

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH, BRIDGETOWN, ANNAPOLIS CO.

Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 21st, 23rd, and 24th, 1873.

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**BRIDGETOWN, ANNAPOLIS CO.,**  
*Saturday Morning, June 21st, 1873.*

The N. S. Western Baptist Association convened this day, according to appointment, with the Baptist Church in Bridgetown, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its twenty-third anniversary.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator of the previous year, Rev. Joseph H. Saunders.

Social services were engaged in, while the Clerks made out the following

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- North Brookfield*,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Deacons Peleg Murray, Joseph Freeman, and Brethren Uriah Johnson, and A. J. Leadbetter.
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- Annapolis and Upper Granville*,—Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Deacons Isaac Haley, Solomon Chute, B. Fellows, and Brethren Woodworth Eaton, and William Miller.
- Upper Wilmot*,—Rev. O. Parker, and brethren Enoch Gates, Shippy Spurr, and John Clarke.
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- Barrington*,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
- Wood's Harbor*,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
- Hampton*,—Rev. Perez F. Murray, and Deacon James R. Hill.
- Milton, Queen's*,—Rev. W. G. Parker, and Brother James Shields.
- Dalhousie West*,—Deacon Samuel West, and Brother John Hannan.
- Wilmot*,—Rev. A. Coloon, and Deacons Hicks Chesley, A. C. Morse, and Silas Jackson, Brethren A. Longley, and H. E. Fitch.
- Port Medway*,—Rev. P. A. Shields, Deacon George Manthorn, and Brother Joseph Mack.
- Lockeport*,—Rev. Edward Whitman.
- Temple Church, Yarmouth*,—Rev. W. H. Porter, Deacon J. B. Kinney, Brethren John W. Leviitt, N. W. W. Hogg, and W. A. C. Randall, M. D.
- Springfield*,—Brethren Wm. McNayr and John Plumb, (Licentiate.)
- Hebron*,—Rev. John Rowe, Deacons W. R. Doty, John Rose, Wm. Durkee, and Brother N. E. Fatten.
- Freeport*,—Rev. W. L. Parker, Deacon Isaiah Thurber, Brethren Shippy Lent, and James Eldridge.
- Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot*,—Revds. Dr. Tupper, and Henry Bool, Deacons Jacob Neily, A. T. Baker, Gardner Tufts, Brethren J. L. McKenne, and James Roach.
- Digby*,—Rev. J. M. Parker, and Deacon I. S. Hawkesworth.
- St. Mary's Bay*,—Rev. A. Cogswell, Deacons Charles McNeill, William McNeill, Brethren John Abbott, John Andrews, and N. R. Westcott.
- Hillsburgh 2nd*,—Rev. A. Cogswell,
- New Albany*,—Brethren Benjamin Miller, Albert Oakes, and Christopher Saunders.
- Hill Grove*,—Rev. J. M. Parker.

*Digby Neck 2nd*,—Rev. J. C. Morse, and Deacon George Cornwell.  
*Ragged Islands*,—Rev. J. F. McKenne, Deacons David Hardy, and Wm. H. Page.

*Clements*,—Rev. John Williams, Deacons James Potter, John Potter, James E. Potter, and Dowe D. Potter.

*Liverpool*,—Revds. W. G. Parker, J. Jones, Brethren D. More, and Thomas Nickerson.

*French Mission Church*,—Rev. M. Normonday, Brethren James Wright, and John Andrews, Senr.

*West Yarmouth*,—Rev. I. Wallace, Deacons Eben Rose, and Kelley Rose.  
*Arcadia*,—Rev. I. Wallace.

*Milton, Yarmouth*,—Rev. I. Wallace, Brethren C. Kent, and Wallace Crosby.  
*Sissiboo*,—Brethren Wm. Lent, Thomas E. Hankinson, W. C. Hankinson, and Alonzo Grant.

*Lower Granville*,—Rev. J. C. Bleakney, Brethren B. W. Shaffner, George E. Crosscup, W. M. Weatherspoon, J. D. Halfyard, and R. Delap.

*South Yarmouth*,—Rev. W. H. Porter.

*Caledonia*,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Deacon B. L. Telfer, and Brother R. D. Middlemas.

*Ohio*,—Rev. J. A. Stubbett, Deacons J. W. Patton, Nathan Crosby, and Brother Isaiah Crosby.

*Mill Village*,—Rev. P. A. Shields, Deacons E. Steadman, and Thomas Munroe.

*Beaver River*,—Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Deacon Wm. H. Goudy, Brethren Horatio N. Perry, (Lic.) and Robert K. Rose.

*Yarmouth 3rd*,—Rev. James A. Stubbett.

*Lake George*,—Rev. James A. Stubbett.

*Tusket*,—Rev. P. R. Foster, and Deacon W. H. Gavel.

*Yarmouth 1st*,—Rev. G. E. Day, Deacon P. D. Kinney, Brethren Robert Brown and Charles Pinkney.

*Middlefield*,—Rev. H. Achilles.

*Litchfield*,—Deacon Samuel Sprowle.

*Hillsburgh 1st*,—Rev. G. D. Cox, Deacons Alex. Ross, H. H. Chute, Brethren Wm. Miller, and Edwin Miller.

The Association was organized by the election of Rev. W. H. Porter, as Moderator; and Rev. Isaiah Wallace and Rev. W. H. Richan, Secretaries; Brother B. L. Telfer, Treasurer; and Brother William Miller, Assistant Treasurer.

Brethren Robert Brown and Benjamin Fellows were appointed Auditors.

The following committees were appointed:—

**COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.**—Revds. Geo. Armstrong, A. Cohoon W. L. Parker, G. D. Cox, J. C. Bleakney, P. F. Murray, Brethren J. B. Read, S. J. Neiley, and W. Miller.

**COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE LETTERS.**—Revds. J. H. Saunders, S. W. DeBlois, and W. G. Parker.

**COMMITTEE TO READ LETTERS.**—Revds. J. F. Kempton, J. C. Morse, Dr. Day, and Joseph Murray.

The following brethren reported themselves from the Central Nova Scotia Baptist Association—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D. D., A. W. Sawyer, D. D., President of Acadia College, James Parker, and E. M. Saunders.

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The following brethren were invited to a seat with us:—Brethren W. F. Armstrong, Rufus Sanford, and George Churchill, Foreign Missionaries elect; Brethren J. W. Bancroft, W. H. Balcom, H. N. Perry, Lic., Deacons Ezra Layton, S. Selden, Ed. *Christian Messenger*, Albert Coldwell, Samuel Wringer, Robt. K. Rose, Richard R. Crosby, J. A. Durkee, Lic., W. A. Morse, C. I. Graves, Lic., Eben Sweet, Joseph Walley, James Bligh, Eben Hubley, A. M. Gidney, Prof. R. V. Jones, T. H. Viditoe, Edw. Parker, Z. G. Gabel, Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Board; Revds. S. W. DeBlois, D. W. C. Dimock, R. D. Porter, J. F. Kempton, J. L. Read, Z. Morton, L. B. Gates, A. Cogswell, S. J. Neiley, and E. N. Archibald, from the Western States.

A number of the Letters were read.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part as follows:—

That the time of meeting and adjournment be as follows: Morning Session meet at 10 o'clock, a. m., and adjourn at 12 o'clock, a. m.; Afternoon Session meet at 2.80 o'clock, p. m., and adjourn at 5.30 p. m.; Evening Session meet at 7.30 p. m., and close at 9.30 p. m.

They further recommend that Prayer-meetings be held at 6 o'clock, a. m., during the session of the Association, and that a Temperance meeting be held in the evening.

#### SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

Bridgetown,—*Baptist*—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., at 10.30, a. m.; Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., at 3 p. m.; Rev. W. H. Porter, at 7 p. m.

*Methodist*,—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., at 10.30 a. m.; Rev. R. D. Porter, at 7 p. m.

*Presbyterian*,—Rev. S. W. DeBlois, at 10.30 a. m.; Rev. Joseph Murray, at 7 p. m.

Centreville,—Rev. J. C. Morse, at 10.30 a. m.; Rev. E. Whitman, at 3 p. m.

Round Hill,—Rev. J. L. Read, at 7 p. m.

Granville Centre,—Rev. J. Chase, at 11 a. m.; Rev. P. R. Foster, at 3.30 p. m.

Lower Granville,—Rev. I. Wallace.

Paradise,—Rev. Henry Bool, at 10.30 a. m.

Clarence,—Rev. Joseph Kempton, at 3.30 p. m.

Paradise West,—Rev. John Williams, at 3.30 p. m.

Nictaux,—Brother J. A. Durkee, Lic.

Port Williams and Arlington,—Rev. J. M. Parker.

Hampton,—Rev. W. L. Parker.

Pine Grove,—Rev. W. H. Richan, at 10.30 a. m.

Valley West,—Rev. Willard G. Parker, at 11 a. m., (Funeral.)

Lawrencetown,—Rev. J. Rowe, at 3 p. m.; Rev. Joseph Saunders, at 7 p. m.

Annapolis Town,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, at 4 p. m.

Resolved, that collections be taken at all the Sabbath Services for Home Missions.

Closed with prayer, by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

#### Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer, by Rev. Dr. Cramp.

Minutes of previous session read, corrected, and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements further reported, as follows:—

Your Committee further recommend that the Circular Letter be read immediately after the Associational Sermon on Monday, that the Afternoon Session be given to Home Missions; and the Evening Session, be a general Missionary meeting. That Tuesday morning Session be given to Education, and Tuesday afternoon to reports of Committees, &c.; and if the business can be completed, that the session close with a social religious meeting on Tuesday evening.

#### COMMITTEES.

**SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Revs. A. Cohoon, Edward Whitman, G. N. Ballentine, Brethren J. A. Durkee, Lic., William Miller, J. B. Read, Alex. Ross, P. D. Kinney, and J. B. Kinney.

**ON CIRCULAR LETTER.**—Revs. Dr. Tupper, G. E. Day, W. G. Parker and L. B. Gates.

**ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.**—Revs. J. M. Cramp, D. D., J. A. Stubbert, H. Bool, P. Murray, Deacons A. T. Morse, and Eben Rose.

**ON MISSIONS.**—Revs. G. Armstrong, M. Normandy, I. Wallace, D. W. C. Dimock, Dr. Day, Joseph Saunders, W. H. Porter, Brethren Benj. Miller, John Charlton, Uriah Johnston, Isaac Haley.

**ON EDUCATION.**—Revs. Dr. Sawyer, E. M. Saunders, S. W. DeBlols, James Parker, Joseph Murray, G. D. Cox, M. P. Freeman, Brethren Prof. R. V. Jones, A. J. Leadbetter, and A. T. Baker.

**ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**—Revs. J. Rowe, W. L. Parker, H. Achilles, T. C. Delong, Obed Parker, J. Williams, J. Chase, Deacon I. Thurber.

**ON OBITUARIES.**—Revs. J. C. Morse, Aaron Cogswell, G. D. Cox, Brethren A. M. Gidney, and W. H. Gavel.

**ON TEMPERANCE.**—Rev. J. C. Blakney, Brethren A. Longley, N. E. Patten, Charles McNeil, W. H. Balcom, S. T. Neitey, Edward Miller.

Reading of Letters continued.

*Resolved*, That the Clerks be requested to prepare for the Minutes a sheet in which a full account of all monies raised and appropriated by the churches during the year shall appear; and that the churches be requested to state particularly in their letters, in future, the amounts thus raised and expended.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. W. C. Dinock.

A Public Temperance Meeting was held on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Association. It was largely attended, and addressed by Bro. A. Longley, and others, and much interest was manifested.

#### MONDAY MORNING, June 23rd.

After the usual preliminary services the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. G. E. Day, M.D.—from Phil. iv. 15. Subject: "The Origin, Ministry and Characteristics of the Philippian Church."

After prayer by Rev. T. C. Delong, the business of the Association was resumed.

Minutes of previous session read and confirmed.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that the document be read. It was consequently read by its author, Rev. M. P. Freeman, and it was

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*Resolved*, That it be adopted as the Circular Letter of the Association, and printed in the Minutes and in the *Christian Messenger*.

*Resolved*, That the preacher of this morning be requested to furnish a copy of his Sermon for publication, and that Bro. Selden be requested to publish the same in the *Christian Messenger*.

An interesting letter was read from Rev. R. S. Morton, and it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That Bro. Selden be requested to publish the same in the *Christian Messenger*.

The following vote of sympathy for Bro. Morton was heartily passed:—

*Resolved*, That we express our sympathy for our esteemed Bro., Rev. R. S. Morton, who has been laid aside by bodily affliction, from the active duties of life, and that we now make a collection to be forwarded to him as a token of the esteem in which he is held by this body.

The collection amounted to \$26.06.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp.

*Monday—Afternoon Session.*

Session opened by prayer by Rev. A. Cohoon.

Committee on Questions in Letters submitted their report as follows:—

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee have had under consideration a communication from several persons, excluded from one of the Churches of this Association.

It is very undesirable that communications on such subjects should be presented to the Associations, partly because they are not courts of appeal, and partly because it is a fundamental rule of all of them that the internal concerns of the Churches are not to be interfered with.

In the present instance, the information given is insufficient to enable the Committee to judge between the parties concerned, even if they were, which they are not, a council convened for the purpose of advice. They deem it desirable, therefore, to report that they dismiss the subject with a practical observation or two, herewith subjoined:

In the first place, if a Council is *ex parte*, it is not surprising that a Church should decline to take action on its advice. The remedy is to be sought in an endeavour to procure a re-hearing before a Council accepted by both parties.

