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**THIRD SESSION**

OF THE

**BAPTIST CONVENTION**

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**NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK,**

AND

**PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND,**

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**FREDERICTON, N. B.**

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# MINUTES.

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**Fredericton, September 16, 1848.**

The Delegates met on Saturday afternoon, after Conference, when Rev. Samuel Elder was called to the Chair, and Elders Robinson, Viditoe, and Very were appointed a Committee to prepare business for the Convention.

Adjourned till Monday.

**Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.**

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. E. D. Very, of Portland, from Romans x. 17—"So then Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Vice President, took the Chair.

## DELEGATES.

*Nova Scotia Missionary Board*—Elder N. Viditoe.

*Do. do. Education Board*—Dr. Crawley.

*Do. do. Horton Church*—Elder T. S. Harding.

*Western New Brunswick Association*—Elders T. W. Saunders and John M'Gee.

*Eastern New Brunswick Association*—Elder Titus Stone.

*St. John Union Society*—Elder Samuel Robinson and Brother George Ballentine.

*Do. First Church*—Brother Thomas Todd.

*Do. Domestic Missionary Board*—Brother G. A. Garrison.

*Portland Union Society*—Elder E. D. Very.

*Fredericton Church*—Elder Samuel Elder.

*Do. Education Society*—Hon. W. B. Kinnear.

*Do. Domestic Missionary Board*—Elder Charles Spurden.

*Second St. George Church*—Elder James Walker.

*Canning Union Society*—William D. Fitch.

*Norton Union Society*—John Francis.

*Resolved*, That Ministers and members of Baptist Churches in good standing who may be present, be invited to take part in the deliberations of this Convention.

The following Committees were appointed:—

1. To nominate a Board of Directors and other Boards of the Convention, and report the Members of the Domestic Missionary Boards—Elders N. Viditoe, S. Robinson, W. D. Fitch, and Brother J. P. A. Phillips,

2. *On Religious Publications and the Colporteur Enterprise*—Elders

S. Robinson, N. Viditoe, E. D. Very, J. Francis, W. D. Fitch, G. F. Miles, and T. Stone.

3. *On Sabbath Schools*—Geo. A. Garrison and T. Todd, Elder T. W. Saunders, W. S. Estey, and George Ballentine.

4. *On Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings*—Elders John Francis, N. Viditoe, J. McGee, with brethren S. Elder, Joel Everett, and Aaron Hartt.

5. *On Foreign Missions*—Dr. Crawley, N. Viditoe, S. Elder, S. Robinson, G. A. Garrison, and Asa Coy.

6. *On Education*—Elders C. Spurden, N. Viditoe, and Dr. Crawley.

The following Report of the Board for Infirm and Superannuated Ministers was then read and adopted :

During the year that has expired one of our beloved Ministers has been called to his rest above, and the Board, previous to his departure, had the pleasure of removing some of the anxieties which his circumstances involved, by contributing to his earthly wants from the funds of the Society. During the winter and spring which are past, two of our brethren who have been called to pass through severe affliction, which disabled them from discharging their duties among their people for many months, were also relieved from the funds of the Society.

The applications for aid since the society was instituted, and the necessitous circumstances of several of our worthy brethren who have consecrated themselves, at the loss of all things, to the preaching of the Word, place beyond disputation the necessity of such a provision for our infirm ministers.

During the year the Board have been under the necessity of adopting a principle in the distribution of their funds, which is of such importance as to require, if approved, the open and unanimous sanction of this Convention. That principle is this, that no monies should be appropriated to those who were pastors over churches, and upon whom sickness or age, or disability of any kind should have fallen whilst exercising their ministry in the Pastorate, unless a statement should be made by the Deacons of such Church, that its members were either unable or unwilling to supply their Pastors' necessities. All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. McDONALD, *Secretary of the Board.*

After prayer by Elder Saunders, adjourned till 3 o'clock.

### Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Brother T. Todd.

