

*The Clerk of the Nova Scotia
Baptist Association*

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY FOURTH SESSION
OF THE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD AT
CANNING, QUEEN'S COUNTY,
IN THE
PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
ON
MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, the 7th, 8th, and 9th JULY,
1845.

TOGETHER WITH THE
Circular Letter, Missionary Accounts, &c. &c. &c.

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CANNING, Monday 7th July. 1845.

INTRODUCTORY Sermon preached by the Rev. A. D. Thompson, from the 22d chapter of Revelation, 9th verse—"Worship God."

The following Ministers and Delegates from the different Churches then took their seats as Members of the Association.

- Saint John*, Rev. S. Robinson, T. Todd, J. W. Hartt, J. T. Smith, Solomon Hersey, John Wightman, Moses Lawrence.
- Saint George*, . . Rev. William Hall.
- Canning*, Rev. John Mills, John Estabrooks, Jarvis Estabrooks, John Currie, William Estabrooks, George W. Coy.
- Douglas*, Rev. George Rigby, D. Clark, Moses Clark.
- Norton*, Rev. Joshua Bunting, — Frost, — M'Comb, P. Foshay.
- 1st Wickham*, . . . Rev. J. C. Skinner, W. Clark.
- Carleton*, Rev. J. S. Clark, J. O. Beatteay.
- 2nd Saint George*, Rev. James Walker.
- 2nd Wickham*, . . Rev. J. A. Smith.
- Prince William*, . Rev. Thomas W. Saunders, C. W. Marsh.
- Portland*, Rev. E. J. Harris.
- Fredericton*, . . . Rev. Charles Spurden, Z. G. Gabel, J. Watson, Jarvis Ring, W. S. Estey, J. P. A. Phillips.
- 2nd Salisbury*, . . —————
- 1st Grand Lake*, . Thomas Flowers, D. Reece, J. Coakly, J. Butler.
- 2d Saint Martins*, Rev. J. Trimble.
- Blackville, Blissfield, Ludlow*, Rev. James Tozer.
- 1st Sackville*, . . . Rev. W. Sears, John Sears.
- Woodstock*, Rev. W. D. Fitch.
- 2nd St. Patricks*, Rev. A. D. Thompson.
- Keswick*, Bro. W. Coleman.
- Saint Andrews*, . Rev. A. D. Thompson.
- 2nd Grand Lake*, W. Hax, Robert Snell, Robert Elkin.

- 1st Springfield*, . Rev. Peter Spragge, Rev. D. Crundall, W. F. Wetmore.
Upham, Rev. J. Bunting, A. Fowler, Jesse Tabor, John Steves, A. Faulkner.
Northesk, Alexander Much.
Coverdale, ————
Moncton, Rev. J. Crandall, R. Morse.
2nd St. Martins, . Rev. B. Coy, — Founds, J. Newcomb.
Greenwich, Rev. John Marsters, Noah Webb.
Brighton, Rev. James Tupper, Samuel Estabrooks.
Maugerville, . . . Rev. John Magee, Bro. George Miles, J. F. Estabrooks, Ruben Coperthwaite.
Harvey, Rev. William Pulcifer.
Gondolow Point, James Kiersted, James Carpenter, G. A. Robinson.
Waterborough, . . Rev. E. Watson, J. H. Dykeman, Joshua Dykeman.
Sussex, Rev. D. Crandall, W. Brannen.
Hopewell, Rev. William Sears.
Johnston, Rev. Charles Thora.
Dorchester, Rev. W. Sears.
Jackson Town, . . Rev. W. D. Fitch.
1st St. Patricks, . Rev. A. D. Thompson.
Butternut Ridge, ————
Oromocto, N. B., ————
Saint James, Rev. Thomas Magee.
Dumfries, David Dow, Obadiah Akerley.
2nd Springfield, . Rev. Peter Spragge.
Cardigan, Rev. W. Harris, — Bolter.
2nd Sackville, . . . Rev. J. Crandall, E. Read, Laben Lawrence, Charles Harper.
Nashwaak, Rev. W. Harris, Isaac Smith.
1st Salisbury, . . . Rev. J. Crandall.
Kingsclear, Aaron Hartt, Thomas Dumphy, A. S. Hartt.
New Canaan, Rev. James M'Phee, D. Perrigo, B. Coyle.
Victoria, Rev. James H. Tupper.

The Rev. Joseph Crandall was then appointed Moderator.

The Rev. Charles Spurden, Clerk.

Bro. J. W. Hartt, Assistant Clerk.

Z. G. Gabel, Treasurer of Funds collected for Domestic Missions.

John Gerow, Assistant Treasurer.

J. O. Beateay, Treasurer of Foreign Missionary Funds.

Humphrey Fredenborough, Assistant Treasurer.

The Rev. W. Burton took his Seat as a Delegate from the Nova Scotia Association.

The Rev. Dr. Maclay, of New York ; Rev. J. Miller, of Connecticut, and Rev. J. Chase, of Nova Scotia, were requested to take part in the deliberations of the Session.

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The appointment of the following Committees was then confirmed:—

Brethren J. Bunting, J. C. Skinner, and C. Thorn—to examine Letters:

Brethren E. J. Harris, W. Sears, and W. P. M^cAdam—to read Letters:

Brethren S. Robinson, P. Spragge, J. Marsters, J. Clark, and E. Watson—to arrange the business of the Association:

Brethren W. Harris, D. Crandall, J. A. Smith, L. Lawrence, S. Estabrooks and Charles Harper—to arrange the special business:

Brethren G. Rigby, J. H. Tupper, E. Read, Isaac Smith, and G. Founds—to examine the Circular Letter:

Brethren A. D. Thompson, J. Francis, W. D. Fitch, John Magee, L. Lawrence, Noah Webb, and J. Sears—Committee for Sabbath Schools:

Brethren Samuel Robinson, William Hall, John Marsters, Thomas Magee, J. T. Smith, John Currie, and W. Wetmore—to meet the Delegate from Nova Scotia:

Brethren W. Burton, William Harris, John Marsters, and L. McDonald—to report relative to the "Christian Messenger:"

Brethren James Blakeney, James Walker, Thomas W. Saunders, James Tozer, Benjamin Coy, Jesse Tabor, D. Perry, William Clark, and J. Steves—to report upon the state of Domestic Missions:

Brethren W. D. Fitch, Samuel Robinson, John Mills, George Miles, John Magee, J. Trimble, and William Pulcifer—to report upon the state of Foreign Missions:

Brethren James M^cPhee, A. Fowler, Charles Marsh, L. Hammond, David Dow, and James Blakeney—to examine into and report on the state of new Churches:

Brethren Samuel Robinson, A. D. Thompson, Jarvis Ring, Aaron Hartt, J. T. Smith, John Francis, J. Newcomb, John Mills, J. Wightman and E. J. Harris—to take into consideration the important matters connected with the Union Society:

Brethren J. P. A. Phillips, W. S. Estey, T. Todd, James Butler and Ezra Frost—to audit the Accounts:

Brethren John Francis, Thomas Magee, and D. Crandall—to examine the Report of the State of the Denomination:

Brethren J. H. Tupper, J. Trimble, John Magee, C. Thorn, and William Coleman—to form a List of Ministers and Licentiates.

After Prayer, by Rev. E. J. Harris, adjourned till half past 2 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Moderator.

The remainder of the Letters from the Churches were read.

The Committee for inspecting the Letters from New Churches

report: That having examined Letters from three new Churches, they recommend the Church set off from the 2d Saint George, the Church in the Parish of Simonds, and the Church in Chipman, Queen's County, to be received into this Association.

ORDERED, That the above named Churches be received into this Association.

The Moderator accordingly gave the right hand of fellowship to the representative of each Church, and welcomed them into the Body.

The Committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter having reported favorably

ORDERED, That it be received and published in the Minutes, and that a copy of the Letter be sent to the Editors of the "Christian Messenger," for insertion in that periodical.

ORDERED, That the Association be held in Portland next year, commencing on the third Monday after the 20th June—that Brother W. Sears preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, Brother W. Harris—and that the Circular Letter be written by Brother John Francis.

ORDERED, That Brother Thomas Magee be our Messenger to the Nova Scotia Association, and in case of failure Brother G. Rigby, and that Five Pounds be allowed to defray his expences.

ORDERED, That Brother Charles Spurden be appointed to superintend the Printing of the Minutes, and that 1500 copies be printed and circulated,

RESOLVED, That the Articles be printed in the Minutes.

After the interval of an hour, during which time the various Committees transacted business, Brother Samuel Robinson preached from the 13th chapter of Hebrews, 17th verse—"*Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account,*" &c.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY.

Met at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Dr. Maclay, from New York, delivered an Address on the Origin and Progress of the English and American Biblical Translation Societies, after which a collection was taken in aid of the Bible cause.

The Committee appointed to report on the question of Union Societies recommend, That each Church and Congregation throughout the Province do organize a Local Union Society, upon the principles contained in the Form inserted in the Appendix; and further, That a General Union for the Province be now formed, and that the following be the Constitution thereof:—

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1st. That the Union be called the General Union Society of the Baptist Denomination of New Brunswick.

