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ARTICLE III.—The members of this Convention shall consist of delegates of Baptist churches in New Brunswick. Any member in good standing in a Baptist church may become a member for one year on payment of five dollars, or a life member on payment of twenty-five dollars at one time. Each Baptist church may send three delegates, including its pastor, and an additional delegate for every hundred members above one hundred.

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### *PART I.*

During the last few years many inquiries have been made concerning the management of home mission work in this province, and also concerning the success attending it throughout the various periods of our denominational history. A brief review may now be in order.

From Dr. Bill's History we learn that domestic missions, as the fathers termed it, early had a place in the attention of our people, and almost from the beginning of the present century considerable missionary efforts were put forth. We pass over, however, the somewhat desultory operations of the primitive days—the time of associational control, and a little later, the district organizations—in order that a fuller account may be given of those periods in which we find the missionary activity of our people assuming a more systematic and permanent form, directly tending to the plan of organization we have reached to-day.

About the middle of the century Baptists here began to feel the need of a central board for the province, which might be able to call out and unite the resources of those communities in which our interests were strongest in the common support of those parts that were weak. Such an arrangement, it was thought, would more equally divide the force of available workers, and the sooner effect the evangelization of the whole province. There was even then the germ of the idea now more fully developed, and, with the best light and experience obtainable, the brethren of the time set about their mission.

Accordingly, March 21st, 1853, a meeting was called in Brussels Street Church for the special consideration of methods

that would promote existing home mission interests, and develop the true policy of the future. After due deliberation a body was formed, known as "The New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society."

This organization, whose records are now a matter of history, received the hearty endorsement of the people, and soon began to make its influence felt among the more destitute sections of the province. Its work opened up with amazing rapidity. In 1854 it reported contributions amounting to \$1,775.00; in 1855, \$2,272.00; in 1856, \$2,204.00; and in seven years ending with 1860, a total of \$10,000.00, or an average of \$1,428.00 per year.

Now it must be remembered that at this time the membership of the churches was much smaller than at present, ranging from 4,806 in 1850 to 7,828 in 1860, which fact, when compared with the amounts given, goes to show the great interest then manifested in home mission work. For many years this society continued to flourish, doing much good and maintaining a strong hold on the affections of the people. To it undoubtedly is owing that systematic administration, which, with slight changes, has characterized the work of the last half century in our religious affairs. The best talents our denomination could furnish were called out in its service, and some of the brightest names on our church rolls were found from year to year serving on its board.

In time, however, interference came to disturb the peaceful course of our Home Missionary Society—an interference which continued for several years, harassing its members and greatly retarding its work. That interruption, it must now be said, came from without, and has been the fruitful cause of many regretful memories, troubling Israel even until this day.

About the year 1870 an agitation was commenced in the Maritime convention aiming to bring the home mission work of the three provinces under the control of that body. Let it not now be forgotten that Baptists in New Brunswick were at the time working harmoniously in home mission affairs, the board receiving each year hearty indorsement in the reports of the associations, with which it was accustomed to meet. Our brethren here were most peaceably united in the prosecution of their benevolent work at home when the proposal for a change came.

It is also to be noticed that the desire for an amalgamation of the home mission interests of the three provinces sprang not from the people themselves, but was a scheme thrust upon them by a few individuals who sought to effect their purpose through persistent agitation in the convention. It had been well if those

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brethren had first carefully consulted the real wishes of the people, according to Baptist ideas, and then, having found those wishes, had striven to follow the natural channel of their affections and sympathies in any proposed change. Failure to observe this common and simple principle in the prosecution of Christian work must inevitably bring trouble, especially with a people trained from their very conversion in the doctrine of soul liberty and personal responsibility according to the historic faith. Baptists have held from the days of the Apostles until now.

The agitation for a maritime board was kept up from year to year, until in 1874, a resolution was passed by the convention favoring the new departure. In accordance with this resolution, Rev. A. Cohoon gave notice for amendment of the constitution so as to arrange for the introduction of the home mission work of the three provinces into the convention. From the organization of the convention in 1846 until that time, home missions had no place in the affairs of that assembly. The chief objects for which it had cared were Acadia College and foreign missions.

Our brethren here were disposed to look askance at the new step. The New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society, having been approached on this question, gave its answer in the report of 1875 in the following words:

"Your Board have considered with deep interest the proposition to place the subject of home missions under the care of the convention.

"They fully recognize the importance of cherishing the deepest Christian sympathy and good feeling, not only among the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, but with the whole Baptist brotherhood, and indeed with genuine believers in the Lord Jesus wherever they may be located. They, therefore, do most cordially unite with their brethren in those weighty and important objects which are under the charge of the convention, and if it should appear that the home missionary work also could be more efficiently carried on under its direction, they would most cheerfully acquiesce in placing it in the hands of that body; but in the first place your board believe the foreign missions—now largely expanding, and furnishing matters for grave and anxious consideration—together with the increasing importance of our educational operations, furnish sufficient work for the convention satisfactorily to perform; and, secondly, your board feel convinced that, from the *very nature of the work*, home missions can be carried on more satisfactorily by each province separately.

"If the convention should take charge of the home mission work, there must still be an executive board located somewhere.

Should such board be established in this province, say in Moncton or Woodstock, or St. John, or Fredericton, we believe that very few of its members could be in a position to understand the spiritual necessities of remote settlements, or the wants of the poorer churches of the different parts of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia; and would feel it to be a serious responsibility to legislate for localities of which they know so little; and if the board were located at Halifax, or Charlottetown, or Windsor, or Yarmouth, the difficulties, as far as concerns New Brunswick, would be as great. Dissatisfaction would spring up in places that felt themselves to be neglected, and we should soon be glad to go back to the original plan of committing the work, in each province, into the hands of brethren who would, necessarily, be more thoroughly acquainted with the peculiar necessities of the districts requiring special help in maintaining the worship of God.

"The proposition for a grand union of the provinces for carrying on this work has many attractive aspects, but the practical difficulties attending it induced your board, on the 7th of June, to pass unanimously the following resolution:

*Whereas*, The subject of a union of this province with Nova Scotia in home missionary work was brought before the convention in Portland in 1874, and left over for further consideration;

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this board that home missionary operations can be more effectively and satisfactorily carried on by each province separately than by the proposed union, inasmuch as each province must be in a better position to understand the spiritual necessities of their respective localities, than a general board located in any one of the provinces."

When reviewed today these words seem truly prophetic. Literally indeed have they been fulfilled. Bro. Marsters and the late Inspector Duval were the esteemed secretaries of our board at the time, and to them no doubt is to be attributed the sound utterance here recorded.

The Western Association, at its meeting in Centreville, a little later in the same month, through its committee on home missions, Elder T. M. Munro, chairman, in the concluding clause of the report, expressed its views as follows:

"Your committee would beg to indorse the action of the Home Mission Board at its last meeting relative to the non-advisability of union with the Nova Scotian Board respecting the home mission work."

This report, after a brief discussion, was adopted unanimously.

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In the meantime the New Brunswick associations were annually visited and urged to fall in with the proposed change. A few of our brethren, influenced by the action of Nova Scotia, and wearied somewhat with the importunity of the prime movers in the matter, agreed to it, but a majority of New Brunswick Baptists continued to hold out for some time.

The constant annoyance on this question had now become serious. Our Home Mission Society, worried by the frequent appeals made to them, and finding their efforts impaired by the agitation, as well as by the great business depression following the St. John fire of 1877, at length agreed to important concessions and made partial overtures to the convention agitators. In 1879, after an animated discussion in the annual session held at Hillsborough, they passed the following resolution :

1. "That we request the Baptist convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island to appoint a Board of Home Missions for New Brunswick, located in New Brunswick, who shall annually report to the convention.

2. "That in the event of the convention acceding to our request, we hereby instruct the Board of this society to hand over their work and trusts committed to it to the New Brunswick Board of the convention.

3. "That the convention be requested to instruct the Home Mission Board, which they may appoint for New Brunswick, to present an annual report, as far as practicable, to the respective associations in this province, of their annual work."

Even these resolutions were not unanimously adopted, but, as the secretary records it, "were constitutionally carried."

It was not the intention, however, of convention men to comply with this request. They would be content with nothing short of the original proposal. The following resolution was accordingly passed by that body in August, 1879, and forwarded as an answer to the resolutions of our Board :

"Resolved, That this convention does not deem it advisable to respond at present to the request that has come to it from New Brunswick, but would urge upon the brethren there to carefully review the whole question ; and that the Home Mission Board

of this convention, in its operations within New Brunswick during the current year, be requested to confer with the Board of Home Missions appointed by the Home Missionary Society of New Brunswick, in order that there may be no collision between the operations of the two organizations."

That same year, without waiting for further parley, the newly created Maritime Board began work in this province, while our Home Mission Society was still in existence and still desirous of the maintenance of a separate New Brunswick Board.

This fact is still fresh in the memory of many who to-day witness a second attempt on the part of the Maritime convention to thrust a home mission board upon us, and that too in face of an incorporated board, thoroughly organized for efficient work, and indorsed by the three associations of the province. There might have been an excuse in 1879 because of the decrease of financial support given to the former board; but no such pretext can be found to-day, as the figures appended in this sketch abundantly prove. If ever home mission work flourished in New Brunswick it has been pre-eminently so during the last four years. If ever our churches had reason to maintain any enterprise because of its signal success and the manifest tokens of Divine blessing, then that plea must now be urged for the continuance of our present organization. It simply remains to be seen whether the Baptists of New Brunswick, after having been worried by foreign interference for more than twenty years, will submit to a second invasion of their rights, and that, too, in direct violation of the St. Martins compact, solemnly agreed upon in 1893.

The old New Brunswick Home Mission Society, worn out at last by the persistent course of its opponents, concluded quietly and honorably to abandon its contention, and for peace' sake decided to leave the Maritime board a free field in New Brunswick. At its last annual meeting, held with the Western Association in Chipman in 1880, this board, after twenty-seven years of useful service, having wronged no man, having corrupted no man, and having defrauded none, relinquished its hold on home mission affairs, leaving the justice of its cause for time and subsequent events to establish. That it has been established, and that its predictions were guided by more than human foresight, few in New Brunswick will now doubt.

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From the year 1846 until 1880, as has been observed, New Brunswick Home Missions had no place in the maritime convention. This body had existed all these years without that now much eulogized tie of maritime home mission interests. Its work in other departments had prospered and grown. No visible marks appeared portending decay or threatening its dissolution. The reasons urged of late, that, to preserve denominational unity and loyalty, home missions should be under its care, would then have been regarded as the ravings of a heated imagination, or the expression of a childish whim. The experience of thirty-two convention years, minus home missions of any kind, is even yet the best answer to this plea.

The new maritime board, which had begun its operations in New Brunswick in the latter part of 1879, did not long find smooth seas or favoring breezes. Difficulties soon began to appear in the way. Before many years had passed under the new regime distinct rumblings of discontent were heard. Many were free to express the opinion that our home missions were being managed by others, and that a board located at Yarmouth was too far away to keep in that touch with the work and the people which the necessities of the case demanded. So far as New Brunswick was concerned the board might as well have been in Montreal or Toronto. We saw the secretary once a year in denominational gatherings; his business was largely done by correspondence and telegraph.

It was felt too that our home mission contributions were being too freely used to support college students as a sort of ministerial education fund, without giving the best return in home mission service. The students were sent to different parts of this province for vacation duty, usually staying about three months on the fields. They gathered what funds the churches had been in the habit of raising hitherto as their annual contributions, and if the amount was not a sufficient sum to defray college expenses for the incoming year the balance was supplemented from the home mission treasury.

During the remaining nine months of the year most of the fields would be left without care, and others reaped the results of our labor and outlay. Our pedo-baptist neighbors, for prudential reasons, usually remained neutral and easy while the student was on the field, and then at his departure hastened to gather those awakened by his efforts. We were but sowing for others to enter into our labors. This was costly blundering.

Again the loss was felt another way. In the great majority of cases the students, when through with their course of study, went to the larger centres, and quite commonly to the United States, where better salaries attracted them. They had simply been educated away from the very fields which had given them sustenance during college life. The early fervor and simplicity which characterized their first missionary efforts, in the days of dependence upon the home mission fields, had given place to acquired tastes and literary culture which must be gratified at all hazards, and could only find its level in finely upholstered church edifices and fashionable congregations. The student who had been fed on home mission funds now turned away from home mission fields, and in most cases sought positions of greater ease. Evidently there was a wrong somewhere.

Further, added to this was the fact, that in many notable instances our older ministers were left unemployed, many of whom would gladly have taken the aid given for these temporary supplies, and would have remained on the fields a much longer time—in many instances even throughout the year. On this point feeling ran pretty high.

While not objecting to a partial supply service from among the more evangelical students, our people began to insist on some more considerate treatment of the regularly ordained ministers, who expected to spend their lives among the churches. But here our demands ended. The maritime board was all powerful, and was accountable only to convention. In that body the supporters of its policy were sure of a working majority, and so, whatever its course, it could always be sustained.

At length, in 1892, matters came to a crisis. The recent attempt to carry off our Annuity Fund from New Brunswick had but added to the existing dissatisfaction. The well known opposition to the seminary on the part of many of our Nova Scotia brethren, especially of some who held pastorates in New Brunswick—an opposition, which, by checking sympathy for it, went far to cause its financial embarrassment and hasten its closing—tended in the same direction.

Many in New Brunswick also, apart from all these issues, had come to think that, considering the largeness of the convention, and the many interests now crowded upon its attention, not only home missions, but every other department as well, would receive more consideration and elicit a better response if the general body were divided.

Accordingly at the Western Association held that year in Fredericton, a resolution was introduced asking for a complete division of the convention. After a pretty free discussion it was

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Then followed a lengthy discussion in the columns of the denominational journal, unfolding the matter more explicitly. Full and exhaustive arguments were presented, and the whole case brought to the attention of the people. It was evident that our churches were deeply interested and anxious for a change. The predictions of our former home mission board were fast approaching fulfillment, and the hour had come for testing the soundness of their views.

Circulars signed by the pastors, deacons and active members of a large number of the churches were issued, calling for a general deliberative assembly of all the churches of New Brunswick to consider and decide upon a course of action.

The meeting was held in Brussels street church May 31st, 1893, where, just forty years before, in the edifice of the same church the New Brunswick Home Missionary Society had been so auspiciously formed. Here, too, some years later, Elder Samuel Robinson, in a stirring address delivered to the convention—an address yet remembered by living men—viewing the threatening encroachments of that body towards this province, and the incipient elements of hierarchy then manifesting themselves, predicted with unwonted earnestness of spirit that the time would come, when the Baptists of New Brunswick would, if trampled upon too far, rise and assert themselves in defence of their rights. Still later again, Father Edwards, the veteran home missionary on the Miramichi, and Elder Beckwith, who had spent half a century among our churches, frequently uttered similar predictions. All now strangely coming to pass.

The largest number of delegates from the churches of New Brunswick, that had hitherto ever assembled, gathered on this occasion. Including visiting brethren upwards of three hundred were present. After a prolonged discussion of the question at issue—a discussion which lasted for six hours without interruption—it was resolved to ask for a division of the maritime body, and to proceed to the formation of a New Brunswick convention. The motion was carried by a vote of eighty & thirty-eight, the minority voting for an amendment to take only home missions, academic education and other local matters out of the general convention.

A committee of twelve was appointed to meet with the maritime assembly at its approaching session at St. Martins in August of that year, and lay the results of the deliberations of the Brussels street meeting before that body.

The committee duly discharged its mission, and was met at the convention by a similar committee of twelve, with whom, after a long and careful consultation, the following basis was agreed to :

"In order to preserve the unity and harmony of the denomination and also to meet the desires of many in the several provinces to manage independently their own provincial concerns, we submit the following basis of organization :

"1. That the Maritime convention continue to manage Acadia University and Foreign Missions.

"2. That each province shall by separate convention, or in any other way it may elect, care for home missions, academic education, and the other local interests as may be most acceptable to the churches."

This basis was signed by the twenty-four brethren comprising the two committees and presented to convention. When brought before that body it was discussed and adopted by a large majority.

