

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

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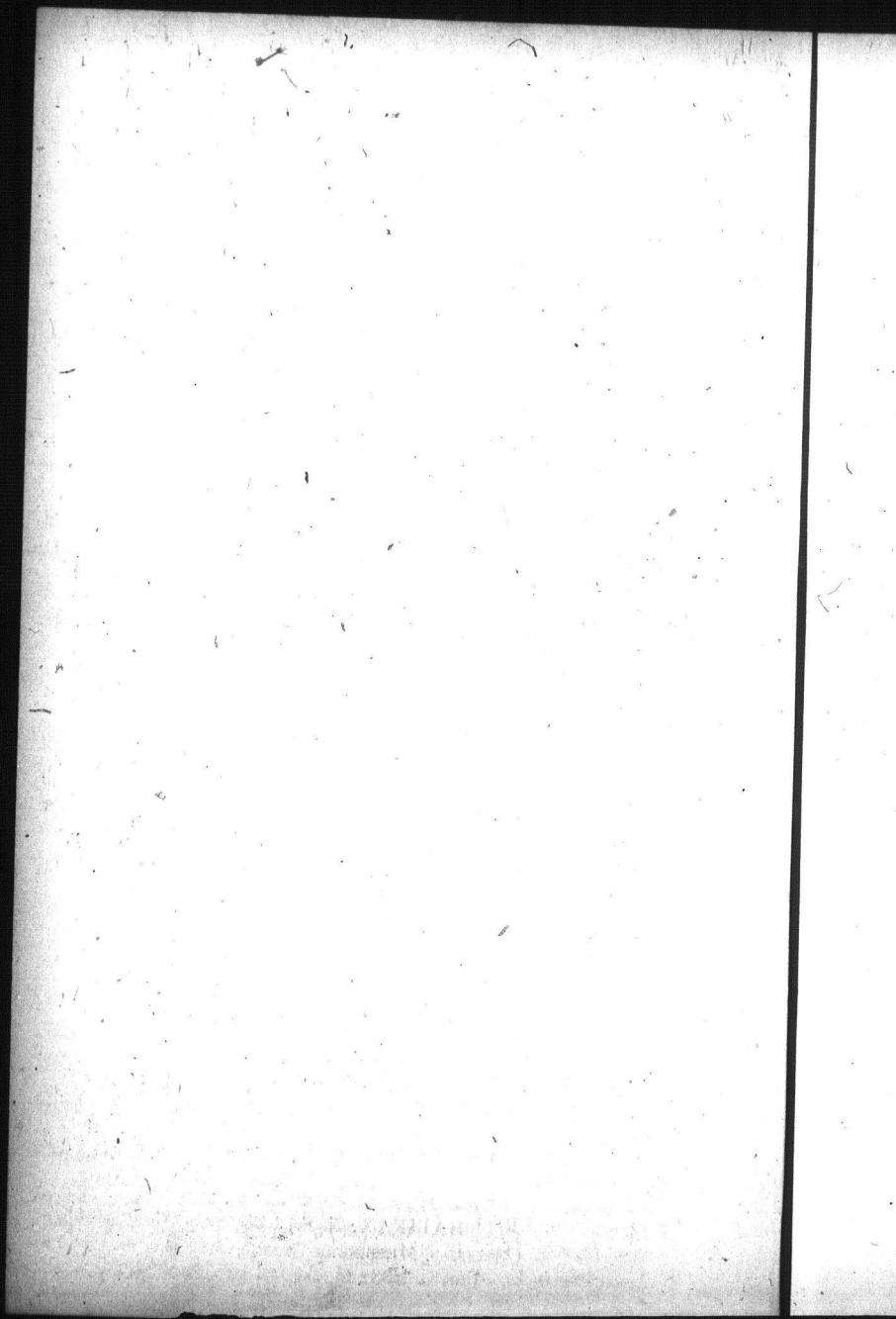
Eastern Baptist Association

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

*Held with the Baptist Church at Pugwash, Cumberland Co., Saturday,
Monday and Tuesday, July 8th, 10th and 11th,
with the Circular Letter, &c.*

HALIFAX, N. S.
CHRISTIAN MESSENGER OFFICE,
1882.



MINUTES.

PUGWASH, CUMBERLAND CO.,
Saturday Morning, July 8th, 1882.

The Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association assembled in its Thirty-second Annual Session, at Pugwash, at 10 o'clock, A. M., July 8th, 1882.

Religious services were conducted by the Moderator, Rev. G. F. Miles, while the List of Delegates was being prepared, after which the Association proceeded to the election of Moderator for the ensuing year.

The ballot having been taken, Rev. C. H. Martell was elected Moderator.

The Moderator read the Rules of Order.

Revs. M. P. Freeman and C. Haverstock were appointed Secretaries. Dea. Wm. H. Seaman, Treasurer, and Bro. R. N. Sibley, Assistant Treasurer.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Pugwash,—Rev. H. Bool, Deas. W. H. Seaman, Brethren S. Lowe, and Wm. Dickie.

Upper Londonderry,—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Dea. John Carter, and Bro. Robert Higgins.

Great Village,—Rev. M. P. Freeman, and T. B. Layton, Dea. Ezra Layton, and Bro. Herbert Layton.

Onslow West,—Rev. C. H. Martell.

Acadia Mines,—Rev. G. F. Miles.

Cape Canso,—Rev. F. O. Weeks.

Greenville,—Dea. D. H. Webb, and Bro. Thos. Ralston.

