

MINUTES
OF THE
SECOND SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT PUGWASH,
SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,

10TH, 12TH AND 13TH JULY, 1852.

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MINUTES.

The 3rd Eastern Baptist Association of N. S. convened with the Church in Pugwash, on Saturday, July 10th, 1882, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. S. T. Rand.

The following appointments were then made:

To *Examine the Circular Letter*,—Revs. Dr. Oram and E. Scott.

To *Read Letters*,—Revs. D. W. C. Dimock, J. Rowe, and A. Martell.

DELEGATES.

The following letters were then read and the list of Delegates obtained:

Pugwash,—Rev. Wm. Hobbs, with brethren L. Eaton, B. Siglow, J. Bigelow, and J. Fullerton.

Isabel Shore,—Dea. Rockwell.

Portauquique,—Rev. L. H. Marshall, with brethren A. Davidson and S. Fulton.

Oysterrough,—Bro. H. R. Cunningham.

Cape Canso,—Rev. A. Martell.

Onalua,—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, with Deacons D. Page, J. King, D. Eaton, and R. Upson.

North River,—Rev. M. Ross, and brother A. McKinlay.

Little River, and Leicester,—Deacons T. Johnston, M. Brown, J. Thompson, and B. Baird.

Maccos,—Rev. J. Rowe.

1st St. Marg's,—Rev. H. Eagles.

2nd St. Marg's,—Rev. H. Eagles.

North Spring,—Rev. H. Ross.

Earl-ton,—Brethren A. Conkey, and D. Wilson.

Wallace Road,—Brethren G. Vanamburgh, and A. Rushton.

Antigonishe,—Rev. J. Whidden.

Tatamagouche,—Rev. E. Clay, Dea. Spinney, with brethren M. Roberts, W. Cole, and A. McIntosh.

Amherst,—Rev. J. Francis—Deacons E. B. Cutten and A. S. Blekborn, with A. W. Marsters, T. Logan, and W. Logan.

River Philip,—Rev. J. E. Cogswell, T. Weatherby, and M. Johnston.

River John,—Brethren D. Blackmore, and D. Rogers.

Wallace,—Rev. E. Clay, Dea. Woodland, C. J. Burnett, J. Fountain, and J. Higgins.

Stewiacke,—Rev. J. V. Tabor, J. W. Stevens, B. Woodworth.

Merigomishe,—Brother R. Loudon.

Parrsboro',—Rev. S. Thompson.

Upper Stewiacke,—Brethren J. Layton, C. Cox, and W. Cox.

Economy,—Rev. S. Thompson.

Mabou,—Rev. H. Ross.

The following Delegates then took their seats as Members of this Body:

Rev. Dr. CRAMP, Delegate from the Central Association.

Rev. C. TUPPER, Delegate from the Western Association, together with the following brethren, on vote of the Association:

Rev. J. DAVIS, Agent for the American and Foreign Bible Society, U. S.

Rev. R. E. BURPE.

Rev. T. H. PORTER, Cornwallis.

Br. J. W. HART, Principal of the Horton Academy.

Br. E. H. DUVAL, St. John.

Br. D. McKEEN, Licentiate.

Rev. S. T. RAND.

Rev. W. G. PARKER.

Rev. M. PARKER, with Brethren J. L. REED, J. ATKINSON, and J. SHARP.

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STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	INCR'SE.			DECREASE.			Total.
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Amherst, - - - - -		3	2	2	4	1	110
Amherst Shore, - - - - -	1	17			1		28
Antigonishe, - - - - -							31
Bedeque, - - - - -							86
Cape Canso, - - - - -	1	13				3	115
East Point, - - - - -				3		2	88
Earl Town, - - - - -	1					2	48
Economy, - - - - -					9		26
Guysboro' and Manchester, - - - - -	1	10		5		3	114
Goose River, - - - - -		5					31
Little River and Leicester, - - - - -						1	31
Merigomish, - - - - -		2				0	23
Maccan, - - - - -		10	1				93
North River, formerly York & Elliot - - - - -					2	1	118
North Sydney, - - - - -					3	1	116
Onslow, - - - - -		3	1		38	2	156
Parrsboro, - - - - -		4			2	1	29
Portaupique, - - - - -	1	1				1	61
Pugwash, - - - - -		11	3	20		1	163
River John, - - - - -				1	13	4	15
River Philip, - - - - -			1	1		2	21
Mabou, - - - - -							42
Stewiacke, - - - - -	1	13	2		1	1	52
1st St. Mary, - - - - -		1		5			19
2nd St. Mary, - - - - -		1					24
Tatamagonche, - - - - -		1					30
Three Rivers, P. E. I. - - - - -	1						44
Wallace, - - - - -		33	3		1		83
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The following Churches from which no Letters have been received—
have their numbers reported the same as last Year :

Advocate Harbor, - - - - -	15
Bay of Islands, - - - - -	17

On Religious Periodicals—Revd's S T Rand, M Ross, H Ross and Breth J King, E B Cullen and A Conkey.