2d. That the affairs of the Union be conducted by a Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors, consisting of seven Members, to be chosen annually by the Society—the Board to have power to fill up any vacancies that may occur, and that every Minister who has a Union Society in his Church be an ex-officio Member of the Board.

3d. That any person paying twenty five shillings or upwards into the Funds of the Union, annually, to be divided as follows, viz: nine shillings to Domestic Missions, four shillings for Foreign Missions, four shillings to the Education Society, four shillings for the support of superannuated Ministers, and the destitute Widows and Families of deceased Ministers, and four shillings to assist our Baptist Missionaries in the circulation of the sacred Scriptures in Heathen lands, will be considered a Member thereof. Any person paying five pounds, or upwards, at any one time, will be a Life Member; and the payment of twenty five pounds, or upward, at any one time, will constitute a Life Director; the whole to be divided in the proportions before mentioned; and that subscribers who may wish to pay more than twenty five shillings annually will be at liberty to direct its application to the several objects united, or to any one or more of them, separately, at their own discretion.

4th. That any Local Union Society, founded upon the principles contained in the Rules submitted for the government of Local Societies, and paying into the Funds of this Union not less than five pounds annually, will be Members of the General Union, and be entitled to send one Delegate to attend the General Meetings of the Union, and one additional Delegate for every additional five pounds so paid.

5th. That a List for Subscribers be opened with six columns—the first column for the several objects united, and the other five for the different objects separately.

6th. That all monies received by the Local Societies be paid over to the Treasurer of the General Union, except amounts received for Domestic Missions, which may be paid over to the Treasurer of the Local Missionary Board in the District where the same has been collected, and a receipt for the amount forwarded to the Treasurer of this Union; and that all monies received by the Treasurer of the Union from Subscribers, Local Unions, or otherwise, be paid over under the direction of the Office-bearers and Board, as follows, viz: the amount received for Domestic Missions to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Board; the amount received for Foreign Missions and the Bible cause, to the Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Board; the amount received for the Education Society, to the Committee of Management for the Society; and the amount received for the support of Ministers and their Families, be appropriated to that object, under such regulations as shall be adopted from time to time by the Union.

9th. That the Office-bearers and Board meet in Saint John as often as may be necessary, and that an annual Meeting of the Members of the Union be held during the sitting of the Association, and at the same place.

10th. That no alteration be made in the Constitution of the Union except by the consent of a majority of the Members present at some Annual Meeting duly assembled.

RESOLVED, That the above Report be received.

The following Officers of the General Union were then appointed: Solomon Hersey, Treasurer, J. T. Smith, Secretary. Directors—S. Gerow, N. S. Demill, A. M. L. Seely, T. S. Harding, W. B. Kinneer, J. Ring, and G. A. Garrison.

After Prayer by the Moderator, adjourned for one hour.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

After Prayer by Brother Spurden,

The Committee to whom the Record of the New Brunswick Association, since its formation, was referred, report, That the Record appears to have been prepared with great care, and contains as correct an account of the Denomination as could be expected. They, therefore, recommend its adoption, and that the Committee be continued and requested to have the Record copied into a suitable Book, with any additional information they may be able to procure; and also, that in copying the Record submitted, the Churches be entered according to the dates of their organization—the names of the Ministers according to the date of their respective Ordinations, and that the same rule or order be observed in future in the Minutes. That a copy of the Minutes from the first organization of the Association in this Province be bound and kept with the Record, and all other papers of information relating to the Denomination, in some safe and convenient place of deposit in Fredericton, to be referred to as occasion may require, and also presented at the Meetings of the Association.

RESOLVED, That the above report and recommendations be adopted.

The Committee appointed to meet the Delegates from Nova Scotia, to discuss the subject of a Union with that Province, submitted the following report:—

RESOLVED, That six persons be chosen to meet the Delegates appointed by the Nova Scotia Association, and that the following persons be appointed:—Rev. Messrs. Charles Spurden, Samuel Robinson, Thomas Magee, John Marsters, A. D. Thompson, and Brother John T. Smith.

That the said Delegates meet at the Baptist Chapel in the City of Saint John, on Tuesday the 16th September next, empowered to form a Constitution for a Convention of the two Provinces, in concert with

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the Delegates from Nova Scotia, and report thereon at the next meeting of the Association, and that, in the mean time, they be authorized to act in conjunction with the aforesaid Delegates, as an Executive Committee, for the purpose of carrying out such objects as may be jointly agreed upon.

RESOLVED, That the above Report be adopted by this Association.

The Committee on Domestic Missions report, That all the places from Bay Verte to the Restigouche River, a distance of about 300 miles, and from Tobique to the head of the Saint John River, a distance of about 150 miles, and likewise from the River Saint John to Saint George, are destitute of the preaching of the Gospel, and with the Islands of the Bay, form a very inviting field for Missionary labor. They recommend the Town of Saint Andrews to the notice of the Association; and further recommend that Missionary Meetings be held within the limits of each Local Board as often as every three months, and that collections be taken at every such Meeting for Missionary purposes.

The following Domestic Missionary Report from the Treasurer of the General Board, was then received:—

The Rev. J. Blakeney, and Brethren M'Adam and Miles have been employed by the General Board, in accordance with arrangements made at the Association last year, to labor in the Northern part of the Province. The former has labored for 43 weeks and 5 days; Brother M'Adam, 6 months; and Brother Miles 20 weeks and 4 days, in that neglected region. A reference to the Accounts will shew the amounts collected by them while on their Missionary tours, in aid of the Funds of the Board, and also the sums received from other sources towards sustaining those Missions.

The Reports of these Missionaries shew that their pious and faithful labors have been signally owned of God in the conversion of sinners, and in the general advancement of the cause of the blessed Redeemer in the several places where they travelled.

Through the instrumentality of these Missions one new Church has been organized, 85 persons have been baptized, and it is hoped that many precious souls have been savingly converted to God.

The Report of the Fredericton Board shows that a good degree of activity, and a considerable amount of Missionary feeling exist in that section of the Province.

Twenty five weeks of Missionary labor by Ordained Ministers, and 10 weeks by Licentiates, have been performed under the supervision of the above Board, and there is reason to believe the labors of the Missionaries have been blessed. The Quarterly Meetings have been regularly attended to in this district, and proved deeply interesting. They have produced union of feeling and action among the Ministers and Churches, and had a strong tendency to increase Missionary efforts among the people generally.

The Treasurer's Account of the Saint John Board shews that 15

weeks of Missionary labor have been performed by Ordained Ministers, and six weeks by Licentiates, under the direction of that Board, but no particular account of the success attending the labors of the Missionaries is furnished. The Quarterly Meetings, as recommended by the Association, have not been regularly attended to in this district.

The Treasurer's Account from the Charlotte Board shows that the sum of £17 11 6 has been expended in Missionary labor by that Board, but no account is given of the results except the revival of two Churches which had become scattered and in a low state. The Quarterly Meetings have been regularly kept up and well attended in this section of the Province, and have exerted a beneficial influence.

No information whatever has been received from either the Westmorland or Northumberland Board, except a credit by Brother M'Adam of £2 10s. received from the former, and £4 from the latter, towards the support of his Mission.

The Secretary ventures to suggest the importance of the several Boards furnishing, in future, fuller information relative to the operations of their Missionaries—the success attending their labors, &c.; and regrets exceedingly, that no Accounts or information at all have been received from two of the Local Boards. It is also to be regretted that the Quarterly Meetings, so frequently recommended by the Association, have not been attended to, so far as is known, except in the districts under the direction of the Fredericton and Charlotte County Boards. The extent of influence exerted by these meetings, where they have been regularly held, in reference to the Missionary cause alone, can scarcely be estimated, they having been the means of largely increasing the Missionary Funds, to say nothing of other benefits resulting from them. In the Fredericton District £5 3s. has been collected during the past year at the Quarterly Meetings, in aid of the Funds of the Board, besides £8 11s. from the Mactaquac Church, the result of a Quarterly Meeting held in that place, making together £14 1s., being nearly half of the whole amount collected for Domestic Missionary purposes in that District for the year. The sum of £6 17 5 has also been collected at the Quarterly Meetings in Charlotte County the past year, and had the Quarterly Meetings been as regularly attended to in other districts of the Province similar results might have been looked for.

The following Domestic Missionary Boards were then appointed:—

SAINT JOHN BOARD.—Deacons Drake, Smith, Mills, and Brethren John Clark, G. A. Garrison, R. Stephens, and J. Harding.

FREDERICTON BOARD.—Rev. C. Spurden, Brethren W. S. Estey, Z. G. Gabel, S. W. Babbit, J. F. Gale, W. F. Barker, J. P. A. Phillips, J. C. Watson, and D. Richards.

CHARLOTTE BOARD.—Brethren P. Seely, J. M'Leod, J. Walker, J. Russell, G. Hopps, R. Brockway, B. Williams, H. Hitchings, and J. Davidson.

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MIRAMICHI BOARD.—Jared Tozer, E. Tozer, J. Emerson, E. Fowler, J. J. Donald, R. B. Wasson, A. Brown.

