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OF THE

FIRST SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN NEW-BRUNSWICK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

SAINT GEORGE, CHARLOTTE COUNTY,

SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,
2D, 4TH, AND 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1848.

Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and other Documents relating to the
W. N. B. Baptist Association, and Letters of General Correspondence, may
be directed to Rev. Edward D. Very, Saint John, N. B.

SAINT JOHN, N. B.:
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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 New Brunswick Baptist Association.*

ART. 2 The Association shall meet Annually, at 2 o'clock, P.M., on the 1st Saturday of September, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The Meeting shall be opened with Social Conference, after which the officers and Committees shall be appointed; Every meeting, held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ART. 3. Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4 At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for the vote for a Moderator, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator, to preside in all 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 their 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 inquire 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 independency 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.

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MINUTES.

ST. GEORGE, Saturday, 2nd September, 1848.

The Western New-Brunswick Baptist Association convened in the Baptist Chapel at St. George, this day, at 2 o'clock, P. M. After Social Conference the Association organized by the choice of

Rev. Samuel Robinson, Moderator.

Rev. Edward-D. Very, Clerk.

Bro. Thomas Todd, Assistant Clerk.

Bro. George A. Garrison, Treasurer.

Messengers from Corresponding Associations, and Visiting Ministers in regular standing in other Associations, were then invited to take a seat with the Delegates, and participate in the deliberations of this Association.

The Constitution was then adopted.

Voted, That Rev. E. D. Very, in the absence of the brother appointed last year to preach the Introductory Sermon, and also of his alternate, preach the same at 10 o'clock on Monday next.

The following Committees were then appointed.

1. *To Examine the Circular Letter*—W. Harris, and J. Tozer.
2. *To Examine and Read the Letters*—A. McDonald, W. Hall, and W. Sears.
3. *On Special Business*—A. D. Thompson, E. D. Very, J. Francis, and T. Magee.
4. *On Domestic Missions*—J. Magee, T. W. Saunders, J. Trimble, J. Walker, and R. H. Emerson.
5. *On Foreign Missions and American and Foreign Bible Society*—W. D. Fitch, A. McL. Seely, R. Stevens, G. F. Miles, C. Emerson, and P. Seelye.
6. *On Sabbath Schools*—T. Todd, G. A. Garrison, J. Moore, J. Mann, and J. Doten.
7. *On the Christian Visitor*—C. Spurden, T. W. Saunders, W. D. Fitch, and W. L. Hopkins.
8. *On Colportage*—J. Francis, W. Harris, W. A. Coleman, B. Buckman, and J. Davidson.
9. *On Arrangements*—W. Hall, T. Magee, and A. D. Thompson.

10. *To Audit Accounts*—W. S. Estey, R. Brockway, and J. Walker.
11. *On New Churches*—J. Trimble, W. L. Hopkins, E. McInnis,
and A. Cowperthwaite.

12. *On the Union Society*—A. McDonald, S. Kinsman, J. P. A.
Phillips, W. L. Hopkins, J. Tozer, W. Hall, and W. Ballentine.

After which the Association adjourned till Monday, A. M., at 10
o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

On the Sabbath the new Baptist Chapel was opened for the first
time for public Religious Worship. Sermon by Rev. Samuel Robin-
son of St. John, from Haggai 2ch. 9th verse. *Dedicatory Prayer by
Rev. Thos. Magee. Reading of Scriptures by Rev. A. D. Thompson.

Collection after Sermon for Domestic Missions, £5 7s. 7d.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. Charles Spurden preached from John 3ch.
3d verse. At 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. William Sears, Delegate
from the E. N. B. B. Association, preached from Romans 6ch 14th
verse.

There was preaching, also, on Sabbath evening at Pennfield, by
Rev. E. D. Very, at the Upper Falls, by Rev. J. Tozer, and at
LeTete, by Rev. John Magee.

Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Wm. L. Hopkins.
Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. Edward D. Very from the
1st chapter of Malachi 14th verse, "For I am a great King, saith the
Lord of Hosts."

A collection was then taken up for Domestic Missions amounting
to £3 1s. 7d.

The Letters from the following Churches were then read, and the
Delegates took their seats as Members of the Association.

Canning—Rev. W. D. Fitch, Abraham Cowperthwaite.

Portland—Rev. E. D. Very, A. McL. Seely, R. Stevens, W. A.
Coleman.

Woodstock—

St. Stephen, (Ledge)—Rev. Wm. L. Hopkins.

1st St. Andrews—Rev. A. D. Thompson, J. Russell, H. Hitchings.

Rushagonish—

New Jerusalem—Rev. J. Trimble, J. Moore.

Maugerville—Rev. J. Magee.

2d St. Patrick—W. Ballentine, R. McWilliam, I. Hanson.

2d St. George—Rev. J. Walker, F. Low, S. Hooper.

Dipper Harbour—E. McInnis.

Dumfries—

Chipman—R. H. Emerson.

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Fredericton—Rev. C. Spurden, W. S. Estey, J. P. A. Phillips,
 Newcastle—Rev. G. F. Miles.
 Jacksontown—Rev. W. Harris.
 Little South West—
 1st St. George—Rev. W. Hall, P. Seelye, J. Mann, J. Davidson,
 J. Walker, R. Brockway.
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 1st St. John—Rev. S. Robinson, S. Kinsman, G. A. Garrison, T.
 Todd.
 Pennfield—T. Justason, A. Buck, B. Buckman, J. Prescott, P.
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St. James—
 Carleton—Rev. A. McDonald.
 Andover—
 Prince William—Rev. T. W. Saunders.
 1st St. Patrick—
 Greenwich—

St. David—J. Doten.
 St. Stephen, (Ledge)—Wm. L. Hopkins.

The Letters being read the Association adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Brother Spurden.

Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. W. Harris.

Committee on New Churches submitted the following Report:

That, at their request, the Baptist Churches at St. Stephens and New Jerusalem be received to this Association.

Adopted.

W. L. HOPKINS, *Chairman.*

The right hand of fellowship was then extended to the Delegates of the above Churches by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

Committee on Circular Letter having examined the same, recommended it for adoption by the Association, it was therefore read by its author, Rev. A. McDonald, and adopted.

Voted, That the next Session of the Association be held with the 1st Baptist Church in St. John; that Rev. S. Elder preach the Introductory Sermon, that Rev. C. Spurden be his Alternate, and that Rev. W. D. Fitch write the Circular Letter.

Voted, That Rev. G. F. Miles be the Delegate of this Body to the next E. N. B. Baptist Association, and Rev. W. D. Fitch his Alternate; that Rev. A. D. Thompson be Delegate to Nova Scotia Association, Rev. J. Magee his Alternate; that Rev. T. Magee be Delegate to Washington Co. Association, Me., Rev. W. L. Hopkins his Alternate.

Voted, That Rev. T. W. Saunders, Rev. J. Tozer, Rev. W. Harris, Rev. J. Magee, and Rev. G. Rigby, be Delegates from this Association to the Union Convention.

The Committee on Special Business then submitted the following

REPORT :

1. That whilst we rejoice at the disposition of the feeble and secluded Churches of this Province to secure the services of an ordained Ministry, and with the greatest respect for the Brother proposed by the Northeast Church, and also for their request, yet, fearing that evil consequences may grow out of such a course of ordaining men at the Association, if it becomes customary, we decline in this and all cases, to ordain a Minister away from the precincts of the Church which has called him to the Pastorate.