On Education—Revd's C Tupper, Dr Cramp W Hobbs, S T Rand, D W C Dimock, J Davis, B Scott with Breth E H Duval, W Hart, L Eaton, J Layton, A Davidson, J Ferguson and Atkinson.

On Temperance—J C Burnette, D Rogers, J W Stevens, C Cox, W Cox and Bro Woodland.

On Union Societies—Revd's R E Burpe, H Eagles, D McKeen with Breth B Woodland, B Bigelow, A McKinlay and A S Blenkhorn.

On Sabbath Schools—Breth E H Duval, J Spinney, A McClush, W Cole and T Logan.

On Special Business—Revd's J Slaw, W Hobbs, L H Marshall, A Martell, C Tupper, J Francis with Breth J W Hart and R Upham.

On Colportage—Revd J V Tabor, J Francis and Breth A W Marsters, J Fountain, D Eaton, W Logan and J Higgins.

On Foreign Missions—Dr Cramp, Revd's R E Burpe, S T Rand, E Clay, J Davis, M Parker, W Hobbs with Breth A Rushton, G Thompson, D Baird.

To prepare Memorial of Deceased Brethren—Revd's Dr Cramp, S T Rand, C Tupper with Breth G Vananburgh, M Patton and T Johnston.

The Letter from the New Church called Lower Londonderry was read and the Moderator gave the Hand of Admission into the Body to Rev L H Marshall their Pastor.

The following Letters were then read.

Three Rivers—Rev J Shaw.

East Point—Rev J Shaw.

Bedeque—Br A Hooper.

Committee appointed to Audit accounts consisting of Breth H R Cunningham, G Bigelow, J Bigelow.

Moved by Rev S T Rand that committees meet on Monday morning at 8 o'clock at the Baptist Chapel except Educational Committee which be deferred until Tuesday morning.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Monday 10 o'clock.

A. M. Arrangements having been made for intermissions at 1 and 5 o'clock during the Session. The adjournment was followed with devotional exercises—Dr Cramp and Rev C Tupper offering prayer. Benediction asked by Rev W Hobbs.

MONDAY, July 12th 1852.

Prayer meeting at 6 o'clock A. M.

Committees met at 8 o'clock for arranging business.

The Association having resumed its session at 10 o'clock, after singing, prayer was offered by Rev J Davis whereupon Rev A Martell delivered the Introductory sermon from Prov. ix: last clause 30 vs.

Col. for Dom. Miss. on 11th and 12th amounted to £10 5s 5½d

Prayer offered by Moderator.

Business resumed. The letter from Goose River Church was then read, Brs Hanfs, Hunter and S Mills delegates.

Rev W Coleman, J Hughes, H Angell and bro. J C Hurd being reported were requested to take seats with the body.

The Committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter having reported it was read and adopted unanimously.

The report on Religious Periodicals being read was unanimously adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Religious Publications beg to report as follows:—

Your Committee highly approve of the manner in which our Organ, the Christian Messenger, has continued to be conducted. We are happy to learn that an enlargement of the paper is contemplated after the close of the present year, without any increase of the price. We would urge all baptists to interest themselves in its circulation. It should be introduced into every baptist family and as much farther as possible.

Your committee cannot refrain from commending the kind and conciliatory spirit manifested hitherto by the Christian Messenger towards those who differ from us in points of doctrine and practice, while at the same time our distinguishing views, have been maintained with unflinching firmness. We are sorry to learn that a large amount of arrears remain unpaid. We would

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S T RAND,
Chairman.

The report on the Bible Cause being read was unanimously adopted.

REPORT.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg to report as follows:—

On the general subject of Bible distribution nothing needs here to be urged. We would refer, however, to some special points connected with the present position and claims of the American and Foreign Bible Society.

That Society, since its formation, fifteen years ago, has distributed one million copies of the Sacred Word, at an expense of more than \$240,000, in its foreign fields alone. How much of this work would have been done apart from its labors?

