

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
Western Baptist Association
OF
NOVA SCOTIA :

HELD AT PARADISE, ANNAPOLIS Co.

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, June 11, 13, & 14, 1864.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER:

ALSO,

THE MINUTES OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

AND

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Minutes.

PARADISE, JUNE 11TH, 1864.

THE Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia assembled in the meeting-house at Paradise, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator of the last year, the Rev. N. Vidito. Prayer by the Rev. W. Hall. Singing by the choir.

The Rules of Order were read. The Rev. Isa. Wallace was then elected Moderator; Bro. J. Melbourne Parker, Clerk; Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, Assistant Clerk; Bro. Asa T. Morse, Treasurer; Bro. Saml. Brown, Assistant Treasurer.

The following Committees were then appointed:

TO EXAMINE LETTERS:—Revds. Wm. Hall, E. N. Harris and J. E. Balcom.

TO READ LETTERS:—Revds. A. Martell, H. Angell and D. O. Parker.

OF NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PRESENT SESSION:—Revds. N. Vidito, W. G. Parker and G. Armstrong.

TO EXAMINE CIRCULAR LETTER:—Revds. G. Armstrong, P. F. Murray and J. Spencer.

The Letters from the Churches were then read, shewing the Statistics and Delegates given in tabular form on page &c.

DELEGATES

From the Central Association.—Revds. John Chase, James Parker, E. M. Saunders, L. B. Gates, J. Bancroft and Bro. Selden. Also T. A. Higgins and Rev. J. Newcomb.

From the Eastern Association.—Revds. J. E. Balcom and M. P. Freeman.

By Invitation.—Rev. A. D. Thomson, Agent for Acadia College; Rev. S. Richardson, Bros. J. L. Morrison, (Lic.) Dea. Abel Parker, E. Archibald, Thos. Blackadar, (Lic.) Rev. Henry Saunders, Jos. Murray, W. Hall, (Lic.) Jas. Morton, Dea. Healy, George Harlow, Beriah Daniels, L. Leadbetter, Dea. Wm. Chipman, J. E. Potter, Rev. S. T. Rand, B. B. McPherson, M. Beckwith, C. Shaffner, J. H. Fitch, Jos. Elliot, J. Cornwell, J. Rumsey, Saml. Balcom, W. H. Balcom, Asaph Marshall, Harding Morse, A. Poole, E. Barkman, Hicks Chesley, Saml. Wheelock, W. A. Morse, B. H. Parker, Jos. Wheelock, M. Nichol, H. Bishop, H. H. Chute, David Cook, Rev. T. H. Porter, Jos. Raymond, T. H. Randall, Asaph Whitman, W. H. Woodberry, J. L. McKinney, S. Sweet, Saml. Baker and Bro. Lyle.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangement reported, and their report of Committees was adopted, as follows:—

ON THE CIRCULAR LETTER:—Revds. G. Armstrong, J. Spencer, and P. F. Murray.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS:—Revds. N. Vidito, Jas. Parker, S. Richardson, P. F. Murray, R. S. Morton, J. E. Goucher, and W. G. Parker.

ON TEMPERANCE:—Revds. D. O. Parker, N. Vidito, W. G. Parker, L. B. Gates; bros. Saml. Brown, Luther Leadbetter, Ambrose Dodge, Abner Foster, Freeman Marshall, B. B. Moses, A. M. Gidney, and Abel Parker.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:—Revds. C. Tupper, D. D., N. Vidito, W. G. Parker, P. F. Murray, M. Normonday, I. Wallace; bros. Uriah Johnston, Maynard Wheelock, Samuel Tufts, John Spurr, C. McNeil, and Dea. Foster.

ON "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER":—Revds. J. E. Balcomb, R. S. Morton, Dr. Tupper, A. Weaver, W. H. Richan, C. Randall; bros. J. A. Leadbetter, J. Edget, Jos. Shaw, and A. M. Gidney.

ON EDUCATION:—Revds. S. Richardson, G. Armstrong, Jas. Parker, E. M. Saunders, A. Martell, J. A. Moore, A. D. Thompson, E. N. Harris, Wel. Jackson, T. A. Higgins; bros. S. Selden, John Brenton, Asa Morse, and Saml. Fitzrandolph.

ON BIBLE CIRCULATION:—Rev. Wm. Hall, A. W. Barss, Obed Parker, H. Saunders; bros. Asaph Whitman, W. C. Felch, Thomas Ainsley Brown, W. H. Gavel, W. H. Chipman.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE:—Revds. R. D. Porter, A. Cogswell, John Chase, Geo. Wethers, H. Achilles; bros. Walter Ricketson, A. M. Gidney, Wm. Goudy, John Whitman, S. L. Chipman.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:—Revds. W. G. Goucher, Wm. H. Porter, J. E. Goucher; bros. Israel Longley, Jas. Graves, Wm. Doty, John V. Foster, P. F. Murray, Isaac Healy, Solomon Chute, Read Hall, and W. J. Crosscup.

ON ACCOUNTS:—Bros. Avarid Longley, Jos. Shaw, and Saml. Freeman.

The Committee also recommend the following arrangements:—

That the Association meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12½; meet again at 2½ P. M., and adjourn at 6½ P. M.

That all Committees and Missionary Boards meet at 8 o'clock A. M.

That the Reports of the Domestic and French Missionary Boards be presented in the Afternoon Session of Monday, and addresses delivered on Home Missions.

That on Tuesday morning the Committees on Education and Foreign Missions present their reports.

That the Sabbath School Convention be the order of the day for Tuesday afternoon.

That Prayer Meetings be held at 6 o'clock each morning.
Adjourned, after prayer, by Rev. S. Richardson.

Afternoon Session, June 11.

Prayer by the Rev. E. N. Harris.

Voted, That all ministers of this body visiting the Central Association be our Delegates.

Voted, That Samuel L. Chipman, Jos. Shaw, Samuel Brown, Avar Longley, and Wm. Weatherspoon, be our Delegates to the Convention.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Board was read and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Voted, That Mrs. Silas Vidito receive from the Infirm Ministers' and Widows' Fund the sum of \$30.

Voted, That Mrs. Cunningham receive \$30.

Voted, That Mrs. Coldwell receive \$20.

Voted, That the Board of Infirm Ministers' and Widows' Fund remain the same as last year with the addition of the Rev. J. C. Morse.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported:—That they had examined the Circular Letter prepared by the Rev. John Miller, and recommend that it be read to the Association, and printed in the Minutes, and that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to insert it in that periodical. Adopted.

The Circular Letter was then read by the Rev. G. Armstrong.

The Committee of Arrangement for the next Association, reported:—That the Association be held at Milton next year, and that the Rev. N. Vidito preach the Annual Sermon, and Rev. Wm. Hall be his alternate, that Rev. Saml. Richardson write the Circular Letter.

Adjourned, after prayer, by Rev. A. D. Thompson.

On the Sabbath Day Rev. Wm. Hall preached in the morning, and Rev. E. N. Harris in the afternoon. Services were also held in various Baptist congregations in the two townships; in which twenty sermons were preached.

Monday Morning, June 13.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Randall, from 1 Cor. iii. 9. He was assisted, in the devotional services, by Revds. Dr. Tupper, and A. D. Thomson. The usual collection for Home Missions was taken up. Rev. Dr. Tupper led in prayer.

On motion, *Voted*, That 1000 copies of the Minutes be printed, at the "Christian Messenger" Office, and that the same sum be paid as last year, viz. \$56.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.

Afternoon Session, June 13th.

Prayer by the Rev. J. Spencer.

Report of Committee on Temperance read, amended, and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Addresses were delivered by bro. Avard Longley and Rev. N. Vidito.

Report of the French Missionary Board read. Adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The following resolution was adopted:—

Whereas, public charges have been made against the French Missionary Board prejudicial to the interest of the Mission:

Therefore Resolved, That a Committee of five brethren be appointed to investigate the same and report forthwith.

The following Committee was appointed:—Revds. Dr. Tupper, N. Vidito, G. Armstrong, T. A. Higgins, and bro. A. Longley.

The Report of the Home Missionary Board was read and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Addresses by Revds. A. D. Thomson, G. Armstrong, W. G. Parker, J. E. Balcom, N. Vidito.

The Treasurer of the Home Missionary Board reported. The Report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Home Missionary Board be re-appointed with the additions of A. M. Gidney, G. Starratt, B. Fellows, Ansley Brown.

On motion, *Voted*, That this Association recommend quarterly Collections to be taken up in all the Churches for the Home Mission.

Prayer by Rev. R. D. Porter.

The Committee appointed last year to revise the Constitution reported. After amendment it was adopted.

A special collection was taken up to defray the balance of the account against the Home Missionary Board for the past year. Ninety-seven dollars were collected.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Jas. Parker.

In the evening a very interesting meeting, for prayer and exhortation, was held.

Tuesday, June 14th, Morning Session.

Association met at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. A. Cogswell.

Report of the Committee on the "Christian Messenger" was read and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Report on Education was read and adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Report of the Committee of Investigation was read and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Report on Departed Brethren. (See Appendix H.)

Bro. Selden, W. Goucher, R. D. Porter, nominated as that Committee.

Voted, That Bro. S. Selden be requested to publish the report on the French Mission difficulty in the *Christian Messenger*.