In order to carry it into effect Judge Johnstone gave notice of motion to amend the constitution in the following language :

"I hereby give notice that an application will be made to this convention at its next annual session to amend the constitution, under the provisions of Section 10, by amending Section 2, by inserting before the word missionary operations on the second line the word "Foreign," and also to add before the word educational in said section the word "collegiate."

The Brussels street meeting of May, having adjourned to meet at the call of the chair, again met in October to receive the report of the committee it had appointed. As the basis agreed upon at St. Martins differed materially from the resolution adopted at the May meeting, which it will be remembered contemplated a complete division of all interests, it now became necessary to consider the whole matter anew.

After some deliberation, and in view of the fact that the basis had been ratified by the convention, it was thought best at the October meeting to modify the original demand, and, for the sake of harmony, to form a provincial convention in accordance with the St. Martins agreement. An act of incorporation was secured from the New Brunswick legislature in the spring of 1894, and during the next summer the indorsement of the associations obtained according to the following resolution, adopted respectively by each of them :

"Whereas, The Maritime convention at its meeting last year voted to hand over the future management of home missions and

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"Whereas, The Maritime convention called to consider the question of organization organized a provincial convention to promote these interests

"Therefore resolved that it be the prerogative of the Maritime convention, yet subject to the approval of the Maritime convention, to carry on in good order the work agreed upon at the Maritime convention

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" *Whereas*, The churches of this province in special meeting called to consider this question have under an act of incorporation organized a New Brunswick convention to control and promote these interests ;

" *Therefore resolved*, That, while we do not regard it as the prerogative of the association to authorize or condemn such an organization, yet this association desires to put on record its approval of the formation of said convention as competent to carry on in good faith these interests in harmony with the basis agreed upon at the last convention ; and

" *Further resolved*, That we urge the churches in this association to do all in their power to promote the welfare of the objects still cared for by the maritime convention."

It soon began to be evident however that many of the adherents of the maritime convention did not intend to keep this agreement. Even the very men who had strenuously contended for an amendment at the May meeting, which was practically the same as the St. Martins basis, now repudiated both amendment and basis, and made loud clamor against the formation of the new convention.

When the maritime body met at its next annual gathering at Bear River, N. S., to our surprise a special committee was appointed to consider the whole question *once more*. The convention itself, now on Nova Scotian soil, with more than seventy-five per cent. of its delegations from that province, seemed totally oblivious of any agreement made twelve months before ; and the very brother, who had risen at St. Martins to give notice to amend the constitution at its next session, now utterly refused to make any such motion.

The special committee appointed, after a prolonged sitting, brought in the following report, which, under the pressure of the hour, was indorsed by a large majority of those present :

" 1. *Whereas*, A majority of the churches in the convention through their associations have expressed a wish that home missions should not be removed from the maritime convention (the New Brunswick associations, however, voting to the contrary) ;

" *Therefore resolved*, That in the judgment of your committee, the change of Section 2 of the constitution as proposed in the notice of motion given by Judge Johnstone last year is not advisable.

" 2. That we recommend the New Brunswick churches be at

liberty to unite with the New Brunswick convention, or remain with the Maritime convention as at present.

"3. That the home mission board of this convention arrange with the New Brunswick convention for the carrying on of home mission work in New Brunswick."

Here then was a complete withdrawal from the compact entered into at St. Martins a year previous. Under the plea that a majority of the associations of the maritime provinces had pronounced against taking home missions out of convention the voice of the three associations of New Brunswick was to be drowned out. The basis had left the matter for each province to elect for itself, and New Brunswick had elected to form a provincial convention. It had been indorsed by the associations of the province. But the basis of 1893 seems to have been left on this side of the Bay of Fundy, and at Bear River the convention stood on another platform.

Never was there a more direct violation of honor than in this retraction. The most solemn pledge ever given by a religious body could not be stronger. It must go down to history that the Maritime convention, after having performed much service for the denomination for a long period of years, did then and there go back on its word and fling its honor heedlessly to the winds. This stain, unless soon removed, must ever tarnish its records wherever told.

Without the least hesitation the convention then proceeded to appoint a home mission committee for New Brunswick. It was expected that Baptists here, hitherto inclined to yield to persistent demands, would yet again grant further concessions. That seems always to have been assumed by our Nova Scotia brethren in the treatment of any differences between us. It is always "concede" and "consider," until we have nothing left to give.

The New Brunswick convention met in its first annual session at Jemseg, in September, just following the meeting of the maritime body at Bear River. At this session a communication was read from Rev. E. J. Grant, secretary of the Maritime committee, asking the New Brunswick convention to co-operate with the maritime committee in the management of our home missions. The following resolution was passed in reply :

"Resolved, That this convention cordially invite the counsel and co-operation of the committee of twelve appointed by the Maritime convention, at the regular sessions of our board, and that the secretary be authorized to notify said committee of this fact." •

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We were still willing to yield as far as could be done without relinquishing the trust committed to us. We could not, however, quite satisfy our maritime brethren. Although the three associations had indorsed our board as competent to carry on provincial home mission work, the committee of the Maritime convention still assumed a right of interference, and demanded of the regular New Brunswick board a joint control over our home mission affairs. The demand being firmly refused, each that year laid out their own funds.

During the two years following the Maritime convention again appointed a committee for the laying out of their home mission funds, and our board, rather than have further trouble, agreed to a joint consultation with them on all home mission appointments. The arrangement, however, was far from being a satisfactory one, and accordingly at the next Maritime convention, held in Main street, St. John, in 1897, that body, largely at the suggestion of its former committee, voted to hand over its home mission funds to the New Brunswick convention for the current year.

This seemed well enough for the time, taking all the circumstances into account, but evidently it was not intended to be permanent. Succeeding years would probably develop a different policy.

Accordingly in August last a new departure was resolved upon. The Foreign Mission Board, having in charge important home mission trusts for New Brunswick, determined by a little finesse on turning over \$500 of home mission money from our receipts for the year. This would check somewhat the progressive march of our home mission board. As an account of it is fully given in the Report on the State of the Denomination, published in the present year's Annual, it is merely mentioned here.

When the Maritime convention met at Amherst this transaction was deliberately indorsed. The foreign mission accounts were considered satisfactory. The convention once more appointed its home mission committee for New Brunswick, although unasked for in this province, except by certain individuals in attendance, and then added a resolution that such committee act in conjunction with a like committee from the New Brunswick convention to consider the whole matter of home missions in New Brunswick.

At the session of the New Brunswick convention at Have-lock, the request of this committee was presented, and a similar committee appointed to meet with it and hear whatever proposal it had to make.

The two committees met in St. John, October 4th. The Maritime committee, through its chairman, had only one suggestion to offer—a course which meant the extermination of the New Brunswick convention. The request was simply handed back, with a counter proposal, and the committees adjourned without action.

As a body indorsed and supported by a majority of New Brunswick Baptists, our board felt bound to keep that which was committed to it by the voice of the people. The proposal now suggested to appoint a New Brunswick board from the Maritime convention does not satisfy the already expressed will of our constituency. We cannot see any essential difference between a Maritime board, such as that which conducted our home missions from 1880 to 1894, and a local board, still chosen by the Maritime convention. It would mean in either case a board appointed for New Brunswick, but not by New Brunswick, whose work and policy would be reviewed by the maritime body, and in which our people could have little chance of asserting their views. The members of such a board would undoubtedly be well known followers of the Maritime convention, carrying out its former control and methods. Of this all now feel that we have had quite enough.

The contention of the New Brunswick churches on this point has been for a board, appointed by the Baptists of the province—a Home Mission Board in fact and in deed. Nothing less at this stage of affairs is likely to receive favorable consideration in this province.

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### PART III.

It might be well, perhaps, now to review the varying positions taken by those who have opposed the formation of the New Brunswick convention to show the shifting policy that has been advanced from time to time to baffle our efforts.

When, in 1892, it was contended by us that a provincial organization was needed, in addition to other things, to properly develop our home mission work, it was claimed in opposition that the maritime board was all that was wanted. A memorable defence was set up in its behalf. It was maintained that it had laid out more money in New Brunswick every year than the churches of this province had themselves contributed for home missions. We were the recipients of the bounty of Nova Scotia

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Now what are the facts to-day, after four years of New Brunswick convention history? During the year ending September 1st, 1896, the home mission expenditure in this province was \$2,494.82; for the year ending September 1st, 1897, \$3,213.63, and for the year ending September, 1898, \$2,413.73.

We pass these figures to our maritime friends to produce anything surpassing our work, even in the palmiest days of the Maritime board. Then, too, we have not to include in this expenditure our share of the \$1,000 salary formerly paid the maritime secretary. The work of our board, both of secretary and treasurer, has been done without charge. Thousands of letters have been written, full and lengthy reports given, and current accounts kept of all our work, without any mention of salary in connection with it. It is notorious that wherever a Maritime convention official touches work, "the salary" must accompany it. Even our trust funds in their hands have to be billed for services rendered them.

We published in last year's Annual a comparative statement of home mission giving since 1890, with the additions each year to the churches. Not in a spirit of boastfulness, but in the interests of truth alone, we now ask that the best years of maritime home mission control be produced for comparison along this line. Let the solid evidence of facts answer the claim set up five years ago that our home missions would suffer loss by the withdrawal of Nova Scotia's aid.

It was also urged that the churches which would stand aloof from the New Brunswick convention with their pastors—and we were told they were the strong churches, presided over by the intelligence of the denomination—would contribute more than those in favor of it, thus showing after all that a majority of the real strength of our people was against the new convention. The very opposite of this has been the case. From the first a majority of the churches contributing to home missions have sent their money to our treasurer; each year the funds contributed to our board have been in excess of those contributed to the maritime treasurer. Let the figures again corroborate this statement.

For the year ending August, 1895, fifty-eight churches sent home mission money to the treasurer of the New Brunswick convention; for 1896, sixty-four churches; for 1897, eighty churches; for 1898, seventy-eight.

The number of those sending to the maritime treasurer in 1895 was twenty-eight; for 1896, twenty-five; for 1897, twenty-eight; for 1898, thirty.

The amounts sent to the maritime treasurer were as follows: For 1895, \$831.00; for 1896, \$762.66; for 1897, \$716.00; for 1898, \$579.45.

Several churches, which had formerly paid their money to our treasurer, this last year paid it to the maritime treasurer, thinking it was not material, as that treasurer would pay it over to the New Brunswick convention according to the arrangement of the year. This would, if properly adjusted, lessen the actual number contributing for 1898 to the maritime treasurer, and even then the amount is smaller than usual.

It must surely by this time be apparent to our maritime friends that the handwriting on the wall is against them, and that it is only a question in arithmetical progression to determine how much longer their cause will last. The question, too, on which side the weight of the denomination's sympathies and resources lies is settled by the plain proof of four years' work. Each year the strength of the maritime support is being weighed and found more and more wanting. To attempt now to turn back the hand on the dial of Baptist affairs in New Brunswick would be the wildest folly. Progress stamps our course in the great home mission enterprise we have taken in hand.

Again, we were asked at the time of the Brussels street meeting what were our grievances? and why not go to convention and have matters set right? As if that could be done in a body in which we never had, even when it met in this province, one-third of the delegates present. The largest number of the churches of New Brunswick ever actually represented by delegates in attendance was seldom over forty, and that out of a total of 170 churches.

When the convention met in Nova Scotia about thirty delegates, all told, usually represented the interest New Brunswick took in the affairs of that body. The convention at Bear River had scarcely that number. These annually spoke for 18,000 church members in this province, and with the larger delegations of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island legislated on all local matters that most vitally concerned us. To talk now of asserting our views, or even expressing our wishes, under such circumstances, calls up too many disappointing experiences.

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Failing, however, in that proposal as unsuitable at this date, they then endeavored, by the appointment of a home mission committee, to draw our men from their true position as the home mission board of New Brunswick, endeavoring, if possible, to lead us into the appointment of a similar committee to act jointly with them, and so form another board of home missions, which might in some way set aside the regular board of our convention.

It seemed as if any proposal that might accomplish this end was now in order. At last, all having failed, the partial concession of last year was granted. Perhaps by the end of the year the brethren in New Brunswick might take their turn at conceding, or perhaps they might be sufficiently worried to repeat the blunder of 1880. Time would tell.

After a year's pause our maritime friends, having succeeded in diverting a large part of the home mission trusts, conclude again to take issue with us. They resolve to strike out boldly for a regular board of their own under maritime auspices.

In agreement with this last departure we find Rev. A. Cohoon, the same man who had given the notice of motion in 1874, to let home missions into the Maritime convention, again giving notice of amendment to the constitution to let our home missions half way out by providing a separate board for New Brunswick. Pending this action a maritime home mission committee is appointed to test the real strength in favor of the change.

This committee, without legal authority or status, without the indorsement of a single Association, proceeds, as if with a clear coast, in the face of the regularly indorsed board of the province, to carry on its work, just as in 1879 the same body thrust its operations into New Brunswick before our people had given up work or yielded consent to such interference.

While the maritime constitution still provides only for a united board for the three provinces, here is a committee, irregularly and unconstitutionally attempting to carry on home mission operations in New Brunswick, under the plea of maintaining denominational unity and loyalty. Notice of their intention is unblushingly put in the denominational and secular press, and assistance is asked to help them in their undertaking.

We yet have faith in the good sense and sagacity of our people to deal with this element of disruption as it deserves. We yet believe there is talent enough in New Brunswick to handle our own affairs, and that at the proper time our people

will have the courage to say they wish no further interference such as we have already endured for many years. To perpetuate the present disturbance, largely to gratify a handful of brethren, who, attracted thither by some of our best positions, have within recent years come among us, and now seek to hamper the freedom of the people whom it is their business to serve; to keep up a harassing opposition against the expressed wishes of the Baptists of the province, merely to maintain an artificial system of denominational machinery, whose great object is to retain a foreign control over our local business, must seem to any competent judge a serious hindrance not only to the present progressive course of our home mission work, but a check as well on every Christian enterprise hitherto upheld by the body at large. That our people have sufficient wisdom and stability to safeguard all these important interests we are fully persuaded will be made manifest in due time.

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HAVELOCK, N. B., Sept. 10th, 1898.

The fifth annual session of the New Brunswick Baptist Convention convened in the edifice of the Havelock church at 10 A. M.

Convention opened with the president in the chair. After singing hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," prayer was offered by Elder G. W. Springer, of Jemseg. The president then read Psalms I, II and XXIII, and prayer was again offered by Elder George Howard, after which an interesting devotional service followed, lasting nearly an hour.

At the close the following Committee of Arrangements was chosen: Elders T. Todd, W. J. Bleakney, J. W. S. Young, F. T. Snell and Bros Asa Perry, S. Thorn.

The Convention then proceeded to enrolment of delegates, a large number of whom were present at the opening session.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. N. P. Gross.

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### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened at 2 P. M. with prayer by Elder E. C. Corey.

On motion of Bro. T. H. Hall, seconded by Pastor C. N. Barton, Article III of the Constitution was amended to read:

"The members of this Convention shall consist of delegates of Baptist churches in New Brunswick. Any member in good

standing in a Baptist church may become a member for one year on payment of five dollars, or a life member on payment of twenty-five dollars at one time," etc.

On motion the election of officers was taken up, resulting as follows :

- President,* - - - - - Senator King.
- Vice-Presidents,* - - Rev. S. D. Ervine, Rev. J. H. Hughes,  
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- Secretary,* - - - - - Rev. W. E. McIntyre.
- Assistant Secretary,* - - - - - W. E. Nobles.
- Statistical Secretary,* - - - - - F. W. Patterson.
- Treasurer,* - - - - - J. S. Titus.
- Auditor,* - - - - - N. B. Cottle.

The following brethren were then chosen to serve as directors for the term ending 1901 : E. L. Strange, E. W. Elliott, Peter McIntyre, H. S. Cosman, D. H. Spragg and Revs. M. Addison and J. A. Cahill.

To fill vacancies : Bro. M. S. Hall, Rev. C. W. Townsend and Rev. J. D. Wetmore.

On motion, all members of Baptist churches present were invited to seats in the Convention.

Nominating Committee appointed : Elders E. C. Ccrey, A. B. Macdonald, T. Todd, S. H. Cornwall and Geo. Howard.