Centreville,—Rev. H. Bool, Bro. Jno. Bigelow, and — Clarke.

West Brook,—Bro. Hans Mills.

Brookfield,—Deas. Jacob Stevens, Ezra Stevens, and Bro. James W. Stevens.

Amherst Shore,—Rev. H. Bool, and Dea. Chas. Rockwell.

Goose River,—Rev. H. Bool, Brethren John Mills, and Amos Hunter.

Wallace River,—Rev. H. Bool, Brethren Andrew Coulter, and Parmenas Piers.

Portauisque and Upper Economy,—Rev. G. F. Miles, Deas. George Davidson, John Robinson, Brethren Robert Blair, and Wm. Davidson.

New Harbor,—Rev. D. McLeod.

Lower Stewiacke,—Rev. C. Haverstock, and Bro. R. N. Sibley.

River John,—Bro. C. S. Sterns, (Lic.) and Dea. Nelson Sutherland.

Truro,—Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Lower Economy and Five Islands,—Rev. G. F. Miles.

Advocate Harbor,—Rev. A. Freeman.

Amherst,—Rev. D. A. Steele, Deas. Jas. Layton, and M. Lowe.

Glenville and River Philip,—Dea. J. W. Johnston.

Onslow East,—Rev. C. H. Martell, and Dea. Jno. Smith.

River Hebert,—Rev. I. R. Skinner.

Central Association,—Dea. S. Selden.

P. E. Island Association,—Revds. E. B. Corey, W. B. Bradshaw, and J. B. Woodland.

Invited to seats,—Bro. Aaron Sibley, Deas. A. McDonnell, Samuel Spencer, Hugh Logan, Robert Sutherland, W. J. Gates, Edward Weatherbe.

The following Committee of Nomination and Arrangement were appointed :—Rev. H. Bool, J. E. Goucher, G. F. Miles, S. Lowe, John Mills, and Dea. Rockwell.

Rev. A. Freeman was appointed in place of Rev. J. J. Armstrong on Committee on Questions in Letters.

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported as follows :

That the morning services commence at 10.00 o'clock, and close at 12; that the afternoon session commence at 2.00 and close at 4.30 o'clock; and that the evening session commence at 7.30 o'clock.

That a prayer-meeting be held each morning from 6 to 7 o'clock.

That the reading of Letters be first in order this afternoon, to be followed by Report on Temperance.

That there be no meeting of Association in this house this evening, that the brethren may unite with the temperance men of Pugwash, in a special Temperance Meeting to be held at 7.30 o'clock in the Hall of the Sons of Temperance.

Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. D. McLeod.

The letter from the church at Pugwash was then read, which was followed by the reading of other Letters from the churches.

On motion additions were made to the Committees, so that they will stand as follows :

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. D. A. Steele, J. E. Goucher, C. Haverstock, S. Lowe, Deas. John Carter, D. H. Webb, and James Layton.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. C. H. Martell, E. B. Corey, A. Freeman, Dea. Geo. Davison, Wm. Dickie, Hance Mills, J. Johnson, and S. Selden.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. H. Bool, G. F. Miles, Dea. Ezra Layton, Brethren Jas. W. Stevens, Jno. Mills, and C. S. Stearns, (Lic.)

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Rev. T. B. Layton, A. Freeman, and Dea. Nelson Sutherland.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revs. M. P. Freeman, D. McLeod, I. R. Skinner, T. B. Layton, Brethren Sibley, Robert Higgins, Jacob Stevens, and Dea. Samuel Spencer.

The committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported further, that the Sabbath Appointments be as follows :

Pugwash Baptist Church—11 A. M. Rev. C. H. Martell. At 3 p. m. a service for young people to be conducted by Rev. J. E. Goucher, and to be addressed by Rev. I. R. Skinner, D. McLeod, and Bro. C. S. Stearns, (Lic.) And at 7 P. M. Rev. F. O. Weeks.

At Methodist Church—11 A. M. Rev. M. P. Freeman.
7 P. M. Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Wallace River—11 A. M. Rev. D. A. Steele.
3 P. M. Rev. C. Haverstock.

Goose River—10.30 A. M. Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.
3 P. M. " "

Centreville—3 P. M. Rev. D. McLeod.

Rockley—3 P. M. Rev. A. Freeman.

Head of Bay (Methodist)—3 P. M. Rev. G. F. Miles.

That your Committee recommend that the Report sent by the Chairman of Committee on Temperance be presented at this Session, and that the Associational Sermon be preached on Monday morning at 10 A. M., to be succeeded by the reading of the Circular Letter.

The Report on Temperance was then read by the Secretary, and ordered to be laid on the table.

The Secretary presented a Form of Letter forwarded by Rev. G. O. Gates, Chairman of Committee appointed by Convention to prepare the same for adoption by the churches, which on motion was placed in the hands of Revs. J. E. Goucher, G. F. Miles, and F. O. Weeks.

On motion adjourned with prayer by Dea. John Robinson.

Monday—Morning Session.

The Monday morning session was opened at 10 o'clock.

The Annual Sermon was delivered by Rev. M. P. Freeman from Phil i. 5. The theme Gospel Fellowship.

The Moderator having taken the chair, prayer was offered by Rev. G. F. Miles.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Rev. H. Bool presented further Report of Committee on Nomination and Arrangement which was adopted as follows :

That the Report on Education be presented first in order this afternoon, and that the Revs. C. H. Martell, D. A. Steele, J. B. Woodland and C. Haverstock be the speakers.