In the second place, if when a Council is mutually accepted, and fairly and impartially examines the question or questions submitted to it, the Church declines to receive the advice tendered, it is obvious that however the action of the Church may be to be regretted, there is no further remedy, except the exclusion of such Church from the Association, on account of its having "departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice." Baptists have no higher court than the Church. An aggrieved party may have just

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Three applications from new Churches for admission to the Association have been laid before your Committee, viz., from Tiverton, Lawrence Town and Valley West, and Lockeport. The Committee recommend that those Churches be received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

On motion it was unanimously resolved that the new churches recently formed in Tiverton, Lawrencetown and Valley West, and Lockeport were according to their request admitted into this body.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was then given by the Moderator to Rev. Edward Whitman, Rev. W. L. Parker, and Bro. Samuel Fitzrandolf, in behalf these churches, respectively.

*Voted*, That the money sent by Westport Church be equally divided between the several benevolent funds of this body.

The French Mission Board presented their Report, which was adopted:—

#### THE REPORT OF THE ACADIAN FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

In agreement with the Resolution of this Association at its last session, (see p. 9) this Board transferred its work and funds to the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Mission Union, on the 6th of August last. The following is the resolution of this Board, which was unanimously passed at this time:—

*Whereas*, a Resolution was passed by this Board recommending a consolidation of all the Home Missionary organizations in this Province, and,

*Whereas*, a Home Missionary Union has been formed for this purpose:—

*Therefore Resolved*, That this Board forthwith transfer all its transferable funds to the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, and when the Board of the Union shall be incorporated that we transfer all properties now in our possession to said Board.

The mission premises at Tuskent are in charge of a committee, and have been rented and the rental expended in repairing and improving the buildings. The amount thus received and expended up to the 1st of June 1873 is \$98.93.

The labors of our Missionary from the date of our last report to the 3rd of August may be expressed in this brief summary: Sermons 12; Conference Meetings 2; Family Visits 29; Miles traveled, 477.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Sec.*

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Examined and found correct,  
 ROBERT BROWN, } Auditing Committee.  
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Bridgetown, June 1873.

The Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund presented their report, which was adopted:—

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund, beg to report that it has paid the following sums during the past year.

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June 21.	Rev. H. Saunders.....	\$ 40 00
" "	R. S. Morton.....	60 00
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July 16.	Funeral expenses of the late Mrs. Jackson.....	20 00
Dec. 4.	Rev. George Richardson.....	20 00
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June 19.	From Trasurer of the Western Baptist Association.....	\$175 07
Sept. 18.	S. T. Bacon, Esq., Balance of Note.....	21 34
Dec. 6.	Wm. Amar, Esq. ".....	102 20
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Examined and found correct, ROBERT BROWN, } Auditing Committee. B. S. FELLOWS, }		

Bridgetown, June 1873.

Your Board would further report that it has funds invested to the amount of \$745.73, on which there is interest due at this date to the amount of \$151.10.

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. H. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

On Motion the Board of Infirm Ministers Fund was reappointed. Revs. J. A. Stubbett, J. H. Sanders, J. Rowe, Dr. Day, Isa. Wallace, W. H. Porter, P. R. Foster, Brethren Saml. Brown, and A. C. Robbins.

Also on Motion the French Mission Board was re-appointed. Revds. J. H. Sanders, Dr. Day, W. H. Porter, Isa. Wallace, J. Rowe, P. R. Foster, Brethren W. R. Doty and Saml. Brown, J. C. Andrews, Geo. Crosby, J. F. Patten.

The Western Baptist Home Missionary Board presented their twenty-second Annual Report.

Also the Treasurer of Western Baptist Home Missionary Board presented his report.

On motion the reports were laid on the table.

A committee consisting of Revs. E. M. Saunders, Geo. Armstrong and Isaiah Wallace appointed by the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union at its recent session, to confer with this body upon the subject of Union, performed the duty assigned them making verbal statements, and by calling upon the Corresponding Secretary of said Union to read his Annual Report.

After an extended discussion during which addresses were delivered by Revs. Geo. Armstrong, Dr. Day, Isa. Wallace, Dr. Cramp, E. M. Saunders, Dr. Sawyer, J. H. Saunders, Brethren Robert Brown and others, these Reports were adopted. [See Appendix A]

On Motion the following important preamble and Resolution were unanimously passed:

*Whereas*, At the late meeting of the "Home Mission Union," at which a large number of the churches of this Association was represented, the Union in Home Mission work was cordially agreed to, and

*Whereas* The "Home Mission Union" is the organization through which this Union is hoped to be reached, and

*Whereas* There appears to have arisen some difference of opinion concerning the vote passed at the last meeting of this Association—the French Mission Board understanding it to authorize them to hand over their work and funds to the Board of the Home Mission Union—the Domestic Mission Board understanding it to give no such authority:

*Therefore Resolved*, That this Association accept the "Home Mission Union" and direct its Domestic and French Mission Boards to hand over immediately all transferable funds and work to the Board of the "Home Mission Union." And to take such steps as may be necessary to qualify them to hand over all invested funds as soon as the "Home Mission Union" shall be legally qualified to receive them.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

#### *Monday—Evening Session.*

Opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

The Committee on Missions presented their report which was spoken to by the following brethren, Rev. Dr. Tupper, Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. M. Normandy, and Brethren Rufus Sanford, George Churchill and William F. Armstrong, Foreign Missionaries elect, and unanimously adopted. [See Appendix B.]

After singing and the benediction by the Moderator, this deeply solemn and enthusiastic Missionary meeting closed.

#### **TUESDAY MORNING, June 24th.**

Session opened with prayer by Rev. J. Rowe.

A Committee appointed by Nova Scotia Home Missionary Union at its recent session made a statement, requesting this body in behalf of the "Union" to have the Minutes of their recent session printed with the Minutes of this Association. It was accordingly

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*Voted*, That this Association, acceded to the request of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, as represented by their Committee,

*Resolved*, That in accordance with a vote passed by the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Mission Union at its recent session, the following brethren be appointed a Committee to represent this Body at the special meeting of said Union to be held in Windsor in August next, viz., Revds. Dr. Day, W. G. Parker and P. R. Foster.

*Voted*, That Revds. P. R. Foster, W. G. Parker, A. Cohoon, Dr. Randall, and J. B. Kinney be our Delegates to the Central Nova Scotia Baptist Association.

*Voted*, That Revds. Isa. Wallace, G. N. Ballentine, M. P. Freeman, W. H. Porter be our Delegates to the Eastern Association.

*Voted*, Brethren Saml. Freeman, Avar Longley, A. T. Baker, B. H. Parker, Brother J. B. Read be our Delegates to the Convention.

The Committee on Education presented their Report. (See App. C.)

During the interesting discussion that followed, addresses on the claims of Education, were delivered by Revds. Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Cramp, J. C. More, G. D. Cox, D. W. C. Dimock. The report on motion was unanimously adopted.

*Voted*, That Bro. Selden be requested to print 1500 copies of the Minutes of this Association at the same rate as last year, and reserve 50 copies for the use of the Association next year.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

#### Tuesday—Afternoon Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. A. Cahoon.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their report which was spoken to by Rev. A. Cahoon, and adopted. (See App. C)

The Committee on Temperance reported. After brief addresses by Revds. Dr. Tupper and Isaiah Wallace, the report on Temperance was adopted. (See Appendix D)

The following brethren were appointed as a Home Mission Board:—Revds. Geo. Armstrong, A. Cahoon, H. Bool, J. C. Bleakney, P. F. Murray, Brethren Wm. Miller, W. H. Balcom, A. M. Gidney, B. H. Parker.

The Committee of Arrangements completed their report as follows:—

They recommend that this Association hold its next Annual Session with the Church at Lockeport, Shelburne Co., on the third Saturday in June next.

They also recommend that Rev. G. D. Cox, preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. J. C. Blakeney, be his alternate, and that Rev. A. Cahoon, write the Circular Letter.

The Committee on Obituaries presented their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix E.)

A brother present having handed in \$100 for the Endowment of Acadia College, Rev. E. N. Archibald offered an earnest speech, and pledged \$100 more. Nearly \$500 were raised for this object during the session.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance presented their report. After an address by Rev. J. Rowe, it was adopted. (See Appendix F.)



*Resolved*, That Revds. J. M. Cramp, Isaiah Wallace, E. M. Saunders, G. Armstrong, Bros. S. Selden and A. Longley, Esq., be appointed a committee for the purpose of carrying out that clause in the report of the Committee on Temperance recommending the assembling of a Temperance Convention composed of delegates from the different religious bodies in the province.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Association pay to the Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, the monies for Home Missions and the French Missions, and the remainder to the Treasurer of the respective Societies.

On motion of Dr. Sawyer, the following resolution was passed :

On motion of Rev. Dr. Cramp it was

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our sympathy with our brethren in the neighboring Province in their efforts to sustain a system of non-sectarian common school education. As this is the only system of public schools adapted to the wants of a mixed population and in harmony with universal religious freedom, we hope they will be successful in maintaining the principle in its integrity.

*Resolved*, That this Association rejoices in the accession of brethren Armstrong, Churchill, and Sanford to the Missionary band, and affectionately recommends those brethren to the prayerful and active sympathy of the members of the Denomination throughout these Provinces, trusting that as they visit other Associations, and the churches generally, they will excite a spirit of growing zeal and benevolence in the cause of Missions, which shall develop itself in ample and persistent contributions, and thus pledge the Baptists of the Convention to the support of our new Mission in the East.

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted :—

Your Committee beg leave to report that we have examined the Accounts of the Treasurers of the following Boards : Home Mission Board, French Mission Board, Board of Infirm Ministers, and the Western Association Accounts, which we find correct.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. BROWN, } *Auditing*  
B. S. FELLOWS, } *Committee.*

*Resolved*, That this Association take greater pains to get the acts of the body laid before the public through the secular press, and that for this purpose, a reporter be appointed next year for the purpose, and that he be paid for his services if necessary.

On motion Dr. Day was appointed reporter for next year.

*Resolved*, That this Association tender their heartfelt thanks to the Baptist Church and community of Bridgetown, for the kind and hospitable manner by which they have entertained the Ministers and Delegates during the session. (Passed by a rising vote.)

*Resolved*, That our thanks be tendered to our Wesleyan and Presbyterian brethren for their use of the places of Worship on the Sabbath.

*Also Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Railway authorities for favoring delegates with return tickets.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet with the Baptist Church at Lockeport, on the third Saturday in June, 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned by singing the Union Hymn, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

W. H. PORTER, *Moderator.*  
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## Ministers in the Western Association.

NAME.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles.....	Greenfield.....	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong.....	Bridgetown.....	Dec. 30, 1848	Port Medway.
" G. N. Ballentine.....	Brookfield.....	Oct. 3, 1872	Brookfield.
" J. C. Bleakney.....	Lower Granville.....	, 1860	Richmond, N. B.
" Henry Bool.....	Tremont.....	, 1869	Colbridge, Scotland.
" A. Cogswell.....	St. Mary's Bay.....	Jan. —, 1843	Chute's Cove.
" A. Cahoon.....	Paradise.....	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" G. D. Cox.....	Bear River.....	Jan. 4, 1865	Clements.
" G. E. Day.....	Yarmouth.....	June 20, 1868	Yarmouth.
" T. C. Delong.....	Kempton, Queen's Co.	Feb. —, 1834	New Albany.
" M. P. Freeman.....	Nictaux.....	July 5, 1863	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" P. R. Foster.....	Tusket.....	Sept. 9, 1868	Kempton, Queen's Co.
" L. B. Gates.....	Wilmot Mountain.....	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" J. C. Morse.....	Digby Neck.....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" P. F. Murray.....	Annapolis.....	Mar. 14, 1848	Westport.
" R. S. Morton.....	Nictaux... [Wilmot]	Feb. —, 1852	Nictaux.
" J. A. Moore.....	Victoria Road.....	Aug. 5, 1857	Port George.
" J. F. McKenne.....	Ragged Islands.....	Oct. 20, 1850	Greenfield.
" M. Normandy.....	Saulnierville.....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" J. M. Parker.....	Digby.....	Oct. 5, 1865	Springfield.
" W. H. Porter.....	Yarmouth.....	Sept. 5, 1862	Wilmot.
" Obed Parker.....	Aylesford.....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilmot.
" W. G. Parker.....	Milton.....	Jan. 20, 1843	New Albany.
" W. L. Parker.....	Freeport.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Upper Aylesford.
" Charles Randall.....	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" W. H. Richan.....	Barrington.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe.....	Hebron.....	.....	Maccan.
" P. A. Shields.....	Port Medway.....	.....	Hantsport.
" J. A. Stubbart.....	Deerfield, Yarmth.....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" A. Stronach.....	Aylesford.....	Oct. 6, 1836	Bill Town.
" J. H. Sanders.....	Beaver River.....	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" Charles Tupper, D. D.....	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" Isaiah Wallace.....	Yarmouth.....	April 3, 1856	Scotch Town, N. B.
" John Williams.....	Clements.....	Jan. —, 1862	Centreville, N. B.

### Licentiate.

George O. Gates, Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.  
 Benjamin Miller, Bridgetown.  
 G. B. Titus, Yarmouth.  
 N. C. Landers, Yarmouth.  
 J. F. Armstrong, Bridgetown.  
 J. H. Robbins, South Yarmouth.  
 Z. C. Vickery, Ohio, Yarmouth.  
 W. A. Newcomb, Beaver River.  
 G. H. Goudey, Beaver River.  
 H. N. Perry, Beaver River.