The Committee to nominate the various Boards made their Report, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That all applications for ministerial aid from Nova Scotia be made through Elders Bill and Viditoe, to the Superannuated Ministers' Board in St. John.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools gave in the following Report:

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report, That the Sabbath Schools for the last year present a very encouraging and pleasing aspect, and are evidently on the increase. The Committee with pleasure report the gratifying intelligence that a large number of those valuable accessions made to our churches during the last year, have been in connection with the Sabbath School, and may be considered as the fruit of their

labors. The Committee therefore recommend that every efficient means continue to be adopted by all the churches in connection with this Convention for the advancement of this institution. We also recommend that the Rev. Samuel Elder be respectfully solicited to address as soon as he conveniently can, the Baptist Churches connected with this Convention in the three Provinces, through the pages of the Christian Visitor and Christian Messenger, on the subject of Sabbath Schools in that manner which he may deem best calculated to arouse the energies of the churches, and awaken the sympathies of the people to a means universally acknowledged as one best adapted to prepare the minds of the rising generation by a knowledge of salvation through the medium of the Scriptures.

GEORGE A. GARRISON, *Chairman.*

Many encouraging facts were detailed by the brethren Robinson, W. S. Estey, Viditoe, Ballentine, and Hammond, who enforced the claims of children on the Christian Church.

Prayer by Elder T. Stone.

Adjourned till Tuesday, 10 o'clock, P. M.

### Tuesday Morning, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. D. Fitch.

The Committee on Religious Publications and the Colporteur Enterprise presented their Report.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

That the diffusion of knowledge through the medium of the Press, is one means of extensive usefulness, which ought not to be neglected by the Christian Church.

Our duty and responsibility are co-extensive with the facilities we enjoy for doing good: the ingenuity of man has discovered the art of multiplying indefinitely, the instructions of the learned, the knowledge of ancient and modern times, the sayings of the wise, and the salutary truths of Divine revelation. Here is an instrument which the man of God may use to dispense truth, to expose error, to stimulate the sluggish and inform the ignorant; his duty is to use it thus for God; a heavy responsibility rests upon him if he neglect it; how much more then is this the duty of the combined Church which can accomplish what the unaided effort of an individual christian is wholly unequal to. But this instrument may be wielded by the infidel and vicious man; an additional obligation therefore rests upon the advocates of truth, to avail themselves of so powerful an agent as the Press, in pre-occupying public attention with sound knowledge and counteracting error.

But among other publications, periodical literature occupies a prominent position, its convenient size, the varied information it contains, the regularity, constancy, and freshness of its appearance, render it a medium peculiarly adapted for the instruction of the young and uninformed, make it a welcome guest in every family, adapt it alike for the parlour, the place of merchandize and the public conveyance.

Journals of this description, however necessary, require a large outlay of capital; they involve a serious amount of labour, they demand

no inconsiderable measure of ability for their management, and they will amply repay the most lavish expenditure of mental resources. They can, therefore, only be efficiently sustained by a circulation which shall place them above embarrassment, and even render them profitable. Unless subscribers are obtained, and subscriptions paid up, they must necessarily languish and become, instead of a powerful instrument of good, a feeble object of discredit. Impressed with these views, the Committee would earnestly recommend the purchase of books, the circulation of the papers which have the confidence of the denomination in both Provinces, under the conviction that much good is hindered by the limited diffusion of such knowledge as it is the province of these publications to spread.

### COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee feel deeply solicitous to impress upon the minds of all connected with this Convention, the importance of the Colporteur system.

Whenever or wherever this system has been employed, a remarkable success has followed. It was Luther's right arm in extending his views and influence over Germany and the adjacent countries, and more recently has been more efficient than perhaps any other, or all other means combined to create that remarkable desire through the countries of Europe for the Scriptures, and for liberty of conscience to obey the Scriptures in all matters pertaining to religion.

So efficient has this agency proved in the United States, that during the past seven years the American Tract Society has increased their number of Colporteurs from two individuals, to three hundred and ninety-seven, and so apparent has been their success, particularly their efforts amongst Roman Catholics, hundreds of whom have been converted, and also of skeptics who seemed beyond the reach of religious influence otherwise exerted, that the means are most cheerfully and liberally furnished to sustain the work notwithstanding its rapid enlargement.

Our Provinces present a field over which this agency may be extended with as great a prospect of success and profit, as any other territory of similar extent. The vast number of our population, scattered over the Provinces beyond the reach of the regular ministry, and without means for sustaining it, make it imperative upon the Churches to provide some other agency through which the saving truths of Christianity may be communicated to them.