The report on home missions was then read by the secretary, and also the treasurer's report by Bro. J. S. Titus.

A vote of thanks was tendered the treasurer and secretary for the work which had been done by them without salary.

On motion, it was resolved that all collections be paid in to the treasurer of the Convention in order that a report of the same might be given at the close of the sessions.

Moved by Pastor F. D. Davidson, and seconded by Pastor R. M. Bynon, that the committee of arrangements be requested to announce a mass temperance meeting on Sabbath evening ; and after a general discussion the motion was carried.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. McIntyre.

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## SATURDAY EVENING.

Session opened at 7.30 P. M., with devotional service led by Elder Thomas Todd.

At 8 o'clock Senator King took the chair and called upon the committee of arrangements for the programme of the evening, and also the Sabbath announcements.

After singing by the choir, Evangelist J. W. S. Young was introduced to speak on home missions. He dwelt particularly upon the duty of supporting the many weak and scattered interests of the cause of Christ, and closed with some touching references to his recent visits to the Tobique valley and in various parts along the upper St. John.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre referred to the pressing needs of the Board and the many appeals coming in from different localities which the Board seemed at present unable to meet. Truly great opportunities were open to Christian effort, and if we failed in them we would not be clear of condemnation.

Pastor M. P. King gave a most interesting sketch of his work during the last four years on the Doaktown fields. Amid many hardships and in the face of much indifference he had succeeded in recovering, to a great extent, the struggling interests on the Miramichi, until they had got into good working condition. God had led the way and His cause had received new inspiration.

Hon. G. G. King followed with a stirring presentation of the claims and objects of the Convention, also explaining at some length the nature of its mission as related to our denominational life. He had faith in the course we had pursued as likely to bring out the best results to Baptist interests in New Brunswick.

Elder T. Todd stated the nature of the St. Martins basis in accordance with which this Convention had come into existence. He believed that in time all would see the justice of our cause and would rally round the Convention as a centre of influence for great good.

## SUNDAY MORNING.

The Sabbath dawned clear and cool and greatly favored the people in gathering for service. At 9 A. M. a most helpful prayer and praise service was conducted by Evangelist Young. The power of the Holy Spirit was manifest, and many hearts were touched on hearing the fervent prayers and testimonies offered. Elders Todd, Springer, Macdonald, Steadman, Keith, Corey, Bleakney and others of the older ministry of the province expressed their great delight in greeting their brethren in the Convention.

At 10 o'clock the Sunday-school was opened by Pastor S. H. Cornwall, of St. Martins. After singing and prayer the lesson of the day was taught by Pastor McIntyre from Amos. vi, 1-8.

Addresses were also given by Elder T. Todd and Bro. T. H. Hall.

At 11 o'clock the Convention sermon was preached by Rev. George Howard from II Corinthians, iv, 5: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." The speaker divided his theme under three heads: (1) A fearful possibility, (2) a glorious theme for preaching, (3) The motive which should actuate the preacher.

He maintained that there was a possibility of the preacher proclaiming himself rather than the gospel of Christ. Against this awful mistake should all God's servants carefully guard. In just the proportion that self is kept out of sight and Christ presented will success and blessing follow the preacher's labor. The one theme should ever be Christ Jesus the Lord, and the motive "for Jesus' sake." The discourse was listened to with profound attention. Revs. F. D. Davidson and W. E. McIntyre assisted in the services.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2.30 a missionary meeting, under the auspices of the W. M. A. Societies, was conducted by the provincial secretary, Mrs. M. S. Cox. Miss Leonora Barton read the scriptures and Bro. F. W. Patterson offered prayer.

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Rev. George Churchill, our returned Telugu missionary, was then called upon, and in an interesting address showed the needs of that part of the heathen world. He related several personal incidents and experiences of a touching character which elicited the deepest attention on the part of all present.

Mrs. J. W. Manning referred to the benefits of the Aid societies and the increased interest in foreign missions developed by their instrumentality. She specially dwelt upon the condition of heathen women, and pointed out the fact that there was no hope of reaching them except through the labors of lady missionaries.

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#### SUNDAY EVENING.

A mass temperance meeting was held at 7 P. M. After opening with singing, Rev. F. S. Todd, of Lubec, Maine, read scripture and offered prayer.

Rev. C. W. Townsend, after presenting a resolution on temperance, in a brief and pointed address appealed to all Christians, as good citizens of Canada, to do their duty on the temperance question. He pictured in a graphic manner the present opportunity offered to all who believed in the right, and he had the confidence that our people would acquit themselves well in the coming issue.

Senator King, in an apt speech, set forth the serious nature of the question now before the country, and hoped that every right-thinking citizen would be fully awake to the responsibilities of the hour.

Stirring addresses were also delivered by Revs. R. M. Bynon, George Howard and M. Addison, and Bros. Havelock Coy and W. H. White, Sr.

The audience, which crowded the utmost seating capacity of the house, listened attentively to the practical addresses given. The resolution moved by Pastor C. W. Townsend and seconded by Hon. G. G. King, was put and unanimously carried. It was as follows :

RESOLUTION ON TEMPERANCE.

" We, the representatives of New Brunswick Baptist churches in convention assembled, desire to place upon record our appreciation of the great opportunity afforded in the coming plebiscite for an expression of Christian sentiment concerning the iniquitous traffic in strong drink, and we hereby pledge ourselves to do all within our power, both by our personal votes and the exertion of our influence upon others, to secure the triumph of prohibition."

MONDAY MORNING.

Session opened with Vice-President Ervine in the chair. Prayer offered by Pastor F. T. Snell.

On motion of Elder T. Todd the report on home missions was taken from the table and discussed. It was spoken to by Bros. I. N. Thorne, F. W. Patterson, J. W. S. Young, John Dickie, E. C. Corey, T. Todd, M. S. Hall, R. Colpitts, W. J. Bleakney, Geo. Howard and C. N. Barton. Eleven sections had been adopted when the hour for adjournment arrived. Closed with prayer by Elder A. B. Macdonald.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2.30 P. M. the annual meeting of the Baptist Annuity Association of New Brunswick was held and continued its session until 3.30 o'clock, when the Convention resumed its regular business.

Vice-president J. H. Hughes in the chair. Prayer offered by Pastor F. D. Davidson.

The report on home missions was taken up, and after discussing the concluding sections it was adopted as a whole.

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Elder E. C. Corey reported for Committee on Nominations the following appointments for next year :

*Education.*—Revs. C. W. Townsend, J. D. Wetmore and F. D. Davidson.

*Foreign Missions.*—Revs. S. H. Cornwall, J. W. Manning and T. Todd.

*Northwest Missions.*—Bros. L. H. Crandall, I. N. Thorne and Elder W. J. Bleakney.

*Grande Ligne.*—Bro. R. W. Demmings, Elders George Howard and A. B. Macdonald.

*Denominational Literature.*—Elder T. Todd, N. B. Cottle and Pastor C. N. Barton.

*Colportage.*—Bros. F. W. Patterson, M. S. Hall and Elder J. C. Bleakney.

*Systematic Beneficence.*—Pastor F. T. Snell and Bros. T. H. Hall and W. E. Nobles.

*State of the Denomination.*—Elders W. E. McIntyre, M. P. King and J. H. Hughes.

*Obituaries.*—Pastors M. Addison and C. Curry, and Bro. W. H. White, Sr.

*Publication.*—Elder J. H. Hughes and Bros. T. H. Hall and T. L. Hay.

*Programme.*—Revs. S. D. Ervine, S. H. Cornwall and Bro. J. S. Titus.

*Travelling Arrangements.*—Bros. J. J. Wallace and Thos. Hoben and Elder E. C. Corey.

*Location of Convention.*—The President and Secretary.

*Preacher of Convention Sermon.*—Rev. J. A. Cahill ; alternate, Rev. A. B. Macdonald.

After the adoption of the report, Pastor McIntyre read the report on the state of the denomination, which was discussed until the hour for adjournment. Closed with prayer by Bro. Asa Perry.

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#### MONDAY EVENING.

Opened with prayer by Elder J. H. Hughes.

After singing by the choir, the secretary read report on Northwest missions, following it with a brief address.

Pastor C. W. Townsend presented the report on Grande Ligne, speaking to the same at some length.

Pastor F. D. Davidson read the report on Systematic Beneficence, which he amplified by an extended and practical address on the subject itself.

At the close of the public meeting a business session followed, during which the clause on home missions in the report on the state of the denomination was more fully considered. A strong expression on the part of all present was given indorsing the report. After a lengthy discussion the report was adopted.

#### TUESDAY MORNING.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. C. N. Barton. Vice-president Hughes in the chair.

The report on Grande Ligne was taken from the table and adopted.

#### REPORT ON GRANDE LIGNE.

"We Baptists, as Baptists, are necessarily Protestants, and were so long before the name Protestant was known. By reason of our scriptural character, constitution and creed, we are in ourselves an embodied *protest* against every erroneous system, and chiefly against that utterly anti-Christian system of Romanism, which in all its most pronounced features is diametrically opposed to our views and ways.

"We regard the Grande Ligne mission as being truly the child of our holy faith, and therefore worthy of our confidence, sympathy and support. It is representative of our cherished principles and practices, and is organized for the promulgation of such.

"In its history we plainly see the overruling hand of our God, and with profound wonder and gratitude we trace the movement from the day of its small beginnings to its present large proportions and efficient equipment. The past inspires us with faith and courage for the future.

"We desire to endorse the wise methods adopted by the management of the Grande Ligne mission in its work of French evangelization. Prudent, yet uncompromising, zealous, yet intelligent, steadfast, yet enthusiastic,—such methods should commend themselves to the approving judgment and responsive generosity of our people.

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"Believing, as we do, that in the winning of priest-ridden Quebec from falsehood to truth, from superstition to spiritual enlightenment, and from the worship of idols to the service of the true and living God, we have the solution of many problems, moral, political and religious—we would urge upon all our church members the importance of praying for and contributing towards that most desirable consummation."

Rev. F. D. Davidson read the following report on Beneficence :

#### SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

"Systematic giving is the Divine plan of supporting the Master's work, and no human invention can improve upon it. 'Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.' I Corinthians xvi, 2. This is the law of the Christian dispensation, which has superseded the tithing system of the Levitical economy and furnishes a perfectly workable plan for the church throughout all time.

"According to the inspired word, God is the sole proprietor of all lands, cattle, gold, silver, and everything embraced under the term *capital*, and man is simply His steward. We but hold these things in trust, and for the use of them must render a strict account unto God. One of the greatest delusions, then, of the age is, that we assert our claim to ownership of those things which commonly constitute worldly riches. And how evident this delusion when in death we pass out of this world and leave all our belongings behind us. If we could but fully realize while in life our stewardship in the matter, the question of rendering unto God His own would be speedily solved.

"Again, we are to consider our giving to Him an act of worship and a religious duty. God taught the people in olden times to bring their offerings to the temple, and in like manner we should bring our gifts to the Lord's house as an act of worship. The blessings promised to those who give would thus be brought to us fifty-two times per year.

"The laws of God are made to apply to all conditions and all countries, and the excuse frequently given, that in certain sections of the country the people only have money two or three times per year is fallacious. Men can always find money to get their tobacco for constant use, and they could nearly always have something to give to the Lord, if they were as anxious about worshipping Him as about their daily supply of tobacco.

"In this way the volume of our contributions would be greatly increased, for it is much easier to give ten cents per

week than five dollars at the end of the year. The blessing, also, of being constantly in touch with the Lord's work would materially increase our interest in the denominational enterprises, and the result would be a larger spirituality and a fuller treasury.

"We would recommend that the pastors and other religious teachers keep ever the Divine scheme before the churches, and be satisfied with nothing short of the scriptural requirements laid down. Following this plan our blessing is sure. Wherever His children have leaned upon Him, they have been wonderfully prospered in worldly things. 'Because they were worthy He entrusted them with much of His goods.'"

The report was unanimously adopted.

Pastor S. H. Cornwall presented the following :

#### REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Colportage beg leave to submit the following report :

"We realize that we are living in an age in which Christians have special opportunities of doing good through the printing press, and knowing that there is a dearth of our own literature in the homes of our own people, we would urgently recommend that ways and means be devised to supply this want. For some time but little has been done directly by us. While others have been distributing their works among the people, works which in many cases pervert Christian doctrine and poison the young with uncertain ideas of the future life, we have been content to leave this important branch of Christian work too much in the background.

"In view of present need, your committee would recommend that this Convention make an effort to put a colporteur at once in the field. We would also urge that a special appeal be made to the churches and Sabbath schools to raise funds to assist in the support of the same. The board could arrange in securing the services of a competent man, and also furnish him with suitable literature for the Sabbath schools and homes."

After an interesting discussion the report was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Pastor F. T. Snell.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Your committee is of opinion that this is neither the time nor place for an extended report of the operations of the Foreign Mission Board. They would simply refer the brethren to the

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report made by the secretary of that board, and content themselves with stating a few facts as an incentive to renewed efforts in the cause of world-wide evangelization.

"The first fact is, that the need of the best efforts that redeemed humanity is capable of putting forth is just as imperative now as it was on that eventful day, something over a hundred years ago, when, armed only with the Word of God, a good conscience, and a consuming love for the souls of men, Wm. Carey and Dr. John Thomas sailed for India, there to commence and wage a war that will never cease until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and in response to the preaching of the gospel the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

"Of the 1,500,000,000 human beings that are supposed to constitute the earth's population to-day, over 1,000,000,000 are practically heathen; and commenting on this fact a certain writer has clearly shown that the words of Jesus when He said, 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few,' are as true now as on the day they were spoken. While there is one Christian minister for every nine hundred of the population in Great Britain, there is but one to every 114,000 in Japan, one to every 166,000 in India, one to every 222,000 in Africa, and one to every 437,000 in the Chinese empire

"How great the need for missionary reinforcements may be judged from these figures, and how imperative it is that what we do we should do quickly may also be judged from the fact that in China 1,000,000 souls pass into eternity every six weeks, in India 23,000 die every day, and in Africa there would be nearly, if not quite as many.

"Your committee would earnestly urge upon the membership of the churches not only liberal giving, but systematic efforts throughout the whole denomination; and while they would support the board's plan of appointing one day in the year as a special time of appeal on behalf of foreign missions, they still think the plan adopted by some churches of setting apart the collection taken on the first Sunday in each month for home and foreign missions alternately by far the better way, thus giving six collections annually to this most important work. That there should be some systematic plan adopted in every church is clearly recognized by all who have given any consideration to the subject. Your committee is convinced that for the want of such plan as above indicated thousands of dollars are yearly lost to the treasury of the Foreign Mission Board."

Report adopted.

In the absence of Rev. C. Currie, chairman of the Committee on Obituaries, the report was read by the secretary. It will be found elsewhere on these pages.

The report of Committee on Publications reported through the chairman, Elder J. H. Hughes, that 1,600 copies of the Annual had been issued and circulated among the churches during the year. Forty dollars and fifty cents had been received for advertisements published with the annual, and eleven dollars had been contributed directly by churches.

On motion, it was ordered that the same number be printed for the present year.

According to notice given last year, Bro. T. H. Hall moved that Article IV of the Constitution be amended to read: "This Convention shall meet annually the second Friday in September," etc.; and after a brief discussion the resolution was passed.

Adjourned with prayer by Pastor S. H. Cornwall.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened at 2 P. M., Vice-president Hughes in the chair.

In answer to letters from Bro. T. S. Simms and the secretary of the Maritime Convention, requesting the appointment of a committee to meet a similar committee of the Maritime Convention touching home mission matters, it was resolved that the board of this convention, with the addition of Elders Todd and Springer, and Bros. T. Hetherington and M. C. Macdonald, M. D., be a committee to meet the Maritime Committee in St. John, Tuesday, October 4th.

On motion of Bro. M. S. Hall, seconded by the secretary, it was

*Resolved*, That those churches which have not as yet contributed to the Seminary debt be urged to send their quota to the treasurer of this convention during the coming year; also

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On motion of Deacon S. E. Frost, seconded by Pastor Cornwall, it was

*Resolved*, That the convention appoint the president, secretary and treasurer to represent our work at the associations of the province.

