

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

OF THE WESTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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ARTICLE I. This Association composed only of Ministers and Deacons shall be composed of the Churches which they represent; and shall be organized in the following manner:

TENTH SESSION

ARTICLE II. The Association shall be held at such place as their annual meeting shall determine. The Meeting shall be opened by the Minister, and shall be closed by the Deacons. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and approved.

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ARTICLE III. Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one or more members to the Association, and shall be entitled to their representation.

ARTICLE IV. At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for the vote of a Moderator, and the person who shall be chosen shall be Moderator of the Association for the ensuing year. The Moderator shall be chosen by ballot, and shall be chosen from among the members of the Association. He shall be the guardian of the Association, and shall see that the Association is held in accordance with the Constitution and the Minutes of the Association.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT NASHUAKE, N. B.

ARTICLE V. It shall be the duty of each Church, particularly of the Moderator of the Association, to give an account of its state, particularly of its membership, and of its financial condition, at the meeting of the Association.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY.

ARTICLE VI. The Moderator of the Association shall have the privilege of sending one or more members to the Association, and shall be entitled to their representation.

September 5th, 6th, and 8th.

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Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and other Documents, relating to the W. N. B. Baptist Association, and letters of General Correspondence, may be directed to the Editor of the

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Constitution

OF THE WESTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This association composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall be members of the Churches which they represent; shall be styled "The Western N. B. Baptist Association."

Art. 2. The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the second Saturday of July, 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 their Pastor.

Art. 4. At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for the vote of 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 Clerk, to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the 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.

Art. 8. Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be *unscriptural in principle or irregular in practice*. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint and report the result of their inquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

Art. 9. Alterations or amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time such as experience may dictate.

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT NASHWAAK, N. B.

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Nashwaak, Sep. 5th, 1857.

The Ministers and Delegates composing the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association met in the Baptist Chapel, Nashwaak, at 2 P. M., this day. After the usual religious conference the Association was organized by the appointment of the following officers:—

Rev. I. E. BILL, *Moderator,*

Rev. ISAIAH WALLACE, *Clerk,*

Brother J. G. HARVEY, *Assistant Clerk,*

Brother CALVIN GOODSPEED, *Treasurer,*

Brother B. RICHARDS, *Assistant Treasurer.*

Opening prayer by Brother Todd

The visiting Brethern present were invited to participate in our deliberation:—

Rev. Mr. Woolsey, Agent for the American and Foreign Bible Society.

Rev. E. F. Foshay, delegate from the Eastern N. S. Baptist Association and many other brethren took their seat with us.

The following Committees were appointed:

OF ARRANGEMENT.—Elders Magee, Guilford; Harris and Bro. Goodspeed.

TO EXAMINE CIRCULAR LETTER.—Elders Davis, Newcomb and Melnis.

ON SPECIAL BUSINESS.—Brethren Hughes, Tupper, Tozer, Riedout and Hunt.

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—Brethren Todd, Robinson, S. P. Estabrooks, Wallace, Coleman, John Day; Jared Smith, Walker, Deacon Phillips, John Currie, Deacon Francis, W. Estey, G. W. Hovey, and Z. Estey.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Brethren Clay, Hughes, Miles, Deacon Clark, Deacon Guion, and Brethren George Jewett and Benj. Jewett.

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.—Brethren Robinson, Wallace, Clay,

Springer, Troop, Fitch, Harvey, Guiou, C. L. Hartt, Howe, and Deacon Coperthwaite.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Bros. Guilford, McInnis, Stilwell Lawrence, Geo. E. Day, S. P. Estabrooks, and Z. Estey.

ON CHRISTIAN VISITOR.—Bros. Todd, Newcomb, Slocomb, Springer, Davis, Walker, Robinson, Guiou, J. Currie, Coperthwaite and Coleman.

ON NEW CHURCHES.—Bros. Walker, Davis, Troop, Foshay, Coleman, Harvey, Howe, and Jewitt.

ON EDUCATION.—Brethren Davis, Woolsey, Foshay, Saunders, Guilford, Robinson, Newcomb, and Tozer.

ON CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.—Brethren Wallace, McInnis, Harvey, and Robinson.

ON CLAIMS OF SEAMEN.—Brethren Walker, Francis, Hunt, and Geo. Jewitt

To CORRECT LIST OF MINISTERS.—Wallace and Harvey.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Brethren Guilford, Woolsey, Clark, Rideout, Hughes, Carter, Z. Estey, Deacon Francis, Benj. Richards, and Tupper.

ON THE DESECRATION OF THE SABBATH.—Brethren Davis, Todd, Harris, Guilford, and Woolsey.

O COLPORTAGE.—Brethren Hughes, James, DeMill, G. E. Day, Hicks, and Newcomb.

The Committee of Arrangements made their report, which was accepted.

After prayer by Brother Tupper, the Association adjourned to meet on Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Monday Morning, Sept. 7.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Introductory sermon by Elder J. Davis.—Text, 1st Cor. iii: 12, 13. After prayer by bro. Fitch, the letters from the following churches were read by the Committee appointed to examine and read letters.

Nashuaak.—Elder Magee, brethren Ben. Fletcher, Calvin L. Goodspeed, J. Manzer, B. Manzer and J. Carter.

Rushagonish.—Bros. B. Hughes, Thos. Phillips.

Brussel St.—Elder S. Robinson, brethren S. Kinsman, J. DeMill, Z. Esty, W. Hicks.

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- St. George.**—Elder Davis.
 - Douglas.**—Elder Tupper, Brethren D. Clarke, Z. R. Esty, B. Jewitt.
 - Germain St.**—Elder I. E. Bill, Deacon Francis.
 - Simonds.**—Elder Harris.
 - Hodgdon and Richmond.**—Elder Springer.
 - Maugerville.**—Brethren G. E. Day, G. C. Miles, Treadwell, R. Coppertwaite.
 - Frederickton.**—Elder H. P. Guilford, Deacons W. Esty, C. L. Hartt, Brs. Hunt and Barbour.
 - Carleton.**—Elder Clay.
 - Northesk**
 - Presq' Isle.**—Elder Rigby, Brethren Kennedy and Ephraim Clark.
 - Northampton.**—Elder Todd, G. W. Hovey.
 - Gagetown.**—Elder W. D. Fitch, B. Coy.
 - New Jerusalem.**—Elder Lockey.
 - Blackville, Blissville and Ludlow.**—Brother A. Estabrooks.
 - Chipman.**—Elder N. S. Howe, Deacon J. Estabrooks.
 - Oromocto.**—Elder Troop, brother D. Phillips.
 - New Castle, Grand Lake.**—Brethren P. O. Reed, G. D. Bailey, Abraham Bailey.
 - St. Francis.**—Bro. Slocomb.
 - Canning.**—Brethren A. Coppertwaite, J. Currie, S. P. Estabrooks.
 - Dumfries and Queensbury.**—Deacons W. Clark and J. Guion.
 - Grand Falls, St. George.**—Elder J. Davis.
 - Scotch Town.**—Brother D. C. Stilwell.
 - Cardigan.**—Brother Ben. Richards.
 - Canterbury and Southampton.**—Elder Campbell.
 - Beckaguimic.**—Brother J. Rideout.
 - Kingsclear.**—Elder Tupper.
 - South West Miramichi.**
 - Howard Settlement.**—Elder Campbell.
 - Jacksontown.**—Elder Todd, and brother J. G. Harvey.
 - African Church.**—Bro. George Wheary.
 - Lower Woodstock.**
- The Committee on New Churches report favourably in reference to the following Churches:**
No. 11, Maine.—Elder A. H. Esty.

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Springfield and Queensbury.—Bro. J. G. Harvey.
New Zealand.—Bro. Ben. Chróuse.

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

Adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer, by bro. Hughes.

Afternoon Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother McInnis.

Voted, That Bro. Bill take charge of the printing of the Minutes, that 1000 copies be printed, and that they contain the Articles and Covenant.

Voted, That Bro. Guilford write the Circular Letter.

Voted, That Brethren G. W. Hoben, Esq., Henry E. Seely, Esq., T. Lockey, W. S. Howe, and T. Todd, be delegates to the Convention.

Voted, That Brother McInnis be our delegate to the Eastern N. B. Baptist Association next year, and that his expenses be paid.

Voted, That any brother of this body, in good standing amongst us, appearing at the meetings of either of the Associations in N. S. shall be regarded as our Delegates to those bodies.

Resolved, That the next Session of this body commence on the 3rd Saturday of September, 1857.

Voted, That bro. Robinson, Davis, Miles, Stilwell, and Howe be a Committee to report on the best place to hold the next session of this body.

Voted,—That the person having the highest number of votes shall be moderator, and no member shall be moderator two years in succession.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following Report which was unanimously adopted.

Your Committee beg leave to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the present state of India should arouse our sympathies in behalf of that benighted land: and that while in this trying time the Missionaries should be made the objects of spiritual prayer. We should renew our efforts to increase our Foreign Missionary Fund.

And while with the deepest gratitude we return our thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the mercies already granted to our dear

brother Arthur R. R. Crawley! We would most cordially approve of sending him all the funds that can be raised for the support of native preachers in Burmah.

Believing that in this way we shall be doing much more to spread the gospel among the heathen than by sending one from our own land.

In addition to the above we beg to direct the attention of the brethren to the operations of colporteur agents in Sweden, with a view to the raising of two hundred dollars independent of what may be raised for Burmah, to be transmitted through the medium of the A. B. P. S.

EDWIN CLAY, *Chairman.*

Voted that the next Session of this Association be held with the Baptist Church in Gagetown, that Bro. Clay preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Bro. Todd be his alternate.

The Committee on Seamen presented their Report, which was adopted, after a warm-hearted address from Brother Walker.

The Committee on Seamen beg leave to report, that they still look with feelings of deep interest on the claims of Seamen to the notice of this Association, and feel thankful for what has been done by the labours of our esteemed Brother Harris, and the Society in Saint John. But there are many other ports in our Province where the brave sons of the deep are wholly neglected. We do, therefore, recommend them to the notice of this Body.

JAMES WALKER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Temperance presented the following Report. After addresses by Brother Davis, Clay, Rideout, and Guilford, it was unanimously adopted:

The Committee to whom was assigned the subject of Temperance, beg leave to submit the following Report:

From the most reliable sources whence information could be derived, your Committee are persuaded that there is much to encourage the hope that ultimate complete success is destined to crown the labours of those engaged in the Temperance reform. The friends of the cause may not have realized, in every instance, their most sanguine expectations. Interruption and repulses are incident to all human effort. But these ought not to depress our spirits or awaken our fears respecting the final issue of a good cause; especially of one like ours, chosen and adapted to cut off, at its source, one of the most prolific streams of human wretchedness.

The achievements of the past challenge our renewed devotion to the cause in which we have the honour of being enlisted, and hold out the assured promise that we labour not in vain.