*Statistics of the Churches in Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association, held at Bridgetown, June, 1873.*

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		Increase.		Decrease.		Present Membership.
				By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	
1 Acadian French Mission.....	1870	M. N. Mondy.....	1854	Simon Bolsor, Waggoner Settlement, Digby Co.	7	1	1	1	42	
2 Annapolis and Upper Granville.....	1801	Geo. Armstrong.....	1854	John Rice, Bri' getown.....	38	1	1	1	214	
3 Argyle.....	1830	.....	.....	Hemas, N. S. ....	47	1	1	1	137	
4 Arcadia.....	1871	I. Wallace.....	1871	Geo. Robbins, Arcadia.....	4	1	1	1	101	
5 Brookfield.....	1828	G. N. Ballentine.....	1872	A. J. LeBette, North Brookfield.....	2	1	1	1	103	
6 Beaver River.....	1846	J. H. Saunders.....	1872	Geo. H. Goudey, Beaver River.....	4	1	1	1	210	
7 Barrington.....	1854	W. H. Richan.....	1853	Josiah Smith, Barrington.....	6	1	1	1	31	
8 Clem-nis.....	.....	John Williams.....	1871	James Porter, Cle-mnisport.....	2	1	1	1	337	
9 Caledonia.....	1817	G. N. Ballentine.....	.....	R. H. Telfer, Caledonia.....	1	1	1	1	30	
10 Dalhousie West.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	
11 Digby.....	1840	J. M. Parker.....	1873	Albert Carswell, Digby, Box 32.....	1	1	1	1	72	
12 Digby Neck, 1st.....	1809	J. C. Morse.....	1843	W. C. Denton, Waterford.....	2	1	1	1	196	
13 Digby Neck, 2nd.....	.....	.....	.....	J. W. Denton, Waterford.....	2	1	1	1	333	
14 Freeport.....	1834	W. L. Parker.....	1872	John Israel, Freeport, Digby Co.....	2	1	1	1	242	
15 Greenfield.....	1836	H. Achilles.....	.....	Nath. Freeman, Greenfield, Queen's, Co.....	15	6	1	10	82	
16 Greywood and Milford**.....	1841	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	
17 Hampton.....	1824	Perez F. Murray.....	1873	Jacob Chute, Hampton.....	3	1	1	1	93	
18 Hebron.....	1837	John Rowe.....	1868	James Crosby, Hebron.....	3	1	1	1	338	
19 Hillsburg, 1st.....	1843	G. D. Cox.....	1870	William Dunn, Bear River.....	1	15	1	1	244	
20 Hillsburg, 2nd.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	
21 Jordan Bay**.....	1852	Aaron Cogswell.....	.....	John S. Thomas.....	3	1	1	1	62	
22 Jordan River.....	1826	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	
23 Kempf.....	1826	J. F. McKenne.....	.....	A. Hayden, Jordan.....	2	1	1	1	51	
24 Liverpool.....	1826	G. N. Ballentine.....	1872	Thomas DeLoag, Kempf, Queen's Co.....	2	1	1	1	153	
25 Lake George.....	1840	Jas. A. Stubbart.....	.....	Chas. Crosby, Lake George.....	2	1	1	1	107	
26 Lower Aylesf rd and 8th. Wilmot.....	1829	Henry Beck.....	1872	L. S. Tufts, Nelly Road, Kings Co.....	2	1	1	1	261	
27 Lower Aylesf rd and 11th. Wilmot.....	1800	J. C. Bleakney.....	.....	Samuel Sprout, Lower Granville.....	3	1	1	1	312	
28 Litchfield.....	1862	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	1	35	
29 Lewis Head*.....	1841	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	
30 Millville, Queen's Co.....	1829	W. G. Parker.....	1869	George W. Freeman, Milton, Queen's Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	220	
31 Millville, Queen's Co.....	1868	A. Shields.....	.....	St. A. Reed, Mill Village.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	
32 Middlefield.....	1856	.....	.....	Simon Waterman, Middlefield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	
33 Nictaux.....	1809	M. P. Freeman.....	1872	W. A. Morse, Middleton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	237	
34 New Albany.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	
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36 Ohio.....	1843	C. Randall.....	1847	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	

23 Kempf.....	1857 J. F. McKenne.	1841 W. G. Parker.	1869 George W. F..... Milton, Queen's Co.	51
24 Liverpool.....	1856 G. N. Ballentine.	1849 A. Shields.	W. A. Reed, Mill Vill. ....	200
25 Lake George.....	1840	1856	Simeon Waterman, Middlefield.	70
26 Lower Aylesford and 5th Wilmot	1843	1849	W. A. Morse, Middlefield.	56
27 Lower Granville.....	1840 Henry Bool.	1849	Jesse Oaks, New Albany.	2 237
28	1840 C. Bleaney.	1849	Z. C. Vickery, Ohio, Yarmouth.	3
29 Lewis Head*.....	1841	1841	Curti Maathorn, Fort Medway.	1 115
30 Milton, Queen's Co.	1841 W. G. Parker.	1841	James Wheelock, Middleton, Annapolis Co.	3 205
31 Mill Village.....	1846	1846	Freeman Lark n, Publico.	1 92
32 Middlefield.....	1846	1846	James Hardy, Lockport.	1 36
33 Vicksauk.....	1846	1846	William Holly, Shelburne.	1 58
34 New Albany.....	1849	1849	C. Randall, Weymouth.	21 117
35 New Tu ket.....	1849	1849	Israel McNayer, Springfield.	1 9
36 Ohio.....	1843	1843	N. E. Westcott, Barrington, Digby Co.	172
37 Port Medway.....	1843	1843	James Dunlap, Sable River.	4 5 201
38 Port Grove.....	1843	1843	Thos. A. Wilson, Dalhuosie East, Kings Co.	2 1 76
39 Public Grove.....	1846	1846	W. H. Gavel, Tusket, Yarmouth.	2 26
40 Parkers Cove**.....	1846	1846	Avard Longley, Paradise.	2 96
41 Ragged Islands, 1st.	1846	1846	Joseph Graves, Port Williams, Annapolis Co.	3 276
42 Ragged Islands, 2nd.	1846	1846	Henry Chute, Wood's Harbor.	4 1 208
43 Shelburne.....	1847	1847	Essie Harris, Westport.	2 1 48
44 Siasbourne.....	1847	1847	William Churchill, Box 80, Yarmouth.	3 6 134
45 Springfield.....	1849	1849	Edw n Crossby, Pleasant Valle	6 5 398
46 St. Mary's Bay.....	1845	1845	Elizabeth Rose, Chegoogin, Yarmouth Co.	2 1 218
47 Sable River.....	1846	1846	Nathanel Holmes, Yarmouth.	5 8 178
48 Sherbrooke West.	1846	1846	J. B. Kinney, Yarmouth.	2 2 194
49 Tusket.....	1846	1846	Enoch Gates, Upper Wilmot.	1 16
50 Tusket Lakes*.....	1846	1846	Charles Kent, Yarmouth.	1 113
51 Wilmot.....	1848	1848	Samuel T. Bacon, Esq., Digby.	6 4 7 229
52 Wilmot Mountain.....	1848	1848	Arard Daniel, Lawrencetown.	1 2 113
53 Wood's Harbor.....	1849	1849	Y. Z. Chipman, Lockport.	10 3 73
54 Westport.....	1849	1849	Charles Price, Tiverton.	2 21 34
55 Yarmouth, 1st.	1849	1849		
56 Yarmouth, 3rd.	1849	1849		
57 Yarmouth West.	1843	1843		
58 Yarmouth South.	1843	1843		
59 Lower Sable River**.....	1843	1843		
60 Temple.....	1871	1871		
61 Upper Wilmot.....	1829	1829		
62 Milron, Yarmouth.....	1871	1871		
63 Hill Grove.....	1843	1843		
64 Lawrencetown.....	1873	1873		
65 Lockport.....	1873	1873		
66 Tiverton.....	1873	1873		

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## Circular Letter.

### THE CLAIMS OF THE RISING MINISTRY.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

*Beloved Brethren,*

The subject to which we wish to call your attention in this our annual Circular is *The Claims of the Rising Ministry*.

The Lord is pleased to accomplish his purposes through the use of means. He makes man his instrument when he causes the briars and thorns to give place to useful plants, when he transforms the wilderness into the fruitful field, or makes the elements subservient to human interests.

When the moral wastes of earth are to be reclaimed, this must also be accomplished through the use of means. By the gospel God has purposed to save all the chosen in Christ. But the sinner must hear and believe the glad tidings in order to his salvation. Hence the necessity for its proclamation, "How shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

The Lord only prepares for this work. He who raised up faithful men in the Old Testament dispensation to teach the way of life, does as truly in the gospel day, call from his church those who are to be his ambassadors, and who, in His name, are to beseech sinners to be reconciled to God. Neither power of eloquence, nor human learning, can fit one for this sacred work, apart from that divine call that compels the servant of God to say, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." It has been the glory of the Baptists that they have not only insisted upon a regenerated church-membership, but also upon a divinely constituted ministry. They do not believe that a parent can dedicate one of his sons to the law, another to medicine, and a third to the ministry. The two former he may do, but not the latter. That is God's prerogative.

"Divine operation," as one has truly said, "waits upon human co-operation." While maintaining that the call to the ministry is from God, we must remember that in connection with it the church has solemn responsibilities to meet. He who 'gave some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,' requires his disciples to 'pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.' Prayer involves a corresponding duty on our part. Do we seek forgiveness of sin;—then we must forsake it, and trust in the blood of atonement. Do we plead for sanctification;—we must accompany our petitions with earnest struggles against the lusts of the flesh. Do we pray "thy kingdom come," our words are but mockery unless we are seeking in the use of means to extend the

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the empire of the Prince of Peace. And if we are required to pray for the increase of laborers in the Lord's vineyard, it is equally our duty to use scriptural means to ensure an answer to our prayers. If we pray aright we expect to be heard, and the answer must come through the church. The preacher must be taken from the company of believers, and chiefly from the ranks of the younger brethren.

In many instances persons who are moved by the Spirit to enter the ministry, through a natural diffidence, shrink from its vast responsibilities. Such, when duly encouraged, often become the brightest luminaries of the pulpit. Whenever a youth of devoted piety, gives promise of usefulness as a preacher of the gospel, he should be met with words of kindly admonition, and reminded of the claims of Christ and his cause, and urged to consider whether it is not his duty to consecrate himself to the gospel ministry. This many need; for when struggling between opposing convictions, they may regard the expression of their brethren as "the voice of God," and be thus enabled to decide as to their duty when otherwise they would be wavering and irresolute.

Thus far we shall probably have none to dissent from the views expressed. If we go somewhat farther, as we propose to do, it may possibly be otherwise. We shall, therefore, endeavor to tread cautiously, but nevertheless with the firm conviction that our position is good. To come more directly to the matter in hand, we affirm that *the churches are under obligation to afford pecuniary aid to those who, with insufficient means, are undergoing a course of study, with reference to the gospel ministry.* We have not discharged our duty when we utter the word of commendation and blessing, "Depart in peace be ye warmed and filled." No profession of sympathy, any more than that of faith, is of any value without the corresponding works. There must be *deeds* of kindness, not mere words that are worth no more than they cost.

In considering the facts of the case, we are forced to the painful conviction that there is, on this subject, a vast amount of indifference throughout our denomination. True the principle of giving for ministerial education has obtained amongst us. Money is received at our annual gatherings for this object, and comes from the churches represented there; but these amounts are exceedingly small. Many churches send nothing, and, it would seem that many in all the churches entirely ignore any claims of that nature.

In the year 1865 the churches of Nova Scotia contributed for this object the sum of \$115.09½; only \$2 out the 103 churches represented, contributing. In 1872, seven years afterwards, the three Associations, gave to this fund the sum of \$165.62, an increase of about \$50.50 over that of the previous year, referred to. But the town of Yarmouth furnished the excess. Had all contributed, in the proportion of their reported membership, as did the churches of that town, the sum of \$1921.00 would have been realized.

Dry statistics often furnish matter for thoughtful consideration; and these figures are exceedingly suggestive. They show that our

people have very imperfect ideas of their obligations towards those who are, yet, to be their evangelists and pastors. This, doubtless, is greatly owing to the want of proper information upon the subject. Attention has not been sufficiently called to it. Earnest and general measures have not been taken to secure a fund adequate to the necessities of the case.

"But why," it may be asked, "single out candidates for the ministry alone? Have they any stronger claims upon our sympathies than those who are looking forward to agriculture, trade, medicine, or law? We answer most assuredly they have. When a man resolves to enter upon any other profession he does not make it a matter of conscience, but rather of inclination, and of self-interest. Not so with him who enters upon the ministry of the word. It may, indeed, be with him a matter of choice, for when love constrains, it imparts a cheerfulness to obedience. In many instances, however, the struggle is prolonged and violent between conviction and the will, and would have ended otherwise but for the overruling sense of duty.

And further, between the church and those whom the Lord has appointed to preach his gospel there exist peculiar relations that are not found elsewhere. The church has convictions as well as the individual, and the sentiments of both should move in the same channel. One should not act without the other. Hence arise mutual duties and obligations; and if one needs the help of the other, it should be freely given, according to the ability to bestow.

The sacrifice involved in the abandonment of secular pursuits for the gospel ministry affords an additional argument for granting such pecuniary assistance as may be required. When a man, moved with love for Christ, and compassion for souls, consecrates himself to this work, then in a most emphatic sense he is not his own; he belongs to the Lord; he becomes the property of the church. His powers of mind and body, and all the varied stores of learning he may acquire are given to promote the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Whatever hopes of earthly emolument he may have cherished he from that hour abandons. Henceforth he can truly say of the church of his love,—

"For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend—  
To her my cares and toils be given  
Till toils and cares shall end."

Possessing such a spirit, he gives the clearest evidence of his call to the ministry, and will, if he be spared to engage in his chosen work, be the means of comforting believers, edifying the church and of saving sinners from eternal death. Shall the brethren treat him with indifference and neglect? Shall they not rather move towards him with words of encouragement, and with generous sympathy? Will the mother forsake her own children, to whom she must yet look for the means of support? And can the church do otherwise than look with affection, and maternal pride upon those of her sons, who, forsaking all others, devote themselves to the defence and

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promotion of her interests? It is ordained of the Lord, that they who preach the gospel shall live by the gospel;—and we may justly infer, that as the church is under obligation to such after they are laid aside from their work, so also while they are in preparation for it.