Adjourned to meet on second Friday in September, 1899, at a place to be determined by the president and secretary.

Prayer offered by Pastor Cornwall.

#### TUESDAY EVENING.

At 8 30 a large audience assembled to hear Pastor C. N. Barton, who delivered an earnest and practical discourse. An evangelistic service followed, in which a large number took part. Several awakened ones arose for the first time to manifest a desire for salvation. Elders Hughes, Snell and Cornwall assisted in the service, which proved a fitting close to one of the most successful sessions ever held.

The treasurer reported receipts during the convention :

Collections at convention, . . . . .	\$52 24
Hon. G. G. King, . . . . .	50 00
Brussels Street Church, . . . . .	17 00
2nd Harvey " . . . . .	3 75
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Havelock " . . . . .	2 24
Gibson " . . . . .	5 00
Shediac " . . . . .	4 00
York and Sunbury Quarterly Meeting, . . . . .	7 66
Personal donations, . . . . .	33 65
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$181 79</u>

### HOME MISSION REPORT.

The year just closing has been to your board one of much anxiety, mingled with encouragement. The general financial depression through the country, which has retarded all business activity for some months, has also had an important bearing on the Lord's work, causing a marked decrease in missionary offerings of the year. On this account the board has been compelled somewhat to contract its efforts, so hopefully begun a few years since, and to be content with doing what appeared most needful, yet we have been encouraged by signs of promise in various sections of the province through the labors of both general missionaries and missionary pastors on the several fields.

#### GENERAL MISSIONARIES.

Services which have been richly blessed have been conducted by our general missionaries at St. Martins, Glencoe, Scotchtown, Cumberland Bay, Thorntown, Springfield, Alma, Hopewell, Elgin, Musquash, and other settlements. In several of these localities especial tokens of the Divine favor attended the labors of the brethren engaged, particularly at St. Martins, Thorntown and Albert, in which places a goodly number was added to the churches.

#### KENT COUNTY.

The Buctouche field was occupied until January last by Bro. W. E. Carpenter, when he left to attend school. Since June of the present year Bro. H. V. Davies, Licentiate, is caring for the churches with acceptance. There is great need of continued effort here, until the churches gain strength and confidence and learn to use effectually the resources within their reach.

Harcourt is now served by our earnest Bro. I. N. Thorne, Licentiate. He reports hopefully, and we trust his efforts may result in great good at the various stations occupied by him.

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This church still retains the services of Rev. E. C. Corey, who gives here one-fourth of his time. He reports the interest as steadily maintained, good congregations, and an apparent

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#### CAPE TORMENTINE.

This group has been seriously weakened by failure to keep all the sections under regular pastoral oversight. At present, Brother H. G. Colpitts, who spent the previous summer on the field, has been supplying here during his vacation. It has been the intention of the board, with the aid of a yearly grant, to maintain a regular pastor over all the sections east of Port Elgin. Then Port Elgin, with adjoining sections to the westward, would be able to keep a pastor in addition for themselves. Hitherto, owing to circumstances over which the board had no control, this has not been carried out.

#### CALHOUN'S MILLS.

During the past two years Rev. C. C. Burgess, of Dorchester, has extended his labors to this station, toward which the board promised a grant. We are hopeful of cultivating an interest here that will prove permanent.

#### FAIRFIELD, ST. JOHN CO.

During the entire year Pastor R. M. Bynon has given this church one-quarter of his time. His faithful efforts have been blessed of God in advancing gospel principles and gathering a goodly number within the church. He expects to continue his labors here another year if Providence permits.

#### TABERNACLE, ST. JOHN.

Since the removal of Bro. Ganong this mission has been supplied by Rev. W. J. Halse, who came here shortly after the beginning of the present convention year. The congregations have been large, the interest steady, and a spirit of hopefulness pervades the minds of both pastor and people. May their anticipations be realized in a general revival of pure religion and an ingathering of such as shall be eternally saved.

#### DOAKTOWN, NORTHUMBERLAND Co.

Pastor M. P. King still holds the fort on this extensive field, stretching, as it does, no less than forty miles up and down the Miramichi River. The demands here are sufficient to tax a

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pastor's best energies along all lines of Christian work. Our brother is hopeful, having the assurance that God's hand guides. He reports progress in the development of Christian character and systematic church work.

#### KESWICK, YORK CO.

In August, 1897, Pastor Geo. Howard began work on the Keswick field as our missionary, and since that period a marked change has come over the cause here. At one section there has been a general spiritual awakening, with an addition of five by baptism. At another part the congregations have increased and prospects brighter, although there have been no conversions reported. Bro. Howard believes that this field will in a short time become self-sustaining.

#### QUEENSBURY.

For the last three years this field, stretching over a large extent of territory, has been cared for by Bro. C. N. Barton, whose reports shows that considerable progress has been made. Revival influences have been experienced at several sections during the year, resulting in additions by baptism, letter and experience. Our brother reports that he is about to leave this interesting field of labor. May a worthy successor be guided to fill his place.

#### CANTERBURY.

Since July, 1897, Rev. I. W. Carpenter has held the oversight here, and from time to time has reported prospects to be brightening. On account of failing health our brother felt it his duty at the close of his year to withdraw, and the field has been for a short time pastorless. Another well-known brother is, however, looking towards these churches, and we trust a settlement may be effected.

#### LOWER WOODSTOCK.

The religious interests of this place have for some time been somewhat neglected by our denomination, until as a result this once thriving church had almost lost its visibility. Early in the year an appeal was made to the Home Mission Board for aid; a small grant was promised, and the church chose as its pastor Rev. Thomas Todd. Since his engagement with it there have been signs of real life, the congregations are good, the monthly

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#### TOBIQUE VALLEY.

The prospects of this field, in which so much missionary effort has been put forth, after a considerable lapse in our affairs, seems at present to be brightening. Last November Bro. D. F. Millin, who has recently joined our ranks, was led to Sisson Ridge, where a little church, numbering fifteen members, was located. Soon after the commencement of his labors the presence of the Master was felt, wanderers began to return, and sinners cried for mercy. The membership has been increased by baptisms and by additions by letter and experience, until it has reached the number of forty-seven. And the end is not yet.

#### BIRCH RIDGE,

farther down the Valley, located on the Odellic Stream, twelve miles from Perth Centre, is also receiving some attention. In our brother's last report, he says: "Our numbers here at Birch Ridge are small and the membership poor, but the prospects are good. We are going to work to complete our little house of worship and expect soon to hold special services, hoping that our efforts may be crowned with success."

#### GRAND FALLS.

The interest at Grand Falls has enjoyed regular pastoral care during the last two years. Services have also been held at New Denmark, Priceville, Ortonville, Glasby and St. Leonards. Our cause at Grand Falls seemed to be greatly helped. The little church was re-constructed in membership, and several have been added by baptism and letter. The interest at this place needs continued attention for some time to come.

#### ST. FRANCIS.

For several weeks after convention last year Bro. C. H. Schutt continued his labors here, including Edmundston and several other points. One candidate was baptized and quite a number of others professed conversion. Bro. Schutt, soon, however, decided to resume his studies at McMaster Hall, and has since settled in Ontario, much to the regret of the people here and also of your board. The board afterwards engaged Mr. Paul F.

Madliger, of Newton, who, after a short stay on the field, became disheartened and withdrew, believing he was not the man for the work. Since his removal we have not been able to place a suitable man in charge, and all this country, which has become so interesting to us, has had to be left to others for the present. Let us hope and pray that God may send us a faithful laborer to break the Bread of Life to these that are ready to perish.

OTHER STATIONS.

A number of these now demand our attention, prominent among which might be named: Aberdeen, Nashwaak, Cardigan, New Maryland, Otnabog, Jerusalem and Greenwich Hill, Grand Bay, Baillie, St. Andrews, Willow Grove, Newcastle and others, many of which have hitherto received aid, but owing to present financial stringency, have had to be left to themselves. Most earnestly would we commend them to the prayers and sympathies of our brethren in all the churches, trusting that our people may awaken to the great opportunities set before us. The Lord grant us His aid in so worthy a cause.

S. D. ERVINE, *Secretary.*

Statistical Report of Home Mission Fields of New Brunswick.

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Weeks of Labor.	12		
Preaching Services.	40		
Other Meetings.	64		
Religious Visits.	210		
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Buctouche	W. E. Carpenter	3	92	76	6	425	28	60	110	225	.....	.....	4	280	122 00	75 00
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Cape Tormentine	I. W. Carpenter	1	50	42	2	120	14	30	34	61	.....	.....	1	20	52 00	50 00
Cardigan, York Co.	H. G. Colpitts	2	20	34	2	60	20	24	10	45	.....	.....	1	30	18 00	25 00
Doaktown, etc.	P. O. Rees	4	77	120	5	310	52	122	145	350	.....	.....	6	150	270 00	150 00
Germantown	M. P. King	2	68	98	5	240	4	7	10	22	.....	.....	2	110	45 83	20 25
Grand Falls, etc.	M. B. Whitman	1	22	25	7	250	32	65	81	124	2	5	1	25	24 00	350 00
Greenwich Hill, etc.	N. P. Gross	2	32	51	2	180	4	9	12	30	.....	.....	2	90	20 00	25 00
Harcourt, Kent Co.	S. W. Schurman	1	20	38	5	170	32	51	65	160	.....	.....	2	42	22 00	75 00
Keswick	I. N. Thorne	2	70	147	4	340	52	98	120	124	4	2	2	80	280 00	100 00
Musquash, St. John Co.	George Howard	2	50	.....	.....	.....	4	10	24	45	.....	.....	2	60	30 00	25 00
Nashwaak	Evang. McLean	2	55	105	3	280	4	8	12	24	.....	.....	2	40	25 00	50 00
New Canaan	H. B. Sloat	1	46	103	2	200	32	51	65	160	.....	.....	2	42	22 00	75 00
Queensbury, York Co.	J. H. Hughes	4	58	110	5	380	52	112	160	280	4	2	6	200	200 00	100 00
Shediac	C. N. Barton	1	18	24	1	40	14	24	20	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 50
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Tabernacle, St. John	Paul F. Madliger	1	70	106	1	150	52	100	126	220	.....	6	2	60	300 00	100 00
Tobique Valley	R. M. Bynon	2	64	50	6	180	32	60	75	240	17	.....	3	150	303 00	50 00
Upper Cape, West. Co.	D. F. Millin	4	110	148	4	260	52	110	140	680	.....	3	1	60	30 00	25 00
Woodstock, Lower	J. W. Gardner	1	20	38	1	35	26	28	22	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	25 00
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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## Money Received for the Year ending September 1, 1898.

## Home Mission Account.

1897.		DR.	
Sept. To	Balance on hand,	.....	\$139 52
	Collections at Convention,	.....	123 15
	Thomas Hoben,	.....	1 00
	Rev. M. P. King,	.....	1 00
	Upper Gagetown Church,	.....	2 10
	Brussels Street,	.....	15 70
	Havelock	.....	8 15
	Macnaquac	.....	3 40
	Maugerville	.....	2 60
	Jemseg	.....	10 00
	York and Sunbury Quarterly Meeting,	.....	4 15
	Rev. C. N. Barton,	.....	5 00
	T. H. Hall,	.....	5 00
	Collection at W. M. A. Meeting,	.....	11 31
	T. L. Hay,	.....	25 00
	Sheffield Church,	.....	7 00
	Jemseg	.....	1 03
	Rockland	.....	60
	Coverdale	.....	8 18
	2nd Canterbury Church,	.....	82
	Hartland	.....	1 37
	Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Quarterly Meeting,	.....	4 00
	Andover Church,	.....	1 75
	1st Salisbury Church,	.....	2 50
	Queens Co. Quarterly Meeting,	.....	8 50
	F. B. Seelye,	.....	2 00
	2nd Chipman W. M. A. Society,	.....	6 36
	Mrs. G. N. McIntyre,	.....	5 00
	Carried forward, ..	.....	\$406 19

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	<i>Brought forward, ..</i>	.....	.....	\$406 19
Nov.	To Macnaquac Church, ....	.....	.....	3 00
	Rev. A. A. Rutledge, ..	.....	.....	5 00
	3rd Elgin Church, ....	.....	.....	7 45
	2nd " " .....	.....	.....	2 55
	2nd Springfield Church,	.....	.....	4 20
	Kings and St. John Quarterly Meeting,....	.....	.....	3 65
	M. S. Hall, ..	.....	.....	5 00
	Hodgdon and Richmond Church,	.....	.....	4 00
	3rd Canterbury Church,	.....	.....	32
	Tobique Valley "	.....	.....	2 54
	Nashwaak "	.....	.....	1 78
	1st Coverdale "	.....	.....	1 30
	Windsor "	.....	.....	96
	Rockland "	.....	.....	64
	Glencoe "	.....	.....	5 00
	Sussex "	.....	.....	14 00
	Millville, ....	.....	.....	2 68
	1st St. Martins Church,	.....	.....	13 25
	Rev. S. D. Ervine, .. .	.....	.....	5 00
	1st Kingsclear Church,	.....	.....	3 00
	Per Rev. J. W. Manning, as follows :			
	Sussex Church, ....	.....	.....	\$ 6 85
	St. Stephen B. Y. P. U.,..	.....	.....	5 00
	Upper Gagetown Church,	.....	.....	50
	Mill Cove "	.....	.....	13 72
	West Florenceville "	.....	.....	1 65
	Sackville "	.....	.....	1 65
	Caledonia "	.....	.....	2 06
	Germain Street "	.....	.....	7 06
	St. Stephen "	.....	.....	3 70
	Cocagne "	.....	.....	2 00
	Mrs. R. T. Gross,	.....	.....	1 00
	Pennfield Sunday-school,	.....	.....	5 00
	Two Personal Donations,	.....	.....	2 00
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	Havelock W. M. A. Society, ....	.....	.....	6 70
	Leverett Estabrooks, ..	.....	.....	3 00
Dec.	W. E. Nobles, ....	.....	.....	5 00
	Scotchtown Church, ....	.....	.....	1 55
	2nd Grand Lake Church,	.....	.....	3 54
	2nd Johnston "	.....	.....	1 57
	<i>Carried forward, ..</i>	.....	.....	\$565 06

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	<i>Brought forward, ..</i>	.....	.....	\$565 06
Dec.	To 1st Johnston Church, ..	.....	.....	2 00
	T. H. Hall, ..	.....	.....	5 00
	Gibson W. M. A. Society,	.....	.....	6 00
	G. W. Titus, ..	.....	.....	20 00
	2nd Chipman Church, ..	.....	.....	10 00
	1st Salisbury " ..	.....	.....	10 00
	2nd Chipman W. M. A. S.,	.....	.....	6 00
	Rev. S. H. Cornwall, ..	.....	.....	3 00
Jan.	Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Quarterly Meeting,	.....	.....	2 55
	1st Chipman Church, ..	.....	.....	2 00
	2nd " " ..	.....	.....	3 00
	1st Springfield " ..	.....	.....	4 50
	2nd " " ..	.....	.....	5 00
	Kars " ..	.....	.....	3 50
	2nd Chipman Mission Band,	.....	.....	10 00
	New Canaan Church, ..	.....	.....	22 00
	Havelock Church, ..	.....	.....	5 90
	Queens County Quarterly Meeting,	.....	.....	8 00
Feb.	Mrs. M. Smith, W. B. M. Union,	.....	.....	53 95
	Kings and St. John Quarterly Meeting, ..	.....	.....	1 26
	Florenceville Church, ..	.....	.....	1 23
	Centreville " ..	.....	.....	1 01
	Hartland " ..	.....	.....	1 50
	Jacksontown " ..	.....	.....	4 60
	Jacksonville " ..	.....	.....	3 00
	Maugerville " ..	.....	.....	7 70
	2nd Sheffield " ..	.....	.....	2 10
	Upper Gagetown Church,	.....	.....	2 50
	Jemseg " ..	.....	.....	12 00
	Upper Wickham " ..	.....	.....	1 60
	Lower " " ..	.....	.....	3 20
	Lower Cambridge " ..	.....	.....	2 80
	1st Cambridge " ..	.....	.....	3 50
	1st Grand Lake " ..	.....	.....	2 10
	2nd " " " ..	.....	.....	11 63
	1st Johnston " ..	.....	.....	2 00
	Hampton Station " ..	.....	.....	5 45
	Hampton Village " ..	.....	.....	5 00
	Springfield, York Co., ..	.....	.....	4 60
	Alma Church, ..	.....	.....	5 30
	Rev. C. N. Barton, ..	.....	.....	2 00
	<i>Carried forward, ..</i>	.....	.....	\$833 54