2. That the Association adopt the principle of paying the expenses of its Delegates, to Convention and to corresponding Associations; they also recommend that every Church calling a Council, make provision to cover the travelling expenses of the brethren called.

3. In reply to a Communication from Mr. Gilbert Spurr, submitted by Rev. S. Robinson, requesting a Council, &c.,

Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Spurr, that when he attains a regular standing in any Baptist Church connected with this Association, the way will be opened for the action of the Association on this case.

A. D. THOMPSON, *Chairman*.

Adopted.

Voted, That 1000 copies of the Minutes, containing the Articles and Covenant of the Association, be published under the direction of the Clerk.

The following Resolutions, of the E. N. B. Baptist Association, having been submitted by Rev. W. Sears, their Delegate, viz :

"*Resolved*, That a standing Corresponding Secretary be appointed to correspond, in behalf of the Association, with our Foreign Missionary, Elder R. E. Burpe; also, to conduct any other necessary correspondence for the Association."

"*Resolved*, That Elder E. D. Very be our Corresponding Secretary, and that the Delegates of this Association request the Western Association to unite with us in this appointment, and assist in defraying the expense."

It was Resolved, That Rev. E. D. Very be the Corresponding Secretary of this Association.

The Reports of the various Local Missionary Boards and their accounts being read, the following brethren were appointed as Boards for the ensuing year, viz :—

FOR SAINT JOHN DISTRICT—John Smith, Thomas Lockey, George A. Garrison, N. S. Demill, James Brayley, Moses Lawrence, Alex. McL. Seelye, George W. Roberts, Robert Stevens, C. D. Everitt, Samuel Spillar, J. P. Wills, W. Buchanan, W. Hayward, J. Christopher, Samuel Kinsman, E. H. Duval, J. F. Masters—with the Pastors of St. John and vicinity.

FOR FREDERICTON—Rev. S. Elder, Rev. C. Spurdén, Z. G. Gabel, J. P. A. Phillips, W. S. Estey, J. C. Watson, C. L. Hartt, W. Sewell, David Scott.

FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY.—P. Seelye, J. Mann, J. Walker, J. Russell, Joseph Doten, R. Brockway, B. Williams, J. Davidson, Mark Young, with the Ministers who attend the Quarterly Meetings in the County.

Resolved, That the General Treasurer for Domestic Missions be request-

ted immediately to pay to the several local Treasurers the amounts in his hands respectively due to them.

Resolved, That we dispense with the office of a general Treasurer, and that the Treasurer of the Association hold the monies for Domestic Missions in his hands till called for according to the vote of the Association.

Resolved, That the balance of the sum collected for Domestic Mission purposes at this Session after paying the expenses of the Association, and for Printing the Minutes, be divided among the St. John, Frederickton and Charlotte County Boards.

Adjourned to 7½ o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. Trimble.

Monday, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. Magee.

The Committee on the Union Society submitted the following

REPORT,

The Committee regarding the successful operation of Union Societies as the most efficient instrumentality to promote the purposes of the denomination, regret that so little has been done by the churches towards sustaining the funds of the Union, and believing that the objects to be accomplished by the Union will be defeated, unless some suitable course be pursued to secure such funds as may be necessary.

They would recommend that an Agent be forthwith employed to carry out the purposes of the Union, whose constant employment shall be devoted to it; and whilst laboring in said work, that he receive aid as a missionary from the different Boards. We have observed another serious evil in connection with the operation of the Union, which has led to some misconception as to the permanency of the subscriptions made at the organization of the several societies—and owing to this, many have not felt bound to continue their subscriptions as the Lord has prospered them; though expected, at the time, to continue their contributions from year to year.

We further recommend that the Ministers and Delegates present, be requested to urge the Churches immediately on their return to forward their contributions to the Union Society at the meeting of the Convention of the Provinces; and unless a special effort be forthwith put forth, we see no alternative but that objects to which we are pledged must suffer.

In behalf of Committee,

A. McDONALD.

The Chairman of the Committee made an earnest appeal in submitting the Report which was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following

REPORT,

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to Report as follows: That the latest accounts received from Brother Burpe are of an encouraging nature, as it respects the great objects of his Mission. Eleven of the benighted Karens have been converted to God through his instrumentality, and immersed in the name of the Trinity. They would also state that the Missionary Board are in correspondence with

a Brother, who, if approved, will soon be on his way to join our beloved Missionaries in Mergui, accompanied with a suitable companion.

They are convinced that it is only necessary for them to refer to the magnitude of the work; to point to a whole Province with but a single Missionary family to instruct them; to insist upon the command of the Lord Jesus, which binds his followers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world; and to remind their brethren of the pledges both express and implied, which they have individually and unitedly made to carry forward this sacred enterprise, in order to arouse their sympathies and call forth their liberality on behalf of the foreign Missionary cause.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. FITCH, *Chairman of the Committee.*

Adopted.

The consideration of this Report, and speeches upon the subject by Brethren Fitch, Harris, Thompson, Robinson, and Francis, occupied the remainder of the evening, the audience giving marked attention.

A collection was then taken up for Foreign Missions amounting to £3 5s 2d and two gold rings, one of which was redeemed for 2s 6d. Brother A. H. Gilmour afterwards added 5s. making £3 12s 6d.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Tuesday, A. M. Prayer by Bro. McInnis.

Tuesday, 10 o'clock, A.M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. Tozer.

Rev. C. Emerson of Machias Port, Delegate from Washington Co. Association Me., then preached from 2nd Thessalonians 2nd chap. 16th verse.—“And hath given us”—“good hope through grace.”

After the sermon, Rev. C. Spurden presented the Report of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, (vide appendix A.) which gave rise to remarks from Brethren Spurden, Thompson, Magee, McDonald, and Robinson.

It having been announced that there were funds to assist a Licentiate in the pursuit of his studies for three months, a proposition was made to increase it, and make it adequate to the expenses of one year, and tendered for the benefit of Brother Robert H. Emerson, who was present. This was immediately done by Brethren Miles, Spurden, Francis and Estey.

Brethren Harris J. Magee, S. Kinsman and J. P. A. Phillips were then appointed a Committee to report on the Grand Falls Mission.

Rev. A. McDonald then submitted the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That special care be taken by the Ministers of this Association to conform to the conditions of the Law, relating to the right of our Ministry to solemnize Marriage, requiring that every Minister ordained, and every Minister removing to this Province connected

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with this Association, be reported by at least two of our Ministers to the Provincial Secretary; and that every case of exclusion from such standing be reported in the same manner.

Adjourned to meet at three o'clock. Prayer by Brother T. Todd.

Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P.M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. Walker.

The following Resolution was then submitted and accepted:—

Whereas, Rev. Edward D. Very, removing from the United States to this Province in 1846 has taken up a permanent residence in this Province, and is the Pastor of the Baptist Church in Portland, and a Conductor of a Public Journal, the Organ of this Denomination, not being entitled by the present Marriage Law to solemnize Marriage—

Resolved, That the Moderator of this Association be authorised in the name and in behalf of this Body, to forward a Petition to the Legislature of this Province at their next Session, praying that such privilege be granted to him.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their Report which was adopted (vide appendix B.)