RESOLVED, That the Domestic Missionary Board in Westmorland be allowed to organize themselves in such a manner as will best further the Missionary cause in that County.

The Fredericton, St. John, and Westmorland Boards were each requested to sustain a Missionary for a year in some most neglected section of the Province. The Charlotte Board was requested to do the same for six months. The Fredericton Board engaged to support Brother J. Blakeney in Northumberland and the adjacent parts for one year.

The Committee appointed on the subject of the "Christian Messenger" having considered the great advantages arising from this useful paper, recommend—That this Association present their grateful thanks to the worthy Editors of the Christian Messenger for the continuation of their able and useful labors, and that they recommend this valuable paper to public patronage, and further recommend to all local Agents in connection with every Church of this Province to make a vigorous effort to collect all arrears up to December last, and transmit the same to the Editors of the Christian Messenger, with as little delay as possible.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report, That through the good providence of God our esteemed Missionary, Brother Burpe, has at length taken his departure for British Burmah, the seat of his Mission, and it now remains for all the Churches in Connection with this Association, as they have already solemnly pledged themselves, to sustain and support our Brother in that heathen land, by their prayers, sympathies and liberal christian-like contributions; and your Committee would recommend to all the Churches connected with this Body, the formation of a Union Society in each Church as the most efficient means for accomplishing that object.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, That they approve of the Constitution of the Union, and its plan of operation, and recommend that a Sabbath School Missionary be appointed forthwith to visit all the Churches—to revive those Schools already established—to form new ones, and collect funds for obtaining a supply of Books for sale and gratuitous distribution—and that the questions contained in the Minutes of last year be reinserted.—(See Appendix.)

Upon the motion of the Rev. Dr. Maclay, it was

RESOLVED, That the Moderator of this Association, the Rev. Joseph Crandall, be nominated a life member of the American and Foreign Bible Society, in consideration of the sum of money collected in aid of the funds at this Association, amounting to £11 18 4½.

At 6 o'clock the Rev. J. Miller preached from Romans, 12th chapter, 1st verse—"I beseech you therefore, Brethren, by the mercies of God," &c.—after which the meeting adjourned till 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY.

The Board of Education met at 8 o'clock, A. M., and transacted business.

At 9 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Maclay preached from Luke xxiv, 46, 47—“*Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer,*” &c.

The Moderator having taken his seat, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board of the General Union Society be recommended to appoint an Agent to travel through the Province to promote the several objects of the Union, and likewise to further the interests of the Sabbath School Union.

The Council appointed to visit the Fredericton Church reported, That they performed that duty in August last, and have the satisfaction of stating that the difficulty was amicably adjusted.

Brethren S. Robinson, D. Crandall, J. Francis, and J. Ring, were nominated to visit the Church at Saint Martin's in conformity with a request contained in the letter from that Church.

The Council appointed to confer with the first Baptist Church at Grand Lake, reported, That having found it impossible to induce Elder Doyle, the Pastor of that Church, to comply with the regulations of all the Churches of the Baptist Denomination united in this Association, they therefore Organized a Church, which has been received at this Session, and recommend that Elder Doyle's name be dropped from the Minutes; and

Whereas the Committee appointed to attend to the Special Business of the Association, assisted by two other Ministering Brethren, have conferred with Elder Doyle, and endeavoured in the spirit of love to induce him to return and act upon the strict Communion principles by which the Denomination in this Province has hitherto been guided, and Brother Doyle still adhering to his determination to act upon the open Communion principles recently adopted by him, therefore

RESOLVED, That the above report be adopted, and Brother Doyle's name dropped from the Minutes.

The Board of Foreign Missions was then nominated, and consists of—N. S. Demill, Treasurer; J. W. Hartt, Recording Secretary; the Hon. W. B. Kinnear, S. Gerow, S. Hersey, R. Stephens, T. Lockey, J. T. Smith, J. Beatteay, G. A. Garrison, — Hayward, and all Ordained Ministers of the Denomination.

ORDERED, That the sum of £12 10s., paid last year out of the Domestic Missionary Funds to defray the expenses of the Delegate who attended the Triennial Convention of the American Foreign Baptist Missionary Society, at Philadelphia, for the purpose of making arrangements preparatory to Brother Burpe's departure for Burmah, be refunded to the Domestic Missionary Board out of the Foreign Missionary Funds.

The proceedings of the Education Society having been detailed, it was

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RESOLVED, That the Report and Accounts of the Committee, as well as the proceedings of the Board of Directors be published as an Appendix to the Minutes; and that the Office-bearers of the Education Society for the ensuing year be—Rev. Joseph Crandall, President, Rev. John Marsters and Samuel Robinson, Vice Presidents, Messrs. J. T. Smith and S. W. Babbit, Secretaries, Solomon Hersey, Treasurer.

RESOLVED, That a Ministerial Conference be held once a year in such place as shall previously be nominated, the object of which shall be to consider such measures as may be for the special advantage of the Ministers connected with the Body; that the first Meeting take place at Fredericton on the first Wednesday in September next, and that Brethren S. Robinson, J. Francis, and E. J. Harris be requested to form a digest for the proceedings of the Conference.

Upon the question of a Division of the Association it was

RESOLVED, That whenever a number of Churches, not less than twenty, connected with this Association, in any one section of the Province, Petition to be set off into a separate Association their request will be readily responded to by this Association.

Extracts from the Report of the Baptist Union of England, and a Letter from the Secretary to Mr. J. T. Smith, having been read, it was ordered that the Committee of Foreign Correspondence continue the same as last year.

RESOLVED, That the monies collected for Domestic Missionary purposes during the Session be divided among the Local Boards in Fredericton, Saint John, and Charlotte, the Boards in Westmorland and Northumberland not having forwarded their Accounts as requested by the Association last year, and that the two latter Boards be requested to forward next year the Accounts and Report of their proceedings for the two years.

RECOMMENDED, That the first of January next be observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer by all the Associated Churches in the Province.

RESOLVED, That at the next Meeting of the Association the various Committees be appointed on Saturday, after the Conference, in order to allow sufficient time for the preparation of the several reports to be submitted to the attention of the Body on Monday.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the Members of the Church and the Inhabitants of Canning and vicinity, generally, for their kindness and hospitality to the Ministers and Messengers of the Churches, and also for the liberal contributions in aid of the various religious objects introduced to their consideration during the present Session.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the New Brunswick Baptist Association.

Dear Brethren,—Why is it that we often feel constrained to deplore the low state of personal piety which prevails in our Churches? What is the reason of the spiritual declension which we have experienced in ourselves and witnessed in others? There is no general dearth of preaching—the truths of the Bible possess the same sanctifying power now as in the age of the Apostles—the promises of the Lord are not rescinded, nor is there any inadequacy in his grace—the energy of the Holy Spirit remains undiminished—all power still belongs to Jesus Christ; why then is our piety so stunted in its growth? Among the many causes that may contribute more or less to keep our christian graces small and feeble, there is one to which we would confine our observations in this Letter, viz., our neglect in failing to carry our religious principles into every action, every duty, every relation, every event of life, even the most minute and seemingly unimportant. We keep our religion for the sanctuary and the season of devotion—we overlook its claim to regulate our thoughts, feelings, discourses and actions, by the domestic hearth, in the office, behind the counter, upon the farm or in the woods. If we are occasionally controlled by christian principle, there is no systematic endeavor to bring it to bear upon our family duties, no well defined effort to shape our mercantile, professional or other pursuits on earth by the directory of heaven, no sustained watchfulness over our temper, no habitual government of the thoughts.

This neglect arises partly from want of consideration, and partly from mistaken views of the connexion subsisting between the faith we cherish in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the many duties which the existing state of society justly demands at our hands: for let allegiance to Christ and service to man be regarded as necessarily hostile the one to the other—let religion be viewed as something too ethereal in its nature to mingle in the ever recurring avocations of life—let divine truth and heavenly hopes be wholly dissociated from worldly engagements and temporal aims, and such mistakes must inevitably prove highly detrimental—the vigor of spiritual life must be impaired as by a canker, and piety decay for want of exercise. Worldly-mindedness cannot fail to gain an ascendancy over the man who is constrained to pass his time in worldly engagements and yet does not season those engagements with the salt of sincere unaffected piety; the conduct cannot be secured from inconsistency when the grand moving, restraining, fortifying power is suffered to lie dormant.