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Feb.	To Collected by Rev. J. H. Hughes,	.....	40 50
	St. Stephen Church,....	.....	13 00
	1st Springfield " .....	.....	5 50
	2nd " " .....	.....	2 50
	Per Rev. J. W. Manning, as follows:		
	Fredericton Church,....	.....	\$119 74
	3rd Coverdale " .....	.....	1 00
	Fairville " .....	.....	2 89
	Hampton Village Church,	.....	2 00
	Florenceville " .....	.....	3 30
	St. Stephen " .....	.....	5 12
	Sussex " .....	.....	1 38
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	J. N. Steeves, .....	.....	1 00
	1st Springfield Church,..	.....	2 00
	1st Hillsborough " .....	.....	2 00
	Hopewell " .....	.....	1 00
	1st St. Martins " .....	.....	2 25
	1st Cambridge " .....	.....	1 00
	2nd " " .....	.....	1 50
	E. P. Hughes, .....	.....	1 00
	W. H. Gross, .....	.....	2 00
	H. S. Cosman, .....	.....	2 00
	Fairville Church, .....	.....	17 25
	Rev. R. M. Bynon, .....	.....	1 00
	Millville, ... ..	.....	2 92
	Temperance Vale Church,	.....	2 57
	York and Sunbury Quarterly Meeting,	.....	3 34
	2nd Dorchester B. Y. P. U.,	.....	3 00
	3rd Hillsborough Church,	.....	3 50
	Surrey W. M. A. S., ..	.....	3 50
	Norton Church, .....	.....	2 00
	Kars " .....	.....	1 10
	Rev. S. D. Ervine, .....	.....	4 52
	3rd Springfield Church,	.....	1 00
	Studholm " .....	.....	2 35
	Cardwell " .....	.....	2 00
	Havelock " .....	.....	11 30
	2nd Salisbury " .....	.....	2 00
	Petitcodiac " .....	.....	2 00
	Valley " .....	.....	3 00
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	<i>Carried forward, ..</i>	.....	\$1,114 66

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Feb.	To 1st Hillsborough Church,	....	....	5 20
	Hopewell " "	....	....	10 40
	1st Harvey " "	....	....	6 00
	Alma " "	....	....	15 05
	Germantown " "	....	....	1 00
	1st Elgin " "	....	....	2 17
	Hopewell " "	....	....	6 93
	Beaver Harbor " "	....	....	2 00
	2nd Chipman " "	....	....	2 10
	2nd Harvey " "	....	....	1 00
	2nd Cambridge " "	....	....	3 61
	Hopewell " "	....	....	21 65
	Springfield, York Co., ..	....	....	13 00
	Centreville Church, ....	....	....	5 00
	Bloomfield " "	....	....	5 00
	1st Springfield " "	....	....	2 00
May	Buctouche " "	....	....	1 00
	Mrs. M. Smith, W. B. M. Union,	....	121 60	
	Per Rev. J. W. Manning, as follows :			
	Gibson Church, ....	....	\$10 21	
	Jacksonville Church, ..	....	2 46	
	Jacksontown " "	....	1 29	
	Marysville " "	....	1 65	
	1st Elgin " "	....	1 40	
	Brussels Street " "	....	9 60	
	Petitcodiac " "	....	2 31	
	Shediac " "	....	5 00	
	Fredericton " "	....	58 87	
	Main Street " "	....	34 65	
	R. L. Phillips " "	....	3 30	
	Elias Copp " "	....	1 00	
	Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska			
	Quarterly Meeting, ....	....	5 23	
	St. Stephen B. Y. P. U., ....	....	5 00	
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	Kings and St. John Quarterly Meeting, ....	....	6 37	
	Warren Hayward, ....	....	1 00	
	2nd Chipman W. M. A. S., ....	....	4 00	
	Norton Church, ....	....	23 00	
	Hampton Village Church, ....	....	8 08	
	Mr. and Mrs. Peter McIntyre, ..	....	3 00	
	<i>Carried forward, ..</i>	....	..	\$1,526 79

	<i>Brought forward, ..</i>	....	..	\$1,114 66
May	To 2nd St. M	....	....	5 20
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	Musquash	....	....	6 00
	Beaver H	....	....	15 05
	Pennfield	....	....	1 00
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	Mrs. A.	....	....	13 00
	Friend of	....	....	5 00
	M. S. Ha	....	....	5 00
	Collection	....	....	2 00
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	1st King	....	....	121 60
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	2nd Chip	....	....	
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May To	2nd St. Martins Church,	.....	.....	5 00
	“ “ Mission Band, ..	.....	.....	3 00
	Musquash Church, ....	.....	.....	4 14
	Beaver Harbor Church,..	.....	.....	81
	Pennfield “ ..	.....	.....	1 11
	Forest Glen “ ..	.....	.....	1 50
	1st Elgin “ ..	.....	.....	10 00
	N. B. Baptist Sunday-school Convention, ..	.....	.....	1 00
	Queens Co. Quarterly Meeting, ..	.....	.....	8 62
	Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Quarterly Meeting, ..	.....	.....	5 70
	Hammond Sunday-school Convention, ....	.....	.....	2 96
	Mrs. A. D. Hartley, proceeds of Museum,..	.....	.....	10 00
	Friend of Home Missions, . . .	.....	.....	10 00
	M. S. Hall, ..	.....	.....	1 00
	Collection at Western Association, ..	.....	.....	7 97
	Macnaquac Church, ...	.....	.....	7 00
	1st Kingsclear “ ..	.....	.....	3 00
	2nd “ “ ..	.....	.....	4 00
	2nd Chipman W. M. A. S., ..	.....	.....	3 79
	Tobique Sunday-school, ..	.....	.....	3 00
	Forest Glen Church,....	.....	.....	46
	F. B. Seelye, ..	.....	.....	2 00
	2nd Coverdale Church, ..	.....	.....	4 00
	Valley “ ..	.....	.....	4 57
	1st St. Martins “ ..	.....	.....	5 94
	1st Springfield “ ..	.....	.....	3 50
	Carey B. Smith, ..	.....	.....	5 00
	Mrs. M. Smith, W. B. M. Union, ..	.....	.....	135 60
	1st Hillsborough Church, ..	.....	.....	21 00
	A. W. Allaby, ..	.....	.....	2 00
	Buctouche Church, ..	.....	.....	3 00
	York and Sunbury Quarterly Meeting, ..	.....	.....	4 23
	2nd Springfield Church, ..	.....	.....	3 00
	Bradshaw Trust Fund,..	.....	.....	323 03
	2nd Cambridge Church, ..	.....	.....	8 35
	Havelock “ ..	.....	.....	4 39
	1st Grand Lake “ ..	.....	.....	3 00
	2nd “ “ “ ..	.....	.....	3 00
	2nd Chipman “ ..	.....	.....	10 00
	Bayside “ ..	.....	.....	1 00
	<i>Carried forward, ..</i>	.....	.....	\$2,167 46

	<i>Brought forward, ..</i>	.....	\$2,167 46
May	To Campbellton	"	1 40
	1st Coverdale	"	1 20
	3rd Coverdale	"	1 40
	R. G. Haley, Treasurer Maritime Committee,		70 39
	Rev. J. W. Manning, Maritime Treasurer, .		176 74
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EXPENDITURE.

1897.		CR.	
Sept.	By Printing Home Mission Report,	\$	1 00
	Miss Gray's Expenses, .....		7 00
	W. M. A. S. collection, paid Mrs. Cox, ..		4 31
	Rev. N. P. Gross, .....		44 00
	Rev. J. W. S. Young, . . .		39 54
	Rev. E. A. Allaby, ..		15 00
	Musquash field, .....		25 00
	Tabernacle Mission, ..		25 00
	R. W. Demmings, .....		50 00
	S. W. Schurman, . . .		25 00
	H. G. Colpitts, .....		50 00
	W. E. Carpenter, .....		25 00
	H. B. Sloat, . . .		50 00
	J. A. Glendenning, . . .		25 00
	Canaan field, .....		25 00
	Rev. F. D. Davidson, . . .		21 68
	Paul F. Madliger, .....		5 00
Dec.	Rev. F. D. Davidson, . . .		120 56
	Rev. N. P. Gross, .....		122 92
	C. H. Schutt, . . .		100 00
	Barnes & Co., .....		55 00
	Geo. Marsh, sexton, ..		5 00
	Stationery and postage, ..		10 00
March.	Rev. W. J. Halse, . . .		70 65
	Rev. R. M. Bynon, . . .		20 00
	Rev. J. L. Shaw, .....		1 00
	Rev. F. D. Davidson, .....		127 63
	Printing Annuals, . . .		84 80
	Rev. M. P. King, .....		25 00
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	<i>Carried forward, .....</i>	.. \$1,180 09	\$2,418 59

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Mar. By	Rev. I. W. Carpenter, . . . .	....	25 00	
	Rev. N. P. Gross, . . . .	....	58 13	
	C. H. Schutt, . . . .	....	77 00	
	Rev. J. W. S. Young, . . . .	....	55 00	
	D. F. Millin, . . . .	....	25 00	
June.	Rev. F. D. Davidson, . . . .	....	133 53	
	Rev. C. C. Burgess, . . . .	....	75 00	
	Rev. M. P. King, . . . .	....	125 00	
	Rev. C. N. Barton, . . . .	....	100 00	
	Rev. J. L. Shaw, . . . .	....	5 00	
	Rev. Geo. Howard, . . . .	....	97 00	
	Rev. J. W. S. Young, . . . .	....	150 00	
	Rev. E. O. Steeves, . . . .	....	10 00	
	I. Newton Thorne, . . . .	....	50 00	
	Rev. I. W. Carpenter, . . . .	....	25 00	
	Rev. M. B. Whitman, . . . .	....	20 25	
	W. E. Carpenter, . . . .	....	25 00	
	Rev. R. M. Bynon, . . . .	....	30 00	
	Rev. E. C. Corey, . . . .	....	50 00	
	D. F. Millin, . . . .	....	50 00	
	Rev. W. J. Halse, . . . .	....	16 00	
	Rev. N. P. Gross, . . . .	....	25 00	
	Postage, . . . .	....	6 73	
	Balance on hand, . . . .	....	4 86	
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SEMINARY DEBT ACCOUNT.

1897.	To	DR.	
Sept.	Balance on hand, . . . .	....	\$ 2 75
	1st Chipman Church, . . . .	....	5 00
	2nd " " " . . . .	....	60 00
	W. Starratt, . . . .	....	1 00
	F. W. Emmerson, . . . .	....	1 00
	Mrs. M. S. Cox, . . . .	....	1 00
	2nd Moncton Church, . . . .	....	1 00
	Queens Co. Quarterly Meeting, . . . .	....	8 50
	1st Grand Lake Church, . . . .	....	5 40
	2nd " " " . . . .	....	18 50
	Upper Wickham " . . . .	....	2 30
	Lower " " . . . .	....	5 70
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	<i>Carried forward, . . . .</i>	....	\$112 15

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	<i>Brought forward, ..</i>	.....	.....	\$112 15
Sept.	To Lieut.-Gov. A. R. McClelan,	.....	.....	25 00
	Kars Church,	.....	.....	1 00
	C. W. Barton,	.....	.....	1 00
	Miss Hattie Turner,....	.....	.....	1 00
	Hon. H. R. Emerson,	.....	.....	50 00
	Centreville Church, ....	.....	.....	3 00
	Bloomfield " .....	.....	.....	2 00
	1st Springfield " .....	.....	.....	7 00
	2nd " " .....	.....	.....	5 00
	Rev. A. E. Ingram, .....	.....	.....	1 00
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1898.		CR.		
Feb. 14	By Cash paid M. McDonald,	....	\$137 40	
	" " " .....	....	70 50	
	Bank Discount, .....	.....	25	
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### BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT.

1897.		DR.		
Sept.	To Upper Newcastle Church,	.....	.....	\$2 00
	1st Springfield " .....	.....	.....	2 00
	2nd " " .....	.....	.....	2 12
	1st Chipman " .....	.....	.....	2 00
	2nd " " .....	.....	.....	12 00
	1st St. Martins " .....	.....	.....	2 00
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	Rev. S. H. Cornwall,	"	"	5 00
	John McIntyre,	"	"	1 00
	Rev. C. Henderson,	"	"	4 00
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Sept.	Home Mission Account,	.....	\$2,418 59
	Seminary Debt "	.....	208 15
	Baptist Annuity Association,	.....	22 12
	General Account,	.....	161 42
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## AMOUNTS EXPENDED.

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Sept.	Cash paid on Home Miss'n Acct.,	\$2,413 73	
	" Seminary Debt, ..	208 15	
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J. S. TITUS, *Treasurer.*

St. Martins, N. B., Sept. 1, 1898.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

N. B. COTTLE, *Auditor.*

St. John, N. B., Oct. 1, 1898.

The receipts of the year were made up as follows:

From Rev. J. W. Manning, Maritime Treasurer, ..	\$ 506 42
" Mrs. M. Smith, W. B. M. U., .....	311 15
" R. G. Haley, Maritime Committee, .....	70 39
" Bradshaw Trust Funds, .. .. .	323 03
Home Mission contributions to N. B. Convention,	1,207 60
Other " " " "	391 69
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## DEPARTED MINISTERS.

The year just closing has been marked by the fall of a number of valued brethren long known in our ministry. Like some giant trees of the forest, whose tops, by reason of age and superior strength, towered heavenward far above all others, these departed brethren have for many years caught our first glance in a field view of our Lord's workmen. We look over the hosts now and miss familiar veterans of the cross, whose years and labors on earth are finished. They have entered, we trust, on a more glorious career in the eternal home, where, awaiting the final triumph, they will welcome the multitudes coming after.

The following have passed away since last convention :

- Elder Elias Keirstead, died at Collina, Kings County, October 16, 1897, aged 90 years.
- Elder Milledge Lewis, died at Sisson Ridge, Victoria County, November 26, 1897, in his 54th year.
- Elder Michael Gross, died at Surrey, Albert County, December 5, 1897, in his 70th year.
- Elder William H. Beckwith, died in Needham, Mass., March 24, 1898, aged 91 years.
- Elder Edward Hickson, died at Carleton, St. John, March 25, 1898, aged 73 years.

Notice of Bro. Keirstead's death was inserted in last year's Annual; appropriate sketches of the other brethren appear in the obituary report.

## ORDINATIONS.

While the losses in the ranks of the ministry have been heavy, the gains have been few. Two brethren only have been set apart by ordination during the year: Bro. C. N. Barton, at Upper Queensbury, York County, October 20, 1897, and Bro. O. P. Brown, at Maugerville, June 1, 1898.

Another addition is that of Rev. W. J. Halse, formerly a minister of the Free Baptist body, who, since the Gibson convention, has been recognized as a minister of our denomination.

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## NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

There has been but one church organization since our last annual session, that at Glencoe, in York County. This church, with forty-six members, was formally recognized by council October 7th, 1897. It has favorable surroundings, and gives promise of growth and usefulness.

## HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

During the convention year six new houses have been dedicated for public worship. One at Hardwood Ridge, Sunbury County, opened October 3rd, 1877, a branch of Upper Newcastle church, and another at Lower Coverdale, Albert Co., November 7th, 1897, both of which were referred to last year.

There have been also one at Midgic, Westmorland County, opened January 9th, 1898; another at Prince of Wales, St. John County, on South Musquash field, in April, 1898; another at Hartland, Carleton County, July 10th, 1898; and yet another in the same county, at Avondale, dedicated August 7th, 1898.

Several suitable openings might be mentioned, in which houses of worship would be greatly beneficial in forwarding the Lord's work, but owing to lack of means the demand must at present remain unsupplied. We sorely need a church edifice fund to aid our brethren in many of these localities.