Moreover, the principles underlying the cause are such as to command themselves to the confidence and support of every well-wisher of the race, such, indeed, as must command the hearty co-operation of all who love the Saviour, and desire to aid in preparing the way for the salvation of souls.

In view of these considerations, your Committee recommends the ministers, brethren, and sisters comprising the churches of this Association, to give their united prayers and efforts in every way proper, both private and public, to advance the cause of Temperance.

Respectfully,
JAMES J. WOOLSEY, *Chairman.*

Adjourned to 7 this evening.

Prayer by Bro. Miles.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. Rigby.

Missionary Meeting of the N. B. Baptist Association.

Bro. Miles in the Chair.

The Committee appointed to report on Home Missions presented the following report, which was ably sustained by speeches by Brothers Harris, Robinson, Bill, Newcomb, Wallace, Harvey and Clay, and was unanimously adopted:

Your Committee on Domestic Missions report:—

That during the past year God has blessed the efforts of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society, and through its instrumentality the wilderness and solitary places have been made glad, precious souls converted to God, and new churches organized. We would, therefore, urge upon our ministers and churches the positive necessity of their taking a deeper interest in the working of this heaven honoured institution, by giving it their most hearty co-operation, their prayers, and their liberal contributions. We also recommend the establishment of Auxiliaries in each Quarterly Meeting connected with this Association.

In behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS TODD, *Chairman.*

Collection taken in behalf of the French Mission, amounting to \$2 14s. 4d. The Report was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That we recommend the Churches in connexion with this Association to co-operate with Brother Newcomb, the General Missionary of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in the discharge of his important duties.

After Prayer by Bro. Miles.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 10 A. M.

Tuesday Morning, Sept. 8.

Met pursuant to an adjournment. Listened to an impressive sermon by Bro. Bill from Prov. xi: 30. "He that winneth souls is wise."

The Association then resolved itself into a meeting of the N. B. Baptist Education Society.

The Report of the Committee appointed last year in reference to the location of our Institution of Learning was then read, and after addresses by Brethren Davis, Clay, Walker, Robinson and Guilford, it was adopted.

Your Committee appointed last year on the question of removing our Seminary at Fredericton to some other locality, beg to report as follows:

It appears to them, that St. John is the proper seat for a male institution of learning, for the Baptist denomination in this Province. It is the centre of our denominational interests. There is in that city and its vicinity a population amply sufficient, to sustain a first-class Seminary in a high state of efficiency. It is easily accessible at every season of the year.

At the same time, in a matter of so grave importance as is now before them, it is difficult for your Committee to suggest any course fitted for immediate adoption. It seems desirable, in any case, that our institution should be well sustained in its present locality; since otherwise it may become impossible either to remove it, or to keep it alive where it is. Efforts should also be made to extinguish its debts, and so to open the way for any action which may hereafter be deemed advisable. Meanwhile, if brethren at St. John really desire the transfer above contemplated, a generous subscription on their part towards the purchase or erection of the needful buildings would constitute at once a pledge of their good will, and an indication as to the path of duty.

As to the property in Fredericton, it might be sold, or devoted to the establishment of a Female Seminary, on the plan perhaps of the Holyoake Institution, Massachusetts. If the latter object, or any thing like it could be achieved, it would, we think, on many accounts, be greatly preferable to an abandonment of our present premises.

In the preparation of this report your Committee have endeavoured to look at the whole case referred to their consideration, together with its contingencies; and we now respectfully submit our thoughts to the Society from which we received our appointment.

J. DAVIS, Chairman.

The Report upon the general question of Education was then

presented and sustained by an address from Bro. Davis. It was unanimously adopted.

Our brethren are aware, that the Fredericton Seminary has recently undergone serious changes. Brother Spurden has left us, we trust only for a time; though it were unsafe for us to calculate on his return. Brother Munroe also has felt it to be his duty to give himself wholly to the work of the ministry, and has therefore dissolved his connection with the Seminary. But brethren Wallace and Day have been induced to assume the post thus vacated. We commend them to that confidence to which we heartily believe them entitled, and hope that brethren will not permit our long cherished institution to suffer permanent injury from the changes through which it has been made to pass. We add, that the Seminary, though somewhat relieved from pecuniary pressure, is still encumbered with debt. We would urge, that those churches which have not yet given their proportion towards the removal of this burden would hasten to do so, that this important object may be accomplished at the earliest possible date. And as brother Levi H. Marshall has been appointed to an agency to collect funds for this object within the boundaries of the Eastern Association, we would recommend, that he be also employed in like manner within our borders.

Acadia College flourishes in regard to its work, as an institution of learning, but languishes for want of funds. Last year we learn, that the governors of that institution were compelled to borrow five hundred pounds from the Endowment Fund to meet current expenses. They ventured to do this on the virtual credit of interest as yet uncollected. Our brother A. D. Thomson has accepted an agency to collect that interest, and to raise yet farther means, so as to bring up the endowment towards the fifteen thousand pounds which is so desirable to realize. A warm and hopeful interest was taken in the affairs of Acadia at the recent Convention. We feel that, for religion's sake, and in recollection of the fact, that God is constantly converting the youths committed to the care of Acadia, we can do no less than exhort our brethren to give to that institution an elevated position in their thoughts, and contributions, and prayers.

We express our conviction, that the Baptists of New Brunswick ought not to rest, until they have among them a Female Educational Institute. How long shall we be compelled to send our daughters abroad for an education which we might easily impart to them at home? We trust that the time will soon arrive, when this subject shall receive the attention, and call forth the effort which it so well deserves.

We say nothing, except by way of commending it to the favourable attention of the brethren, about the plan intimated last year for aiding young men disposed to consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry. That matter will come before us in a distinct report

Nor do we insist upon the vital importance of a lively practical regard to the whole of these educational concerns. Is it needful? Do not all feel, that here having "put our hand to the plough, we cannot "look back?" As a denomination, next to our piety, our life lies here. Let our brethren think of these things; and as men, Christians, and Baptists, act as God and conscience may direct.

J. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That Elder Isaiah Wallace and H. P. Guilford and J. C. Watson, J. T. Smith, and C. L. Hart, constitute the Education Committee of the N. B. Baptist Education Society for the current year.

The Moderator resumed his seat.

The Committee on Candidates for the Ministry submitted the following Report, which was unanimously accepted.

The Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, beg to report.

That they rejoice to learn that several young brethren of promise in connexion with this body have given evidence during the past year of a call to preach, and have been licensed accordingly.

That they are impressed with a belief that it is the duty of our churches to aid our Candidates for the Ministry in obtaining an education preparatory to their all-important work.

That they are assured that the N. B. Baptist Board for Ministerial Education is admirably adapted to meet the educational demands of our rising Ministry. They learn with pleasure that three young brethren have been studying during the past year, either in whole or in part under its auspices, and learning that several others who are needing aid in the prosecution of their studies, are looking to the Board. Your Committee most heartily recommend this Institution to the favourable consideration of our churches, and humbly urge the importance of immediately adopting measures to fill up the blanks for the Stock to constitute its Funds.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ISA. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the pastors in connexion with this body, be requested to bring the claims of the N. B. Baptist Board for Ministerial Education before their respective churches and do all they can for its funds.

The Committee on the Christian Visitor and Family Casket, submitted the following report. After addresses from Bros. Robinson, Davis, Todd, Woo'sey and Hoben. It was unanimously adopted.

Your Committee on the *Christian Visitor* and *Family Casket* report:—

That the work which is being accomplished through these valuable periodicals, is of a most important character to the denomination, not only in spreading the truth, but in defending it when assailed. Therefore as we love truth and christian progress, we should with all earnestness promote their increasing circulation, and collect out-standing debts, and also urge the necessity of prepayment. Thereby relieving our beloved and indefatigable brother, I. E. Bill, from financial pressure, which with increasing weight is now gathering around him. We beg to express our undivided confidence in those publications, especially the course pursued by the Editor in the late controversy with the "*Colonial Presbyterian*." And should the cause of truth in the future, demand its re-publication, we recommend our brother to re-publish it in such form as he may deem advisable. We hope that our ministers, local agents, and individual subscribers, like faithful sentinels, will be found at their post to guard the interests of our denominational organ. We commend to our churches, pastors, deacons, and agents, to urge upon subscribers to pay in advance as far as possible.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOS. TODD, Chairman.

After prayer by Brother Woolsey, adjourned until 2½ o'clock,
P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother Robinson.

The Committee to examine Circular Letter having reported favourably, it was read by its author, and it was Resolved, unanimously, that it be printed in the "*Visitor*" as in the Minutes.

The Committee on Sabbath Desecration presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

The Sabbath is desecrated among us in many ways. And that, not alone by the avowed ungodly but by professors of the name of Christ. They pay needless visits. They indulge in vain and worldly conversation. They read secular newspapers, and the secular portions of religious papers.

This state of things demands a cure. It may arise from doctrinal error. People may question the authority of the Christian Sabbath. But is it not divine? We find a Sabbath coeval with creation. The observance of the Sabbath is enjoined by the commandments given at Sinai. The Saviour was a Sabbath keeper. As "Lord of the Sabbath" he changed its time from the seventh day of the week to

the first, consecrating it as the memorial of his resurrection. In the Acts of the Apostles we find explicit and authoritative references to this day as sanctified by the first Christians; and in the Apocalypse it is expressly termed "The Lord's Day." Moreover, it has derived providential sanction from the fact, that both individuals and communities have been blessed or otherwise, and that for both worlds, in proportion as they have honoured this day or dishonoured it. On this whole subject, however, we would recommend the perusal of Edwards' Sabbath Manuel, an excellent work published by the American Tract Society.

We want our brethren to think and pray over this matter. Much evil arises from their thoughtlessness here. "We are not Jews," they plead; and then proceed to act as though they were not Christians. Shall we grudge our loving, dying, interceding Lord his own precious weekly quit-rent? Shall we teach our children and neighbours, that a conscientious sabbath keeping is a burden from which it were well to withdraw our shoulders? Shall we render revivals difficult, and postpone the salvation of the world? If Christians were right here, all right, and always right, how good were it for them! Nor would it be long ere the world were the better for their regard to the will of heaven in this important particular.

J. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Colportage presented their Report, which was accepted as follows:

The Committee on Colportage beg leave to report, that they look with the utmost interest upon this useful institution. They regard it as one of the most important means of extending the light of truth throughout our Province. Although much good has already been done in this way, yet they consider that far more remains to be accomplished. They would, therefore, recommend that Colportage be carried on with renewed vigour, so that its resulting blessings may be felt as widely as possible.