A resolution relating to the "Dalhousie College Act" was spoken to at some length, by Rev. N. Vidito, when it was postponed until 7 o'clock in the evening.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Obed Parker.

Afternoon Session, June 14th.

Prayer by Rev. J. Bancroft.

Consideration of French Mission business was resumed.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the following brethren be the French Mission Board:— C. Randall, A. Cogswell, Jas. A. Stubbert, W. G. Goucher, R. D. Porter, H. Angell, W. L. Parker, Jos. H. Saunders, Wm. S. Raymond, Charlton Sabcan, Nelson Corning, Wm. Churchhill, Saml. Brown, Jos. W. Patten, B. B. Moses, Wm. R. Doty, W. H. Gridley, Ira Raymond, Jos. Shaw, J. Miller, Moses Hall, and J. Spencer.

Moved by Rev. A. W. Barss, seconded by Rev. N. Vidito.

Resolved, That we express our entire confidence in our Missionary, Bro. Normonday, as a faithful servant of Christ, and as one well qualified for the position he occupies, and hereby pledge to him and the Board our hearty co-operation in the support of the Mission.

Moved by A. M. Gidney, seconded by Rev. C. Randall.

Resolved, That the French Mission Board be instructed to obtain an Act from our Legislature empowering them to sell the premises at Tusket, if it be found necessary so to do.

Voted, That the resolution just passed, commending the French Mission to the confidence and support of the body, be published in the *Christian Messenger*.

Voted, That an order be given to the Treasurer of this Association, to pay all monies in his hands to the Treasurers of the different Boards.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted. (See Appendix I.)

On motion, *Voted*, That the Association adjourn for one hour, to give place to the Sabbath School Convention. (See Appendix J.)

The business of the Association was resumed.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted. (See Appendix K.)

A collection was again taken for Home Missions.

The Committee on Bible Circulation reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix L.)

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. Adopted. (See Appendix M.)

Voted, That Bro. Normonday give an address on the French Mission.

This he did; and was followed by short speeches from Revds. Thomson, Cogswell, and Spencer.

Prayer by Rev. J. Spencer.

Adjourned.

Evening Session, June 14th.

Prayer by Rev. W. Beals (Wesleyan.)

The resolution referring to repeal of the Dalhousie Act was resumed, and ably discussed by several brethren, as follows:—

Resolved, That this Association highly approve of the course adopted by the Governors of Acadia College and those laboring in connection with them, in petitioning the Legislature to amend the Act of 1863 with reference to Dalhousie College; and recommend that they still take such measures, in order to secure the desired end, as may seem wise and prudent.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The following resolution was then presented and spoken to by Rev. W. Goucher and others :

Resolved, That this Association highly approve of the stand taken by Avard Longley, Esq., and those who acted with him in the House of Assembly, in supporting the prayer of the petitioners for the repeal of the Dalhousie College Act.

Bro. Avard Longley made some remarks on receiving so unexpected an acknowledgment of his labors.

Voted, That the Home Missionary Board be requested to pay, forthwith, the sum of \$50 for labor performed in the County of Guysborough, by Rev. M. A. Bigelow.

The Auditing Committee reported that they have examined and found correct all accounts submitted to them.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the Baptist Church and Congregation of Paradise, for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session.

The Union hymn was sung. Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Milton Church, on the second in June, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. MELBOURNE PARKER,
Clerk.

ISA. WALLACE,
Moderator.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE		DECREASE		TOTAL.
		By Baptism.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.		Died.
Annapolis and Upper Granville.	Rev. G. Armstrong, Deacon S. Chute, Bro. W. Ricketson, J. A. Morse, Ansley Brown, A. M. Gidney.	..	..	2	..	4 230
Argyle.....	Rev. A. Shields.	1	..	..	..	1 44
Brookfield.....	Rev. D. O. Parker, Deacon P. Murray, U. Johnston, A. J. Leadbetter.	3	..	1	1	.. 125
Barrington.....	Rev. W. A. Richan, Rev. A. Cogswell,	..	1	..	..	1 1 40
Beaver River.....	W. Jackson, Bro. W. A. Goudey.	..	..	1	1	1 207
Clements.....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	.. 247
Hampton, (formerly Chutes Cove)	Deacon John Brinton, J. V. B. Foster, Bro. H. M. Foster, J. E. Snow, Robt. Chute.	4	..	..	1	.. 109
Dalhousie.....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	.. 28
Digby.....	Rev. J. Spencer.	..	..	..	2	.. 46
Digby Neck 1st.....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	.. 135
Digby Neck 2nd.....	..	..	..	..	..	.. 90
Greenfield.....	..	..	..	..	..	.. 60
Greywood.....	Rev. H. Achilles.	..	..	..	..	.. 40
Hill Grove.....	Rev. James Spencer.	1	..	..	..	.. 1 71
Hillsburg 1st.....	Rev. J. A. Moore, Deacon S. Miller, Wm. Dunn, Bro. W. F. Marshall.	1	..	1	..	1 164
Hillsburg 2nd.....	Rev. James Spencer.	..	..	2	3	.. 93
Jordan Bay.....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	.. 54
Jordan River, No Letter.	Rev. A. W. Barss.	..	..	..	..	.. 25
Kempt.....	Rev. D. O. Parker, Dea. Jacob Kempton, Bro. Abner Kempton, Elkanah Freeman.	..	..	..	..	.. 141
Liverpool.....	Rev. E. N. Harris.	10	3	..	..	.. 3 182
Lake George.....	Deacon B. B. Moses.	..	..	..	2	.. 156
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot	Rev. C. Tupper, O. Parker, A. Stronach, Bro. A. T. Baker, G. Tufts.	1	2	1	5	8 4 473

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.—Continued.

TOTAL.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE		DECREASE		TOTAL.
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.		Died.
230	Lower Granville.....	Rev. Isa Wallace, Bro. W. J. Crosscup, Jos. D. Halfyard, Read Hall, Jos. Shaffner.	10	2			1 247
44	Litchfield.....	Rev. H. Achilles.					41
125	Long Island.....	Rev. W. Hall.	11	2	1	7	4 234
40	Lewis Head.....	No Letter.					84
207	Milton.....	Rev. A. Weaver, Dea. Saml. Freeman, Jas. B. Freeman, Jos. N. Freeman.	37	3		1	2 211
207	Middlefield.....						22
247	Nictaux.....	Rev. W. G. Parker, Dea. S. L. Chipman, W. C. Felch, S. Fitzrandolph, Bro. John Whitman, J. M. Parker.	6	4		4	4 392
109	New Albany.....	Rev. R. S. Morton, Samuel Tufts.				2	74
28	New Tuskct.....	Rev. C. Randall.					2 90
46	Ohio.....	Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, Deacon J. W. Patten.	1	2		1	2 172
135	Port Medway and Mills Village	Rev. J. E. Goucher, S. Munro, Wm. Phalen.	23		2	4	2 207
90	Pine Grove.....	Rev. W. H. Porter, Dea. A. Dodge, M. Wheelock, Bro. A. Wilkins.	3	8		3 13	2 235
60	Parker's Cove.....	Rev. H. Achilles, Dea. H. Edget, A. Foster, Bro. C. Hudson, E. Read.					56
40	Pubnico.....	No Letter.					32
71	Ragged Islands.....	Rev. A. W. Barsa, Dea. Isaac Lloyd, Rev. C. Randall.	3			2 1	1 124
164	Sissaboo.....	Deacon W. Sabean, Bro. Wm. Lent.				1 7	109
93	Springfield.....	Rev. R. S. Morton, C. W. Saunders.				1	
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182							
156							
473							

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.—Concluded.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE		DECREASE		TOTAL.
		By Baptism.	Restored By Letter.	Dismissed.	Died.	
St. Mary's Bay.....	Rev. C. Randall, M. Normonday, Deacon W. McNeil, Bro. John Spurr, Chas. McNeil, E. McNeil, Jr.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 129
Sable River.....	No Letter,	.....	.....	.....	.....	39
Sherbrooke West.....	Rev. B. S. Morton, C. W. Saunders.	3	.....	.....	.....	43
Tusket.....	Rev. A. Martell, Bro. W. H. Gavel, R. T. Goudy.	4	1 1	.....	6	109
Tusket Lakes.....	Rev. A. Cogswell, W. G. Goucher, Deacon A. S. Lent, Jacob Cavanaugh	4	4	1	.....	51
Wilmot.....	Rev. N. Vidito, Deacon Israel Longley, Silas Jackson, Asa Morse, Bro. Avarad Longley.	1	3	4	1 2	357
Wilmot Mountain.....	Rev. P. F. Murray, C. Marshall, Jos. Graves.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 166
Westport.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	161
Yarmouth 1st.....	Rev. H. Angell, Bro. Saml. Brown, Jos. Shaw, David Cook.	20	3 3	5	18	6 415
Yarmouth 2nd.....	Rev. E. D. Porter, Deacon C. Strickland, Wm. E. Doty, Bro. C. P. Doty.	.....	1	4	.....	6 304
Yarmouth 3rd.....	Deacon Enock Crosby, Bro. Jos. Crosby.	1	.....	3	2	201
Yarmouth, South.....	Rev. H. Angell.	38	.....	3	2	3 200
Yarmouth, West.....	Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, Deacon E. Rose.	.....	.....	.....	.....	154

SUMMARY:—

No. of Churches.....	52
Increase—By Baptism.....	186
By Letter.....	39
Restored.....	8
Total number of members.....	7516
Decrease—Dismissed.....	49
Excluded.....	78
Died.....	64

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Circular Letter.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren,

The apostle Paul, exhorts us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. How needful this exhortation! At the commencement of the Christian church, we are told, "the multitude of them that believed, were of one heart and one soul; neither said any one that ought which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." How different from this has been the state of the Christian church, for the most part ever since! At the present moment, the church of Christ is divided into sections, between which there is *often* the most bitter hostility.