Also, that the Report on Sabbath Schools be the next in order, and that it be spoken to by Revs. T. B. Layton, W. B. Bradshaw, and Dea. E. Layton.

They further recommend that the Report on Missions be read at the close of this session, and laid upon the table.

Your Committee advise that a Public Missionary Meeting be held this evening, and that the Revs. D. A. Steele, J. E. Goucher, M. P. Freeman, F. O. Weeks, and G. F. Miles, be the speakers.

Committee on Circular Letter, written by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, reported that they have examined the same and recommend that it be now read. In the absence of the writer, Rev. J. E. Goucher read the Circular Letter, by the appointment of the body, which was ordered to be published in the *Christian Messenger*.

On motion the Annual Sermon just delivered, was requested to be published in the denominational organs.

The reading of Letters was resumed and completed.

Rev. D. A. Steele presented Report of the Board of Infirm Ministers Fund, on motion the Report was adopted. (See App. A.)

Resolved, That the Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund be re-appointed as follows:—Revs. D. A. Steele, G. F. Miles, J. E. Goucher, M. P. Freeman, C. H. Martell, Deas. Moses Lowe, and Wm. Read; and that they be requested to complete the arrangements suggested at the last Association.

The session closed with prayer by Dea. S. Selden.

Monday—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. F. O. Weeks.

The Committee on Letter of Chairman of Committee of Convention for preparing a Form of Letter for the churches reported that they have examined the Form of Associational Letter, and recommend its adoption by this Association, subject to the approval of the Convention. The Report was adopted.

Rev. C. H. Martell then presented the Report of Committee on Education. It was moved and seconded that the Report be adopted after able addresses by Revds. C. H. Martell, D. A. Steele, J. B. Woodland, and G. F. Miles. (See Appendix B.)

The Chairman of Committee on Sabbath Schools, presented their Report, and after an interesting discussion conducted by Revs. T. B. Layton, W. B. Bradshaw, and Dea. Ezra Layton, the Report was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Moved that the Secretary be requested to arrange for the printing of 1,000 copies of Minutes for the use of the churches.

Rev. H. Bool presented the Report on Denominational Literature, the Report was laid on the table.

The session closed with prayer by Rev. I. R. Skinner.

Monday—Evening Session.

The Monday evening session commenced in due form. The Moderator opened the services with singing and reading of the Scriptures, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. J. B. Woodland.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Rev. D. A. Steele presented the Report on Missions. In consequence of ill health, Bro. Steele was unable to comply with the request of the body to address the meeting on the subject under consideration, but introduced Rev. D. McLeod who gave a brief account of the field where he is labouring, and of the efforts made by the brethren at New Harbor in building a Meeting-house, and after some remarks by Rev. A. Freeman, a collection was taken for the aid and encouragement of the brethren at New Harbor in their undertaking. The sum of \$16.00 was realized.

Addresses were then delivered by Revs. J. E. Goucher, J. B. Woodland, M. P. Freeman, F. O. Weeks, G. F. Miles, after which the Report was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The Committee on Nominations and Arrangements made their final Report, recommending that on Tuesday morning the discussion of the Report on Denominational Literature be the first in order, that the Report on Temperance be next discussed, and that the remainder of the Session be devoted to routine business.

That next session of the Association be held with the church at Truro.

That Rev. D. A. Steele preach the Associational Sermon, and that Rev. H. Bool be his alternate, and that the Rev. I. R. Skinner write the Circular Letter.

That the following be the Chairmen of the several Committees named for the ensuing year.

EDUCATION.—Rev. D. A. Steele.

MISSIONS.—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Bro. William Cummings.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Rev. J. C. Spurr.

TEMPERANCE.—Rev. F. O. Weeks.

NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENTS.—Rev. J. E. Goucher.

And lastly that Rev. J. E. Goucher be requested to preach in this place in the evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The following resolution was then unanimously adopted,

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association be given to the friends of Pugwash and vicinity for the kind and generous hospitalities extended to the delegates to this meeting of the Association.

The Secretary presented the account of Bro. Selden for the printing of Minutes, Blank Letters and Postage, which was ordered to be paid.

After singing of the Doxology, and prayer by Bro. Bradshaw, the session closed.

Tuesday—Morning Session.

The session opened with prayer by Rev. D. McLeod.

By request Bro. Weeks presented the Report on Denominational Literature, and after remarks by Revs. G. F. Miles, A. Freeman, M. P. Freeman, F. O. Weeks, J. E. Goucher, Brethren James W. Stevens, John Bigelow, H. Bennet, S. Selden, and C. S. Stearns, the Report passed. (See Appendix E.)

Resolved, That Brethren Bool, Martell, and Freeman be a committee to provide such literature as that suggested by the Report.

The Report on Temperance was taken from the table, and after remarks by Rev. G. F. Miles, with amendments passed. (See Appendix F.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to hand over the funds in his hands to the Treasurers of the respective Boards to which they belong.

The Treasurer then presented his report of moneys received at this Association.

The following were appointed delegates to Convention : Brethren Lyman Walker, Hans Mills, A. McDonnell, C. B. Whidden, and Wm. Read.

Resolved, That any of the brethren belonging to this Association who may visit sister Associations be permitted to report themselves as delegates from this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the Railway authorities for the reduction of fares to delegates to this body.

The session closed with prayer by Rev. J. E. Goucher, to meet at Truro the second Saturday in July, 1883, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

C. H. MARTELL, *Moderator.*

M. P. FREEMAN, } *Clerks.*
C. HAVERSTOCK, }

CIRCULAR LETTER.

ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN TRUTH.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE N. S. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

The importance of being rooted and grounded in the truth cannot be over estimated. God's word is truth, able to make us wise unto everlasting life. It is an expression of his righteous will and character, an unfolding of our relations and obligations to God and to each other. It gives a view of man's position as he came fresh from his Creator's hand, created in the image of God, pure and spotless, fitted for uninterrupted communion with him. It shows us how man was ruined by the fall, how sin has degraded him, marred the image of God in his soul, robbed him of fellowship with God, and brought him into condemnation. It teaches us that God in his infinite mercy, has provided a remedy for sin, made a sacrifice in the person of his Son which satisfies the demands of justice, and enables God to be just and yet the justifier of those who put their trust in him. Glad news! salvation peace and pardon are freely offered, to the guilty and the erring, without money and without price.

Man's interests for time and eternity require that he should know God and his truth, that he should have a practical, experimental knowledge of the grace of God in Christ. This the believer professes to possess. He should not only know the truth, but be rooted and grounded in it. This phrase is suggestive. It demands much more than a mere theoretical knowledge, or a superficial experience of the truth. It requires a deep, thorough, practical, experimental, God-given knowledge of the truth, which insures a rich experience of the grace of God. Jesus says, "I am *the truth*." Hence to be rooted and grounded in the truth is to be rooted and grounded in Christ.

But what is the meaning of this phrase "rooted and grounded?" It brings before our minds the picture of a tree, strong and vigorous,

which has sent its roots out far and near, struck them down deep into the soil, and taken a firm grasp of the earth, so that with its numerous roots and rootlets it obtains an abundant supply of nourishment to make the tree both strong and vigorous. It thus secures nourishment, strength, security, growth and fruitfulness. The storm may rage, but it has no power to uproot the tree. It is safe because it is firmly rooted.

The idea of being grounded in the truth is slightly different, but equally precious. It points to a sure foundation upon which one may build with safety. The wise masterbuilder digs deep, and lays a sure foundation which cannot be moved. So the believer who is grounded in Christ is resting upon a sure foundation, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever,"—the life, the light, the joy of believing souls.

The phrase rooted and grounded in the truth, in Christ, has a wealth of meaning which the human mind cannot fully comprehend. It contains thoughts which are infinite, grand, eternal—thoughts, which eternity alone can reveal. "For in him (i. e. Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

To be rooted and grounded in the truth is to be complete in Christ, to rest upon the sure foundation of Christ; grounded in the truth the believer will be built up in Christ, a spiritual temple unto the praise and glory of God. It places the believer in a position where he can grasp the promises of God, and by faith receive the blessings which are so fully and freely offered. The richest gifts of heavenly grace are placed within his reach.

Man cannot fulfil the end for which he was created without knowing God, and being rooted and grounded in the truth. The nature of the human soul, its capacity for growth in wisdom, knowledge and spiritual understanding, as well as its grand destiny point to the same fact. The believer professes to have seen his condition by nature, felt his need, sought for mercy and obtained pardon. He recognizes his obligations to God and pledges himself to fulfil them.

To be rooted and grounded in the truth is important :

1. Because it is essential to the believer's happiness. The normal state of the human soul is one of uninterrupted communion with God. Hence the believer, in order to fulfil his mission, must maintain the closest union and communion with God. Through a knowledge of God and his will, and by obedience to his require-

ments, this holy communion of soul will be enjoyed. His whole being must be permeated with the truth, so that it becomes a part of himself. His soul pants after God, and he can only be truly happy when he is enjoying the fulness of the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. His happiness requires that a vigorous Christian life shall be maintained, that his life shall be hid with Christ in God. The Saviour prayed that his disciples might have his joy fulfilled in that they might be one with him and abide in him. Thus the believer's faith will become strong, his hopes bright, and his joys deep, pure and abiding. As the tree draws nourishment from the soil, so he will be nourished by the truth. It will be his meat to do the Master's will. Living in the sphere of truth, in the love of the truth, drinking in the truth, strengthened by the truth, he will reflect the truth, secure the sweetest joys of earth and an abundant preparation for the joys of heaven. Present experiences and future prospects will minister to the believer's happiness.

2. Because it is essential to his growth in grace and in the knowledge of God. The human soul possesses wonderful capacity for growth. The Apostolic injunction to every redeemed soul is, "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Growth is a necessary result of living in obedience to the laws of God's kingdom. The babe is to grow until he attains to the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus. To remain a babe is to dishonor God and rob his own soul. The truth affords all the nourishment necessary for the believer's growth, all the treasures heavenly wisdom minister to his growth in grace. Being rooted and grounded in the truth, he will be strong in the Lord, and will bear much fruit.

3. Because it is essential to the believer's usefulness. He has been called into Christ's kingdom, not merely that he may be blessed, but that he may be a blessing to others. He is to be a witness to the truth, a living epistle known and read of all men. He is to bring forth the fruits of righteousness, to walk holily, righteously and unblamably before the world. He is to walk in Christ. His thoughts, words and actions are to be in harmony with the principles of truth. His usefulness will depend upon his being rooted and grounded in the truth, wholly subject to the truth, and showing a zeal according to knowledge. Thus he will be led to make a wise use of his time, and consecrate all his talents to the service of God's will.

