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Constitution and Rules of Order.

OF THE

Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall consist of Delegates, representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, and shall be styled "The Western N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the Churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, the promotion of individual godliness, and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the fourth Tuesday in June, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which, the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate, or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance, lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on Arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, on behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 8.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connexion, who to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship, without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 10.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution, from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. That each meeting be opened by prayer.
2. That motions be made and seconded according to parliamentary usage.
3. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
4. That every resolution be written out and handed to the Clerk.
5. That motions which are lost be not recorded.
6. That invited members enjoy all the privileges of Delegates, except voting.
7. That these regulations be read at each session.

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UPPER KESWICK, N. B., 25th June, 1878.

The Thirty-First Annual Meeting of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association opened with the 1st Baptist Church, of Keswick, this day, at 2½ o'clock P. M.

After a season of prayer and conference, the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the current year, (See Appendix 1) who having taken their places, the Moderator read the rules of Order.

Committees on Arrangements and Nominations were, on motion, appointed.

On motion—Visiting brethren were invited to sit with us and participate in the deliberations. Accepted by Rev. G. R. Campbell of Lower Woodstock, and Rev. W. A. Troop of Newcastle Grand Lake.

The Committee on Arrangements submitted the following report:

The Committee on Arrangements respectfully recommend that the Rev. A. J. Wilcox preach a sermon at 7.30 o'clock this evening. That we meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and spend one hour in devotional exercises. That the Associational Sermon be preached at 10 o'clock by the Rev. W. M. Edwards, and that we adjourn at 11½ o'clock, to meet at 2 o'clock for general business.

On motion—The report was adopted and its recommendations ordered to be carried out.

On motion—The Association adjourned at 5.30 o'clock.

SECOND SESSION.—June 25th, 1878.

The Association resumed its session at 7.30 o'clock P. M., the Moderator in the chair. After prayer by Rev. W. A. Troop, and reading of the scriptures by Rev. W. M. Edwards, a sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Wilcox from Romans i. 16. Proceeded to read letters from the churches till 9 o'clock.

The Committee on Nominations reported recommending the appointment of the usual committees (See Appendix 2) and, on motion, the Report was adopted.

On motion—the Association adjourned.

THIRD SESSION—Wednesday June 26th, 1878.

The Association re-assembled at 9 o'clock this morning, when an hour was spent in devotional exercises led by Rev. J. G. Harvey. At 10 o'clock the Moderator took the chair, and after introductory exercises the Annual Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Edwards from 1st Corinthians, 13th chapter 1st verse.

A collection for Home Missions was taken up.

On motion—Rev. H. J. Coy and Bro. Henry McCain were added to the Committee on Temperance, Bro. Coy as con-
vener.

On motion—The session was extended until 12 o'clock.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, recommending that the Home Mission Board meet at 2 o'clock.

On motion—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, A. J. Stevens, George Seely and Bro. G. W. Currie were appointed a Committee on New Churches.

On motion—Revs. D. McClellan, George Seely and G. M. W. Carey were appointed a Committee on obituaries.

On motion—Revs. J. E. Hopper, E. Hickson and Brethren Hayward, J. S. May and James Everitt were appointed a Committee to revise the list of ministers of the Association.

On motion—Brethren M. S. Hall and D. W. Estabrooks were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

On motion—Revs. A. J. Stevens, B. N. Hughes, P. Knight and Brethren Hayward and J. S. May were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for next meeting of the Association.

On motion—A paragraph in the letter from the Ludlow Church was referred to the Committee on special business.

On motion—Adjourned till 2 P. M., with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION—Wednesday, June 26, 1878.

The Association re-assembled at 2 P. M., the Moderator in the chair.

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Prayer was offered by Bro. W. P. Anderson.

The Minutes of the third session were read and approved.

On Motion—It was voted to adjourn till 3.30 o'clock to give place to the meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

FIFTH SESSION—June 26, 1878.

The Association resumed business at 3.30 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair.

On motion—It was voted that a meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held at 7.30 o'clock, and that an address be delivered by the Rev. G. M. W. Carey, and that he be followed by other speakers.

On motion—Adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION—June 26th, 1878.

The Association re-assembled at 7.30 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair.

The Committee on Home Missions presented their report, (See Appendix 8) which, on motion, was adopted.

Addresses upon Home Missions were then made by Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Rev. George Howard, and Rev. J. G. Harvey. A collection for Home Missions was then taken, which, with the collection of the previous day, amounted to \$21.07.

On motion—It was voted that Rev. G. M. W. Carey preach at 7.30 o'clock to-morrow evening, and that Miss Hammond, Missionary elect, deliver an address.

On motion—Extension of time was granted the Committee on obituaries, to enable them to complete their report in time for printing in the Minutes.

On motion—Adjourned to meet at 8 A. M., June 28th.

SEVENTH SESSION—Thursday, June 27.

The Association re-assembled at 8 A. M. After half an hour spent in devotional exercises, the business of the Association was resumed, the Moderator in the chair. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion—The Clerk of the Association was instructed to write to the churches at North Esk and Little South West, informing them that it is not in the power of this body to ordain any one to the work of the Ministry.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented their report, (See Appendix 4) which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

On motion—The report of the Committee on Special Business (See Appendix 5) was received, and its recommendations directed to be carried out.

On motion—Adjourned till 10.30 o'clock, to give place to the meeting of the Home Mission Society.

EIGHTH SESSION—Thursday, 27th June, 1878.

The Association resumed business at 10.30 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair.

The Committee on Education (See Appendix 6) submitted their report. On motion—the report was adopted.*

On motion—The report of the Committee on Religious Literature (See Appendix 7) was adopted.

The Committee on New Churches (See Appendix 8) presented their report, which, on motion, was adopted.

The Committee on Arrangements (See Appendix 9) for the next meeting of the Association presented their report.

On motion—The report was amended, substituting the name of Rev. A. J. Stevens for that of Rev. H. J. Coy.

On motion—The report as amended was adopted.

The Committee on the Revision of the list of Ministers in the Association submitted their report, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion—It was resolved that Bro. Edwards be requested to furnish a copy of the Associational sermon for publication in the *Christian Visitor*.

On motion—Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

NINTH SESSION—Thursday, 27th June, 1878.

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. D. McClellan.

The Association proceeded to listen to the reading of letters from the churches.

On motion—The name of the Southampton Church was dropped from the minutes of the Association.

On motion—Rev. H. J. Coy was appointed a Committee to visit the Temperance Vale Church.

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On motion—It was voted that a Committee of two be appointed to visit the churches in Charlotte County which have failed to make reports to this Association, and that Bro. C. F. Clinch be chairman of this Committee, with power to appoint the other member of the Committee.

On motion—It was ordered that our Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, and Act of Incorporation be published in the Minutes.

On motion—Brethren Armstrong and Hopper were appointed a Committee to make a digest of the letters (See Appendix 10) from the churches, and to publish and issue the Minutes.

The Committee on Temperance submitted their report, (See Appendix 11) which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion—The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions (See Appendix 12) was adopted.

On motion—it was resolved that a delegation of five brethren be sent to represent this Association at the next meeting of the Convention, and that Revs. W. M. Edwards, Chas. Henderson, J. G. Harvey and Brethren H. A. Spencer and T. L. Hay constitute such delegation.

On motion—Adjourned.

TENTH SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 7 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair.

On motion—Revs. W. P. Everett, W. M. Edwards, George Seely, and Geo. Howard, and Bro. C. F. Clinch, were appointed as a committee to confer with a like committee from the E. N. B. B. Association, in regard to the advisability of re-distributing among the churches composing the two Associations.

On motion—The Treasurer's report (See Appendix 13) was received and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

In accordance with the announcement, Rev. G. M. W. Carey preached a sermon from 2 Corinthians v. 20, after which addresses were delivered by Miss Hammond, and Mrs. Kelly. A collection for Foreign Missions was then taken.

On motion—the thanks of the Association were tendered to the steamboat and railroad companies for their liberality in the reduction of fares.

The Association then adjourned after prayer by Rev. G. M. W. Carey, to meet next year with the church at Rockland.

Officers for the Current Year.

(APPENDIX 1.)

REV. W. P. EVERETT, A. M., *Moderator* ;
 REV. A. J. WILCOX, *Secretary* ;
 BRO. G. E. GOOD, A. M., *Assistant Secretary* ;
 BRO. C. F. CLINCH, *Treasurer* ;
 BRO. H. A. SPENCER, *Assistant Treasurer*.