But to confine our attention at present to those congregations which have their government in their own hands, it is a well known fact that among them there is great want of the unity of the Spirit. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. In such congregations are often witnessed, a spirit of pride, jealousy, envy, resentment, malice, and contention. The Holy Spirit knew how much of human depravity would exist among the followers of Jesus, and, therefore gave the important precept, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

The apostle states both the means and the motives which should lead to unity of the Spirit. He says "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." Here is the road to union among Christians.

The first of the series is "with all lowliness," the very reverse of pride. It is plainly implied when lowliness is inculcated, as essential to unity, that pride leads to disunion. Not only is it taught in the Bible, but any one who has lived any length of time in the world, will see that pride more than any thing else leads to contention and strife. In the church of Christ—it is a principal source of contention, strife, hatred, and disunion. It has often torn congregations to pieces—and alienated those, who should have been united in the bond of perfection. In the world, pride produces daily strife, hatred, and division; leads to national wars—and pours out human blood like water. It has placed the Man of Sin on his throne;—led him to lord it over the Christian church, and to assume a superiority over kings;—and even to take the titles and honours of Deity.

How different is all this from that lowliness which is essential to unity! The Saviour gave a most striking example of humility when he left the throne of his glory, and took our place on Calvary. He set a child in the midst of his disciples, and said, Except ye be converted, and become as little children—ye shall not enter the kingdom of God." He taught that whosoever would be chief among his followers, must be servant of all. Paul, in treating of the same subject, exhorts his brethren to esteem others better than themselves. It is easy to see that such a spirit and such conduct would go far to produce a unity of spirit among Christians.

The next characteristic inculcated by the apostle as necessary to union, is meekness. This involves great command of our temper, so as not to be easily provoked or irritated. Causes of provocation will arise. We are so constituted that it seems impossible under present circumstances, that it can be altogether avoided. It is no less evident that offence is often taken where none is intended. In all such cases, the prescription of the apostle,—meek-

ness—will be found to be the remedy needed. Trifles and imaginary causes of offence will be given to the wind, and the unity of the Spirit be maintained.

The next part of the means necessary to unity, prescribed by the apostle is “longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.” Numerous peculiarities distinguish individuals. No two faces are alike; and no two human beings are precisely similar. We are distinguished by difference of sentiment, of disposition and manner. Some of our peculiarities are natural, others are the result of education of disposition and of habit. Some of these peculiarities, may not be agreeable to others. In such cases the remedy is “long-suffering, forbearing one another in love.” “Charity or love covereth a multitude of sins.” “Charity suffereth long and is kind.” “Charity beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.” If charity or love is in operation, then forbearance with one another, will be easy and readily practised. It is very obvious that love will contribute largely to promote the unity of the Spirit.

The apostle next specifies the motive which should unite Christians. It is that they are one and that too in a variety of particulars. He says “There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Here we see the people of God are one to a great extent in spite of the disunion to which their remaining pride, irritability and intolerance, may lead. The particulars of union here specified are of such a kind, that they cannot be contemplated by Christians without drawing them together.

The argument, employed by the apostle to lead Christians to unity, operates strongly in the world, in securing the common good. The attachment existing between members

of the same family is often evinced by sympathy in trouble, and by contributing to each other's welfare. In the same way, under certain circumstances, the fact, that persons are the natives of the same city, the same province, or the same country, has a strong influence in calling forth attachment, especially when meeting on a foreign shore, in the midst of strangers. So also but in a much higher degree, the thought of the close and deeply interesting connection of the people of God, is calculated powerfully to draw them together, and unite them in the perfect bond of love.

The first particular, in the bond of union specified by the apostle, is, that "there is one body." Christians are the members, and Christ is the head. All our members constitute but one body. "The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the foot, I have no need of you. Nay, much more, those members which seem to be more feeble are necessary. And those members which we may think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need; but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked; that there might be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care one of another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." Nothing could illustrate more forcibly the close connection subsisting among the people of God. In the human body there is no jarring, no opposition of one member to another; their troubles and their joys are one. How desirable that the same unity should be maintained in the church of God!

The next item in the bond of union is, "there is one Spirit." As the human body is actuated by one soul, so

the body of Christ is actuated by one Spirit. That spirit is one of love and peace. Were Christians always actuated by his heavenly influence, nothing, of an opposite nature, could ever occur among them. When, therefore, jarrings take place, it is evident some other spirit is at work among them.

Again it is said, "even as ye are called in one hope of your calling,"—there is one heaven. Here is a consideration certainly fitted in a high degree to produce unity. Christians have the prospect of being united forever before the throne of God. They are now fellow-travellers, walking side by side to the heavenly Jerusalem; and there with the great multitude which no man can number, they shall be united while eternity endures. The union of the people of God before the eternal throne will be under circumstances of the happiest kind. There the one spirit, the Spirit of God, will regulate every thought, feeling and movement of every individual; there the only experience of the innumerable company, will be unmingled and exalted happiness; there they shall gaze on the Divine glory, enjoy the personal presence of the Redeemer, and mingle familiarly with angels and archangels. Such a prospect is surely calculated to lead christians to forbear one another in love, and to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

It is said further, there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." The Lord Jesus Christ is our lawgiver,—the sole King and Head of his church. Under Him all Christians are placed. He gives them protection and guidance, and to him they must submit. There is "one faith." The mode by which the followers of Jesus are admitted to the enjoyment of all their privileges and blessings, is by faith, that it may be by grace. There is "one baptism." In baptism, as appointed by our Lord, believers are required to profess their faith in Him, and thus be introduced into the Christian church. In this ordinance one Lord and one

faith are publicly professed, and the fundamental blessings of the gospel are represented to the church and the world. The fact that Christians are one in so many particulars, should draw them together in the closest bonds and make them feel that they are indeed *one*.

Finally, "there is one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." All are the creatures of his hand. He is through all in his adorable providence. He numbers the hairs of our heads. The sparrow does not fall to the ground without him. Every change we experience, the blessings we receive, the afflictions we endure, all are from His hand.

Christians are one in a variety of very important particulars, in spite of all the wrangling and jarring which may take place among them. But certainly nothing can be more unseemly among persons so connected than disunion. The thought of their close and deeply interesting connection, formed by so many links, ought to operate, everywhere and at all times, with great power, in leading them to suffer long, forbearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, in account with CHARLES RANDALL, Treasurer.

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1864.	Febry. 17. Forwarded to Rev. G. F. Miles, for the benefit of Rev. Mr. Hull,.....	5 0 0
	Forwarded to W. Raymond, Esq., for the benefit of Rev. W. Jackson,.....	10 0 0
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1863.	June 16. By Cash in hand as per acct. rendered in 1863,.....	£41 15 10
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Witnessed, June 16th, 1864.

CHARLES RANDALL, Treasurer.

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TEMPERANCE.

The great modern Temperance reformation originated with christian ministers and christian men. They first by precept and example, proclaimed the Apostolic injunction, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." And now grateful for past benedictions, and encouraged by past and present success we urge still greater efforts. While patriots and philanthropists co-operate, christians must be the pioneers or the work will come to nought, and intemperance triumph.

over abstinence and its kindred virtues, and the "glorious beauty which is on the head of the fat valley shall be a fading flower."

A review of the past year, upon the whole, shows a gradually extending Temperance interest. But while our Legislature legalizes the liquor traffic and protects the vender in his murderous work, and admits the accursed drug duty free to the Officers of the Army, who, more especially, should be abstinence men, and whilst the licensed destroyers kill, and are shielded from retributive justice beneath the shield of law, let there be no relaxation of effort in the Churches to elevate popular feeling above the existing law, and not rest till we have on our Statute book absolute legal coercion against the seller, and an adequate popular energy to sustain and enforce it.

Respectfully submitted.

D. O. PARKER, *Chairman.*

(C)

REPORT OF THE FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

In presenting their annual Report, the Board regret that they have not as much to communicate that is encouraging as in former years. The difficulties connected with our work far greater than most of our brethren are aware of, have withstood us with more than usual force during the year just transpired. The priests have been extremely vigilant and active, and the people generally evince a spirit of prejudice and hostility which would render our labors utterly futile, but for the power of divine grace, and the promises of God.

Our Mission School has been kept up during part of the year. The French Teacher, employed by the Board, to whom such hopeful reference was made in our last report, did not realize our expectations concerning him. Circumstances which we deem it unnecessary to explain, led the Board to consider it their duty to dismiss him from their service. After his dismissal Miss Ellen Porter devoted her services gratuitously to the School for three months, and was gathering around her an interesting group of children,

when the priest interfered, and their parents were compelled to take them away.

The Board would express their hearty approval of Miss P. as a teacher of the children, and also as a zealous friend of the Mission and would express the hope that her valuable services may be secured, as soon as the school can be again commenced.