## SEMINARY DEBT.

It will be remembered that last year an effort was made to remove the indebtedness due the president of the late Union Education Society. We regret, however, that the attempt so well begun has not as yet resulted in a full settlement of the claim against us, but we hope that a most determined canvass will still be maintained until all our churches help, as a few have done, and the affairs of the late seminary are rightly adjusted. We cannot afford to leave matters as they now are. To us, as Christians, honor is better than blood.

## THE NORTHWEST.

The convention of Manitoba and the Northwest reports at its last session sixty missionaries at work, of whom nineteen are students employed during vacation. Of the fifty churches comprised in this convention, eight are reported as self-sustaining. During the year now closing there have been 261 baptisms, fifty eight of which were from the Sabbath schools. Twenty-one new stations have been opened.

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Our brethren here also conduct an important Scandinavian mission, branches of which are to be found at Winnipeg, New Scandinavia and Rat Portage. Its outlook is exceedingly hopeful. The Indian work so long conducted by Bro. Henry Prince, a native Indian of the Northwest, has this year been re-inforced by the addition of Bro. John Sanderson, a Scotch half-breed, who is stationed at Fairford. There is also at Little Saskatchewan an Indian brother named Alfred Daffee, who holds services among his fellow tribesmen. He is partially supported by denominational funds.

Both the Scandinavian and native Indian missions, as also the church edifice work in the west, have been cared for by the women's convention.

The report on the *Northwest Baptist*, their denominational paper, states that in August, 1897, the mailing list of the new issue numbered only 479, while that for June, 1898, numbered 1,214, and of these 1,181 were paying subscribers, and thirty-three exchanges and complimentaries. This journal should also be found in many a Baptist home in New Brunswick.

Our brethren in this part of Canada, though comparatively few in number, are yet all alive to their missionary needs and opportunities, and appeal earnestly for the resources and men to carry out their Lord's will in behalf of this great country. We trust all our brethren, east and west, will come nobly to their aid.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON.

Our modern Eldorado still continues to attract unusual attention. Thousands and tens of thousands of human beings, of various nationalities, have during the past year flocked to the far northwest in search of gold. As is usual in mining regions, vice and sin are in the forefront, while Christians seem slow to grasp the perilous nature of the situation, and awaken in time to save the adventurous youth who are crowding thither month after month.

Our American brethren have, we understand, decided to send\* two missionaries to these parts, and some months since Rev. W. H. Latourette, a well-known pastor on the Pacific coast, sailed for Skaguay. Up to this time his labors have been confined chiefly to the multitudes of travellers on the Alaskan coast, and so Dawson City and Klondyke, far up over the Canadian line, with more than 50,000 souls, are still without any laborer of our faith. The appalling need of these desert places demands an earnest and quick response.

\* Rev. J. C. Jordan is also now at Skaguay.

## GRAND LIGNE.

Events of importance now transpiring in Quebec undoubtedly prove to us the great good being accomplished by the French Baptist mission of that province. At various stations the missionaries of Grand Ligne are being welcomed and heard most respectfully, while a spirit of unrest and inquiry is gradually taking the place of the former stolid indifference of the people to the message of life. The sixty-first annual report of this mission expresses a hopeful view for the future. There were last year 136 pupils at Feller Institute, nineteen of whom were Roman Catholic children. Of those in attendance, forty-three professed conversion and were baptized on profession of their faith.

The other school at Coaticook had in attendance sixty pupils, of whom a good report is given. Misses Stobo and Therrien are in charge here.

We trust that this mission, endeared, as it is, to Canadian Baptists, will continue to receive increasing support from our brethren in this province.

## HOME MISSIONS AND BRADSHAW FUNDS.

A full report of this department of our work is found elsewhere. Owing to financial stress, brought about largely by the late Spanish-American war, the receipts of the year have not generally been quite as large as usual. Stagnation in business, that common accompaniment of all wars, invariably brings checks on the benevolence of the people.

Another shrinkage, quite unexpected by us, has come about through the recent action of the Foreign Mission Board in the disposal of the income of the Bradshaw funds. That board, deviating from its usual course, has suddenly decided to lay a hitherto unknown charge against the funds running back over many years. It has allowed a previous secretary \$250 per year during his term for the care and management of the funds, and for the last six years it charges \$200 per year, of which amount \$83 per year is deducted from the home mission income.

The actual income from the Bradshaw funds, as reported for the year now closing, is \$2,536.43. Out of this amount \$453.18 is deducted as expenses for the year charged against the property of the trusts. Then taking out the foreign mission share of the balance there appears to have been left \$902.09, which should have come to the present year's home mission work in New

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Now in view of the fact that the accounts of the Foreign Mission Board have been audited from year to year, and have been considered a full showing annually of all its legitimate affairs, and in view of the fact, also, that the secretary is paid \$1,000 per year to attend to the business of the board, this charge, disturbing as it does the records and accounts over a considerable period of years, must appear to the average observer a most questionable transaction. Against it we feel bound to enter a firm protest. By taking such a step the Foreign Mission Board has deprived this board of the larger part of the amount naturally expected by us. Five hundred dollars of the year's income has been diverted from home mission purposes, for which it was given, to meet the general expenses of the Foreign Mission Board. Without the least warning this transfer has been hastily made. We are surprised to learn that the Maritime convention, at its recent session, passed these accounts with but little questioning.

A heavy loss has come to the funds in another way. The costs of the recent litigation against the trusts are reported at \$5,632.00. This enormous amount has to be deducted from the capital funds, a loss that will seriously lessen the income in future years.

We cannot leave our notice of this department without a passing reference to the appointment of a home mission committee for New Brunswick at the late Maritime convention. This committee is intended to lay out the funds of the churches not contributing directly to the work of our board. During the year ending August, 1898, these churches which preferred to send their contributions to the Maritime treasurer gave a total of \$579.45 for home missions, while those that paid their home mission funds to the treasurer of the New Brunswick convention contributed in a similar period \$1,207.60. Of the \$579.45 paid to the Maritime treasurer, the Fredericton church alone gave \$237.27, or considerably more than one-third of the whole amount.

It would appear wiser, in our judgment, for the minority element in New Brunswick, as represented by these churches

and individuals, to unite their contributions with the regular funds of this board, and so preserve unity in the general home mission operations of the province. The total amount contributed to both treasurers, including also the trust funds, could easily be handled by one board, without salary or costs, and the proposed amendment to the constitution of the Maritime convention, looking to the establishment of another home mission board in this province to lay out between \$500 and \$600 annually, would in consequence seem a needless waste of energy. Then, too, such a board, if appointed, would require an act of incorporation similar to ours, and we would present to the world the strange spectacle of two incorporated boards operating side by side on the smallest home mission territory to be found in the Dominion of Canada. There is surely a more excellent way.

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## DECEASED MINISTERS.

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For sketch of Rev. Elias Keirstead, see Annual of 1897, page 75.

### MILLEDGE LEWIS.

Our information concerning this brother is somewhat scanty. We learn that he was ordained to the ministry at Lewis Mountain, over the Albert church, in June, 1873. His labors were chiefly in Albert County, where he did good service in the churches. He was for a time pastor of the Lumsden church, and preached occasionally in the adjoining communities.

His last days were spent at Sisson Ridge, Victoria County, where he died November 26th, 1897, in his 54th year. He left a widow and seven children.

### MICHAEL GROSS.

Brother Gross was born in Hillsborough, January 28th, 1828, of respectable parentage. He was married in 1852 to Miss Mary Ann Beatty, who proved a helpmeet indeed in all his life's work.

His conversion occurred during the ministry of Elder J. H. Hughes in Albert County, by whom he was baptized in 1859. Feeling called of God to preach the gospel, he made his convictions known to the first Hillsborough church, and was by that body licensed to preach.

His ordination occurred at Little River in 1880. Among the churches and places that profited by his ministry were Coverdale, Hopewell, Miramichi, Elgin and Dawson Settlement. Bodily infirmity frequently interfered with the regularity of his labors, yet he was faithful to the end, working often beyond his strength.

Elder Gross was an able preacher, sound in doctrine, strong in faith, a comforter in time of trouble, a wise counsellor, an unflinching advocate of temperance, and an exemplary citizen. To him death was robbed of its terror, and he joyfully awaited his call home.

This occurred at his home in Surrey, on Sunday morning, December 6th, 1897.

The attendance at his funeral proved the widespread esteem in which he was held, eight ministers taking part in the services. A widow, five sons and two daughters are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father, and the denomination at large will long miss one of its most valued and trusted brethren.

#### WILLIAM H. BECKWITH.

This aged servant of God was born in Halifax, N. S., August 16th, 1806, and in very early life experienced the power of converting grace. He was baptized when but ten years of age, uniting with the church at the time. Soon, as he approached manhood, the call came to enter the ministry, a service in which he was destined to fill a long and honorable record.

Feeling the need of education, he entered the Literary and Theological Institution at Hamilton, N. Y., and on completing his course settled at Pembroke, Maine, where he was ordained in 1832. He preached subsequently at Machiasport, East Machias, Cutler, and Calais, Maine; also in New Brunswick, where the greater part of his life was spent, in St. John, Jemseg, Upper Gagetown, Fredericton, Canning, and other parts of the province. For many years he was a familiar figure at our associations and quarterly meetings. During his ministry he saw several extensive revivals, and was privileged to baptize over one thousand persons.

He was especially active in Sabbath school and temperance work, and in the educational enterprises of his time. Down to old age he continued preaching with wonderful earnestness, receiving too often but little support for the labors he performed.

For many years in his later ministry he made his home in Fredericton and Marysville with members of his family. His companion in life, who had borne him a large family, was removed a few years since.

Brother Beckwith was a man of unusual strength of body and mind. At eighty he seemed young and vigorous, and even at ninety his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated.

About nine years since he went to Massachusetts, where his last days were spent with one of his children. He re-visited New Brunswick in 1893 and attended the convention at St. Martins, being at the time in apparent good health.

His devotion to the cause of God, his faithfulness as a Sabbath school teacher, his close personal attention to the poor

and needy, continued to the end. This took place at a nearly completed minister of Jesus.

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and needy, continued until within a few weeks of his decease. This took place at Needham, Mass., March 24, 1898. He had nearly completed sixty-six years of service as an ordained minister of Jesus Christ.

His funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert L. Webb, pastor of the first Baptist church, Needham, who also furnished an interesting sketch of Elder Beckwith for the columns of *The Watchman* of Boston.

In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as also in Maine and Massachusetts, our departed brother has left behind a wide circle of appreciative friends, many of whom will long cherish his memory with affectionate regard.

#### EDWARD HICKSON.

This esteemed brother in our ministry was born at Bathurst, Gloucester County, October 13th, 1824. His first wife, Miss Bowser, of Albert County, had no doubt a great influence in turning his attention to Baptist views. Mr. Hickson had been reared under Episcopalian teaching, and for many years lived without definite knowledge of converting grace.

Under a sermon preached by Rev. Joseph Crandall he became wonderfully awakened and determined fully to seek the Lord Jesus Christ. Not long after he went to Acadia College to take a course of study. Here he was baptized by Dr. Cramp.

Graduating with the class of 1860, he soon settled as pastor at Newcastle, Miramichi. He was ordained at North Esk, July 27th, 1862. While at Newcastle Bro. Hickson undertook the erection of a Baptist house of worship in Bathurst. The house was built largely from his own private means, but, when just completed, it was mysteriously destroyed by fire.

In 1870 he removed to St. George, Charlotte County, where he took the oversight of the Baptist church of the place. Two years later he accepted the pastorate of the Carleton church, remaining in this relation for a period of ten years, until failing health compelled him to retire. A little later he lost his companion, who had been all through life an invaluable partner in his work.

Bro. Hickson was again married in 1890 to Miss Amelia Hamm, of Grand Bay, who waited tenderly upon him during his last illness. The period of suffering was much prolonged, but at length our brother was released from pain on Friday, March 25th, 1898. He rests from his labors and his works follow him.





General Statistics and Contributions of the Churches in the Southern Association,  
September 1, 1898.

Number.	CHURCH.	Date of Organization	Members.	Baptisms.	Non-Resid'ts	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Northwest Missions.	Grand Irgne Mission.	W. M. A. Society.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence	General Purposes.
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2	Bartlett Mills, . . . . .	1888	48	14	3	..	3 00	..	..	..	..	3 00	130 00
3	Beaver Harbor, . . . . .	1891	44	..	8	2 81	..	..	..	..	..	2 81	125 00
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6	Cardwell, . . . . .	1823	107	..	52	2 00	9 00	..	4 30	5 70	3 50	24 50	48 30
7	Carleton, . . . . .	1841	253	8	72	11 12	41 12	..	..	61 01	..	113 25	1,000 62
8	Fairville, . . . . .	1881	252	33	25	24 95	24 69	..	1 00	13 75	..	64 39	1,696 20
9	Germain Street, . . . . .	1810	461	6	150	80 55	112 71	14 18	7 10	182 90	54 92	452 36	5,013 73
10	Greenwich Hill, . . . . .	1876	64	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40 00
11	Hammond, . . . . .	1835	112	10	16	2 96	..	..	..	5 00	7 00	14 96	300 00
12	Hampton Station, . . . . .	1883	35	8	3	5 45	..	..	..	..	..	545 00	275 00
13	Hampton Village, . . . . .	1860	97	..	20	15 08	5 56	..	..	4 00	..	27 64	482 53
14	Johnston, 1st, . . . . .	1823	137	30	..	4 00	..	..	..	..	..	4 00	100 00
15	Kars, . . . . .	1858	144	..	39	4 60	4 41	..	..	..	..	9 01	100 00
16	Lake View, . . . . .	1892	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50 00
17	Ledge Dufferin, . . . . .	1830	45	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300 00
18	Leinster Street, . . . . .	1868	299	50	50	5 62	82 00	1 12	56	80 00	9 20	178 50	3,263 51
19	Main Street, . . . . .	1842	619	7	145	34 65	26 25	8 40	4 20	47 68	481 50	602 68	4,200 00
20	Musquash, . . . . .	1867	158	7	37	4 14	..	..	..	12 00	..	16 14	75 00
21	Norton, . . . . .	1800	61	1	..	25 00	13 23	..	..	..	12 00	50 23	222 00
22	Oak Bay, . . . . .	1836	72	6	21	..	..	..	..	..	2 85	2 85	166 00

23	Fennfield, . . . . .	1841	104	6	9	6 11	6 00	..	..	..	6 78	13 00	31 89	225 00
24	Peskehegan, . . . . .	1885	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25	Rolling Dam, . . . . .	1869	54	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	125 00
26	Rothessay, . . . . .	1855	42	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	125 00
27	Salt Springs, . . . . .	1876	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100 00
28	Second Falls, St. George, . . . . .	1851	120	11	49	..	4 50	..	..	14 00	..	18 50	292 00	
29	Smithtown, . . . . .	1821	39	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75 00
30	Springfield, 1st, . . . . .	1809	176	..	..	17 50	8 40	3 35	3 35	23 50	29 00	85 10	350 00	
31	" 2nd, . . . . .	1850	107	..	21	14 70	10 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	135 00
32	" 3rd (Belleisle Stat'n) . . . . .	1888	56	24	4	1 00	..	..	..	25 28	..	26 28	95 00	
33	St. Andrews 1st (Bayside), . . . . .	1806	74	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
34	" 2nd (Town), . . . . .	1865	23	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35	St. George, 1st, . . . . .	1806	196	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

20 Musquash, ..	1867	158	7	37	4	14	6	00	12	00	13	00	12	00	16	14	75	00
21 Norton, ..	1800	61	1	..	25	00	13	23	..	..	..	..	12	00	50	23	222	00
22 Oak Bay, ..	1836	72	6	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	85	166	00
23 Pennfield, ..	1841	104	6	9	6	11	6	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
24 Peskehegan, ..	1885	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25 Rolling Dam, ..	1869	54	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
26 Rothersey, ..	1855	42	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27 Salt Springs, ..	1876	25	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
28 Second Falls, St. George,	1851	120	11	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
29 Smithtown, ..	1821	39	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
30 Springfield, 1st,	1809	176	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31 " 2nd,	1850	107	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
32 " 3rd (Belleisle Stat'n)	1888	56	24	4	1	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
33 St. Andrews 1st (Bayside),	1806	74	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
34 " 2nd (Town),	1865	23	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35 St. George, 1st,	1806	126	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
36 " 2nd,	1845	30	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
37 St. Martins, 1st,	1814	339	46	51	24	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
38 " 2nd,	1840	50	9	16	8	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
39 St. Stephen, ..	1870	226	4	30	42	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
40 Studholm, ..	1840	120	..	1	2	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
41 Sussex, ..	1871	162	..	50	29	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
42 Tabernacle, St. John, ..	1891	110	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
43 Upham, ..	1857	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
44 Willow Grove, ..	1860	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	551	246	1024	\$411	32	\$511	91	\$33	95	\$80	36	\$728	00	\$998	74	\$2,763	98	

General Statistics and Contributions of the Churches in the Western Association,  
September 1, 1898.