He who chose humble fishermen, still calls to his vineyard chiefly from the ranks of the poor. This is an additional reason why the aid we advocate should be afforded. Indeed it is this very circumstance that creates the need. At the "Baptist Educational Convention," recently held in Philadelphia, one of the speakers said, "There are men, and men in this house, and some who have read papers before this Convention, who have supported themselves upon Indian meal and molasses week after week, and month after month." Acadia College might testify to this effect of many of her sons, who are now amongst our most earnest and successful ministers. Could all the truth be told, we might speak, not simply of those who lived upon this simple fare, but of those who cheerfully sawed wood, kindled fires, swept halls, or made up beds for their more favored associates, that they might enjoy, without interruption, the advantages afforded at "the school of the prophets." This same spirit of self-denial and earnest purpose still exists amongst our students for the ministry. They have the heartfelt sympathy of those who have trodden the toilsome path before them;—would that this feeling were more general.

We complain that so many of our young men go to the United States for the purpose of study, and return not again. The wonder is that more do not leave us for a country where worth is soon discovered, and assistance promptly rendered. There applications from these Provinces for help are generously accepted. It seems but fair that those who do for our young men what is refused them at home should subsequently enjoy the benefit of their labors. Let us imitate the noble example, and we shall not have to complain of so few to supply the wants of our many destitute fields.

It is a hopeful indication that the attention of our people has been recently directed to this subject by a brother, whose official duties must necessarily engross much of his time, but who manifests a willingness to throw himself into any movement that contemplates effort in this direction. It is to be hoped that the matter will not rest here, but that the denomination will discover the best mode of aiding the rising ministry, and apply it with fidelity and earnestness.

Let us not be understood as advocating aid in such a way as to render exertion unnecessary on the part of the student. Whatever is granted should be as an aid to one who is striving to help himself. The assistance rendered should be supplementary to his own exertions. All beneficiaries are not equally needy; the aid should correspond to the necessities of the case, and be so bestowed that the young man shall not be, at the very commencement of his ministry, burdened with a troublesome debt.

It may be urged that unworthy persons will, under this system, obtrude themselves upon the charities of the denomination. It may be so, even as it is under altogether different circumstances. The hands of the presbytery are sometimes laid upon unworthy heads.



Would you therefore object to ordination to the ministry? But then there are guards against this evil that you fear. The churches will have it in their power to prevent the giving of such aid to those whom they deem unworthy; and moreover, the student is under the eye of his instructors, and must from time to time give assurance of his unswerving purpose to enter the ministry.

Perhaps it will be further objected that by rendering pecuniary assistance, such as this paper contemplates, we destroy independence of character. "The young man," it is asserted, "needs the discipline of poverty to fit him for life's work." It may be so, but not necessarily, by any means. At any rate these young men have this discipline, and are pretty well schooled before they arrive at this point to ask your aid. Independence destroyed! Why brethren the thought is absurd, and contrary to fact. Do you lose your independence of character when you are paid an honest debt? Ask your professors at Acadia if the paltry sum that ministerial students receive destroys, in any sense, their self-reliance. Inquire of the churches, enjoying the pastoral services of such as were aided during their studies. We do not fear the result of the strictest search for the truth on this point.

Withhold the aid, we recommend, and the needy may still struggle on, but very likely in such a way as to find him, at the end, enfeebled in body, and unfitted for a life of toil, if indeed, he does not drop into the grave ere that goal is reached.

The common sense, as well as the religious convictions of our churches, admits the necessity of mental culture—not the discipline of poverty—as a preparation for the pastoral office. In this we are all agreed. Now and then we may find those who declaim against an educated ministry, but they are relics of the past age, and do not represent the present. On this point our churches are becoming more and more exacting. They are seeking the studious and cultivated for their teachers and guides. They reject those who will not, by a course of study, work their way to this exalted position. Nor would we wish it to be otherwise. One may be blessed of God in the ministry without the learning of the schools, but it is becoming more and more necessary that our pastors should enjoy the advantages of a liberal education. It was remarked, in substance, by one of those whom we call *the fathers*, that "he who succeeded him must stand upon his shoulders?" Even so, and the churches seem to believe it. But let them also know their obligations. Let them not be like the Egyptian taskmasters, requiring the tale of brick, but refusing the straw. Let them devise liberally for the aid of those whom God has called to the gospel ministry, and who give proof of that divine appointment by their earnest efforts for the acquisition of knowledge to fit them for their work, and the blessing will most certainly, return in tenfold measure to themselves; and they shall experience the truth of the inspired word, "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

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### THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Board herewith presents its 22nd Annual Report.

Bro. Benjamin Miller, Licentiate, was appointed to labor one half of his time at New Albany, during the year commencing July 23rd 1872. He reports much kindness from the people, and interest in the preaching of the word. He writes "I have some precious evidence that seed has been sown that will yet yield a harvest to the Lord.

Bro. M. visited occasionally West Sherbrook where there are a few brethren greatly needing one to care for their souls. He reports:—

Sermons preached, 78; Conference, prayer and other meetings 21; added to the church, by Letter 2; by Baptism 1.

Rev. P. F. Murray reports a mission of 13 weeks to Greywood, Milford and Dalhousie West. "I found," he writes, "at Dalhousie, a few brethren holding on their way, and with a few Wesleyan brethren, maintaining a prayer meeting on the Sabbath." The church at Milford and Greywood was in a scattered state, without any religious services during the last summer except two or three sermons from a travelling brother. It had been designed to keep the missionary on this field one half of the time during the year but at the expiration of the first quarter it was deemed prudent to withdraw the appointment. Of the work of this mission we have the following summary:—

Sermons 53; Conference and prayer meetings 8; Family Visits, 90; Received in aid, Greywood and Milford, \$14.33; Dalhousie \$2.44. Total \$16.77.

Bro. Murray received a further appointment to labor between Parker's Cove, Litchfield and West Dalhousie. Of his labors at Parker's Cove and Litchfield, he writes, "Our meetings were very interesting. Though hopes were entertained of an ingathering, none were brought to confess Christ. Believers were revived and strengthened. Bro. M. gives the following summary of his work:—

Sermons 22; Conference and Prayer Meetings 5; Family visits 72; Received in aid, Parker's Cove and Litchfield, \$10.13; for rent of property of late George Harris to aid Baptist cause at West Dalhousie \$5.34. Total \$15.47.

Rev. H. Achilles spent 4 weeks in the service of the Board at Argyle and Pubnico. Bro. Wallace had closed a series of meetings at the former place under the direction of the "Missionary Union," in which the Lord had greatly blessed his labors. He found some still inquiring for the way of salvation. The latter part of the mission was spent at Pubnico and resulted in the reclaiming of some

backsliders, and some hopeful conversions. As the sleighing was at this time broken up, Bro A. thought it prudent to return to his home.

Bro. A. reports:—

Sermons preached 24; Prayer and Conference meetings 12; Family visits 75; Baptized 3; Miles travelled 300; Received in aid of the mission \$13.70.

The sum of \$100.00 was voted towards the support of Rev. W. H. Richan at Barrington, Wood's Harbor, Jordan Bay and Shelburne town for the half year, ended December 31st, 1872. The pledge of the Board has enabled our brother to resign the office of School Inspector for the County of Shelburne, and devote himself wholly to the work of the Ministry.

Two new Meeting Houses have been opened under the direction of Bro. Richan, one at Wood's Harbor, and the other at Barrington, and still another at Wood's Harbor, is progressing towards completion. Under date of Jan. 24th, our brother writes. "I commenced preaching in an unpromising field, but hitherto I have held on and the Lord has sustained me. . . I trust that the time is not far distant when the borders of Zion will be enlarged."

Bro. R. writes again under date of Feb. 20th, "There are about 25 persons now in Shelburne, calling themselves Baptists, who would aid in sustaining the cause. About 20 of them are members of churches, but they need to be gathered together. An acceptable preacher would generally have a large congregation. . . were I at liberty to do so I would not hesitate to take the field."

Our brother had in his previous communication intimated that in consequence of poor health he would be compelled to confine his labors to narrower limits. He, therefore, reluctantly on his own part and with much regret on that of others, discontinued his visits to Shelburne and vicinities, and has since given his time to Barrington, Wood's Harbor and Pubnico.

Soon after the dedication of the new Meeting House at Barrington, the church enjoyed a season of refreshing. Two were added to the church by baptism, one of whom proposes to devote himself to the work of the ministry.

In this mission during the past year, 130 sermons were preached; 2 were baptized.

Rev. L. B. Gates had an appointment of three weeks to Annapolis Royal. He reports that he was especially careful to visit all that he could ascertain were Baptist in sentiment, and that he found 22 who were members of various churches throughout the Province.

The New Meeting House is progressing favorably: and the brethren hope to have it opened for divine service in the Autumn. This is an important station, and those friends who are doing so nobly there, should be encouraged and sustained by the denomination. Sermons preached 10; Families visited 26; Collected in aid of the Mission \$8.00

In addition to the above appointments, the sum of \$25.00 was voted as a grant in aid to Bro. J. F. McKenne laboring at East Ragged

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Islands. Your Board are impressed with the necessity of securing, wherever possible, permanent missionary appointments. But notwithstanding, they have not been able to remedy this defect during the past year, excepting in the case of brethren Miller and Richan.

By a proper distribution of the mission field, labor might be so expended that many sections now enjoying but a few weeks' preaching in the course of the year, might have the stated and regular ministry of the word. Let a man be placed at Annapolis Royal, and Milford and Greywood might be regularly supplied. If it could be arranged to unite Shelburne with Sand Point and Jordan River, that field would probably in a few years, if assisted by the Board, become self-sustaining. Springfield combined with New Albany, might with a little assistance sustain a preacher, and afford help to one or two outlying sections now almost wholly destitute. Of course short missions, in some localities, would be necessary under any system. The two must be blended. But by occupying permanently centres of population, and radiating thence to the outlying and destitute sections, the short missions would soon become the exception, not the rule, in our missionary policy.

Your Board reaffirm the sentiment expressed last year as to the importance of united effort in the Home Mission work of the Province. They trust that wise counsels will prevail in accomplishing an object so desirable. Let the Baptists of Nova Scotia have no sectional jealousies, let there be no east, no west. Let them be united in one grand aim, the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in the planting of New Testament christianity in every town, village and settlement throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The application made by the Board of the Home Missionary Union proposed a year ago at Berwick to deliver over to that body the Home Mission Funds and work entrusted to us Your Board felt bound respectfully to decline, as we regarded the Union as incomplete, not having been accepted by the Associations and Home Mission Society, and therefore not in a position to take charge of said funds and work. Your Board, in retiring from the work assigned them, may be permitted to say that they have endeavored to do their duty. Thankful for the divine favor that has attended their work, they nevertheless wish they could have done more. They trust that those whom you may appoint to succeed them, may have more men and money, more wisdom and zeal, more ample scope and a more abundant blessing in their efforts to build up the church of Christ in our beloved land.

The following summary of the work of the year has been reported:  
 Number of Missionaries employed 5; Weeks of service 102;  
 Sermons delivered 317; Conference and other meetings 52;  
 Families visited, 263; Baptized 6; Added by Letter 2; Collected by Missionaries, \$53.94.

Respectfully submitted,  
 M. P. FREEMAN.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN  
HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

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"	" From a poor sinner," per Rev. G. Armstrong.....		5 00
May	Contribution at the Ministerial Conference at Nictaux....		5 07
June 21.	Received from Parker's Cove and Litchfield.....		10 13
"	Rent of property left by the late George Harris to aid the Baptist cause in West Dalhousie, by P. Murray....		5 34
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"	" Rev. H. Achilles for labor performed.....		32 00
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Examined and found correct.

ROBERT BROWN, } Auditing  
B. L. FELLOWS, } Committee.

Bridgetown, June, 1873.

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REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions have learned with regret that our sister Miss DeWolfe has been compelled by failure of health to leave her work in the Foreign Mission, and in search of health to return to her native Province, where she is now awaiting the dispensations of Providence concerning her life and work. May

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she be sustained and comforted by the gospel, and soon be prepared to enter with renewed energy and strength on her loved employment among the heathen. Our sister Miss Maria Norris is pressing her chosen work among the Karens with great steadiness, energy and perseverance, and is much encouraged with the hope of enlarged usefulness and success in leading sinners to the knowledge of Christ and salvation.

We recommend to Women's Missionary Aid Societies to continue and extend their praise-worthy and benevolent exertions in support of Foreign Missions.

In view of soon establishing our own Foreign Mission in the Kingdom of Siam, this Committee would urge upon our churches increased prayer, energy and liberality, to maintain and carry on that great and important work in the name of the Lord.

In our Home Mission field considerable work has been done. But the present seems with us a transition period in respect to Home Missions. Existing organizations that have accomplished much good have been represented as unadapted to present exigencies, and as being effete and inefficient. This view, however, your Committee does not by any means endorse. But of this your Committee is satisfied—that in order to fulfill our duty in respect to the Home Mission field, inviting and demanding faithful missionary labour everywhere, wise counsels, well-understood and hearty Union, great energy, increased liberality, and prayer are indispensable. Whether this shall be effected by a new organization, or by working our existing organizations with greater faith, energy, and concentration is for you and the sister Associations in the Province to determine. Much as to success will depend on the spirit with which the work is undertaken and carried on. Humility, faith, union and prayer, in connection with earnest work, will result in large spiritual harvests.