Those labors, still keeping the foreign field before us, are needed more than ever. In Burmah, where the British sword has opened a wider avenue for evangelical labor of every kind, and especially for the circulation of Dr. Judson's Bible. In Germany, and the neighboring countries, where brother Oacke and his twenty colporteurs are working in their day, not knowing how soon their night of constrained inaction may come. In various other spheres, in Asia, Europe, Africa, whose varying claims cannot here be presented.

The American field is assuming an aspect of still deepening interest, arising from the continual influx of German emigrants; of whom ninety thousand are to be found in New York city alone, and some five millions in the United States at large. To these the attention of the society has been particularly called, and for their wants they are making special provision.

In view of these considerations we recommend the passage of the following resolution:—

That we cherish a growing attachment to the American and Foreign Bible Society; are glad to hear of the high esteem in which it is held in these provinces generally; and feel assured that the churches in this association will still, as heretofore, respond to its appeals for help.

A MARTELL,
Chairman.

The report on the Temperance Cause being read Rev S T Rand addressed the Association whereupon it was moved that the committee sit again on the principle of the "*Maine Law*."

The report on the Union Society being read addresses were given by R E Burpe, E B Cutten, E Duval, W G Parker, Dr. Cramp, S T Rand and J Francis.

Further discussion adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Dr Cramp.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Moderator.

The discussion on the Union Society being resumed Revd's J Davis, C Tupper, A Martell, J Francis and Bro A W Masters addressed the body whereupon the report was adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Union Societies report:—

That they have for some time observed the operations of the Union Society and with much pleasure have marked its great utility in all cases where it has been worked. At the same time, they must state, that they have been unable to discover in it, any particular charm by which funds could be raised to sustain the various benevolent objects embraced by it, without an effort being made either by active Pastors and deacons or by an efficient Agent appointed for that purpose.

And your Committee would beg to state that in all cases where this Society has not energetically worked they have failed to discover its usefulness, as the money collected by the ordinary exertions made, while, if devoted to one object, say home missions, or indeed any other, would be a great aid, but when divided between home missions, foreign missions, ministerial education fund and infirm ministers fund, the amount is so small that it is of little use to any one of them.

Your Committee would therefore suggest to the Pastors and deacons the necessity of making greater exertions than have been made, and further your committee are of opinion that the Pastors and deacons do need the help of a suitable Agent in order that this society may supply the demands of the various benevolent objects which it embraces.

R. E. BURPE.

The report on the Temperance Cause was read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Temperance beg to report, that they commend the passing of the following Resolution:

Resolved that this Association continue to maintain that position which was early assumed by the Baptists in these Provinces, and from which they have hitherto never swerved, in relation to the cause of Temperance. We believe it to be the

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All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES J. BURNETT,

Chairman.

The report on Sabbath Schools presented and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report:—

That nearly all the Schools that are reported appear to be in a flourishing condition, they regret, however, to say, that of the 30 letters presented to the Association only 10 speak of their Sabbath Schools; your committee would however indulge the hope that efficient schools exist in many other places though not reported.

Only six schools have reported their numbers—these contain 235 scholars and 37 teachers. The Committee would urge upon the Churches the importance of sending their returns as fully as possible,—as to the number of scholars and teachers, the average attendance, the state of the Libraries, and the period which the school has been kept, if it has not been maintained during the whole year.

Three of the schools report as to having Libraries,—Your Committee would strenuously urge the importance of furnishing a Library to every Sabbath School, as a means of introducing religious reading into many families who cannot be induced to attend the preaching of the Gospel.

It is doubtless very difficult, in some localities, to maintain a Sabbath School during the winter season, but your Committee would urge the Churches so to do where it is at all practicable,

ns, in addition to the general advantages to the rising generation, it furnishes the members of our Churches suitable and profitable employment for the sacred hours of the Lord's Day, and compensates in some measure, for the more public means of grace.

The value of Sabbath Schools can scarcely be overrated: many of our pastors, as well as active members of our Churches, are living illustrations of the blessings resulting from Sabbath School instruction. It is, however, a matter of deep regret that many of our youths leave the schools just at the period when their minds, expanding into maturity, are capable of appreciating the value of divine truth. Your Committee would urge the formation of Bible Classes for young men and young women, under the care of experienced teachers, whose leisure may enable them to make suitable preparation for their important work; they would further suggest that the youthful members of our Churches be recommended to join such classes, who would thus receive such instruction as would "build them up in their holy faith," while their attendance would give confidence and encouragement to young people to attend also, who might be "halting between two opinions," and by the blessing of God, keep those within the precincts of the Sanctuary, who might otherwise be led away by the seductive influences that surround them.

