

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE BAPTISTS
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,

Held at Clark's Harbor, Cape Island, Shelburne Co.,
September 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th and 17th, 1877,

AND THE

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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The Twelfth Annual Session of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia was held at Clark's Harbor, Cape Island, Shelburne County, commencing on Thursday, September 13th, 1877, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting called to order by the Standing Clerk, Rev. J. I. Porter.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. J. F. Smith, conducted the opening exercises. Prayer by Rev. S. N. Royal.

After some remarks by the retiring Moderator, it was—
Resolved, That Rev. F. Babcock be Moderator. He was welcomed to the chair with appropriate remarks.

The Moderator then addressed the Conference.

Resolved, That Rev. D. Oram be Assistant Moderator.

Resolved, That Bro. Edwin Morine be Assistant Clerk.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE PRESENT.

Rev. F. BABCOCK, Moderator.

Rev. D. ORAM, Assistant Moderator.

Rev. J. I. PORTER, Clerk and Treasurer.

Mr. E. MORINE, Assistant Clerk.

A. Swim, C. Cann, W. C. Weston, S. K. West, W. M. Knollin, W. Downey, S. N. Royal, J. F. Smith, T. O. DeWitt, and J. M. Loudon.

LICENTIATE.

Edwin Crowell.

DEACONS.

E. Dolliver, B. B. Woodworth, T. W. Wilson, I. Hopkins, Levi Nickerson, D. Loskin, E. Ross, Heman Kenny, N. Travis.

Delegates from the Quarterly Meetings.

H. Trefry, D. C. Weston, B. Simms, J. Smith, G. Brown, E. Morine, B. L. Banks, J. C. Smith, M. McGray, J. Cushing, A. Durkee, and A. McGray.

Corresponding Delegate from the N. E. F. C. B. General Conference,
Rev. G. W. McDonald.

Corresponding Delegate from the Maine C. T. Meeting,
Rev. R. L. Howard.

We also had the additional pleasure of inviting to a seat with us, Revs. Joseph McLeod, W. Brown, and E. Garrity, visitors from N. B.

The Clerk read the Constitution and By-Laws.

Resolved, That the visiting brethren be invited to a seat with us, subject to the rules of Conference.

Resolved, That C. Smith, D. C. Weston and H. Trefry, be the Prudential Committee.

Resolved, That S. N. Royal, W. C. Weston, and E. Dolliver, be the Committee on Arrangements.

The Committee on Arrangements reported as follows:

On Temperance—D. Oram, C. Carr, J. Smith.

On the Sabbath—J. F. Smith, W. Brown, B. L. Banks, D. C. Weston, and J. McLeod.

On Sabbath Schools—J. M. Loudon, B. Simms and G. Brown.

On Missions—W. Downey, G. W. McDonald, and E. Crowell.

On Education—W. M. Knollin, D. C. Weston, and J. McLeod.

On Deceased Brethren—J. L. Porter, W. C. Weston, and J. M. Loudon.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.
Prayer by Rev. W. Brown.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. T. O. DeWitt. Roll called. This was a reporting meeting.

Rev. J. M. Loudon, corresponding delegate to the M. C. Y. Meeting, said—

He was highly pleased and profited while at the meeting. The Elders' Conference was highly interesting. Spoke of how business was conducted, progress manifest, and of Rev. J. L. Phillips, whom he met, who wished to attend our Conference but could not.

Resolved, That the report of Bro. Loudon be received, and his expenses paid.

Rev. W. Downey, Delegate to the N. B. F. C. B. Conference, spoke of his pleasure, reception, the apparent improvements, the trials through which one brother of that Conference has passed; the likeness between them and us. It is advisable to continue the delegation.

The Report was received.

A half hour of deep devotional communion enjoyed.

Resolved, That the order of business be changed so as to hear the report of Committee on Temperance.

Rev. D. Oram, Chairman of Committee, read the report as follows:—

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ance. This is a subject that suggests at once to our minds that which is high and noble, and also all that is low, evil and debasing in its tendency, inasmuch as it brings before us its opposite, intemperance. Its evils granted, we therefore consider it a duty incumbent upon every man and woman to do all they can, for its suppression. A cause so closely connected with religion should, therefore, demand more especially the attention of the christian and ministers of the gospel.

While the evil still exists, yet it is with great pleasure that your Committee view the grand advancement made in the temperance cause during the past year. Not only throughout the United States has a good and great work been done, and is still being done through the labors of Murphy and his coadjutors; but also we are greatly encouraged to know that in our own Province temperance reformers have been engaged in the cause with renewed zeal, and much has been done for the overthrow of intemperance. We would in this place gratefully acknowledge the great good that has taken place through the visit of Mr. Dutcher in the County of Yarmouth, especially as it has been instrumental in bringing into the temperance ranks a class that hitherto stood aloof from the cause; many of whom were opposers of the good work, but now have become zealous therein.

We humbly trust that each member of this Conference will go forth with an unchanging purpose to labor with untiring energies for the annihilation of this terrible evil.

In behalf of the Committee.
D. ORAM, Chairman.

Rev. J. F. Smith, rising to move the adoption of the report, said:

If christians would realize the importance of the subject and act at once, a great work could be done in a short time. Ministers should preach, and church members live temperance.

Rev. F. Babcock spoke of the need of legal help. D. C. Weston, of the secret practice of intemperance. Rev. D. Oram, of its relation to our church covenant.

Rev. S. N. Royal spoke of the organization of the liquor power, and the nature of the work to be done.

Rev. W. Downey spoke of the impropriety of using fermented wine for sacramental purposes.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt spoke of the need of real hard, united work.

Rev. J. M. Loudon supported the report.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we adjourn until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. Downey.

FRIDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. R. L. Howard.

Rev. G. W. McDonald, Delegate from the N. B. F. B. G. Conference—

Spoke of his pleasure to again meet this Conference; referred to the exodus

of their ministers to this Province, and the result. Connected with his Conference, 145 churches, 8000 members, 30,000 adherents, 42 ordained Ministers, 13 licentiates. Spoke of S. School work, Foreign Missions, Education and Temperance, in a very interesting manner. Requested the correspondence continued. Bro. McDonald made forcible remarks in reference to the practice of Free Baptists in contrast with other denominations. They are fast accepting the same.

Rev. J. McLeod said,—

He felt at home, for he belonged to both Provinces. His heart went with the idea of union. Referred to the beginning of his Conference; one of the Fathers still living and able to work. Also to denominational progress, hindrances are swept away. The Free Baptists of N. B. and N. S. have a glorious future. Older bodies are coming to us in doctrines and mode of work; is using Moody to this end.

Bro. McLeod said he was sent on a special mission. Read from the Minutes the action of his Conference appointing a committee in reference to educational matters. Explained why Prof. Foster—one of the committee—did not come. Referred to his character and success. Young men must be educated. Remark upon the endowment fund, fate of measures in their Conference, but have not given up agitation of the subject. Spoke of his love to his brethren in this Province—desired a closer union between the Conferences. Requested the appointment of a committee to confer with their committee.

Rev. R. L. Howard, Corresponding Delegate from the Maine C. Y. Meeting, passed to the table the following paper, which was read :—

LEWISTON, MAINE, Sept. 10, 1877.

The Maine Central Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists send Christian greeting to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia.

DEAR BRETHREN—We have been much pleased to learn of your prosperity, through your delegate, Rev. John M. Loudon, present at our last meeting, and we send to you the bearer of this letter, Rev. R. L. Howard, as our delegate.

It sometimes happened in our civil war that soldiers wearing the blue by mistake fired upon other soldiers wearing the same uniform. Would that the history of the Christian Church were free from the dark pages which record the attacks of regiments of the same great army, by design, upon each other.

Whatever be the differences in modes and customs, and in what must be called the less important items of belief, there must be some real, significant answering of Christ's prayer: "That they all may become one," if the church of God, in all the earth, would fulfil the spirit and letter of Christ's command to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." It will not answer in these days of activity on the part of Christ's foes for the Church to present itself with divided arms or internal weakness. The great aim and object of the Church of God must be to carry the Gospel to the world, and whatever diverts its aim or takes away this object is a direful calamity.

It gives us great pleasure to note the living interest among you in regard to the work of education, of temperance and of missions. There is much ground to be occupied, doubtless, in your Province, as there is in our own State and Country. We find that our doctrines are acceptable, and we believe them to be freer from objection than those of any other people, to the masses of our population. It only remains that we intelligently and zealously promulgate them in order for their vital, personal acceptance by many.

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Year by year the bonds which have bound you and us together have been strengthened, may they never be weaker, but each receive from the other new encouragement year by year in the prosecution of our common work.

May the Great Head of the Church abundantly bless your deliberations and spiritual exercises, and grant you in the year to come large prosperity. We desire a continuance of the pleasant correspondence by delegation for the year to come.

In behalf of the Maine Central Yearly Meeting.

WM. H. BOWEN, Clerk.

Bro. Howard then came forward, and said--

He had not words with which to voice the feelings in his heart. We were glad to receive your delegate. Extended greeting. They have enjoyed a year of great prosperity. Maine, a temperance State, heartily engaged in the work. By merging their several mission societies into one, under one General Agent, had more than doubled the amount collected. Are moving in the matter of education. Were glad to encourage the young men from this Province, seeking an education for the ministry; they had done and were doing well. He had passed the boundary line without knowing it. So were we one, why not be one then? Desired a continuance of the delegation both to the Maine C. Y. M. and the General Conference.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to meet the Committee appointed by the N. B. Conference, to consider the educational matter.