The Board would state, in reference to the difficulties that have arisen between themselves and one of their number, to which public reference has been made in the pages of the *Christian Messenger*, that in the course they took in the painful matter, they simply acted from a sense of duty. The charges brought against us, we deny.

Amid the difficulties and discouragements peculiar to our work your Missionary has toiled on. During the year he has made 159 visits among the French people. And has preached 117 sermons, 46 among the French and 71 among the English. The sermons in English were preached on behalf of the Mission while the Missionary was travelling among the churches. There are three places where our brother stately preaches, viz.: Pubnico, Meteghan and St. Mary's Bay.

At the last named place an interesting Sabbath School has been opened this spring. There are one or two cases of hopeful conversion. There are also many others who, like Joseph of Arimathea, are "disciples of Jesus, but secretly for fear" of the bitter opposition they would have to encounter in openly renouncing the faith of their fathers. Your Missionary often has his heart cheered by unexpected visits from anxious inquirers after the truth.

We are aware that brethren often ask for immediate results, but if they knew all the obstacles that stand in the way, they would learn patiently "to labor and wait." The Board would say that they are willing to go on with their work, if the churches will sustain them with their contributions and prayers, leaving the issue in the hands of God.

In order to this we deem it desirable to remove the Mission from Tusketo to Salmierville. A piece of land, with a building upon it has been purchased by two of the brethren, who are ready to put it in trust for the denomination as soon as it can be paid for. Twelve hundred and fifty dollars would pay for the land, and fit up the premises for

missionary and educational purposes. This could be done by disposing of the premises at Tusket, or by voluntary contributions from the churches. Should it be deemed advisable to sell the Mission premises at Tusket it would be necessary for this Association to authorize the Board to secure from the Legislature an Act by which they could legally be disposed of.

We further deem it desirable to commence the Mission School as soon as possible, and in order to keep it in operation, despite priestly opposition, to take into the school a few children whom the Board will have to feed and clothe as well as educate. Others would come to the school, whom we may retain as long as possible while we should depend upon those only who have placed themselves under our control and care.

Men and brethren help. We thank you for your efficient prayerful aid in the past. We ask not only its continuance, but increase. Our trials and responsibilities have been many and often disheartening, but if our Pastors and churches will still hold up our hands we are still ready and willing to go on with the Mission and seek the eternal welfare of the thousands of our French population who are groping their way to another world, without the light of the glorious Gospel to guide them safely thither. All objections fade before the solemn injunction of our Lord and Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

HENRY ANGELL, *Secretary.*

(D)

REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Domestic Missionary Board beg to lay before the Association a statement of the operations carried on since your last session, in the department of Christian effort entrusted to them. The Home Mission work done under the direction of your Board during the year, is, perhaps, as great in amount as that of any preceding year. Ten Missionaries have been employed in the service of the Board, though, with two exceptions, only for a small portion of the

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year. *Ninety* weeks of Missionary labour have been expended in the Mission field, comprising the following places:—Barrington and Shelburne with intermediate places, New Albany, Springfield, East Dalhousie, West Dalhousie, Lake Le Rose, Perot, Milford, Graywood, Annapolis, Greenfield, Middlefield, Chelsea, Young's Cove, the Ovens and vicinity, (Lunenburg), New Ross, St. Margaret's Bay, and Port Mattoon.

In the year now ended 384 sermons have been preached by your missionaries; 159 meetings for prayer, conference, or the promotion of Temperance have been held, and six hundred and two families have been visited, and \$135.12½ collected in aid of the missions.

For the services of your missionaries the Board has paid out \$577.90½; due yet \$111.00 for work done.

The success of those labors, if judged by the number of additions, must be considered as small; only seven converts having been baptized during the year. We cannot, however, doubt that, while many a Christian heart has been made glad in the Lord, and strengthened in faith, love, and obedience, the seed of the kingdom deeply and widely sown will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, produce, ere long, an abundant harvest of disciples true and faithful to Christ and his Church. We should pray earnestly that the word of God may be glorified, and not return void.

Two of the missions sustained in part by the Board deserve special mention as affording an illustration of what may be accomplished in the Mission field, by the people themselves, towards procuring almost continuous labor throughout the year. Bro. R. S. Morton has been engaged in missionary work for the whole year at a cost to the Board of \$100 only; the people of New Albany, Springfield, and Sherbrook making up the remainder. Bro. W. H. Richan has been employed in a similar manner the greater part of the year at Barrington, Shelburne, and intermediate places, while the Board is accountable to him for twenty-six weeks only.

While the Churches contribute by far the greater part of the funds expended in the missions appointed by this Board, and must still be looked to as the main pillar of support, it is very desirable that the people on the mission ground should be encouraged to contribute liberally in aid of the

missions, and be required, where practicable, to pledge a stated amount for this purpose. Thus would the funds be materially relieved, and, in effect increased; and that too in a way most promising for future success. The more our brethren and friends in the different places to which missions are appointed, contribute to pay the Missionary sent them, the more labour can the Board employ on the entire Missionary field. It is hoped that these things will be remembered and the proper use made of them.

Your Board painfully feel that the Churches in this Western Association, do not, as a whole, put forth that amount of strength in the Home Mission enterprise, which their numbers and pecuniary ability warrant us to expect. Our contributions to this cause might be trebled, without our exceeding what duty, and the wants of the Home Mission require. We should not be satisfied with supplying the limited mission-field within the bounds of our own Association; we should lay ourselves out to send the Gospel to the more destitute regions in Eastern Nova Scotia, in Cape Breton, and in Prince Edward Island. Two members of your Board, the *Chairman*, and the *Secretary*, made a sort of official visit to the latter Island during the last session of the Eastern Association, held at Bedeque; and, from what we saw and heard, we were deeply impressed with the magnitude of the Home Mission work required of our brethren in the Eastern and Central Associations, and which they are endeavouring to supply. We are more deeply convinced than ever that both as individuals and churches, it is our duty to take hold with them in this great work in a manner more energetic and liberal than we have yet done.

We cannot, it is submitted, feel too deeply on this point. In almost every part of the Eastern field, already indicated, missionary work is required and called for. Why should we not respond in a manner worthy of the Gospel, and of our Divine Master. We have the ability; and we ought to have love enough to Jesus Christ, and to the souls of men, for his sake, as willingly, liberally, and gladly to employ such portion of our means as will be pleasing to Him, for the purpose of communicating the Gospel to sinners without the means of grace, or but scantily supplied with them. If we would prosper much as a people, our benevolence must flow forth deeper and stronger in this God-honouring,

Christ-exalting and soul-saving enterprise. The Saviour requires it; the condition of the perishing plead for it; and our own spiritual growth and progress demand it.

Regard for the principles we hold, and which have, as we believe so important a bearing on the purity, extension, and triumphs of Christ's Kingdom in the world, calls upon us to do what we can in this great work of home evangelization.

Some of our wealthy brethren, if so disposed, could employ a Missionary for three or four months, less or more, or supply the means needed for the purpose; this they might do without incurring any risk of being compelled to lament at the dying hour, or in the day of judgment that they had lost anything by thus visiting the poor and perishing, and bearing to them the message of life and salvation by the Gospel.

We long to see our Churches and brethren,—rich and poor—awaking to an adequate realization of the greatness of the Home Mission work required of us, and manifesting in a substantial manner the sense they have of the solemn responsibility which attaches to their position, to do all they can to make Christ, and the riches of his grace, known to sinners.

Let us view this great work of Home Missions in the light of the Cross, of the Last day, and of Eternity; and we will not feel that too much is required of us when we are called upon to contribute with a free and generous hand to the important work of preaching Christ to those in our land who are perishing for lack of the knowledge which saves. Let us, in the spirit of faith and prayer, and in cheerful obedience to our Saviour's last command, occupy and cultivate all the ground we can; and strive continually to make further advances, in the name and strength of the Lord, on the kingdom of darkness, ignorance, and sin, and thus win the lost and perishing to Christ and salvation. In doing so, we may expect that in due time by the power of Divine Grace, a rich harvest of souls will be gathered to Christ; and that He will, in His eternal kingdom, honour with peculiar honours those who, in faith and love, have lived, contributed, and laboured to make known the great salvation, and turn sinners to righteousness.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board,
 GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Secretary.*

(E)

THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* report:— That their confidence in it remains unabated. As a Denomination we need a periodical which shall be a faithful exponent of our views, and carry to our Churches correct information concerning the various interests with which we are identified—this we have in the *Christian Messenger*.

Your Committee are highly gratified with the manly, truthful, dignified, and christian character of its editorials, and the rich instructive matter it weekly contains. In every Baptist family it should be considered a treasure, appreciated for the value of its contents, and respected for the objects it contemplates, namely—the bettering of the moral and spiritual condition of human beings.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the *Christian Messenger* be sustained by an increase of circulation; and that its Editor be a subject of prayer, that he may have wisdom, discretion, perseverance, and grace in the great and difficult work, which he, in the Providence of God, is called upon to perform—a work, which is identified with the progress and prosperity of Christ's Kingdom in the world.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. BALCOM, *Chairman*.

(F)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee regarding Education as lying at the foundation of the future prosperity of our fair Province, beg to call special attention to the responsibility we, as a denomination, have assumed in raising up our Institutions at Horton, and offering to the youth of the land in their halls, a cheap, sound, and thorough education.