Your Committee have learned with pleasure that the Acadian French Mission has been vigorously worked during the year, and that the prospect of increasing success in that department is very encouraging. The Missionary is faithful and earnest in the great work to which he has given himself.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee learn that the attendance at Horton Academy has been larger for the past year than for several years before. The opening of the school to young women has been so far successful, that the Executive Committee have decided to continue it on this plan, and are perfecting their arrangements with this in view. It is to be hoped that many of the daughters of our families will now have the advantages of Academical training. Fourteen from the

Academy have presented themselves for matriculation in the College. Many of the students have the purpose of entering the Ministry when they have completed a course of preparatory study.

The history of the College for the past year is full of encouragement. The conviction that it is needed for our work as Christians is extending, and its usefulness becoming more and more apparent. During the year the Endowment has been increased by notes and pledges to the amount of about Twenty-five thousand dollars; and important sections of country have not yet finished their contributions. It is important that this work should be prosecuted without relaxation, until the Endowment shall reach at least One Hundred Thousand dollars. The events of the time all indicate the duty of advancement in our educational plans, and it is to be earnestly desired that our people should promptly and fully meet the obligations thus placed upon them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SAWYER.

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### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee are thankful that Sabbath Schools are so very generally sustained, during at least some portion of the year, in our churches, but at the same time they feel assured that much may yet be done to render these schools more efficient.

For the accomplishment of this your Committee recommend:

1. A more general interest and attention on the part of Pastors and Churches. They do not agree with the practice too common among us of allowing the Sabbath School to be worked as an independent organization, but believe that both officers and funds should be provided by the church.
2. That members of the church attend the schools and form themselves into Bible Classes.
3. That Pastors and Superintendents introduce wherever practicable the International Bible Lessons and Baptist Teacher as helps to teachers.
4. That more can be given to secure Baptist Literature for our Schools.
5. That the schools be kept in operation during the year whenever possible.
6. That County Conventions be held quarterly for the discussion of Sabbath School work.
7. That the practice of contributing to missions already adopted in some of our schools be more generally adopted. It will tend to cultivate the spirit of benevolence, and at the same time cause the scholars to appreciate more highly gospel blessings.

In conclusion your committee would urge upon all Sabbath School workers, earnestness and faithfulness in their work. Let your motto be "all for Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,

A. CAHOON, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee advert with pleasure to the fact that it has become a custom with nearly all bodies of christians, at their stated gatherings, to give some formal expression of their sentiments upon the great sin of intemperance and to enjoin upon their membership total abstinence from all that intoxicates.

The Baptists have been steady workers in the temperance enterprise ever since its inception in the province, and for a period of probably forty years the subject has obtained more or less public recognition from our body.

The Professors of our Institutions of learning, and our ministers, almost without exception, are total abstainers. While noticing this pleasing fact, we might, however, not inaptly enquire, are all the members of our churches equally sound in the doctrines and practice of total abstinence?

Some bodies of christians have been considerably exercised about the propriety of making total abstinence from strong drinks a condition of membership in their churches, and your Committee observe that, in the report of the committee on temperance at the last Association this principle is propounded. Can anyone upon reflection say that this is an arbitrary or unnecessary enactment? We think not, and would reiterate the sentiment. Surely, if drunkenness be a sin, and moderate drinking leads to excess, then no professing christian should drink at all. Moreover, the force of example in this as in all other matters, is much above precept, and no man can recommend that which he does not practice himself.

Again, the great Apostle to the Gentiles referring to a matter of much less moment, said, "if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no more meat while the world stands."

Statements are furnished from time to time from a variety of sources indicating the magnitude of the traffic in strong drinks, and the evils resulting therefrom. Still, these are seldom given in such form as to serve as reliable data for action. Your committee would, therefore, suggest the propriety of some combined action on the part of religious and temperance organizations for the purpose of securing general and reliable information upon this branch of the subject. They also think that great good might result from a Convention composed of delegates from the different bodies of christians in the province, and hope that some means may be devised for the attainment of that end. Your committee feel that too much pains cannot well be taken in the way of training the young in habits of sobriety; the old may not be reformed, but the young may be shielded from temptation and never fall.

Your committee feel that it were impossible in hurried time and brief space to do more than glance at the vast subject in hand, and they cannot therefore speak of the different agencies which might be employed for the removal of the curse of intemperance from the



land and the world, but they are satisfied that *one* potent means for overthrowing the traffic would be the securing the aid of the law. Such a wicked traffic should not be countenanced by law. In other words, your committee believe that the importation, manufacture, and sale of all intoxicating drinks, for beverage purposes, should be prohibited by legal enactments; for it may emphatically be said of the traffic that it is a "pestilence which walketh in darkness, and a destruction which wasteth at noonday."

We recommend that each Baptist Minister within the limits of the Association preach at least one sermon during the coming year, especially devoted to the subject of temperance.

A. LONGLEY, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON DEPARTED BRETHERN.

The Committee, to whom was referred the matter of Departed Brethren, report that during the past year none of the Ministers of this Association have been stricken down by the unsparing hand of death. Some, however, of the lay brethren, "whose praise is in all the churches" have passed from earth. The first to record is that of Abraham Lent, Esq., one of the former Deacons of the Baptist Church at Tusket. He long occupied a prominent position in the community of which he was a member. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, exhibiting the manners of a gentleman, sustaining an unblemished reputation for probity and integrity, and manifesting in his deportment the unmistakable characteristics of a genuine christian. For some years he represented the county in which he lived in the Legislative Assembly, was Custos Rotulorum of the District of Argyle, and was a Collector of Customs. These positions of public trust and distinction indicate the esteem in which he was held by his countrymen. As a christian, he was distinguished for humility, a devotional spirit, and untiring endeavors to uphold the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. This usefulness on earth was protracted to "a good old age."

William L. Bent, Esq., M. D. one of the Deacons of the Digby Church, has also gone "the way of all the earth." He was respected as a gentleman, confided in as a physician, and loved as a faithful follower of Christ. Living in a community where the Baptists were few, and opposing influences strong, he maintained his denominational attachments, and to his efforts Digby is chiefly indebted for a place of Public Worship, the organization of a Church, and the upholding of our interests in that community.

These worthy brothers were respected in life, and though they have been removed by death, their virtues and piety will long be remembered.

ANGUS M. GIDNEY, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Your Committee beg leave to Report, that as the Sabbath was a day on which God rested from all his works, to be held in commemoration of the great event of the creation of our world, blessed and hallowed by the Creator himself. God has marked the Sabbath with highest and purest moral blessing to mankind, manifesting his glorious power through the instrumentality of this day in the conversion of millions of our fallen race from the ruin of sin. The Sabbath is a delightful emblem of the eternal day of rest, that remains for the people of God, and as such is set apart by our blessed Creator, to be entirely devoted to his name, the appropriation of this day to any other purpose than the worship and honor of God, and the conversion of sinners is therefore a profanation of its sacred purposes.

Your committee learn with deep regret that many cities, heretofore carefully guarding their citizens against all violations of the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," have yielded to the demand of a worldly spirit, in opening many of their public libraries, parks and edifices for amusements to the public on the Lord's day.

Believing from the history of the past that no dereliction of duty has more directly retarded the progress of a pure religion, or more distinctly resulted in the marked displeasure of Christ than the violation of the Christian Sabbath, your committee recommend the observance of this day as one of the greatest blessings to our race.

J. ROWE, *Chairman.*

**Monies raised by Churches, and appropriated during the year.**

NAME OF CHURCH.	Missions.	Education Purposes.	Infirm Ministers.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses.	Meeting House.	Parsonage.	Church Poor.	Other Purposes.	Totals.
1 Annapolis and Upper Granville.....	\$13 50	\$650 00	\$1 62	\$500 00	\$50 00	\$60 00	\$225 00	.....	\$10 00	\$1485 00
2 Arcadia.....	82 83	53 00	53 00	690 00	50 00	.....	75 00	\$5 00	50 86	428 43
3 Beaver River.....	40 00	.....	.....	25 00	75 00	382 22	.....	.....	.....	978 69
4 Barrington.....	40 00	.....	.....	500 00	40 00	.....	.....	5 00	120 00	407 22
5 Clements.....	35 00	25 00	5 00	125 00	50 00	150 00	.....	.....	185 00	700 00
6 Clements.....	47 50	.....	.....	536 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	275 00
7 Escodonia.....	4 27	.....	.....	111 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	121 00
8 Hampton.....	50 00	13 00	.....	200 00	100 00	16 75	665 42	16 50	.....	220 77
9 Hill Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	750 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1686 17
10 Hill Grove, Ist.....	50 00	5 00	5 00	80 00	90 00	.....	2 00	.....	55 00	80 00
11 Jordan River.....	60 00	70 00	3 50	600 00	145 00	200 40	30 00	.....	15 00	936 00
12 Lower Granville.....	66 60	5 00	.....	400 00	40 00	850 00	.....	10 00	50 00	1050 00
13 Milton, Queen's Co.....	95 80	2 71	.....	110 00	40 00	12 00	.....	.....	15 00	1453 00
14 Milton, Yarmouth.....	15 60	.....	.....	250 00	37 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
15 Mill Village.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 00
16 New Alexandria.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	368 00
17 New Alexandria.....	66 60	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	565 50
18 New Albany.....	.....	10 00	.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 50
19 Ohio.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
20 Port Meaway.....	16 50	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 00
21 Pulpis.....	526 00	2434 00	86 50	1000 00	330 00	6641 40	.....	30 48	366 60	16 50
22 Ragged Islands 2nd.....	12 00	13 60	.....	500 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1127 03
23 Sable River.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1047 00
24 Sable River.....	669 40	736 00	30 40	1000 00	600 00	2000 00	.....	100 00	.....	2100 00
25 Sherbrooke West.....	20 28	.....	.....	200 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5337 48
26 Temple.....	5 85	.....	.....	200 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 02
27 Temple.....	.....	.....	.....	128 71	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	202 48
28 Wood's Harbor.....	.....	.....	.....	600 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	202 56
29 Yarmouth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1600 00
30 Yarmouth 3rd.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31 Yarmouth South.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Treasurer's	NAME OF
the N	Arcadia, Yarmouth
	Annapolis and Upper Granville
	Argyle
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	2nd Digby Neck
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	French Mission
	Freeport
	Hampton
	1st Hillsburgh
	2nd Hillsburgh
	Hill Grove
	Helton, Yarmouth
	Kempt
	Jordan River
	Lawrence Town
	Lower Aylesford
	Litchfield
	Lower Granville
	Liverpool
	Mills Village
	Middlefield
	Milton, Yarmouth
	New Albany
	Nictaux
	Pine Grove
	Port Meaway
	Pubnico
	Sable River
	St. Mary's Bay
	Sissaboo
	Temple Church
	Tiverton
	Tusket
	Shelburne
	Wilmot
	Wilmot Mountain
	Wilmot, Upper
	Westport, Digby
	Wood's Harbor
	Yarmouth 1st
	Yarmouth South
	Yarmouth West
	Nelson Corning
	Mrs. Rowland M.
	A Friend
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Examined and ROBER B. S. F.

Treasurer's Account of Monies for Benevolent Objects received at the Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association, held at Bridgetown, June, 1873.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Acadmic College.	Infirm Ministers.	TOTAL.
Arcadia, Yarmouth Co.	\$10 05	\$5 22	\$1 00				
Annapolis and Upper Granville.	25 00	13 24	10 00	\$1 97		\$1 24	\$19 48
Argyle	12 00	0 50	0 26	0 24	\$8 00	5 00	61 24
Brookfield	7 06	7 40		2 31			13 00
Beaver River	0 74	1 25				0 90	17 68
Clements	15 00	15 00	15 00			3 50	5 49
Caledonia	2 50	5 00			20 00	5 61	70 61
1st Digby Neck	5 00		3 00				2 50
Digby	3 00	1 27	3 00			1 00	14 00
2nd Digby Neck	1 00	3 00	2 00		3 90		10 27
French Mission	1 00	1 00	3 48				6 00
Freeport	15 00	10 00	10 00				5 48
Hampton	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 01	1 00	50 00
1st Hillsburgh	0 80	6 66	2 95			0 70	11 01
2nd Hillsburgh		20 00	15 00	5 00	6 00	5 50	11 01
Hill Grove	2 89	3 00	8 55				51 50
Helron, Yarmouth Co.	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 50	14 44
Kempt	16 32	17 75	13 00	0 74	0 25	4 25	14 00
Jordan River	2 00						51 31
Lawrence Town and Valley West.	2 00	2 00	3 00				2 00
Lower Aylesford & South Wilmot.	12 10	3 65	4 75				7 00
Litchfield	8 30	10 30	8 10	2 75	8 55	3 72	24 22
Lower Granville	2 00					4 15	42 16
Liverpool	17 34	10 83	6 10	2 10		0 50	2 50
Mills Village	13 70	8 00	7 00		4 00	4 00	40 54
Middlefield	7 00	7 00	5 00		2 00	3 00	36 70
Milton, Yarmouth Co.		2 60	1 00			1 00	24 00
New Albany	7 00	20 00	5 00	3 50		3 60	4 60
Nictaux	4 10	2 25	1 35			1 60	39 00
Pine Grove	16 93	14 40	23 67	2 00		3 00	9 20
Port Medway	17 23	3 25	5 00	1 75			60 00
Pubnico	9 00	3 50					27 23
Sable River	2 75						12 50
St. Mary's Bay	16 50	1 50					2 75
Sissaboo	10 44	19 88	0 94		6 50		18 00
Temple Church, Yarmouth Co.		6 10					37 76
Tiverton	45 00	200 00	50 00	35 00	40 00	30 00	6 10
Tusket	4 00	1 00	4 00				400 00
Shelburne	4 29	2 25		0 50	3 50		9 00
Wilmot	1 20						10 50
Wilmot Mountain	31 41	56 48		11 26	9 08	11 18	1 20
Wilmot, Upper	5 49	12 63	3 44				120 00
Westport, Digby Co.	17 10	9 10	2 75	0 75		1 75	21 46
Wood's Harbor	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00		3 87	31 45
Yarmouth 1st.	3 00	3 00					25 87
Yarmouth South	45 50	69 58	30 00	30 00	80 00	30 00	11 00
Yarmouth West	5 80	14 20	6 00	4 30	6 00	4 33	285 08
Nelson Corning	3 00		3 00	3 00		1 00	40 73
Mrs. Rowland Marshall	1 00		1 00				10 00
A Friend		2 00					2 50
Col. taken at the Association	71 26		1 60				2 00
Total	512 30	599 09	274 44	115 17	220 49	147 47	1 50
Expenses of Association for Printing	82 45						71 26
	429 85						\$1808 97

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Examined and found correct.  
 ROBERT BROWN, } Auditing  
 B. S. FELLOWS, } Committee.