List of Committees.

(APPENDIX 2.)

Reading Letters.—Revs. George Seely, George Howard, J. T. Eaton.
Home Missions.—Rev. W. M. Edwards, Bro. C. F. Clinch, Rev. J. G. Harvey, Bro. M. S. Hall, Dea. Betts, Rev. George Campbell, Rev. D. P. Harris, Rev. I. R. Skinner, Bro. Frederick Todd.
Education.—Rev. J. E. Hopper, Rev. J. T. Eaton, Rev. T. M. Munro, Rev. E. Hickson.
Religious Literature.—Rev. George Seely, Bro. George E. Good, Bro. J. S. May, Rev. J. H. Tapper, Bro. Geo. W. Currie.
Temperance.—Rev. B. Hughes, James Sloat, George Gregg, Rev. Charles Henderson, Bro. T. Hicks, Rev. W. A. Troop.
Sabbath Schools.—Bro. M. S. Hall, Amos D. Hartley, Frederick Burt, Rev. H. A. Spencer, Rev. George Howard, Bro. W. P. Anderson, Bros. George Treadwell, George W. Currie.
Foreign Missions.—Rev. J. T. Eaton, Rev. W. P. Everett, Rev. H. A. Spencer, Rev. A. J. Wilcox, Rev. A. J. Stevens.
Special Business.—Rev. J. H. Tapper, Rev. T. M. Munro, Rev. E. Hickson.

Home Missions Report.

(APPENDIX 3.)

The Committee on Home Missions beg to report, that though we by no means ignore what has been done in the past, yet we consider there is abundant reason for deep humility and repentance before God that very much more has not been accomplished. Somebody has said that it takes the whole church to preach the Gospel, and your committee say amen, and add that it must be done with all the heart and soul and mind and strength, and most emphatically with the pocket too. O what a commission! to preach the Gospel—the glorious Gospel, the crucified Christ, the only Saviour and Redeemer of the world, to every creature: and if the Gospel be not preached sinners cannot be saved, for it has pleased God, through the foolishness of preaching, to save those who believe. Considering the matter as above, we recommend with all earnestness, that all the churches arise and with one heart and one mind do what they can to redeem the past, and crown the coming year with success, and that the ministers lead the way by preaching missionary sermons, and also taking stock in the necessary funds. We also recommend that the subject be fully ventilated in this Association; for if the destitute places of our province be not immediately cared for, we must necessarily suffer loss as a denomination.

WM. M. EDWARDS, *Chairman*.

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Report on Sabbath Schools.

(APPENDIX 4.)

That we view with pleasure the growing interest in Sabbath Schools. Your committee would urge the necessity for greater efforts for extending the influences of the Sabbath School among our children, and the youth generally. And while your committee thus strongly urge more interest for the young, they would earnestly urge our fathers and mothers to see to it that the Sabbath School is made as efficient as possible.

Your committee would further report, as there seems to be a neglect of the efficient teaching of the Bible in our common schools, that we recommend a more earnest teaching of its precious truths by parents. And it is their opinion that the most effectual way to do this is by greater and more earnest work in Sabbath Schools. The committee further report, that they view with deep concern the custom in many districts of discontinuing the Sabbath Schools during the winter months, thus in many cases losing much of the good that had been accomplished during their operation; and would ask, that if necessary, greater sacrifices be made to continue them the *whole year*. In closing we would urge our ministers and churches to bring this subject before all people more and more earnestly.

M. S. HALL, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee on Special Business.

(APPENDIX 5.)

Your committee on Special Business report that they have considered the enquiry of the Jacksontown Baptist Church, with regard to their last year's letter being missing and no Minutes being received, and have no means by which they can ascertain what became of the letter, nor why the Minutes were not received. The money reported, \$1.00, is credited in the Minutes, and we recommend that the church get an extra quantity of Minutes this year.

The paragraph in the Ludlow Church letter, with regard to money for the Sabbath School Library, we recommend be referred to the Home Mission Board.

The application of Calvary Baptist Church, and also that of Otnabog, for aid for their pastors, we recommend to be handed over to the Home Mission Board. It is to be regretted that the Calvary Church did not receive Minutes for the money sent the past two years.

JAMES H. TUPPER,
Chairman.

Report of Committee on Education.

(APPENDIX 6.)

That since the last meeting of this Association we have, as Baptists in these Maritime Provinces, suffered a great loss in the destruction of our College edifice by fire, on Dec. 2d, 1878. We are, however, pleased to know that the Board of Governors of Acadia were equal to the emergency, and that with commendable energy they erected temporary buildings, and college work has been prosecuted successfully till the close of the present collegiate year.

Of the character and grade of the instruction given at Acadia, it is with singular pleasure that we can affirm that Acadia's high standard has been fully maintained.

We learn with satisfaction that a new college building has been contracted for, as well as a Ladies' Seminary, to be finished July, 1879. For the erection of these buildings some \$50,000 will be required. We commend the effort to raise this sum to our churches, as a prime object of benevolence as well as the work of increasing the college endowment according to the resolution of Convention at Sackville.

We are also glad to learn that the Board of Governors of Acadia College have appointed an additional Professor in the Theological department—the Rev. D. M. Welton, now in Leipsic University. We hail this action as a step in the right direction, and trust that the facilities for Theological education, now provided, will be such as to induce the great majority of our ministerial students to avail themselves of them rather than go elsewhere.

In this Province nothing has been done in reference to Academic Education. The proceeds of the sale of our Seminary at Fredericton are invested in Fredericton School Bonds, bearing 6 per cent. interest. As there has been no meeting of the N. B. B. Education Society since 1876, we recommend that a meeting of this Society be held during the meeting of the Eastern Association at St. Martins, in order that the Treasurer's report may be submitted, and officers elected.

We further would urge all parents and guardians, where they find it necessary, to send children from home for school advantages, to give a preference to Horton Academy, male and female, as we consider it affords rare advantages for instruction, and home restraint and comforts.

J. E. HOPPER, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee on Religious Literature.

(APPENDIX 7.)

Your Committee on Religious Literature beg to report—That they have had under their consideration the subject assigned them, and are of opinion that there is not enough attention paid to the literature which is circulated in Baptist Sabbath Schools and families. The books and papers read by our families, mould their opinions and life in a great degree, hence the necessity of having sound, clear, forcible, religious books and periodicals in the hands of all. The doctrines and sentiments taught should be strongly denominational. The tone of each book or paper, should be permeated, or in keeping with those high, pure sentiments peculiar to Baptists. Your committee recommend that denominational tracts be put in circulation in large numbers by our missionaries, and that they be abundantly supplied by our Home Mission Board with the same.

Your committee also learn of the prevalence of a species of literature of a low and debasing nature—as dime novels, and papers of a nature which, when developed, would make our sons vagabonds, and daughters outcasts. The circulation of such literature your committee deplore, and hope that those having the oversight of the purchase and circulation of literature in the Province may be impressed with the necessity of suppressing all such works, and that the ministers of this denomination use every legitimate means to banish them, and give special attention to helping parents, select high moral and religious works for the use of their families.

Our denominational organ, the *CHRISTIAN VISITOR*, still maintains its position as a staunch advocate of the interests of the denomination at large. Its articles are spicy and well timed. We hope that soon it may be in every family, who wish to learn or know the views of

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the Baptist Denomination. Our ministers and heads of families are not fully aware of the benefit of having such a paper in every household. We cannot be too zealous for the spread of truth. When it is rightly presented to the mind, it must have weight, must convince the candid, and hush to silence the errorist. Hence the necessity of seeing that our denominational organ is extensively circulated.

Your committee are glad to learn of the addition of Rev. J. E. Hopper, A.M., to the editorial staff of the VISITOR, and believe that his energies will add much to its life and character. Your committee also learn with pleasure that the printing establishment from which the VISITOR issues is the property of the editors, and that they have in active operation a Book Room, from which can be obtained, at the shortest notice, all kinds of Baptist Literature. This enterprising establishment should have the liberal patronage of Baptists.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

GEORGE SEELY, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee on New Churches.

(APPENDIX 8.)

Your committee on New Churches would report, that having carefully examined the letter from the Rosedale Branch of the Jacksontown Church, find that the brethren at Rosedale are not an independent body, but a branch of the Jacksontown Church. We would, therefore, recommend that the letter be read as a supplement to that of the Jacksontown Church, and also that the name of the Rosedale Branch be entered on the Register of the Jacksontown Church.