4. Because it is essential to the believer's security. "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." To know the truth, love the truth, and live the truth will give to the believer a sense of security, which otherwise he could never possess. It will give strength to labor for God, to resist temptation, and to overcome sin. The believer is secure in Christ, but in order that he may be "stedfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," he must be rooted and grounded in the truth.

5. Because it will promote the glory of God. The end for which he was created was to honor and glorify God in his body and spirit which are his. The believer is under special obligations to live to the honor and glory of God. To do this he must have clear views of the fundamental truths of God's word, heartily receive them, firmly grasp them, and live in conformity to them. Thus he will possess stability of character. The principles he professes will have a moulding and controlling power over his life, and in all things he will have an eye single to the glory of God. Being rooted and grounded in the truth, he will secure his own happiness, growth, usefulness and security, and in the highest degree promote the glory of God. For the believer in Christ, there can be nothing more important, than to be rooted and grounded in the truth. His life will be in harmony with his principles, and ensure constant communion with God.

There are special reasons why Baptists should seek diligently to be rooted and grounded in the truth. God has given them a noble mission, entrusted them with his own truth, and commanded them to receive, love, and obey the truth, to preach the gospel in all its fullness, its simplicity and purity, to every creature, to maintain the ordinances as they were given by Christ, and practised by the Apostles. They are chosen by God to be a "peculiar people." Hence how important that they should rightly understand the nature of their mission, and faithfully discharge the obligations laid upon them. In order to do this, they must be thoroughly versed in the Scriptures—rooted and grounded in the truth.

A church composed of individual believers, who are inspired with the grandeur of their mission, with a burning love for souls, with a holy zeal for the truth, having God's glory as the object for which they live, labor and pray, and in all things seeking wisdom from God to direct them, will have an irresistible power in the world. Such should be the characteristics of every Baptist Church.

Having their membership rooted and grounded in the truth, they will be fruitful in every good word and work.

APPENDIX.

Ordination of Rev. C. Haverstock.

The churches of Lower Stewiacke and Musquodoboit, had Rev. C. Haverstock ordained over them on the 21st June, 1882.

The churches that responded to the invitation to sit in Council were—Amherst, Great Village, Truro, Onslow, Brookfield, First Hammond's Plains, North Church Halifax, and Dartmouth.

Rev. J. W. Manning presided, and Rev. E. M. Saunders acted as Secretary.

The following took part in the services :—

Rev. Dr. Welton preached the Ordination Sermon ; the Rev. J. E. Goucher offered the ordaining prayer ; the Rev. M. P. King gave the right hand of fellowship ; the Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., gave the charge to the candidate, and the Rev. D. A. Steele gave the charge to the church.

In behalf of the church,

R. N. SIBLEY, *Clerk.*

P. S.—Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., and Rev. Dr. Welton, were present by special invitation.

R. N. S.

Eastern Baptist Association in acct. with T. M. King, Trustee Pictou Meeting House Fund.

July 7, 1880. By amount rendered this date.....	\$606 45
“ 1881. Interest on fund at 6 per cent.....	36 38
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“ 1882. “ “	\$642 83
	38 57
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Amount due Association.....	\$681 40
Antigonish, July 7th, 1882,	

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Infirm Ministers' Board in acct. with W. M. Read, Treasurer.

1881.		DR.	
July 1.	—To Cash in Savings' Bank.....	\$141	53
"	" on hand.....	0	58
1882.			
Jan'y. 31.	—Cash from Rent of Dickson Property...	26	00
June 30.	—Interest to date.....	5	64
			\$173 75

MRS. LYNDS LEGACY FUND.

1881			
Dec. 24.	—To Cash paid T. B. Layton.....	\$ 30	00
"	Postage.....	0	08
1882.			
Jan'y. 12.	—To Cash paid Rev. S. Thompson.....	10	00
" 30.	" " " ".....	10	00
April 20.	" " " ".....	10	00
May 20.	" " T. B. Layton.....	20	00
"	Postage and Register.....	0	05
June 3.	—To Cash paid Levi Johnson for Mrs. Wm. Dobson.....	10	00
			\$90 13

1881.		CR.	
Sept. 9.	—By Balance invested at 4 per cent. int..	346	25
1882.			
June 30.	—By " Interest.....	10	05
			356 30
Balance.....			\$266 17

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Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee believe that no body of Christians shall be more interested in education than the Baptists of this Association. Our principles demand intelligence in the people, and experience of the past shows that our success is closely connected with earnest effort to promote intellectual advancement. We have every reason to believe that advancement is being made each year in our Public Schools, and the people of our land are beginning to learn the importance of educating their children. From the annual report of the Superintendent of Education we hear of improvements being made in the buildings and appointments of some academies and public schools in different parts of the Province. We are pleased to see a respectable increase in the attendance at school, and hope the time will soon come when every child under 14 years of age will be found at school more than two-thirds of the time both winter and summer.

It gives us much pleasure to report our denominational Institutions at Wolfville to be in a healthful condition. A large amount of

work has been done in the Academy in the three courses of instruction viz : Classical, Teachers and Commerical. Forty-five students have been in attendance during the past year, and those who have visited the school have reported that the instruction given has been thorough and satisfactory.

The Seminary has seven teachers and a three years course of instruction, and the different departments are properly organized. Fifty-seven students have been enrolled during the past year, and five young ladies graduated at the close of the year. The spirit of the young ladies in regard to study and deportment has been excellent, and the prospects for the coming year is encouraging. It is to be hoped that at least one hundred more students from the three Provinces will avail themselves of the superior advantages offered in the school during the present year.