B. L. TELFER, Treasurer.

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Western Baptist Association  
June, 1873.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Schools.	SCHOLARS.			Av'ge. attendance.	TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.				
1 Mill Village.....	2	28	41	69	7	6	11					
2 Nictaux.....	3	88	90	178	138	9	5	17	29	21	330	
3 Lockport.....	1	30	45	75	64	5	5	10	20	9	100	
4 Temple.....	1	56	86	142	125	10	11	21		40	315	
5 Lower Granv. le...t	5	100	103	203	203	14	17	31		314	440	
6 Digby.....	1			36			6				47	
7 Hillgrove.....	1	12	25	37	35	2	3	5			120	
8 L. Aylesford & S. Wilmot	4	136	168	293	246	15	13	28	74	62	520	
9 French Mission Church.	1			34				6			190	
10 Kemp.....	2	44	40	84	80	8	8	16	10	6	200	
11 Westport.....	1	25	30	55		6	7	13	8	3	200	
12 Digby Neck 1st	2	32	38	70	60	4	4	8	5	14	50	
13 Clements.....	4	144	100	244	175	14	13	27	44	51	700	
14 Beaver River.....	2											
15 Pine Grove.....	2				74	4	7	11	24	27	250	
16 Brookfield.....	1	40	50	90	70	4	5	9	19	24	275	
17 Port Medway.....	1	19	24	43	29	4	4	8	10	8	130	
18 Hebron.....	2	116	117	233	131	17	13	30		13	100	
19 Wilmot.....	3	106	74	180	160	11	11	22	42	32	220	
20 Sable River 1st.....	1	26	20	45	30	4	5	9		20	60	
21 Arcadia.....	1	20	35	96		4	5	9		19	150	
22 Milton, Yarmouth.....	1	48	54	102		5	7	12		17	250	
23 Hillsburgh 2nd.....	1	22	18	40	36	3	3	6	20	15	100	
24 Hillsburgh 1st.....	1	19	14	33	30	3	2	5	8	15	130	
25 Hampton.....	1	60	48	108	44	4	4	8	15	13	200	
26 Freepont.....	2	50	78	128	115	6	13	19	8	19	205	
27 South Yarmouth.....	1	23	23	46	40	4	2	6	8	12	200	
28 Liverpool.....	1	35	45	80	70	7	6	13		20	100	
29 Upper Wilmot.....	2	60	65	125	110	6	11	17			200	
30 Ohio.....	1	36	37	73	73	9	3	12			200	
31 Sherbrook West.....	1	11	13	24	18	1	2	3		9	275	
32 Annapolis & U. Granville	1	26	32	58	40	4	4	8	22	13	100	
33 Yarmouth 3rd.....	1	21	39	60	52	8	2	10		21	150	
34 Milton, Queens Co.....	1	114	106	220	116	12	12	24			300	
35 Caledonia.....	1	30	35	65		5	5	10		10	100	
36 Barrington.....	1	23	13	36		2	4	6		2	100	
37 Ragged Islands 2nd.....	1	14	11	25		2	3	5			100	
38 Springfield.....	2	47	23	70		5	9	14			290	
39 Digby Neck 2nd.....	1	30	20	50	35	3	2	5	15	5		
40 New Albany.....	1	18	26	44	35	2	4	6	8	10	200	
41 Yarmouth 1st.....	1	41	57	98	98	7	10	17		22	450	
42 Argyle.....	1	20	36	56		2	5	7		10	180	
43 Tusket.....	1	30	30	60	52	5	4	9	16	12	242	
44 Wood's Harbor.....	1	15	20	35	30	4	3	7	6	6	75	
Totals.....	67	1813	1919	4722	2400	251	263	522	439	559	7449	

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ART. 1  
 2.—It shall be the duty of each church to send out more than five in the year.  
 3.—The other information and fraternal prosperity of the church shall be the duty of the church.  
 4.—The church shall be held responsible for the demand it makes on the community.  
 5.—The Treasurer, and successors.  
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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association

ART. 1.—This body shall be called the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

3.—The objects of the Association shall be, the collection of statistical and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; the promotion of individual godliness and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

4.—The Association shall meet annually on the 3rd Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock. A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the service shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastor.

5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for, take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition. The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the vote of the Association.

6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed, by dismissal, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

8.—The Association shall not in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

Members of Church in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
21	330	\$25 00
9	100	16 00
40	315	50 00
...	314	44 00
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62	520	19 00
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19	150	53 00
17	250	70 00
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13	200	25 00
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19	205	35 00
12	200	14 00
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22	450	90 00
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## RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1st.**—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

**2nd.**—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of Moderator shall be made by ballot.

**3rd.**—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

**4th.**—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

**5th.**—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

**6th.**—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

**7th.**—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

**8th.**—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

**9th.**—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

**10th.**—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

**11th.**—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

**12th.**—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## *N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union,*

CONVENED AT

### **BRIDGETOWN,**

*Friday, June 20th, 1873.*

**BRIDGETOWN, Friday, June 20th, 1873.**

"The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union," convened at 10 o'clock, in the Baptist Meeting-house, Bridgetown.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. James Parker was appointed President, pro. tem.

The meeting then opened with singing, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Day.

In the absence of the Secretaries, Brethren J. F. Kempton and Isa. Wallace, were appointed Secretaries, pro. tem:

The Minutes of the last meeting were then read.

The delegates to the Union then reported themselves, as follows:

#### **LIST OF DELEGATES.**

- Milton, Yarmouth,—Rev. I. Wallace, Brethren Charles Kent, Wallace Crosby.
- Arcadia,—Rev. I. Wallace.
- Cornwallis, 3rd,—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Brother James Bligh.
- South Yarmouth,—Rev. W. H. Porter.
- Port Medway,—Rev. P. A. Shields.
- Halifax, Granville Street,—Brethren Ebenezer S. Hubley, R. N. Beckwith, and S. Selden.
- Melvern Square,—Rev. O. Parker, Brother E. Gates.
- Springfield,—Brother John Plumb.
- Pubnico,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
- Great Village,—Brother Ezra Layton.
- Upper Aylesford,—Rev. J. L. Read.
- Digby,—Rev. J. M. Parker.
- Little River, Digby Neck,—Brother George Cornwell.
- Digby Neck, 1st,—Brother Wells Cornwell.
- Liverpool,—Rev. J. Jones, and Brother Thomas Nickerson.
- Freeport,—Rev. W. L. Parker, Brethren Isa. Thurber, Shippey Lent, Jas. Eldridge.
- Middlefield,—Rev. H. Achilles.

*Beaver River*,—Rev. J. H. Saunders, Brethren Robert K. Rose, W. H. Goudey, and H. N. Perry, Lic.

*Cornwallis, 1st*,—Brother E. N. Beckwith.

*Port Williams, Annapolis Co.*,—Rev. P. F. Murray.

*Horton, 3rd*,—Rev. James Parker.

*New Albany*,—Brother B. Miller, Lic., C. W. Sanders, and Albert Oakes.

*East Dalhousie*,—Brethren B. Miller, Lic., and Ainsley Wilson.

*Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot*,—Rev. Henry Bool, Brethren Jacob Neiley, A. Banks, and A. T. Baker,

*Caledonia*,—Rev. G. Ballentine, Brethren L. Telfer, and Robt. Middlemas.

*Kempt*,—Rev. G. Ballentine, Brethren Abial Harlow, James Kempton, and Simon Delong.

*Hantsport*,—Rev. J. Murray, Brother C. I. Margeson, M. D.

*Clements*,—Rev. J. Williams, Brethren J. E. Patton, J. Douglass Potter, and James Potter.

*Cornwallis, 2nd*.—Brethren J. D. Skinner, and Edward Parker.

*Nictaux*,—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Brethren B. H. Parker, and William C. Shaffner.

*Horton, 1st*,—Revs. S. W. DeBlois, J. M. Cramp, D. D.

*Brighton*,—Rev. A. Cogswell, Brethren Charles McNeil, W. McNeil, and John Andrews.

*Newport*,—Brethren Joseph Walley, and Eben Sweet.

*French Mission Church*,—Rev. M. Normondy, Brethren Andrews, Senn, James Wright.

*Mill Village*,—Rev. P. A. Shields, and Brother E. Steadman.

*Yarmouth, 1st*,—Rev. Dr. Day, Brethren P. D. Kinney, and A. C. Robbins.

*Temple, Yarmouth*,—Rev. W. H. Porter, Brethren J. W. Lovitt, J. B. Kinney, W. A. C. Randall, M. D.

*Hebron*,—Rev. John Rowe, Brethren W. R. Doty, John Rose, and W. Durkee.

*Ohio*,—Rev. J. A. Stubbart, Brethren N. Crosby, Isaiah Crosby, J. W. Patten.

*Deerfield*,—Rev. J. A. Stubbart.

*Lake George*,—Rev. J. A. Stubbart.

*Tusket*,—Rev. P. R. Foster, Brethren W. H. Gavel.

*Wilmot*,—Rev. A. Cahoon, Brethren R. Marshall, W. H. Balcom, and Geo. Starratt.

*Brookfield*,—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Brethren Peleg Murray, James Freeman, and A. J. Leadbetter.

*Members in their own right*,—Revs. G. W. Parker, Edward Whitman, Edw. M. Saunders, and Albert Coldwell.

The following brethren were then invited to a seat with the Union:

Revs. T. C. Delong, R. D. Porter, D. W. C. Dimock, John Chase, Z. Morton, Brethren Eben and Kelley Rose, D. Whitman, U. Johnston, N. E. Patten, N. W. W. Hogg, David Delong, C. D. Randall, Licentiate J. W. Bancroft, and J. A. Durkee.

Meeting then adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Henry Bool.

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*Friday—Afternoon Session.*

Met at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Union met again, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer offered by Rev. R. D. Porter.

Minutes of the last meeting were then read.

The Annual Report of the Board of the Union was then called for and read. The Report was adopted.

The Circular sent to the Churches by the Union, was then read and remarks were made by Brethren W. H. Porter, A. Cahoon, George Armstrong, S. W. DeBlois, J. Rowe, E. M. Saunders, D. W. C. Dimock, James Parker, G. E. Day.

The meeting then adjourned by prayer, to meet again at 7½ o'clock, this evening.

*Friday—Evening Session.*

Met at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Union again assembled. Prayer offered.

Minutes read. After this a resolution presented by Bro. Cahoon, and discussed by Brethren M. P. Freeman, James Parker, Thomas Delong, J. F. Kempton, Z. Morton, D. W. C. Dimock, and Isaiah Wallace—was withdrawn to give place to another—presented by Dr. Day, viz. :—

*Resolved*, That this meeting approve the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union; with the following modifications :

1. That the French Mission be considered a separate department of the said Union; and all gifts, bequests, etc., made to the French Mission go to that department.

2. That in the Constitution of the Union the word *Ordained Ministers* be substituted for "*Pastors*," and that the Professors in Acadia College and Male Teachers in Horton Academy, who are regular members of Baptist Churches, be members of the Union.

3. That a Committee be appointed to present the cause of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union to the Western, Central and Eastern Associations, at their respective annual meetings, and also to the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, for their acceptance or, if they cannot accept the Union, pure and simple, that they would each suggest the modifications of the Constitution of the Union that would suit each of them.

4. And, that, in the latter case, each body appoint a committee of three, to report at a special meeting of the Union, to be held at Windsor, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the Thursday preceding the next meeting of the Convention.

Remarks were then made by Brethren G. E. Day, A. Cahoon, M. P. Freeman, R. N. Beckwith, E. M. Saunders, and George Armstrong.

The resolution passed, clause by clause.

Moved that Brethren Geo. Armstrong, Isa. Wallace, and E. M. Saunders be a committee to present the cause of the Union to the Western, Central, and Eastern Associations; also the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society in accordance with the above resolution.

*Resolved*, That the Union proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The ballot having been taken for President Dr. Cramp was elected to that office.

*Also voted,* That Revds. A. Chipman of the Eastern; D. M. Welton of the Central, and George Armstrong, of the Western, Associations, be Vice-Presidents. That Brother Joseph F. Kempton and M. P. Freeman, be Secretaries. That Brother R. N. Beckwith be Auditor, and that the Directors be the same as last year.

*Voted also,* That the Board be located in Yarmouth. That the Board of the Union be the same as last year, with the substitution of Dr. W. A. C. Randall, for Rev. Warren L. Parker, removed.

On motion of Dr. Day it was resolved, that the Board have power to fill up any vacancies that may occur during the year.

*Resolved,* That the Secretaries request the three Associations to print the Minutes of the Union and their Annual Report with their Minutes.

*Resolved,* That the Committee appointed to visit the Eastern Association, respectfully request the Association to hold its next Annual Meeting as far West as they conveniently can.

