resumed his seat.

Elder S. T. Rand, the Micmac Missionary, then addressed the meeting.

Collection was taken up on behalf of the Micmac Mission amounting to £6 8s 11d.

The Committee on Foreign and Australian Missions reported as follows:—

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Whereas,--Nothing has been done recently by either of the Boards of the above Missions for the salvation of precious souls;

Therefore Resolved,--That this Association consider it imperative upon the Convention to take immediate and energetic action for the employment of the funds now in the treasury, for the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom in those lands;

JOHN FRANCIS, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

The Committee on *Christian Visitor and Family Casket* Reported as follows--

We retain undiminished confidence in the mode in which the *Christian Visitor* is still conducted. We are especially gratified in review of its course during the recent agitations of the Province on the Temperance question. We heartily recommend this paper, with the *Family Casket*, to the support of the brethren; and trust they will be increasingly disposed to encourage their own periodicals, not only by contributing for the papers, but by extending, as far as possible, their circulation.

JOHN FRANCIS, *Chairman.*

Excellent addresses were delivered by Brethren Robison, Miles, Francis, Nutter, Howe, Wallace and Todd, in support of the claims of these periodicals,--and the Report unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following Report.

That in examining the letters sent to [the Association], they regard the state of the Sabbath Schools (connected with the churches) as an index of the prosperity of the churches. Generally, where dissension prevails in a body, it is impossible to find sufficient unity to carry on a Sabbath School prosperously. On this account we would recommend to Pastors to examine the condition of their churches, where there are no Sabbath Schools, and see if there be not some root of bitterness which prevents such institutions from being successful. There is nothing more adapted to unite christians together, than an effort to instruct the youthful members of a congregation. We regard the co-operation of the Pastor as an essential requisite for conducting a Sabbath School successfully. Surely no one who is engaged in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ, can fail to feel the force of the exhortation in the Introductory Sermon, to "take care of the children of the flock." The pioneer when he first enters the forest has to fell the robust trees;--so the missionary has to strive, through the grace of God, to subdue the power and stubborn will of the man of sin; but as the succeeding farmer has to keep under all the rubbish and weeds that may subsequently spring up,--so the minister must endeavor to present his field as advancing in prosperity, by attention to the young and rising generation who will soon appear before him in the forbidding aspect of those who were first visited by the christian missionary, if he does not use every

appliance in his power to cultivate and improve them while their consciences are tender.

With such views of Sabbath Schools, then, we would **Resolve**— To recommend the institutions of Sabbath Schools (in the language of some of the letters) as the "auxiliary and nursery of the churches."

2nd. **Resolved**.—That while we feel encouraged, that of the thirty letters examined twenty-five report Sabbath Schools, and one of them three Sabbath Schools) containing 1464 Scholars, 208 Teachers, and 4423 Volumes, yet we feel that more decided efforts should be put forth to render these auxiliaries more efficient in advancing the interest of the Church.

S. T. RAND, Chairman.

The following statistics of the Sabbath Schools were also submitted by the Committee:

	SCHOLARS.	TEACHERS.	VOLUMES.
Keewick,	40	9	100
Oromocto,	25	5	70
St. Francis,	50	7	250
Maquapit Lake,			
Douglas Harbour,	45	6	100
Scotch Town,	19	4	75
Simonds,	35	6	200
Little River, Sheffield,	35	5	100
New Castle,	60	7	150
Brussels Street,	250	22	500
Carleton,			
Fredericton,	70	11	350
Cardigan,	30	6	75
Woodstock,	55	7	250
Douglas,	50	7	150
Jacksontown,	100	12	200
Chipman,	60	8	160
Portland,	120	20	350
Germain Street,	125	18	250
Cagetown,	40	7	150
Northampton,	65	10	300
Rushgornish,	50	8	100
St. George,	100	14	300
Penfield,	50	9	248
	1464	208	4423

Eleven Churches without Sabbath Schools.