Resolved, That W. Downey, J. F. Smith, J. I. Porter, J. M. Loudon, and W. M. Knollin be the above Committee.

Resolved, That we adjourn at the call of the Moderator.
Prayer by Rev. S. N. Royal.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Woman's Mission Meeting. [See Appendix.]

At the close of this meeting the Moderator took the chair, when the report of the Committee on Missions was read by Bro. E. Crowell, Secretary thereof; when it was

Resolved, That the report be received and referred to the Mission Meeting this evening for consideration.

Resolved, that we adjourn at the call of the Moderator.

SATURDAY, 9, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. K. West. Report read by Rev. D. Oram from the Clerk of Church at Pleasant Lake.

The report of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, was read by Rev. W. M. Knollin, Quarterly Meeting Clerk.

After some deliberation in reference to the recommendations contained in the report, on motion, it was voted said report be adopted and engrossed in the Minutes, as follows :

To the Free Baptist Conference assembled at Barrington, Cape Island :—

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS—In accordance with the obligation of my office, I lay before you the following report. As in previous reports, I have as far as possible given you detailed notice of the several Churches, and since no material changes have taken place during the past year, being also pressed for time, I submit a synopsis only.

Since my last report, death has laid his hand upon one of our corps, and laid low the mortal of our venerable brother Knowles, while his spirit has passed triumphantly to the christian's home in glory.

The Churches of this Quarterly Meeting have been patiently "holding the fort;" some with more success than others. The principle of loyalty I believe is on the increase. The present year has been more successful in the addition of members than the previous year.

The Church at Port La Tour has had three (3) added to its number, two (2) by baptism, and one (1) by letter.

The Church at Cape Island has enjoyed a gracious season of revival, thirty-five (35) have been added by baptism.

Lower Publico Church was much quickened last winter and six (6) were added by baptism.

The first Barrington Church has had quite a prosperous year. In a revival last winter, twenty-six (26) were added by baptism.

The Church at Kempt enjoyed a season of refreshing last winter, fifteen (15) were added to the Church by baptism.

At Little River the Church has had a very prosperous year, only four have been added it is true, (and one received awaiting the ordinance of baptism) but the social condition of this Church is good indeed.

The Church in Yarmouth Town has had only four (4) added, two (2) by baptism and two (2) by letter, but the congregation is steadily increasing. This Church has a new and pretty place of worship, which will be dedicated on Sabbath, 23rd inst.

This Quarterly Meeting has held its regular number of sessions; all of which have been interesting.

There are many of our people who feel that so many general gatherings are not needed, and cherish a hope that a change may soon be made.

The Kempt Church at the May session of Quarterly Meeting presented the case of Mr. Bennison, (expelled minister of this Conference) and wished that something be done to facilitate reinstatement. The following resolution was moved, viz. "That this Quarterly Meeting extend a license to Mr. Bennison to preach the Gospel." After the discussion of this motion, the following amendment was moved and passed: *Resolved*, in amendment, that the request of the Kempt Church be recommended to the consideration of the Yearly Conference.

At the Annual Quarterly Meeting the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—*Resolved*, that this Quarterly Meeting recommend the connection of our Home Mission Society with the "General Conference," and that this Quarterly Meeting agree to heartily co-operate with the Yearly Meeting in what it may deem the best method of carrying forward the important interest

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of "Home Mission" work. One very interesting feature in connection with the work of this Quarterly Meeting is the absence of any serious difficulties among the members of the Churches, and the good will and harmony existing among its members.

Another interesting feature is the growing desire among our people for the ministry of the Word.

One of our great needs is "Home Mission" funds for the aid of small congregations. The help afforded the Yarmouth Church gave them great encouragement. Five hundred dollars expended among the smaller Churches of this Quarterly Meeting would give a great impetus to our work.

Arrangements are being made by the Churches of Tusket, Plymouth and Little River to secure the labors of Rev. Mr. Price of New Brunswick. Bro. James Smith of Port Medway, is now located at Beaver River, where he is laboring with much satisfaction to the people of that place.

Hoping that you may have an interesting and profitable session, I remain yours fraternally,

WM. M. KNOLLIN, Q. M. Clerk.

The Report of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting was read by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Clerk thereof, as follows:—

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HARMONY QUARTERLY MEETING.

DEAR BRETHREN:—"Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ." Once more has our Heavenly Father permitted us who are "alive and remain," to greet each other in General Conference. I sincerely hope we may be able to sink all personal differences of opinion, and unitedly engage to promote the interests of our "Sion" to the extent of our power. The last year has been a most trying one. Never did we before assemble in an Annual Meeting when our hearts were so full of heaviness and mourning. Never in the history of the Denomination, has your Annual Report contained a more sad and solemn announcement as must be made this day. Death, cruel death, has invaded our sanctuary, and broken our ministerial ranks. How shall we speak of those noble veteran brethren who were with us, and who acted well their parts in the transaction of our business in the interests of the Denomination and in care for the Churches, will never, never enter our midst again? Our solemn answer is, Yes it is true! The Lord has seen fit to take him to himself. He has gone to his rest: he died at Auburn, Maine, Nov. 14th, 1876. On the 18th of June, 1877, our sad hearts were made sadder by the sudden death of our venerable and highly esteemed Father Knowles, of the Shelburne and Yarmouth Q. M., who, by his superior talents and distinguished consecration, labored so successfully for the good of the Denomination, has met with us for the last time. Last year when we assembled he was in trouble. This year as we meet, he is in glory, mingling with the spirits of just men made perfect in heaven. He has exchanged his earthly home and the pulpit for a crown and a seat with Christ. Yes, brethren, it is really true that Elders Knowles and Crowell, to whose labors we are much indebted for our present prosperous state, will meet with us no more. Their work is done. The last storm has been faced—the last trial endured—"The last foe conquered." Absent from the body, they are present with the Lord. Soldiers of Christ, well done. Brethren, may it be our

ambition by the grace of God, to number our days in working for the promotion of the cause in which they spent their strength, that like our departed brethren, it may be said of us after we shall have passed away, that we did what we could.

I am unable to make as agreeable a report as I should desire, owing to the fact that I have not had the proper information.

1st Halifax.—This Church has the labors of the Rev. J. M. Loudon. This Church is rapidly increasing in numbers and also in spiritual strength. It promises fair to be one of our strong Churches. The present membership is sixty-one. There is a flourishing Sabbath School in connection with the Church. There is also a Ladies' Foreign Mission Society.

Canning.—This Church has been blessed to enjoy the efficient labors of Rev. S. N. Royal a part of his time. Additions by baptism 3; by letter 1. Dismissions by letter 4. Total 103 in good standing.

Hall's Harbor.—Bro. Royal has been spending a part of his time in building up this church. Added by baptism, 13; by letter, 3; died, 2; total, 103 in good standing.

Black Rock.—Has had the labors of Rev. J. Noble a part of the time. There have been some trials. Some have left the Church. 15 have been added by baptism. Present membership, 90 in good standing.

Scott's Bay.—No report.

Avonport.—No report.

Port Medway.—This Church is at present without a pastor, and it seems a very great shame that so important a point should be left uncared for. Its present membership, 124.

East Port Medway.—Is also without a pastor at present. They very much need one to care for them.

Port Matoon.—This Church at present has the labor of T. O. DeWitt, one half of his time. There has been some interest manifested amongst us during the commencement of the year. During the year there has been "seasons of refreshing coming down from the Lord." No additions. Decrease, by death 2; expelled, one. Present membership, 98. Our conference is held on the first Saturday evening of each month. Preaching on the first and second Sabbath of each month. No Sabbath School. The third Sabbath I spend with the people at East Sable, and at the head of Sable. Here the doctrines we hold is the sentiment that meets the minds of the people. I was blessed to enjoy a good season of revival interest in both of these places: some twenty were converted, mostly all men, and if we had a man to place in this field and the other part of the field that I occupy, it would yield a good harvest to us in a few years. The fourth Sabbath of each month I have spent with the people of Lockport in Shelburne Co. I preach once a day on the Island, once on the Main at Brighton and at Capt. Cole Williams' Meeting House at Green Harbor, in the evening. Permit me here to say what we want is a missionary for these and other places that I could name, where we have families of Free Baptists scattered, that are hungering for the bread of life.

Harmony Church.—So called, still is amongst the living. It has had the labors of Bro. George Lowden for some three months of the past year. I must say in order for this Church to live long and well it needs discipline and care, or it will be, in a few years more, amongst the things of the past. Present membership, 67.

This Quarterly Meeting has failed to hold its usual number of Quarterly Sessions, from reasons that we do not wish to give here.

We hope that it may please the great and glorious Head of the Church to so direct the deliberation of this Christian assembly that a higher degree of efficiency and success in the Lord's work may be retained.

T. O. DEWITT, Q. M. Clerk.

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Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes.

A letter from Rev. G. E. Sturgis, M. D., of Melton, intended, but which did not come to hand at time of Conference, informs me that—"He is still at work. In June last organized a Free Baptist Church at Brookville, Hants County, of 8 members; 2 have been received since, making 10 members at present. I preach for them once in two weeks. I am more firmly grounded on our distinctive denominational principles than ever, as I am more and more convinced that they are the teachings of the Bible."