Addresses were made in behalf of the Sabbath School by Brethren Todd, Very, and Robinson.

The Colporteur Committee appointed last year, having presented their Report, the Committee on Colportage submitted the following Report.

The Committee rejoice in the success which has attended the efficient labours of the Colporteur Committee, and earnestly recommend the Churches to give every encouragement in their power to this agency; and would further respectfully request that each Church take up a collection or subscription to defray the expense incurred in providing the outfit of the Colporteur, and forward the same to the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. E. D. Very, Saint John.

The Committee recommend that the Report of the Colporteur Committee be published in our Minutes, (vide appendix C.)

J. FRANCIS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the *Christian Visitor* then submitted their Report through their Chairman Rev. C. Spurden, which was sustained also by remarks from Brethren Harris, Saunders, and others, (vide appendix D.)

The Committee on *Home Missions* then submitted the following Report:—

Your Committee are gratified to learn that there is an inviting and an important field for Domestic Missionary effort opened to our Missionaries, commencing above Wakefield, on the West side of the River St. John, and extending 70 miles up river, and from that downward, on the Eastern side, 150. Also, on the Islands adjacent to Charlotte County, and would recommend that strenuous efforts be made to occupy the ground.

The Committee have, with their brethren, listened with satisfaction to Elder Walker's report of his Mission to the Grand Falls; also, to the testi-

mony of the Andover Church in their letter. Brother Walker has completed a year's Mission at the Falls, and has received the sum of £53 0 3½, leaving a balance due of £46 19 8½
Deducting his own donation of 10 0 0

Leaves due Brother Walker at the present time, £36 19 8½
All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. MAGEE, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

The Committee on the BIBLE QUESTION submitted the following

REPORT :

Resolved. That we recognize the principle of the American and Foreign Bible Society as the only one through which the whole mind of God can be made known to man, viz: "that the original in the Hebrew and Greek are the only authentic standards of the Sacred Scriptures; and that aid for the translating, printing, and distributing of them in foreign languages should be afforded to such versions only as are conformed, as nearly as possible, to the original text; it being understood that no words shall be transferred which are susceptible of being literally translated.

Resolved, therefore, That as the Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society is at present in this Province, we cordially recommend him to our churches to receive collections and such donations as may be obtained without injury to the General Union Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. D. FITCH, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Voted, That Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. E. D. Very, and Rev. A. M'Donald, be a Committee to make arrangements for the next Association to be held at St. John.

The following Resolution was then moved by Rev. G. F. Miles, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the members of the Baptist Church and friends at St. George, for their generous hospitality and kindness to the Ministers and Messengers of the Churches.

After Prayer, by Rev. Thomas Magee, the Association adjourned, to meet with the 1st Baptist Church, in St. John, the First Saturday of September, 1849, at 2 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL ROBINSON, *Moderator.*

EDWARD D. VERRY, }
THOMAS TODD, } *Secretaries.*

St. George, September 5, 1848.

P. S.—An interesting season of Worship was enjoyed Tuesday evening. Rev. W. Harris preached from 1 Timothy, 4th ch., 8th verse—"For bodily exercise profiteth little; but Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Other brethren addressed the Meeting.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

*Of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, prepared by
Rev. A. McDonald.*

THE DUTY OF THE CHURCHES TO ENCOURAGE MINISTERIAL GIFTS.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In view of the good hand of God, which has been hitherto upon us, we cannot forbear at this stage of our history to acknowledge with gratitude that having obtained help of God we continue to this day. While we would, with unfeigned thanksgiving to God, keep in view our peaceful position among the nations of the earth, we, at the same time, cannot regard the changes and astounding agitations which are convulsing the world's affairs, in driving the mighty from their seats but restoring to man his rights, otherwise than subservient to the divine purposes of God in the subjugation of the enemies of Christ, and as preparatory to a more universal recognition and reception of the word of God as the only infallible guide in things pertaining to the conscience.

There is one feature in connection with the developements of the present age on which our attention cannot be too steadfastly fixed, and with which we are more immediately concerned in this Province than with any other change which is passing over society; that is, the progress of general intelligence and mental independence. That we, then, as responsible agents in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ may, with efficiency, discharge our obligations to the world, we invite your attention in this Circular to the duty of the Churches to encourage Ministerial gifts—a subject, though recently receiving repeated notice from the pulpit and from the press, yet, in our judgement, yielding to no other in its bearing on our welfare and prosperity.

The place which the wisdom of God has given to the preaching of the gospel in the conversion and sanctification of men is too apparent, and, we believe, too universally admitted to require from us at this time anything like a labored defence. The example and private instructions of christians or the perusal of books however scriptural or sacred, will fail to arrest the attention of unconverted men in the absence of the labours of the living preacher.

It must be evident, even to superficial observers, that the number of men entirely devoted to the preaching of the Word, is altogether inadequate to meet the present destitution either in supplying the Churches that are now without pastoral oversight, or the thousands that are scattered over this growing country, destitute of the word and knowledge of God. Although every other profession or calling in life is thronged by daily applicants, yet how few are pressing into the work of preaching the word of reconciliation. The causes which contribute to this desertion of the Ministry should be sought out by Pastors and Churches.

If our Churches, through parsimony and want of attention to the earthly wants of those already in the field, are thereby placing impediments in the way of those who have gifts and a regard for the work the remedy must be apparent to every one. While we fear that many

congregations claiming to be the disciples of Christ will be charged at the last day with robbing God in tithes and offerings ; we are not of opinion that the servants of Christ should be so affected by the selfishness of a professed Church, as, in consequence of it, to give wrong direction to their future life. Young men looking to the Ministry must expect to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ and not allow their attention to be turned aside from the path of duty by mere worldly influence.

We are of opinion that none of you will infer that the Lord, in his arrangement, has been unmindful of the exigency of his church, nor can it be believed that the character and extent of the instituted means are inefficient to meet the case of men devoted in their regards to the world, the flesh, and the devil. It appears to us that the present lack of ministers must be attributed to a neglect on the part of the Churches.

If to the Church, Christ has committed the means and instrumentality of sounding out the word of the Lord, that all flesh might know the salvation of God, and it be found that the means are inadequate to meet the destitution, we cannot avoid the conclusion that either the Churches are entertaining wrong views respecting the nature of a call to the ministry, or that we have been inattentive in fostering and encouraging ministerial gifts.