The experiment has already been tried with most flattering success in New Brunswick, an amount of truth has been disseminated, and families visited which could not have been effected in many years through the ordinary channel. More than 6000 volumes of select religious works have been put in circulation since August of last year, and the demand is constantly increasing, the Colporteur invariably finding his successive visits more and more favourably received.

The Depository at St. John is now assuming a permanent shape, there being some £150 or £200 worth of books always on hand. This might be made a central depot if desirable, or as the communication is now so easy between every Province and the States, Depositories

might be easily established in the other Province for their own supply.

The Committee are able from the experience of the Colporteur Committee at St. John, to warrant the expectation that several Colporteurs may cover all the expenses of their agencies by their sales, leaving upon the Churches only the expense of their outfit. The Committee would hope that immediate efforts be made to put several Colporteurs into each Province, to accomplish this desirable work, upon which the welfare of so many depends, and in the benefits of which no church, however favourably situated otherways, can fail to participate. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL ROBINSON,  
*Chairman.*

After several addresses it was adopted.

The arrival of Father T. S. Harding, and Dr. Crawley from Nova Scotia, who had been detained on their passage by inclement weather, was hailed with pleasure by the meeting.

Committee on Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings, presented the following Report :

The Committee view with much pleasure the success which has attended the operations of the Union Societies, especially in Nova Scotia—a success sufficient to prove the efficiency of such organizations as a means of promoting the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom; and they earnestly recommend the immediate appointment of an agency for the purpose of more widely establishing these societies in New Brunswick, and of bringing into more vigorous action those already formed. They would affectionately urge upon the Churches and Missionary Boards the duty of affording all encouragement to such agency.

Your Committee would also express their gratification at perceiving that the attention of the Pastors and Churches has been recently called up to the necessity of universally holding and sustaining Quarterly Meetings; and recommend to the notice of the Churches the suggestions contained in the Circular Letter of the Eastern Association. They also suggest that the Ministerial Conference usually held in connection with the Quarterly Meetings be more immediately directed to the object of rendering our Baptist ministrations more effective; and, as means of accomplishing this object, advise the preparation of Essays, Sermons, and the practical employment of the rules of scriptural interpretation, together with such other modes of mental and spiritual improvement as may be deemed advisable.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ELDER, *Chairman.*

After the operations of the Union Society in Nova Scotia had been detailed, the following Report of the General Union Society of New Brunswick was read, and Officers appointed.

**THIRD ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GENERAL UNION**  
**SOCIETY OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION OF**  
**NEW-BRUNSWICK.**

The Board having so fully explained the arrangements and objects of the Union, in their previous Reports, they do not consider it necessary, at this time, to go over the same ground, and need therefore do little more

than refer to the Treasurer's account, which shows the result of the action of the Union during the past year.

By the Treasurer's account, it will be seen that a much smaller sum has been received this year than during either of the two previous years of the existence of the Union. This falling off has, doubtless, been occasioned by the extreme scarcity of money, and the pecuniary pressure which has been so generally felt throughout the Province for some time past.

A considerable expense has been incurred by the employment of Agents; but the Board consider this unavoidable, for without the aid of such Agencies, less would have been effected. If the Local Union Societies, when once organized, would continue their efforts from year to year, the expense of Agencies need not be repeated; but it has been found that those Societies, with few exceptions, have become inactive, and unless excited to action by the visits of Agents, would become altogether extinct. The Board believe that the employment of an efficient Agent, whose whole time should be spent on behalf of the Union, would secure the objects contemplated more effectually than any other plan that could be adopted; they have endeavoured, during the past year, to secure the services of such a person, but without success, and have been obliged to depend on the occasional services of the Rev. Messrs. Francis and M'Donald. The plan of the Union has been, for some time past, before the Denomination in this Province, although it has not been so generally acted upon by the Churches as was anticipated. The Board would therefore refer the matter to the serious consideration of the Convention, and request such advice and directions as that body may consider best calculated to secure the permanent support of the several highly important objects embraced in our organization.