The recommendation of the Y. & S. Q. Meeting, in regard to the case of Mr. Bennison, was taken up; when it was—

Resolved, That a Committee be chosen to consider the matter. Accordingly the following brethren were chosen as said Committee, viz.:—T. W. Wilson, B. B. Woodworth, Amiah Durkee, J. I. Porter, W. M. Knollin, S. K. West, W. C. Weston, E. Dolliver, D. C. Weston, and E. Morine. The Committee retired.

It was—

Resolved, That the Conference spend an hour in devotion.

Voted to adjourn, to meet at the call of the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

5.30, P. M.

Meeting called by Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Smith.

The Report of Special Committee read by Clerk of Conference. After brief discussion—

Resolved, That the Report be laid on the table, and be the order of business for Monday, 10 A. M.

Voted we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. M. Knollin.

Voted that the recommendation in the Y. and S. Q. M. Report in reference to Home Mission be taken up. After consideration,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference, it is not advisable to take the work of the Home Mission Societies out of the hands of the Quarterly Meetings.

Resolved, That the report of Committee on S. W. Bennison's case be taken up.

After consideration, and slight alterations suggested were made, it was—

Resolved, That the report be adopted, engrossed in the Minutes, published in the *Intelligencer*, and that each member of the Committee be requested to sign his name. The report is as follows :

Your Committee chosen to consider the matter referred by the Yarmouth and S. Q. M. to this Conference touching the case of Mr. S. W. Bennison, beg to present the following report :—

After the organization of your Committee, and prayer by Bro. Knollin, a most kind united consideration and conversation was had, having due regard to the action of the Q. M., as well as the request of the Kemptville Church. Notwithstanding the sympathy which may exist at the present time among some of our brethren, of some of the Churches, for Mr. Bennison as a preacher, your Committee believe it will not be to the glory of God, or compatible with the dignity, influence and usefulness of the christian ministry, to, in any degree, restore him to that position in this Conference.

We therefore recommend that no action be taken by this Conference to encourage Mr. Bennison to seek reinstatement as one of its ministers. And further recommend the Quarterly Meetings in connection with this Conference, to duly counsel and assist the Churches that may be taking an unconstitutional course in reference to this case.

In behalf of Committee.

E. MORINE, Secretary.

The Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was read by Rev. J. M. Loudon, Chairman of Committee.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted, and referred to the Sabbath School Convention this afternoon for discussion. [See Appendix—Sabbath School Convention.]

The Report of Committee on Deceased Brethren was read by Rev. J. M. Loudon, as follows :—

Your Committee on Deceased Brethren would respectfully submit the following Report :—

We find that during the past year death has thinned our ranks. First in order of time, our Bro. Rev. T. H. Crowell, was called from us. At our last Annual Conference, earnest prayer was offered to the Master of assemblies that he would raise our Brother to health. In his Providence, our prayers were not answered. While we deeply mourn our loss in the departure of the warm friend, devoted christian, and zealous and efficient minister of Christ, we would bow in submission, knowing that the Father knoweth best.

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others, His voice was again heard, and Bro. Rev. Charles Knowles was called to his reward. "He had fought the good fight, and finished his course." Long, faithfully and efficiently had he labored. Being in the ministry for nearly half a century, he was, as will be seen, among the Fathers of our Denomination. Having known the deep experience, the fundamental principle of christianity—knowing man to be a sinner, and Christ a Saviour—with a simplicity, an energy and eloquence peculiar to himself, he preached these truths, and many were those who believed through him. He was emphatically one "who brought men to Jesus." To his memory we have no higher tributes of respect to offer.

From the laity, also, some have been called who occupied prominent positions. Deacons Asa McGray and D. P. Canning are no more with us; they have entered another state of existence, but their influence still lives.

In view of the death of these brethren—

Resolved, That we deeply feel the loss we have sustained personally and denominationally; that we cherish with respect the memory of the departed; that we strive to emulate their virtues, and profit in our christian life by their examples; that we pray that the Lord of the vineyard will send forth other laborers into his vineyard. And—

Further Resolved, That this Conference tender an expression of their sympathy to the family connections of the departed ones in their hour of bereavement.

J. I. PORTER,

W. C. WESTON,

J. M. LOUDEN,

} Committee.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes.

Resolved, That Revs. W. C. Weston, and W. M. Knollin be a Committee to call on the family of Elder Knowles, and enquire if left any journal, etc.

Rev. R. L. Howard spoke of the sickness of Bro. Pometer, and suggested special prayer. He also spoke in reference to a closer union of this Conference with the General Conference of the U. S.

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Conference be held with the Canning Church, Cornwallis.

The Report of the Committee on Education, which had been referred back to the Conference by the Education Society, was read by Bro. Edwin Crowell, and a resolution, bearing upon the recommendation of the report touching a loan fund being raised for the encouragement of worthy students for the ministry, moved by Rev. S. K. West, and seconded by Bro. E. Crowell; spoken to by Revs. Howard, Porter and Smith; after which the resolution was carried.

Rev. J. F. Smith read the report on the Sabbath as follows:—

Whereas, in some of our churches a portion of the members are accustomed

to frequent visiting, and extended carriage drives, and attending to secular business more or less extensive, on Sunday: therefore

Resolved, That it is the conviction of this Conference that such practices, merely for pleasure or gain, are a gross violation of the moral law of the Sabbath; that they tend to destroy individual piety, blunt the keen edge of conscience, unfit for religious service, and very much retard the spiritual progress and efficiency of the churches. Also, that the example of such practices tend greatly to embolden the children and youth in Sabbath breaking, throw off parental and religious restraint, and render them less susceptible to the Divine impression and the teaching of Scripture.

Further Resolved, That this Conference strongly disapprove the practice of Sunday funerals, except in cases where it is absolutely impossible to avoid them; and that the ministers be requested to notify their congregations of this resolution.

Thirdly, Your Committee desire to reaffirm the strong belief of this Conference, that no country can expect real and permanent progress if God's Sabbath law be not strictly observed by both governments and individuals.

It is deeply to be regretted that more labor than is absolutely necessary is sometimes (perhaps always) performed on the Sabbath by the officials of government and other rail-roads. And we wish to put on record our strong protest against such disregard of the injunction, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Reindorses its former resolution on the Sabbath, and recommend that the ministers read this report to their respective congregations, as soon as it is published, with whatever additional remarks they may think best, and ask members of the churches to ponder them individually.

In behalf of Committee. J. F. SMITH, Chairman.

After good remarks by S. K. West, Philip Brown and T. O. DeWitt, the Report was adopted.

The Committee on Nomination reported as follows:—

Your Committee would ask leave to nominate as Delegate to N. B. Yearly Conference, Rev. J. F. Smith—Rev. W. C. Weston, substitute; to Maine C. F. B. Yearly Meeting, Rev. W. M. Knollin—Rev. T. O. DeWitt, substitute. Triennial General Conference, Rev. W. Downey—Rev. J. M. Loudon, substitute.

S. N. ROYAL,
W. C. WESTON,
E. DOLLIVER, } Committee.

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference reiterate its confidence in, and approval of the position taken and course pursued by the *Religious Intelligencer* in reference to the great social, moral and religious questions of the day; and recommend its increased circulation among our people.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Cape Island for their hospitality rendered us during our session.

All voted most heartily.

Resolved, That an agent be chosen or employed whose duty it shall be to visit all the Churches in the interest of Home Missions.

Resolved, That Revs. F. Babcock, J. I. Porter and W. Downey be a Committee to secure that object.

Resolved, That we adjourn until 7, P. M. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Loudon.

7 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Loudon.

Resolved, That the Clerk of Conference get one thousand (1000) copies of Minutes of Conference printed, and receive twenty (\$20) dollars for his services.

The Committee chosen to confer with the Committee from the N. B. Conference, in reference to Education, read their report.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was passed, viz.:

Resolved, That this Conference believe it would be advantageous to the Free Baptists of these Provinces if the Conference of N. B. and N. S. were united in a scheme for the education of candidates for their ministry, and that this Conference will give serious consideration to any scheme adopted by the N. B. Conference.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Delegates receive from the Conference fund an approximate amount to pay expenses, before going.

Rev. J. F. Smith gave notice of intended alteration of Constitution of Conference, as respects the examination and ordination of candidates for the ministry.

Resolved, That the Clerk of Conference give notice next year of the meeting of the Elders' Conference, on Wednesday.

Resolved, That Rev. J. I. Porter be appointed to preach the Anniversary Sermon at our next annual Conference, and that Rev. W. M. Knollin be his substitute. The sermon on the Thursday evening.

The examination of Bro. Edwin Crowell, who had received license to preach the Gospel from the Y. and S. Quarterly Meeting, was proceeded with; after which, it was

Resolved, That the examination of Bro. Crowell is satisfactory to this Conference, and that we hereby sanction the action of the Quarterly Meeting.

Resolved, That Deacon B. B. Woodworth be hereby requested and authorized to see the proper parties, and attend to the business of this Conference in connection with the Free Baptist Meeting House, in Halifax, and report to the Clerk of Conference forthwith, and receive from the Conference fund the sum of five dollars.

Resolved, That we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. S. N. Royal.

DEVOTIONAL.

A season of prayer was enjoyed on each morning in the Church by a large number, with whom the Master met, and at intervals during business hours, brief seasons of devotion were characterized by much of the Divine presence.