G. M. W. CAREY.

Report of Committee on Arrangements

(APPENDIX 9.)

Your Committee beg to report as follows:—"That the Association meet next year at Rockland, Carleton Co.; that Rev. Joshua Eaton preach the Associational Sermon, and that Rev. E. Hickson be his alternate; that Rev. H. J. Coy prepare the Circular Letter.

A. J. STEVENS, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee on Temperance.

(APPENDIX 11.)

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report, that considering the evils of intemperance, what it has done, and is still doing by its baneful influence in destroying the happiness of families as well as the bodies and souls of our young men, rejoice in what has been done in the Temperance cause, notwithstanding we think there is still much more to be done. Indeed the time for determined work has just arrived, and we most heartily recommend that we as a denomination avail ourselves of every opportunity to do Temperance work—such as pastors preaching an occasional Temperance sermon, Sabbath School teachers instructing and pledging their scholars, etc.

And as a great crisis is soon to be upon us in the form of the Temperance Permissive Bill, which is virtually Prohibition, we consider it our bounden duty to vote against the traffic, and use our influence to get others to do so, in order to get the accursed thing put away from amongst us.

H. J. COY, *Convener.*

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

(APPENDIX 12.)

The condition of our mission to the Telugus is such as to call for the deepest gratitude to God.

The health of Bro. Armstrong is fully recovered, and his removal to Chicacole seems to have been providential, and to have led to important results. He is now in a most promising locality for mission effort. He has purchased a Compound, ready for occupancy, at a very moderate price, which puts that station upon a permanent basis, and fully establishes our mission there, so far at least as temporal appliances are needed. At Bimlipatam real estate has been procured by Bro. Sandford, and he is now laying the foundation of a dwelling and mission school house.

Brother Churchill is about to enter Bobbili, and to build a temporary residence. The heathen there have expressed an anxious desire to secure his settlement there. The contributions for the support of our Foreign Mission have been thus far in advance of the corresponding time of last year.

Brother Boggs' visits to the churches have been appreciated, and have awakened a deeper interest in Foreign Missions.

Your committee recommend holding a public Foreign Missionary meeting on Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

J. F. EATON, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee on Ways and Means.

That they have considered the matter, and recommend that each church in this Association be requested to organize Home Missionary Societies, which shall meet regularly monthly or quarterly, and take up collections, and keep the congregations informed with regard to the wants of the Province, and strive to enlist the Sunday Schools and the young people generally in this cause; and that the Home Mission Board be requested to superintend the work.

On behalf of the Committee.

C. F. CLINCH, *Chairman.*

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DIGEST OF LETTERS.

(APPENDIX 10.)

CARDIGAN.—Religious interest low, but some are praying for better days. Rev. P. O. Rees, pastor. He gives us one third of his time.

CANNING AND SHEFFIELD.—Prayer meetings regularly held, and, of late, quite interesting. Rev. Geo. Howard, pastor, and much esteemed.

CHIPMAN.—No pastor. Preaching occasionally by Rev. John Coombes. Prayer meetings and Sabbath schools maintained.

CENTREVILLE.—The church has doubled its membership in the last three years, and the outlook is very cheering.

BECAGUIMIC.—Although without a pastor the church is prospering. A number have been baptized, and a new church edifice is being erected, 40x30 feet, and 17½ feet posts. There is a branch of this church at Coldstream and Gordonville, which sends an encouraging report.

BLISSFIELD.—The church is growing in the Christian graces, and is being built up under the faithful preaching of the gospel.

WOODSTOCK still enjoys the pastoral services of Rev. George Seely, and is being strengthened. The Sabbath school is in a thrifty condition.

PORTLAND.—Our circumstances have been somewhat peculiar. In October last the Methodist Meeting House was burned down in the Portland fire. We felt it to be our duty to offer the friends thus deprived of a place in which to worship, the use of ours. This offer they accepted, and have used the building half the time in alternation with us. This has necessarily lessened our opportunities in denominational effort; but we believe has, on the other hand, been productive of a very friendly feeling, and been the means of higher mutual esteem, without the least sacrifice in our views of divine truth.

SPRINGFIELD.—The past has been gloomy, but under the ministry of Rev. D. P. Harris a great change has taken place—two revivals have been experienced, and eighteen persons baptized. Outlook cheering.

UPPER QUEENSBURY.—Meeting House out of repair so that services had to be held in private houses during the winter. No special interest.

ST. STEPHEN.—The church has been strengthened during the year. Revival influences have been experienced. Two prayer meetings are sustained. Prospects encouraging.

DUMFRIES AND QUEENSBURY.—In the past the cause of religion has been very low. A visit of Rev. Joseph Cahill resulted in a blessing. Also Rev. H. J. Coy's ministry has been greatly blessed. Eleven have been baptized.

FLORENCEVILLE.—A revival has been enjoyed, and sixteen persons have been baptized. Prayer and Conference meetings are regularly kept up, and fairly attended.

FREDERICTON has enjoyed a good degree of material prosperity. Some \$800 has been spent on the church edifice, and a debt of \$1000 has been paid. Rev. T. H. Porter has, through failing health, been compelled to tender his resignation of the pastorate, and Rev. A. J. Stevens has been inducted into that office. Everything seems to encourage the hope of large blessing in the future.

THE CALVARY CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, (COLORED).—No pastor for last six months. Meetings have been kept up. Aid wanted to sustain a pastor.

ST. JOHN TEMPLE CHURCH.—We are exceedingly desirous that the Holy Spirit may be poured out from on high, that the preaching of the gospel may prove efficacious not only in our own church, but in all the churches of the saints. One has been added to our number by baptism.

CABLETON, ST. JOHN.—The number reported in our statistics is not a fair index of our numerical strength. A revision of our list of names of church members may considerably reduce our numbers. Financially, too, we feel our weakness. But we are not destitute of faith. With the blessing of the Most High we shall still persevere and prosper.

ST. JOHN, GERMAIN STREET.—On the 2nd of October, 1877, we laid the corner stone of our new church edifice, which is larger than the former one, as we purchased the lot adjoining on Queen Street, giving us 120 feet by 100; and on the first Sunday in March we entered our new vestry. In a month or six weeks we expect to open and dedicate the upper part of our new sanctuary, and we pray that the spiritual glory of the present house may far exceed that of the former one. Our members are gathering together to their spiritual home. Our congregations are good, and strangers are joining in our worship. Our Sunday school is progressing under the charge of our worthy superintendent; our Mission at Portland Bridge is hopeful, and the building is being enlarged to accommodate the people.

ST. JOHN, LEINSTER STREET.—After referring to the terrible fire of the 20th of June, and the loss of their sanctuary and parsonage, the letter proceeds: "We have purchased another piece of ground adjoining our former site, upon which we have commenced to erect another house of worship. Owing to the fire our members have been very much scattered, and it will probably be some time before they can be gathered together again; but amidst all these discouragements we are not without hope that the Lord will, in his own good time, visit us again with his presence and power."

ST. JOHN, BRUSSELS STREET.—The past year, though not marked by a general revival of religion, has been, in some respects, rich in spiritual blessings. Unity prevails amongst us. A very decided growth is manifested in social meetings, in the Sunday school, and in other departments of Christian activity. Seven have been added to our number by baptism. We are looking for an outpouring of the Spirit among us.

UPPER GAGETOWN.—After referring to the severe affliction their pastor, Rev. George Howard, suffered in the death of his beloved wife, the letter adds: "As a church, religion is in a low state among us, yet we trust that there are not a few who have the cause of God at heart, and are greatly desirous for a revival of pure and undefiled religion in our midst."

LOWER HAYNESVILLE.—Our hearts have been made glad by the coming of Rev. S. Burt among us, and by the blessing of God attendant on his labors three were baptized, and more are enquiring—what they must do to be saved.

HODEDON AND RICHMOND.—Rev. Joseph Cahill has labored with us one-half his time since April 21st. Our meetings are well attended; prayer and conference meetings have been sustained. We are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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JACKSONTOWN.—This church reports that under the labors of their pastor, Rev. C. Henderson, assisted by Rev. J. W. S. Young, have, with the blessing of God, resulted in an addition by baptism of 80 believers to their number.

JACKSONVILLE.—Congregations are good; conference and prayer-meetings well attended, and the young converts growing in knowledge and grace. Fifteen believers were added to our number. They enjoy refreshing seasons in their meetings. The Sabbath school is flourishing under the superintendance of the pastor.