The importance of maintaining our Sabbath Schools steadily, might be further urged, from the fact that the population of the Province is so far divided into religious Denominations, as to prevent the teachers of day schools from giving religious instruction to any extent, from the fear of being charged with proselyting—it is, therefore, the more incumbent on the Churches to take care that this important branch of Christian effort is not neglected.

Your Committee hope that it is not necessary to enforce the necessity of a careful and prayerful preparation on the part of the Teacher, for the efficient discharge of his duty. The Teacher should avail himself of all the leisure at his command and every facility that may be within his reach, that may enable him to explain with simplicity the word of God to his youthful charge.

In conclusion, your Committee are glad to learn that in many of the schools the exercises are concluded by familiar addresses to the whole school. They believe that this is an important branch of Sabbath School labour: opportunity is thereby afforded to make such appeals to the pupils as, by the blessing of the Holy Spirit, may result in their conversion to God, while the exercise may be a blessing to the Teacher and to the whole

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Church, by so improving his talent for public speaking as to qualify him, in this respect, for the important work of preaching the everlasting Gospel.

All which is respectfully submitted,

EDMUND HILLYER DUVAL,
Chairman.

Leave granted to bro. Marsters to return home.

Special Business Committee reported, and it was resolved that the Report lie on the table.

The Report on Colportage was read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Colportage beg leave to report:—

That your Committee are of opinion that deeper impression is made upon the mind of the churches by colportage than by any known agency, at the same amount of expense and labor.

That it happily unites the preaching of the Gospel in its most substantial form, and the practical piety with which the church in past ages has been blessed; and while it also affords efficient aid to the living ministers by replenishing their libraries, it also gives interest to Sabbath Schools, and is a most efficient agency for the circulation of cheap religious periodicals.

That our churches are recommended to give aid to the colportage by their liberality, and that while it will ultimately clear expenses your committee would recommend that a more general application thereof be made where Baptist sentiments do not largely exist.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. V. TABOR,
Chairman.

Resolved that a public meeting be held this evening on missions in connection with the Union Society at $\frac{1}{2}$ after 6 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev E Clay.

Met according to adjournment, Rev W Hobbs in the chair.

Prayers were offered by Revd's W Coleman and T H Porter.

Addresses followed from Revd's R E Burpe, S T Rand, and Dr Cramp. A collection of £2 14 6 was then realized for Foreign

Missions and Revd's H Ross and J Davis addressed the meeting

The meeting then adjourned.

Prayer by Rev J Francis.

Tuesday 13th July 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev W G Parker.

Rev W Coleman Del. from Eastern N. B. Association preached from Mark ix 19.

Rev J Davis spoke on the objects embraced by the Am. and For. Bible Society.

Collection taken for that object amounting to £3 16 9. Moved that Rev J Chase take a seat in the Association.

Rev C Topper having addressed the Association on the Educational Cause presented the Report.

Bro. E H Duval in moving its adoption advocated its claim. Dr Cramp defined and urged the Endowment of Acadia College. Rev J Francis and E H Duval followed. Report adopted.

REPORT.

Report of the Committee on Education.

That the extensive diffusion of sound and thorough education imparted under a pious influence, is highly desirable, is too obvious to require either proof or illustration. To all, therefore who are in any measure acquainted with the character and utility of our excellent Institutions of learning at Horton, it must be evident, that their permanent support is an object of vast importance.

Your Committee have much pleasure in expressing, for the information of such as may need to be informed on this point, their hearty approval of the satisfactory manner in which the Academy is conducted, by its judicious and able Principal, Mr. J W Hartt, with the aid of his valuable Assistant, Mr. H W Johnston. They strongly recommend to Baptist parents, and others to send their sons thither for instruction.