Though ardent love for the work is necessary for any one who becomes a teacher of Christianity, yet it is not every individual who would love to be a minister of religion that is qualified for it. Who has ever tasted of the good word of God, and enjoyed the comforts of an in-dwelling Holy Ghost, and did not feel an ardent desire for the conversion of sinners ? The mind of God respecting a person's call to the Ministry cannot be decided by mere feelings ; other traits of character must be sought for, viz : unsuspected piety, judgement, ardent desire for information, and a respectable share of readiness to communicate what he knows, though it cannot be expected that inexperienced young men will exhibit these qualifications in their maturity and prominence without practice and mutual training. While we would recommend our brethren to exercise care in introducing any one into the Ministry whom God has not furnished, either in head or heart for the work, we would remind them, that in neglecting to foster and encourage the deserving they will deprive the church and the world of God's ministers. The individual is not, in every case, a competent judge of his own talents, nor should the churches be waiting for miraculous intimations of the divine mind on the subject. The church should watch the workings of his mind by his interest and attendance on the prayer meetings, by his attentive perusal of the word of God and his growing intimacy with its principles and doctrines, by the character of his exhortations and by his zeal in promoting the interests of religion among the destitute. Here the Church has a work to perform, a duty to discharge, in watching the character of her sons, which she cannot neglect with impunity. Who ever entered on the work of the ministry without experiencing feelings the most depressing, respecting his own ignorance and incompetency

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for preaching the glorious gospel, or in becoming a teacher of others in things pertaining to another world? And who can calculate the real benefit and consolation which a wise and discerning church can impart to a young man anxiously inquiring what the will of God is concerning him? It is not often the most gifted and judicious that will be the most forward in urging their way into the ministry without due consideration and the counsel of more experienced brethren. How desirable, yea, how imperative is advice and sympathy at this juncture of a brother's history in confirming his former convictions and removing his perplexities and fears.

But how often is a different course adopted towards worthy young men, in leaving them to struggle with their feelings without a word of encouragement from either Church or Pastor, thinking that if they are called of God to preach the Gospel, they will ultimately work their way through all difficulties, forgetting that an individual may neglect this duty as well as any other. The most conscientious, in the absence of due encouragement will be most likely, in view of the solemn character of the work and their own unworthiness, to neglect the path of duty, believing that it would be a greater sin to enter the ministry unprepared than even to refuse to enter should it be a duty. While we allow that the Gospel in its influences over the spirits of men is calculated, from the facts which it exhibits, to expand, enlighten and refine the minds of those whom it pardons, yet it imparts no new faculties, nor does it necessarily impart ability for public teaching, without being subject to the culture which human learning bestows either before or after conversion.

The age of miracles is past, no one can now expect to receive the gift of *tongues* and *prophecy* through the laying on of *Apostolic hands*, nor can the order of men designed for the ministry of the word be expected to attain to maturity of thought, or acquire a knowledge of general information immediately after their conversion to God, or at the time of their entering the ministry, without pursuing the ordinary means to which other men resort, in obtaining knowledge and ability for usefulness. Hence the necessity of urging such as are looking forward to the ministry to attend first to the cultivation of their mind. If the work of a minister of religion is to exhibit and illustrate the doctrines contained in the word of God, and thereby instruct and edify their hearers for the inheritance of the saints in light, who is sufficient for a work of such magnitude in the absence of mental training and the acquisition of sound knowledge? There is no law more apparent in the governance of the Universe than that of adaptation; but in the idea of placing the inexperienced and unlearned, however pious or well disposed, as the interpreters of the oracles of God and the instructors of others in things pertaining to eternity, there is nothing but unmixed repulsion. This harmony in fitness exhibits itself in no part of the divine government more conspicuously than in the characters appointed by God as religious instructors of his people. From the time of the calling of Moses from the court and school of Egypt to the appointment of pastors in Apostolic Churches, studied care is manifest in committing the work only to such as were 'able to teach others also,' and while the Apostles enjoined on the primitive ministers to be "ex-

amples to believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity," they were at the same time admonished to give particular attendance to reading (or studying,) and meditation, by which their profiting might appear to all. In glancing at Scripture biography, we see that those who enjoyed the advantages of education previous to their call to govern and instruct others, such as Moses and Saul of Tarsus, were immediately thrust into the work, while those who were deprived of such advantages were instructed to enter the schools of the prophets, or, as in the case of the twelve Apostles, who, after their call to the preaching of the Gospel, were retained by their master for upwards of three years in constant attendance on His own private and public tuition. And lest they should mistake the requisite qualifications for a work of such magnitude, He most emphatically admonishes them to tarry in Jerusalem until they should be put in possession of more power and wisdom for their work.

If after carefully examining the characters of those whom God has in all ages of the world called to *rule* and *train* his people, the irresistible inference is, that they were men who "magnified their office" by sound learning and mental discipline, as well as by unblemished piety and holy zeal; our duty respecting those from among our numbers who are looking forward to the work of the ministry is as clear as a sunbeam.

Dear brethren, if we expect to maintain the ground which our more elderly brethren have occupied, we must encourage young men who are willing to hazard their lives for the name of Christ, to prepare their minds for the communication of "sound speech which cannot be denied." The solemn character of the work, and the rapid but certain progress of general intelligence in almost every section of our province, demand for us a greater supply of an enlightened ministry.

Dear young brethren, though the work to which you are looking forward with much solicitude is one of exalted character, and your anxiety respecting it is invested with many penetrating emotions, we would exhort you not to rest satisfied with present attainments. If the Head of the Church has called you to teach others, in order adequately to do so, be certain that He wishes you to embrace every opportunity within your reach to acquire knowledge and capacity for communicating his will to the ignorant, and those who are out of the way. Be not persuaded, although you should already possess a respectable share of readiness of utterance, to believe that you have all that is necessary. Mere declamation, however affectionately and fluently uttered, will not instruct nor satisfy a discerning public. Let it be your highest ambition to show yourselves approved unto God, and workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Let us, dear brethren, as Ministers of the New Testament and Churches of the Lord Jesus, diligently enquire if we have not been too remiss in respect to the rising ministry. And whilst we confidently hold fast the belief that it is God alone that endows men with qualifications for the ministry, and for every other good work, is it not imperative on us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers into the vineyard?

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**The Baptist Education Society for New Brunswick,
in Account Current with Executive Committee.**

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July 26,	Paid 3 mos. Advertising in St. John Courier,	£0 18 0
Sept. 24,	do. do. do. Morning News,	1 2 6
" 30,	Paid for 6 yards wire Cloth, at 3s 9d,	1 6 3
Oct. 23,	Paid for cutting 8 cords of wood, at 2s 6d,	1 0 0
Nov. 1,	Paid J. T. Smith, Esq., balance due in 1843,	£3 17 5
	For Paint. in 1845,	4 6 3

	Paid Mrs. Sally Smith Interest on Note due to her,	8 3 8
1848.		10 0 0

January,	Paid for sundries,	1 9 9
Mar. 13,	Paid for 8 cords of Wood, at 12s.	4 16 0
May 1,	Paid D. Richards his account in full, for making new Fence and Gate, repairing old do., re- pairing Out houses, and for repairs not be- fore entered,	21 14 8
	Paid Interest on Mortgage at the Central Fire In- surance Company,	40 0 0
	Paid Steward for one year's services, sweeping School Room, lighting fire, &c.,	8 0 0
	Paid Mr T. B. Smith one year's salary, ending 7th June, 1848,	50 0 0
June 7,	Paid A. F. Miller balance of his account,	4 5 0
	Paid James P. A. Phillips for Printing,	4 7 4
	Paid Rev. C. Spurden one year's salary, ending 7th June, 1848,	200 0 0
	Paid per centage on collecting School Bills,	1 0 0
		<u>£358 3 4</u>

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July 1,	By Balance in hand,	£3 18 8
October,	By amount received from the Treas- urer of the General Union,	25 0 0
	By amount received for Tuition,	77 9 0
June 30,	By amount of Legislative Grant,	250 0 0
	Balance due,	1 15 8
		<u>£358 3 4</u>

1848.