The scriptural view of the life of every christian is that expressed by the Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Galatians—“I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” With this state-

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ment corresponds the injunction addressed to the Colossians—"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him"; and to the Philippians—"Be careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

But lest misapprehension should prevail as to the precise nature of that all-pervading piety, which we would exhort the Members of our Churches to cultivate, we may be allowed to give an example to illustrate our meaning, taken from the life of that eminent servant of God, Matthew Henry, the author of the Commentary on the Scriptures. "Prayer was both his duty and delight. He not only abounded in supplication for his family and friends, but had recourse to God with great freedom about all his concerns. No journey was undertaken without a particular address to God about it—no subject or course of sermons entered upon but God was sought to for counsel, assistance and success—no book sent to the press, how small soever, but it was first recommended to God in prayer. Thus he daily conversed with God, as a child with his father. * * * * His Chester friends loved prayer; they had been trained up to it on all occasions. If they had any journey to take, any affairs of consequence to manage, any child to put to a trade, or otherwise to dispose of, it was their way to commit all to God in prayer, not only in their closets and families, but also with their Ministers. In this good old way he found them, and he encouraged them in it. * * * * His custom on such times was, after familiar discourse with his friends about the affairs that lay before him, and giving them the best counsel he could think of, he would turn to some portion of Scripture that was suitable to the case, and open and apply it very properly to them, and then in prayer he would fitly and fully recommend any particular concern to God, and generally in scripture expressions."—Would that this good old way were still pursued! Why should it not be? The only impediment is our own supineness. Great talents and much learning, useful as they confessedly are in the Redeemer's cause, are not essential to the life of piety; an easy flow of language is not required in telling our desires and troubles to our heavenly Father; opportunities for retirement even are not indispensable to the mental act of devotion, which passing events may suggest; a swift movement of the thoughts may send up a prayer suited to the emergency, and as quick will be the answer from him who is ever present to hear, and ready to help. Turn to the scripture narrative of the patriotic Nehemiah. On one occasion, when it was his duty as Cup-bearer to attend upon King Artaxerxes, with a heavy heart and a sorrowful countenance, occasioned by the tidings he had lately received of the affliction of his countrymen who remained in Jerusalem, and the ruins in which the city of his fathers' sepulchres was lying, he took up the wine and gave it to the King. The despotic Monarch quickly marked the altered aspect of his countenance, and closely questioned him as to the

cause, evidently suspecting that the sorrow of heart which betrayed itself in his face was the index of a troubled conscience guilty of some treasonable act or purpose: Upon hearing the real cause of his sadness, the King enquired what request he had to make, and Nehemiah, in relating the circumstance, beautifully adds—"So I prayed to the God of heaven"—and then he preferred his request to the King. Now this prayer was obviously an act of the mind unattended by any external sign of devotion, and known only to the Being "whose eyes are in every place beholding the evil and the good." The conduct of Nehemiah not only furnishes an illustration of the manner in which the devout mind may avail itself of inexhaustible resources, but presents also an example for imitation. When a question is proposed, an opinion asked, or counsel sought, the mind might be prepared by a direct act of silent devotion to give a wise reply, to express wholesome sentiments, to tender good advice. The introduction of a stranger—entrance into society—intercourse with friends—the expenditure of money—the investment of capital—the review of the proportion of income directly devoted to the service of him who gave the whole—all furnish materials for such pious exercises; in truth, the instances are numberless in which opportunities are afforded to the watchful for habitually connecting thoughts of God with things of earth, by offering requests, deprecation, or thanksgiving.

It must be obvious that the graces of the Spirit can only grow and become strong by exercise, and that in their exercise no limits can be assigned to their growth and vigour; but how can they be exercised daily if we exclude them from our worldly occupations? We profess to be led by the Spirit, but that heavenly Being recognizes no distinction of days in the guidance he vouchsafes. It is not an impossible thing for a believer to walk in the spirit every day, and certainly this should be the aim of all; and so far from the social, mercantile, professional or other secular duties of a christian forming a necessary impediment to his spirituality, and hindering his advancement in godliness, they furnish the very choicest occasions for the exercise of forbearance, kindness, fidelity, truthfulness, honesty, purity, justice, and whatsoever things are lovely, virtuous and of good report.

It would be impossible for a christian to pursue the course now recommended, for any lengthened period, without receiving material benefit from the checks, corrective influences and guidance which he would experience. He might not fully acquire the difficult art of ruling the tongue, but he would frequently be restrained from speaking unadvisedly with his lips. He might still have occasion to lament over the predominancy of ungoverned passions, but he could not daily walk with him who stills the raging of the elements, and not feel something of his controlling energy upon his own spirit. His unhallowed temper might often be the cause of shame and trouble, but the softening influences from above would insensibly improve it. He would find the danger of being taken off his guard by any sudden temptation

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greatly diminished. His mind would enjoy calmness under provocation, and self possession in the season of danger; his integrity would not desert him when its exercise was most needed; his word would not be rashly pledged nor lightly broken; he would instinctively shrink from acts of petty meanness, and yet withall he would be preserved humble at the feet of Jesus, from a daily consciousness of failure, and a deep conviction of the infinite disparity existing between his highest attainments and the perfection of the Saviour whom he loves. May the time draw near when piety shall be interwoven into the life of all the people of God, and in the striking language of the Prophet Zechariah "Holiness unto the Lord be upon the bells of the horses!"

Monies received during the Session of the Association, by Z. G. Gabel, Treasurer, and paid over to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Board, as per his receipt.

July 7 & 8th,	Minute Money from the Churches,	£22 8 9½
	Over on Minute Money,	0 3 4
	Domestic Missionary Money, from the second St. George Church,	0 4 0
	“ “ from a female friend,	0 1 2½
	Collections in the Canning Church during the Association,	11 16 10½
	Ditto in the Maugerville Church on Sunday,	1 6 1
	From Z. G. Gabel, Treasurer of the Fredericton Board, being dividend on Steamboat stock,	39 18 0
	From the Association's Treasurer of Foreign Missionary Money, being money returned for Domestic Missions, (see Resolution on p. 12.)	12 10 0
	From the St. John Board, being on hand, and to be divided,	2 6 6
		£90 14 9½

Disposed of as under.

Paid over to the Treasurer of the General Domestic Missionary Board, as per his receipt,	£90 14 9½
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Z. G. GABEL, *Treasurer.*

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN CONNEXION WITH THE
NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

DATE OF ORDINATION.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
June, 1798	* Joseph Crandall,	Salisbury.
1810	* Lathrop Hammond,	Andover.
	* James Blakeney,	Gondalow Point.
	* John Marsters,	Greenwich.
June, 1825	* William Sears,	Hopewell.
March, 1826	* James Tozer,	Blackville.
July, 1828	Titus Stone,	Sussex Vale.
July, 1828	* Benjamin Coy,	Saint Martins.
February, 1830	* William Harris,	Nashwaak.
January, 1831	* David Crandall,	Springfield.
March, 1831	* Thomas Magee,	Saint James.
August, 1832	* Samuel Robinson,	Saint John.
May, 1834	* A. D. Thompson,	Saint Andrews.
August, 1836	* J. C. Skinner,	Wickham.
October, 1837	William Pulcifer,	Harvey.
January, 1840	* John Magee,	Maugerville.
	* J. H. Tupper,	Wakefield.
	Peter Spragge,	Springfield.
September, 1840	* E. J. Harris,	Portland.
April, 1841	Charles Spurden,	Fredericton.
February, 1842	* J. A. Smith,	Wickham.
March, 1842	* Charles Thorne,	Johnston.
March, 1842	* George Rigby,	Douglas.
July, 1842	* William Hall,	Saint George.
July, 1843	* Joshua Bunting,	Norton.
	Nathan Cleveland,	Shepody.
	* James Walker,	Saint George.
	James Wallace,	Hillsborough.
	* W. H. Beckwith,	
	* James M'Phee,	Springfield.
	Edmond Watson,	Waterborough.
	* Thomas Saunders,	Prince William.
	* John Francis,	Carleton.
1845	* John Mills,	Canning.
1845	* William Fitch,	Woodstock.
	James Trimble,	Saint Martins.

LICENCED TO PREACH.

W. P. M'Adam,
James Herritt,
George F. Miles,
William Coleman.
Frederick Joyce,
Patrick Duffey,
Joseph Catharine.

Daniel Perry,
J. W. Hartt,
Thomas Todd,
John Sears,
Alexander Mutch,
James Hopkins,

☐ Those marked thus * are Licenced to solemnize Marriage.

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ABSTRACT of the STATE of the CHURCHES.