J. H. HUGHES, *Chairman.*

An account from Bro. J. F. Marsters was read, and it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Missionary and Colportage Board, in St. John, and further

Resolved, That this Association recommend that the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society, as far as their funds will permit, furnish our Missionaries and Colporteurs with religious tracts for gratuitous distribution.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented the following

Report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of Sabbath Schools have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to present the following report:

That the statistical returns, as presented in the letters of the churches belonging to this Association discover a very commendable degree of interest in this important and useful department of Christian labour, and afford us much cause of encouragement and hope for the future, that God will continue his smiles upon this Institution, and make it, in time to come, still more conducive to His glory as the nursery of the Church. We would, therefore, suggest to all of our people, that while we ought to lift up our hearts in gratitude to God for the success which He has hitherto been pleased to bestow, it is our duty to renew and to greatly increase our endeavours to cherish the means of grace thus established for our children, by replenishing our Sabbath School Libraries with good and instructive books; by patronising more generally Sabbath School papers, and especially our own inviting little *Casket*; by frequent visits to, and more fervent prayer in behalf of Superintendents, Teachers, and Scholars, and thus seek to aid and to strengthen them in their holy labors of love and divine promise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. P. GUILFORD,
JOHN MAGEE.

The Committee on the Bible cause submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee on the Bible cause beg to report:

That, in the opinion of your Committee, the American and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Bible Union are doing a great and good work, and are entitled to our sympathies and our prayers. They would, however, suggest that every thing in these societies antagonistical to each other should be laid aside, and that each devote itself to its appropriate work.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

Bro. Woolsey, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, gave some interesting statements in reference to the Colporteur and general operations of that Society.

RESOLVED,—That that this Association most fully tender to the Church, and Pastor, and community generally, at Nashua, for the noble hearted and amiable manner in which they have waited upon this Convocation.

RESOLVED,—That the Clerk of the Association be requested

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to prepare a digest of the state of our churches, and forward it to come to the Convention at its next session.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

To the Western N. B. Baptist Association.

Closing Prayer by the Moderator.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your attention is humbly invited, in this our annual letter, to a few thoughts upon the importance of *Entire Devotedness to the Cause of Christ*.

We have chosen this subject from a solemn conviction that however extensive our missionary operations, however flourishing our Literary Institutions, or however prominent our position as a denomination in the christian world yet without deep-toned piety in our Ministry and in our members we can enjoy no permanent advancement—at all events no such advancement as will be pleasing to Him whose we are and whom we serve.

The indispensable importance of devotedness in religion is seen in the fact that without it personal piety languishes. Our Heavenly Father has wisely and mercifully ordained that the soul prosperity of His children shall be in proportion to the faith and zeal of their lives. The truthfulness of this remark is clearly seen in the experience of professing christians. Those invariably who are zealously and judiciously engaged in doing all they can for Christ's cause are happily advancing in their religious life, while those who are doing, according to their ability, but little, are becoming dwarfs in christian stature and enjoying but a small degree of pleasure in divine things. While the former are growing in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, the latter are declining in spiritual strength and vigor and losing their sympathy for the pure doctrines and precepts of God's Word. Then, dear Brethren, we beseech you, as you regard your own spiritual welfare to cleave unto the Lord with purpose of heart and faithfully labour for the salvation of others!

The importance of devotedness to the cause of Christ is also apparent in the fact that the prosperity of the Church depends, by the blessing of God, upon the zeal and activity of her members. A church in which there are comparatively no well-directed efforts for the spiritual benefit of the perishing or no "abounding in the work of the Lord" instead of exerting a salutary influence will soon become at least like salt which has lost its savour—"good for nothing," if not like some stagnant pool, from which ascend pestilential and noxious vapours. In such a church there will be no "looking forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners"—no sounding out of the Word of Life—no ingathering of souls. There will be but little of the

heavenly union" that should even exist between the followers of the Lamb, and what is still more to be deplored there will likely be contentious and disorderly conduct. Christ's cause will flourish, vice will be rampant and Satan will triumph. Oh then, dear Brethren, we entreat you as you regard the prosperity of your Master's Kingdom, strive to glorify God and ever abound in His service!

Again the importance of consecration to Christ's Cause is evident when we contemplate the fact that the Church is to perform instrumentally a mighty work, viz: the subjugation of this sin-blighted world to Christ. Her mission is sublime and glorious. It is to sound the Gospel Trump in every land, to preach God's truth to every creature. Souls are perishing both at home and abroad for lack of knowledge. The Church, the pillar and ground of the truth, is the only medium by which the message of mercy is to be conveyed to the millions perishing. In our own Province how vast is the work in which we are called to labour. How weighty the responsibility resting upon our Churches, and how important the call that we engage with all our ransomed energies in our Heavenly Master's Service? We beseech you then, dear brethren, in view of the solemn claims of God's cause to "come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

And further, the absolute necessity of entire devotedness to Christ's service is obvious, from the fact that nothing else than this can satisfy the requirements of God's Word. The teachings of the Divine record are explicit in reference to christian duty. A full dedication of soul and body to Christ is therein inculcated. Not the feeble, sickly, half-hearted sacrifice of the religious drone is therein commended, but that which is *living, holy, acceptable*. The words of Paul, 1 Cor., 6: 20, are a fair specimen of the mind of the Spirit on this point—"For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." In addition to the positive commands of the Inspired Record in reference to earnestness in religion we have the example of our Lord Jesus. Of him it was emphatically said that He "went about doing good." His was a life of unparalleled devotedness to the work of human salvation, and His was an example to which His followers are bound as far as possible to conform. Oh then, dear brethren, as you regard the precept of God's precious Word, and the example of your Saviour, let personal and devoted efforts be yours for the conversion of your fellow men to Christ, remembering that "He that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death."

With these considerations we affectionately urge upon our brethren the duty of entire consecration to the service of our Saviour. Let the heralds of the Cross go often into the sanctuary of the Lord. Let them with all the earnestness that should characterize their high and responsible office labour untringly, relying

upon the influence of the Sovereign Spirit, to win souls to Christ, and by the deep-toned piety of their lives lead on their several charges to a higher standard of holiness and zeal. Let our church-members arise from their lethargy, and engage earnestly in the service of Him who has bought them, making that service the grand object of their lives. Then will the result be cheering. Glorious revivals of religion will be experienced by our churches. The Holy Spirit in answer to prayer accompanied by devoted effort will be copiously poured out. Young brethren of strong minds, energy of character and living piety will be pressing into the ministry, and the Church of Christ will extend her benign influence on every hand.

I. WALLACE.

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With these considerations we affectionately urge upon our brethren the duty of active consecration to the service of our Station. Let the heralds of the Cross go often into the sanctuary of the Lord, and from thence the earnestness that should characterize their high and responsible office pour unobscuredly, relying

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ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	Date of Formation	Add's.		Dissolved	Excluded	Total	Members	Missions	Missions
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Nashwaak,	1804	2	3	1	1	69	0	7	6
Rushagornish,	1846	1	1	1	1	139	0	10	0
Saint George,	1806	1	1	1	1	86	0	13	0
Douglas,	1844	4	1	1	1	79	0	7	6
Simonds,	1845	20	1	1	1	227	0	0	0
St. John,	1842	1	2	1	1	411	1	5	0
Brussels street,	1850	6	6	5	7	129	0	15	0
1814	2	2	2	4	4	36	0	5	0
Fredericton,	1814	6	1	5	2	32	0	5	0
Canterbury and Southampton,	0	6	1	5	8	42	0	6	0
Howard Settlement,	1825	3	3	3	3	17	0	2	0
Kingsclear,	0	9	1	2	1	19	0	2	0
Little South West Miramichi,	0	1	1	1	1	105	0	11	9
African Church in Douglas,	1846	7	12	1	1	50	0	7	6
Jacksontown,	1833	23	4	1	1	24	0	5	0
Beckagumick, Brighton,	1856	0	1	1	1	25	0	3	0
St. Francis,	1800	0	1	3	4	26	0	3	0
Ganfield and Sheffield,	1800	0	1	1	1	28	0	3	0
Dumfries and Queensbury,	1855	0	1	1	2	18	0	10	0
Second Falls, St. George,	1851	1	1	1	1	37	0	5	0
Scotch Town,	1856	1	1	1	1	95	0	6	0
Cardigan,	1820	1	1	1	1	37	0	5	0
New Castle, Grand Lake,	1846	19	0	1	1	37	0	5	0
Promodoto,	1855	16	0	1	6	49	0	5	0
Chigman,	1845	4	1	2	6	30	0	6	0
Blackville, Blissville, Ludlow,	1845	4	1	2	6	30	0	6	0
New Jerusalem,	1855	5	2	6	3	36	0	7	0
Gagetown,	1855	3	6	3	3	46	0	10	0
Presque Isle,	1856	3	6	3	3	28	0	6	3
Northampton,	1841	1	1	1	3	34	0	0	0
Miramichi, North Esk,	1841	1	1	1	3	135	0	10	0
Carleton, St. John,	1841	25	12	1	4	67	0	10	0
Hodgden and Richmond,	1839	1	1	1	2	113	0	10	0
Matigerville,	1857	16	2	1	1	18	0	6	0
Springfield, in Queensbury,	1857	7	1	1	1	20	0	6	0
New Zealand,	1857	7	1	1	1	29	0	6	0
Lower Woodstock,	1819	1	1	1	1	12	0	2	0
Me Range, No. 11, Aroostook,	1819	1	1	1	1	68	0	12	0
Penfield,	1819	1	1	1	1	122	0	12	0
Kenwick,	1842	1	1	1	1	56	0	12	0
St. Patrick,	1842	1	1	1	1	94	0	12	0
Woodstock,	1806	1	1	1	1	101	0	12	0
St. Andrews,	1855	1	1	1	1	59	0	12	0
1st St. Patrick,	1855	1	1	1	1	35	0	12	0
Little River, Sheffield,	1855	1	1	1	1	51	0	12	0
Gagetown,	1842	1	1	1	1	168	0	12	0
Portland,	1832	1	1	1	1	66	0	12	0
2nd St. Patrick,	1832	1	1	1	1	20	0	12	0
Andover,	1800	1	1	1	1	74	0	12	0
Salmon Creek,	1800	1	1	1	1	20	0	12	0
Prince William,	1847	1	1	1	1	18	0	12	0
Lodge, St. Stephen,	1843	1	1	1	1	25	0	12	0
Oak Bay,	1843	1	1	1	1	18	0	12	0
Dipper Harbour,	1843	1	1	1	1	43	0	12	0
Arden,	1806	1	1	1	1	34	0	12	0
Tobique,	1806	1	1	1	1	26	0	12	0
St. Davids,	1842	1	1	1	1	18	0	12	0
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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF ORDINATION.
James Tozer,	Douglas,	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, 1839.
A. D. Thompson,	St. Andrews,	May, 1835.
John Magee,	Nashwaak,	January, 1840.
George Rigby,	Tobique,	March, 1842.
J. H. Tupper,	Queensbury,	March, 1844.
W. L. Hopkins,	Pennfield,	November, 1845.
W. D. Fitch,	Gagetown,	January, 1845.
G. Estabrooks, X	Simonds,	July, 1847.
Thomas Todd,	Jacksontown,	October, 1848.
E. Webb, X	Nerepis,	1850.
E. McInnis, X	Carleton,	October, 1850.
L. E. Bill,	St. John,	March, 1829.
E. N. Harris, X	St. John,	1844.
John Davis,	St. George,	January, 1829.
E. Clay, M. D.	Carleton,	
George Seely,	New Castle,	August, 1852.
Isaiah Wallace,	Fredericton,	April, 1856.
Stephen March,	St. Francis,	July, 1856.
W. S. Home,	Chipman,	August, 1856.
H. P. Guilford, X	Fredericton,	March, 1840.
G. R. Campbell,	Howard Settlement,	March, 1857.
Thomas Lockey,	New Jerusalem,	January, 1857.
A. H. Estey,	Aroostook	April, 1857.
W. A. Troop,	Oromocto,	June, 1854.