Report unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we adjourn until 3 o'clock, p. m.

Prayer by the Rev. S. T. Rand.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening prayer by Bro. Francis.

The Committee on Seamen presented their Report, which was received.

The Committee on Seamen beg leave to report that they look with feelings of deep interest on the instrumentalities being put into operation for the benefit of this interesting but much neglected class of men, and sympathize with the Rev. E. N. Harris, who has been laboring for their benefit in the City of St. John, and would recommend that similar means be employed in the different Ports of our Province for the amelioration of their moral and social condition, and for their liberation from the blighting and withering curse of intemperance and its attendant evils, to which they as a class are so dangerously exposed.

STEPHEN MARCH, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Departed Brethren presented the following Memorial, which was unanimously received:

God in his righteous Providence has removed by death Elder Thomas Magee since our last session. He was a native of Cork, Ireland;—emigrated to this country in 1825;—was ordained to the Christian Ministry in Miramichi in 1834. His ministry was continued up to a short time before his death, which took place January 11th, 1856. He itinerated extensively in this Province, as also in the State of Maine, preaching wherever his footsteps were directed the Gospel of Christ with marked fidelity to his Master, and to the souls of men.

His sermons were always evangelical, lucid, and instructive, and at times attended with a special unction from the Holy One. By his brethren in the ministry he was tenderly and affectionately beloved, and wherever he went preaching the Gospel of Christ, he was highly esteemed for his work's sake.

Death terminated his labors suddenly and unexpectedly to his friends, but it found him with his lamp trimmed and in night burning, ready for the unfolding of eternal scenes. When we remember the purity of his life, the fervor of his prayers and the power of his public administration, we cannot but feel that the description given the pen of inspiration in relation to one of the early christians, may with propriety be inscribed upon his epitaph:—"He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." We are admonished by his removal to work while the day lasts. Like him may we all be faithful unto death, and then shall we receive the unfading crown.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Temperance submitted their Report which was received and elicited spirited addresses from Brethren J. Davis, I. E. Bill, G. F. Miles, D. Outhouse, G. Churchill, D. Nutter, J. Francis, D. Hartt, Joseph Rideout.

This cause has suffered severe reverses in our Province since our last session. We cannot find words to express our just indignation against the blindness, the passion, the intrigue, the complication of parties in church and state, the meanness and audacity, the wickedness in high places and in low, which has given the enemies of Temperance among us a temporary victory. "Cast down" we may be, "but not destroyed." We are at present thrown simply upon our moral resources. Let our brethren work them to the utmost.—Let them still try the might of argument, of persuasion, and of prayer. So shall we be prepared to take advantage of that public reaction and retribution which in due season must arrive. Meanwhile, whatever the course of events, our labor shall not be in vain; and the weight of our principles shall be demonstrated in spite of hostile devices, and by means of them.

We take occasion to commend in the highest terms, the course of our Visitor in relation to the recent political struggle, so bold, patriotic, and christian.

THOMAS TODD, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are here-
by tendered to the Brethren and friends of Jacksonstown and Woodstock for the spirit of hospitality and christian courtesy manifested by them to the Ministers, Delegates and visiting friends, during the present Session.

Adjourned to meet in September next at Nashawaak.

Closing Prayer by the Moderator.

SAMUEL ROBINSON, Moderator.

ISAIAH WALLACE, Clerk.

STEPHEN MARCH, Assistant Clerk.

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CIRCULAR LETTER,

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The subject to which we would direct your attention, in this epistle, is a few thoughts on the Christian Sabbath. And in doing so, we will tacitly pass by the original institution, perpetuity and final change of this day from the seventh to the first day of the week.