While your Committee are likewise indulged with the satisfaction of bearing the most unqualified testimony to the ability, zeal, and diligence with which the worthy President of Acadia College, the Rev. Dr. Cramp, and his invaluable coadjutor, the late deeply lamented Professor Chipman, have discharged their onerous duties devolving upon them, and to the extensive usefulness of the instructions which have been imparted in that institution, they cannot fail to be aware, that in order to the accomplishment of all that is contemplated and desirable, an increase of teachers is indispensable. For the attainment of this object, nay, for the preservation of the very existence of the College—it is indispensable that the plan of Endowment, by the raising the sum of £10,000, as proposed at a meeting held at Wolfville in December last be carried into effect. Your Committee would therefore adopt the following sentiments then expressed, namely:—

“That this meeting cannot but acknowledge, with profound gratitude, the goodness of God toward the Institutions of learning founded by the Baptists in these Provinces, from which many and great advantages have been derived by numbers of individuals,

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uals, of various ranks and professions—more particularly to-
wards Acadia College, in which, raised as it was in faith and
prayer, and therefore associated with hallowed recollections, the
future minister and the future missionary have pursued their stu-
dies, and prepared for the work of the Lord.

"That whereas, in order to secure efficient Collegiate instruc-
tion, a division of labour is absolutely necessary, so that each
professor may be limited, as nearly as possible, to one branch
of tuition, it is much to be regretted that there are now but two
professors at Acadia College, and it is greatly to be desired that
the number should be increased, at the earliest possible period.

"That however desirable it may be, for various reasons to
obtain support for the College by Annual Subscriptions, it has
been found by experience that the funds derived from that source
are precarious and insufficient, and that the uncertainty of col-
lection, and consequent irregularity in the receipts, produce
manifest inconveniences, which are seriously detrimental to the
successful working of the Institution; while it is manifest, that
the enlarged income required for an increased number of Pro-
fessors cannot be reasonably looked for without a change in the
pecuniary arrangement.

"That in order to place the College on a permanent founda-
tion by procuring an adequate amount of annual support, it is
desirable to raise the sum of not less than £10,000 for an En-
dowment, to be vested in approved securities; the interest of
which, £600 per annum, together with tuition fees, the proceeds
of the Union Societies, applicable to Theological Education, and
by voluntary subscriptions which may continue to be realized,
will suffice to provide for the appointment of a suitable number
of Professors."

Your Committee regard the very painful visitation of that
mysterious Providence which has suddenly deprived the Insti-
tution of the highly useful and important services of our in-
estimable friend and brother, Professor Chipman, as also of the
support of those bright ornaments, her promising sons Grant,
and, Phalen, and King, together with the valuable co-operation
and aid of our esteemed Brother, Rev. E. D. Very, as calling
indeed for deep humiliation under the mighty hand of God.
er, however, from considering it as a cause of discouragement,
it might furnish a pretext for abandoning the undertaking,
they view it as manifestly calling upon the surviving friends of
Acadia College, to engage in her behalf with increased zeal,
decision, and liberality.

Under these considerations your Committee recommend the
adoption of the following resolutions:—

That, as the success of Acadia College is strictly identified
with the best interests of the Baptist Denomination in these Pro-

vinces, and that success is evidently dependant on the raising of the proposed Endowment fund it be affectionately and strenuously urged upon all the friends of education and of piety, to put forth the most determined efforts, by acts of noble generosity, for the accomplishment of this highly momentous object.

CHARLES TUPPER,

Chairman.

The Committee to prepare the Memorial on departed brethren reported as follows :—

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial with reference to departed brethren present to the Association the following expression of their views and feelings.

The strokes of death have fallen heavily on our Denomination in these Provinces during the past year. The brethren Elder and Very have been taken from service in New Brunswick ; and here, in Nova Scotia, we mourn the loss of Professor Chipman, and of the four students of Acadia College, who died with him and brother Very on the 7th ult. That sad catastrophe has spread unexampled distress throughout the land.

Brother Elder was greatly beloved by all who knew him. His gentleness of spirit and amiable deportment endeared him to his brethren, while his intellectual qualifications and varied attainments added lustre to piety, and fitted him, in the opinion of competent judges, for extensive usefulness.

Brother Very was distinguished by solidity, and comprehensive views of truth, perspicuously and forcibly expressed. He was an active and devoted pastor. He was a wise-hearted friend of knowledge. His labours on behalf of the denomination, in connection with the Christian Visitor and circulation of useful books, were of the highest value. His memory will be long and affectionately cherished by the Baptists of these Provinces.

The four students referred to above were young men of great promise. They were all members of Baptist Churches. Two of them were candidates for the Christian ministry, and one William E. Grant, was already known as an acceptable preacher of the gospel. All were industrious in their studies, correct in conduct, and apparently destined to occupy no mean rank in society. Their early removal is among the inscrutable things of God, of which he will be "his own interpreter," in his own time.