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W. Gremley,	A. H. Munro,	G. E. Day,
E. Wells,	James Gouldrup,	T. P. Davis,
W. Annis,	Alex. Estabrooks,	D. C. Stilwell.
J. G. Harvey,	Benjamin Jewitt,	

The following Missionaries labour in connection with both Associations—

- James Tozer, D. Crandal,
- J. Bleakney, J. Trimble.

FRENCH MISSIONARY—Brother Peter Knight.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN NEW BRITAINIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

DATE OF ORDAINATION	MINISTER	CHURCH
1871	James	St. John's
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1900	John	St. John's

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- A. H. Munn
- James Gourlay
- A. R. Rastbury
- Benjamin Lewis
- D. C. Hillwell
- T. E. Jones
- A. E. Day

- W. G. Murray
- H. Wells
- W. Adams
- J. G. Murray

The following Missionaries labour in connection with both Associations—

- James Fowler
- J. Bishopp
- D. Grindal
- J. Trimble
- Franklin Missionary—Brother Peter Knight

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NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST
HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1856.

President.—Rev. Samuel Robinson.

Vice Presidents.—Rev. Joseph Crandall, Rev. A. D. Thompson, Rev. Charles Spurden, A. M., Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev. David Crandall, Rev. J. A. Smith, Rev. James Newcomb, Hon. W. B. Kinneair, Dr. J. Fitch, Stephen Gerow, and G. H. Hoben, Esquires.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. I. E. Bill.

Recording Secretary.—Mr. E. H. Duval.

Treasurer.—Hon. A. McL. Seely.

Auditor.—Mr. Thomas McHenry.

Executive Board.—N. S. Demull, Rev. E. N. Harris, J. F. Masters, John Smith, George Robinson, Joseph Read, David Roberts, Moses Lawrence, Robert Stephens, Alexander Sime, George Garrison, John Christopher, John Fisher, Asa Coy, John Harding, T. P. Davies, James Brailey, James Masters, M. Francis, C. Berteaux.

REPORT.

Presented to the Society at its Fourth Anniversary, held at Moncton, July 13, 1857.

Your managing Committee having been permitted through another year to give direction to the funds and labors of the Society, appear before you for the purpose of rendering a faithful account of their stewardship.

They would first of all record with unfeigned gratitude the preserving care of the Great Shepherd of Israel, who never slumbers or sleeps for his gracious protection over the officers and missionaries of the Society during the year that is past. They were all the living, the living to praise his name, and to prosecute still on earth the important work committed to their care. With devout thankfulness also would they make mention of the abundant blessings attendant upon the feeble efforts put forth by them to impart to the destitute the treasures of salvation through Jesus Christ. They have endeavoured according to the ability given "to sow beside all waters," and the seed sown has already produced its fruit rich and glorious.

NEWCASTLE MISSION.

Rev. B. Scott continued to labor in this field until November 17th, 1856, when he felt that it was his duty to resign his connection with the Board for the purpose of devoting himself to the cause in other connexions. On his retirement the church at Newcastle addressed a letter to the Board, in which they thus speak of the salutary influence resulting from Elder Scott's labors:—"Some," they say, "may have been discouraged in consequence of the cause not having progressed as rapidly as was anticipated, but those who dwell here know that its prosperity, all things considered, is such as to call forth great thankfulness to the head of the Church. We will state a few facts in confirmation of this. Strong prejudices existed against the Baptists as a denomination. They were regarded by many as acting from momentary impulse rather than from fixed Scriptural principles. But the sound doctrinal preaching of Elder Scott, combined with the uniform progress of the Mission in other respects has tended to greatly allay this prejudice so that the people now sit with pleasure and profit under Baptist preaching, and express an earnest desire that it may be continued. A commodious place of worship has been erected, large and attentive congregations assemble to hear the word preached, additions have been made by baptism, and better to our little church, and altogether a foundation is laid, if duly improved, to produce the most gratifying results."

They add, "We sincerely hope that measures will be taken to supply the vacancy occasioned by Elder Scott's removal, and that a competent man will be chosen to succeed him. We sincerely thank you for past efforts, and earnestly hope that your interest in Miramichi will continue, and that you will be sustained by the co-operation of all who love the Lord and the souls of men." This letter was signed by Jared Tozer, Deacon, and Daniel Bishop, Clerk.

Your Board lost no time in their endeavours to find a suitable Missionary to succeed Elder Scott, and extended an invitation to Rev. John Magee, of Newwask, to spend three months in that district. He complied with the wishes of the Board, and his labors were highly acceptable to the people.

In his report to the Board he says: "I preached thirty-three sermons, held ten prayer-meetings, four Conferences, and visited between fifty and sixty families." As his mission was performed during the winter months, he had to contend with stormy weather and very bad roads, having to travel from ten to fifteen miles, through storm, and drift, to meet his appointments in the different sections, but, notwithstanding, there is reason to hope that much good was done. On the eve of his leaving, a letter was addressed to the Board by the church at Newcastle, from which we make the following extract, as illustrative of the interest which our brethren there cherish in the administrations of the gospel. This letter was dated Newcastle, May 4th, 1857:—

The Rev. Mr. Magee, our present missionary in connection with

the Baptist Home Missionary Society, being about to return to his former field of labor, we have again earnestly, but respectfully, to solicit your continued liberality and exertions to supply this portion of your missionary field with the stated ministrations of the word of God. With reference to the past operations of our missionaries in this place, we can safely and truly say that much good has been accomplished. Where, a few years ago, Baptist principles were unknown, and Baptists generally were regarded as a poor, deluded, and despicable people, Baptist principles and sentiments are now becoming rife, and the cause is looked upon with favor and sympathy. Our worthy brother Magee is well received by the people generally, and could he be induced to continue his labors among us, we have no doubt the cause would prosper and the church be built up so that it would shortly become self-sustaining, or nearly so.

The following sums collected in aid of the Mission in the different stations, shew pretty clearly with what favor the cause is regarded by the people. When we consider how few there are connected with our body, and the unfavorable season of the year, while business is slack and money tight, we think we have cause to thank God and take courage at the prospect it affords us.

The following is a statement of the sums collected by voluntary contributions in aid of the Mission during brother Magee's incumbency:—

At Newcastle,	11	5	6d
“ Northesk,	4	9	4
“ Little South-west,	2	6	10
Total,	£18	11	8d

The prospects at Northesk and Little South-west are encouraging, and if a suitable successor to our present missionary be obtained, one who will take well with the people, we hope to see numbers flocking to the standard of truth, and openly professing their faith in Christ and obedience to Him; while at Newcastle there is a serious attendance on the public ministrations of the word of God. We trust, therefore, that the Board will endeavour to supply this field with a competent labourer, possessed of a good degree of talent and energy, and willing to spend and be spent in his Master's cause, and every exertion will be made on the part of the church here to aid in supporting the Minister, and to make it as light as possible on the Board. Much ignorance exists respecting religious matters, and spiritual destitution prevails to a great and lamentable extent, and loudly and earnestly do we repeat the Macedonian cry,—“Come over and help us.”

Signed on behalf of the churches in these stations,
L. McLeod, Clerk of Newcastle Church.

Rev. I. E. BILL, Secretary of the Board.
 A letter was addressed to the Board also by the church at Little South-west, expressive of their gratitude for the labors of bro. Magee.

and pledging fifteen pounds per annum, towards the support of any man that the Board might select for the field. With these facts before them your Board feel that the success of the mission in Newcastle and its vicinity, is such as to inspire with the brightest hopes in relation to the future. Hearing that Rev. George Seely was about to leave Woodstock, they extended a cordial invitation to him to take charge of this mission. He has the subject under prayerful consideration. If he should decide not to enter the field the Board will use their best efforts to secure the services of some one competent for the station.

REV. J. BLEAKNEY'S MISSION.

Six weeks labor were expended by this valued missionary, commencing the 6th of August, 1856, at Oromoto, Rushagornish, and the adjoining settlements. During this time he travelled three hundred and forty-one miles, held fifty-seven meetings, made many visits, administered the Lord's Supper twice, distributed 2,644 pages of tracts, and baptized seven persons.

Rev. J. Tozer, having resigned his mission at Bolestown, Harvey Settlement, Blissville, and Blackville, Minramichi, for the purpose of taking charge of the Baptist Church at Keswick, the Board appointed Elder Bleakeney to succeed him in that extended and destitute district. He entered upon the work with a prayerful heart, and God has crowned his labours with the most cheering success. Under date of Feb. 26, he writes:—

"The work of the Lord is progressing here; ten have been added to the church by baptism, and we expect to baptize more next Lord's Day, D. V., and there are many anxiously inquiring the way to Zion. In some of our meetings three-fourths of the congregation have desired the prayers of God's people. The work has commenced also in Blackville, thirteen miles lower down the river. Backsliders there have been reclaimed from the error of their way—and have confessed their sins with broken hearts,—returned to their first love, and are doing their first works, and there is a prospect of a general gathering of souls to Christ."

In May he writes:—"Some are crying for mercy, and I trust will soon be born into the kingdom. The good work is spreading. I have baptized five in one family; all the household, excepting two little children. Please request the prayers of all the brethren on my behalf, that God would enable me to be faithful in declaring his word, that I may not cry peace where he has not spoken peace."

The 17th of June our brother writes:—"The eternal Spirit is working powerfully here in the hearts of sinners; the work is gradual, no particular earthquake or whirlwind. I think I never realized a revival to be more the sole work of the Spirit through the Divine word, than the present."

In giving the results of his labours up to June 24th, he reports 138 meetings, 1,420 miles travelled, 11,792 pages of religious and temper-

rance tracts distributed, and 44 persons baptized, and the amount contributed by the people towards his mission, £36.