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June 30.	To balance due the Committee,	£1 15 8
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Z. G. GABEL,
Secretary to the Committee.

*Statement of Debts due by the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society,
June 30th, 1848.*

Amount due the Central Fire Ins. Co. on Mortgages,	£375	0	0
Interest on ditto,	10	0	0
Amount due Mrs. Sally Smith, (Note.)	200	0	0
Interest on ditto,	24	0	0
Amount due Rev. C. Tupper,	7	13	4
Amount due the Estate of the late F. W. Miles,	19	3	4

Total amount due, £635 16 8

Z. G. GABEL, Secretary to the Committee.

*Statement shewing the Decrease of Debt for the past three years on the
Baptist Seminary, Fredericton.*

1845. The amount of debt due was,	£728	1	7	
1846. Ditto ditto was,	690	12	0	
By less difference, and paid,		£37	9	7
1847. Amount of debt due was,	659	18	7	
By less difference and paid,		30	13	5
1848. Amount of debt is,	635	16	8	
By less difference and paid,		24	1	11

Total am't. reduced on Debt for last three years, £92 4 11

Z. G. GABEL, Secretary to the Committee.

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**The Fredericton Domestic Missionary Board in
Account Current with James F. Gale, Treasurer.**

1846.		—Dr.—	
July 7,	To paid the Rev. J. H. Tupper balance due him	£3	14 2
	do. Rev. James Blakeny do. do.	17	18 4½
	do. Rev. T. W. Saunders do. do.	8	9 3½
9,	do. Rev. Charles Tupper do. do.	1	18 6
14,	do. Rev. William Harris do. do.	5	0 0
16,	do. Mr. W. A. Coleman, Licentiate, do.	1	4 4
Oct 18,	do. Mr. G. Newcomb, Colporteur at Madawaska	2	10 0
Dec 15,	do. Mr. W. A. Coleman for five weeks Missionary labor, performed by him in the County Northumberland, at 20s.	£5	0 0
	Expenses for do.	0	2 6
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	1848.		
Feb. 22,	Paid the Rev. William Harris for Missionary Labor,	3	0 0
March 8,	Paid Z. G. Gabel balance due him since 1841, being amount advanced by him for their late Treasurer,	£	18 2
April 5,	Paid Mr. William A. Coleman, Licentiate, for six weeks Missionary labor in the County of Northumberland,	6	0 0
14,	Paid Rev. S. Bancroft, balance due him	1	17 7
July 27,	Paid the Rev. Thomas W. Saunders for four weeks Missionary labor	6	0 0
	1847.		
Oct. 1,	Paid Elder Walker on account of the Grand Falls Mission,	12	0 0
	1848.		
Sept. 3,	Paid Mr. Thomas Todd, Licentiate, for six weeks Missionary labor at Woodstock and adjacent places	9	0 0
	Expenses on do., travelling from St. John to Woodstock,	1	5 0
	Amount paid Elder Walker on account of the Grand Falls Mission	40	19 3½
	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	11	12 3
		<hr/>	£142 9 5½
	1847.		
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July 7,	By amount of Collection at the Quarterly Meeting held at Mataquack in March last,	£3	18 3½
	Received from the Local Union Society in Fredericton,	2	7 8
	Steamboat Stock, and Dividend,	67	7 6
	Carried forward,	£72	13 5½

	Brought forward,	£72 13 5½
	Received from Mr. Justice Wright, Andover, per the Rev. Thos. W. Saunders,	4 0 0
Oct. 1,	Amount received from the Quarterly Meeting at the Keswick,	1 13 4½
Dec. 15,	Collected by Mr. W. A. Coleman, when on his Mission,	4 0 8½
	Collected at the Quarterly Meeting at Manger-ville, in Dec., 1847, per the hand of the Rev. J. Magee,	2 8 1½
1848.		
April 5,	Collected by Mr. W. A. Coleman, (Licentiate) when on his second mission,	1 19 6
July 27,	Collected by Rev. T. W. Saunders, when on his mission,	2 0 0
	His own Donation,	1 0 0
1847.		
Sept. 9,	Cash received from the Rev. G. F. Miles, for the Grand Falls Mission Donation,	2 10 0
	Cash received from Rev. E. D. Very, Donation for the Grand Falls Mission,	1 2 0
1848.		
Sept. 2,	Amount collected by Mr. Thomas Todd, (Licentiate,) when on his mission,	7 0 6
	Received by Elder Walker, during his Mission at the Grand Falls,	30 17 9½
	Received of Elder S. Robinson, for do.,	4 2 0
	do. Elder Very, for do.,	2 19 6
	do. Mr. Duval, for do.,	3 0 0
	Mrs. Lydia Dow, Dumfries,	0 2 6
		£142 9 5

N. B.—After the above account was made up the Clerk paid Bro. Walker 14s. 8d. towards the Grand Falls Mission, making up the full amount of his pledge £4 16s. 2d E. D. V.

The Baptist Board in Saint John in Account with John Smith, Treasurer.

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1847.		
Jan. 26.	Balance due the Treasurer,	£5 18 0½
Sept. 16.	Pd. Elder James Walker, 1 week Mission	1 10 0
" 28.	Elder James Trimble, 4 " "	6 0 0
Dec. 21.	Bro. Thos. Lockey, horse-hire to Lock Lomond	2 9 6
1848.		
Feb. 16.	Elder James Reed for Mission labours	10 5 0
Aug. 11.	Elder James Trimble, 8 weeks "	12 0 0
		£38 2 6½

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Oct. 10.	Received from the Treasurer of the several Boards,	£16 10 0
" 16.	Collected by Elder James Walker,	0 10 0
" 28.	" " Elder James Trimble,	1 0 6
Dec. 30.	From Hampton Church by James Smith,	0 15 0
1848.		
Jan. 16.	Collected in the Church, St. John,	3 17 0
"	" at a Prayer Meeting in Brussel Street,	0 1 2½
"	Collected in Portland Church,	3 0 0
"	" " Carleton "	0 9 0
"	Prayer Meeting, Brussel Street,	0 1 3
Aug. 11.	By Elder James Trimble,	2 9 6
" 31.	Collected in St. John,	6 11 3
		<hr/> £35 4 8½
	Balance due the Treasurer	<hr/> £2 17 10

**The Charlotte County Domestic Missionary Board
in Account with Benjamin Williams.**

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1847.		
Sept.	To paid Elder M'Innis one and a half week's Mission at Grand Manan,	£6 0 0
	Expenses for ditto.	0 10 0
Nov.	Paid Elder McDonald for Missionary Labours,	5 0 0
1848.		
Jan.	Paid Elder C. Tupper for Missionary Labours,	2 15 0
Feb.	Paid Elders Robinson & Very for Ditto.	5 0 0
April,	Paid Elder Hopkins, balance of 3 weeks' Ditto.	3 11 2½
July,	Paid Elder McGee balance of 2 weeks' Ditto.	2 9 10
Sept.	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	5 1 0½
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1847.		
	By balance on hand as rendered to Aassociation in July,	£17 17 1
Nov.	Collected by Elder McDonald on Missions,	0 19 5
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	Amount brought forward,	£18 16 6
1848.	Collected by Elder C. Tupper on Missions,	1 2 9½
Feb.	Collection taken at Quarterly Meeting at St. George,	3 5 6
	Collected by Elder Very on Missions,	0 17 6
April,	Collection taken at Quarterly Meeting, Bocabec,	1 2 9½
July,	Collection taken at " " LeTete,	3 2 0
Feb.	Received from General Board at St. John by Eld. Robinson,	2 0 0

£30 7 1

BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

Account of Monies received at the Association.