The loss of Professor Chipman requires more lengthened notice.

That excellent brother's mind was well balanced and richly furnished. His judgment was sound ; his imagination lively ; his taste, correct and refined. He was continually adding to his

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In the discharge of his official duties he spared no time, no toil. What he did, he did thoroughly, and he required thoroughness from others. Carefully estimating the mental and moral characteristics of every student, he was ever prepared to advise and aid, in order to secure the progress which he so earnestly desired. His success as a Professor is recorded in the history of those who were from time to time under his care.

In the cause of education he was enthusiastic. His views were of the most enlightened and enlarged character, and admirably adapted to promote the advancement of our Denomination.

He was a whole-hearted Baptist, and he cared for our interests as if they had been entrusted to his special guardianship. Every day bore witness to his labour, his deep concern, and his forethought. Every project was viewed by him in all its bearings and pursued to all its consequences. Every Institution shared his anxieties.

Early converted by divine grace, he gave himself up to the service of God in the spirit of unreserved consecration. Though he did not often speak of his religious feelings, it was manifest to those who best knew him that he felt intensely. Piety was with him a principle—a well sustained habit—an all-pervading power. He was "a man of God," and he has doubtless joined the spirits of the "just men made perfect."

The removal of these valued brethren cannot but be contemplated with mingled feelings of grief and astonishment. As yet, we walk in darkness. God's "way is in the sea, and his path in the great waters, and his footsteps are not known." But he is wise, and just, and good—ininitely so. Let us bow before him with meek submission. Let us trust in him with entire confidence. Let us labour for him with all our might, working "while it is day," since "the night cometh, when no man can work."

J. M. CRAMP,
Chairman.

Prayer by Rev. C. Tupper.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Association resumed its Session. Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.
Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee are happy to learn that bro. Arthur Crawley, who has just completed his studies in the Newton Theological Institution, is now ready to proceed to the Missionary field, wheresoever he may be appointed.

The Foreign Missionary Board, as your Committee are in--

formed, decided, some time ago, that it would be entirely inexpedient in future, to send out any single Missionary, judging it of the greatest importance that two or more brethren should be united in the work, for sympathy and mutual counsel and aid. The Committee fully concur with the Board in reference to that decision.

But there is at present no second candidate for Missionary service, and bro. Burpe, as is generally known, though very desirous of returning to his labours, is not yet sufficiently restored in health, to render such return prudent or safe. It is manifest, therefore, that bro. Crawley's appointment must be indefinitely postponed, unless some other arrangements can be made, whereby the difficulty may be met. Your Committee learn that the Foreign Missionary Board have entered into correspondence with the Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, with a view to ascertain whether Missionaries from these Provinces can be sent out under the auspices of the Union, receiving their support from our Funds, and communicating to us, from time to time accounts of their proceedings.

It appears to your Committee that this is a very desirable arrangement. It will prevent grave inconveniencies, and secure great advantages. Separate and independent action will still continue, while the benefits of junction with a larger Body will be enjoyed.

Your committee recommend that the action of the Foreign Missionary Board be sustained, and that the Convention be solicited to confirm it; and feeling assured that the Churches of these Provinces are able to support two Missionaries, they beg to suggest the importance of obtaining the services of a second Missionary as soon as possible.

J. M. CRAMP,
Chairman.

Resolved—That the Association for next year be convened with the Baptist Church in Upper Stewiacke, on the 2nd Saturday in July, 1853.

That the Rev. W. Hobbs preach the Introductory Sermon, and that the Rev. John Rowe be his alternate.

That the Rev D. W. C. Dimock, Rev J. V. Tabor, J. Layton and Charles Cox, be a Committee of arrangement for the ensuing year.

That the Rev J. Francis write the Circular Letter.

Resolved—That should any Delegate or his alternate be unable to fulfil his engagements, due notice shall be given to the Moderator who is hereby authorised to appoint a substitute.

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The Delegates to Corresponding Associations being called for,
 Resolved—That Rev A Martell, be delegate to Central Association, and that Rev D W C Dimock, be his alternate.

That Rev Wm Hobbs be delegate to Western N S Association, and that Rev J Francis be his alternate.

That Rev J Rowe be delegate to Eastern N B Association, and that Rev J Cogswell, be his alternate.

That Rev J Francis be delegate to Western N B Association, and that the Rev E Clay be his alternate.