The Horton Academy and Acadia College are now fixed facts. Our responsibility relates only to their future. Their early establishment and subsequent usefulness are highly advantageous to us as a body, and form an era of

incalculable importance in our history. With honest pride may we regard the development of the love of soul liberty among our fathers in throwing open the halls of Education to the whole people. To these halls young men from every County in the Province have resorted, and we are happy to learn that another Professor has been added to the staff, that the number of students in attendance during the past year has been larger than usual, and that 15 young men are prepared to enter College in September next, which with the number of regular matriculated Students, makes 45. Other cheering facts of this kind might be added, but suffice it to say, our Institutions are in a flourishing condition. These Institutions stand before the public to-day acting no inferior part after the probation of more than a quarter of a century. They are the peers of any Institutions in the Province; and have achieved a status which increases the responsibility of this generation, in proportion to the increase and advancement of our population. While we are pleased to know that the machinery of this Establishment is working with as little friction as is common to such Institutions, and would earnestly recommend a speedy and thorough endowment, we would express our conviction of the fact that the highest interests of these Institutions demand the fostering care of the Denomination year by year, that their sympathies may be kept alive by their Annual contributions.

We feel deeply impressed with the fact that in our present condition, apathy is ruin. One of two courses must be adopted. We must either recede from our position, ignoring our responsibility, as educators of youth; or stand our ground and even take higher ground, in this noble work. Shall we recede? Ask the Baptists of Nova Scotia! The emphatic No! in thunder tones would be heard from the three Provinces. Shall we ignore our responsibilities, whatever turn extraneous matters may take, and leave Acadia College to become an ivy-clad monument of our imbecility? Shall we, Acadia's sons, wear such a badge of disgrace? No! the denomination would indignantly hurl every officer, advising such a measure, from their seats, and put in their places men who better comprehend the necessities and demands of the age. To go back is impossible. The large amounts already contributed cannot be lost, nor

the instruction of our youth disregarded. To stand still is to lose the vantage ground already gained. To go forward is our only course, our high and noble duty. For this we have both the voice of the people and the voice of God. (*Vox populi vox Dei.*)

We close this report by suggesting that the modes by which monies are to be raised for our Institutions at Horton—the amounts absolutely needed, and applied under a rigid economy, and the accounts of expenditures, so far as expedient shall from time to time be laid before the people. The utmost transparency in all money matters we regard as of high importance.

Respectfully submitted.

S. RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*

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INVESTIGATION—FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

The Committee of Investigation respecting difficulties which have occurred in the French Mission Board, beg leave to present the following as their report:—

Whereas, Certain difficulties which have arisen between the French Mission Board, and the Rev. A. Martell, one of its members, have, on examination, been found to arise largely from misapprehension; and as Bro. Martell concedes that the Board acted sincerely in the course which they took, though he believes they were mistaken;

Resolved 1st, That Bro. Martell withdraw the harsh or unkind expressions which he may have used respecting the Board or its action.

Resolved 2nd, That we recommend the Board to rescind the *resolution* which they passed reflecting on Bro. Martell.

Your Committee are happy to report that the difficulties between our brethren have been explained and are now removed, both parties having cheerfully complied with the above recommendation.

C. TUPPER, *Chairman.*

(H)

DEPARTED BRETHERN.

Your Committee would invite their brethren to express much thankfulness that all the *ministers* of the churches in

this Association have been spared through the past year. They have however to inform their brethren, that who one had for several years regularly united with us in our Assemblies has been removed from our midst :

Deacon JOSEPH ROGERS of Hebron, Yarmouth, died on the 31st day of October, 1863, in the 57th year of his age. He made a profession of faith in Christ and was baptized on the 7th of June, 1840. After securing the affection and respect of his brethren by a course of consistent piety he was chosen by them to the office of Deacon, on the 16th of July, 1853. In this office he served the church of Christ. He held "the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." He "used the office well, and purchased to himself a good degree and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." We sympathize with his friends in their bereavement and sorrow, and the church from which he was taken, in the loss of one so much valued. We trust that others may be raised up to supply the place thus left vacant in the community. Men die and are gathered to their fathers ; but "the Lord reigns."

Respectfully submitted.

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

(I)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Report of the Committee on our Foreign Mission.

The duty of those who are blessed with the Gospel of Christ to communicate it to others, to the extent of their ability, is obvious. The contributions usually made for this object are by no means commensurate with its importance. Were professors of religion in these highly favored Provinces duly impressed with a sense of their obligations, and of the lamentable condition of the perishing heathen, unquestionably there would be much more earnest and self-denying efforts put forth than hitherto have been for the diffusion of the knowledge of Christ in the dark places of the earth.

It is highly pleasing, however, to perceive that there are, in some instances, indications of zeal and liberality in this

good cause. In addition to the large bequest of our late Brother Jacobs, which is to be paid ere long, \$80.00 have been bequeathed by Brother William Allen Kempton, for the support of a native preacher in Burmah, and already received. Two friends have contributed \$51.00, as a commencement toward the support of another. These sums have been immediately forwarded to Bro. Crawley, as our Superintendent. Besides other donations received, encouragement has been given of means to be contributed in one locality for sustaining an additional native missionary.

Though the Board have not been able to secure the services of a Missionary to be sent from these Provinces, whose health would admit of his going, yet by native agency, which may be obtained to a great extent, at little expense, through the divine blessing, much good may be effected. By this means the light of the gospel has been widely diffused in India, and many souls brought to the saving knowledge of Christ.

The two highly useful Schools in Burmah, sustained by funds contributed in these Provinces, require enlarged contributions to keep them in continual successful operation.

In conclusion, your Committee earnestly request that fervent and unceasing prayer may be offered to the Lord of the harvest, that He would dispose the hearts of men adapted to the work, to go forth from our midst as Missionaries to the perishing heathen, and that He would increase the number of faithful and efficient native laborers, and accompany all the efforts that now are, or that may be, put forth, with His rich and abundant blessing. May all act in unison with such a prayer, by liberally contributing of their substance, as a means indispensable to the end desired!

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

(J)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee report that they consider the work of Sabbath Schools, both commendable and important.

Infidelity of innumerable types and winning aspects

abounds. Young men just entering upon the busy vocations of life, which being both responsible and flattering, are too often, alas, allowed to so tax their energies as to leave but little time for Scriptural research. This affords the adversary a ready advantage. Sabbath Schools have this state full in view. They aim to forestall the mind by supplying it with religious knowledge, and religious convictions suited to the exigencies of this life, and the conditions of the heavenly world. Sabbath Schools are an excellent supplement to the Pulpit Ministry. They preach the Gospel in a simple and familiar manner to the young, who are not expected to comprehend the general reasonings and declarations of the pulpit.

We believe that no christian, nor christian Church can be too much interested in this method and work of religious instruction. If we would have the young, virtuous, honest, temperate, and religious, our hope under the blessing of God, rests in giving them sound, thorough Bible knowledge. We are pleased to be able to state that, within the limits of this Association, Sabbath Schools are to a large extent very satisfactorily sustained, and command a growing attachment. We recommend the formation of County Sabbath School Conventions. One formed in the County of Yarmouth in 1861, has proved of great service in the promotion of Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

W. G. GOUCHER, *Chairman.*

(K)

BIBLE CIRCULATION.

"Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth," "The entrance of thy word giveth light," are Scripture truths, shewing to us the importance of regarding the Bible, the work of God, as the means in the hand of God of converting the world, and bringing the children of men to the knowledge of the truth. They would, therefore, urge upon the denomination, the necessity of increased liberality to send the Holy Scriptures through all the earth. They look upon the vast fields yet to be evangelized, China, India,

and other regions in the shadow of Spiritual death, and can not but feel that there is a pressing claim upon us as a denomination, to put forth more liberal efforts to send the word of life to the nations of the earth. They would likewise urge upon the denomination increased attention to the holy doctrines and precepts of the Bible, so that we may be known as a Bible loving people, presenting to the world consistent illustrations of the doctrines, precepts, and practices of the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. HALL, *Chairman.*

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SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee regard the Sabbath as a divine institution, designed to promote the well-being of man and the glory of God, and greatly deplore its too common desecration, by travel, attention to worldly concerns, unholy amusements and idle conversation.

Your Committee would recommend to individual christians, a higher respect and more careful observance of the Holy day; to ministers a more frequent and forcible presentation of its claims in their pulpit ministrations; and to the Church a requirement of its more careful observance on the part of their members.

Respectfully submitted.