### **OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL UNION SOCIETY FOR 1848-9.**

Elder E. D. VERY, *Secretary*, SOLOMON HERSEY, *Treasurer*.  
*Executive Board.*

N. S. DeMill, A. M'L. Seeley, W. Buchanan, J. F. Masters, John T. Smith, J. Kinsman, J. Brailey, with the several Ministers of the Denomination, according to the Constitution.

N. B.—Organized for the year by the choice of Elder S. Robinson, Chairman. All communications to be addressed to the Secretary.

-Both Reports were adopted.

*Resolved*, Whereas Education is one of the objects comprised in the Convention, that in the present state of the Provinces, we recognize Acadia College as the College of this Convention, and consequently the College of the three Provinces, represented in this body; and we recommend that Educational Meetings be held in both Provinces, particularly in New Brunswick, during the next year; and that the Professors of Acadia College and the Principal of the Seminary at Fredericton be requested to attend and preside at such meetings. We further advise all young men preparing for a College course, to avail themselves of the preparatory training which is so efficiently afforded by the respective Academies at Fredericton and Horton.

Prayer by Elder Francis.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

**Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.**

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Robinson.

Father T. S. Harding gave an interesting account of the religious revival which had lately taken place at Horton, and its vicinity, as well as in the College.

The Board of Foreign Missions then presented their Report, through the Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Crawley, which was adopted.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

*Submitted by the Rev. Dr. Crawley to the Convention.*

In our next meeting with the brethren (from whom they receive their appointment) the Committee would gratefully acknowledge the kind Providence which attends them, and which permits them this opportunity of recording their sense of His favor. Although the past year has been one of great mercy, it affords little in the way of incident. The mission being still confined to the limit of but one laborer; and that one being now settled in the quiet sphere in which we trust he will permanently operate, it cannot be expected that from year to year much variety of information will be afforded.

We have, however, the happiness to acknowledge a measure of that which we all especially desire, and the hope of which has been the main spring to form and maintain this Society; we allude to the converting grace of God conferred on the labors of our Missionary. From a private letter from Mrs. Burpe, which the Committee were permitted to see, they learned, early in the winter, that encouragement was felt in the School of the Mission from favorable appearances of seriousness on the minds of several of the children. The Society are aware that an important branch of Missionary labour consists in school teaching. The Karens of the villages in the neighborhood of Mergui, or upon the banks of the Tennasarim river, which discharges itself into the sea near that place, being sensible, to some extent, of the advantages which education offers, permit their children to attend a school in the city during a portion of the year, and a part of the labours of Mr. Burpe consists in exciting attention to this important subject on the minds of the Karens when he visits the jungle, at other times these children form part of his hearers in the city, or become objects of special attention in the school, which has also the advantage of being under the direction of a pious native teacher.

At the last accounts received from Mergui, for which the Committee again refer to a private letter from Mrs. Burpe, the hopes which had been entertained in respect to Karen pupils had been realized. Mr. Burpe had again visited the jungle, and had enjoyed the high satisfaction of baptizing as many as ten young persons of Karen origin, pupils of the school in Mergui, and the first fruits of his missionary labors. What greatly enhanced the interest of the scene of this solemn dedication of immortal souls to God, was the circumstance that these youths were all of them children of converted parents, who, with one exception, were all present at their baptism.

Our missionaries seldom write without reference to the exceeding

kindness and affectionate attachment of the Karen converts who watch with deep interest every visit of the missionary, and are always ready on his arrival, with their little presents of fowls, or fruit, or rice, as tokens of their love.

It is a high satisfaction and doubtless will be so regarded by the society to learn that Mr. Burpe has so far mastered the difficulties of the native language of the country, as to commence, to some extent, public services among the people. He had already, at the time of the most recent accounts, prayed with the natives in their own tongue, and was expecting soon to attempt public preaching. In more private and shorter addresses, he, of course, had previously attempted to extend his usefulness; and Mrs. Burpe was also hoping very soon to be able to conduct social worship amongst her female attendants and such other native females to whom she could obtain access.

Some anxiety rests on the minds of the Board in regard to Brother Burpe's health, previous to his leaving Akyab for his present station at Mergui, during a visit which he had made to the jungle on the river Kiladon, he had been affected with a cold which lodged on his chest accompanied with a cough, and had at one time reduced him to a state of considerable weakness; the sea voyage, however, had greatly assisted to restore him, and in her last letter Mrs. Burpe states her hope that the cough was almost entirely removed—and this Board trusts that it may be made a matter of special prayer in the Churches and in the social circle that the life and health of one so essential, humanly speaking, to the success of our great enterprize, may be mercifully preserved.