Number.	CHURCH.	Date of Organization	Members.	Baptisms.	Non-Resid'ts	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Northwest Missions.	Grande Ligne Mission.	W. M. A. Society.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence	Local Purposes.
1	Aberdeen, . . . . .	1880	88	..	20	\$1 75	\$5 00	..	..	\$4 25	\$1 17	\$12 17	\$200 00
2	Andover, . . . . .	1832	66	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	100 00	100 00
3	Avondale, . . . . .	1871	42	..	5	..	4 15	..	..	6 00	..	4 15	1,025 00
4	Benton, . . . . .	1883	102	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 00	150 00
5	Birch Ridge, . . . . .	1881	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 95	..	7 95	50 00
6	Blissfield (Doaktown), . . . . .	1865	54	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 00	7 00	200 00
7	Bloomfield, . . . . .	1878	85	26	18	5 00	..	..	..	..	..	7 00	400 00
8	Bristol, . . . . .	1894	58	2	10	..	1 09	..	..	..	..	1 09	500 00
9	Cambridge, 1st (Macdonald's Cor).	1825	96	..	29	4 25	2 00	..	..	11 70	..	17 95	100 00
10	" 2nd (Narrows), . . . . .	1855	145	..	61	13 21	2 00	..	6 00	60 91	..	82 12	260 00
11	" Lower, . . . . .	1859	51	..	..	2 80	..	..	..	48 25	..	51 05	130 00
12	Canterbury, 1st, . . . . .	1822	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50 00
13	" 2nd, . . . . .	1860	90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	60 00
14	" 3rd, . . . . .	1892	21	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	32	..
15	Cardigan, . . . . .	1820	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60 00
16	Carlisle, . . . . .	1880	67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17	Centreville, . . . . .	1843	201	3	100	6 01	..	..	..	5 00	..	11 01	700 00
18	Chipman, 1st (Gaspereau), . . . . .	1844	102	..	12	2 00	..	..	2 50	16 00	7 00	27 50	150 00
19	" 2nd (Salmon Creek), . . . . .	1867	154	2	30	46 25	6 00	..	12 00	79 92	96 12	240 29	750 00
20	Cloverdale, . . . . .	1897	16	..	..	8 18	..	..	..	..	..	8 18	20 00
21	Dumfries, . . . . .	1855	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
22	Florenceville, . . . . .	1866	90	..	20	9 81	8 90	2 08	1 04	43 65	7 80	73 28	325 00

23	" East, . . . . .	1830	144	1	50	32	..	..	..	1 75	..	32	75 00
24	Forest Glen (Victoria Co.), . . . . .	1876	49	9	29	1 96	..	..	28 78	148 96	215 67	3 71	100 00
25	Fredericton, . . . . .	1514	532	17	200	237 27	197 09	37 50	..	12 70	44	865 27	3,461 92
26	Gagetown, Upper . . . . .	1855	103	..	63	5 10	2 38	12	06	22 50	8 83	20 80	200 00
27	Gibson, . . . . .	1889	205	7	26	21 56	25 25	2 36	1 18	..	..	81 68	850 00
28	Glencoe, . . . . .	1897	46	..	..	5 00	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	40 00
29	Grand Falls, . . . . .	1864	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
30	Grand Lake, 1st, . . . . .	1824	97	5	39	5 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	25 00
31	" 2nd, . . . . .	1842	304	4	31	18 17	..	..	..	50 00	5 40	10 50	50 00
32	Hartland, . . . . .	1895	37	2	..	2 87	1 77	..	..	..	18 50	86 67	182 30
33	Haynesville, . . . . .	1866	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 64	50 00
34	Hodgdon and Richmond, . . . . .	1843	34	..	11	4 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..







EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

No.	CHURCH.	PASTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS.	When Settled	CLERK'S NAME AND ADDRESS.
1	Alma, .....	Milton Addison, Alma, .....	1898	D. C. Cleveland, Alma, Albert Co.
2	Bayside, .....	J. W. Gardner, Port Elgin, ..	1897	C. F. Allen, Bayside, Westmorland Co.
3	Blackville, .....	M. P. King, Doaktown, .....	1894	L. W. Dunphy, Blackville, North. Co.
4	Buctouche, .....	R. Barry Smith, Moncton, .....	1898	W. J. Ayer, Buctouche, Kent Co.
5	Caledonia, .....	S. W. Keirstead, Dawson Settlement, ..	1896	Wellington Wilbur, Caledonia, Albert Co.
6	Campbellton, .....	A. F. Brown, Campbellton, ..	1895	H. H. Bray, Campbellton, Restigouche Co.
7	Cape Tormentine, .....	H. G. Colpitts, Cape Tormentine, ..	1897	A. W. Bent, Bayfield, West. Co.
8	Centre Village, .....	H. V. Davies, St. Martins, ..	.....	Ansley Finney, Centre Village, West. Co.
9	Cocaigne, .....	J. G. A. Belyea, B. A., Mid. Sackville, ..	1898	Nathaniel Crawford, Notre Dame, Kent Co.
10	Cookville, 1st, .....	.....	1897	Boyd Kinnear, Cookville, West. Co.
11	Coverdale, 1st, .....	.....	.....	Bamford Patterson, Berryton, Albert Co.
12	" 2nd, .....	John Miles, Surrey, .....	1898	Issiah Steeves, Lower Coverdale, Albert Co.
13	" 3rd, .....	W. W. Corey, Boundary Creek, W. Co. ....	.....	Philip Brown, Nixon, Albert Co.
14	Dorchester, 1st, .....	C. C. Burgess, Dorchester, ..	1896	Humphrey Bowser, Dorchester.
15	" 2nd, .....	C. C. Burgess, Dorchester, ..	1896	A. T. Hicks, Upper Dorchester.
16	Elgin, 1st, .....	F. D. Davidson, Elgin, .....	1898	Lebaron Godard, Elgin.
17	" 2nd, .....	I. N. Thorne, Little River, Elgin, ..	.....	B. L. Grosser, Prosser Brook, Albert Co.
18	" 3rd, .....	Wylie H. Smith, Elgin, .....	1898	W. R. Collicut, Pleasant Vale, Albert Co.
19	Forest Glen, West. Co., .....	F. D. Davidson, Elgin, .....	1898	Edward A. Tingley, Forest Glen, West. Co.
20	Germanatown, .....	Trueman Bishop, Harvey, .....	.....	Roswell Wilbur, Germantown, Albert Co.
21	Harcourt, .....	I. N. Thorne, Little River, Elgin, ..	1898	Joseph C. Smith, Harcourt, Kent Co.
22	Harvey, 1st, .....	Trueman Bishop, B. A., Harvey, ..	1896	G. E. Smith, Harvey, Albert Co.
23	" 2nd (Waterside), .....	Milton Addison, Alma, .....	1898	W. C. Anderson, Waterside, Albert Co.
24	Havelock (Butternut Ridge), .....	Frederick T. Snell, Havelock, ..	1897	Isaac N. Alward, Havelock, Kings Co.

25	Hillsborough, 1st, .....	C. W. Townsend, Hillsborough, ..	1898	R. E. Steeves, Hillsborough.
26	" 2nd (Dawson Set'mt), .....	S. W. Keirstead, Dawson Settlement, ..	1896	Isaiah S. Jonah, Hiram, Albert Co.
27	" 3rd, .....	John Miles, Surrey, Albert Co., ..	1897	P. Sinclair, Albert Mines, Albert Co.
28	" 4th (Baltimore), .....	S. W. Keirstead, Dawson Settlement, ..	1897	A. D. Jonah, Irving Settlement, Albert Co.
29	Hopewell, .....	L. B. Colwell, Riverside, Albert Co., ..	1895	Wm. A. West, Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.
30	Moncton, 1st, .....	W. B. Hinson, Moncton, .....	1896	A. E. Wall, Moncton.
31	" 2nd (Lutes Mountain), .....	E. C. Corey, Penobscquis, .....	1898	Joshua McFeters, Stiles Village, West Co.
32	New Canaan, .....	J. H. Hughes, .....	.....	R. H. Corey, New Canaan, West Co.
33	Newcastle, .....	.....	.....	.....

23	Hillsborough, 1st, .....	C. W. Townsend, Hillsborough, .....	1898	R. E. Steeves, Hillsborough.
24	" 2nd (Waterside), .....	S. W. Keirstead, Dawson Settlement, .....	1896	Isaiah S. Jonah, Hiram, Albert Co.
	" 3rd, .....	John Miles, Surrey, Albert Co., .....	1897	P. Sinclair, Albert Mines, Albert Co.
	" 4th (Baltimore), .....	S. W. Keirstead, Dawson Settlement, .....	1897	A. D. Jonah, Irving Settlement, Albert Co.
25	Hopewell, .....	L. B. Colwell, Riverside, Albert Co., .....	1895	Wm. A. West, Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.
26	Moncton, 1st, .....	W. B. Hinson, Moncton, .....	1896	A. E. Wall, Moncton.
27	" 2nd (Lutes Mountain), .....	E. C. Corey, Penobscuis, .....	1898	Joshua McFeters, Stiles Village, West Co.
28	New Canaan, .....	J. H. Hughes, .....	.....	R. H. Corey, New Canaan, Queens Co.
29	Newcastle, Northum'bid Co., .....	E. C. Baker, Newcastle, North. Co., .....	1897	A. J. Russell, Newcastle, North. Co.
30	New Horton, .....	Trueman Bishop, Harvey, .....	1896	Edgar Canning, New Horton, Albert Co.
31	North Esk (Whitneyville), .....	E. C. Baker, Newcastle, North. Co., .....	1897	Robert Curtis, Sumner's P. O., North. Co.
32	North River, .....	H. G. Estabrooks, B.A., Petitcodiac, .....	1896	Israel McPhee, Wheaton's Mills, West Co.
33	Petitcodiac, .....	H. G. Estabrooks, Petitcodiac, .....	1896	D. A. Jonah, Petitcodiac.
34	Point DeBute, .....	D. A. Steele, D.D., Amherst, N. S., .....	1897	Wm. Tingley, Upper Pt. DeBute, West. Co.
35	Point Midgic, .....	J. G. A. Belyea, B.A., Mid. Sackville, .....	1897	Isaac Anderson, Point Midgic, West. Co.
36	Pollet River, .....	Ezekiel Hopper, North Riv. Platform, .....	1897	J. C. Martin, N. River Platform, West. Co.
37	Port Elgin, .....	J. W. Gardner, Port Elgin, .....	1897	Chas. A. Read, Port Elgin, West. Co.
38	Rockport, .....	.....	.....	John G. Read, Rockport, West. Co.
39	Sackville, .....	E. E. Daley, B.A., Sackville, .....	1897	W. A. Lund, Sackville.
40	Salisbury, 1st, .....	J. E. Tiner, Salisbury, .....	1897	Alex. Bleakney, Salisbury.
41	" 2nd, .....	H. G. Estabrooks, Petitcodiac, .....	1896	Wm. A. Humphrey, Keat's P. O., West. Co.
42	Shediac, .....	E. C. Corey, Penobscuis, .....	1894	J. I. Evans, Shediac.
43	South Esk (Littleton), .....	H. V. Davies, St. Martins, .....	.....	W. H. Tozer, Littleton.
44	St. Marys, .....	W. A. Allen, Port Elgin, .....	1898	E. Hicks, McLaughlin Road, Kent Co.
45	Underhill, .....	John Miles, Surrey, Albert Co., .....	1898	W. M. Underhill, Underhill, North. Co.
46	Valley, Hillsborough, .....	.....	1897	W. M. Gross, Surrey, Albert Co.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH.	PASTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS.	When Settled.	CLERK'S NAME AND ADDRESS.
1 Baillie, .....	H. D. Worden, .....	1898	Miss M. Gertie Robinson, Baillie, Char. Co.
2 Bartlett Mills, .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, Char. Co., .....	1897	Edward H. Bartlett, Bartlett Mills, Char. Co.
3 Beaver Harbor, .....	T. M. Munro, Pennfield Centre, Char. Co. ....	1896	Elias Bates, Beaver Harbor, Char. Co.
4 Bocabec, .....	G. M. W. Carey, D. D., 24 Paddock St. St. J. ....	1893	Donald Cameron, Bocabec, Char. Co.
5 Brussels Street, .....	M. C. Higgins, B. A., St. John, W. End .....	1898	H. S. Cosman, 8 Sydney Street, St. John.
6 Cardwell (Penobscquis), .....	A. T. Dykeman, Fairville, St. John, .....	1898	Asa Sprague, Penobscquis, Kings Co.
7 Carleton, .....	G. O. Gates, M. A., St. John, .....	1898	Ernest R. Gardiner, St. John, West End.
8 Fairville, .....	W. E. Carpenter, Greenw' h Hill, K. Co. ....	1886	J. F. Black, Fairville, St. John Co.
9 Germain Street, .....	R. M. Bynon, Lewisville, West. Co., .....	1898	Donaldson Hunt, St. John.
10 Greenw'ch Hill, .....	J. D. Wetmore, Hampton Stat'n, K. Co. ....	1896	E. J. Neal, Greenw'ch Hill, Kings Co.
11 Hammond (Hillsdale), .....	N. A. McNeil, B. A., Hampton Village, .....	1897	D. J. Fowler, Hammond Vale, Kings Co.
12 Hampton Station, .....	E. K. Ganong, Long Point, Kings Co., .....	1896	Isaiah J. Baizley, Hampton Station, K. Co.
13 Hampton Village, .....	W. J. Gordon, Kars, Kings Co., .....	1897	A. A. Mabee, Hampton Village, Kings Co.
14 Johnston, 1st (Thorntown), .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, .....	1898	Isaac T. Hetherington, Jenkins, Queens Co.
15 Kars, .....	W. S. Martin, St. John, .....	1897	Miles G. Jenkins, Downeyville, Kings Co.
16 Lakeview, .....	J. A. Gordon, Clinch's Mills, St. J. Co. ....	1898	J. Stackhouse, Up. Loch Lomond, St. John.
17 Ledge, Dufferin, .....	C. N. Barton, Clinch's Mills, St. J. Co. ....	1893	John Webber, St. Stephen.
18 Leinster Street, .....	N. A. McNeil, B. A., Hampton Village, .....	1898	A. A. Wilson, St. John.
19 Main Street (Portland), .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, Char. Co., .....	1896	A. W. Gray, St. John, North End.
20 Musquash, .....	T. M. Munro, Pennfield Centre, Char. Co. ....	1897	C. F. Clinch, Clinch's Mills, St. John Co.
21 Norton, .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, Char. Co., .....	1897	John T. McVay, Bloomfield Station, K. Co.
22 Oak Bay, .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, Char. Co., .....	1897	O. B. Doten, Oak Bay, Charlotte Co.
23 Pennfield, .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, Char. Co., .....	1896	A. C. Poole, Pennfield, Charlotte Co.
24 Peskehegan, .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, .....	1897	Daniel Munson, Peskehegan, Char. Co.