The Sabbath was a day of unusual blessing. At 9 A. M. prayer meeting; object, "The Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest." Many excellent remarks were made and prayers offered. At 10.30 o'clock, Rev. G. W. McDonald, delegate from the New Brunswick Free Baptist Conference, preached. After this meeting, the Lord's Supper was observed by a very large number of the Lord's children, in the Lord's spirit of liberty. At the same hour, Rev. S. N. Royal preached in the old church near by, to those that could not get into the new house. At 2.30 P. M., Rev. R. L. Howard preached; at the same hour, Rev. W. Brown preached to hundreds in a field near by. At 7, P. M., Rev. J. McLeod preached; at the same hour, Rev. T. O. De Witt preached at the north end of the Island, in the Kirk (Presbyterian). The preaching was manifestly pleasing to the Lord, who blessed his servants and his word. Much good must result from such worship as was enjoyed on this day.

The *fine, large*, new Meeting House, which does such credit to our brethren and friends of Clark's Harbor, and was found so convenient for the Conference, was well filled most of the time, and on the Sabbath crowded to its utmost capacity. The weather during the time of Conference was all that could be desired; making it an enjoyable season throughout.

The progress in every department of christian work in connection with the Conference is very cheering; so as we separate to our respective fields of labor, we thank God and take courage.

J. I. PORTER, Clerk of Conference.

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APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Free Baptist Conference in Account with J. I. Porter, Treasurer.

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Amt. in fund, Oct. 7th, 1876, \$158 03	
LITTLE RIVER CHURCH.	
By Deacon Larkin, Nov. 4.	
Edward Larkin,	\$0 35
A. C. Larkin and wife,	35
John Cook and wife,	35
Miss Augusta Cook,	10
Mrs. Amelia Cook,	10
Mrs. Milford Hersey,	10
W. C. Larkin and wife,	35
Mrs. Wealthy Allen,	5
Nathan Weston and wife,	25
Benjamin Hersey and wife,	35
Mrs. Lucy Johnson,	10
Elijah Pinkney and wife,	40
Andrew McGray and wife,	35
Mrs. Caroline Smith,	10
Mrs. Fanny Horton,	10
Thomas R. Smith and wife,	35
Richard Vanhorn and wife,	35
Eleazar Newell and wife,	35
Mrs. Matilda Newell,	10
Mrs. Minard Vanhorn,	10
Mrs. James Webb,	11
Jonathan Smith and wife,	35
Joseph Smith,	20
William Smith,	20
William Larkin and wife,	35
W. C. Larkin,	15
Mrs. Hannah Andrews,	11
William Trefrey,	25
	\$6 37
KEMPTVILLE CHURCH.	
By Mr. Prout, Feb. 4, 1877.	
Lemuel Hamilton and wife,	\$0 25
Samuel Hamilton and wife,	25
Sarah A. Mood,	12
Thomas Hamilton and wife,	25
Mary A. Gray,	10
Emeline Prosser,	10
Bertie Prosser,	10

Fanny Prosser,	\$0 10
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Maria Hurlbert,	10
Dennis Crowell,	25
Sarah Crowell,	10
Elkanah Travis and wife,	35
Nathaniel Travis and wife,	35
Delia Travis,	10
Sabina Travis,	10
Rosanna Roberts,	10
Obed Hamilton,	25
Joseph Goodwin,	25
Jonathan Goodwin,	25
Annie Goodwin,	9
James Prout and wife,	25
	\$3 89
PORT LA TOUR CHURCH.	
Deacon Wm. Snow,	\$0 25
Seth Snow and wife,	35
Sarah Swaine,	10
Matilda Swaine,	10
Mercy Swaine,	10
Wm. Smith and wife,	35
Hezekiah Huskins and wife,	35
Wm. P. Snow,	35
Alice Swaine,	10
Thomas Smith and wife,	35
Joseph Smith and wife,	35
Joel Worthin and wife,	34
Sarah J. Crowell,	10
Nathan Salisbury and wife,	35
Malinda Crowell,	10
James Crowell and wife,	38
Joseph Crowell and wife,	35
Mrs. Nathan Snow,	25
James A. Nickerson,	10
Henrietta Smith,	10
Mary J. Taylor,	10
Wm. D. Spinney,	25
Jemima Swaine,	10
	\$5 22

CENTRE BARRINGTON CHURCH.

Stephen Banks and wife,	\$0 35
Isaac Nickerson and wife,	35
Benjamin Banks and wife,	35
Heman Kenney and wife,	35
Thomas Banks and wife,	35
Judah Crowell and wife,	50
Joseph L. Atwood,	25
Charles N. Banks,	25
Mr. Joseph Banks,	25
Mrs. Lucy Banks,	10
Mrs. Mary Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Drusilla Nickerson,	10
Total	\$3 30

TUSKET CHURCH.

Asa Robbins and wife,	\$0 37
Mrs. Robt. Blanvelt,	25
H. A. Hatfield,	12
Addie Blanvelt,	10
John A. Hatfield and wife,	37
Norman Jeffery and wife,	37
Joseph Jeffery and wife,	39
Stephen Jeffery,	25
William Jeffery,	25
Mrs. D. Walters,	10
Mrs. P. VanNorden,	10
Amos Jeffery,	25
Mrs. Knowles,	12
Mr. Hurlbert and wife,	37
Mrs. Jacob Hatfield,	12
Miss B. Hatfield,	12
F. Hatfield,	25
W. Hatfield,	25
Thomas Knowles,	22
A. K. Blanvelt,	15
Mrs. Woods and E. Woods,	75
Mrs. Samuel Robbins,	12
Total	\$5 37

PORT MOUTON CHURCH.

Gamaliel Gardner and wife,	\$0 37
Sethenus Leslie,	25
Leah Day,	10
Sarah Burgess,	12
J. D. Day,	12
Mrs. Wm. Coulp,	12
Mrs. Desire McPherson,	12
Mrs. Maggie McClearn,	12
Edward McPherson and wife,	37
Moses Abbott and wife,	37
Ella McPherson,	12
Grace Smith,	12

Thos. Verge,	\$0 25
Thos. Wagner and wife,	37
Thos. Moody and wife,	36
Wm. Verge,	22
John Smith,	25
Mrs. Peter Fisher,	12
Jacob Wagner,	25
Mrs. John McAdam,	12
Total	\$4 27

PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

Joseph Johnson and wife,	\$0 30
Mrs. E. N. Simms,	10
Robert A. Simms,	25
Byron Simms,	25
Jotham Johnson and wife,	30
Wentworth Johnson and wife,	30
Charles Johnson,	25
Freeman Johnson and wife,	30
Jeremiah Simms and wife,	30
Robert Baker and wife,	25
Nathaniel Simms and wife,	35
W. G. Simms,	25
George Simms,	25
Mrs. Henry Johnson,	12
Mrs. Samson Baker,	10
Mrs. Zilpha Simms,	10
Mrs. Lucy McKay,	10
Miss Lucy Johnson,	10
Total	\$3 97

CAPE ISLAND CHURCH.

Mrs. D. D. Nickerson,	\$0 10
Mrs. J. W. Kenney,	20
Mrs. P. Kenney,	20
Mrs. Mary Smith,	10
Mrs. R. Murphy,	10
Mrs. Wm. Newell,	10
Mrs. T. Nickerson,	10
Mrs. A. Nickerson,	10
Mrs. D. G. Daley,	10
Mrs. Dorcas Kenney,	10
Mrs. Wm. D. Nickerson,	10
Mrs. John L. Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Joshua Nickerson,	25
Mrs. M. Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Huskin,	25
Miss B. A. Newell,	10
Doane Nickerson and wife,	17
Aldad Nickerson,	12
Vincent Nickerson,	12
Barry Nickerson and wife,	15
Alice Nickerson,	5

James N.	
Samuel S.	
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Daniel N.	
Thomas N.	
Darius N.	
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Isaac Penn	
Joseph Pe	
Mrs. Smith	
Mrs. Free	
Mrs. Zerui	
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Joseph Cur	
Maria W.	
Renben Pen	
Robert Bran	
Edmund Ro	
Abraham R	
Job C. Atki	
Samuel Cun	
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Gardner Cur	
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Moses Ross	
Wallace Cur	
Mrs. James	
Freeman Ro	
Mrs. Martin	
Mrs. Jacob I	
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Robert Hunt	
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Mrs. David A	
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Daniel Cox and wife,	\$0 37
Henry A. Coffin and wife,	37
Mrs. Beckman Cox,	12
Rev. Joseph H. Cox, and wife	37
James Green,	24
Mrs. Wm. Coffel,	10
Mrs. Henry Cox,	12
Wentworth Newcomb and wife	37
J. B. Ells,	25
Jacob Potter and wife,	37
Mrs. Wetherall,	11
B. B. Woodworth and wife,	37
Sarah Woodworth,	82
Jacob Lockhart and wife,	82
Widow Charles Uniacke,	50
George Uniacke,	1 00
Mrs. William Ross,	12
Mrs. Rebecca Wiltz,	11
Mrs. Elias Cox,	12
J. H. Potter,	25
Wilner Cox and wife,	37
Annie Tooker,	12
Sadie Cox,	12
Rebecca Cox,	37
Henry Potter,	25
Frederick Rusco,	37
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CARLETON CHURCH.

Asa Pitman and wife,	\$0 25
Rufus Pitman and wife,	25
Henry Ring and wife,	35
Mrs. Morton,	10
Mrs. Joseph Durkee,	10
A. R. Durkee and wife,	25
James Durkee,	25
	\$1 55

BLACK ROCK CHURCH.

Leonard Huntly,	\$0 50
E. M. Margeson,	25
David Chute and wife,	40
E. H. Foot and wife,	37
W. Foot and wife,	37
Emms Margeson,	10
Mrs. Milberry,	10
Mrs. Porter,	5
Mrs. N. Margeson,	10
Mrs. Sullivan,	10
Mrs. H. Fraser,	10
Mrs. Clemm,	12
Mrs. Cuppala,	10
	\$2 67

HALL'S HARBOR CHURCH.