Under date of April 5th, '57, the church at Blissfield writes to the Board as follows:—

"We feel desirous to embrace this opportunity to tender our sincere gratitude to the beloved Missionary Board, for sending us timely assistance. Through the recent labors of our much esteemed Elder J. Bleakeney, the little band of professors in this region, have been enlarged, encouraged, and strengthened. He leaves us with deep apparent regret on his part. On our part, we hardly know how to live, without having some one to walk in and out before us, as a preacher of the Cross of Christ, holding our sentiments. Fears are felt that for the want of regular meetings and discipline to increase the strength and growth in grace of the younger professors, the Church will suffer. We fear that we have not supported the Mission to that extent; as to hope for his proposed return. Yet, we are aware that it is not consistent to be partakers of that of which we have no moral right. We would remember the scripture injunction and feel disposed, should he return, to double our diligence in rendering the burden as light as possible to the Missionary Board. We have reason to believe that several more are now waiting to embrace the ordinance of Baptism. Every one, as head of a family, in our little prayer meeting to-day, expressed his decision to be on the Lord's side for the first time. How wonderfully strong is the love of God in putting it into the hearts of his dear children to give of their substance for the support of the Ministers abroad.

Yours in the best of bonds,
In behalf of the Church of Blissfield and Blackville.

BURKE ARCHBOLD.

What Christian heart can listen to such cheering tidings, and earnest appeals for the precious word of life and not be filled with thanksgivings to the God of grace for being permitted in any degree, however humble, to aid an institution so signally blessed, in saving souls from death?

SHEDIAC, BUCTOUCHE, DORCHESTER CORNER, AND RICHIBUCTO.

Rev. James Newcomb has occupied this extended field a portion of his time during the year, under the direction of the Board. The expense of his mission for 3 months was borne by the Juvenile Society of Brussels-street church. At Shediac he writes: the cause has been impeded by the heavy debt still remaining upon the chapel, and by other untoward circumstances, meetings at Richibucto were encouraging, and at Dorchester Corner services were numerously attended, and the prospect for good brightening.

HAMPTON FERRY, GUNDALO POINT, AND KINGSTON.

Your Board have been deeply impressed with the importance of having a permanent missionary in this inviting district, but hitherto have not been able to accomplish this desirable object. Rev. David Crandal has given a temporary supply, by spending ten weeks in the

service of the Board. He reports having preached in that time 38 sermons, 8 conference meetings, 4 prayer meetings, 2 temperance meetings, 50 missionary visits, 1,200 pages of religious tracts and papers circulated. He adds;—"The attention of the people has increased meetings deeply solemn, hopeful impressions on the minds of the uncontroverted, and the Lord's people edified. Our brother wishes to visit other sections of the Province, and would be glad to have the ground occupied by his successor immediately. The call for the permanent labours of a missionary in this district is loud and urgent.

REV. J. TREMBLE'S MISSION.

This Bro. has spent eight months of the past year in the service of the Board. He says, "in that time I have preached 158 Sermons, attended 27 prayer and conference meetings, made 290 ministerial visits, organized two Sabbath schools, circulated 1500 pages of tracts and numbers of the *Family Casket*, travelled 735 miles, collected £20, and baptized 25 persons." He adds;—"A part of this labor was spent with the 4th Baptist church in Springfield, visited a district in the Parish of Waterboro, and made three missionary tours in the County of Albert. Breaches in Zion have been healed, backsliders reclaimed, sinners converted, believers baptized, and the Lord's people made happy in h's will." Who that loves the Saviour would not rejoice to be engaged in such a work. Let us pray for our Brother that God may continue to prosper his way.

REV. JAMES WALKER'S MISSION.

In mid winter this Brother received an appointment from the Board to labor three months at Kingsclear, Prince William, and surrounding settlements. He labored indefatigably, and the good seed sown by him was watered from on high. At the close of his mission he reports as below.

"I have just returned to my home after serving the Board thirteen weeks, and I thank my Heavenly Father I have been in good health. I have travelled 525 miles, preached 67 sermons, and attended other religious meetings, lectured on temperance, made many visits from house to house, and took fifteen pounds for the Board. I baptized five willing converts which is better than all. Glory to God for his kindness to me.

I thank God I saw a shaking among the dry bones, some came that had not been to meeting for a long time, and Mr. Wet Eyes began to make his appearance among them, and I bade him welcome. He came again and again, until five willing converts came forward and owned their Lord, before a frowning world."

The people at Prince William were so much interested in the visit of Bro. Walker, that they sent an earnest request to the Board to re-appoint him to the field for three months longer, with an assurance that they would defray the expense of the mission. We need hardly say that the Board felt very great pleasure in complying with such request.

REV. THOMAS TODD'S MISSION.

This esteemed Brother was appointed early in January last, to devote one quarter of his time in destitute settlements in Carleton County. Three places have been especially selected, viz., Upper Woodstock, Lower Jacksontown, and what is called the 7th tier.—He reports,

“At Upper Woodstock we have a very interesting Sunday School, the number of scholars in regular standing are about 60. The congregation is very large for the place. No special movement, but meetings full. Lower Jacksontown is another field selected. Here the congregation is very large, and no house in this locality which we have any claim upon is sufficient to hold it. The people, therefore, have resolved to build a new meeting house. Building committee selected, land obtained, trustees appointed, and £150 already signed for its erection; in a few weeks the people are to meet to get out the frame. I have not been able to visit the Seventh Tier so often as the two former places, because they have been the most interesting. Nineteen have been added to the church in Jacksontown since the association, five of whom may be regarded from the field of my Mission.”

It is expected that this Mission will be nearly if not quite self-sustaining. The field is one of growing interest and our brother seems determined by the grace of God to devote to it his best energies.—May God prosper his way!

Rev. George Rigby was appointed to labor one quarter of his time at the Grand Falls, and Bro. Springer was appointed for three months to the destitute districts in the County of Carleton, to labor under the direction of the Baptist ministers of the County, but as neither of these brethren have furnished details of their labors, your Board cannot report particulars.

LAY AGENCY.

This Agency has been continued through the year by gifted brethren of Germain and Russell Street Churches, in whom the Board have implicit confidence. The labors of these valued brethren have been confined principally to Loch Lomond, Milkish, Grand and South Bays. In all these places there are christians who highly value the instructions given and are much edified thereby. The unconverted attend in considerable numbers, and listen respectfully, and we hope profitably to the word preached. The example set by these worthy brethren who without fee or reward go out on the Sabbath day ten or twelve miles to declare Jesus Christ to the destitute, is worthy of being followed by the gifted members of our churches all over the land. Such agency is Apostolic in its origin and may always be employed with the happiest results. Would that all the Lords servants were prophets, or teachers of the christian faith.

FRENCH MISSION.

In accordance with the decision of the Society at its last Anniversary the Board have continued the services of Bro. Knight as a Mis-

sionary to the French people during the year. In his report for the year he says:—"I meet with increasing encouragement from the French population. I find the more I visit them the more favorably impressed they seem to be. The Word of God is more esteemed and the Sabbath more revered than it was. Card playing and dancing do not prevail on the Sabbath as formerly. Morality is progressing and an increasing desire is felt among the young for education.

But the Priests do all they can to keep the Bible from them, persuading them that it is not true, and that they being the successors of the Apostles have as much right to write an epistle as Peter and Paul had, and that the traditions of the church are to be authoritatively received."

It is indeed distressing to know that probably as many as 30,000 of the population of this Province are French Catholics, and that with scarcely an exception they are in this state of darkness and superstition. Our Bro. needs courage of no ordinary kind to contend with the power of the Priesthood thrown like a shield of brass over the understanding and the conscience of these deluded people. May a brighter day dawn upon our brother's pathway and upon the interesting mission in which he is engaged!

AUXILIARIES.

Your Board are happy to report the organization of several Auxiliaries to the Parent Society during the year that promises much good. They have been established in connection with Quarterly Meetings, in the following places, viz:—In Carleton and Victoria Counties, in the County of York, and in the Counties of Sunbury and Queen's. Under date of February 17th, Elder Todd, in reporting the proceedings of the quarterly meeting of York, says:—

"At the ministerial conference an auxiliary to the N. B. B. H. Missionary society was formed, by choosing the Rev. T. Saunders, President, Rev. J. Tozer, Vice-President, and Brother B. Hughes, Secretary. Arrangements were then made to hold a public meeting on Tuesday morning. Appropriate resolutions were prepared for the occasion, and most touchingly moved and seconded by those to whom they were intrusted, the wants of the spiritually destitute, and their claims on the church of God being presented, produced many deep emotions, and numerous tears, nor did it result in feelings and tears only, for between collections and donations, nearly £18 were raised in a few minutes. Another remarkable fact, (and not so remarkable either, for it is just like the Eternal,) God had a young brother there, a member of the Jacksontown Church, who felt the Word as a fire in his bones, willing to leave his happy home and beloved family, to answer the "Macedonian Cry," from Caverhill, Springfield New Zealand, and Ainsworth, back settlements contiguous to Mactnaquack.

"Joseph Harvey is a worthy person, and of much promise; the Board, we believe, has made a wise choice. He will go to his new field of labor with the prayers and best wishes of Ministers and peo-

ple for abundant success. This is a glorious move in the right direction. May every church and county in the Province follow the example, "than shall the solitary places be glad, and the desert shall blossom as the rose." We are ready to ask if the first movements of this infant auxiliary are so strong, what will its power be when it comes to maturity? May the people among whom it has had its birth, supply their heavenly child with means for ample development."

Brother B. Hughes in reporting the proceedings of this Auxiliary up to June 28th, says:—

"Since this Auxiliary was organized it has, under God, been the means of sending the gospel to the poor in districts where they were not able to support it, and the success attending Brother Harvey's Mission at Springfield and Caverhill, together with the earnest appeal from the newly organized church in that place, induced the Board to continue the labours of Brother Harvey for two months in the same field. Bro. Saunders is appointed to a four weeks mission at Bear Island. This is a field that has long been neglected by the Baptists. We feel it our duty to supply such places with the Gospel. Brother Tozer is also appointed to Upper Keswick and Caradigan for a term of four weeks. These interesting fields have been crying come over and help us. Many destitute settlements far back in the wilderness, are eager to hear the Gospel, and will do what they can to support it among them. We feel deeply anxious for their well-fare, and hope the word proclaimed may lead many to repentance."

Elder Todd in giving an account of a recent a Quarterly Meeting held in Presque-Isle, says:—

"A very interesting missionary meeting, in which much feeling was awakened in behalf of the destitute, the sum of £5 14s. 5d. was collected, we then appointed bro. Rigby one month's mission at Presque Isle, which place appears white and ready for harvest, we trust that God will very abundantly bless his labours."

At the quarterly meeting of Sunbury and Queen's recently held at Canning, an Auxiliary to the Parent Society was formed. Rev. I. Wallace as the secretary of the meeting thus reports:—

"I should not omit to state that in our ministerial conference, on Monday morning, after mature deliberation, it was thought advisable to form a "Queen's and Sunbury Auxiliary to the N. B. Baptist H. M. Society, officers:

Rev. N. D. Fitch, President;

E. Keirstead, Vice President;

N. S. Howe, do do;

Isiah Wallace, Secretary;

Brother S. T. Estabrook, Treasurer.

In the evening the following resolutions were moved, seconded, and unanimously passed, viz:—

1. That this Auxiliary cherish feelings of the deepest regard for

the Parent Society, and will do all in its power to co-operate with that excellent institution in its praiseworthy efforts.