In the College there are in the Arts five professors and one tutor, and fifty-eight students in the Arts Course. Nine students completed the regular Arts Course, and graduated at the close of the Collegiate year, and probably about twenty will be advanced from the Academy to the College.

In the Theological Department there are three professors who give the whole or part of their time to this important work, and so far as we can learn five students are enrolled, three in the first year, and two in the second year. It is to be hoped that subscriptions to the "Rev. Dr. Tupper professorship" will be handed in immediately as the provision at present is far too small to meet the demands for a Theological Department. It is asking for immediate sympathy and financial aid. The financial state of the Academy and Seminary is in a hopeful condition. Through rigid economy and good business management in behalf of the Executive Committee, they are fast becoming self-sustaining. But the College demands more money. The Convention plan has not yet furnished adequate means to meet the regular expenses. It was supposed that the College would receive \$4,000 annually, and so it will when one dollar per year is collected from every Church member within the limits of the Convention, but last year not one half of that sum was received. Consequently there was a debt at the close of the year, and unless something is done between this and the meeting of the Convention, the debt will be more than doubled. We consider the College a necessity to every Baptist family in the three Provinces and it should be placed above immediate want that its full work may be done for the people.

The old boarding house is to be repaired and put in good condition during the summer vacation. The Principal of the Academy and some of the younger students are to reside in it. It is thought this will be beneficial to the Academical department, more especially to the younger members of the school who require special care and advice.

Dr. Schurman resigned his position as Professor at the close

of last year and the Governors are anxiously enquiring after good men, and doubtless the appointment of a new Professor will be made at their next meeting.

We regard the election and appointment of Fellows and Scholars in accordance with the original design of the University to be a step in advance and believe it will widen the usefulness and increase the might of Acadia.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. MARSHALL, *Chairman.*

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Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

The Sabbath School is one of the necessary agencies for the religious culture of the young. We cannot argue to the contrary from what parents should be to their children. We must take the world as it is, and seek to meet the wants of the age. We need to improve our methods—we need greater earnestness in the work, we need the combined energies of all our churches to accomplish the work that is laid upon them. Christian activity is the normal condition of the disciple of Christ and the sabbath school offers an inviting field to all—a more general interest in this work, would result in great blessing to our people.

Your Committee suggest to the Sabbath School workers in each county whether it would not be wise and desirable to form a county Sabbath School Convention, to meet annually or otherwise. There would be much advantage in mutual consultation. New interest might be imparted to the schools. We are assured that if there were waking up all along the lines in this matter, there would be more cheering results to report in the letters of the churches to this body.

Your Committee are of the opinion that temperance work should become a feature in our Sabbath Schools, and that our young people should be encouraged to pledge themselves against the use of tobacco and strong drink. The advantages of such a course are too apparent to need mention here.

We further recommend that the children be taught to give for missions. If we would have the next generation to become effective workers for Christ, their sympathies for every good work should be enlisted in their youth.

Respectfully submitted,
M. P. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

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Report of Committee on Missions.

Since last Association our Foreign Mission has been re-inforced by Rev. J. R. Hutchinson and wife, who sailed for India shortly after the ordination of Bro. H. at Parrsboro' in September last. Miss Hammond was thus relieved from the great burden of the sole charge of an important station; and we hope that her health, which had become impaired may by this time have resumed its wonted vigor.

During the year, Mrs. Sanford's health having failed, it was necessary that she seek recuperation in her native land. Brother Sanford accompanied her as far as London, and then chose to return to his field of labor in Bimlipatam.

Mr. and Mrs. Churchill are thus enabled to prosecute their work at Bobbili.

The expenditure of the Foreign Board is large and constant; and the only way to enable them to meet their liabilities is for the churches to make constant remittances. Your Committee would also suggest that, in addition to the regular funds sent by the Convention Scheme, friends of the Foreign Mission forward special donations, as the monies by the regular denominational channel are thus far inadequate to meet the expenses of the mission.

Your Committee can with the more confidence ask this, as the results of the labors of our missionaries are already manifest.

We have laid this stress upon the Foreign side of our Missions, because at this moment, that branch of our denominational work needs the special attention of our people. It must have more assistance than it has been receiving during the year, or disastrous results will follow. Brethren, grant the missionaries abroad your prayers, and your money.

THE HOME CAUSE is one that is always dear to us, but we do not act up to our knowledge or our theories. There is a great deal of work to be done which the regular missionary can not well perform. We mean that there are hamlets where the gospel is seldom heard. The regular service is miles away, and the people have no desire or energy enough to go thither on the Lord's Day, the neighbors visit one another, gossiping, talking of business or politics, the young people lounge about the place, and as the missionary drives through the locality on his way to his "appointment," leaves the inhabitants without any supply, and so they continue. Now, your Committee believe that all such places should be supplied with the gospel. Our Lord did not say "Let the world come to you," but "Go ye into all the world." Is it possible that there are not enough of old-fashioned Baptists to look after these places? Our fathers, in the old world and in the new, did not wait until duly ordained men could take up this work, but as they had ability, they held forth the Word of Life. Many of our

deacons are efficient in this respect, and everlasting blessings would result if they could be induced to go and look after the destitute. The Master would smile upon such efforts, and there would be a large increase of converted persons to our membership.

The Home Mission Board are aiding about fifty different fields. The grants to them will be about five thousand dollars; the debt of last year was \$850.00. So that this year about six thousand dollars will be needed. A good work is being done; nearly two hundred baptisms reported.