Resolved—That there be 800 copies of the Minutes printed, that bro. J Ferguson superintend the same, and that he be paid the sum of £8 to defray the expenses of the same.

Resolved—That the same Missionary Board be continued during the next year, and that the following brethren be added hereto :

Robert Lowden, David Blackmore, E B Cutten, Benjamin Stearns and George Hewitt.

The Report of the Domestic Missionary Board having been read it was adopted, and the account in connection directed to be inserted in the Minutes.

Dom. M. Board in account with D. W. C. Dimock.

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Resolved—That the Missionary Boards in the Sister Associations in this Province be requested to assist our enlarged Missionary operations by granting us a sum for that purpose.

Resolved—That the Domestic Missionary Board gives notice that a resolution will be presented to the next Association requesting a portion of the funds of the Union Society to aid us in sustaining our Missionaries until the Societies formed through their labours are able to work alone.

Resolved—That Quarterly meetings be held in this Association during the year, and that the first meeting be held in Picton, on the 2nd Sat. of Oct.

Resolved—That bro. J. Francis receive the sum of three pounds to pay his expenses to the West. N B Association, in Sept., 1851 and two pounds ten shillings expenses to the Central Association of N S in 1852.

Resolved—That bro W Hobbs receive the sum of one pound ten shillings to pay his expenses to the Western Association in N. S. in 1851.

Resolved—That the request of our brethren of the Western N S Association, to aid them in sustaining a Mission among the native French be acceded to, and that all the ministers of the Association be respectfully requested to bring the subject before their respective Churches and congregations, and to take collections for the Mission on the first Lord's day in September.

Rev. J. Chase having laid before the Association the subject of an arrearage due from the Missionary Board, a subscription was opened and the sum of — realized.

Moved, that this Association recommend each Pastor to form Union Societies in their Churches forthwith, where such do not already exist.

The Association adjourned until 7 o'clock.

Prayer by the Moderator.

The Association having met according to adjournment,

The Moderator offered Prayer.

Financial and other matters having been attended to it was Resolved—That the Churches be recommended to encourage the Colporteur system by contributions and otherwise, and by

to recommend to their Christian regard brethren Henry A. Charlton and Elder D. McPhail as Colporteurs.

Upon motion of Rev. T. H. Porter, a vote of thanks was presented to the Baptist Church and congregation, and the community at large at Pugwash, for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session.

The Missionary Board resumed its Session while a deeply interesting season was enjoyed in the offering of prayer and addresses, and while the Session closed all felt that God had made known his tender mercy by visiting his people.

JAMES V. TABOR, Clerk.

J. C. BURNETTE, As. Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the Eastern Baptist Nova Scotia Association.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—

We esteem it a peculiar privilege in having an opportunity of addressing you in this, our Annual epistle; notwithstanding, we are sensible of our own inadequacy to say anything that may tend to your edification and comfort, without the anointing and dictating influence of Divine love.

On the the present occasion we would beg leave to solicit your attention and consideration to a few remarks on the subject of "Christian Union," which subject you will unitedly admit to be of imperative importance. We are fully persuaded in our own minds, because we have you in our hearts, that you hold with an unyielding grasp the faith of God's elect, the doctrine of the Unity in the Trinity &c.—a doctrine dear and precious to every evangelical Christian in primitive times, and necessarily must be equally so to us, if we would be likeminded with those who are now inheriting the promises. This is the foundation head of vital union, to which we would do well to repair under every circumstance and at all times, if ardently desirous that our souls should swell and expand with unfeigned love to the brethren, which may be emphatically called "the law of Christ's Kingdom, the badge of his subjects, and the evidence of his mission." If we can contribute no way else to union, from the holy dictate and law of the spirit of love, we can ab-

stain, as far as possible, from censuring our fellow Christians, as one of our most cheering anticipations is, that we are going where all are of one mind and of one heart. How desirable is it that every partition wall in the Church militant should be speedily dissolved—"for by one spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have all been made to drink into one spirit." To what shall we attribute the irresistible progress of our peculiar views and principles as Baptists in this part of the new world, if not, under God, to the concentrated and united exertions of our early fathers in the Gospel—some of whom are alive among us this day—men whose minds were knit together in the spirit of holy alliance, shoulder to shoulder in their march, breathing and diffusing a spirit of love and celestial union throughout the masses of the people—consequently, multitudes of immortal beings were captivated and brought to the obedience of Christ, who will be as stars in their crown of rejoicing in the day of final triumph. And while we truly deplore in every instance, the withering influence of discord and strife, which is not only doing its work in too many of the Churches, but has a paralyzing influence on the unconverted world at large—which consideration alone, should furnish sufficient ground of inducement to every child of God to exercise patience, forbearance, and Christian kindness towards all men. What an imposing sight would the Church of God present to a benighted world, were she arrayed in that "charity that suffereth long and is kind, that envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth in all things, endureth all things."