Minute Money,	£7 12 3½	
Collection on the Sabbath for Domestic Missions,	5 7 7	
" " Monday after Sermon,	3 1 7	
" for Foreign Missions,	3 5 2	
" " Gold Ring, redeemed,	2 6	
" " " unredeemed,		
Donation for Foreign Missions by A. H. Gilmour,	5 0	
For the Union Society from 1st St. Andrew's,	3 4 6	
" " " " Fredericton,	2 5 0	
" " " " Jacksontown,	1 17 0	
" " " " 2nd St. George,	2 6 3	
" " " " Jas. Murphy, (Back Bay)	15 0	
" " " " C. Conolly, (Woodstock)	6 2 ½-30	
" " " " 1st St. John,	19 14 0	
" " " " Portland,	10 0 0	
" " " " Carleton,	1 0 0	
For Foreign Missions,	1st. St. John,	6 10 0
" " " Portland,	6 2 0	
Mr. Jas. Masters, Jr., St. John, paid S. Hersy, Esq.,	2 0 0	

£75 15 0½

GEORGE A. GARRISON, *Treasurer.*

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TABLE OF STATISTICS.

STATIONS,	Date of Formation.	Additions.					Died.....	Total.....	Money for Printing the Minutes.		
		By baptism	By letter.	Restored.	Removed....	Dismissed....			£	s. d.	
Andover,.....	1832	2			4			19	0	0	
Canning,.....		25				1	1	86	0	12	
Carleton,.....	1841	1	2	17			1	74	0	5	
Chipman,.....	1845		5				2	26	0	7	
Dumfries,.....	1822					1		48	0	3	
Frederickton,.....	1814					1	1	26	0	7½	
Great Dipper Harbour,.....	1847					2	2	120	0	5	
Greenwich,.....								20	0	0	
Jacksontown,.....	1833	2						22	0	0	
Little South West,.....	1845		2	13	8	1		46	0	7	
Maugerville,.....	1839					2	2	23	0	2	
Newcastle,.....	1846						2	41	0	5	
Northesk,.....	1819	15			1	2		51	0	7	
Pannfield,.....							1	61	0	3	
Portland,.....	1842	10						86	0	5	
Prince William,.....		1	7	1			1	106	0	10	
Rushagonish,.....	1846			5			1	83	0	5	
1st. St. Andrews,.....	1806			1				20	0	5	
St. David's,.....	1806					1		82	0	5	
1st. St. George,.....	1806				33			34	0	2	
2d. St. George,.....	1845	22	4				1	279	0	10	
St. James,.....	1842				1			138	0	7	
1st. St. John,.....	1806	4						23	0	3	
1st. St. Patrick,.....		33	16	3	5	2	10	455	1	7	
2d. St. Patrick,.....	1837	2						34	0	0	
Woodstock,.....	1842							70	0	5	
<i>New Churches.</i>				11				34	0	3	
New Jerusalem,.....	1848							18	0	2	
St. Stephens, [Ledge,].....	1848	3						36	0	0	
<i>Churches from which no Letter was received.</i>											
Blackville, Blissville and Ludlow,.....	1829										
Brighton,.....	1833							131	0	0	
Cardigan,.....	1820							31	0	0	
Douglas,.....	1844							25	0	0	
Kingsclear,.....	1825							48	0	0	
Nashwaak,.....	1804							57	0	0	
Simonds,.....	1845							43	0	0	
								20	0	0	
Total,		122	36	5	50	68	14	22	2490	7	12

**LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF ORDINATION.
Lathrop Hammond,	Andover,	June, 1810.
James Tozer,	Blissfield,	March, 1826.
William Harris,	Jacksontown,	February, 1830.
Thomas Magee,	Saint James,	March, 1831.
Thomas W. Saunders,	Prince Willfam,	July, 1832.
Samuel Robinson,	Saint John,	August, 1832.
Adam D. Thompson,	Saint Andrews,	May, 1834.
Edward D. Very,	Portland,	October, 1838.
James Walker,	Saint George,	January, 1739.
John Magee,	Nashwaak,	January, 1840.
Charles Spurden,	Fredericton,	April, 1841.
Alexander M'Donald,	Carleton,	November, 1841.
David W. C. Dimock,	Saint John,	— 1841.
George Rigby,	Kingsclear,	March, 1842.
William Hall,	Saint George,	July, 1842.
James H. Tupper,	Keswick,	March, 1844.
William Hopkins,	Saint David,	November, 1845.
William D. Fitch,	Canning,	January, 1845.
James Trimble,	Greenwich,	February, 1845.
Samuel Elder,	Fredericton,	November, 1845.
George F. Miles,	Newcastle,	October, 1844.
Gideon Estabrooks,	Simonds,	July, 1847.

LICENSED TO PREACH.

William A. Coleman,	Robert H. Emerson.	David Wills,
Thomas Todd,	Joseph Catherine,	Thomas Magee, Junr.,
William Gremley,	Frederick Joyce,	Edmund M'Innis.

NOTE.—Whole number of Churches composing this Association, 35
Ordained Ministers, 22; Licentiates, 9.

There have been opened for Religious Worship during the past year within the limits of this Association, new Meeting Houses as follows, viz at Tobique, Rushagonish, Newcastle, St. George, Grand Bay, Loch Lomond, and the Bethel in St. John.

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APPENDIX.

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REPORT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The President of the Education Society having taken the Chair, Rev. Charles Spurden, Principal of the Seminary at Fredericton, read the following Report:—

Officers and Board of Directors of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society:

- President*—Elder Joseph Crandal.
 - Vice-Presidents*—Elders John Masters and Samuel Robinson.
 - Treasurer*—Solomon Hersey, Esq.
 - Secretaries*—John T. Smith and Samuel W. Babbit, Esquires.
 - Principal*—Rev. Charles Spurden.
 - Assistant Teacher*—Mr. Thomas B. Smith.
- Every Minister of the Denomination is a Member of the Board.

STUDENTS.

SENIOR CLASS.

- 1 Edmund Knight, St. George,
- 2 Arthur O'Connor, Fredericton.
- 3 Stephen H. Estabrooks, Canning
- 4 Enoch Barker, Sheffield,
- 5 John Skinner, Wickham,
- 6 Joseph B. Peck, Hopewell,
- 7 Cornelius Flower, Wickham,
- 8 George Gerow, St. John.
- 9 Joseph A. Wetmore, Springfield,
- 10 Robert H. Emerson, North Esk,
- 11 David Horsman, Salisbury,
- 12 John Cutton, Amherst,
- 13 Joseph McDonald, Wickham,
- 14 Ward H. Estabrooks, Fredericton
- 15 Henry A. Vradenburgh, Wickham
- 16 John H. Watson, Fredericton,
- 17 Dow Vandine, Wakefield,
- 18 Donald Livingstone, St. George.
- 19 Duncan McDougal, Woodstock.

MIDDLE CLASS.