Silvanus Whitney and wife,	\$0 35
Maud Whitney,	10
George Whitney and wife,	35
Zacharias West and wife,	35
Benjamin Akerly,	25
Owen Roscoe,	25
Noble Thorpe,	25
Mrs. H. Steele,	10
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PORT MEDWAY CHURCH.

Elisha Dolliver and wife,	\$0 35
Matilda Dolliver,	10
Mrs. Harriet Cohoon,	10
Dora Cohoon,	10
James Burke and wife,	35
Joseph Letson and wife,	35
E. E. Letson and wife,	25
Azuba Letson,	25
Adolphus Letson,	10
Lois Foster,	10
Mrs. Benjamin Foster,	10
Amanda Manthorn,	10
Jerusha Morine,	10
Spencer Cohoon and wife,	35
Edwin Morine and wife,	35
Freeman Cohoon and wife,	35
Rosie Cohoon,	10
Mrs. Joseph Atkins,	10
Eliza Morine,	10
Samuel Foster,	25
Georgiana Foster,	25
Samuel Dolliver and wife,	35
John Vaughan and wife,	35
Phoebe Cohoon,	10
Edward Zloun and wife,	35
Bella Cohoon,	10
James Atkins and wife,	35
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LOWER PUEBICO CHURCH.

Manassah Larkin and wife,	\$0 35
Stephen Larkin and wife,	35
Barak Larkin,	25
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David Blades and wife,	25
Jeremiah Goodwin and wife,	25
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T. H. Smith
Mrs. Hanns
Jane Forres
John Cook

Alexander Bent, \$0 47
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GLENWOOD CHURCH.

Hiram Roberts, \$0 25
 Joseph Roberts, 25
 Sarah A. Roberts, 10
 Andrew Ricker and wife, 35
 Reuben Goodwin and wife, 33
 Warren Goodwin and wife, 35
 Jane Goodwin, 10
 James Kenney, 25
 John Whitehouse, 25
 B. F. Whitehouse, 35
 Edna Whitehouse, 10
 Ruth Ricker, 5
 James Frost and wife, 70
 James R. Frost and wife, 36
 Ida J. Frost, 10
 Charles Jeffery and wife, 35
 Freeman Jeffery and wife, 35
 George Frost and wife, 35
 A. W. Frost, 25
 Sylvanus Ricker and wife, 25
 Mrs. Daniel Ricker, 10
 Mrs. A. Watson, 10
 James Pitman and wife, 35
 Esther Allen, 10
 Daniel Sargent and wife, 35
 Maxwell Sargent, 25
 Wilson Sargent, 25
 Mrs. A. Sargent, 10
 Joseph Abbott and wife, 35
 Martha Roberts, 10
 Deborah Hobbs, 20
 Paul Ricker and wife, 35
 Mrs. John Burrill, 10

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SHAG HARBOR CHURCH.

Samuel Kendrick, \$0 25
 Judah Crowell, 25
 Samuel Nickerson, 25
 Warren Crowell and wife, 35
 Philip Crowell and wife, 35
 Susan Nickerson, 10
 Hipzabeth Kendrick, 10
 James Banks and wife, 35
 Daniel Nickerson and wife, 40
 Edward Kendrick and wife, 35
 Seth Kendrick and wife, 35
 Susan Kendrick, 10

Elizabeth Kendrick, \$0 10
 Matilda Sholda, 10
 Ephraim Larkin, 25
 Hulda Smith, 10
 Edward H. Kendrick and wife, 35
 Elizabeth Nickerson, 10

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KEMPTVILLE CHURCH.

Nathaniel Travis and wife, \$0 50
 Sabina Travis, 12
 Lettie Travis, 12
 Josiah Hamilton and wife, 25
 Nathaniel Travis, jun., and wife, 37
 Nora Marlin, 12
 Robert Prosser, 25
 James Prout and wife, 37
 Mrs. Emeline Prosser, 12
 Bertie Prosser, 12
 Handley Roberts, 25
 Wm. H. Hurlburt and wife, 50
 Nathaniel Roberts and wife, 35
 John Roberts, 25
 Mary Forbes, 13
 Annie Roberts, 12
 Abijah Ring and wife, 37
 Deliel Travis, 12
 Jemima Hurlburt, 12
 Maria Hurlburt, 12
 Meranda Gray, 10
 Keziah Marlin, 9
 Frederick Hurlburt, 10
 Josiah Hamilton, 25
 Elkanah Travis, 25
 Lizzie Travis, 12
 Joicy E. Prosser, 12

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WOOD'S HARBOUR CHURCH.

James Brannen and wife, \$0 30
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 Samuel Goodwin and wife, 24
 James Nickerson and wife, 30
 Mrs. Jacob Nickerson, 10
 Zachens Chatwynd and wife, 30
 Isaiah Nickerson and wife, 30
 Mrs. Jeremiah Nickerson, 10
 Scotter Nickerson, 20
 Mrs. Lyman Nickerson, 10

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 J. W. Ray
 Josiah Port
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 J. Cushing,
 Mrs. L. Doli
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Jeremiah Nickerson,	\$0 10
Isaiah Hatch,	21
George W. Smith and wife,	30
Abram Malone and wife,	18
Ephraim Nickerson and wife,	30
Mrs. Jeremiah Malone,	5
Mrs. Thomas Malone,	5
Mrs. Solomon Nickerson,	15
Benjamin Knowles and wife,	27
Maria Knowles,	15
George Nickerson and wife,	25
Andrew Malone and wife,	34
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BEAVER RIVER CHURCH.

W. S. Porter,	\$0 25
Aaron Corning,	25
Almira Corning,	10
Mrs. R. McHenry,	12
Joseph Sollows and wife,	35
Maria Burns,	15
Mary A. Goudey,	12
T. W. Curry and wife,	37
J. W. Raymond,	25
Josiah Porter,	20
Miner Perry, junr,	25
James Roberts,	25
Walter Sollows,	25
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Halifax Church,

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CALEDONIA CHURCH.

Mrs. A. Kempton,	\$0 12
Mrs. J. Cushing,	12
Martha Wile,	12
D. Cushing,	12
Mrs. L. Seldon,	12
G. Middlemas,	25
C. M. Cushing,	25
S. Cushing,	25
Rebekah Cushing,	12
J. Cushing,	25
Mrs. L. Dolliver,	12
Susie Smith,	12
Mrs. A. Smith,	12
G. Rost,	25
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BROOKLYN CHURCH.

Mrs. H. A. Pitman,	\$0 12
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Mrs. E. Holden,	\$0 10
Mrs. W. A. Perry,	12
Miss M. S. Oran,	12
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YARMOUTH CHURCH.

Albert Cook and wife,	\$0 37
Amos Scott and wife,	37
Walter Cook and wife,	35
Benj. J. Allen and wife,	37
D. C. Weston,	25
Crocker Hemeon and wife,	35
Mrs. Thomas Jones,	10
Mrs. Abigail McGill,	10
Mrs. Watt,	10
P. A. Vanhorn and wife,	37
Mrs. N. Porter,	10
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1ST BARRINGTON CHURCH.

Mrs. Peter Sutherland,	\$0 10
Mrs. Elizabeth Doane,	10
Mrs. Samuel Watson,	10
Mrs. Jacob Kendrick,	10
Mrs. Smith Kendrick,	10
Mrs. Isaac Rayne,	10
Mrs. Sarah Smith,	10
Mrs. Charles Stanley,	10
Mrs. Benjamin Whitehouse,	10
Mr. J. K. Knowles,	25
Mr. Michael Stanley,	25
Sarah Smith,	10
George E. Hopkins,	25
John Wilson and family,	45
William Crowell,	20
John O. Crowell and wife,	35
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Mrs. Smith Freeman,	10
Mrs. John O. Crowell, jr.,	10
Lillian Crowell,	10
Bertha Kenny,	10
Mrs. James Kenny,	10
Mrs. W. B. Hopkins,	10
Josephine Sears,	10
Mrs. Elvira Hopkins,	10
Lucinda Hopkins,	10
Wm. S. Hopkins and wife,	35
Mr. Asenath Wilson,	10
Mrs. Goudey,	10
Annie Protheroe,	10
Bertha Hopkins,	10
Isaac Hopkins, junr, and wife,	35