2. That it is the duty of the churches connected with the Queen's and Sandbury Quarterly meetings, to do all they possibly can to supply the destitute within their limits with the word of life.

3. That in the opinion of this auxiliary, the prosperity of our churches is intimately connected with their efforts to promote the cause of Home Missions.

Collections to the amount of £3 or £4 were given for the cause of Home Mission, and further contributions are to be handed over to the Treasurer.

Bro. Keith was appointed missionary to the North Branch, Ormoco, for four weeks. He is to enter upon his mission immediately after the session of the Eastern Association.

Not long since a Juvenile Missionary Society was formed in the Germain Street Baptist Sabbath School auxiliary to the Parent Society which promises well. Thus it is that the original idea of the N. B. B. H. M. Society is taking deep root in the hearts of the people. That idea was to unite all the Baptist ministers and churches of New Brunswick in one noble Missionary Association having a central direction, and at the same time allowing through all its various branches and sections the most perfect freedom of thought and action: so that every part should be thoroughly represented and cared for. To succeed in a movement of this sort there must be unity of design combined with that love of voluntarism so deeply imbedded in the Baptist heart. Any attempt to exercise undue control in any quarter would meet with a repulse that would destroy the very existence of the Society. But while this is readily conceded, your Board feels that great care should be taken on the part of all concerned to so blend the lesser associations with the larger in spirit and in action that they shall present a firm and energetic combination for carrying forward the great work for which the Saviour died.

Your Board regret to state that but little has been done in this department during the past year for the reason mainly that the funds were well nigh exhausted in the labors of the past year. They deeply feel that there is a great work to do in this direction, and they venture to express the hope that some arrangement may be made through Messrs DeMill and Fillmore, who have opened an extensive book establishment in the City, to carry forward this work more efficiently. Mr. Masters who formerly had charge of the Depository has passed his books into their hands, and it is understood that they will employ such men as the denomination may select to go into the field without drawing upon the funds of the Society.—The labors of Bro. Mutch and Bleakney were doubtless very useful while they continued to travel, and now that they have retired others of kindred spirit should be found to enter into their labors.

GENERAL AGENCY.

Your Board from the first have felt that a general Missionary and Financial Agent, wholly devoted to the interests of the Society, is indispensable to enlarged success, and the truthfulness of this conviction is more and more manifest every day. It will be seen by the treasurer's report that the funds of the Society are considerably less this year than they were last, and this is principally owing to the fact that last year we had an efficient Agent in the field a good portion of the time, and this year with the exception of a few weeks agency performed by Rev. J. Herrit and Rev. J. Newcomb, this important post has not been filled. Your Board thought at one time, that in the absence of such an Agent, they might induce the Pastors of the Churches to divide the work among themselves, and wrote them to that effect, but with the exception of Brother Herrit, none of them could leave their Churches to do so. He spent two or three weeks in visiting certain districts, and was very happy in his work. Early in March your Board extended a call to Rev. J. Newcomb, to enter upon the work provisionally until the Association meet. He accepted the appointment, and has visited Hillsborough, Hopewell, Butternut Ridge, and New Canaan, and in those places he found the people ready to contribute freely to the cause. Whether he will be induced to continue longer in this work or not, your Board is not prepared to say, but one thing is certain the appointment of a permanent agent cannot longer be delayed without serious detriment to the cause.

A RETROSPECT.

In reviewing the work done in the last year. Your Board would acknowledge with gratitude, that while the funds have come short of what they were in preceding years, and while the number of Missionaries in the field has been considerably less; in no year since the society came into existence has it recorded as many conversions to Christ, or as many added by baptism to the churches. In regard to this, the efforts of the Society as far as they have extended, have been signally blessed of God. Let us then seize hold of this as a ground of encouragement for doubling our diligence in this good and great work.

The future of the Society is fraught with necessity and hope. Shall we not then one and all gird on anew the armour of faith and prayer, and "work!" "work!" "work!" until our Master shall say: "Well done good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE N. B. B. H. MISSIONS IN
1856 AND 1857.

Collection Brussels St. Church,	£6 5 0	Collected per Mr March	
Do. Woodstock Church association,	2 10 0	Germain St. church	0 5 0
Do. per Mr. March,	4 10 0	Do. Do. Colportage,	0 10 0
Do. Western Association,	53 10 3	Mr. Lewis Bishop,	0 10 0
Do per James Blakney,	5 0 0	Miss Phillip's Sunday School Class,	2 6 9
Do. per Dea. Walker,	3 18 1	John Houghton, Liver-pool,	12 5 0
Thos. Hicks,	1 0 0	Geo. Currie,	0 2 6
Mary Robinson,	0 5 0	Portland Sunday School	7 10 0
Jane Trites,	0 5 0	Carleton Church,	1 15 0
Charlotte Trites,	0 5 0	Col. by Jas. Blakney,	21 0 0
Mr. Ellingham,	0 10 0	Wm. Blakney, jur.,	0 5 0
L. Wilber,	1 18 0	A. McL. Seely,	25 0 0
Amos Hunt,	0 3 9	Alex. Smiley,	0 10 0
John Steadman,	0 3 9	Mrs. Crumbie,	0 5 0
Rec'd from P. Knight,	1 10 0	G. A. Garrison, col. Ger-main St. Church,	5 2 6
Collected by do.	1 5 0	Joseph Rideout,	1 0 0
J. Gross,	0 5 0	Mrs. Allen,	0 5 0
Saml. Bancroft,	0 5 0	J. Bradshaw,	4 10 0
Deacon Bridges,	2 10 0	Wm. J. Wright,	0 5 0
Mr. Davidson,	0 10 0	Wm. B. Kinnear,	1 0 0
Dr. Shaw,	0 5 0	Mr. and Mrs. Farnham,	0 5 0
G. D. Bailey,	3 10 0	Z. Gabel,	0 7 6
Geo. Syphers,	0 5 0	J. Fellows,	1 0 0
Carleton Church,	8 0 0	Mrs. M. E. Russell,	1 0 0
Col. per Mr. March,	2 10 0	C. D. Everett,	1 0 0
Anne E. Curry,	0 5 0	Mrs. McKeen,	0 2 6
Mrs. Mary Harding,	1 0 0	A. Moffitt,	0 10 0
Mrs. Moran,	0 12 1	Mrs. W. A. Robinson,	0 7 6
Miss Corey,	1 0 0	Amt. for Moncton East-ern Association,	48 12 10
Mrs. Hersey,	1 0 0	R. Stevens,	5 0 0
St. Martin's Church, for minutes,	0 15 0	Collected by Rev. James Herritt.	
Col. by James Blakney,	10 0 0	Charles Anderson,	£0 5 0
Do. per Mr. March,		Morris Ennis,	0 2 6
Colportage,	2 16 3	Samuel Morton,	0 2 6
Brussels St. Church		Samuel McCready,	0 2 6
do.	4 10 0		

John McCready,	0	2	6
Harry Freeze,	0	2	6
Geo. Morton,	0	2	6
Wm. Stone,	0	5	0
Samuel Nickerson,	0	1	2½
Mrs. Jacob Hall,	0	2	6
Botsford Godard,	0	1	2½
Samuel Godard,	0	1	3
Elizabeth Linton,	0	6	1
Joseph Godard,	0	2	6
Elkanah Morton,	0	1	3
Mrs. Elkanah Morton,	0	1	3
Mrs. Samuel Morton,	0	1	2½
Saml. T. Morton,	0	1	2½
Mrs. Wm. T. Miller,	0	2	6
H. Teakles,	0	0	7
Edwin Freeze,	0	10	0
Daniel Godard,	0	5	0
Mrs. Daniel Godard,	0	2	6
Lewis McAnn,	0	2	7
Lewis Carl,	0		6
Asa Sprag,	0	1	3
M. Sprag,	0	1	2½
Margaret Yeouman,	0	1	9
Michael Morton,	0	2	6
Joseph Yeouman,	0	2	5
George Harmer,	0	2	3
Alex. More,	0	2	5
Col. by Rev. D. Cran-			
jall,	4	4	1
Norton Church,	2	0	0
Mrs. Francis,	1	0	0
" Barker,	0	5	0
Michael Humans,	0	3	0½
Jas. S. Keirstead,	0	10	9
Collections Hampton			
Ferry,	0	3	9
Enoch Lunt,	0	5	0
J. Bradshaw,	0	5	0
Thos. Pettingill and			
Family,	1	2	6
Geo. Roberts,	0	10	0
Mrs. M. Ketchum,	0	7	6
" M. Armstrong,	0	5	0
Elder James Blackney			
and wife,	0	7	6
Daniel Carpenter and			
wife,	0	6	3

Deacon Jas. Keirstead,	0	10	0
Elijah Vincent,	0	6	3
Mrs. Roberts,	0	5	0
Mariner Lamb,	0	5	0
Mrs. E. Weldon,	0	5	0
Thadens Scribner,	1	0	0
Chas. Veasey,	0	10	0
Elder D. Crandall,	2	0	0
Dea. Joseph Keirstead,	1	0	0

Collected by Elder James Newcomb.

HILLSBOROUGH.

Collections,	£0	10	1
Richard E. Steeves,	0	5	0
A Friend,	0	1	3
Elisha Steeves,	0	5	0
Allen Steeves,	0	2	6
Mrs. Allen Steeves,	0	1	3
Miss Eliza Steeves,	0	1	3
Christian Steeves,	0	5	0
Atsell Steeves,	0	1	3
Mrs. Mariah Steeves,	0	1	3
Joseph A. Steeves,	0	5	0
Mrs. Joseph Steeves,	0	1	3
Mrs. Elizabeth Duffy,	0	3	1½
Simon Steeves,	0	2	6
Charles Steeves,	0	2	6
Isaac N. Gross,	0	2	6
William Bray,	0	2	6
Mrs. Samuel Gross,	0	2	6
William Gross,	0	5	0
James Bray,	0	1	3
Milner Carlisle,	0	1	3
Deacon Isaac Gross,	0	10	0
Theodore Carlisle,	0	1	3
John Lewis, Esq.,	0	5	0
Gilbert Steeves,	0	1	3
John J. O'Neal,	0	3	1½
John L. B. Steeves,	0	4	6
John Steeves, 4th,	0	3	1½
William Wallace,	0	5	0
Hon. Wm. H. Steeves,	0	10	0
Mrs. Albert Steeves,	0	3	1½
Elisha Pearsons,	0	1	3
Stephen Steeves,	0	2	5
Robert Steeves,	0	2	6
John McLatchey,	0	2	6
Joseph C. Wortman,	0	5	0

Little girl, 0 0 3
 Mrs. Henry Jones, 0 2 0
 Jacob Jones, senr, 0 3 1 1/2
 A Friend, 0 0 7 1/2
 Abraham Jones, Esq., 0 2 6