1845 STATIONS, WITH DATE OF FORMATION.	ADDITIONS.			REMOVED,	DISMISSED,	EXCLUDED,	DIED,.....	TOTAL,	Money for printing the Minutes.		
	By Baptism,	By Letter,	Restored,						£	s	d
Blackville, Blissville and Ludlow, } 1829	28	1	2	5	5	3	2	120	£0	10	0
Brighton,.....1833	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	31	0	4	10
Butternut Ridge,.....1836	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	143	0	9	12½
Canning,.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	0	10	0
Cardigan,.....1820	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	30	0	7	0
Carleton,.....1841	12	5	—	—	—	4	—	85	0	15	0
Coverdale,.....1842	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	19	0	3	7½
Dorchester,.....1825	10	—	0	—	—	—	—	62	—	—	—
Douglas,.....1844	—	5	0	—	—	—	—	45	0	7	6
Dumfries,.....1822	2	—	4	—	—	—	1	53	0	5	0
Fredericton,.....1814	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	124	1	2	11
Gondalow Point,.....1841	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	0	5	0
1st Grand Lake,.....1834	2	2	1	—	15	15	—	70	0	9	0
2d Grand Lake,.....1842	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	79	0	8	4
Greenwich,.....	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	40	0	10	0
Harvey,.....1841	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	103	0	10	0
Hopewell,.....1818	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	164	0	7	1½
Jackson Town,.....1833	1	7	—	9	—	—	—	61	0	8	7½
Johnston,.....1824	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	78	0	10	0
Kingsclear,.....1825	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	57	0	5	0
Keswick,.....1812	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	114	0	15	0
Maugerville,.....1839	3	—	—	—	2	1	1	77	0	10	0
Moncton,.....1828	—	2	—	—	—	4	2	125	0	8	1
Nashwaak,.....1804	—	—	—	—	0	0	—	44	0	5	6
New Canaan,.....	—	—	—	—	1	0	—	114	0	5	0
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Oromocto,.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	0	2	6
Portland,.....1842	3	8	—	—	—	—	2	73	0	10	0
Prince William,.....	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	92	0	10	0
1st Sackville,.....1798	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	80	0	9	0
2d Sackville,.....1798	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	103	0	10	0
1st Saint Andrews,.....1806	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	78	0	5	½
Saint Davids,.....1806	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	96	—	—	—
Saint James,.....1842	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—
1st Saint John,.....1806	8	30	—	—	8	14	6	398	2	0	0
1st Saint George,.....1806	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	259	0	11	1
1st Saint Martins,.....1819	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	175	0	10	2
2d Saint Martins,.....1840	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	—
1st Saint Patrick,.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2d Saint Patrick,.....1837	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	0	5	0
1st Salisbury,.....1798	1	24	—	—	—	—	—	144	0	7	2
2d Salisbury,.....1839	7	—	—	4	29	5	—	139	0	5	0
1st Springfield,.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	105	0	5	3
2d Springfield,.....1842	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	17	0	4	10½
Sussex Vale,.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	0	5	0
Upham,.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	99	0	6	4
Victoria,.....1843	1	1	2	—	1	9	—	32	0	6	4
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1st Wickham,.....1825	0	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	0	5	0
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Chipman,.....1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	1	0	0
2d Saint George,.....1845	—	132	—	—	—	—	—	134	0	10	0
Simonds,.....1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	0	5	0
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Buctouche,.....1844	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	0
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Grand Manan,.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	0	0	0
Hampton,.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	0	0	0
Hillsborough,.....1822	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	0
Pennfield,.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	124	0	0	0
2d Saint Andrews,.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	0	0	0
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The Fredericton Domestic Missionary Board in account current with Z. G. Gabel.

1844.		Dr.	
July 5.	To balance due the Treasurer,		£10 2 7
March 27.	Four week's missionary labor by the Rev. T. Saunders, at the Grand Lake and Salmon River,		6 0 0
	Expences on ditto,		0 5 0
	Paid the Rev. Thomas Magee, for 8 week's missionary labor in the Counties of Gloucester and Restigouch,		12 0 0
	Expences on ditto,		2 0 0
	Missionary labor performed by Rev. Thomas Saunders, in July last,		0 15 0
April 30.	Six week's Missionary labor by the Rev. T. Magee, in the Counties of Sunbury and Queen's, at 30s.		9 0 0
	Additional 5 days,		1 0 0
	Expences on the whole,		0 4 9
	Six week's missionary labor, performed by the Rev. B. Coy, in Queen's and Sunbury Counties,		9 0 0
	Amount, guaranteed by this Board for the support, in part, of two Licentiate, to travel in the Northern Counties, 6 months each,		5 0 0
	Amount granted to the Cardigan Church, to enable them to support a Pastor part of the time,		5 0 0
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July 16.	By amount received from Treasurer, G. Board, being division of money at the Association,		£4 0 0
Oct. 10.	Received of Mr. John Nason,		0 5 0
Dec. 20.	Received from the Quarterly Meeting at Nashwaak, per the hand of the Rev. William Harris,		2 0 0
	Collected by the Rev. T. Saunders, when on his Mission,		3 5 10
March 27.	Collected by the Rev. Thomas Magee, when on his Mission of 8 week's, at Dalhousie,		0 12 0
	Ditto from two friends,		0 10 0
	Received from the Church at Mactaquack,		8 18 0
	Amount given by Rev. Thomas Magee,		4 0 0
	Rev. Thomas Saunders' subscription,		2 0 0
	Amount received from the Quarterly Meeting at Mau- gerville, by the Rev. John Magee,		3 3 0
April 28.	Collection at Fredericton,		2 2 8
	Collected by the Rev. Thomas Magee, when on his six week's Mission at the Salmon River,		1 0 0
	Ditto Newcastle,		0 7 11
	Ditto Cumberland Bay,		2 9 3
	Ditto the Range,		0 16 9
	Ditto Farris Settlement,		0 2 1
	Ditto Mr. A. McLean,		0 2 6
	Ditto Cloth of Mr. J. Faris,		0 10 0
	Ditto from Mr. McEnter,		0 4 9
May.	Collected by the Rev. B. Coy, when on his Mission,		2 16 9
	Amount due Rev. Benjamin Coy,		6 3 3
	" Rev. Thomas Magee,		2 3 2
	" Rev. Thomas Saunders,		2 7 11
	" Grant for Licentiate,		5 0 0
	" Grant to Cardigan Church,		5 0 0
	" Treasurer,		0 6 6
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Z. G. GABEL, Treasurer.

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The St. John Domestic Missionary Board, in account with John Smith.

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1844.			
July. 22.	Paid Elder James Tremble four week's Mission,		£4 0 0
Dec. 3.	Elder N. Vedito four week's Mission,		4 10 0
	Ditto. do. Expences,		0 14 0
1845, Jan. 11.	Elder S. Bencroft three week's at Grand Manan,		4 10 0
Jan. 23.	Elder William Beckwith four week's,		6 0 0
	Ditto do. Expences,		0 1 5
Feb. 1.	Brother J. W. Hartt two week's,		3 0 0
April 17.	Brother M'Adam on account of the General Board,		3 10 0
May 2.	Elder James Tremble four week's,		6 0 0
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,		2 6 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
			<u>£34 11 11$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
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1844.			
July 20.	Received from the Treasurer of the General Board,		£4 0 0
	From Missionary Box,		0 3 5
Aug. 1.	Collected at Teacher's Meeting, Saint John,		0 2 0
Oct. 1.	Missionary Meeting in Carleton,		2 13 1
	Brother Lockey's District Prayer Meeting,		0 7 0
2.	Portland Missionary Meeting,		2 9 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	Saint John, ditto,		6 14 8
20.	From Upham, by Elder Bunting,		1 17 3
Nov. 5.	From Thomas Merritt,		0 7 6
	Teacher's Meeting, Saint John,		0 11 3
8.	Thomas Pettingell's Donation,		1 0 0
16.	Collected by Mr. J. W. Hartt,		0 8 9
19.	From Norton, by Elder Bunting,		2 2 3
	James Kearstard's Donation,		0 5 0
Dec. 3.	Collected by Elder Vedito while on Missionary Tour,		2 3 4
Dec. 19.	Elisha Odell, by Elder J. Bunting,		0 5 0
1845. Jan. 2.	From Jesse Tabor, Upham,		0 10 0
	Sunday School Scholars,		0 2 4
9.	By Miss Fowler, Upham,		0 11 3
	Collected by Elder S. Bencroft, at Grand Manan,		1 4 9
16.	By Jesse Tabor, Upham,		0 10 0
28.	By Elder William Beckwith, Springfield,		1 6 3
Feb. 1.	Collected by J. W. Hartt,		0 13 0
15.	" Miss Fowler, Upham,		0 5 0
	" Jesse Tabor, Upham,		0 10 0
March 5.	" ditto ditto,		0 7 6
April 18.	Mary Ann Loonie, paid J. Bunting,		0 2 6
May 2.	By Elder James Tremble,		2 4 7
20.	By Jesse Tabor,		0 10 0
24.	C. P. Everitt, Annual Subscription,		0 5 0
			<u>£34 11 11$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

JOHN SMITH, Treasurer.

The Charlotte Baptist Missionary Board in Account with John Bradford.

		DR.	
1844.			
August 25.	Paid Elder A. D. Thomson for Missionary labor at St. Patrick's		£1 10 0
	" Magee, ditto, St. David.		1 10 0
Sept. 1.	" A. D. Thompson, ditto, St. James, 30s. expences 5s.		1 15 0
8.	" Magee, ditto, Lynfield,		1 10 0
30.	" A. D. Thompson, ditto, Digadeguash,		1 10 0
October.	" C. Tupper, ditto, St. George,		1 10 0
	" Hopkins, ditto, St. David's,		1 10 0
Nov. 12.	" Walker, ditto, Beaver Harbor,		1 10 0
Dec. 20.	" Hopkins, ditto, St. David,		1 10 0
Feb. 16.	" Magee, ditto, Qr. Meeting, Bokabec, 16s 6d.		0 16 6
March 11.	" Thompson, ditto, Dumbarton, Clarence Hill,		1 10 0
April 8.	" Thompson, ditto, Rolling Dam, St. Patrick,		1 10 0
			<u>£17 11 6</u>

1844		CR.	
July 12.	By amount received from the Treasurer of the General Board, Watch Guard, 30s.,		£4 0 0
	Collection at Quarterly Meeting, Leteet,		1 10 0
25.	“ at St. Patrick’s, by A. D. Thompson,		4 9 8
	“ St. David, by T. Magee,		0 16 3
Sept. 1.	“ St. James, by A. D. Thompson,		0 15 0
3.	“ Lynfield, by T. Magee,		0 8 3
October.	“ St. George, by C. Tupper,		0 5 0
Nov. 12.	“ St. George, second Falls, Quarterly Meeting,		1 5 0
	“ Beaver Harbor, by Elder Walker,		1 11 11
Feb. 15.	“ Bokabec, Quarterly Meeting,		0 13 1
March 11.	“ Dumbarton and Clarence,		0 16 6
April 8.	“ Turner’s Ridge and Rolling Dam,		0 11 6
	Balance due the Treasurer.		0 7 3
			0 2 1
			<u>£17 11 6</u>

JOHN BRADFORD, *Treasurer.*

The N. B. Baptist General Missionary Board in Account with John T. Smith, Sec’y and Treasurer.