GRAND FALLS.—The letter from this church having referred in terms of commendation to the labors of their late pastor and his resignation, and expressed an earnest desire that the Association would send a minister to that field, says: "Our main want is a preacher, and charge you as much as in us lies, to see to it that this field is not long unoccupied. Pray for us that our present want may be supplied."

ROSEDALE, (BRANCH OF JACKSONTOWN.)—The letter, after referring to the baptism of ten converts in connection with meetings held at the place by Revs. C. Henderson and J. W. S. Young last winter, and the subsequent organization of this church, adds: "Although our number is small and somewhat scattered, yet through the faithful labors of Rev. C. Henderson, and by the grace of God so abundantly bestowed upon us in the past, we feel encouraged to persevere in the cause of God. We maintain our prayer and conference meetings and support the preaching of the gospel."

MACTAQUAC.—There has been three added to our number by baptism, and three have been taken from us by death. Rev. P. Knight is our pastor, and preaches to us every Sabbath. It is our earnest prayer that God will convert sinners, and add to the church such as shall be eternally saved.

MAUGERVILLE.—The cause of religion is rather low with us at present; our number is small, yet we trust in Him whose promises never fail. Rev. George Howard is pastor; his labors are highly prized, and the church sympathizes deeply with him in his severe bereavement. The parsonage is finished and free of debt, and the meeting house is undergoing repairs.

MIDDLE SIMONDS.—Though not able to report much spiritual progress, this church has had abundant reason to thank the Father of all mercies for his rich blessings bestowed on them amid trials and defection. One in the morning of life has been added to their number. Rev. H. A. Charlton is their pastor. Prayer, conference meetings and Sabbath school are regularly kept up, and interest in them maintained.

KINGSCLEAR (FIRST.)—This church is small, and has not experienced any great revivals; but they are trying, by the grace of God, to hold on and to keep up their meetings, some of which have been deeply interesting and promotive of comfort and edification amongst the members. They have a Sabbath school in operation. Rev. Peter Knight is their pastor.

LITTLE SOUTH WEST.—The brethren here complain of isolation from sister churches, and are desirous that Bro. W. P. Anderson, who has been labouring with them faithfully part of his time for one year, should be ordained, and thus be placed in a position to administer the ordinances of the Christian Church.

LUDLOW.—Our prayer of last year has been answered—the Lord has visited us in mercy. In September and October we held protracted meetings, and we were blessed with refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Five were baptized and joined the church. Rev. W. M. Edwards, our pastor, preaches to us the word of God faithfully. Our Sabbath school needs a library much.

NASHWAAK.—We have had the labors of the Rev. B. N. Hughes one half of the time during the past year. He is highly esteemed, and his preaching is much appreciated by the church and congregation. Our prayer is that God would again pour out His Spirit upon us—that sinners may be converted and the church generally revived.

NEWCASTLE, GRAND LAKE.—Having referred to some existing difficulty which hinders the progress of God's cause in the community, the letter proceeds: "But we trust the day is not far in the future when we shall experience a more healthful condition than at present. We have been without a pastor during the year."

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.—This church has had seven additions by baptism during the year, and has thus been strengthened. The preaching of the pastor is appreciated, but the attendance in the town is not large. The meetings are well attended in the outlying stations, where the missionary steadily preaches. Our prayer is, "O Lord, revive thy work!"

NEW SALEM.—The meetings have been well sustained during the year, and the ordinances of the Lord's house maintained. Two were added by baptism. The mercies we have received call for heartfelt gratitude and humble trust and service in the future for the great goodness of our Heavenly Father.

NORTHESK.—Four have been added to this church by baptism during the year. Difficulties have been encountered and opposition experienced; but God's own truth shall stand, and those who serve Him faithfully in proclaiming and maintaining it shall, in the end, prosper. Brother W. P. Anderson preaches the gospel earnestly and faithfully among us.

OLIVET, OTNABOG.—We are still seeking to hold up the faith once delivered to the saints.

PRINCE WILLIAM.—This church enjoys the labors of the Rev. H. J. Coy half the time. The brethren are looking for better times and more spiritual prosperity. The monthly conference is kept up.

SOUTH MUSQUASH.—Since we addressed you last (in 1876) we have, through God's rich blessing on the labors of Rev. W. J. Stewart and Bro. H. A. Spencer, had an addition of sixty-five to our membership, fifty-four being by baptism. Bro. Spencer has just commenced his labors again among us very acceptably; and we are looking for more additions by the Spirit's blessing and grace. The Sabbath school numbers 44.

SOUTH RICHMOND.—This church is reported in a healthy, progressive state, and enjoys the stated labors of their highly esteemed pastor, Rev. Joseph Cahill. Eight willing converts have united with the church during the year. The Sabbath school is in good working order under 8 teachers, including the pastor and superintendent, Capt. J. Y. Hoyt.

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CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Union Society.
Buckaguinic.....	2.75			
Blissfield	1.86	7.00	7.00	
Canning and Sheffield.....	1.00			
Cardigan.....	40			
Centreville.....	1.25	4.00		
Chipman.....	1.00			
Dumfries and Queensbury.....	40			
Florenceville.....	1.00	2.00		
Gagetown, Upper.....	1.00			
Lower Hainesville.....	50			
Jacksontown.....	2.00			
Jacksonville.....	1.00			
Keswick, 1st.....	1.00			
Keswick, 2nd.....	1.25			
Kingsclear, 1st.....	1.00			
Kingsclear, 2nd.....	1.00			
Little South West.....	1.00			
Ludlow.....	44	1.50	1.50	
Macnaquaek.....	60			
Maugerville.....	1.00			6.00
Musquash South, and Dip- per Harbor.....	1.00			4.00
Nashwaak.....	75			
Newcastle, Grand Lake.....	1.00			
Newcastle, Miramichi.....	1.00			
New Jerusalem.....	55			
North Esk.....	1.00			
New Salem.....	1.00	3.50	3.82	
Olivet (African).....	50	50	50	
Portland.....	3.00			
Prince William.....	50			
Richmond, South.....	1.00			
Simonds, Middle.....	50			
Springfield, Y. C.....	1.00			
St. John Brussels street..	5.00			
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do. Carleton.....	2.00			
do. Temple.....	2.00			
St. Stephen.....	1.00			
Collection at Association.....		21.07	7.50	
“ Good Settlement.....		1.40		
Woodstock.....	1.00			
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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Date of Organization	PASTORS.	Date of Settlement.	CLERKS.		INCREASE.			DECREASE.			MEMBERS.			
				NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Last Report.	Present Report.		
• Andover.	1852														
• Arthurette,	1876				A. C. Hammond,	Andover, Vt. Co.									27
• Barre.	1871				H. G. Howard,	Arthurette, Vt. Co.									23
• Blackville.	1860														30
• Blissfield.	1865	W. M. Edwards,	1860		Wm. Swin,	Doaktown, Nor. Co.	1								30
• Bright, (African)	1831				G. A. Whicary,	Bright, York Co.	2		1						18
• Cabot.	1874														15
• Canby, (African)	1890	G. Howard,			Geo. Nelson,	Jacksonville, N. B.									22
• Canning & Shemeld,	182														48
• Canterbury,	1826	P. O. Reese,	1874		B. Richards,	Hampton, York Co.									37
• Cardigan,	1843	J. G. Harvey,			F. G. Burt,	Centreville, Car. Co.									9
• Centerville,	1844				D. S. McGregor,	Chipman.									151
• Chipman,	.....				H. J. Coy,	Nackawick,									26
• Dumfries & Queensbury,	1814	A. J. Stevens,	1878		N. H. Clark,	Fredrickton,	1								313
• Fredericton,	1866	J. G. Harvey,	1874		H. C. Creed,	Fredericton,	2								43
• Florenceville,	1876				C. T. Hendry,	Florenceville, N. B.	16		6						28
• Forest Glen,	1876				S. A. Donaghey,	Forest Glen, Vt. Co.									26
• Grand Falls.	1864				N. J. Pitket,	Grand Falls,									6
• Greenwich Hill,	1866				N. J. Pitket,	Greenwich Hill, K. Co.									27
• Hainville.	1866				Robt. Haines, jr.,	Lower Hainville, Y. Co.	2								36
• Hingham Settlement,	1860	J. Cahill,	1858		W. L. Green,	Union Corner, Car. Co.									63
• Hingham,	1860				D. Dickenson,	Canterbury St n, Y. Co.									62
• Jacksonville,	1833	C. Henderson,	1877		Wm. Kitchen,	Jacksontown,	71		1						73
• Keswick 1st.	1819	B. N. Hughes,	1877		Howard Burt,	Jacksonville,	15								137
• Keswick 2nd.	1861	B. N. Hughes,	1875		B. R. Burt,	Keswick, York Co.	4								66
• Kingsclear 1st.	1835	Peter Knight,	1877		C. V. Merithaw,	Month Keswick, Y. Co.	3								70
• Kingsclear 2nd.	1839				J. T. Dumphy,	Spring Hill.									60
• Lodge St. Stephen,	1845	W. P. Anderson,	1877		G. A. Hammond,	Kingsclear, York Co.									40
• Little South West,	1866				J. M. Young,	Spring Hill.									40
• Lower Hainville,	1845				Saml. Travis,	Dufferin, Ch. Co.									27
• Lower Woodstock,	1845	W. M. Edwards,	1873		Robert Haines, jr.,	Littleton, Nor. Co.	2								62
• Middlebury.	1826				Edw. Long.	Lower Hainville, Y. Co.	2								57
• Middle Simonds,	1826	G. Howard,	1878		Alex. Long.	Lactown, Nor. Co.	2								52
• Nashuaak,	1894	H. A. Charlton,	1878		N. F. Day,	Upper Shemeld, Sun. Co.									56
• Newcastle, Nor'd Co.,	1853	T. M. Munroe,	1877		Thos. T. Brooks,	Middle Simonds,	1								15
• New Jerusalem,	1846				Jas. E. Miller,	Marysville, York Co.									63
• New Maryland,	1847				D. J. Baller,	Newcastle, York Co.	7								37
• New Salem,	1873	W. M. Edwards,	1873		Israel T. Webb,	New Jerusalem, Q. Co.									132
• New York,	1873				Adam Noble,	Ensbacornis, Y. Co.									35
• North West,	1873				Joseph Dunphy,	Arbols W. O., Nor. Co.	2								32
• North West,	1873						1								22

**LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN
ASSOCIATION.**

NAMES.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Armstrong, G., A.M.	St. John,	Dec. 1848	Port Medway, N. S.
Burt, Samuel,	Jacksonville,	May, 1872	Howard Settl'mnt
Beckwith, W. H.	Fredericton,		
Cahill, Joseph,	Debec Junction,	March, 1875	Kingsclear.
Carey, G. M. W., A.M.	St. John,	July, 1856	St. Caterines, Ont.
Charlton, H. A.	Avondale, Car. Co.	March, 1855	Greenville, N. S.
Coy, Henry J.	Woodstock,	June, 1873	Canterbury,
Crawley, T. W., A.M.	St. Andrews,		
Eatman, J. D.	Woodstock.	June, 1873	Carleton, St. John
Eaton, J. T.	St. Stephen,		
Edwards, W. M.	Blissfield,	March, 1855	Hampton.
Estabrooks, G.	Simonds,	July, 1847	Upper Gagetown.
Everett, W. P., A.M.	St. John,	April, 1856	E. Abington, Mass
Haines, Henry,	Otnabog, Q. Co.	March, 1870	Otnabog, Q. C.
Harvey, J. G.	Centreville,	Feb., 1858	Springfield, Y. C.
Hickson, Ed., A.M.,	Carleton, St. John,	July,	North Esk.
Harris, D. P.	Springfield, Y. C.,		
Howard, George	Maugerville,	1869	Jacksontown
Hughes, B. N.	St. Mary's Y. C.	Oct., 1858	Maugerville.
Henderson, Charles	Jacksonville, C. C.		
Hopper, J. E., A.M.	St. John,		Fredericton.
Jewett, Benj.	Hartland,	Sept., 1860	Andover.
Knight, Peter R.	L. L. Queensbury,	1874	New Maryland.
Manzer, W. D.	St. Mary's, Y. C.	Sept., 1867	Shediac, [Eng.
McClellan, D.	Portland, St. John,	1869	Lymm, Manch'ter,
Munroe, T. M.	Newcastle, Mir.	Oct., 1868	Centreville.
Porter, T. H.,	Fredericton,	Nov., 1861	Brookfield, N. S.
Reese, P. O.,	Upper Keswick,	Oct., 1868	Canning, Q. C.
Rideout, W. C.	Saint David,	Sept., 1849	Aylesford, N. S.
Rigby, George	Jacksontown,	March, 1842	Kingsclear.
Sanders, T. W.	Prince William,	July, 1832	Prince William.
Seely, George,	Woodstock,	Aug. 1854	Carleton, St. John
Spencer, James,	St. John,	May, 1853	Chester, N. S.
Stewart, W. J.,	St. George,	May, 1876	Carleton,
Stevens, A. J.,	Fredericton,		Kentville, N. S.
Tozer, James,	Ludlow,	March, 1826	North Esk.
Troop, W. A.	Newcastle, G. L.,	June, 1855	Newcastle, G. L.
Tupper, J. H.,	Queensbury,	March, 1844	Jacksontown.
Wilcox, A. J.,	St. John,		
Young, J. W. S.,	Jacksontown,		Lower Woodstock

LICENTIATES.

Annis, Wm., Howard Settlement.	Good, G. E., A. M., Jacksonville.
Burdett, J., Germain st., St. John.	Goodwin, J., Shelburne, N. S.
Currie, Calvin, Fredericton.	May, Jas. S., Portland.
Davis, T. P., St. John.	Price, G. L., Ludlow.
Duval, E. H., St. John.	Stillwell, D. C., Scotch Town.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1878.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

Your Board during the past year labored under disadvantages hitherto unknown. The fire of Saint John, a year ago, deprived us of a convenient place of meeting in the office of Messrs. C. & E. Everett, to which we were so kindly made welcome. For some months we met in the office of our Treasurer, Bro. John H. Harding, in the vestry of Brussels Street Church, and in November we were invited to the new bookstore of Bro. T. H. Hall, where we have since enjoyed his hospitality. For several months we were deprived of the presence of our President, Rev. J. D. Pope, and with regret we learn that he has left our province and returned to the United States.

Notwithstanding the scattered state of the city churches, the sacrifices which some of the members of the Board had to make, and the multiplicity of untoward events, the Board persevered in the discharge of duty, and allowed no interest to suffer that they could relieve. It is true that applications for aid were presented from time to time by churches and students, which could not safely be entertained because of previous engagements, and the very limited state of the funds. And now we find by the Treasurer's Report that the funds are largely overdrawn. Had it not been for the sum of \$250 paid the Treasurer by the Trustees of the Estabrook bequest, the Board could not meet its demands; but thus far payments have been promptly made to our Missionaries.

SAINT GEORGE.—On application of the Second Falls Church \$50 were granted to aid in obtaining the services of Rev. W. J. Stewart. In his quarterly Report of September he says—"I have labored three months with said church, preaching every Lord's Day once, and more than half of the time, twice each Sabbath. I have also held weekly prayer meetings." In December he reports having preached 28 sermons, and held 14 prayer meetings. There have been several conversions of late. Three persons have been baptized. In March he reports 18 sermons preached, and prayer meetings held twice each week for the past three months. A number have professed faith in Christ.

SAINT ANDREWS.—Rev. T. W. Crawley still occupies St. Andrews. He also labored in Bayside, Oak Bay, Bartlett's Mills and Bocabec. He reports—"Interest at Bocabec continues good and promising; Bayside not so good; St. Andrews still breathes. The community is decidedly anti-Baptist." The following statistics for three-quarters are all furnished the Board: Miles travelled, 423; sermons preached, 87; prayer and conference meetings held, 4; funerals attended, 3. This Mission receives from the Board \$150 per annum.

BLOOMFIELD, CARLETON COUNTY.—On application of Bro. Levi Everett a grant of \$50 was made to the Mission in Bloomfield for one year. Rev. George Rigby labored on this Mission for three months and reports: Miles travelled, 400; prayer and conference meetings attended, 16; visits made, 75; sermons preached, 27. The meetings were very interesting. Some professed religion, and on account of their being no church in Bloomfield, were baptized and joined the Centreville Church." Rev. J. G. Harvey has labored on this field since the middle of January, but his report has not yet been received.