R. D. PORTER, *Chairman.*

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MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Where ordained.
Rev. H. Angell,.....	Yarmouth,.....	Feb. 13, 1853.	Milton,.....
" H. Achilles,...	Parker's Cove,..	Nov. 1, 1854.	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong,...	Bridgetown,....	Dec. 30, 1848	Port Medway.
" A. W. Barss,...	Ragged Islands,	June 6, 1855.	Lunenburg. N.W.
" A. Cogswell,...	Beaver River,...	Jan. —, 1843.	Chute's Cove.
" T. C. DeLong,...	New Germany, ..	Feb. —, 1834	New Albany.
" W. G. Goucher,	Hebron,.....	May 11, 1853.	Hebron. [N. B.
" J. E. Goucher,...	Port Medway, ..	Oct. 5, 1859.	Upper Gagetown,
" W. Hall,.....	Long Island,....	July —, 1842.	Fredericton, N.B.
" E. N. Harris,...	Liverpool,.....	July 11, 1828.	Kingston, N. B.
" W. Jackson,...	Beaver River,...	Mar. 31, 1836.	Brier Island.
" J. C. Morse,...	Digby Neck,....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" A. Martell,.....	Tusket,.....	Mar. 20, 1849.	Antigonish.
" John Miller,...	Long Island,....	.....	.....
" J. A. Moore,...	Hillsburg,.....	Aug. 5, 1857.	Port George.
" P. F. Murray,...	Chute's Cove,...	Mar. 14, 1848	Westport.
" R. S. Morton,...	Nictaux,.....	Feb. —, 1852.	Nictaux.
" J. McKenne,...	Sable River,....	Oct. 20, 1859.	Greenfield.
" M. Normonday,	Tusket,.....	July 20, 1859.	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker,...	Aylesford,.....	Feb. 21, 1844.	Wilmot.
" W. G. Parker,...	Nictaux,.....	Jan. 20, 1843.	New Albany.
" D. O. Parker,...	Brookfield,....	Mar. 23, 1861.	Liverpool.
" W. L. Parker,...	Arcadia,.....	Sept. 30, 1863.	Upper Aylesford.
" R. B. Porter,...	Hebron,.....	Sept. 17, 1857.	Dartmouth.
" W. H. Porter,...	Wilmot,.....	Sept. 5, 1862.	Wilmot.
" C. Randall,....	Weymouth,....	July 11, 1833.	Weymouth.
" S. Richardson,	Clements,.....	.....	.....
" W. H. Richan,...	Barrington,....	Sept 30, 1863.	Barrington.
" J. H. Saunders,	Ohio, Yarmouth,	Aug. 11, 1858.	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stubbert,	Deerfield, do.	Dec. 17, 1843.	Port Medway.
" James Spencer,	Digby,.....	May 17, 1853.	Chester.
" A. Stronach,...	Aylesford,.....	.....	.....
" C. Tupper, D.B.	Aylesford,.....	July 17, 1817.	Canard.
" N. Vidito,.....	Wilmot,.....	May 10, 1832.	Wilmot.
" J. A. Walker,...	Aylesford,.....	June 3, 1856.	Aylesford.
LICENTIATES.			
Thomas Blackadar, ..	Wolfville,.....	.....	.....
Andrew Parker,	Aylesford,.....	.....	.....
Joseph G. Thompson	Kempt,.....	.....	.....
Zephaniah Porter,...	Beaver River, ..	.....	.....
C. Kanady,.....	Litchfield,.....	.....	.....

ACCOUNT OF MONIES PAID IN AT THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION CONVENEED AT PARADISE, JUNE 11TH, 1863.

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Infirmary.	Ministerial Education.	French Mission.	Gatholic Mission.	Bible Circulation.	Academy College.	Totals.
Annapolis and Upper Granville,.....	\$20 00	13 00	3 46	4 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	48 46
Argyle,.....	8 00	.....	1 75	1 75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	11 50
Brookfield,.....	6 00	4 00	2 75	4 50	5 00	.....	2 57½	.....	24 62½
Beaver River,.....	6 79	8 50	4 20	8 25	16 94	.....	.....	.....	44 68
Clements,.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Digby Neck 2nd,.....	5 12½	6 05	3 67½	.....	8 22	.....	6 22	.....	28 29
Graywood,.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Hampton,.....	4 00	4 20	1 50	.....	3 45	.....	.....	.....	13 15
Hill Grove,.....	7 00	2 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Hillsburgh 1st,.....	7 00	5 85	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	19 85
Hillsburgh 2nd,.....	3 52½	3 00	0 25	.....	0 12½	.....	.....	.....	6 90
Lake George,.....	.....	1 75	0 35	0 25	2 85	.....	.....	.....	5 20
Liverpool,.....	10 00	27 48	.....	.....	7 75	.....	.....	.....	55 23
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot,.....	13 10	14 00	4 40	8 00	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	44 50
Lower Granville,.....	14 50	21 50	8 25	7 62½	6 62½	.....	.....	.....	58 50
Long Island,.....	12 50	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Litchfield,.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75
Milton,.....	15 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	6 00	.....	6 63½	.....	46 63½
Middlefield,.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Nicasaux,.....	11 11½	15 25	1 87½	1 25	16 42	.....	.....	.....	51 41½
New Albany,.....	6 25	2 50	0 70	.....	4 87½	.....	0 75	.....	15 12½
New Tuskent,.....	0 50	1 00	0 25	.....	7 92½	.....	.....	.....	9 67½
Ohio,.....	1 50	1 12½	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	7 03

Port Medway and Mills Village..... 7 00
 Parker's Cove..... 2 50
 Pine Grove..... 1 75

FRENCH MISSION in account with W. M. CHURCHILL,
Treasurer.

	DR.	
1863.		
June 10.	To balance per acct. rendered Association at Yarmouth,.....	\$268 64
Sept. 14.	To this sum paid L. H. Trombly by Rev. M. Nor- monday,.....	57 42
1864.		
Jan. 16.	To Rev. H. Angell, for Telegram to Rev. M. Nor- monday,	0 25
March 9.	To the Missionary's expenses on collecting tour,..	17 36
May 20.	To Missionary's salary one year to date,.....	480 00
		\$823 67

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1863.		
June 17.	By Western Association,.....	\$314 20
Aug. 21.	A Free Baptist,.....	6 00
	Lower Granville,.....	1 00
Sept. 8.	Central Association,.....	13 52½
24.	Collection in first Yarmouth Church,...	6 97
Nov. 2.	do. in Beaver River Church,.....	5 00
	P. Raymond donation,.....	0 50
	Wm. Raymond donation,.....	3 00
	Rev. A. Cogswell, donation,	2 00
	Collected in West Yarmouth Church, ..	3 50
	Miss Ann Dorman donation,.....	1 00
	Collected in Ohio Church,.....	3 91
	do. in 3rd Yarmouth Church,....	10 13
	do. Lake George Church,.....	10 00
	Joseph Crosby and family donation,...	4 50
	Mrs. P. Parker, Cornwallis, do.	0 25
24.	Collected in Ohio Church,.....	8 00
	West Yarmouth Church,.....	2 50
	do. Beaver River Church,.....	0 50
	do. 3rd Yarmouth Church,.....	8 05
Dec. 26.	Anonymous per S. Selden, Esq.,.....	20 00
30.	Collected in 2nd Yarmouth Church,....	4 78
	Rev. Henry Angell, donation,.....	2 00
1864.		
Febry. 20.	North Church, Halifax, collection,.....	12 50
Mar. 9.	Mr. Kelly, Beaver River, donation,....	1 00
	Charlton Sabean, Esq., New Tusket,...	4 00
	George Sabean, do	4 00
	Hanes Sabean, do	2 00
	David Sabean, do	0 62½
	John S. Sabean, do	1 00
	James Green, do	0 50
	Collection in New Tusket Church,.....	8 50
	do Digby Joggins,.....	7 44
	do Hillsburg,.....	3 12½
	do West Port,.....	12 00
	do Long Island,.....	10 00
	do Sandy Cove,.....	1 12½
	do Waterford 1st,.....	2 36
	Carried forward,.....	

	Brought forward,.....	\$	
	Collection in Clarence,		5 10
	do Lower Granville,.....		8 72
	do Wadeville,.....		3 28½
	do Bridgetown,.....		8 25
	do Paradise,.....		7 50
	do Valley West,.....		4 75
	do Mountain,.....		1 34
	Henry N. Paint, donation, Halifax,....		5 00
	Miss Vass, do do		4 00
	S. Selden, do do		2 00
	S. N. Binney, do do		2 00
	W. L. Evans, do do		1 00
	R. N. Beckwith, do do		1 00
	Hon. Dr. Tupper, do do		2 50
	Dr. Parker, do do		5 00
	John Naylor, Esq., do do		1 00
	J. W. Johnston, Esq., do do		2 00
	J. W. Nutting, Esq., do do		2 00
	Hon. J. McCully, do do		2 00
	Collected in Sackville Church,.....		1 19
	Rev. R. R. Philp, donation,.....		0 50
	Mrs. Margaret Webber, donation,.....		1 00
	Collected in Rawdon Church,.....		2 00
	do Newport East,.....		1 84
	do Newport West,.....		4 00
	do Windsor,.....		8 19
	do Falmouth,.....		2 02½
	do Hantsport,.....		2 40½
	Rev. W. Burton,.....		1 00
	Mrs. Whitman Holmes,.....		1 00
	N. T. Harris,.....		0 50
	Collected at Brooklyn Church,.....		3 25½
	do Wolfville,.....		8 20
	Dr. Cramp, donation,.....		4 00
	G V. Rand, do		1 00
	Collected in Gaspereaux Church,.....		4 00
	do do Mountain,....		4 28½
	do Pereau.....		1 69
	do Canning,.....		3 53½
	Rev. D. Freeman, donation,.....		1 00
	L. C. Woodworth, do		0 50
	W. Harris, do		1 00
	Collected at Canard Church, Cornwallis		11 75
	do Lower do do		5 06½
	do Port Williams, do		1 26
	do New Minas, do		2 02½
	do Canaan Mountain do		1 91½
	do Lakeville, do		1 95
	do S. B. Parker, do do		1 04
	do Waterville, do		1 76
	do Pleasant Valley, do		1 76
	do Berwick, do		9 50
	do Black Rock, do		4 74
	do Harbourville, do		1 35
	Charles Norwood, donation,.....		0 50
	Collected Upper Aylestord Church,.....		4 14½
	Carried forward,.....		