Mrs. Benjamin Hopkins,	\$0 10	Fannie Knowles,	\$0 10
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Mrs. Michael O'Brien,	10	Debbie Crowell,	10
Mrs. Colin Hopkins,	5	Jerusha Smith,	10
W. H. Wilson and family,	40	Mrs. Thomas Robertson,	10
Maggie Hopkins,	10	Thorndick C. Crowell,	25
Nathan Hopkins and family,	75	Hervey Trefry and wife,	25
Samuel Hopkins and family,	37	Mrs. Richard Hickens,	10
Archibald Hopkins and family,	40	Eveline Gray,	10
Joseph Hopkins and wife,	35	Mrs. Wishart Robertson,	10
Mr. John Hopkins,	25	Israel Wilson and wife,	35
Mr. Seth Wilson,	25	Mrs. Lydia Wilson,	10
Mr. Warren Wilson,	25	Solomon Kendrick,	25
Mr. William A. Crowell,	25	Mrs. Beverly Smith,	10
Mr. Nathan Hopkins, jun.,	25	Sarah L. Smith,	10
Mr. Chas. D. Crowell,	25	Mrs. Eleazer Nickerson,	10
Mrs. Thos. S. Hopkins,	10	Hennie C. Wilson,	10
Belle M. Hopkins,	10	Adelja Porter,	10
E. A. Hopkins,	10	Effie Porter,	10
Mrs. Michael Wilson,	10	Douglas Porter,	25
Winnie G. Crowell,	10	Warren Smith and wife,	25
Agnes Knowles,	10	Athaliah Kendrick,	10
Mrs. Stillman Nickerson,	25	Joseph Hendrick,	35
Mrs. Samuel Nickerson,	15		
Mrs. A. L. Crowell,	10		\$17 30
Nathan Crowell and wife,	35	Session Hill Church,	\$2 78
Mrs. William Nickerson,	10	(No list received.)	
Mrs. Butler,	10		
Mrs. Ann Crowell,	10	Cape Island Church, by Rev.	
Mrs. Gilbert Crowell,	12	F. Babcock, too late for list,	\$1 28

Total amount of credit, \$307 16

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To Barnes & Co.'s bill for printing Minutes,	\$44 00
" Expenses on Minutes from St. John to Barrington,	1 25
" Postage on Minutes sent to the churches,	1 30
" Postal order to Barnes & Co.,	30
" Paid Deacon B. B. Woodworth, as per order of Conference,	5 00
" Rev. J. M. Loudon, as delegate to M. C. Y. M.,	30 00
" " " J. F. Smith, as delegate to N. B. Conference,	15 00
" " " W. Downey, as delegate to General Conference, U.S.	30 00
" Amt. voted to Clerk for preparing manuscript for Minutes,	20 00
" Mr. Lawson's bill for printing a notice of the Conference for 1877,	80
" Stationery and postage used by Clerk during the year in the business of Conference,	1 42
" Stationery of Conference, and for making out Minutes,	78
	<u>\$149 85</u>

Amount in the fund, \$157 31

Oct. 5th, 1877.

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may be able to appoint a collector in each district, and thus secure the payment of the pledges. The amount in arrears at present being considerable in the aggregate.

He would suggest, as an improvement on this pledge plan, the systematic method of beneficence adopted by our brethren in U. S., and which is there attended with such promising results.

He would also speak of the enterprise in which Dr. J. L. Phillips is engaged, that of raising an endowment fund for the establishing of a Biblical School in India, for the training of native teachers and preachers, and express our conviction of its importance, and our sympathy with him in the work, trusting that some among us who have the means may be moved to aid in this work by a liberal donation. The need of more zeal in this, as well as in other branches of christian work, is obvious. With the prayer that the blessing of the Master may rest upon our efforts, I remain,

J. M. LOUDEN, Corresponding Secretary.

The Report of Committee on Missions, which was referred by the Conference for consideration at this meeting, was also read as follows:—

Whereas God has designed to save men by the instrumentality of preaching, and that the apostolic church was essentially necessary in its mode of work, and whereas all creatures have not yet had the Gospel preached to them; therefore, it becomes our duty to labor ardently as for the Lord, in carrying the glad tidings of salvation, the revealed will of God, to those who are still in ignorance of the great truth—Christ dying for sinners.

We are glad to know that the Woman's Mission Society is doing so much work in financial matters, as well as in diffusing more definite knowledge in regard to this sphere of christian labor, with its demands upon us; and we recommend all possible assistance to it. Let there be more knowledge of the destitution of the heathen: this will be followed by the burden of souls, which burden will be lightened only by our best efforts for our fellow men.

Submitted in christian love.

WM. DOWNEY,
G. W. McDONALD, } Committee.
EDWIN CROWELL, }

Rev. S. N. Royal, on rising to move the reception and adoption of the Reports, said: In moving the adoption, etc., we should not only say yea, but *do* yea. A small amount will support a missionary. Gave an affecting description of a parting of daughter and father, when the daughter went as a missionary. Should observe the principle of weekly giving, etc.

Singing—"Blow ye the trumpet," etc.

Rev. D. Oram said: in his youth he knew nothing about this, but since, he had been interested. He took great pleasure in seconding the Reports.

Rev. W. Brown, from N. B., in support of the Reports, said: His heart had been warm in the cause ever since he had been a

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converted man. He had received new convictions in the afternoon meeting, while the ladies had given such a cheering account of their work.

Rev. G. W. McDonald said: he was interested in the afternoon meeting; paid a high tribute to the efficiency of the Women's work; wished they had some of them in N. B.

Rev. J. McLeod said: touching this mission work, he heartily supported every word. Judson, being asked the ground of his confidence in success, said: I have just the confidence that the promises of God warrant. The years of the most earnest efforts for foreign missions are the years of the successful in other interests. In N. B. never had any systematic Home Mission work until they engaged in the Foreign. Was glad of the success of this cause in N. S.

Rev. R. L. Howard said: The worldly man could understand Home Mission, but not the Foreign. Gave some striking illustrations of the benefits of working in the Mission cause; after which he sang with thrilling effect,—“The Ninety and Nine.” Collection and subscriptions were taken, as per Treasurer's Account.

J. I. PORTER,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Nova Scotia Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society, in account with J. M. Louden, Treasurer.

1876.	CR.	
Sept. 20, Amount in fund,.....		\$249 00
Sept. 23, Amount received,.....		3 50
Sept. 13, 1877.		
Sabbath School of First Bar-		
rington Church,	\$18 46½	
Mrs. George Frost,	3 00	
Moses Harris,	15 00	
Judah Crowell,	1 00	
Daniel Nickerson,	50	
Brooklyn Church,	3 53	
Rev. W. C. Weston,	2 50	
Mrs. Joseph Durkee,	1 00	
James Burke,	1 00	
Robert A. Sims,	2 00	
Mrs. Staley B. Hatfield,	1 00	
Joseph Atwood,	50	
Rev. S. Nason Royal,	1 00	
Miss O. Estella Royal,	50	
A. R. Durkee and wife,	50	
Mrs. James F. Smith,	50	
E. Crowell,	1 00	
Bertie M. Prosser,	25	
A Friend,	1 00	
James W. Smith,	50	
James Cushing,	2 00	
Charles M. Cushing,	1 00	
Mrs. James Cushing,	1 00	
Wm. S. Hopkins,	1 00	
M. A. Smith,	70	
Mrs. R. H. Crowell,	1 00	
Thos. W. Kenny,	50	
A Friend,	25	
John L. Smith,	2 00	
		Thos. W. Wilson, 2 00
		Rev. J. I. Porter, 2 00
		Mrs. B. B. Woodworth, 50
		Mrs. Hammond, 1 00
		Mrs. Abram C. Ross, 1 00
		Miss Susie Brannen, 1 00
		Daniel Nickerson, 50
		H. D. Trefry, 1 00
		Rev. A. Swim, 25
		Mrs. Rebecca Smith, 5
		Merriam H. Smith, 24
		Joseph Smith, 10
		Joseph Huskins and wife, 10
		Mrs. Obed Brannen, 25
		Joseph Cunningham, 5
		Israel Cunningham, 5
		Rachel Newell, 25
		Amt. of collections at Annual Meeting of For. Mis. Society, 25 27
		Amount received from Woman's For. Mission Society.
		Mrs. E. Armstrong on pledge of 1876, 1 00
		Rev. F. Babcock, on pledge of 1876, 2 00
		Walter Solows, 75
		Woman's Aux. F. Mis. Soc., 343 03
		By total amount received, \$699 08½
Sept. 25, 1876.	DR.	
To amt. paid Dr. J. L. Phillips, per order Executive Board, \$252 50		
Sept. 22, 1877.		
To amount paid Miss Julia E. Phillips, per order of Executive Board,.....		20 00
		\$272 50
Amount in fund,.....		\$426 58½

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MINUTES

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY,

Held at Clark's Harbor, Sept. 14, 1877.

Friday, at 10.30 o'clock a. m., the officers and members of the Free Foreign Mission Society met in the Clark's Harbor School House. In absence of the President, Mrs. J. F. Smith, one of the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. B. Woodworth, filled the Chair. The meeting was opened by scripture reading and prayer.

Minutes of the first Annual Meeting of the Society read by the Recording Secretary, Phoebe A. Cohoon, and approved; after which, the Constitution having been lost, proceeded to adopt a new one. A new Constitution was read, and it was resolved that it be adopted by the Society. It was then

Resolved, That this Constitution be printed and distributed among the District Secretaries.

Resolved, That there be no change in the officers this year.

Resolved, The Financial year of this Society close the last of August.

Resolved, That the Committee of Missionary Intelligence be Mrs. R. Crowell, Miss Emma Porter, Miss Essie Passon.

Resolved, That Mrs. James Burke, Mrs. Geo. Nickerson, Miss Ada Corning, Miss Sarah Cox, Miss Hannah Grey, be additional managers of the Board.

Moved and passed, that we adjourn to meet at the Free Baptist Church, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock, P. M.

In absence of the President, Miss Emma Porter, one of the Vice-Presidents, filled the Chair. Meeting opened by singing and prayer. The Corresponding Secretary read a very favorable Report; after which she made some very interesting remarks.

Miss Emma Porter next read a Report from No. Five District, showing that the work was progressing favorably in that district. Next, Mrs. R. Crowell made some very interesting remarks, telling of the different Auxiliary Societies she had formed during the year, and in speaking of the encouragement she had received to go on with the good work from a woman who was too poor to pay her dollar, but who said she would hoe potatoes one day and that would be one dollar. Then followed Singing—"Rescue the Perishing."