1844.		DR.	
July 10.	Paid the Treasurer of the Fredericton Board,		£4 0 0
	Do. the Treasurer of the Charlotte Board,		4 0 0
	Do. Rev. J. Crandall for the Westmoreland Board,		4 0 0
	Do. the Miramichi Board, sent by Mr. M’Adam,		4 0 0
	Do. the Treasurer of the St. John Board,		4 0 0
	Do. the Rev. Joseph Crandall, as Messenger to the Nova Scotia Association, next year,		3 0 0
	Do. the Rev. W. Hall, as Messenger to the Nova Scotia Association, next year,		3 0 0
	Do. the Rev. S. Robinson, for expences to the Triennial Meeting at Philadelphia, (on the buisness of the Foreign Missionary Society)		12 10 0
	Do. the Rev. R. E. Burpe, being Foreign Missionary monies, paid into the Domestic Missionary Fund last year, by mistake,		3 19 1
Aug. 21.	Do. J. P. A. Phillips’ account, for printing the Minutes,		17 10 0
	Do. for folding and stitching Minutes, per Rev. C. Spurden’s order,		1 17 6
	Do. Cartage, on Minutes at St. John,		0 0 7½
1845.	Do. H. Chubb & Co’s. Bill, for printing Forms of Marriage Ceremony,		2 0 0
Jan. 25.	Postages,		0 3 3½
			<u>£64 0 5½</u>

1844.		CR.	
July 1.	By balance from former account,		£1 18 8
10.	Amount received from the Treasurer of the Association,		60 2 8
1845.			
March 12.	Received on account of expence of printing Forms of Marriage Ceremony, from W. D. Fitch,		0 5 0
	From Rev. J. Tupper,		0 5 0
May 22.	From Rev. J. Magee,		0 2 6
“ 30.	From Rev. T. W. Saunders,		0 5 0
July 1.	Balance carried forward,		1 1 7½
			<u>£64 0 5½</u>

Fund Subscribed by ten persons, for the support of a stated Missionary in the Eastern part of the Province for one year, in account with John T. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer.

1845.

DR.

Paid Rev. J. Blakeney, on account of one years' Missionary labour, including amounts collected by him, while on his Missionary tours,	£65 8 7
Paid Postages,	0 3 6
	<u>£65 12 1</u>

1845.

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By Cash received from Charles Eastabrooks on account of his donation,	£3 0 0
Do. from J. T. Smith, on account of his donation,	3 0 0
Do. from Titus Hicks, on account of his donation,	3 0 0
Do. from S. Kieth, on account of his donation,	4 0 0
Do. from Rev. J. Francis, on account of his donation,	3 0 0
Do. from Loban Lawrence, on account of his donation,	2 0 0
Do. from W. D. Fitch, on account of his donation,	2 0 0
Do. from George Miles, on account of his donation,	0 15 0
Cash received by Rev. J. Blakeney, while on his Missionary tour, up to 30th November last,	14 0 0
Amount collected by Rev. J. Blakeney, while on his second Missionary tour, up to 10th April last,	13 5 11
Amount collected by Rev. J. Blakeney, while on his third Missionary tour, to 6th July, 1845,	11 1 4
Balance carried forward,	6 9 10
	<u>£65 12 1</u>

The Rev. J. Blakeney, in account with the General Missionary Board.

1845.

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To amount received from the Treasurer, including amounts collected while on Missionary tours,	£65 8 7
Balance due Rev. J. Blakeney,	1 0 7
	<u>£66 9 2</u>

1845.

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By Missionary labor in the Northern section of the Province, from July 30th to Nov. 30th 1844, 17 week's and 4 days, at 30s. per week,	£26 7 0
From Dec. 21st 1844, to April 10th 1845, 15 weeks, and 4 days, at 30s. per week,	23 11 6
Expences,	0 1 6
Missionary labor from 24th April to 6th July, 10 week's and 4 days, at 30s per week,	15 17 2
Expences,	0 12 0
	<u>£66 9 2</u>

W. P. M. Adam Licentiate, in account with the General Missionary Board.

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1843.			
Jan. 13.	To amount received while on Missionary tour,		£13 10 0
	Amount received from the Miramichi Board,		4 0 0
	Amount received from the Westmorland Board,		2 10 0
	Amount received from the Saint John Board,		3 10 0
	Balance carried forward,		2 10 0
			<u>£26 0 0</u>
1845.		CR.	
Jan. 13.	By 26 week's Missionary labor, in Shediac, Buctouch, Kouchibouguac, Miramichi, &c., at 20s. a week,		<u>£26 0 0</u>

G. F. Miles, Licentiate, in account with the General Missionary Board.

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1845.			
July 7.	To amount collected while on Missionary tour,		£4 10 2
	Ditto from N. Lawrence, 20s., W. Gremley, 20s., Donations,		2 0 0
	Balance due G. F. Miles,		14 1 2
			<u>£20 11 4</u>
1845.		CR.	
	By 20 week's and 4 days Missionary labour, in the Northern part of the Province, at 20s. per week.		<u>£20 11 4</u>

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* £12 10s.
amount paid
† To Rev.
‡ On account

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General account of Monies received and expended under the direction of the several Domestic Missionary Boards in the Province, during the past year.

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* To amount expended by the General Board for Printing, expence of Delegates &c.,	£40	1	4½
† For Missionary labor,	113	0	6
Postages,	0	3	6
Amount expended by the Fredericton Board, exclusive of £5, to be paid the General Board, on account of the labors of a Licentiate for the past year,	45	4	9
Amount expended by the Saint John Board, exclusive of £3 10s., paid the General Board, on account of W. P. M'Adam's Missionary labours,	28	15	5
Amount expended by the Charlotte Board,	17	11	6
Amount paid the Westmorland Board, not yet accounted for by that Board,	4	0	0
Amount paid the Northumberland Board, not yet accounted for by that Board,	4	0	0
Total amount expended during the year,	£252	17	0½
Balance due the Treasurer of the Fredericton Board last year,	10	2	7
Balance in the hands of the Saint John Board this year,	2	6	6½
Amount paid the Foreign Missionary Board, by the Treasurer of the General Board, being Foreign Missionary Funds paid by mistake in 1843,	3	19	1
	£269	5	2½

1845.

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Amount received by the General Board, collected at the Association last year,	£60	2	8
From Subscribers for the support of a General Missionary for the year,	20	15	0
Collected by Rev. J. Blakeney,	38	7	3
Collected by W. P. M'Adam,	13	10	0
Collected by G. F. Miles, while on his Missionary tour,	4	10	2
Received from N. Lawrence 20s., Wm. Gremley 20s.,	2	0	0
Received on account of expence of printing forms of Marriage Ceremony,	0	17	6
‡ Received from the Westmorland Board,	2	10	0
Ditto do. Miramichi Board,	4	0	0
Collected by the Fredericton Board,	35	6	6
“ “ St. John Board,	30	11	11½
“ “ Charlotte Board,	13	9	5
Total amount collected during the year,	£226	0	5½
Amount in the hands of the Treasurer of the General Board last year,	1	18	8
Amount due by the Fredericton Board, exclusive of £5 granted to the General Board and not paid, being over expenditure by that Board the past year,	16	0	10
Amount due by the Charlotte Board to the Treasurer,	0	2	1
Amount due by the General Board to the Treasurer and the Missionaries,	25	3	2
	£269	5	2½

* £12 10s. of this sum was returned this year from the Foreign Missionary Funds, being amount paid the Delegate to Philadelphia last year, on Foreign Missionary business.

† To Rev. J. Blakeney, £66 9 2.—To W. P. M'Adam, £26.—To G. F. Miles, £20 11 4.

‡ On account of W. P. M'Adam's Mission.

July 6, 1845.

JOHN T. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

The Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in Account with N. S. DeMill.