DORCHESTER CORNER.
 Alpheus Palmer, 1 0 0
 Collection, 0 5 10
 Sunday Collections, 1 4 7 1/2

BUTTERNUT RIDGE.
 Melancthon Thorne, 0 5 0
 Richard Thorne, 0 1 3
 Oswald Keith, 0 2 6
 John Perry, 0 1 3
 William C. Perry, 0 1 3
 Daniel Keith, jr., 0 5 0
 Isaac Allward, 0 2 6
 G. E. Keith, 0 2 6
 Wm. H. Keith, 0 2 6
 Deacon R. Keith, 0 5 0
 Daniel Keith, 0 5 0
 Stephen Allward, 0 1 3
 John Keith, 0 2 6
 Samuel Keith, 0 5 0
 Eliza Price, 0 1 3
 Mrs. C. Allward, 0 2 6

BUCTOUCHE.
 Deacon Sheridan, 1 0 0
 Mrs. Sheridan, 0 2 6
 Mrs. Sheridan, 0 3 1 1/2
 Mrs. James Sheridan, 0 2 6
 Charles Lyons, 0 7 6
 Oliver Ward, 0 10 6
 James McPhail, 0 2 6
 James Ferrill, 0 1 3
 William Ayer, 0 5 0
 Ira Hicks, 0 7 6
 Miss Mary McPhail, 0 3 1 1/2
 George Smith, 0 5 0
 Malcom McPhail, 0 2 6

NEW CANAAN.
 Collections, 0 12 6
 John F. Price, 0 2 6
 Wellington Price, 0 5 0
 Deacon N. Clark, 0 2 5
 John G. Corry, 0 5 0
 Deacon A. McDonald, 0 5 0
 George Allward, 0 5 0
 John Allward, 0 5 0
 Willham T. Correy, 0 7 6
 John Keith, 0 5 0
 Lewis Keith, 0 5 0
 Solomon Thorn, 0 5 0
 Samuel Thorn, 0 2 3
 Mrs. C. Keith, 0 5 0
 Jesse Clark, 0 5 0
 Alfred Humphrey, 0 2 6

SHEDIAC.
 Deacon N. M. Walker, 2 0 0
 Lemuel Wilber, 2 1 0
 Henry Fillmore, 0 5 0
 James Wilbur, 0 5 0
 Amos Hunt, 0 5 0
 Thos. Fillmore, 0 8 0
 A Friend, 0 1 3
 Richard Armour, 0 8 0
 Mr. Elling ham, 0 6 10 1/2
 Miss F. Armour, 0 5 0
 Mrs. Amos Smith, 0 5 0
 Collection, 1 1 8

MONCTON.
 Elijah Miles, 0 5 0
 Thomas Trueman, 0 2 6
 John Charters, 0 5 0

RICHIBUCTO.
 Messrs. Ward, 0 10 0
 Mrs. Soley, 0 5 0
 G. A. Garrison, 0 10 0
 Henry Vaughan, 2 0 0
 Mrs. Hunt, 0 10 0
 E. H. Duval, 1855, 5 0 0
 Ditto, 1856, 1 0 0
 Rev. L. E. Bill, 1 0 0

For A. M. BERRY
 W. M. BERRY

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**New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in Account
with A. McL. Seely.**

		Da.	
1856.			£16 3 0
Aug. 12,	Paid James Newcomb,		15 0 0
19.	" P. Knight,		25 16 8
Sept. 5.	" James Trimble, £15; 13th £10 16 8,		5 0 0
16.	" Mr. March per order,		12 9 0
18.	" James Bleakney,		15 12 6
20.	" B. Scott,		2 0 0
23.	" I. Wallace,		15 0 0
"	" John Rowe,		14 11 7
"	" Jas. Newcomb,		18 12 4
25.	" P. Knight,		5 15 0
30.	" S. Bancroft,		14 11 0
"	" I. Wallace,		12 10 0
Oct. 4.	" Printing Minutes		2 6 2
31.	" D. Crandall,		9 0 0
"	" Horse-hire,		16 0 0
10.	" J. Blakney,		5 0 0
19.	" E. McInnis,		10 0 0
1857.			4 0 0
Jan. 17.	" James Trimble,		30 13 4
M'ch 23.	" Mr. Rowe,		30 0 0
April 7.	" J. Blakney, £27 13 4, Horse-hire, £1 10;		5 0 0
May 5.	" E. McInnis, £5; (6) P. Knight, £25;		6 13 2
8.	" J. Trimble,		11 0 0
June 9.	" J. Magee,		8 0 0
15.	" Horse-hire, £8; (25) E. McInnis £3;		11 2 6
July 16.	" Jas. Newcomb, (collected,)		11 0 0
22.	" D. Crandall, £1 2 6; J. Walker, £10;		14 17 6
27.	" E. H. Duval, £2 10; P. Knight, £7 10;		13 12 7
"	" James Newcomb, (collected,)		4 4 1
"	" D. Crandall, (collected,)		15 2 6
"	" Jas. Herritt, do.		2 10 0
Aug. 11.	" J. Trimble, in act. £1 12 6; (16) £3 10;		12 10 0
18.	" D. Crandall, in act.		12 10 0
Sept. 1.	" Printing Minutes,		£394 12 11
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1856.			£84 10 9
Aug. 7.	By balance, per acct., this date,		331 3 5
July 1857	" Amt. from sundries to date,		10 5 0
Sept. 1.	" Do. do. do.		425 19 2
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Balance due Baptist H. M. Board,			£31 6 3
E. E.			
St. John, N. B. 1st Sept. 1857.			Per A. McL. SEELY, WM. SEELY.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the "New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society."

Article 2. The designs of this Society shall be to promote the faithful preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and to spread Bible Christianity throughout the destitute sections of New Brunswick.

Article 3.—Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing 5s. or upwards annually to its funds. Seven pounds ten shillings paid at any one time shall constitute a life member: and any person paying a sum, which in addition to previous contributions shall amount to twenty-five pounds, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one delegate for every five pounds so contributed.

Article 4.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

Article 5.—The Society shall appoint an Executive Committee, exclusive of the officers above named, residing in the City of Saint John and its vicinity. The officers above named shall be members ex officio of the Executive Committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to call its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint Missionaries, and instruct them as to their sphere of labours; shall expend the funds for the objects of the Society, providing that all amounts contributed for any specific object shall, as far as possible, be faithfully applied in accordance with the wish of the donors; shall employ such agency or agencies for the collection of funds, and for all such purposes as the interests of the Society may demand, and shall make an Annual Report of their proceedings to the Society.

Article 6.—Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive missionary labour in such field as it may designate to an amount at least equal to its contributions; provided such designation be made at the time of appointment.

Article 7.—The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex officio* Directors of this society, and their members shall be members of this society.

Article 8.—The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous annual meeting.

Article 9.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, at an annual meeting.

Form for the Constitution of the Auxiliary.

Article 1.—This Society shall be called the _____ Missionary Society—Auxiliary to the "New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society."

Article 2.—The object of this Society shall be to aid in supplying the destitute with the blessing of the Gospel.

Article 3.—All persons contributing 5s. per annum shall be members of the Society, and every person paying £2 10s. at any one time, shall be a member for life.

Article 4.—The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Board consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Managing Committee, seven of whom shall form a quorum to do business.

Article 5.—The Society shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be agreed upon at a previous meeting, when the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, and such other business transacted as the requirements of the Society may demand.

Article 6.—The Secretary shall keep up such correspondence with the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society as the general interests of the Missionary cause may require.

Rules to be Observed by Missionaries.

Rule 1.—The Missionaries of the Board are expected to communicate with the Corresponding Secretary monthly, and oftener if necessary; giving a condensed sketch of their labors and such items of intelligence relating to their Mission as may be useful to the Board, or of general interest to the denomination.

2. Each Missionary shall be instructed to form Auxiliaries to the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in the field of his labour, for the purpose of raising funds for the Society, to take collections publicly and privately whenever he can do so with propriety, and in every way he can consistently replenish the funds of the Society.

3. A faithful account of all contributions in money, or in other

things shall be transmitted through the Corresponding Secretary to the Board, and no money shall be paid him by the Treasurer without an order signed by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, or in their absence by three of the members of the Board.

4. Each Missionary shall keep a faithful record of the places visited, the number of sermons preached, of converts baptized, of churches formed, of visits made, of meetings held, of Sabbath Schools established, of Temperance Societies formed, of Tracts distributed, &c., &c., in the course of the year, and report the same to the Corresponding Secretary, at the close of the year.

5. When Missionaries are employed permanently, in case of their wishing to retire from the service of the Board, they must give three months notice to that effect, and no Missionary shall change his field of labour without consent of the Board.

6.—The Missionaries of this Board shall be amenable to the Board for a faithful performance of their duty as Christian Missionaries, and shall be liable to be dismissed at any time for dereliction of duty, or immorality of conduct, or for preaching sentiments in opposition to God's Word.

Regulations of the Board.

Rule 1.—There shall be a meeting of this Board for the transaction of business on the first Monday in every month.

2.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the transactions of the Board.

3.—The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare a faithful report annually of the operations of the Society, which, if judged advisable, shall be printed under the direction of the Society.

4.—No man shall be employed by the Board who cannot furnish satisfactory evidence of good moral and religious character, of consecration under divine influence to the work of the Ministry, and of such mental attainments as shall enable him, with the Divine blessing, faithfully and successfully to fulfil its responsible duties.

5.—In case of wishing to dismiss a Missionary permanently employed, on account of incompetency on his part to fulfil the duties of his calling, or on account of inability on the part of the Board to pay his salary, three months notice shall be given to such Missionary.

Salaries of Missionaries.

The salaries of Missionaries shall be governed by their circumstances and by their field of labor. In every case strict economy shall be observed.

APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D., 1836.

- President*, Elder Joseph Crandal;
Vice Presidents, { Elder Samuel Robinson.
 { Hon. W. B. Kinneer.
Treasurer, Solomon Hersey, Esq.
Secretaries, Elder I. E. Bill, and Asa Coy, Esq.
Principal, Elder Issiah Wallace.
Assistant Teacher, Mr. A. H. Munro.

Every Minister of the denomination is a member of the Board of Directors.

REPORT.

The close of another year calls upon your Committee for a Report of their proceedings during the last twelve months.

The attendance during the year has been 77, and the attendance each week, all the year round has been 46 on an average. The behaviour of the young men has been such, during the whole year, as to merit the unqualified approbation of the Principal, and there has been manifested, on the part of the lads, a commendable spirit of application and attention. Four Ministerial Students have been attending the Seminary, three of whom are sustained by the Board for ministerial education, which was formed at the last Association. This method of supporting young men of piety, who desire to receive mental training, but who cannot command the means of doing so, appears admirably adapted for the purpose, and promises to be of lasting benefit to the rising ministry if adequately encouraged by the denomination.

The winter recitations conducted were in the presence of a crowded and respectable audience, who appeared much gratified with the exhibition. The summer examination, in the usual branches of study, took place in the presence of Rev. H. P. Guilford and other friends.