In conclusion your Committee commend the Home Mission Board the confidence of our people. They make their grants with the greatest care, and always urge the churches aided to do all in their power for the Convention Fund.

D. A. STEELE, *Chairman.*

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Report of Committee on Denominational Literature.

Your Committee on Denominational Literature, beg leave to report that they rejoice in the strenuous efforts made by the religious press to counteract that which is erroneous and profane, and to promote Christian culture in the minds of the people.

But the duties of your Committee are Denominational; and they speak with still greater pleasure of what is being done to bring our distinguishing principles into prominence. The Baptist Publication Society in the United States, and the Baptist Tract Society in Great Britain, are both in healthy exercise, and are emulating each other in the great work for which they were instituted. They have great pleasure to add that a similar institution is being established in the Upper Provinces of Canada.

The Baptists of this Province should take pleasure in the special efforts made by the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, in a cheaper edition, to bring the affairs of our churches more extensively before the notice of our people, and to educate new converts in the faith and order of Baptist Churches.

Conscious that, after all, many do not see denominational newspapers, your Committee would strongly recommend that such pieces as are from time to time published in the *Messenger*, be obtained in the form of tracts and scattered broadcast in our midst.

Our principles confer equal privileges and responsibilities on all our members; consequently, the consolidation, strength, and prosperity of the Churches depend very much upon unity of action on all points. Also, according as we expect our young people to become converted, it is essential that they be instructed in the privileges and duties of church life.

Your Committee are of opinion that these and other interests

would be greatly assisted by the distribution of leaflets treating of such subjects as the following:—The constitution of a Church. The traits of a good Minister. The duties of Deacons. Obligations to the Pastor. What can I do with one talent? Church discipline. Church finances. Church franchise. The antiquity of the Baptists. Conditions of membership. Why should I be immersed in water? The Church roll. The minute book. What is the influence of the Holy Spirit?

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. BOOL.

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Report of Committee on Temperance.

Traffic in intoxicating liquors as common beverages, is, in the opinion of your Committee, an evil the magnitude of which cannot in a brief report be fully shown.

It is a physical and mental, a moral and social evil, and, therefore, should not be countenanced in the least degree by the Church of Christ.

Upon both the drunkard and the drunkard-maker Almighty God has thus pronounced His unqualified condemnation: "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven." "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink!"

To limit this wide-spread and deep-seated evil, we have different statutes—notably "The Canada Temperance Act,"—but to eradicate it we have none.

The resolution numerous and heartily passed by our Convention in 1881, to petition Parliament to keep the Canada Temperance Act intact, and, if possible, to improve it; also that the constitutionality of said Act has lately been affirmed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, are by your Committee hailed with joy.

But it is a matter for regret that it is not within the province of this statute to entirely remove the curse.

As regards the importation, distillation and sale of intoxicants, so far as Parliamentary Legislation is concerned, the remedy and *the only remedy* is an Act of Prohibition.

And this is compatible with the principles of liberty, justice, mercy and truth.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. WEEKS, *Chairman.*

Ministers of the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. D. A. Steele	Amherst	1865	Wolffville.
G. F. Miles	Amherst	1846	Newcastle, N. B.
J. J. Armstrong	Truro	1874	Greenville.
J. C. Spurr	Cow Bay	1879	Cow Bay.
M. P. Freeman	Great Village.	1863	Bedeque, P. E. I.
H. Eagles	St. Mary's	1842	Kempt, Hants Co.
D. McKeen	Athol	1854	River Hebert.
J. W. Bancroft	North Sydney	1875	Windsor.
C. H. Martell	Central Onslow.	1878	Onslow.
H. Bool	Pugwash	1869	Coatbridge, G. B.
J. R. Skinner	River Hebert.	1876	Andover, N. B.
F. A. Kidson	Sydney	1867	
John E. Goucher	Truro	1859	Gagetown, N. B.
Samuel Thompson	Lower Economy	1852	Westbrook, Cumb. Co.
Edwin Clay, M. D.	Pugwash	1851	Pugwash.
D. W. C. Dimock	Truro	1841	Chester.
T. B. Layton	Great Village.	1872	Musquash, N. B.
Obad Chute	Upper Stewiacke.	1850	Wentworth.
A. W. Jordan	Tracadie	1880	Tracadie.
A. Freeman	Spencer's Island.	1880	Melrose, Guysboro Co.
L. M. Weeks	Isaacs Harbor	1874	Isaac's Harbor.
F. O. Weeks	Cape Canso	1876	Caledonia, Queens Co.
C. Haverstock	Lower Stewiacke.	1882	Lower Stewiacke.
W. H. Robinson	Hawkesbury, C. B.	1882	Hawkesbury, C. B.
H. B. Shafner	Guysborough	1880	Springfield, Ann. Co.
D. McLeod	New Harbor.	1873	

LICENTIATES.

Arthur Chute, Great Village.	Caleb Huntington, Grand Mira, C. B.
Ed. G. Sibley, Lower Stewiacke.	Wm. McKenzie, West Bay, C. B.
James Morrison, Onslow.	Jas. W. Tingley, Margaree.
C. K. Harrington, Sydney.	H. B. Rushton, Westchester.
I. C. Archibald, Upper Stewiacke.	T. Howard, Wallace River.