1844.		DR.	
Aug. 6.	To Cash deposited in Savings' Bank,		£43 0 0
	Cash paid for a blank Book,		0 6 0
1845, Feb. 11.	Cash paid for John Duncan's Bill, 10 days, on Boston, remitted to the Hon. H. Lincoln, Treasurer, A. B.	\$550	
Mar. 18.	Cash for John Duncan's Bill, 10 days on Boston, for the Rev. R. E. Burpe,	250	
	Cash paid Rev. R. E. Burpe,	100	
		900—	225 0 0
	Cash paid premium on the above Bills,		1 0 0
	Cash paid Rev. R. E. Burpe, for his expences &c., collecting funds for the Society,		11 0 6
April 10.	Cash paid expences for Delegation to Halifax, on the departure of the Rev. R. E. Burpe and his Lady, for Burmah,		10 0 0
	Cash paid Postages,		0 9 7
June 20.	Balance on hand,		38 11 6
			£329 7 7

1844.		CR.	
July 16.	By Cash from W. C. Snow, for Hampton Church,		£2 3 11
19.	" From Saint Martin's Church,		5 0 0
Aug. 3.	" Rev. R. E. Burpe's collections,		72 17 10
Sept. 5.	" Ditto do. do.		20 15 9
19.	" From 1st Church, Springfield,		1 13 0
Nov. 10.	" From Mrs. Hartt,	} Saint John Church,	43 10 5
	" From Mrs. Harding,		
1845, March 13.	" From Mrs. Hartt,		
	" From Thomas Pettinell,		
	" From Solomon Hersey, Collections,		1 0 0
	" From Thomas Prince,		1 0 0
	" From Mrs. Faulkner,		168 15 8
15.	" With Draft from Saving's Bank,		4 0 6
28.	" From Rev. R. E. Burpe, collection,		0 18 4
April 7.	" From Carleton Church,		1 0 0
13.	" From Rev. J. Blakney,		6 0 0
	" From Norton Church,		6 0 0
			£329 7 7

1845.			
January 20.	By balance on hand,		£38 11 6
30.	Cash from Saint Martin's Church,		7 10 0
			£46 1 6

N. S. DEMILL, *Treasurer.*

Saint John, 30th June, 1845.

Examined and found correct.

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APPENDIX.

At the Eleventh Meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, held at Canning, in the County of Queen's, on the 9th July, 1845; the following Report from the Committee was presented by the Secretary, and Resolutions adopted by the Society

REPORT.

The Report which your Committee have to present, shewing, as it does, that the anticipations formed in preceeding years have not been disappointed, will not fail to call forth the gratitude of the friends of the Society.

The number of Students who have received instruction during the past year, has been 48, of whom 30 were present at the Examination. The steady increase which has taken place in the number of Scholars, and what is equally important, the continued favor of the community, are circumstances highly encouraging to your Committee, and will stimulate them to renewed exertions, especially as the claims of the Society to public assistance have been again recognized by the Legislature, and a grant of £200 has been received, which was made during the Session, subject to the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who was pleased to appoint the Honorable Mr. Saunders, the Rev. Mr. Brooke, and John Gregory, Esq., Commissioners to examine the Schools. A lengthened examination, embracing the subjects of English Grammar, Composition, History, Geography, Latin, Arithmetic, Algebra, Natural Philosophy, &c., took place in the Seminary on the 29th April, and was attended by many of the Parents of the Children and other friends.

It would be a source of great satisfaction to the Committee, if they could congratulate the Society upon being free from pecuniary embarrassment. They have for some time past refrained from pressing this subject upon the Denomination, because they were anxious to place the Institution upon a footing which would not render it necessary to appeal altogether to its past efficiency as an argument for present effort in its behalf, for they wish all who freely contribute to this support of the Institution, to do so under the conviction, that—in common with other Schools of learning in the Province—it is doing a work of great practical utility, the present and prospective benefits of which it is impossible to estimate. They have also not thought it prudent to incur the expence attendant upon the employment of an Agent, to collect the sums which have been promised. The Rev. Mr. Tupper, while prosecuting his other Missions through the Province, has been instructed to collect such subscriptions as might fall

in his way, on account of a balance due to him; but further than this, nothing has been done for the past year towards collecting the large amount, still unpaid, of the subscriptions given some years ago for the purpose of paying off the debt in full.

But the Committee think the time is now come, when an effort should be made in behalf of the pecuniary interests of the Institution. By the method of financial statement which they have adopted, the aggregate amount of the Society's debt appears, as also the amounts due to the several parties respectively. By this it will be seen, that a portion of the Society's debt is in such a form, that the Committee do not feel themselves compelled to recommend any immediate efforts towards its liquidation—but there is a certain portion, as shown by a statement which they submit, for which it is absolutely necessary that immediate provision be made. The amount wanted for this purpose, including some few items of contingent expences is £250, and the Committee trust that the Society will cheerfully respond to this call, and adopt such measures as will secure the requisite sum.

The interior of the building has, during the last year, been thoroughly repaired, and the expence met by the liberality of friends in Fredericton and Saint John, combined with the proceeds of a Tea Meeting, which was furnished by the Ladies in connection with the Baptist Church at Fredericton. The exterior also has been newly painted—the materials for which were procured from some friends in Saint John, by the exertions of Mr. John T. Smith. This re-painting was absolutely required for the preservation of the building, upon which there has been no similar outlay since its erection.

Some changes have occurred in the Domestic Department, in consequence of Mr. Estey having relinquished the Steward's office last fall. The Committee are happy in being able to state, that they have found a most efficient successor in Mr. Gallop, who is, in all respects, well qualified for the Office, and receives Boarders upon the same terms as before.

It may not appear to be the province of the Committee in the Report of their own proceedings, to refer to other Institutions similarly engaged; but they cannot close without expressing their gratification at the success which has attended the exertions of kindred establishments. They entertain the conviction, that the various Schools of learning in the Colony, whatever may be their appellation, are associates in conferring an inestimable boon upon the Country, and that upon their general prosperity depends the wide diffusion of that desire and taste for learning which they have a powerful tendency to create, and then to gratify. Their wish is, therefore, to cherish a generous rivalry, which would be forward to acknowledge and emulate the excellences of other Institutions, and would aspire after the approval of the good and wise, not by depreciating merit in others, but by honorable means, unremitting exertion, and conscientious conduct, deserving it for themselves.

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Resolved, That the Report be adopted, and published under the direction of the Committee; and that the Board do hereby approve of the proceedings of the Committee during the past year, and also of the activity, efficiency, and paternal conduct of the Principal, the Rev. C. Spurden, and his Assistant, Mr. A. S. Hartt, in training the youth entrusted to their care.

Resolved, That the Board and the Committee, do hereby pledge themselves to use every possible effort, in conjunction with the Union Societies in the Denomination, to collect Funds in order to meet the claims upon the Society.

Resolved, That each Minister and friend of the Institution, be strongly urged to use every exertion to send at least one Pupil to the Seminary during the year.

Resolved, That the Rev. C. Spurden, Messrs. W. D. Hartt, Jarvis Ring, Aaron Hartt, S. W. Babbitt, J. F. Gale, and Z. G. Gabel, form the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

*Receipts and Expenditures of the Managing Committee, on account
of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, for the
year ending the 1st July, 1845.*

1844.	Dr.	
July 1.	Cash on hand, being balance of Provincial Grant* for last year, after paying the balance of the Rev. Mr. Spurden's Salary,	£50 0 0
	Contributions, for repairs in the interior of the Building, by the friends at Fredericton,	5 15 0
	Ditto by friends at Saint John,	2 10 6
	Proceeds of a Tea Meeting held at Fredericton,	9 12 4
	Contributed by friends at Fredericton, to purchase Maps for the School,	3 12 5
	Contributions collected at Saint John, towards painting the outside of the Building,	9 9 0
	Donations collected by the Rev. Mr. Tupper, during the last year,*	
	John Rogers, Hopewell,	£0 10 0
	Dr. Shaw, ditto,	1 0 0
	John S. Titus, Salisbury,	1 0 0
	George Calhoon, Hopewell,	0 10 0
	Elias Peck,	1 0 0
	Mrs. Martha Steaves, Hillsborough,	1 0 0
	Thomas Horseman, Salisbury,	2 0 0
	David Blakeney,	1 0 0
	Abraham Strelly, Moncton,	1 0 0
	David Steaves, Hillsborough,	2 10 0
	Joseph Sears,	1 0 0
	Mrs. Delilah Henday, Wickham,	2 0 0
	A. B. McDonald,	1 0 0
	James Titus, Waterborough,	2 10 0
	John Titus, Upham,	5 0 0
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	£28 0 0
		£103 19 3

* A statement rendered by the Rev. C. Tupper, since the yearly accounts were made up, shews that some more Subscriptions have been received, which will be acknowledged next year.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	103	19	3
Received for Tuition during the last year,	52	7	4
Received from Mr. De Veber, on account of a claim against him transferred as a Donation to the Committee,	5	0	0
Received from the Legislature,	200	0	0
	<u>£361</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

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Paid in full for repairs in the interior of the Building	£17	5	6
Paid for Fuel and Steward's attendance,	9	2	7
Ditto Ditto,	3	5	6
Paid on account of balance due the Estate of the late Mr. Watson,	10	10	0
Paid for Maps for the School,	3	12	5
Contingent repairs, &c.	2	17	5
Paid for planting trees in front of Building,	0	6	0
Paid for Printing,	2	14	6
Paid David Richards, balance due him for repairs, from last year,	2	3	6
Paid Rev. Mr. Tupper, on account of debt due to him, Expences incurred by Rev. Mr. Tupper, in collecting,	21	2	6
Paid Premium on Insurance for £750 at 1¼ per cent on the Building,	1	17	6
Paid on account of Paints and Oil, purchased at Saint John by Mr. John T. Smith,	13	2	6
Paid the Rev. Mr. Spurden, on account of his salary as Principal,	9	9	0
Paid Mr. Aaron Hartt, balance due last year, as an Assistant Teacher,	183	16	8
Paid ditto in full to present year,	25	8	3
Paid additional allowance to Mr. Hartt for commencing his first term two week's earlier than was customary,	50	0	0
Cash in hands of the Committee,	2	12	11
	1	19	10
	<u>£361</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

Amount required to be raised by the Baptist Education Society, to meet the demands of the current year.