TOBIQUE.—Rev. L. R. Skinner commenced labor on the Tobique one year ago, and applied to the Board for aid to the amount of \$60, which was granted. On the 4th of March he reported nine months labor performed, and stated that he purposed leaving the field for a short time. He says—"I preached 34 sermons, attended prayer and conference meetings as often as I could. I made it a point to visit all families and read the scriptures and lead in prayer. I am not able to report any additions to the churches on the River, but there is in the hearts of those who do pray an anxious desire to hold fast their profession."

BLISSFIELD AND LUDLOW.—Rev. William M. Edwards labors on nobly in this important field. He writes Aug. 6th:—"God is doing a great work in this land. Victory has come at last!" He asked on behalf of the Mission a grant of \$100, but the Board thought that one half of that amount was all that the funds at present would allow. His quarterly report of September 1st shows: Miles travelled, 525; prayer and conference meetings attended, 8; religious visits made, 190; sermons preached, 48; Lord's Supper administered 8 times; baptized 24; organized 1 Sabbath School. He says—"It must be a source of gratitude to you to know that God has crowned your efforts with success in giving the Gospel to the poor. Sixty-seven have been baptized up to date." His reports of December and March show:—Miles travelled, 906; prayer and conference meetings attended, 22; religious visits made, 232; sermons preached, 60; Lord's Supper administered 7 times; baptized, 5; funeral attended, 1. He says—"God has been pleased to bless us with an increase in all these churches. This quarter we baptized five at Ludlow. Our meetings have been seasons of deep spiritual enjoyment. Our expectations brighten. Peace and prosperity continue."

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NORTH ESK AND LITTLE SOUTH WEST.—Bro. Wm. P. Anderson, Licentiate, is laboring with these churches. His reports show that he is abundant in labors and hopeful with regard to ultimate success. "The Spirit," he says, "is evidently at work in the hearts of the people." The church in the Little South West has commenced the erection of a chapel. These churches had a grant from the Board last year of \$200, but one-half of this was paid by Robert P. Whitney, Esq., a member of North Esk church, as a donation to the H. M. Board. Miles travelled, 2430; prayer and conference meetings attended, 50; religious visits made, 231; sermons preached, 153; funerals attended, 3; baptized 2; organized one Sabbath school; attended 11 sessions of Sabbath School; pages of tracts distributed, 78.

NEWCASTLE AND CHATHAM.—Rev. T. M. Munro commenced labor in this field about one year ago, with the understanding that the towns of Newcastle and Chatham and certain surrounding stations should enjoy his ministrations, for which he was to receive from the Board for the first year \$300, the church in Newcastle pledging him an equal amount. After some visits to Chatham he did not feel sufficiently encouraged to continue his labors there, and turned his attention to the stations in the vicinity of Newcastle. In December he reports having ordained one Deacon and baptized seven believers. "The church in Newcastle," he says, "is in a good working condition, our congregation is increasing and our prayer and conference meetings are well sustained. Our communion seasons are especially interesting." At Douglstown, Derby and Nelson he reports large and attentive congregations. His quarterly reports give the following statistics: Miles travelled, 1267; prayer and conference meetings attended, 108; religious visits made, 194; sermons preached, 138; Lord's Supper administered, 8; baptized, 10; funerals attended, 1; pages of tracts distributed, 560; hymn books distributed, 100. The church in Newcastle informs the Board that it has fulfilled its engagement for the past year; but cannot carry out the arrangement for the second year, as the expectations concerning Chatham have not been realized, and will still need \$300 from the Board.

SECOND ALMA, ALBERT CO.—Rev. Solomon Smith has been laboring in connection with the Second Alma Church. He says—"Our meetings are well attended, and good attention is given to the word preached." At the beginning of this year he reports preaching at Bennett Settlement, Shepody Road, Mechanic's Settlement, and occasionally at Hasting's School House. In his report, Jan. 30th, 1878, he says:—"During the year God has blessed us. Our church has increased one half." Miles travelled, 270; sermons preached, 54; prayer and conference meetings attended, 22; religious visits, 168; Lord's Supper administered twice.

SOUTH BAY AND GRAND BAY, ST. JOHN COUNTY.—Bro. M. P. King, of Acadia College, spent five weeks of his summer vacation laboring in this field. He reports—"The attendance at the different stations has been remarkably large. Several are anxiously enquiring the way of salvation." Miles travelled, 109; religious visits made, 25; sermons preached, 17; Sabbath Schools attended, 4. The Board contributed \$25 on account of these services. One hundred dollars were granted by the Board to this field for one year; but as a Missionary to follow Bro. King could not be secured for the grant and what could be collected on the field, the work was not prosecuted, except what was done by Brethren from Carleton and Portland churches. Rev. D. McClellan and Bro. L. L. Sharpe kept up meetings pretty regularly in

South Bay during the year. Deacon John Christopher supplied the means of travelling. This field is a very promising and important one and should be permanently occupied. There are three good places of worship open to us. Bro. King is again in the field, but only for a few weeks.

BLACKVILLE, MIRAMICHI.—On application to Bro. Lewis Dunphy a grant of \$25 was made to the Blackville Church on the 3rd Dec., 1877, to be appropriated for the support of a Missionary approved by the Board.

INFIRM MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' FUND.

Rev. G. R. Campbell acknowledges the receipt of \$25 from this fund. Two widows of deceased pastors received \$15 each on Feb. 4th 1878.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

On application of Bro. M. Gross a grant of \$3.00 was made, Aug. 6th, to the Sabbath School at Osburn Settlement, Albert Co. \$10 was granted Feb. 4th, 1878, to Pitt Street Mission Sabbath School. Goshen Sabbath School was granted \$5.00 worth of books, May 6th, 1878. Middle Simonds was granted \$5.00 worth of books for Sabbath School, June 3rd, 1878; and \$5.00 to Sterritt Landing Sabbath School at the same date.

The Board being aware that there were churches without pastors, and many Mission Stations which may be profitably occupied, and learning through Bro. Geo. E. Good that several students at Newton were free to labor in unoccupied fields, it was therefore resolved to issue the following appeal:—

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN NEW BRUNSWICK REQUIRING MINISTERIAL LABOR.

Dear Brethren,—It has come to the knowledge of the H. M. Board that a large class of ministerial students will graduate at Newton early in June next, some of whom are from the Maritime Provinces and desire to return and labor for the Master. There are others also in Acadia College, who at the same time will be ready for active service during the summer vacation. It was therefore resolved that the Corresponding Secretary publish these facts in the *Christian Visitor* and invite mission fields and churches without pastors, who may desire pastoral or evangelistic labor to report to the Board.

It is our desire to see all the Master's vineyard well supplied with faithful laborers, and no pains will be spared to introduce such, either for permanent settlement or temporary supply.

On behalf of the H. M. Board,

EDWARD HICKSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

Responses to this appeal were received from the church at Point de Bute, Newcastle, Q. C., and Chipman, Q. C. Pennfield also, through Bro. John March, expressed a desire to obtain a pastor. A correspondence is progressing which it is hoped may lead to the desired results.

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The following appeal for funds was also published in the *Christian Visitor* of April 24th, 1878:

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NEW BRUNSWICK:

Dear Brethren,—Your Board of Home Missions feeling the responsibility of the work committed to our trust, desire to do all in our power to advance the cause of Christ within our province. During this year eight missionaries have been receiving aid from the funds of the Board. Labor has been performed in Charlotte, Victoria, North-umberland, Albert, and St. John Counties. Other counties need laborers; but we have not the means to supply them. Our means have been very limited for so great a work, and now they are almost exhausted. The churches in the City of St. John, from whom the Board used to obtain liberal donations, have been so affected by that disastrous fire of the 20th of June last, that but little should be expected from them at present. We are now compelled to appeal to the friends of Home Missions generally, and to the pastors of the churches particularly, to make a special effort before the approaching Association, to replenish the funds of the Board, so that we may be able to meet our engagements with our missionaries, and be in a position to employ some of those ministers of Christ who are willing to preach the gospel to the poor, and endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ.

Hoping to receive an early and generous response, we remain your humble servants on behalf of the Board,

J. H. HARDING,
W. P. EVERETT,
JAMES MASTERS, } Committee.

April 24, 1878.

EDWARD HICKSON,

Corresponding Secretary.