A larger outlay than usual was absolutely required at the commencement of the year to furnish new desks for the Junior Department, this has rendered it necessary to carry the small balance remaining over after paying part off the debt and interest up to the present year, to the general cash account. It appeared to your

Committee far better to pay off all demands for furniture, which would increase the property of the Society, than to allow this to remain as a debt, and diminish the debts out at interest by so small a sum as £25.

The several items received toward the debt of the Seminary will be found in the cash statements; from which it will appear that the amount collected has been sufficient to pay off a mortgage of £125, and the interest of the remainder of the debt for two years, with a small balance in hand, which has been carried to the general account to meet the extraordinary expenses of the year, but which could be refunded next year by prudent management.

In the month of March the Principal tendered his resignation of the situation which he has filled for upwards of 14 years, but as this was made to the Directors of the Society, and did not come before your Committee in the way of business, it will remain for the Directors themselves to furnish the Society with the information of the action taken thereupon.

The Directors would now bring the Report of the Managing Committee to a close by adding what has occurred since the resignation of the highly valued Principal of the Seminary.

On receiving Mr. Spurden's resignation a meeting was held in St. John on the 29th April, called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Rev. Mr. Bill, by advertisement in the *Visitor*, and after much anxious deliberation they signified to Mr. Spurden their deep regret at the prospect of losing his long and valuable services, and their hope, that after a year's absence, which was cheerfully awarded to him on account of Mrs. Spurden's state of health, he would still return to resume his charge, which they would keep open for him, if the successful management of the Seminary should not require a more permanent arrangement on the part of his successor. Mr. Spurden by letter and personal communication intimated that at all events he should require a year's absence, and if during that time he could see his way clear to return, he would gladly do so, acceding in other respects to our conditions as respects the efficiency of the School.

The Board then at a subsequent meeting chose the Revd. Isaiah Wallace as a suitable person to fill Mr. Spurden's situation for a year, at a salary of £150 and the use of the house, and requested Mr. Munro to continue his services as assistant, at the rate of £100 a year. No replies have as yet been received from those gentlemen. The Board is also on the look out for some zealous individual to collect the debt still due on the Seminary.

All which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Board.)

9th July, 1857.

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

Baptist Education Society in account with the Committee.
 1856 Balance due, £10 8 0

July	Dividing Bed Rooms,	8 2 7
	Furniture,	3 6 0
	Painting and Papering,	9 10 0
	Deaks and Benches,	30 0 0
	Repairs,	2 19 5
	Stoves and Pipe,	3 8 10
	Bedding,	1 17 11
1857	Printing and Advertising since 1853,	14 15 4
	Sundries,	4 8 1
	Attendance School Rooms,	8 0 0
	Assistant Teacher's Salary,	100 0 0
	Drawing fees,	4 5 0
	Principal's Salary,	200 0 0
	Bricks for chimney,	0 14 6
	Balance,	4 15 4
	Total	£406 11 0

1856	Tuition Fees Carpenter,	£1 15 0
	and Painter,	3 7 6
1857	Stoves,	0 17 6
	Printer,	14 15 4
	Cash,	104 11 8
	Received Beds,	14 3 0
	Drawing Materials,	0 0 0
	Drawing Fees,	4 5 0
	Balance of Debt account,	24 5 9
	Received for Wood,	0 10 0
	Legislative Grant,	250 10 10
	Total	£406 11 0

Debts due by the Baptist Education Society, July, 1857.

Central Fire Insurance Company Mortgage,	£250 0 0
Mrs. Smith, Note,	200 0 0
	£450 0 0

Examined the above account, and the vouchers connected therewith, and
 And all correct. **SAMUEL BABBIT.**

Contributions towards the Debt of the Baptist Education Society.

1854. Gilbert Spurr,	£5 0 0
Sept. Elder T. H. Porter,	1 0 0
Thomas Lockey,	1 0 0
Carried up,	£7 0 0

		Brought up,	£7 0 0
Oct.	1st Hillsborough Church,	by Elder J. H. Hughes,	15 0 0
Dec.	Harvey	" Elder L. H. Marshal,	15 0 0
1855.	Kingsclear,	" Dea. A. Hartt,	5 0 0
Jan.	Cambridge,	" Elder T. H. Porter,	6 0 0
	1st Salisbury	" Elder J. Crandal,	5 0 0
March.	Elder Benjamin Scott,		5 15 0
	Cambridge, upper section,	Mr. Amos Corry,	2 5 0
	2nd Dorchester,	Mr. Joseph C. Smith,	3 0 0
April.	Cardigan,	Mr. B. Richards,	1 10 0
	Fredericton,	Elder G. Spurden,	13 0 0
May.	Macknaquack,	Elder J. H. Tupper,	6 0 0
	Gondola Point,	Elder D. Crandal,	1 0 0
	Hopewell,	Elder E. F. Foshay,	12 0 0
June.	Rushagornish,	Elder J. Blakeney,	1 5 0
	Simonds,	Elder W. Harris,	3 0 0
	2nd Johnston,	Elder J. Trimble,	1 0 0
Aug.	New Jerusalem,	Elder E. Webb,	3 0 0
	Newcastle,	Mr. G. D. Bailey,	5 0 0
	Canning,	Mr. S. P. Estabrooks,	11 0 0
	Prince William,	Elder J. H. Tupper,	3 0 0
	Ditto,	Elder Saunders,	2 0 0
Sept.	Maugerville,	Mr. R. Cowporthwaite,	10 0 0
	Elder E. N. Harris,		1 5 0
	Mr. Isaiah Wallace,		1 0 0
1856.	T. H. Harding, Esq.		1 0 0
Feb.	William G. Hoben,		1 0 0
	1st Hillsborough Church, E. Association, 1854,		5 15 0
	Cambridge, upper section,	Elder G. Seely,	6 10 0
Sept.	1st St. George,	Elder J. Davis,	0 5 0
	St. John Germain Street,	Elder I. E. Bill,	1 15 0
	Oak Bay,	Mr. Garcelon,	30 0 0
July.	Collected by Elder J. McGee,		0 10 0
	1st St. George,	£5 12 11	
	Ditto, A. H. Gilmour, Esq.	1 10 0	
	Oak Bay,	0 15 6	
	St. Andrews,	4 5 0	
	Capt. McPharlen,	1 0 0	
	Calais, Donations,	5 10 0	
	Mr. Hanson, Bocabeck,	0 5 0	
	Brussels Street, St. John,	18 4 7	
	Mr. Purrington, by Elder I. E. Bill.	1 0 0	
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	Agency and Expenses,	19 12 3	
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1855.	Paid Central Fire Insurance Co.	£75 0 0
May.	Do. do. cancelling mortgage,	
1856.	dated 15th March, 1844,	50 0 0
Feb.	Interest on £450, paid to Central Fire	
1856.	Insurance Company,	15 0 0
	Mrs. Smith, on Note,	12 0 0
1857.	Interest on £450, paid to Central Fire	
	Insurance Company,	15 0 0
	Do. to Mrs. Smith,	12 0 0
		£179 0 0
	Balance,	£24 5 9

Carried to general account. C. SPURDEN.

A DECLARATION,

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Churches of Christ, comprising 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; Psal. xc. 2; Jer. x. 10; Isa. vi. 3; Exod. 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: 1 John v. 7; Acts v. 3-4.

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; Acts xx. 32; 2 Tim. iii; 15-17.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, hath 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; Rom. ix. 17-23; Acts ii. 24; Psalms lxxxvi. 10.

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: Exod. xx. 11; Heb. i. 3; Dan. iv. 35.

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; and ii. 16-17; Galatians 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. 16, Rom. v. 13-19.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: Hos. xiii. 9; Eph. xi. 8, John vi. 44.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human fa-

ally, 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 unto 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 every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and for ever. Rom viii. 29, 30, Eph i. 4, 5; John vi. 37-39, Rev vii. 9, Titus ii. 14, Mark xv. 16, 2 Tim ii. 10; Matt. xii. 33, Rev xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God that ever liveth to make intercession for us. Heb x 5 19; Dan ix. 24, Heb vii. 25.

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 elect soul. John iii. 5-8, and xvi. 7-16.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefits of this atonement, by convincing us of our sinful, lost and miserable condition, and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as he is exhibited in the Gospel, in his suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace him with our whole souls, by which he is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. John xvi. 8; 1 Cor i. 30.

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 obedience to His holy will in our ways, and in all our several places and relations. John xvii. 3; Matt xxiii. 23; Eph ii. 10.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him forever. They have communion with God, and by his Spirit they are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces. John iii. 16, 18, and x. 28, Rom viii. 17, Rev iii. 21; 1 John i. 3; Rom i. 11, Phil i. 7.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's day, is the Christian Sabbath. Matthew xxiii. 1-6; John xx. 19; Rev i. 10; Heb iv. 8-10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in the civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ the great law-giver and head of his church. Rom xiii. 1, 4, 1st Pet ii. 13, 15, Luke xxii. 25, 26, Isa xxxiii. 20-22, Eph i. 22.

17. That there will be a general resurrection both of the just and unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works; when the wicked shall be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal. John v. 28, 29, Rom ii. 16, Matt xxvii. 28, 46.

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Concerning the visible Church of Christ and its Discipline.

1. We believe that a particular and visible Church of Christ is a number of believers, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth his declarative glory, and for their own edification: 1st Pet. ii. 5; 1st Cor. i. 2; Acts ii. 42—47.

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 his ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their faith have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matthew xxviii 19, 20; 1 Cor xi. 26, 28; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix 18—26, and viii 12, 36, 39; Matt iii. 6—16; Rom vi. 4; Co. ii 12; John iii. 33; John i. 9, 10; Acts viii. 36—39.

3. 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: 1 Cor xi. 27, 29; Matt vii. 6—15—20; Ezek xlv. 7—9; Isaiah xxvi. 2; 1 Peter ii 6.

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 neighbouring Churches of Christ: Acts i. 22, 26, and vi 3, 6; Num i. 10; Matt xviii. 15, 18; Acts xv.

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 subject 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: Matt xx. 25—29; 1 Peter v. 3; Matt xxviii. 19, 20; Acts xx. 20, 26, 31.

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, 6; 1 Tim iii. 6, 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; 1 Peter iv. 10, 11, and v. 5; 1 Tim iv. 14; 1 Cor. 12th and 14th chapters.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and People—to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a freewill offering agreeably to the scripture of truth, and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by gospel rule as for any other breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty; 2 Cor viii. 12—13; Luke x. 7; Rom xv. 27; 1 Cor ix.

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COVENANT.

We do now, in the presence of the Great All-seeing and Most Glorious God and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and avouch him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Leader, and receive him as our portion for ever. We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on him as our Prophet, Priest and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligation 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, professing 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 toward 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 by tattling it to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the directions of our Lord—Matt. 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 jesting, 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 elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatever 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 we will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom—applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.