Miss Phillips next addressed the meeting, trying to impress upon the minds of those present the necessity of working, and working earnestly, that those now sitting in darkness might have sent to them the light of life.

Mr. F. Babcock was called upon to speak. After a few good remarks from him, Rev. J. McLeod, from N. B., gave us a deeply interesting address. He spoke of hoping to see the time not far distant, when we should have a Missionary from our own Province in the field. Mr. Howard, delegate from Maine Central Yearly Meeting, spoke next of the importance of work, and of "How blessed it was to give."

Rev. J. M. Loudon next addressed the Meeting to good effect. His remarks were very impressive, and drew out the sympathies of the people for the poor heathen women. Liberty was given for any one to speak. Mrs. B. Woodworth made a few remarks, showing that her heart was in the work, and urged upon the parents to train their children to the Missionary work. Remarks were made by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. W. M. Knollin.

Meeting closed by singing. Benediction. Adjourned to meet the officers and members of different Societies, directly after the close of this meeting, for the purpose of seeing what should be done with the money received from different Societies.

FRIDAY, P. M., Sept. 14, 1877.

Resolved, That the money on hand be sent to the Mission Board in the United States for the Zenana work in India, on condition if any person should decide to go from Nova Scotia, the money should be refunded.

Resolved, That this motion be rescinded.

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Resolved, That the money be given to the support of Miss Julia E. Phillips, for the present year, with the understanding if any Missionary should go from our own Province, the money should be given her.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, held Sept. 15, at Clark's Harbor, Cape Island.

Resolved, That the gentlemen be requested to publish the Minutes of the Free Foreign Mission Society with the Minutes of Conference, as they did last year.

Adjourned, to meet after Social Conference, P. M.

Board of Missions convened, Sept. 16.

Whereas, We find that we have funds over and above that required to pay the salary of Miss J. E. Phillips;

Therefore resolved, That we appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the support of Zenana work, under the direction of Mrs. J. Phillips, at Santipore, India.

Resolved, To adjourn, to meet at the call of the Society.

PHCEBE A. COHOON, Recording Secretary.

Names of the Auxiliary Societies, showing number of Members, and money paid by each Society, 1877.

Members.		Paid.		Members.		Paid.	
Caledonia,	15	\$17 12	Yarmouth,	22	\$14 68		
Halifax,	45	32 00	Sanford,	50	18 85		
Port Medway,	34	15 00	Kempt,	20	11 25		
East Medway,	4	4 43	Carlton Cove,	9	2 25		
Canning,	37	32 43	Little River,	11	7 00		
Hall's Harbor,	20	14 62	Brooklyn,	10	3 53		
Barrington,	87	61 82	Tusket,	7	7 75		
B. Passage,	21	8 65	Beaver River,	31	3 70		
Shag Harbor,	17	13 50	Donation from a little girl,		50		
Woods' Harbor,	14	8 42	A Friend,		1 00		
Port Latour,	14	10 25	Yarmouth, by Miss Porter,		2 00		
East Pubnico,	25	24 07	A Friend, per J. M. Loudon,		50		
Avonport,	9	9 62	Lower Argyle, by J. M. Loudon,		20 00		
Centreville, C. I.,	67	45 10					
Clarke Harbor,	8	8 30					
			Total,		\$398 34		

Paid to J. M. Loudon, \$343 03
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MINUTES
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TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
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NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY,

Held at Cape Sable Island, Sept. 1877.

Meeting called to order by the President, Rev. F. Babcock.
After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. Downey.
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
After reading Constitution, the Secretary's Report was called for and read.

The Report of the Committee on Education was read by Rev. Mr. Loudon.

Resolved, That the Report of the Secretary, and the Report of the Committee on Education, be adopted and engrossed in the Minutes.

Speeches were then made by Revs. D. Oram, J. F. Smith, Joseph McLeod and G. W. McDonald.

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Education be referred to the Conference for discussion and adoption.

Collection was then taken, amounting to the sum of sixteen dollars and sixty-four cents (\$16.64).

WM. M. KNOLLIN, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

CLARK'S HARBOR, Sept. 15, 1877.

As during the ages under God's dispensations, the means used for the extension of knowledge of truth have been found to be various, and that at different times prophets, workers of wonders and apostles, have been appropriate in God's hands for the carrying out of his purposes, we are led to believe that in these later days, besides the direct light of God's word which we have, that it is incumbent upon us to have such adaptation of means to the ends sought, as shall be most conducive to that end. Such is the case in the work of the ministry.

On our new continent rapid changes have taken place, more culture and taste are evident on every hand, and the adversaries of souls are not slow to bring science (falsely so called) to oppose a belief in God's word. Hence we believe, not that culture takes the place of spiritual, but that we add to our faith knowledge, that the minister of Christ, to be all things to all men, must be most comprehensive in his own attainments, and that it is the duty of the Church to encourage education, and to do so earnestly. We believe the principle heretofore adopted of encouraging young men by financial help in pursuing college

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studies is the right one, and we believe that if the Report of last year, which was adopted by the Conference, had also been carried into execution, it would have been productive of good results. (Read.) The suggestions of Bro. E. Crowell, in the *Intelligencer* of Aug. 24, met our approval, and we recommend that means be adopted for the establishment of a Loan Fund for worthy students.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. KNOLLIN,
DENNIS WESTON,
J. MCLEOD.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA F. B. E. SOCIETY.

Mr. President and Friends of this Society.—The object of this Society is to help our loved and highly esteemed young brethren (who feel that God has called them to the work of the gospel ministry) to secure suitable qualifications for so important and arduous work.

This Society has not come to that financial status its friends desire.

Our last Annual Meeting was the most enthusiastic and successful ever held; it quickened our interest very much. The sum raised was small, but much in excess of other years. We hope the friends of our Denomination will awake to the importance of this work ere long, and that at no distant day we may be able to record more efficient work and larger success.

WM. M. KNOLLIN, Secretary.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

N. S. F. B. E. Society in account with Wm. M. Knollin, Treasurer.

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Sept. 1877.		
Amount balance on hand.....	\$3 00	
Collection at Conference.....	16 64	
Widow Durkee.....	1 00	
A Friend.....	8 00	
	\$28 64	
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Cash paid Geo. Lowden.....	\$8 00	
Balance on hand.....	20 64	
	\$28 64	

WM. M. KNOLLIN, Treasurer.

HALIFAX MISSION.

In account with J. I. Porter, Treasurer, collected by J. M. Louden from persons who did not take shares.

Rev. J. L. Phillips and sister, \$20 00	Moses Crowell, \$1 00
Dea. Asa McGray, 50 00	John Knowles, 4 00
Bartlett Covell, Esq., 10 00	David Nickerson, 1 00
Rev. T. C. Brown, 5 00	Joseph Stodard, 25
A Friend, 5 00	E. H. Kendrick, 1 00
Capt. Michal Wilson, 5 00	David Larkin, 4 00
Capt. Wm. S. Hopkins, 5 00	Caleb Larkin, 2 00
Capt. Seth W. Crowell, 5 00	A Friend, 50
O. W. Hopkins, 5 00	Capt. Hines, 2 00
Thos. S. Hopkins, 10 00	Moses Larkin, 1 00
J. M. Shand, 5 00	Moses Larkin, sen., 25
Judah Crowell, 5 00	John Larkin, 1 00
Phillip Crowell, 5 00	Mrs. Hipson, 1 00
Moses Goodwin, 1 00	Wm. H. Hipson, 1 00
Seth Smith, 2 50	Rufus Larkin, 50
M. D. McGray, 5 00	John F. Larkin, 1 00
D. L. Ross, 5 00	Benjamin Goodwin, 1 00
John J. Kenney, 5 00	Stephen Larkin, 2 00
B. L. Banks, 5 00	A. J. Larkin, 50
Dea. B. B. Woodworth, 5 00	Isaiah Smith, 50
James C. Cushing, Esq., 5 00	Mrs. Kenney, 50
Mrs. J. C. Cushing, 5 00	Jeremiah Brannan, 50
T. Corning Crowell, 5 00	Benjamin Ross, 50
	A Friend, 12
Pledged to J. B. Norton and paid to J. M. Louden.	Edmund Ross, 1 00
	Charles E. Ross, 1 00
Isaac Hopkins, sen., \$2 00	Abram C. Ross, 1 00
J. P. Trefry, 2 50	Job C. Atkinson, 2 00
John D. Hopkins, 2 50	Hemon Kenney, 4 00
Samuel Atwood, 4 00	Rufus Crowell, 2 00
Daniel Nickerson, 2 50	Jeremiah Harding, 1 00
Mrs. Daniel Nickerson, 50	Benjamin Robbins, 5 00
James Newell, 25	Joseph Russel, 50 00
Greward Newell, 2 00	Charles Durkee, 1 16
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J. C. Smith, 4 00	John M. Kay, 50
J. R. Kenney, 1 50	
George Frost, 4 00	
	\$307 39

To amount due the Treasurer last year, \$2 23
Postage, &c., 36
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This amount is invested by Rev. J. M. Louden, by the sanction and for the benefit of the Halifax Church.

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In Account with F. Babcock, Sec.-Treasurer.