In conclusion as your Board submits its Report and retires from office, it is with the consciousness that the important trust committed to it has not been neglected. Had the Board the means much more could have been accomplished. Our Province to-day presents most fruitful and inviting fields. Shall they lie waste? Brethren, as you pray—"Thy Kingdom come," remember the Home Mission and its work among the poor, neglected and destitute. Let your alms accompany your prayers. Like the wise men of the East, open your treasures and present to Him who is Prophet, Priest and King, your *gold* with your spices, He is worthy to receive *riches* as well as honor, and inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. More than ten times the amount expended last year is absolutely necessary to carry on properly and efficiently our Home Missionary operations in this Province. Can twelve thousand consecrated Baptists of this Province see the Treasury overdrawn and our few missionaries withdrawn from their field and withhold their

tithes from the Lord's storehouse? Brethren and sisters bring in the tithes and prove the Master. See if a blessing will not come down upon the churches.

On behalf of the H. M. Board,

EDWARD HICKSON,

Corresponding Secretary.

Summary of Missionary Labor.

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.	FIELDS OF LABOR.	Time.	Sermons Preached.	Visits Made.	Baptisms.	Miles Travelled.	Grants from Board.
Rev. T. W. Crawley,	St. Andrews, etc.	1 yr'r	87	...	423		\$150.00
" Wm. J. Stewart,	St. George, 2nd Falls,	6 mos	46	...	3		50.00
" Geo. Rigby,	Bloomfield, C. C.	3 mos	27	75	...	400	12.50
" I. R. Skinner,	Tobique,	9 mos	34	...	...	...	45.00
" Wm. M. Edwards,	Blissfield and Ludlow,	1 yr'r	117	422	72	1431	50.00
" T. M. Munro,	Newcastle, Mir.	1 yr'r	138	194	10	1267	300.00
" Solomon Smith,	Second Alma, A. C.	1 yr'r	54	168	...	270	30.00
Bro. W. P. Anderson,	Northesk, & L. S. West,	1 yr'r	153	231	2	2430	200.00
" M. P. King,	Grand Bay & South Bay	3 mos	17	...	109	...	25.00

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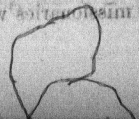
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*New Brunswick Baptist Home Mission Society in Account
with J. H. Harding, Treasurer.*

HOME MISSIONS.

1877.		Dr.	
June 17.	To paid—Rev. Mr. Edwards, Supl. Acct.	.....	\$12 50
"	" " Goodwin, do. do.	.....	50 00
"	" " Haynes, do. do.	.....	6 00
"	" " Saml. Burt, do. do.	.....	9 00
July.	" Rev. Saml. Smith,	.....	7 50
Aug. 6.	" " T. M. Munro	.....	37 50
"	" " T. W. Crawley	.....	37 50
"	" " W. E. King	.....	25 00
Sept. 3.	" " W. P. Anderson	.....	50 00
"	" " W. M. Edwards	12 50
Oct. 2.	" " W. J. Stewart	25 00
"	" " T. M. Munro	75 00
Nov. 6.	" " W. P. Anderson	50 00
"	" " T. W. Crawley	37 50
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Jan. 9.	" " W. J. Stewart	25 00
"	" " T. M. Munro	37 50
Feb. 4	" " S. Smith	7 50
"	" " G. Rigby	12 50
"	" " W. P. Anderson	50 00
"	" " T. M. Crawley	.....	37 50
March 6.	" " W. M. Edwards	.....	12 50
"	" " I. R. Skinner	.....	42 00
April 2.	" " T. M. Munro	.....	87 50
May 6.	" " W. P. Anderson	.....	50 00
"	" " T. W. Crawley	.....	37 50
1877.	Cr.		\$857 00
May 31.	By Bal.	.....	\$140 82
June 17.	" Leinster Street Church	.....	36 23
"	" Germain	.....	21 00
"	" C. D. Everett and wife, Temple Church.	.....	8 00
July.	" East. Asso.—am't specially designated, \$131.01; 50 per cent. Union Fund. \$38.05, 19.02.	.....	150 03
Aug. 11.	" Frederickton Church	.....	12 03
Sept. 6.	" Portland Baptist Church	.....	21 49
Dec. 3.	" Deacon H. March, Willow Grove Church.	.....	7 00
" 8.	" Mrs. Alwood, from C. Estabrook fund.	.....	250 00
"	" Doaktown and Blissfield West Association, collected by G. Armstrong	.....	12 46
1878.			
Feb. 5.	" Executors of Estate of A. C. Nobles of Springfield, K. C., part of \$25, amount bequeathed by A. C. Noble to Home Mission Society	.....	8 00
"	" R. P. Whitney, to Anderson, Rev. W. P.	50 00
May 6.	" W. P. Anderson, to Robt. P. Whitney	50 00
May 31.	" Overdrawn	89 94
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INFIRM MINISTERS.

		DR.	
1878.	Feb. 4.	To paid Widow Robinson.....	\$ 15 00
		" " " J. Titus.....	15 00
May 31.		To balance.....	89 43
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May 31.		By balance.....	\$ 06 02
June 1.		Germain Street Church.....	4 20
		By East. Ass'n, am't specially designated)	
		\$5.40, 10 percent. Union Fund, \$38.05, \$3.81. }	9 21
Sept. 6.		By Portland Baptist Church.....	10 00
			<u>\$119 43</u>

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

		DR.	
1877.	Aug. 6.	To Ashburn Settlement S. S.....	\$ 3 00
1878.	Feb. 4.	To Pitt Street Sabbath School.....	10 00
May 31.		To balance.....	8 62
			<u>\$21 62</u>

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1877.	May 31.	By balance.....	\$15 52
June.		" Col. Germain Street Church.....	4 20
July.		" Eastern Association.....	1 90
			<u>\$21 62</u>

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

		DR.	
1877.	May 31.	To balance overdrawn.....	\$162 21
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June.		By collection Germain Street Church.....	\$ 10 50
		" East. Ass'n, am't specially designated)	
		\$5.00, 25 percent. Union Fund, \$38.05, 9.52 }	14 52
Sept. 6.		" Portland Baptist Church.....	10 00
May 31.		" balance overdrawn.....	127 19
			<u>\$162 21</u>

GENERAL EDUCATION.

		DR.	
1877.	Nov. 6.	To paid Rev. Mr. Hickson, by order Mission Board for Acadia College.....	\$ 15 00
Aug. 2.		" By cheque.....	5 80
			<u>\$21 46</u>

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1877.	June.	By Germain Street Church.....	\$ 2 10
		Leinster ".....	13 56
		" Collection Eastern Association.....	5 80
			<u>\$21 46</u>

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Barnes & Co.	\$1 25
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RECAPITULATION.

HOME MISSION IN ACCOUNT WITH J. H. HARDING.

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May 31.	To amount overdrawn Home Missions.....	\$89 94
	" Ministerial Education.....	127 19
	" General Expenses.....	3 19
		<u>\$220 32</u>

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	By balance to credit Infirm Ministers.....	\$ 80 43
	" " Sabbath Schools.....	8 62
	" due J. H. Harding.....	122 27
		<u>\$220 32</u>

J. H. HARDING,
Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., May 31st, 1878.

I have examined the accounts of J. H. Harding, Esq., Treasurer of the Home Missionary Board and find the same correct, showing balance due him on the several accounts amounting to \$122.27; vouchers having been produced for all charges.

A. MCL. SEELY,
Auditor.

Supplementary Account.

New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in Account with J.
H. Harding, Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS.

	To balance of account rendered to Western Association	
	31st May, overdrawn.....	\$ 80 94
June 3.	" paid Rev. Mr. Edwards.....	12 50
		<u>\$102 44</u>

CR.

May 31.	By C. D. Everett.....	\$ 5 00
	" Col. of congregation at Starrat's Chapel....	1 00
June 24.	" Germain Street Baptist Church.....	40 00
29.	" Collection Western Association.....	40 97
	" Proportion Union Fund collected Western	
	Association.....	5 00
July 8.	" Balance.....	10 47
		<u>\$102 44</u>

INFIRM MINISTERS.

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	By balance 31st May.....	\$89 43
May 31.	" C. D. Everett.....	1 00
June 29.	" Collected Western Association.....	1 00
		<u>\$91 43</u>

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

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	By balance 31st May	\$8 62
May 31.	" C. D. Everett	0 50
June 29.	" Collected Western Association, Union Fund	0 50
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June 29.	By Western Association	\$50 35
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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To balance overdrawn 31st May	\$127 19
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May 31.	By C. D. Everett	\$ 2 50
June 29.	" Collected Western Association	2 50
July 8.	" Balance	122 19
			<u>\$127 19</u>

GENERAL EDUCATION.