To pay Mrs. Smith on account of the debt due to her £50,			
Interest on ditto due £38 4s.,	£88	4	0
To pay balance due the Estate of the late Mrs. Watson,	8	16	10
Ditto do. the Estate of the late Rev. F. W. Miles,	19	3	4
Balance due to the Rev. Mr. Tupper,	24	7	10
Balance due to the Rev. Mr. Hall,	12	10	0
Interest due to the Insurance Company,	38	4	0
Balance due to the Rev. Mr. Spurden,	16	3	4
Interest due to the Insurance Company,	22	10	0
Balances due for painting and materials, as well as to cover expences of contingent repairs for the ensuing year,	20	0	8
	<u>£250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Due to the Society on account of Tuition which is likely to be collected,	£27	10	0
Due on account of a Note of Hand received as a Donation, and likely to be paid,	4	15	0
	<u>£32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

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There is altogether the sum of £113 4s. 10d., due on account of Tuition, but many of the parties by whom it is owing have left the country, and others are in such circumstances as forbid the expectation of more than the amount before stated, being received.

*Memorandum of Debts due by the Baptist Education Society
of New Brunswick.*

1845.

July 1st. Due to the Central Fire Insurance Company, for which the premises are mortgaged,	£375 0 0
Interest due on ditto,	22 10 0—
Due to Mrs. Sarah Smith, for which a note signed by several members of the late Committee is held,	200 0 0
Interest due upon ditto,	38 4 0—
Due to the Estate of the late Rev. F. W. Miles,	19 3 4
Due to the Rev. Mr. Tupper,	24 7 10
Due to the Estate of the late Mr. Watson,	8 16 10
Due to the Rev. Mr. Spurden's balance of his Salary to date,	16 3 4
Due to the Rev. Mr. Hall, for his services as Teacher, during the Rev. Mr. Spurden's absence in England,	12 10 0
Due to John T. Smith, Esq., on account of materials furnished for painting,	4 6 3
Due to Mr. A. P. Miller for painting,	7 0 0
Total amount due from the Society,	£728 1 7

A DECLARATION

OF THE FAITH, PRACTICE, AND COVENANT OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,
COMPOSING THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth: Deut. vi. 4; John, iv. 24; Psal. xc. 2; Jer. x. 10; Isa. vi. 3; Exod. xxxiv. 6, 7.

2. That there are three Persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: 1st John, v. 7; Acts, v. 3, 4.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our only rule of Faith and practice: Acts, xx. 32; 2 Tim. iii. 15—17.

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

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,

the sea and all that in them are ; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power : *Exod. xx. 11 ; Heb. i. 3 ; Dan. iv. 35.*

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

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

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

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners ; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of Christ's kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ ; and He shall reign for ever and for ever : *Rom. viii. 29, 30 ; Eph. i. 4, 5 ; John, vi. 37—39 ; Rev. vii. 9 ; Tit. ii. 14 ; Mark, xv. 16 ; 2 Tim. ii. 19 ; Mat. xiii. 33 ; Rev. xi. 15.*

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

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

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

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedience to His holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations : *John xvii. 3 ; Mat. xxiii. 26 ; Eph. ii. 10.*

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15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's day, is the Christian Sabbath: Mat. xxviii. 1—6; John xx. 19; Rev. i. 10; Heb. iv. 8—10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ the great law-giver and head of his Church: Rom. xiii. 1—4; 1 Pet. ii. 13—15; Luke xxii. 25, 26; Isa. xxxiii. 20—22; Eph. i. 22.

17. That there will be a general resurrection both of the just and unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works; when the wicked shall be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal: John, v. 28, 29; Rom. ii. 16; Mat. xvi. 27, and 25—46.

PART THE SECOND.

Concerning a visible Church of Christ and its Discipline.

1. WE believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of Saints and people, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth his declarative glory, and for their own edification: 1 Pet. ii. 5; 1 Cor. i. 2; Acts, ii. 42, 47.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ, to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter, that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its Ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their Faith have been baptized by Immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23—26; Acts, ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18—26, and viii. 12, 36, 39; Mat. iii. 6—16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; John iii. 23; John, i. 9, 10; Acts, viii. 36—39.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the Ordinances, therefore the door of the Church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ: 1 Cor. xi. 27, 29; Mat. vii. 6, 15—20; Ezek. xliv. 7, 9; Isai. xxvi. 2; 1 Pet. ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered, hath power to choose, and by Elders to Ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church,

viz: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some such cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of neighbouring Churches of Christ: Acts, i. 21—26, and vi. 3—6; Num. i. 10; Mat. xviii. 15—18; Acts, xv.

5. That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother; yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place, whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house: Mat. xx. 25—29; 1 Peter, v. 3; Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; Acts, xx. 20—28, 31.

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

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

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and People—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or wordly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but is to be a free-will offering agreeably to the scripture of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by gospel rule, as for any other breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: 2 Cor. viii. 12—13; Luke, x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix.

RULES OF THE LOCAL UNION SOCIETY.

I. THAT the Union be called the "UNION SOCIETY" of the BAPTIST CHURCH AND CONGREGATION at ———

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III. That any person paying *six shillings and two pence*, or upwards, into the funds of the Union, annually, to be appropriated as follows, viz:—*two shillings and two pence* to Domestic Missions—*one shilling* to Foreign Missions—*one shilling* to the Education Society—*one shilling* for the support of Superannuated Ministers and destitute Widows and families of deceased Ministers, and *one shilling* to aid our Baptist Missionaries in the circulation of the sacred Scriptures in Heathen Lands, will be considered a Member thereof, and any person paying *five pounds*, or upwards, at one time, to be divided in the same proportions, shall be a member for life. Subscribers who may wish to pay more than *six shillings and two pence* annually, will be at liberty to direct its application to the several objects united, or to one or more of them at their own discretion.

IV. That a list for Subscribers be opened, with six columns, the first column for the five objects united, and the five others for the several objects separately.

V. That all monies received on account of the Union, from Subscribers, or otherways, be paid into the hands of the Treasurer, to be divided and paid over by him, under the direction of the Office Bearers and Committee, to the several Boards or Committees, who may be duly authorised to receive the same, for the support of the different objects contemplated, and in the proportions mentioned in Rule 3rd.; and that the accounts and all other proceedings, be presented at the Annual Meetings.

VI. That a general Meeting of the Members of the Union be held annually, or oftener, if considered necessary by the Office Bearers and Committee.

VII. That no alteration be made in the Constitution of the Union, except by the consent of a majority of the Members present at some Annual or other General Meeting, duly convened.

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SABBATH SCHOOL UNION.

MET at 3 o'clock, P. M.

On Saturday, July 5th, a Sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Spurden, from John xxi. 15, after which the Rev. S. Robinson, V. P., presided. Brother J. W. Hartt acted as Secretary and Treasurer.

It was Resolved, That this Society deeply feels the importance of continuing the Union for the promotion of Sabbath School instruction, and that a Committee be appointed to take the present state of the Union into consideration, and to submit a plan for more efficient operations. For Committee see Minutes.

A collection was made amounting to £3 0 2.

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2. Carlton,	91	15	250	20—36	Flourishing.
3. Frederickton.	100	18	350	100—54	Encouraging.
4. Keswick.	50		Small.		New Ditto.
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6. Portland.	90	10	150		Flourishing.
7. 1st Sackville.	65				Ditto.
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9. St. Andrews.					Ditto.
10. St. Davids.	50	10	100	6—20	Encouraging.
11. St. James.	30				
12. St. Johns.	180	30	250	150	Flourishing.
13. St. George's.	100	15	300		Encouraging.
14. 1st St. Martins	35	4	None.		Ditto.
15. 2d St. Martins					Newly formed.
16. 2d St. Patrick.					Promising.
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Answers to the following questions are requested of all the Churches in their Letters next year.

- 1—Have you a Sabbath School in operation, and if so, what is the number of Scholars, and what the average attendance?
- 2—How many Teachers, male and female?
- 3—Have you a Library, and what is the number of volumes?
- 4—What number of Bibles and Testaments is there belonging to the School?
- 5—What are your present and future prospects?