Man is so constituted that he must necessarily bestow much of his time on his temporal affairs, but he should possess a spiritual mind, and transact all his business with a supreme regard to the divine will. It has pleased God to demand a certain portion of our time, viz., one day out of every seven to be separated from all common uses, and to be devoted to himself by all persons without exception. This is the subject of the fourth Commandment, than which there can be no consideration more important in the whole extent of practical religion. The commencement of this command is different from all the rest. The emphatic "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," conveys the painful fact that man in his degeneracy is too prone to forget the Sabbath of the Lord and count it a weariness. There was no one duty which the inspired writers more strenuously enforced than the sanctification of this sacred rest, and the violation of it was threatened with the severest punishment. We would call your attention particularly to Isaiah, 56 chapter, 13, 14 verses, in which God says— "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on the holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father. For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

The above passage is the most minute and perfect summary of the duties incumbent on mankind with respect to this holy day contained in the Scriptures. We are here bound to abstain

his courts better than a thousand. The day is, undoubtedly, the day of salvation, on Zion the Lord commands his blessing even life forever more. On that holy day and in the holy place this incomprehensible blessing is still to be found. Where that day is not observed, and that place is not frequented, this blessing ceases to descend. If we love ourselves, if we love our families, if we love our country, if we love mankind, if we love God, then, shall we exert ourselves to the utmost to uphold the Sabbath in its purity in our hearts, in our conversation, and in our conduct, we "shall keep the Sabbath from polluting it," and be "in the spirit on the Lords day," to observe it with the most faithful exertions, and by precept and example solemnly recommend it to the strict observance of others. Then will we ride in the high places of the earth, and be fed with the heritage of Jacob, our father. For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

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2 10 0	Collection taken at Lakewood on Monday afternoon.
1 0 0	Brother Samuel Smith.
2 10 100	Collection taken at Woodstock on the Sabbath.
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2 10 0	Collection taken on Tuesday.
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The Board for Control Eng. Ministers Fund in account with
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1833	By Balance per Account Handled.	230 8 1
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1834	Western Association.	3 0 0
	By amount Union Money in hands and hereby voted to this Board by Western Association.	5 10 0
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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS, 1844

IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.	DATE OF ORINATION.
James Tozer,	Boiestown,	March, 1826
William Harris,	Simonds,	February, 1830
T. W. Saunders,	Prince William,	July, 1832
Samuel Robinson,	St. John,	August, 1832
James Walker,	St. George,	January, 1833
A. D. Thomson,	St. Andrews,	May, 1835
John Magee,	Nashwaak,	January, 1840
Charles Spurden,	Fredericton,	April, 1841
George Rigby,	Tobique,	March, 1842
J. H. Lupper,	Queensbury,	March, 1844
W. L. Hopkins,	Pennfield,	November, 1845
W. D. Fitch,	Gagetown,	January, 1846
G. Estabrooks,	Simonds,	July, 1847
Thomas Todd,	Woodstock,	October, 1848
E. Webb,	New Jerusalem,	1850
E. McInnis,	Carleton,	October, 1850
I. E. Bill,	St. John,	March, 1850
E. N. Harris,	St. John,	March, 1850
John Francis,	St. John,	January, 1854
John Davis,	St. George,	January, 1855
D. Nutter,	Portland,	1855
E. Clay, M. D.,	Carleton,	1855
Geo. Sealy,	Woodstock,	August, 1857
Isaiah Wallace,	Cocho Town,	April, 1856
Stephen March,	St. Francis,	July, 1856
W. S. Howe,	Chipman,	August, 1856
Rev. G. F. Miles,	Removed to Sackville,	October, 1844

LICENCED TO PREACH.

W. Gremly,	A. H. Munroe,	G. E. Day,
Richard Walls,	Alexander Estabrooks,	T. P. Davis,
G. R. Campbell,	James Goldrup,	D. C. Stilwell,
W. Annis,	Thomas Lockey,	A. H. Estey,

The following Missionaries labor in connection with both Associations—

Rev. B. Scott,	Rev. James Tozer,	Rev. D. Crandal,
“ J. Trimble,	“ J. Biskenev,	

French Missionary,—Peter Knight.

NOTE.—Rev R. H. Emmerson removed to Moncton.