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Tabitha Newell,	\$0 50	E. Gayton,	\$2 00
Mrs. Levi Kenney,	50	John Larkin,	1 00
Mark A. Smith,	1 50	John E. Larkin,	25
Mrs. Capt. N. McGray,	1 00	E. B. Goodwin,	25
John O. Crowell,	1 00	Stephen Larkin,	74
Jeremiah H. Goodwin,	1 00	Collection at Pubnico Q. M.,	74 78
Obed Hamilton,	4 00	Moses Harris,	10 00
W. Kenney,	2 00	B. D. Robbins,	5 00
M. W. Knollin,	50	Edward Robbins,	50
Samuel Kendrick,	1 00	Alexander Haley,	1 00
Benjamin Banks,	25	Nelson Corning,	1 00
W. Powell,	1 00	E. E. Ring,	25
Nathaniel Sims,	1 00	R. A. Sims,	1 00
G. H. Crowell,	50	A. R. Durkee,	1 00
Charles Robbins,	25	W. H. Robbins,	25
A. Friend,	10	Mary L. Hilton Larkin,	25
C. E. Weston,	4 00	Thomas Whitehouse,	50
Cash,	2 00	Collection at the Chebogue	
Isaac Hopkins,	60	Point Q. M.,	2 41
Collection Q. M. of Barrington,	50	A. R. Durkee and wife,	50
Moses Goodwin,	50	Mrs. Joseph Jeffrey,	1 00
Hallet Goodwin,	50	Stephen E. Jeffrey,	50
Mrs. Asa Johnson,	50	Abram Earl,	10
Stillman Goodwin,	50	Thomas Jeffrey,	50
Ansel Larkin,	12	Cash,	25
W. Wallace Kenney,	1 00	Mrs. Joseph Durkee,	1 00
David Larkin,	1 00	J. C. Smith, Esq.,	1 00
Lewis Larkin,	2 00	Mathew Roberts,	25
Moses Larkin,	4 00	J. C. Wyman,	50
Benjamin Hines,	2 00	Irene Knowles,	1 00
Thos. W. Kenney,	1 00	Mrs. Omar Roberts,	1 00
W. Goodwin,	5 00	Miss Emma Porter,	50
M. Larkin,	50 00	Louisa Jeffrey,	1 53
William Goodwin,	1 16	Collect. at Q. M. Pleasant Lake,	25
W. H. Hipson,	1 25	Moses Harris,	5 00
Capt. Byron Hines,	60	Ada Corning,	1 00
A. J. Larkin,		E. M. Sims,	50

Received since printing last year's Minutes up to Oct. 1st,.....\$80 37
 Cash in hands of Treasurer, as per last year's Minutes,..... 48 16

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For paid Yarmouth Church,.....\$81 16
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SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

CLARK'S HARBOR, Cape Island,
Sept. 17, 1877, 2 o'clock, P. M. }

Nova Scotia Free Baptist Sabbath School Convention in session.
President, Rev. F. Babcock, in the Chair.

Members present,—Elders J. I. Porter, W. C. Weston, A. Swim, T. O. DeWitt, D. Oram, W. Downey, S. K. West, S. N. Royal, J. M. Loudon and Rev. E. Crowell.

Superintendents—Elisha Dolliver, Port Medway; G. O. C. Brown, Session Hill; Amial Durkee, Carleton; R. A. Simms, Plymouth; Levi Nickerson, Clark's Harbor; M. D. McGray, Centreville.

Sung—"What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Howard. After some remarks by President, the Report of Sabbath School Committee, that had been referred to Convention, read, as follows:—

Your Committee recognize with gratitude to the Master, the powerful influence exerted by Sabbath Schools in training the young for Christian life and work, believing that it remedies to a considerable extent a lamentable neglect in home instructions. We commend to your attention as incentives to Sabbath School work: First—The direct benefit to children taught in the knowledge of Jesus. Second—Increased devotion and familiarity with the Scriptures on the part of our church members and others who teach. We have to report in connection with Sabbath School work: First—Too much indifference of church members. Second—Too little attention to instruction in the doctrines peculiar to Free Baptists; and we recommend, First—That when pastors are not able to attend the Sabbath School and teach in Bible class, that a Bible class be held on week evenings, conducted by the pastor. Second—that the delegation to the Maritime Convention be continued.

In Christian fellowship.

J. M. LOUDON, }
R. SIMMS, } Committee.
GEO. BROWN, }

Its adoption was moved. A short speech followed by Rev. Mr. Howard.

Recitations: By Christinia Swim—"Creation of the World." By Lillian Nickerson—"The Power of God." By Addie Swim—"Morning Thoughts," and by little Bessie Swim. Bro. Howard sung—"My ain Countrie." School sung—"Yield not to Temptation."

Proposed by Rev. J. M. Louden and Rev. T. Babcock. In-
teresting Reports from the Church at Plymouth
Church, were read.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by Divine grace, to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and accept him as our Saviour, and believing that the interests of His Kingdom require our united efforts, we do therefore adopt the following as our Church Covenant:—

That we will exercise a mutual care, as members, one of another—striving to keep the unity of Spirit in the bonds of peace—to promote the growth of the whole Body in Christian knowledge, holiness and comfort; and to labor together by prayer, precept and example, for the salvation of sinners.

We agree to exert our influence for the maintenance of the public and social worship of God and the ordinances of His house, holding constant communication with each other therein; and we will also contribute of our substance, according to our ability and circumstances, for the support of a faithful Ministry, and all other necessary expenses of the Church.

We who are heads of families will maintain prayer in our households; we will also maintain secret prayer, and to the utmost of our ability we will endeavor to train our children, and those under us, for usefulness in the world, in the service of Christ, and the enjoyment of Heaven.

We agree to attend, to the utmost of our power, the Sabbath, Conference, Prayer and other Meetings of the Church. In every Conference Meeting we attend, we will report ourselves to the Church, and in no meeting will we willfully grieve the Holy Spirit of God; we will labor for the prosperity of the Church and its upbuilding in the most holy faith—not forsaking it in adversity, but bear each other's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

We will attend to the ordinance of the Lord's Supper as we may have opportunity, or as it may be administered by those over us in the Lord.

We will not use intoxicating drinks ourselves, nor allow them to be used in our families, nor furnish them for persons in our employment, except for medical, chemical or mechanical purposes. We will not buy nor sell these articles, nor give our influence for the traffic in them, only for the purposes above named.

We covenant and agree that we will love all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ; that we will avoid all vain extravagance and sinful conformity to the world, and will abstain from all sinful amusements, as theatres, dances, gambling, and from all vain festivals; and will refrain from all unchaste and profane conversation, and from the reading of wicked and corrupting publications.

We will walk circumspectly towards those who are without, that the cause of God may not be reproached on our account; and will strive to promote those enterprises which have for their object its advancement—among which are Sabbath Schools, Bible Societies, Missions, and Education.

And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to join the glorified around the throne of God, in ascribing blessing, and honor, and glory and power, unto Him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

We agree to the annexed usages as guiding to our faith in doctrine, and our practice in Church government.

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CHURCH USAGES.

SECTION I.

This Church shall be known as the Free Baptist Church, in connection with the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia.

SECTION II.

The leading doctrines held by this Church are those set forth in the Treatise of Faith, as published in A. D. 1866, by the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, which we consider in harmony with God's Word.

SECTION III.

All the affairs of this Church shall be under the decision of Church Meetings publicly convened. At all Church Meetings the Pastor shall preside, and in case of not having a Pastor, the Senior Deacon.

SECTION IV.

The Officers of this Church shall be: 1. A Pastor, to be chosen by the Church. 2. Deacons, similarly elected. 3. Helps may be chosen annually to assist the Deacons and Pastor in their duties. 4. A Clerk, whose duty it is to keep a good and faithful record of the Church.

SECTION V.

The Pastor, Deacons, Helps, and Clerk, may meet quarterly, or oftener, if necessary, to arrange and digest any business to be brought before a Church Meeting, and for other purposes when expedient.

SECTION VI.

All business of this Church shall be done by a majority vote, except the reception of members, which shall be unanimous.

SECTION VII.

Any Church may receive the transient labors of any Minister belonging to the Free Will Baptists of the United States of America, or the Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, who is in good standing in his own denomination; and if requested by a legal vote of the Church, shall have full liberty to administer the ordinances and give the right hand of fellowship therein.

SECTION VIII.

This Church admits to full fellowship only such as give satisfactory evidence of being born of God, and are immersed; but admits to communion and equal privileges in worship all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth.

SECTION IX.

Cases of discipline, after private admonition and counsel by the Pastor or some other Officer of the Church, shall be brought before the Officers' Meeting

for consideration; but sentence of suspension from church privileges or ex-communication shall be the act of the Church Meeting only.

SECTION X.

This Church shall meet at least once in every month for Christian conference; at which time it shall be the duty of every member to attend and report him or herself therein. Any member neglecting to comply with this usage for the space of three months, shall be considered a subject of labor.

SECTION XI.

Any member in good standing, removing from the limits of the Church to which he belongs, shall, on application to the Church, receive a letter of dismission.

SECTION XII.

Whatever mode for obtaining means to defray the expenditures of the Church shall be deemed prudent by legal vote thereof, the members shall co-operate in—all contributing as God prospers them.

SECTION XIII.

Each Church shall send one Delegate to the Quarterly Meeting to which it belongs; every Church containing fifty members, two Delegates; and one additional Delegate for every additional twenty-five members.

SECTION XIV.

The Covenant and Church Usages shall be read in Church Conference at least once in three months.

SECTION XV.

The Churches may adopt any rule not contrary to God's Word, which may be necessary for their interests.

SECTION XVI.

SECTION XVII.

SECTION XVIII.