*Resolved,* That the expenses of Committee to the Association be met by this Union.

*Resolved,* That this Union do now adjourn to meet at Windsor on the Thursday preceding the Convention at 10 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the President.

J. F. KEMPTON, } Secretaries of the  
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# FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

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### NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, beg to present their first Annual Report. Soon after the close of the Home Missionary Convention, held at Berwick, in June, 1872, your Board met in the Vestry of the First Yarmouth Baptist Church, and elected their Officers for the year. The result of the election was as follows:—

A. C. ROBBINS, Chairman.

SAMUEL BROWN, Treasurer.

G. E. DAY, Corresponding Secretary.

W. H. PORTER, Recording Secretary.

J. H. HALEY, }  
P. D. KINNEY, } Auditors.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, they adopted for their guidance the following Bye-Laws, based on those of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE 1.—This Board shall meet for the despatch of business at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Tuesday of each month; also, at such other times as duly called by the Chairman, Secretaries, or three members of the Board.

ARTICLE 2.—Each meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting be read and approved.

ARTICLE 3.—None but Licentiates from regular Baptist Churches, and Ordained Ministers, recognized as such by a regular Baptist Association, shall be employed as Agents or Missionaries for the Union.

ARTICLE 4.—The Board will not bind themselves to pay any Agent, Missionary, or Colporteur who changes his field of labor or extends the time of his service beyond appointment without consent of the Board.

ARTICLE 5.—The compensation allowed, generally, for married and ordained missionaries shall be \$10 per week, for married Licentiates and unmarried ordained missionaries \$9 per week, and for unmarried Licentiates \$8 per week.

ARTICLE 6.—All persons employed by the Board are empowered and expected to make all reasonable effort during the time of their service to collect funds for the Board, and transmit the same forthwith to the Treasurer, or report to the Board to be credited towards labor performed.

ARTICLE 7.—On the expiration of each four weeks service, or oftener if called for by the Board, reports shall be made to the Board by persons employed by the same, of the number of sermons preached, visits made, miles travelled, pages of tracts distributed, books sold, baptisms performed, sabbath schools visited, other meetings attended, churches, sabbath schools, prayer-meetings, and temperance societies organized; amounts by collection or otherwise, with the names of the donors, and such other information in reference to their labors as may be of general interest.

ARTICLE 8.—The Recording Secretary of the Board shall furnish for the *Christian Messenger*, monthly, an account of the meetings of the Board, the names of the members present, the appointments made, the business of the Board, and the work of its agents, with any other information connection therewith, that he or the Corresponding Secretary may think desirable, or that the Board may direct.

ARTICLE 9.—No money shall be paid, except on an order signed by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE 10.—The Chairman and Corresponding Secretary shall sign no order for money from the Treasury unless for accounts checked by the Auditors.

ARTICLE 11.—The Board shall not accept and submit accounts to the Auditors unless presenting full particulars as stated in Article 8.

ARTICLE 12.—No account shall be audited until ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 13.—A copy of these Bye-Laws shall be furnished by the Corresponding Secretary to each person employed by the Board.

ARTICLE 14.—Schedules shall be furnished by the Board to each person employed by them to aid him in preparing his reports.

ARTICLE 15.—No change shall be made in these Bye-Laws except by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular meeting; notice of the intended change having been presented in writing at a *previous* meeting.

Being thus equipped for labour, your Board felt anxious to enter fully and at once upon the work assigned them by the Union. They, therefore, hastened to correspond with the Western Domestic Missionary Board, and with the Board of Management of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, to learn if they would transfer their work and funds to your Board. As replies in the negative reached them from both those Boards, your Board felt somewhat disheartened, and perplexed. Applications for appoint-

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ment to destitute fields had been made to them by worthy brethren from different parts of the Province. And it was with no little regret and sorrow that they were now forced to inform these brethren of their inability to appoint them.

Your Board had intended to put in the field a General Agent, who, before the winter set in, would commence his operations in the extreme East, and then urge his way westward. They had selected for this important work the Rev. Isaiah Wallace, and offered him the appointment. But the failure of the Board to obtain the assistance of the other Home Missionary organization compelled them to desist for a time from this highly important undertaking.

What then could your Board do? They were willing, yea even anxious to work, but they had no field for their operations. The path of duty, however, soon opened before them. On the 6th of August, 1872, in accordance with the vote of the Western Nova Scotia Baptist Association at its last Anniversary, and in harmony with the Constitution of the Union, the Acadian French Mission Board transferred their work and funds to your Board, who thereupon assumed the responsibility and control of the French Mission.

In order that your Board might be more fully acquainted with the wants of the French Mission, and the condition of the French Mission Church, and be prepared to work intelligently in that field, they appointed a Committee of enquiry to investigate matters touching the interest of the Mission. That Committee attended to their duty promptly, and presented the subjoined interesting report.

“The Committee appointed to visit the French Mission Church at Wagoner Settlement, with a view to obtain information as to the operations of our Missionary in that vicinity, beg to submit the following Report:—

They met an orderly and attentive audience on Tuesday, the 15th October, 1872, of 40 or 50 persons—6 or 7 of whom were converted French people. The new Meeting House in which we met is quite comfortable, but greatly needing better seats.

After holding a regular preaching service, the Committee stated the object of their visit, and elicited the following information:

1. That a great change had taken place in that community under the labors of the French Missionary, when he entered upon his labors in that locality, but two or three of the English were converted, now nearly all have been converted and baptized under his instrumentality. In connection with his labours, some 25 of the English people have been reclaimed and baptized, and 15 of the French.

2. That Bro. Normanday is held in very high esteem by the members of the French Mission Church as well as by the community generally, and the continuance of his services in that region is greatly desired by the people.

3. That of the surrounding population consisting of about 89

families, two-thirds are French people, and these are all accessible to our Missionary, welcoming him to their homes, and receiving from him religious instruction.

4. That preaching stations have been partly established between Doucet Settlement and Moclur Settlement four miles from the Mission Chapel, where about 25 French families and 25 Irish Catholic families reside, and at Burton Settlement, six miles from the Mission Chapel where about 15 English and French families reside. There is also a Settlement of 11 French families residing in St. Mary's Bay, contiguous to Wagoner Settlement where preaching services have been held for several years, and where several members of the French Mission church reside.

5. That 8 of the children of the French Converts, and about 17 of the children of other French families, in all 25; could be gathered into a School at Wagoner Settlement, besides several children of English families. The practicability as well as the vast importance of establishing an efficient School in that community must consequently be apparent.

6. That in view of the need of preaching at Wagoner Settlement and the surrounding Settlements, and especially the great need of Colporteur work, it would seem desirable that our Missionary spend at least one-fourth of his time in that part of the French Mission field.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS,  
ISAIAH WALLACE.

In view of the favourable report of the Committee concerning that portion of the French Mission field known as the Wagoner Settlement and the Burton Settlement, and the pressing want of buildings that should serve, in one case, the double purpose of school house and place of worship, and in the other as a school house only, your Board contributed \$100 towards the erection of such buildings,—\$75 for the Wagoner Settlement, and \$25 for the Burton Settlement. They are happy to state that one house has been so nearly completed that religious service has been held in it, and the other is so far advanced as to be nearly ready for use. Your Board believe that the money expended there will be a good investment.\*

Feeling themselves shut up almost entirely to their own County as a field of Missionary effort, in the early part of the winter the Board requested the Rev. Isa. Wallace to devote a few weeks of ministerial labor to Argyle and vicinity. These places were then almost entirely destitute of religious services. Bro. Wallace entered upon his work with faith and zeal, and the Lord crowned his labors with abundant success. His report to the Board is so interesting that we give it in full. He says:—

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"I have performed four weeks missionary labor at Argyle, and have witnessed glorious displays of Divine grace. When I entered upon my labors at the Head of Argyle, I found the cause of religion exceedingly low, but the Spirit was poured out in connection with my efforts, and blessed results followed. Knowing that the term of my labor there must be short, I consecrated myself most laboriously to the work before me. I attended, on an average, two meetings a day, often preaching at both services, besides visiting extensively, and conversing with many individuals personally upon the interests of their souls. My labors were extended to Central Argyle, where I also witnessed the power of God.

Rev. H. Achilles came as I was leaving, and will, I hope, carry forward the work so graciously commenced, and settle as Missionary Pastor in that interesting field. The fields all along that Atlantic coast are white, ready to the harvest. Oh for more laborers to gather the whitening sheaves. The following is a brief summary of my labors:—

Sermons preached 41; Social and Conference meetings 18; Family visits 128; Miles travelled 96; Baptized 42; Received by letter 1; Received by subscriptions and collections \$42.50.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAIAH WALLACE.

In order to collect funds sufficient to meet their engagements, and to awaken an increased interest in Home Missions, your Board decided to hold a series of Home Missionary meetings, one at least with each Church in the County of Yarmouth. On account of unusually stormy weather and the prevalence of a fearful disease, they did not, however, carry out their original programme. But a large number of meetings was held with the most encouraging results. Great interest was manifested in the subject of Domestic Missions, and large amounts in collections and subscriptions were raised.

As your Board were appointed to perform the missionary work of the Union, they thought it within their province to take any legitimate steps that would aid them in the discharge of their duty. Believing that they could more successfully fulfil their mission by having the Union incorporated, they prepared a draft Act of Incorporation, and submitted it to the Legislature in the earliest part of the session. As the Bill to Incorporate the Union was entirely permissive, and did not encroach upon the rights of any Societies or individuals, your Board had no reason to expect any opposition to its passage. They were somewhat surprised, therefore, to learn that a few gentlemen had constructed a petition against the passage of the Bill, and laid it before the Legislature. Subjoined is the draft Act of Incorporation, and the petition that accompanied it.



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TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NOVA SCOTIA  
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The petition of Abel C. Robbins, Samuel Brown, William R. Doty, John H. Haley, Pearl D. Kinney, George E. Day, William H. Porter, Isaiah Wallace, James A. Stubbert, Joseph H. Saunders, John Rowe, and Paoli R. Foster.

Respectfully sheweth, That whereas certain religious societies connected with the community of christians, known as the Baptists of Nova Scotia, now exist, and were Incorporated by the Legislature of Nova Scotia. And whereas there has been a generally expressed desire by the Baptists of Nova Scotia, that these societies should be consolidated. And whereas the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia did at its last annual meeting, order the Home Missionary Board which it annually appoints, to transfer their work and funds to the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, as soon as convenient :

Your petitioners humbly pray that an Act may be passed Incorporating the said Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, and empowering the other societies when they choose to transfer their work, funds and property to the said Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union after the manner set forth in the accompanying draft. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed.)

ABLE C. ROBBINS,  
SAMUEL BROWN,  
JOHN H. HALEY,  
PEARL D. KINNEY,  
JAMES A. STUBBERT,  
GEORGE E. DAY,  
JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS,  
PAOLI R. FOSTER,  
WILLIAM H. PORTER,  
ISAIAH WALLACE,  
JOHN ROWE."

*Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 24th, 1873.*

(DRAFT.)

An Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

(PREAMBLE )

1. Incorporation powers.
2. Chap. 47, Acts 1868, Chap. 59 and 68, Acts 1865, conditionally repealed and property of Corporations established thereby vested in Union.
3. Present Bye-Laws valid.

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pectively incorporated under and by virtue of 31 Vic. chap. 47, 1865—28 vic. cap. 59, 1865, and 28 vic. cap. 68, 1865 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia; and by the names respectively of the Board of Managers of the French Mission of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, the Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia; and the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society:

And whereas, there has been a general expression by the respective Baptist Churches and Associations of this Province of the desirableness and expediency of an Union of the said Societies, and that the same would tend to the further and better promotion of the objects of the said Societies, and the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in this Province.

And whereas, the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia at its last Annual Meeting, did by unanimous vote express its assent and willingness to and for the said Board of Managers of the French Mission of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia and the said Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia to transfer their work and funds to such Union when formed.

And whereas, at a Convention duly called and composed of delegates from the said respective churches of Nova Scotia, and held at Berwick on the 21st and 22nd days of June, 1872, a basis of Union was agreed upon, and a Society formed under and by the name of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, and having for its object the promotion of the spread of the gospel throughout the Province of Nova Scotia, the fostering of feeble churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature, and which said Society is now composed of the Pastors of Baptist Churches of the Province, and Delegates appointed by the churches, each church in good standing with its respective Association, sending not more than three delegates, and governed by rules and regulations made at such Convention, and its business and affairs managed by an Executive Board, and it is desirable that the said Society shall be and become incorporated.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows:—

1. George E. Day, William H. Porter, Isaiah Wallace, James A. Stubbert, John Rowe, Joseph H. Saunders, Warren L. Parker, Paoli R. Foster, Abel C. Robbins, Samuel Brown, William R. Doty, John H. Haley, Pearl D. Kinney, and such other persons as now or may hereafter become members of such Union according to the rules and regulations thereof, shall be and hereby are appointed a body politic and corporate in deed and in name, under and by the name of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, and by that name shall have successors and a common seal, and by that name shall sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded at law and in equity, and in all courts and places, and be capable in law to accept legacies and donations, to have, hold, purchase, get, receive

take, possess, and enjoy lands, tenements, hereditaments and rents in fee simple or otherwise, and also goods, chattels, and all other things, real, personal and mixed, and also by deed or other proper conveyance duly signed under the hands of the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Board of such Union, or such other officer or officers as may from time to time be duly appointed for such purpose, and under seal of such Union to give, grant, sell, let, assign, mortgage, convey or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof, and the rents and proceeds and profits to dispose of for the use of the said Union, but according to the intention of the grants or donors, and to execute all other things in and about the same as shall or may be thought necessary and proper, and also shall have from time to time, and at all times full power, authority and license, to constitute, make, establish, and amend such constitution, bye-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances as may be thought necessary for the rule and good management of the said Union, the choosing of officers proper for the management of its affairs, and declaring the extent, duration, and authority of the offices and officers of the said Union, and the mode of appointment and generally for promoting the objects of the Union, provided such constitution, bye-laws, regulations and ordinances be not contrary or repugnant to the laws and statutes of this Province, or those in force within the same at the time such constitution, bye-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances may be constituted, established or amended.