	Brought forward,.....	\$	
	Samuel Selfridg, donation,.....		1 50
	Amos Davison, do		2 00
	Dr Balcom, do		1 00
	Charles Dodge, do		0 50
	Benj. Dodge, do		1 00
	Collection in Morristown Church,.....		5 30
	Silas Bishop and family, donation,.....		2 25
	Rev. J. L. Reed, do		0 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Collected in Melvern square Church,...		4 56 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Nathaniel Parker, donation,.....		1 00
	Caroline Goucher, do		1 00
	Collection in Nictaux Church,.....		9 79
	John McGrigor, donation,.....		0 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Robert Charlton, do		1 25
	Tracy Chipman, do		0 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Collection in Salem Church,.....		2 69
	Ambrose Dodge and family, donation,.		2 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Collection in Canaan Mountain Church,		2 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
	do in Middleton,.....		1 46
	do in Messenger Neighbourhood		2 76
	do in Round Hill,.....		2 63
	do Goat Island,.....		1 63
	do Moose River,.....		1 00
	do Clements Corner,.....		4 38 $\frac{1}{2}$
	do Waldeck line,.....		3 09
	do Israel Potter, donation,.....		1 00
	do Lake George Church,.....		7 50
June 1.	do Eastern Association (omitted		
1863.	above,).....		5 00
Sept. 8.	William Churchill, donation,.....		4 00
			<u>751 98</u>
	To balance,.....	\$	71 69

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WILLIAM CHURCHILL, *Treasurer.**Yarmouth, June 6th, 1864.*

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Treasurer*, in account with the DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD of the W. B. Association of Nova Scotia.

1863.	DR.	
June 16.	Balance from last year,.....	\$68 18
	Wm. Churchill, <i>Treasurer</i> of the Association, the contributions from the Churches, &c., for the Domestic Mission,.....	372 60
	Collected by the Missionaries in aid of their respective Missions, the following sums:—	
	Rev. Obed Parker, at the Gold Diggings, &c., in Lunenburg,	6 00
	Carried forward,.....	

Brought forward,.....	\$
Bro. C. Kanady, Licentiate, at New Ross, \$1.25, and at St. Margaret's Bay, \$9.22,.....	10 47
Rev. A. Stronach, at Milford and Graywood,.....	3 04
Rev. W. L. Parker, at Dalhousie West, &c.,.....	23 00
Bro. J. M. Parker, Licentiate, at Greenfield, Mid- dlefield, &c.,.....	35 17½
Rev. W. H. Richan, at Barrington, Shelburne, and intermediate places,.....	42 79
Bro. Thos. A. Blackadar, Licentiate, at New Ross, His own Donation,.....	2 80
Rev. H. Achilles, at Young's Cove,.....	3 20
Rev. A. Shields, at Port Mattoon, &c.,.....	3 50
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	\$577 90½

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June 13-14. The following sums paid or pledged at the Association, for the special purpose of paying off \$102.24½ due Missionaries for work done during the year:—

Rev. George Armstrong, \$4.00; Rev. N. Vidito, \$5 00; Charles Pinkney, \$2 50; Jos. Shaw, Esq, \$10 00; Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$1 00; Rev. Thomas Higgins, \$2 00; Danl. Nichols, Esq., 0 87½; Rev. O. Parker, \$1 00; Rev. W. H. Porter, \$2 00; Saml. Spinney, \$4 00; Leonard Tiley, \$0 62½; Rev. W. G. Parker, \$2 00; Isaac Loyd, 62½; Rev. A. D. Thompson, \$1 00; Fanny Middleton, (a colored sister), \$1 00; Rev. W. Goucher, \$1 00; Dea. Isaac Healy, \$1 25; Charles Rumsey, \$1 00; Wm. Randall, Esq., \$5 00; Maynard Wheelock, \$0 50; John Whitman, \$1 00; Jacob Kempton, \$1 00 E. Rose, \$1 00; Dea. Hicks Chesley, \$1 00; John Spurr, \$1 00; Dea. J. Brenton, \$0 50; Dea. Saml. Wheelock, \$4 00; Rev. H. Achilles, \$2 50; Rev. M. Normonday, \$0 62½; P. Chute, \$0 50; Rev. J. A. More, \$0 50; Rev. C. Randall, \$1 00; Charles McNeil, Senr., \$0 50; Hiran Marshall, \$0 50; Friends, \$2 22½; Peleg F. Murray, \$1 00; Mrs. A. M. Gidney, \$0 50; Mrs. R. Treat, \$0 50; Collection, \$7 70; Friends, \$10 46; A Friend, \$0 25; J. M. Parker, \$0 50; Rev. P. F. Murray, \$2 00; Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, \$1 00; Saml. Brown, \$1 62½; Rev. A. Weaver, \$0 62½; Rev. J. E. Goucher, \$1 50; W. H. Goudy, \$1 00; Rev. A. W. Barss, \$4 00; Mrs. S. B. Chipman, \$0 50; A Friend, \$0 25; A. Longley, Esq., \$0 50; C. McNeil, Junr, \$0 50; Mrs. Fisk, \$0 25; Rev. I. Wallace, \$1 00; A Friend, \$1 30; Saml. Freeman, \$1 00; Mr. Longley, \$0 12½; Rev. W. H. Richan, \$4 00; Collection, \$7 68½; Miss A. Foster, (a gold ring).

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1863.	July 23.	Rev. A. Stronach, on acct. of mission to Graywood, &c.,	16 00
		Rev. N. Vidito, and Geo. Armstrong, three weeks' mission to P. E. Island at \$8 00, (i e. \$12 00 each),	24 00
	Aug. 1.	Rev. Obed Parker, four weeks to the Gold Diggings, &c., in Lunenburg, at \$8 00,	32 00
	27.	Bro. C Kanady, Licentiate, two weeks at New Ross, at \$6 00,	12 00
	Oct. 6.	Bro. C Kanady, Licentiate, four weeks at St Margaret's Bay,	24 00
	19.	Rev. A. Stronach, balance due on six weeks' mission to Graywood, Milford, and Annapolis, at \$8 00,	32 00
	Dec. 9.	Rev. W. L. Parker, thirteen weeks' mission to West Dalhousie, Perot, Lake Lerose, at \$6 00 for six weeks, and \$8 00 for the remainder,	92 00
	29.	Bro J. M. Parker, Licentiate, twelve weeks' mission to Greenfield, Middlefield, and Chelsea, at \$6 00,	72 00
	30.	Rev. W. H. Richan, on account of his mission to Barrington, Shelburne, and intermediate places,	60 00
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	Feb. 23.	Bro. T. A. Blackadar, Licentiate, three weeks' mission to New Ross, at \$6 00,	18 00
	May 10.	Rev. H. Achilles, four weeks' mission at Young's Cove at \$8 00,	32 00
	21.	Rev. R. S. Morton, on account of his year's mission to New Albany, Springfield, and Sherbrooke,	60 00
	June 13.	Rev. A. Shields, four weeks' mission at Port Mattoon and vicinity at \$8 00; expenses \$1 25,	33 25
		Rev. W. H. Richan, balance on his mission of twenty-six weeks at Barrington, Shelburne, and intermediate places; 13 weeks at \$6 00, and 13 at \$8 00,	122 00
		Postage 60 cents; money order 30 cents,	0 90
		Rev. M. A. Bigelow, sum pledged towards a year's mission performed in the County of Guysborough in the year 1862-3,	50 00
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		Balance in hands of the Treasurer,	11 75
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REPORT
 OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 OF THE
Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.

The Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society again present their Annual Report.— They have much satisfaction in being enabled to lay before the friends of Horton Academy, an account of their Institution of the most encouraging character. As an Institution of learning the Academy continues to occupy a high position.

Your Committee believe that the teachers spare no sacrifice of effort or strength in their labor, to render the Academy worthy of the confidence and patronage of the people of Nova Scotia. The following statistics exhibit the working of the Institution during the year past:—

MALE DEPARTMENT:—

The whole number attending has been.....	160
Greatest number in attendance at one time,	102
Smallest number,.....	60
Average,	81

FEMALE DEPARTMENT:—

Whole number during the year,.....	125
Greatest number in attendance at one time,.....	75
Smallest number,.....	56
Average,	69

The branches taught are such as are always taught in Academies and Schools of the highest class. The number engaged in the various studies, were as follows:—

- Whole number in Mathematics for the year,—Males 95, Females 75, Total 170.
- Number in the Classical Department,—Males 93, Females 40, Total 133.
- Number in French,—Males 18, Females 29, Total 47.

Nine of the pupils of the Academy have matriculated to enter upon the course of study in Acadia College. Two of the young ladies of the Seminary have completed the prescribed Course in that Institution, and having passed a creditable examination, received the usual Certificates.— Thus, from both Departments, the Institution is sending forth to the work of life, male and female, to unite their potent influence in all that appertains to moral and religious elevation.