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May 31.	By C. D. Everett	\$1 00
June 29.	" Collected Western Association	1 00
			<u>\$2 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

To Home Missions overdrawn	\$ 10 47
" Ministerial education overdrawn	122 19
		<u>\$132 66</u>

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By Infirm Ministers	\$91 43
" Sabbath Schools	9 62
" General Education	2 00
		<u>\$103 05</u>
" Minutes deposited subject to order by Printing Committee	\$50 35
To amount overdrawn on all accounts	\$29 61

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ACT OF ASSEMBLY.

An Act for the Incorporation of certain Bodies in connection with the Eastern and Western Baptist Associations.

PASSED 12TH APRIL, 1855.

Whereas certain persons are associated together in Churches constituting a religious community known as the Baptist Church in connection with the Eastern and Western Baptist Association: And whereas sundry chapels and other buildings have been erected, and lands purchased or otherwise conveyed or held in trust for the use of such churches in the several Counties of this Province, or for educational or other benevolent objects in connection therewith, and inconveniences have been experienced in managing the same by Trustees, without being incorporated for that purpose:—

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

1. Every Board of Trustees of any Chapel or Seminary for education, and land and buildings held therewith, or held for the purpose of erecting any Chapel or Seminary thereon for the use and benefit of any Baptist church in connection with the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, or in connection with any Baptist Education, or other Society, to be hereafter chosen for any such purpose, and their successors, shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Baptist Chapel," or other property as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property may be situate, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal renewable at pleasure, power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and improve, sell, let, or assign the same or any part thereof, or any interest in or arising out of the same, and make bye-laws, and exercise such other powers as are conferred by law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of the said chapel, or other property for the benefit of the Church to which the same may belong, or the educational or other objects to which it may be devoted.

2. All Chapels or other property as aforesaid, held in trust as aforesaid in any part of the Province, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned, and a conveyance thereof shall be made to the Corporation by the existing Trustees; and the said Corporation shall then hold the same for the purposes aforesaid with as good a title, legal and equitable, as such Trustees had at the time of the conveyance.

3. Every such Church, together with the congregation regularly attending and contributing to its funds by pew rents or otherwise, may annually at such time and in such manner as each Church shall prescribe by the male members present at any meeting for the purpose, elect any number of Trustees, not less than three nor more than nine, from among the male members of the said Church or congregation, or both, who shall continue in office for one year, or until others are elected in their stead.

4. Every meeting of the Church, or Church and congregation, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall act on notice to be given by the Pastor or Minister presiding over the same, or if there be none, by any Deacon thereof, at any usual meeting of the Church for worship or business.

5. Such Trustees may, on due notice, meet together and manage the temporal affairs of the Chapel for which they are elected, and the property in connection therewith, for the benefit of the church to which it shall belong.

6. Every Educational or other Society as aforesaid, may, at its Annual Meeting to be held at either of the said Associations or elsewhere, on notice by post or otherwise, elect from among its members such number of Trustees as may be deemed necessary for the management of the affairs of any Seminary in connection therewith, who, together with all the ministers of the denomination accredited at such Association, as additional or *ex-officio* Trustees, may transact its business on due notice to be given as aforesaid, or by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose at the same time by the said Trustees.

7. Whenever by this Act any Board of Trustees or number of persons may require to do any act, a majority of those present at the meeting shall be sufficient for the purpose.

8. The annual revenue derived from the rent of lands belonging to any such Chapel, Seminary, or Society as aforesaid, shall not exceed five hundred pounds.

A DECLARATION

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Church of Christ, Composing the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth: Deut. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Ps. xc. 2, cxlvii. 5; James i. 17; Tim. i. 17; Mark x. 27; Isaiah vi. 3; Deut. xxxii. 4; Ex. xv. 11, xxxiv. 6, 7.

2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: Matt. xxviii. 19; John xv. 26; 1 Cor. xii. 4-6; 2 Cor. xiii. 14; Eph. ii. 18.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which He hath given us our only rule of faith and practice: Luke xvi. 29-31; 2 Tim. iii. 15-17; 1 Thess. ii. 13; 2 Peter i. 21, iii. 2; Rom. iii. 2; Isa. viii. 16, 19, 20.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, has foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18, ii. 23; Ps. lxxxvi. 10, xxxiii. 11; Rom. ix. 17-23, xi. 36.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power; Gen. i.; Ex. xx. 11; Dan. iv. 35; Heb. i. 8.

6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness; and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen. i. 26, 27; ii. 16, 17, Ecc. vii. 29; Gal. iii. 10.

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

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: John vi. 44; Eph. ii. 4, 5, 7-10; 1 John iv. 10.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of Christ's kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. Rom. vii. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5, 11; John vi. 37-39; Rev. vii. 9; Titus ii. 14; Mark xvi. 15; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Isa. ix. 7; Rev. xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God, and ever liveth to make intercession for us: John i. 1, 14; Heb. i. 1-3, vii. 25, x. 5-10; Rom. i. 4; Dan. ix. 24.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and he only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement made by Christ to every elect soul: John iii. 5-8, xvi. 7-15; 1 Cor. xii. 3.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefit of this atonement, by convincing us of our sinful, lost, and miserable condition; and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as he is exhibited in the gospel, in his suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace him with our whole souls, by which he is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption: John xvi. 8-11, 13-15; Gal. v. 22-23; 1 Cor. i. 30.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedience to his holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3; 1 Cor. x. 31; Eph. ii. 10; Col. iii. 2, 3; Gal. ii. 10; Rom. xii. 1, 2.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him forever. They have communion with God, and by his Spirit they are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces: John vi. 39, x. 28; Rev. iii. 21; John vii. 7, 11, 21, xiv. 3; Rom. viii. 38, 39; 1 John, i. 3.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's Day, the Christian Sabbath: John xx. 19; Acts xx. 7; 1 Cor. xvi. 2; Rev. 10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or overturn in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ, the great lawgiver and head of his church: Mark xii. 17; Rom. ii. 1-6; 1 Peter ii. 13-15; Matt. xxii. 10; Rom. xiv. 4.

17. That there will be a general resurrection, both of the just and the unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works; when the wicked will be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal: John v. 28, 29; Acts xvii. 31, xxiv. 15; Rom. ii. 15; Matt. xvi. 20, and 25-46.

Part the Second.

CONCERNING A VISIBLE CHURCH OF CHRIST, AND ITS DISCIPLINE.

1. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of Saints and people, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to shew forth his glory, and for their own edification: 1 Peter, ii. 5; Acts, ii. 42, ix. 31; Hebrews, x. 25; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter—that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their faith have been baptized by Immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. xxviii. 19, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23-26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26; and viii. 12, 35-39; Matt. iii. 6-16 Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; Gal. iii. 27; Matt. xxvi. 26-28; Acts xx. 11; 1 Cor. x. 16.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the ordinances, therefore the door of the church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ: 1 Cor. xi. 27-29; Matt. vii. 6, 15-20; 1 Peter, ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered hath power to choose, and by Elders to ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the Gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of the neighboring Churches of Christ: Acts i. 21-26, vi. 3-6, xiv. 23, and xv. 6-31; 1 Cor. v. 13; 2 Thess. iii. 6, 14, 15; Titus, iii. 10.

That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother, yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place; whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house: Matt. xx. 25-29; 1 Peter v. 3; Acts xx. 20-28, 31; Heb. xiii. 17; 1 Thess. v. 12, 13.

6. That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the Church, and to minister at the Lord's Table: Acts vi. 1-5; 1 Tim. iii. 8-14.

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every gift and talent which is bestowed on him; in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the Church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz., the glory of God and the good of his people; and the Church ought to be subject to such improvements: 1 Peter iv. 10, 11 and v. 5; 1 Tim. iv. 14; 1 Cor. 12th and 14th chapters; Rom. xii. 3-8.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and people—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burdened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free-will offering, agreeably to the Scriptures of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by Gospel rule, as for any breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix.; Gal. vi. 6.

COVENANT.

We do now, in the presence of the great, all-seeing and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and avouch him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Leader, and receive him as our Portion forever. We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on him as our Prophet, Priest, and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

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

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others; and if we have any personal difficulty with our brethren, we will not cherish enmity or speak of our grievances to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Matt. xviii. 15, 17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harbored in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain,