Dear Brethren, you will bear with us, if we digress somewhat from our subject while we allude to the sad catastrophe that has deprived us of late so unexpectedly of the fellowship and co-operation of some of the dearest and most useful among the brethren, but blessed be God, we are not left to mourn like those without hope, all whose hearts are cemented here in virtue of the blood of Lamb do exult in the hope of a re-union, and a re-blending of kindred spirits around the crystal waters of life. Our file is broken, and we deeply sympathize with the bereaved parties, who have been called to drink of the bitter waters of Mara. May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob console, cheer, and comfort their wounded hearts. Through this visitation we are all admonished with unerring precision of the uncertainty of human life, also made to hear in solemn tones whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might. It is evident that the great Head of the Church has assigned an im-

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portant work to the Baptists of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick "which Angels desire to look into." And can we for a moment think of giving up the carrying out of those benevolent objects, nursed, and cherished by many who are now joined "to the general Assembly and Church of the first born." Is it not the prevailing opinion among us that we are competent to keep the machinery in operation if zealously united. Union is power, and enterprizing men in every age of the world have felt it to be so. What can the aspiring Politician achieve without the support and co-operation of the public mind; or would the news of the day come to our doors with the almost speed of lightning unless by a combination of efforts and means, and how energetically many eminent characters in our own land, are at present laboring to bring about united action with the Home Government, in order to carry forward the long anticipated Railway in these lower Provinces, and if union can but be effected no doubt but the prodigious undertaking will go forward.' Is it not an appalling fact, that the prince of darkness and his emissaries are animated by one spirit, in determined perpetual hostility "against the Lord and his anointed?" And should not all the numbers of the saved, who congregate with us in gospel fellowship, study to be richly imbued with the spirit of disinterested union and holy brotherhood: which will give weight, and efficacy to all our exertions, to advance the Divine Glory, and the World would be constrained to exclaim "see how these Christians love one another." "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for ever more." In closing these observations suffer us to urge you affectionately and fervently, to bear in mind at the Mercy Seat, the cause of Missions both at home and abroad, also our highly appreciated Institutions at Horton: that the infinitely wise disposer of all events, may be graciously pleased to fill up the chasm made in our staff of Professors by the death of one whose being was identified with the usefulness and prosperity of Acadia College.

Finally, as there have been again and again noble demonstrations given of Baptist unanimity in sustaining our beloved Institutions, and, as it may be now or never with us, to take hold of the Endowment Measure, which is already sanctioned and adopted by some of our Churches; let us endeavour in all our collective energy, to place Acadia College upon advantage ground, free from present embarrassment and the trammels of future contingency.

STATISTICS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	No. of Schools.	No of Scholars.	No of Teachers.	No. vols. in Lib.	REMARKS.
Pugwash,	1	100	20	130	Prosperous,
Amherst,					Prosperous, Valuable Lib'ry
Cape Canso,					Bib. C. & Sch. Lib. wanted
Guysborough,	2	40	6	175	Small, but hope to increase
North River,	2				Interesting and increasing,
North Sydney,	1	30			
1st St. Mary,	1	25	5		Promising Sch.—Lib. small
Tatamaguche,	1	40	6		Efficient,
Wallace River,	1				Not flourishing,
Goose River,	1			100	In a prosperous state,
Upper Londonderry,	1				Being sustained.

The above brief Table, which is all that can be obtained from the letters, should convince the Clerks of the Churches of the need of more attention being given to the statistics thereof as is recommended in the Sabbath School Committee's Report.

In presenting the statistics the Clerk has to announce an error in last years Minutes. The number of members reported in the Minutes was 257 deficit the true number. The Total should have been 2319. To this we have to add the River John and Upper Londonderry 41 being 56 which increases that number to 2375. Some irregularities are found in the statistics of the letters of some 15 leaving us only 10 members clear increase.

Extracts from Letters received subsequent to meeting of Association:—

Mira Bay Church.—Baptized, 14; Excluded, 6; Died, 2
Total, 75.

North Sydney Church.—Dismissed, 3. For Missionary purposes, £3.