- 20 John Barker, Fredericton,
- 21 George Barber, "
- 22 Richard W. Thomas, "
- 23 Alex. McPherson, "
- 24 Enoch W. Chestnut, "
- 25 William H. Richards, "
- 26 Henry Hale, "
- 27 Frederick R. Harris, "

- 28 William Blizzard, Fredericton,
- 29 James A. Kinnear, "
- 30 William F. Kinnear, "
- 31 William J. Taylor, "
- 32 Francis J. McBeath, "
- 33 William A. McBeath, "
- 34 Richard Phillips, "
- 35 Timothy O'Connor, "
- 36 Francis W. Turney, "
- 37 William Nisbet, "
- 38 Robert Davis, "

JUNIOR CLASS.

- 39 Thos. O. Chestnut, Fredericton,
- 40 James D. McPherson, "
- 41 Allen L. Turner, "
- 42 Thomas Russel, "
- 43 Jesse Lafford, "
- 44 Charles A. Nelson, "
- 45 John W. Knight, "
- 46 Charles D. D. Phillips, "
- 47 Charles Davis, "
- 48 John Greenlow, "
- 49 Ingram B. Harris, "
- 50 William R. Turner, "
- 51 Charles W. Richards, "
- 52 Charles H. Lincoln, "
- 53 Edwin B. Lincoln, "
- 54 Enoch B. Turney, "

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TUITION FEES.

Under 10 years of age, 10s. for each term of 11 weeks
Between 10 and 14, 15s. " " "
Above 14 years, 20s. " " "
2s. 6d. for fuel each Spring, Winter, and Autumn Term.

Accommodations are provided in the Seminary, at the rate of 8s. 6d. per week. This includes board, the washing of six articles, and necessary attendance. Each student provides his own bed and bedding. Every attention is paid to the moral behaviour and correct deportment of the students.

At the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Society, held at St. George's on the 5th September, 1848, the following Report was presented by the Committee :

REPORT.

As the names of the Scholars who have attended at the Seminary for a longer or shorter period, during the past year, are subjoined, it is needless for the Committee to enter into any further detail. A classification according to the studies pursued has not been attempted, because of the difficulty of doing so with precision, when a variety of subjects engage the attention of the same student.

The Principal bears his testimony to the indefatigable industry, as well as the excellent behaviour which has marked the young men of the Senior Class, whether studying as School Teachers, or with some other object in view.

The friends of the Society will be gratified to learn that the debt upon the Institution has been gradually diminishing during the last three years. It appears from a statement in the Cash Account, that since the year 1845, when the Committee published the liabilities of the Society as nearly as they could be ascertained, there has been a reduction of debt to the amount of £92. This has been in part effected by means of the assistance afforded by the Union Society; for during the two years that the Union has been in operation, this Society has received £49 from that source; they must observe, however, that the formation of Union Societies has prevented their receiving the sums which had been promised several years ago, and which the Rev. C. Tupper was collecting at the rate of £20 a year. They leave these statements with the friends of the Society, in the confidence that when these facts are known, the Union Society will meet with no hindrance in any quarter, from the circumstance of its combining education among its other important objects.

The interest upon Mortgages, &c., amounting to £35, every year, necessarily cramps the exertions of the Committee, and they are extremely anxious to be free from the incumbrance of a debt which draws so largely upon their annual income; the sum now paid in interest, if it could be appropriated to the purchase of books for the Library, would soon furnish a variety of interesting reading, which would be an attractive source of instruction and improvement.

The Committee referred in their last Report to the repairs which would be required to secure the property, and fence in the premises; they judged it absolutely necessary to incur some considerable ex-

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pense this year, in the erection of a new fence, painting and repairs; the income of the Society, together with the tuition charges to the parties who have done the work, has enabled the Committee to meet this outlay, without incumbering the Society with debt. Some trees were planted in front of the building about three years ago, and the Committee rejoice in having been able to render the external appearance of the building an ornament to the part of the city where it is situated, and worthy of the object for which it was founded.

The following Resolutions were therefore unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolution 1st. That the Report now read be received and laid before the Churches.

Resolution 2d. That the friends of the Society rejoice in the measure of prosperity with which it has pleased God to bless their efforts, and anticipate the time when young men of piety will be found to enter the Institution, in order to cultivate their talents for the Ministry of the Gospel.

Resolution 3d. That the Executive Committee for the ensuing year consist of C. Spurden, S. Elder, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Z. G. Gabel, S. W. Babbit, Aaron Hartt, W. Sewell, and J. P. A. Phillips.

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REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report,

That having examined the letters of the Churches they find that out of 28 Churches reported to the Association, there are 24 Sabbath Schools in full operation, and the intelligence respecting their condition and prospects is of a cheering character, especially that from Pennfield, St. George, and St. John, where God has recently blessed the labors of his servants in the conversion of many, thus clearly evincing that this institution among many others may be made the happy instrument of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom. May we not then look to the Sabbath School as the nursery of the Church of God? It is there the first principles of the doctrines of grace are taught, and the heart in a manner prepared for the seed of divine truth. Let every Church then, seeking its advancement and welfare, not consider themselves in an efficient state for the conversion of souls without a Sabbath School.

The Committee would affectionately urge upon every Pastor, Licentiate, and Member of our Churches, their immediate adoption.

The Committee cannot fail to discover the want of a general Agent devoted exclusively to this object; and while they cannot at present under the embarrassed state of the Province, recommend such an undertaking, they would recommend in lieu of it that the Colporteurs be requested to act in behalf of the institution, to diffuse information and assist the Churches where no Sabbath School exists, to raise money for Libraries, every convenience being now afforded for cheap supplies at the Depository, St. John.

The Committee recommend to the Churches reporting on the state of

their Schools, that in addition to the information generally communicated they state what amount of money has been expended for Library Books.

The Table subjoined will present the statistics of the Schools.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Adopted.

THOMAS TODD, *Chairman.*

STATISTICS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	No. of Sch'ls.	Sch'rs.	Teach's	Vols.	REMARKS.
Canning,.....	1				
Portland,.....	1	70	12	300	Suffering from want of Teach'rs.
St. Stephens,.....	1	45	7	100	
St. Andrews,.....	1	33	5	90	[commenced.
Woodstock,.....	1	60	10	100	Engaged and to be immediately
New Jerusalem,.....	1	20	4		In great need of Books.
2 St. Patrick,.....	1	55	9	70	Flourishing. New Library.
2 St. George,.....	2	30			Making an effort for Books.
Fredericton,.....	1	70	11	200	Library replenished this year.
Jacksontown.....	1	60	10	100	
Little South West,...	1	26	5		
Northesk,.....	1	34	7	50	
1 St. George,.....	2	160	18	300	Greatly blessed and interesting.
1 St. John,.....	2	200	35	600	25 from the School baptized this
Pennfield,.....	1	60	10	100	9 do do do [year.
Carleton.....	1	100	14	200	In a very flourishing state.
1 St. Patrick,.....	1	100	14	250	
Greenwich.....	2	28	3		Wanting Books.
St. Davids,.....	1	30	6	100	
Chipman.....	1				
Total Reported.....	24	1181	180	2560	An increase of interest.

P. S.—Several letters make no mention of Sabbath Schools where we think they must exist. Will the Superintendants see that they are more fully reported, and their names as Superintendants given?

Report of the Committee on the Christian Visitor. (C.)