The situation of the mission premises will, as the board hope, contribute to this desirable end; placed on high ground in view of the ocean, though in one of the hottest of tropical climates, the residence of our beloved missionaries daily visited by a sea breeze which tends greatly to impart a measure of that vigor which usually belongs only to more northern climates, Mrs. Burpe and her child have been constantly, by the goodness of God, preserved in the highest health.

The society will remember the earnest appeals made by Bro. Burpe for an increase in the number of labourers, and that this subject was warmly pressed on the notice of the society last year. Every day increased the urgency of this claim. Mergui now resigned to the single labors of Br. Burpe is a large Province with a widely scattered Karen as well as Burman population. With every advantage of a residence within reach of the salutary air of the ocean, and with every other possible precaution, a visit to the jungle, must ever expose an European constitution to danger, and the aid of a coadjutor in case of sickness becomes indispensable. In making the various dispositions and managements too, which must be necessary in any plan for evangelizing a large territory, in finding out the fitness of natives for teachers or as candidates for baptism, as well as in seizing the opportunities which occur for distributing tracts, for conversing with the natives and for preaching the word, the necessity for the counsel and comfort and aid of a brother seems imperative. If ever the scripture "two are better than one," or the principal which led to the sending forth

the first preachers of the Gospel two and two was applicable to spiritual labours, it must be applicable in the present case.

In this conviction, and with the purpose of carrying out what they have reason to believe to be the wishes of the churches in general, the Board, ever since the last meeting of the Convention, and indeed long before that meeting, have been earnestly engaged in looking on every side for a suitable coadjutor to Mr. Burpe. They are not yet able to say that they have found him, but they can say that some circumstances that have lately occurred and that appear providential, are now directing their attention to an individual, who, they have reason to hope, may prove to be the person designed in Providence for this important work, and whose name, if he should finally be engaged for this service, will, in due time, be laid before the public.

In the mean while, there seems so much probability that a second Missionary family will be shortly sent to Mergui, that the Board feel themselves not only authorised, but solemnly called upon to arouse attention to the necessity of providing adequate means for their support.

A sum of money is on hand which may be considered as somewhat more, perhaps than is requisite for the outfit of a second missionary; but unless the contributions annually made, shall be considerably increased, there will not be enough for their permanent support. Four hundred pounds at the lowest estimate, ought to be the fund furnished by the several Provinces engaged in this enterprise, for the support of two Missionary families, together with the various other expenses of the Mission; and then, there may arise from time to time, the necessity of occasional outlays in the purchase of property for a residence and schools; the employment of native teachers; and other purposes necessarily incident to Missionary labour in heathen lands, which would demand extra contributions.

The Board trust that the brethren in the Provinces will be found ready to live up to the demands of the occasion, and in addition to their contributions, will not cease to arouse their hearts to that spirit of earnest believing prayer, which is so essential a support to suit our undertaking, as that in which the Society is engaged.

Our Missionary Brother and his family have, in the words of the revered Carey, "descended into the pit" of heathen darkness. It becomes their brethren at home, with their prayers and their contributions, "to hold faithfully by the ropes." They will find it a service that will abundantly bless the labourer: never was the truth that he who watereth shall himself be watered, more fully and blessedly realised than in all the attempts which the christian Church has made to go forth according to the Divine command unto all nations, and to preach the Gospel to every nation.—May the Lord give us abundantly the spirit to obey, and in obedience, that blessing will be found.

The following resolutions were thereupon adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Convention, confiding in the wisdom of the Foreign Missionary Board, and in the integrity of the Churches of the Denomination to sustain an additional Missionary, hereby authorize the Board to send forth another family to join our beloved brother and

sister Burpe at Mergui, as soon as they can make the necessary arrangement.

*Resolved*, That this Convention, from the information given by Brethren present, belonging to New Brunswick, feel themselves justified in expressing the assurance that one-third of the expense of the Foreign Missions, increased by a second Missionary family, will be contributed by New Brunswick, and do now pledge themselves, on behalf of the Churches, Union Societies, and other friends of Missions, that the amount of one-third of the expense of the Foreign Missions shall be forthcoming from New Brunswick.