2. The Board of Managers of the French Mission of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and the Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, (incorporated respectively under chap. 47, Acts N. S., 1868, and chap. 59, Acts N. S., 1865) by vote or resolution of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of said respective Boards, and the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, (incorporated under chap. 68, Acts, N. S., 1865) on a vote or resolution of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the said Society, and duly convened for such purpose, may be and are hereby empowered to transfer their work, funds and property into the corporation hereby established, and thereupon the existence of such Board or Boards, Society or Societies, or either of them shall cease and determine, and the Act or Acts creating or incorporating them or either of them shall be and is, and are hereby repealed, and all the real, personal or other estate which the said Board or Boards, Society or Societies, or either of them is, or are, or at any future time may be interested in or entitled to, shall be vested in the Corporation hereby established, and every conveyance, grant, bequest, devise or gift of any lands, goods, chattels, or real, personal or mixed estate whatsoever that may have been made of, to, or unto, any, either, or all of said Board or Boards, Society or Societies, or may hereafter be made unto them or either of them, shall be deemed to be made to and vested in the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Mission-

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ary Union, hereby incorporated by operation of law, in the same manner and as fully to all intents and purposes as if specially given, granted, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to the said Union by its proper title, and such Union shall have full power and authority to sue for and recover the same, either at law or in equity, and to assign, transfer, sell, incumber, lease, change, or otherwise dispose thereof, but shall appropriate the sum, proceeds and profits thereof to and for the purposes and objects for which the same was or were specially given or intended to be given by the donors or grantors.

3. The Constitution and Bye-laws now in force, and which were adopted at the Convention, held at Berwick, the 21st and 22nd days of June, A. D., 1872, shall be valid and continue in force until altered or repealed in accordance with the provisions of the said Constitution and Bye-laws, and the Officers of the said Union and appointed thereat shall remain in office until others be appointed in accordance with the said Constitution and Bye-laws.

The petition that was presented against the passage of this Bill, was, in the opinion of your Board, calculated to produce a wrong impression on the minds of the Legislators. They, therefore, prepared a letter of information, and addressed a copy to each member of the House of Assembly. But as a strong and direct influence was brought to bear upon the members of that body, the Bill to incorporate the Union was finally rejected by a majority of one.

The following is a copy of the letter referred to.

YARMOUTH, March 31st, 1873.

Honorable Sir,—

We, the undersigned, presented to the Honorable the House of Assembly, through Samuel Freeman, Esq., M. P. P., a petition praying that an Act might be passed incorporating the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union. A draft Act of Incorporation accompanied our Petition.

We have been surprised to learn that a Committee of the Board of Management of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society have presented a counter Petition asking that our Bill may not pass your Honorable House. Permit us therefore, to invite your attention to the following facts:

First. The Society that appoints the Board which is represented by the Petitioners against our Bill, ordered at its last annual meeting that Board to correspond with us who pray to be incorporated, with a view to a complete Union of the Societies. This fact is acknowledged in the Petition against our Bill.

Second. Our Bill, as you will perceive by careful examination, is only *permissive*. It does not interfere, in any particular, with any chartered rights and privileges of any society or individual. It merely grants a privilege which may or may not be used, just as the parties themselves choose.

Third. The Bill is in perfect harmony with the Constitution of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union; and two of the three petitioners against our Bill were members of a Committee that framed that Constitution. They are really petitioning against their own work.

We, therefore, respectfully ask your assistance toward passing our Bill the *present session*, and without any modification, as delay in this matter would seriously interfere with our prospective operations in Home Mission work.

We are, dear sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed)

A. C. ROBBINS.  
SAMUEL BROWN,  
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ISA. WALLACE,

*Members of the Executive Board of the Union.*

Your Board, anxious to do all in their power to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom, appointed a Committee to visit the Churches in Argyle and Pubnico, to hold missionary meetings with them, and, if possible, to assist them in the settlement of a pastor. The Committee attended to their duty, and reported very favourably. They were impressed with the fine appearance of the places visited, the improvements that have been made of late, and the great necessity of having them supplied with ministerial labor. They believe that with even a small amount of Missionary and Colporteur work given to these sections strong Baptist interests would be seen where now the cause is comparatively feeble.

Your Board, believing that a system of Colportage is of absolute importance in prosecuting successfully the Home Missionary work, endeavored to make a beginning in this department of labor. For this important work they sought the services of Bro. A. H. Lavers, a young man of zeal and energy, of tact and talent. Quite recently he left the Methodist Society, and united with us. He expects to devote his life to the work of the christian ministry. In view of his many good qualities your Board thought it advisable to give him an appointment as Colporteur for six months. He will be ready to commence his labors under the direction of the Board on the 1st of August next.

In connection with this matter your Board corresponded with Howard Gannet, Esq., of the Bible and Publication Society. His reply was indeed cheering. He offered to select personally all books and papers ordered, to make a discount of 25 per cent. on catalogue prices of all books purchased, to wait for remittances a convenient

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time, to furnish gratuitously a number of French tracts, to aid with his advice, and, if necessary, to be present at some of the meetings of the Board. With circumstances so favourable at the commencement, your Board believe that there is a bright future before the Baptists of Nova Scotia in Colporteur work, if they seize with hopefulness and vigor the present opportunity.

Your Board, thinking it desirable to spread before the Baptist public of Nova Scotia all possible information about the Union, in the early part of the winter instructed their Corresponding Secretary to furnish for the *Messenger* an account of the steps that led to the formation of the Union, and the minutes of its first meeting; to state the Society's aims and its prospects. The Board report that he has attended to that duty to their entire satisfaction.

Your Board thought it necessary, also, to urge the churches to attend by their delegates the Annual Meeting of the Union. They, therefore, addressed a circular to each Baptist Church in the Province, requesting that a full delegation be sent to the Anniversary meeting of the Union at Bridgetown.

The following is a copy of that circular :

TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ BAPTIST CHURCH IN \_\_\_\_\_

*Beloved Brethren,—*

Permit us to invite your attention to the fact that there is to be a meeting of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union at Bridgetown, on Friday, June 20, 1873, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Constitution of the Union providing "that this Union be composed of the Pastors of the Baptist Churches in the Province and Delegates appointed by the Churches—each Church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates.

You will see, therefore, that you can send to the meeting of the Union three delegates beside your Pastor, who is a member of the Union in his own right.

Matters of great importance are to be brought before the Union at its Annual Meeting in June next. Permit us, therefore, to urge you to send to that meeting your full number of delegates, and instruct them to vote for the consolidation of all our Home Missionary organizations into one body, or for the continuance of separate societies, or with such modifications and improvements in either case as may be agreed upon at the meeting.

J. M. CRAMP, *President of Union.*

A. C. ROBBINS, *Chairman of Board.*

G. E. DAY,

W. H. PORTER,

} *Secretaries.*

Yarmouth, May 2, 1873.

In conclusion, your Board beg to report that they have had but two Missionaries employed. Rev. Mr. Normandy, the French Missionary, has labored for the Board 45 weeks, and Rev. I. Wallace 4 weeks. The result of this labor has been of the most cheering character.

Summary of labor performed:—Visits made, 309; sermons preached, 137; other meetings attended, 30; miles travelled, 2213; tracts distributed, 3415; Bibles given, 19; testaments given, 14; Subscribers to "C. Messenger," 3; Baptisms, 42. Several conversions have taken place in addition to the baptisms reported. Amounts collected by Missionaries, \$62.50. Receipts from all sources, \$658.44.

In view of what has been done during the past year, your Board desire to be abundantly thankful to God.

With but little more than one County for a field of operation, and with but 49 weeks of labor expended thereon, 42 have been baptized, an additional number has been converted, and there are many inquirers after the truth.

The French Mission, too, never presented a more favourable appearance, or had before it brighter prospects. Many are gradually breaking away from the bonds of Popery. Others are beginning to realize their bondage, and to desire the liberty of the Gospel. The French Missionary never at any time during his lengthened service had a wider influence among the French people than he has to-day, or a more favorable opportunity for doing them good.

But in the midst of their thankfulness your Board feel humble. The fact that they would have done much more for God had the way been open before them, causes them no small amount of sorrow. They trust, however, that what has been done this year is but the first fruits of an abundant harvest which their successors shall gather in, when existing obstacles shall be removed, and when the churches North, South, East, and West shall vie with each other in seeking to extend throughout the whole Province the Kingdom of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Board,

G. E. DAY, *Cor. Secretary.*

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Jan. 25.	" " " "		South Yarmouth..	5 35
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	" " " "		Deerfield.....	4 61
March	" Collected by Rev. J. R. Stubbett,		"	2 00
	" " " "		Ohio.....	3 86
	" Miss Amelia Kendrick, Barrington, donation.....			1 00
	" Collection at Missionary Meeting at Argyle.....			7 61
	" " " "		Lower Pubnico...	6 80
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May	" James Cain, donation, South Yarmouth.....			0 50
June	" Rawdon Church, per Jos. H. Robbins, French Mission.			2 46
	" Collection at Missionary Meeting at Arcadia.....			4 59
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"	" First Yarmouth Col., Missionary Meeting, ..	\$ 17 78		
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"	" P. D. Kinney, \$10.00. Capt. J. Crosby, \$10.00.	20 00		
"	" W. H. Wyman, \$5.00. Jos. R. Wyman, \$3 00.	8 00		
"	" C. W. Saunders, \$10.00. Capt. B. C. Robbins, \$1 06	11 06		
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"	" Mrs. B. Sterrett, \$1.00. Miss M. O. Sterrett, 50c.	1 50		
"	" Mrs. J. R. Ryerson, \$20.00. John Turner, \$1.00.	21 00		
"	" Mrs. S. M. Ryerson, \$10.00. Miss E. Poole, 50c.	10 50		
"	" Mrs. C. Pinkney, \$2.00. C. Pinkney, \$4.00..	6 00		
"	" James Durkee, \$2.50. Edward Huestes, \$5.00.	7 00		
"	" Miss H. McGill, \$1.00. Miss Eliza Lewis, \$1.00.	2 00		
"	" P. H. Durkee, \$5.00. Prince Robbins, \$2 00..	7 00		
"	" Mrs. S. F. Raymond, \$1. Mrs. A. D. Raymond, \$1.	2 00		
"	" Alexander Sime, \$10.00. Miss Lois Hays, \$1.00.	11 00		
"	" J. B. Weddleton, \$3.00. M. Coldwell, \$2.00..	5 00		
"	" D. A. Vaughan, \$2.50. Mrs. D. A. Vaughan, \$2.50.	5 00		
"	" Nathan S. Crosby and wife .....	3 00		
Feb.	" Capt. W. Churchill, \$5.00. W. H. Gridley, \$10.00.	15 00		
"	" Temple Church, col., Missionary Meeting....	9 15		
"	" Collected by Miss Annie Crocker .....	9 50		
"	" Capt. J. Cain, \$10.00. Maggie Crosby, 25c...	10 25		
"	" Mrs. E. Perry, \$5 00. Chas. Weddleton, \$1.00.	6 00		
"	" Mrs. E. Purdy, \$2.00. Miss A. Purdy, \$2.00..	4 00		
"	" N. W. W. Hogg, \$5.00. Thos. Cain, \$2.00 ..	7 00		
"	" Andrew Goudey, \$1. 0. Samuel Brown, \$25 00.	25 00		
"	" John H. Haley, \$25.00. Wm. Haley, \$20.00..	45 00		
"	" Jos. O. Haley, \$10.00. Alvin Haley, \$4.00... 14 00	14 00		
"	" Amos W. Allen, \$4.00. J. B. Kinney, \$4.00..	8 00		
June 16.	" Col. per Rev. J. H. Saunders, Beaver River Church..	\$403 19		
"	" Donation from Mrs. Shaw, Feb. 13.....	60 33		
"	" Amount collected in Argyle by Rev. I. Wallace.....	42 50		
"	" Donation from Mrs. Shaw for French Mission.....	5 00		
"	" " " " " for Bibles.....	5 00		
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1872.	Nov. 3.	To paid Rev. Isa. Wallace expences to Saulnierville and Waggoner Settlement.....		\$ 2 50
1853.	Feb. 10.	To paid Rev. W. H Porter, bill for Record Books, Stationery and Postage.....		\$ 1 00
	"	"	Rev. M. Normandy, verbal order of Secretary... ..	30 00
	"	"	do. balance salary " " " " .....	87 75
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	April 22.	"	do. " " " " " " " " } in advance.	150 00
	May 6.	"	Rev. Dr. Day, bill printing.....	\$1.25
	"	"	" " " " printing and postage .....	3.00
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	June 12.	"	Rev. M. Normandy to aid in building School Houses in Waggoner and Burton Settlements	75 00
	"	"	" " " " same purpose.....	25 00
	"	"	" " " " per Rev. J. H. Saunders on account, salary due Jan. 1873....	82 25
	"	"	" " " " per Mrs. Shaw, Feb. 13..	10 00
	"	"	Rev. Isa. Wallace.....	42 00
	"	"	For French Bibles.....	5 00
	"	"	Rev. M. Normandy, salary to June 20, 1873 .....	50 00
			Balance .....	98 15
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SAMUEL BROWN, *Treasurer.*

Audited the above account and found the same correct,

P. D. KINNEY,  
JOHN H. HALEY,

*Auditors for Board of N. S. B. H. M. Union.*

Yarmouth, June 17th, 1873.