The Committee on the Christian Visitor beg leave to report as follows:

That they regard the Christian Visitor as an extremely valuable auxiliary to the other means of instruction enjoyed by the community; and would express their approbation, not only of the style in which it is conducted; but also of the promptitude with which all matters pertaining to the interests of the denomination are reported in its columns. They would therefore strenuously urge upon Ministers and Members of Churches to promote its circulation as the only means by which it can be efficiently sustained, and they would further press upon all who can furnish original matter, to aid the esteemed Editor in this laborious department of his work.

C. SPURDEN, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF THE COLPORTEUR COMMITTEE.

To the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association,—

The Colporteur Committee appointed at the last Session of the Association held at Jacksontown beg leave to report :

That they entered at once upon the work to which they were appointed, and corresponded with the American Tract Society, American Baptist Publication Society, and American Sabbath School Union, and also with several private Publishing Houses in the States, and secured from them very liberal terms, viz. :

Any quantity of books at their order, for twenty per cent. discount, and three months credit. This is the extreme limit to which the Tract Society, or Sabbath School Union ever went.

Upon these terms the Committee have procured,

6530 Volumes of Books at a cost of	£114 7 4
Besides Maps, Cards, &c., for Sabbath Schools,	11 16 9
Exclusive, also, of Bibles and Testaments from the British and Foreign Bible Society,	54 0 0
And Bibles and Testaments from the American and Foreign Bible Society, recently received, to the amount of	13 17 2
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There is now a good variety of Books on hand, and an increasing demand for them.

The Association, by vote, accepted Brother Richard Crabbe as its Colporteur, who has, in all, laboured about six months. His health failed him in November last, to such a degree that he could serve us no longer. Before his resignation, Brother James V. Tabor was also employed, who is now faithfully and zealously prosecuting the work and with such success as must gratify every friend of the enterprise.

Previous to the adoption of the enterprise by the Association a year since, there had been considerable outlay of expense towards the necessary furniture for the Colporteur, including Poney, carriage, sleigh, harness, &c., &c. Towards this some contributions had been made by friends, though by no means adequate, and since the adoption of the enterprise, when its concerns came into the hands of the Committee, but a mere trifle of a few shillings have been contributed except by the Committee.

The travelling expenses of the Colporteur have been greater than the Committee hoped they might have been; and we regret that many of our brethren have appreciated the work so lightly as to charge the Colporteur for meals and for board where they have tarried but a day.

The Committee doubt not, however, that as the enterprise is understood, and its advantages seen, there will be more liberality shown in this particular; nor can they refrain, in this place, from stating that in some parts of the States, where the work has been extensively prosecuted, the cars upon the railroad, and the best accommodation of

the Steamers upon the rivers have been frequently at the gratuitous service of the Colporteur. The Committee are bound to acknowledge the liberality of Capt. Rogers of the Steamer Admiral, by which boat their books are brought, in charging much below his usual rate for the encouragement of the work.

Until April last, the duty upon books was eight per cent., and the freight and cartage amounted to about two per cent. more, leaving about ten per cent. of the discount upon the books, towards meeting the expenses of the Colporteur; more than half of the books imported, indeed three-fourths, came in under those terms, since which time, there has been a reduction of seven per cent. in the duty, so that there is every reason to believe, that in ordinary times the enterprise will fully sustain itself, if economically conducted.

The remuneration which the Committee felt allowed to pay a Colporteur has been at the rate of £40 per year, which is as little as one could expect its labors, exposures, and cares to be sustained for, whilst again, it was as much as our circumstances would warrant us, at present, to allow. The Committee feel bound to express their satisfaction at the diligence and faithfulness of both the brethren whom they have employed.

Besides the sale of books the Committee have also made arrangements to introduce the Religious Monthly Paper of the American Tract Society, which is a large and valuable paper, to which the Committee now have 450 subscribers, which they can extend, to meet the wishes of their friends, to any number. The price of the paper at St. John, all expense covered, is 9d. per annum. The Committee will put them up in packages of twenty for any part of the Province, if parties will make up the sum of 15s. in advance, and make the necessary provision to obtain them from St. John. They can be had only for advance pay, and in packages of twenty.

In conclusion, the Committee would express the hope, in view of the success which has attended the work thus far, and the abundant promise of good which this enterprise presents in the increase of knowledge and in reaching so many with the word and truth of God who could be reached in no other way, that the friends of the enterprise will feel disposed by their contributions to assist them—giving them the ability to circulate gratuitously to such as are not able to purchase, and also relieve the Colporteur's furniture from encumbrance.

The Committee would hope that during the ensuing year, circumstances will warrant such expense as might give them the use of a suitable and conveniently situated room for a Depository where their books may be more accessible, and be displayed to better advantage. It is ascertained that such a convenience would allow the Committee to supply their friends in the Province with school books now in use in the Province, and stationary, at as great a reduction upon the ordinary prices as their religious books are now furnished.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Adopted.

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A DECLARATION

OF THE FAITH, PRACTICE, AND COVENANT OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST,
COMPOSING THE WESTERN 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, 23 ; Psalms lxxvi. 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 ; Gal. iii. 10.

7. That man being left to himself, soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death : Gen. iii. 6 ; Rom. v. 12—19.

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

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify 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 Christ's kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ ; and He shall reign for ever and for ever : Rom. viii. 29, 30 ; Eph. i. 4, 5 ; John vi. 37—39 ; Rev. vii. 9 ; Tit. ii. 14 ; Mark xv. 16 ; 2 Tim. ii. 19 ; Mat. xiii. 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, and ever liveth to make intercession for us; Heb. x. 5—10; 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—15.

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 all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3; Mat. xxiii. 26; Eph. ii. 10.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him for ever. 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. 15, 16, 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: Mat. xxviii. 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 their 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; 1 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; Mat. xvi. 27, and 25—46.

PART THE SECOND.

Concerning a visible Church of Christ and its Discipline.

1. WE believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of Saints and people, 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: 1 Pet. ii. 5; 1 Cor. i. 2; Acts ii. 42, 47.

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2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ, to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter, that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its Ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their Faith have been baptized by Immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23—26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18—26, and viii. 12, 36, 39; Mat. iii. 6—16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; John iii. 23; 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; Mat. vii. 6, 15—20; Ezek. xliv. 7, 9; Isai. xxvi. 2; 1 Pet. ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered, hath power to choose, and by Elders to Ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz.: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some such cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of neighbouring Churches of Christ; Acts i. 21—26, and vi. 3—6; Num. i. 10; Mat. 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 subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place, whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house; Mat. xx. 25—29; 1 Peter v. 3; Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; Acts xx. 28, 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—5; 1 Tim. iii. 8—14.

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him, in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the Church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz.: the glory of God and the good of his people; and the Church ought to be subject to such improvements: 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, one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burdened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force of

compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free-will 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.

C O V E N A N T.

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 obligations to glorify God, by living a holy, righteous and godly life, in this present world, in all our several places and relations; and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents and advantages to his glory and the good of our fellow men; promising, by divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families and to train up those under our care in the ways of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching 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 immorality, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the direction of our Lord—1 Cor. 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 be not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolishness and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing in words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to keep communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinance of his church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his word—expecting that He will yet further more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom, and applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of 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.