*Resolved*, That the Minutes of this Convention be printed by the Publisher of the *Christian Visitor*, and that nine hundred be published for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and six hundred for New Brunswick.

*Resolved*, That Elder E. D. Very be requested to publish his Sermon, delivered at the introduction of these Meetings, in the *Christian Visitor* and *Christian Messenger*.

*Resolved*, That the next Convention be held at Bridgetown, and that Elder S. Robinson, of St. John, preach the Introductory Sermon.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the friends at Fredericton, for their generous hospitality to the Delegates.

The Convention then adjourned, after prayer by the President.

T. S. HARDING, *President*.

C. SPURDEN, *Secretary*.

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## THE NOVA-SCOTIA BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In Account with J. W. NUTTING, Treasurer

1847.

Sept. 1, To balance as per last published Rep. of Convention, £371 9 4

1848.

July 1, " Amount reported, collected by Deputation, as per Minutes of N. S. Association, 1847-8, 280 17 7

£652 6 11

1848.

CONTRA.

April 7, By amt. remitted Rev. R. E. Burpe, £52 0 0  
 " paid for articles sent him, 5 13 6 57 13 6

£594 13 5

J. W. NUTTING, *Treasurer B. F. M.*

\* This sum to be reduced by expenses of Agencies, &c., for 1847-8—account not yet published; and also by one half year's salary, to be remitted Rev. R. E. Burpe in October next.

30th September, 1848.

This Table exhibits a view of all the Churches and Ministers, Ordained and unordained. The names of unordained Ministers are in *Italics*, and Churches without Pastors are distinguished by a ———. Opposite the name of each Church is placed the number Baptized in connexion with it during the year ending with the last Session of each Association, together with its whole number of Members:—

NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION.				NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION.			
CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	Baptisms.	Present No.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	Baptisms.	Present No.
1st Yarmouth,.....	H. Harding, W. Burton;	7	506	Amherst,.....	C. Tupper, <i>S. M' Cully</i> ,..	13	77
Annapolis and Upper	J. Chase,.....	..	196	Port Medway,.....	———— <i>G. Armstrong</i> , ..	..	60
Granville,.....	<i>H. Chute</i> ,.....	..	..	2nd Cornwallis,.....	W. Chipman,.....	..	230
Lower Granville,.....	R. W. Cunningham,..	..	203	Sissiboo or Weymouth,..	C. Randall,.....	..	28
Wilmot,.....	N. Vidito,.....	..	296	Waterford or Pugwash,.	————, .....	115	154
Newport,.....	G. Dimock,.....	..	129	New Albany,.....	————, <i>J. Park</i> ,...	2	69
Onslow,.....	D. W. C. Dimock,.....	5	186	Liverpool,.....	R. B. Dickie,.....	30	224
1st Clements,.....	J. Potter,.....	..	258	Brookfield,..	J. Parker, T. Delong, ..	..	156
Lunenburg,.....	B. Taylor,.....	2	64	Sydney, C. B.,.....	G. Richardson,.....	2	15
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Petite Passage, . . . . .	_____		85	Pennfield, . . . . .	W. Hall, . . . . .	10	86
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\* The last eight Churches of the Nova Scotia Association were received during this session.

† The last two Churches of the W. N. B. Association were admitted this year.

City Missionary, St. John, D. W. C. Dimmock.

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Butternut Ridge, . . . . .	Jas. Herritt, M. Keith,		121
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1st Grand Lake, . . . . .	—, . . . . .		26
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Upham, . . . . .	J. Bunting, . . . . .	1	101
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Whole number of Churches in Nova Scotia Baptist Association,			106
"	Baptisms during the past year,		559
"	Ordained Ministers,		44
"	Licentiates,		4
"	Members,		9329
Whole number of Churches in W. New Brunswick Baptist Association,			35
"	Baptisms during the past year,		122
"	Ordained Ministers,		22
"	Licentiates,		9
"	Members,		2490
Whole number of Churches in E. New Brunswick Baptist Association,			32
"	Baptisms during the past year,		142
"	Ordained Ministers,		22
"	Licentiates,		8