Your Committee continue to repose unwavering confidence in their Teachers, and believe that neither labor or patience will abate, that all placed under their influence, may possess in full measure the advantages they desire. Robert V. Jones, Esq., A. M., having accepted an appointment to a professor's chair in Acadia College, his place will be filled by Mr. Israel Blair, who has been engaged in that important position during the last quarter. The staff of Teachers in both departments, will therefore, with the exception of the above named, be the same as last year.

Your Committee would direct the attention of the denomination to the fact, that the Female Department has, they think, already reached its culminating point, in its present locality, and that soon its movements are likely to retrograde unless some measures are taken to secure commodious and more suitable buildings. As regards accommodations, we compare most unfavorably with institutions of far less worth, and are often put to the blush when such contrasts are presented. We trust the Baptists will not be content to leave the Seminary in this state. Let our friends not forget that other institutions are rising up, with such we hope ever to stand in honorable and christian rivalry, but to do this we must provide for young ladies whose presence and influence we would draw towards Horton, the domestic comforts and conveniences of home. Some plan having a reference to this subject will, we trust, ere long, be presented to the Baptist community, to receive, we hope, that hearty response, accorded in other days, to the educational schemes of our honored Fathers.

It has been suggested that the Academy might be placed under the control of the Governors of Acadia College, and thereby avoid the necessity of two executive bodies at Horton. Your Committee endorse this proposal, and think it advantageous for both Institutions.

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A scheme for the above arrangement received the sanction of your Society last year. The Board of Governors also passed a resolution declaring their assent, and it was the purpose of your Committee to have asked from the Legislature an Act authorising the transfer, but as measures were likely to be brought before our Provincial Parliament touching the general question of Colleges, your Committee deemed it prudent, to abstain, for the present, from any act tending in any way to render the subject more complicated, but unless the Society should order otherwise, your Committee will avail themselves of an early opportunity to carry into effect the will of your Society.

Your Committee would again urge the demand of former years, and ask the people for whose benefit the Horton Institution were erected, to send on their sons and their daughters, that we may have the high privilege of furnishing the youthful mind with such instruction as shall fit them for useful and honorable life. Your Committee have to lament that, the Institutions have not during the past year enjoyed a season of religious revival. As a denomination we regret the absence of such tokens of God's favour and pray that ere long the Divine Spirit will come in answer to prayer—and the Institution enjoy again a season of spiritual prosperity.

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary.*

N. S. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY *in account with*
S. SELDEN.

		Dr		
1863.	July 14.	To repairs of Seminary building,.....	£25	0 0
	Oct. 8.	To Rev. T. A. Higgins, on acct. Teachers' salaries.	82	10 0
1864.	Jan. 28.	To do do do do do ..	45	0 0
	June	To do do balance do do ..	37	10 0
		To 2800 copies of Report bound with Minutes,....	4	10 0
		To balance,.....	95	18 1
			£290	8 1
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1863.	June 20	By balance,.....	£40	8 1
		By Provincial Grant,.....	250	0 0
			£290	8 1

Provincial Sabbath School Convention.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial S. S. Convention was held with Western Association at Paradise, June 14, 1864.

The President, S. Selden, in the Chair, read the Constitution of the Convention.

A Report of the Statistics, &c., from the Sabbath Schools in the Western Association was presented by the Rev. Jos. H. Saunders.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. Weaver, on "The influence of S. Schools on the rising generation;" and by Rev. W. Hall on "The S. School in relation to the family. Short addresses by Brethren Jackson and Dr. Tupper. The Officers of last year were reappointed, and the Convention adjourned:

GENERAL BOARD FOR THE PROVINCE:—S. Selden, President; Rev. A. H. Munro, Secretary; Dr. Pryor, Treasurer.

WESTERN BOARD:—Rev. H. Angell, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Saunders, Secretary; S. Brown, Treasurer.

CENTRAL BOARD:—J. W. Barss, Chairman; Rev. D. Freeman, Secretary; Rupert Eaton, Treasurer.

EASTERN BOARD:—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Chairman; T. H. Rand, Secretary; David Page, Treasurer.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—A Meeting of the Convention was also held with the Central Association, at Chester, on Monday, June 20th. The President in the Chair. The Report was presented by Rev. D. Freeman.

Addresses were given as follows:—"The importance of early religious instruction," by Rev. E. M. Saunders.—"Sabbath Schools in relation to the State, and improvement of society," by Professor J. deMill. "Who should be Teachers in Sabbath Schools" ? by Rev. D. M. Welton.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—The Session of the S. S. Convention with the Eastern Association was held at Truro on Monday evening July 4th. The President occupied the chair. Bro. H. C. Upham having been requested by the Association to take charge of the Returns presented them to the Convention.

The following questions were ably spoken to :—

1. Should we expect that the instruction given in Sabbath Schools will be the means of converting those who receive it? If so, Why? by the Rev. T. A. Higgins.
2. Are Sabbath Schools beneficial to a community? If they are what are, the benefits conferred? by the Rev. D. McKeen.
3. How may Teachers most effectually reach the hearts of the young, and bring them under the influence of religious truth? by Rev. S. W. DeBlois.

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

- Article 1. This society shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Sabbath School Convention.
2. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the aims and interests of Sabbath Schools within this Province.
3. The Convention shall be composed of Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers, and any Church members delegated by their respective schools, together with as many others present at its meetings as may be invited by the Convention to take part in its deliberations.
4. The officers of this body shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be the General Board for the Province for publishing the Statistics of the Schools, &c.; and also a Board of three persons—Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, from each of the three Associations; to be chosen annually; who, together, or as many of them as may be present at each Association, shall be a general Committee for making arrangements for meetings of the Convention.
5. There shall be three meetings of this Convention, held in connection with the three Associations, one of which according to turn among the Associations from year to year, shall be considered the Annual Meeting, at which the Officers shall be chosen, the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer presented and any other appropriate business transacted.
6. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Members present.

STATISTICS OF THE WESTERN BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION, June, 1864.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.				
West Sherbrooke,.....	C. W. Saunders.....	12	16	28	2	2	4	11	250	.....	20 00
Pine Grove, 4 Schools,.....	Rev. W. H. Porter.....	89	60	149	9	9	18	12	.....	20 00	13 00
Lake George,.....	Ira Porter.....	80	42	122	7	6	14	23	30	200	13 00
Ohio,.....	Nathan Grosbey.....	61	52	113	13	5	18	41	125	25 58	.....
Deerfield,.....	Chas. Tedford.....	26	30	56	5	4	9	.....	15	100	.....
Loeks Island,.....	X. Z. Chipman.....	20	30	50	2	5	7	.....	2	220	.....
1st Yarmouth,.....	Wm. Churchill.....	95	158	253	12	22	34	.....	20	450	*200 00
Salem,.....	Comfort Haley.....	4	33	37	5	4	9	.....	11	187	18 00
Lr. Granville, 5 Schools,.....	L. Wallace.....	.....	.....	225	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 00
New Tusket, North,.....	John G. Nowlan.....	26	18	44	5	4	9	.....	4	55	5 00
Milton, Queens Co.,.....	H. C. Sabean.....	19	19	38	4	3	7	.....	4	47	.....
Brookfield, West,.....	R. G. Freeman.....	72	90	162	8	12	20	.....	32	.....	8 00
Beaver River,.....	A. J. Leadbetter.....	41	42	83	5	5	10	12	31	100	30 50
Digby Neck, Little River,.....	Wm. S. Raymond.....	28	39	67	6	7	12	19	25	130	.....
Hulgrove,.....	Kelsey Denton.....	31	33	64	5	6	11	.....	4	100	11 25
Springfield,.....	S. T. Bacon.....	18	15	33	4	2	6	3	100	2 00
Laverpool,.....	I. McNayr.....	16	18	34	3	3	6	10	250
.....	Chas. Bill.....	115	60	175	6	13	19	2	350	30 10

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Springfield, 16 18 24 30 3 6 3 100 2 00
 Liverpool, 115 60 175 80 6 13 19 2 350 30 10

Lr. Aylesford & Up. Wilmot, 5 Schools,	111	150	261	250	20	22	42	66	28	722	45 25
Digby,	24	16	40	40	4	3	7	0	...	150	12 00
Niagara,	23	29	52	50	3	4	6	20	6	300	18 00
Canaan,	40	50	90	65	6	4	10	12	22	75	...
Valley West,	15	10	25	20	2	2	4	20	12	80	...
Inglesville,	30	35	65	65	2	1	3	25	5	100	6 00
Westport,	38	45	80	80	7	13	15	20	250	24 00	...
Kempt, .....	...	...	160	160	9	8	17	...	...	350	...
Clements,	45	68	113	113	6	8	14	48	36	302	22 50
Chegogin,	30	49	79	85	8	8	16	...	10	120	9 60
Nelson Corning,	1117	1207	2789	2117	165	173	338	268	396	5108	527 78

* 1st Yarnouth, \$110.00 for a Cabinet Organ.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF SABBATH SCHOOLS

CONNECTED WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE THREE ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	SCHOLARS.		Average Attendance.	TEACHERS.		In Bible Class.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Amount expended.		
	No. of Schools.	Total.		Male.	Female.					Total.	
Western Association.	28	1117	1207	2789	165	173	338	268	396	5108	527 78
do	25	726	555	2015	76	103	209	141	130	3290	316 00
Eastern	21	247	310	864	36	33	111	96	94	2603	75 08
Central	74	2090	2072	5668	277	309	658	505	620	10986	918 86