Moneys appropriated during the Year, reported by Churches.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Convention Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Acadia College.	Total.
Amherst		\$102 00			\$102 00
Antigonish	\$127 11				127 11
Cape Canso		40 00			40 00
Cow Bay	18 00				18 00
Great Village	26 61	4 96			31 57
Goose River	3 00		4 98		7 98
Guysborough and Manchester		20 75	12 00		32 75
Homeville	8 00				8 00
Little Glace Bay	6 40				6 40
Five Islands and Lower Economy	40 00				40 00
Mira Bay		3 70	3 70		7 40
New Harbor	2 00		2 00		4 00
Port Hillford	12 00				12 00
River Hebert		30 00	7 00	\$5 00	42 00
River John		6 50	5 50		12 00
Sydney	22 00				22 00
St. Mary's Ist.	12 50				12 50
Truro	195 00				195 00
Upper Londonderry	11 57	4 00			15 57
Westchester	10 53				10 53
Wentworth			4 27		4 27
Williamsdale and Millvale		0 75	2 00		2 75

Treasurer's Report

Of Moneys received at Eastern Association convened at Pugwash,
July 8th, 1882.

Lower Stewiacke.....	\$ 13 96
Amherst Shore.....	5 25
New Harbor.....	4 00
St. Mary's 2nd.....	10 00
Crow Harbor.....	2 50
Greenville.....	11 50
Upper Londonderry.....	14 88
Acadia Mines.....	6 00
Isaacs Harbor.....	12 54
Wentworth.....	3 25
Port Hawkesbury.....	6 00
Grand Mira.....	5 50
Westchester.....	1 00
Pugwash.....	13 16
Great Village.....	3 88
Westbrook.....	16 80
Goose River.....	11 25
MacTan.....	35 00
A friend.....	2 00
Wallace.....	9 65
Sabbath collections.....	20 16
	\$208 28

Paid S. Selden for Minutes, Blank Letters, Postage, &c.....	\$ 50 25
“ Post Office Order to Dr. Day.....	157 20
“ Post Office Orders and Postages.....	0 83
	\$208 28

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM H. SEAMAN,
Treasurer of Association.

Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Eastern Association, held in Pugwash, July 1882.

NAME OF CHURCH.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	PASTOR'S NAME.	YEAR OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERS, AND P. O. ADDRESS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Non-resident M'brs.	Total Membership.	Total Mem. last year.
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restoration.	By Statement.	Dismission.	Exclusion.			
1 Amherst.....	1810	D. A. Steele	1807	James Moffat, Amherst.	5	3		6	5	256	46	302	301
2 Amherst, Pentah*.....	1878			Thos. C. Cook, Cape Canso.								52	52
3 Amherst, Shore.....	1843	H. Boal	1881	John Bigelow, Centreville.	1				1	20	13	33	33
4 Advocate Harbor.....	1840	A. Freeman	1881	R. D. Rice, Cow Bay						100	26	125	124
5 Antigonish.....	1823		1882	Elias Hendsley, Crow Harbor				1	2	60	12	72	77
6 Antigonish Mines.....	1876	G. F. Miles	1878	W. P. King, Antigonish.						14	20	34	34
7 Barney's River & Merigomish**.....	1876	G. F. Miles	1878	Cecil C. Freston, Acadia Mines.					2	63	22	85	109
8 Brookfield.....	1862			Thos. C. Cook, Cape Canso.	1				2	72	40	112	122
9 Cape Canso.....	1846	F. O. Weeks	1862	Thos. C. Cook, Cape Canso.								86	86
10 Centreville.....	1870	J. C. Spencer	1878	John Bigelow, Centreville.						30	16	46	46
11 Cow Bay.....	1875		1875	R. D. Rice, Cow Bay						26	1	56	57
12 Crow Harbor.....	1857	S. Thompson	1882	Elias Hendsley, Crow Harbor						92	1	93	94
13 Diligent River.....	1828	G. F. Miles	1879	D. P. Soley, Lower Economy.	1			4	6	124	15	139	145
14 Five Islands & Lower Economy.....	1875			D. P. Soley, Lower Economy.								15	15
15 Folly Lake**.....	1856	D. McKeen	1882	John McCormack, Glenville, River Philip.						38	16	44	44
16 Glenville and River Philip.....	1847	H. Boal	1881	John M. Hunter, Goose River.	2					44	33	77	88
17 Goose River.....	1862			John M. Hunter, Goose River.								48	48
18 Goshen*.....	1859	T. A. Kidson	1859	A. C. Huntington, Grand Mira.						1	23	23	25
19 Grand Mira**.....	1856	M. P. Freeman	1873	Amos Mountain, Great Village.	2			1	1	86	45	131	133
20 Great Village.....	1868			Henry Hunter, Great Village.						3	20	74	73
21 Greenville.....	1882	R. R. Hunter	1882	Henry Hunter, Greenville.	4					2	140	15	164
22 Guysboro and Manchester.....	1847	W. H. Robinson	1882	R. R. Hunter, Greenville.						3	7	30	36
23 Haysbury.....	1876	J. C. Spurr	1878	William Holmes, Haysbury.	7					1	32	7	39
24 Homeville.....	1840	L. M. Weeks	1881	William Holmes, Haysbury.						1	7	30	40
25 Isaac's Harbor.....	1840	L. M. Weeks	1881	Alban McMillan, Isaac's Harbor.						2	134	34	188

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association; and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in council; none but delegates being entitled to vote, and such only as represent churches being eligible to office, or to vote for officers.

ART. 2nd.—Each church, connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the moneys contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending any Letter, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes, unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

The Minutes of this
Association for 1883
were not published apart
from the "Year Book."

A. C. Hunt,