25 Rolling Dam, .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, .....	1897	E. F. McLaskey, Rolling Dam, Char. Co.
26 Rothesay, .....	J. D. Wetmore, Hampton Station, .....	1896	J. S. Keirstead, Rothesay, Kings Co.
27 Salt Springs, .....	A. H. Lavers, St. George, .....	1895	Charles S. Allaby, Salt Springs, Kings Co.
28 Second Falls, St. George, .....	J. D. Wetmore, Hampton Station, .....	1896	D. Milhiken, Second Falls, Char. Co.
29 Smithtown, .....	S. D. Ervine, Hatfield's Point, K. Co., .....	1896	Henry Belyea, Centre Hampton, Kings Co.
30 Springfield, 1st, .....	E. K. Ganong, Long Point, Kings Co. ....	1896	A. Hatfield, Hatfield's Point, Kings Co.
31 " 2nd (Keirstead's), .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, .....	1897	J. H. Gray, Keirstead's P. O., Kings Co.
32 " 3rd (Belletisle Station), .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, .....	1897	E. Knollin, Morcambe, Kings Co.
33 St. Andrews, 1st (Bayside), .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, .....	1897	C. B. Lawrence, Bayside, Charlotte Co.
34 " 2nd (Town), .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, .....	1897	C. B. Lawrence, Bayside, Charlotte Co.
35 St. George, 1st, .....	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, .....	1897	C. B. Lawrence, Bayside, Charlotte Co.

25 Rolling Dam,	W. H. Morgan, Oak Bay, .....	1897 E. F. McLaskey, Rolling Dam, Char. Co.
26 Rothesay, .....	J. D. Wetmore, Hampton Station, .....	J. S. Keirstead, Rothesay, Kings Co.
27 Salt Springs, .....	A. H. Lavers, St. George, .....	Charles S. Allaby, Salt Springs, Kings Co.
28 Second Falls, St. George,	J. D. Wetmore, Hampton Station, .....	1895 D. Milliken, Second Falls, Char. Co.
29 Smithtown, .....	S. D. Ervine, Hatfield's Point, K. Co.,	1896 Henry Belyea, Centre Hampton, Kings Co.
30 Springfield, 1st,	“	1896 A. Hatfield, Hatfield's Point, Kings Co.
31 “ 2nd (Keirstead's),	E. K. Ganong, Long Point, Kings Co.	1896 J. H. Gray, Keirstead's P. O., Kings Co.
32 “ 3rd (Belleisle Station),	“	1897 C. E. Knollin, Morcambe, Kings Co.
33 St. Andrews, 1st (Bayside),	“	C. B. Lawrence, Bayside, Charlotte Co.
34 “ 2nd (Town),	A. H. Lavers, St. George, .....	George Hibbard, St. Andrews.
35 St. George, 1st,	“	1895 H. V. Dewar, St. George.
36 “ 2nd,	“	1895 Alex. Dick, St. George.
37 St. Martins, 1st,	S. H. Cornwall, B. A., St. Martins, .....	1896 J. S. Titus, St. Martins.
38 “ 2nd (Fairfield),	W. M. Bynon, Lewisville, West Co. ....	1897 Wm. R. Floyd, Fairfield, St. John Co.
39 St. Stephen, .....	W. C. Goucher, M. A., St. Stephen	1888 C. A. Laubman, St. Stephen.
40 Studholm, .....	E. K. Ganong, Long Point, Kings Co.	1897 Wm. A. Keirstead, Snider Mountain, K. Co.
41 Sussex, .....	Wellington Camp, Sussex, .....	J. S. Trites, Sussex.
42 Tabernacle (St. John),	“	C. W. Morrell, 12 Middle St., St. John.
43 Upham, .....	J. D. Wetmore, Hampton Station, .....	Judson Bettle, Passekeag, Kings Co.
44 Willow Grove,	“	J. Davidson, Willow Grove, St. John Co.





WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—CONTINUED.

CHURCH.	PASTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS.	When Settled.	CLERK'S NAME AND ADDRESS.
59 Queensbury (Upper),	Calvin Currie, Green Road, Car. Co.,	.....	D. C. Parent, Up. Queensbury, York Co.
60 Richmond South,	Charles Henderson, Upper Gagetown..	1893	T. E. Henderson, Debec, Carleton Co.
61 Rockland, .....	O. P. Brown, Lower Maugerville,	.....	A. W. Estabrooks, Coldstream, Car. Co.
62 Scotchtown, .....	"	.....	1898 B. Balmain, Scotchtown, Queens Co.
63 Sheffield, 1st,	A. H. Hayward, Florenceville,	1897	A. Bridges, Sheffield, Sunbury Co.
64 " 2nd,	"	.....	1897 John Delong, Little River, Sunbury Co.
65 Simonds Middle,	"	.....	1890 C. H. Palmer, Middle Simonds, Car. Co.
66 Springfield (Carleton Co.),	N. P. Gross, Grand Falls,	.....	T. Porter, Eel River, Carleton Co.
67 " (York Co.),	"	.....	S. Gordon, Springfield, York Co.
68 St. Francis, .....	D. F. Millin, Three Brooks, Vic. Co.,	1897	Mrs. C. Morrison, Mouth St. Francis, Mad.
69 St. Leonard's,	J. C. Bleakney, Woodstock,	.....	E. Rider, St. Leonard's, Madawaska Co.
70 Temperance Vale,	A. B. Macdonald, Macdonald Cor. Q. Co.	1897	Gardiner Corey, Temperance Vale, York Co.
71 Tobique Valley (Sisson Ridge),	W. J. Gordon, Belyea's Cove, Q. Co.,	1893	W. C. Wright, Sisson Ridge, Victoria Co.
72 Wakefield, .....	F. W. Patterson, The Range, Q. Co.,	1897	R. Shaw, Victoria Corner, Car. Co.
73 Wickham Lower,	"	.....	1898 A. Macdonald, Macdonald's Pt., Q. Co.
74 " Upper,	W. J. Rutledge, B.A., Woodstock,	1898	J. P. Connelly, Windsor, Carleton Co.
75 Wiggins' Cove,	Thomas Todd, Woodstock,	.....	1896 R. M. Dennison, Woodstock.
76 Windsor, .....	"	.....	1898 David Olts, Meductic, York Co.
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## EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

BAYSIDE—*Rev. J. W. Gardiner, pastor.* We have nothing special to communicate. The regular services have been held.

BUCTOCHE—*H. V. Davies, pastor.* During the past year ten members have withdrawn from us. Amid much discouragement we have worked on. Our Sunday-school and B. Y. P. U. are in a flourishing condition.

CAMPBELLTON—*Rev. A. F. Brown, pastor.* God has been very good to us. The past year has been the most successful, both spiritually and temporally, through which the church has passed. To Him we give the glory.

CENTRE VILLAGE—*W. E. Carpenter, pastor.* God has blessed the united labors of pastor and people. Several have confessed Christ in baptism.

DORCHESTER, 1ST—*Rev. C. C. Burgess, pastor.* Through God's favor we are able to report ourselves again. Though many changes have taken place in the last year, yet God has richly blessed us. Members have been received, both by baptism and experience. In all our work we are encouraged to press forward.

DORCHESTER, 2ND—*Rev. C. C. Burgess, pastor.* We can report no increase this year. The regular services have been kept up and well attended. Our B. Y. P. U. is useful in sustaining the spiritual life of our young people.

ELGIN, 1ST—*Rev. F. D. Davidson, pastor.* Under the faithful labors of our esteemed pastor the interest in church work is increasing. We cordially invite the Association to hold its next session with us.

ELGIN, 2ND—*I. N. Thorne, pastor.* We can report some progress. Two members have been received by baptism, and four others are waiting.

ELGIN, 3RD—*W. H. Smith, pastor.* In June last we called our present pastor. Under his earnest ministry the interest has been steadily increasing. There have been some additions.

FOREST GLEN—*Rev. F. D. Davidson, pastor.* While we cannot report much apparent advance, we are looking for tokens of God's favor. We have some faithful members who, like Jacob, will not be turned away without a blessing.

HARVEY, 1ST—*Rev. T. Bishop, pastor.* We make our annual report, thankful for the progress therein mentioned. The large number received into the church, the good attendance at and the increased interest in our prayer-meetings, afford us much encouragement.

HAVELOCK—*Rev. F. T. Snell, pastor.* During the past year we have been much blessed. Our pastor has faithfully declared his Master's message, and by his life has spoken volumes for good. Some of our workers have been called home, others are waiting for the summons; but we know that our loss is their gain.

HILLSBOROUGH—*Rev. C. W. Townsend, pastor.* We gratefully bear witness to the leading of God during another year. All departments of our work have been maintained in the spirit of earnestness and of hope. We desire to place on record our appreciation of the faithful labors of our late pastor, Rev. W. Camp. Our new pastor is much appreciated, his sermons are helpful and acceptable, our congregations are large; our meetings for prayer are growing in interest, and we believe the Lord will continue to bless us with peace and prosperity.

HOPEWELL—*Rev. I. B. Colwell, pastor.* God has richly blessed our church during the past year, through the earnest efforts of our pastor, assisted by Rev. F. D. Davidson. A large number have united themselves with the church as a result of these services.

MONCTON, 1ST—*Rev. W. B. Hinson, pastor.* We are glad to be able to report a fair measure of progress in every department of church work during the year just closed. This prosperity stimulates us to active and aggressive church work for the future. We are able to report a considerable increase in our membership. As will be seen by our financial statistics, we have been enabled to raise a fair amount for church and denominational objects. We trust that we have also made some progress in the divine life. We are still praying for the Holy Spirit's power to be manifested among us.

MONCTON, 2ND—*Rev. E. C. Corey, pastor.* The past year has been an uneventful one with us. We have to report a small decrease in our membership and a large number of non-resident members.

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NEW CANAAN—*No pastor.* The church is not in as good condition as it might be. It is our prayer that God may send one of his servants here and revive His work in our midst.

POLLET RIVER—*Rev. E. Hopper, pastor.* We are able to report considerable progress this year. God has blessed the labors of his servant. Several young people and a large number of the older ones have confessed Christ as their Saviour. We take courage and press on.

PORT ELGIN—*Rev. J. W. Gardner, pastor.* We regret that we can report no material increase in our membership during the past year. Hindrances are disappearing, however, and unity seems to prevail among the members.

ROCKPORT—*No pastor.* We have had no settled pastor since Rev. S. W. Keirstead left us. The occasional visits of Revds. C. C. Burgess and O. N. Keith have resulted in a slight increase in our membership.

SACKVILLE—*Rev. E. E. Daley, B. A., pastor.* We have enjoyed during the year just closed much of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Under the able ministry of our pastor and his assistant our church has made substantial progress along all lines. Ninety-three members have been added to the church, our conference and social meetings are well attended, and our Sunday schools are doing fairly good work.

SHEDIAC—*Rev. E. C. Corey, pastor.* Our pastor has visited us once a month and his labors have been much appreciated by the church. No special increase to report.

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### SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

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BEAVER HARBOR—*Rev. T. M. Munro, pastor.* We can report very little of religious progress during the past year. Many of our members take little interest in the Lord's work. The preaching services of our pastor have been well attended. He has faithfully proclaimed the Master's message. We are praying that God may revive His work in our midst.

BRUSSELS STREET—*Rev. G. M. W. Carey, D.D., pastor.* We regret that we have no special blessings to report for the last year. We are looking for such blessing during the coming year. Signs of progress are beginning to appear in the Sunday-school. The Chinese department, so efficiently conducted by Mrs. J. N. Golding, is doing much good.

CARDWELL—*No pastor.* We have no good report to give of ourselves. The interest in God's work is at a very low ebb. We are praying that God may rouse us out of our slumber and constrain us to serve him more acceptably.

FAIRVILLE—*Rev. A. T. Dykeman, pastor.* We have abundant reason to praise God for blessings received. The labors of our previous pastor were instrumental in increasing our membership by forty-two—thirty-three by baptism and nine by letter.

GERMAIN STREET—*Rev. G. O. Gates, M.A., pastor.* Nothing special to report. The attendance at all services has been good and a general interest has been manifested. Harmony and peace reign within our borders; and as a church, we are more united than ever before in the Master's service. We have an encouraging Sunday-school, the scholars making a more thorough study of God's word than ever before.

HAMPTON STATION—*Rev. J. D. Wetmore, pastor.* The past year has been one of prosperity and blessing with us as a church. The services have been interesting and attended with special manifestations of God's favor. Union and peace prevail throughout the church. We thank God and take courage.

HAMMOND—*Rev. R. M. Bynon, pastor.* The labors of our pastor have been blessed of God, and twelve have been added to the church. The prayer-meetings are well attended and a good interest is manifested. Our B. Y. P. U. is doing good work for the Master.

KARS—*Rev. W. J. Gordon, pastor.* We are grateful for God's abundant blessings during the past year. The regular meetings of the church have been better attended, and a deeper interest in church work manifested than before.

MAIN STREET—*Rev. J. A. Gordon, M.A., pastor.* Though the associational year just closed has not been marked by large accessions to our membership, yet it has been one of deepening spiritual life, enlarging the conception of our mission as a church of Jesus Christ. Our preaching and social services are well attended and of much interest. Our Sunday-school, with its increased facilities and growing home department, with a staff of intelligent teachers and efficient officers, is doing a work, the results of which cannot be easily estimated. The church has taken over the Murray Street Mission Hall, and good work is being done there. Three of our valued members have been called into higher service.

PENNFIELD—*Rev. T. M. Munro, pastor.* The past year has been a fairly prosperous one with us. Preaching services have

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SPRINGFIELD, 1ST—*Rev. S. D. Ervine, pastor.* The earnest labors of our pastor continue to be well appreciated among us. At all the stations of this field large congregations attend the regular ministry of the word, and the interest both in the church and Sabbath school work is good. The churches comprising the field are about erecting a parsonage at Hatfield's Point.

SPRINGFIELD, 2ND—*Rev. S. D. Ervine, pastor.* We are grateful to be able to report a healthy spiritual condition in our church. Our pastor's labors are much blessed of God in all the departments of work among the people. We enjoy peace and harmony and hope for the continued favor of God with us.

SPRINGFIELD, 3RD—*Rev. E. K. Ganong, pastor.* During the year we have enjoyed a gracious revival and the membership of our church has been greatly increased. We are hoping to be able to erect a church edifice in the near future.

ST. MARTINS, 1ST—*Rev. S. H. Cornwall, B. A., pastor.* The past year has been one of spiritual growth with many of our people. God has dealt very graciously with us. A large number of our young people have made public confession of Christ and united themselves to the church. All of our services are largely attended and full of interest. Pastor Cornwall faithfully proclaims his Master's message. May God continue to own his word with saving power.

ST. MARTINS, 2ND—*Rev. R. M. Bynon, pastor.* During the year just closed we have enjoyed a good measure of God's blessing. Pastor Bynon spends one quarter of his time with us. He comes filled with the Holy Spirit, and ready for every good word and work in the home as well as in the church. The regular church services and the Sunday school have been used of God in doing much good.

ST. STEPHEN—*Rev. W. C. Goucher, pastor.* With us the past year has been one of prosperity, marked by steady spiritual growth. Our additions have not been many, yet those received have proved themselves very energetic in the Master's service. Judging from the attendance at all the services a great work is before us.

STUDHOLM—*Rev. E. K. Ganong, pastor.* We continue to enjoy God's favor in a large measure. During the past year the interests of the church and Sabbath school have been well sustained. We have met with a great loss in the removal of Father Elias Keirstead, who was called to his rest during the year.

### WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

ABERDEEN—*Rev. E. P. Calder, pastor.* We have made some progress during the past year. The preaching services have been well attended and our congregations seem on the increase. The interest in church work is rising on all sections of the field. One difficulty we have to encounter is caused by the scattered nature of the many interests that compose the church.

BLOOMFIELD—*Rev. J. A. Cahill, pastor.* We have been abundantly blessed of God during the past year. In November last we began special services; the power of God was manifested and souls were saved. Twenty-eight were added to our numbers, of whom fifteen were heads of families. Seeing the grace of God we take courage.

BRISTOL—*Rev. A. H. Hayward, pastor.* During the past year six have been received into church membership, while two of our number have been called home. We have a house of worship well under way, which we hope to open early in December.

CAMBRIDGE, 2ND—*Rev. C. W. Townsend, pastor.* Our pastor has proved himself an earnest and gifted preacher of the word. The congregations have been large and every interest well sustained.

CHIPMAN, 2ND—*Rev. W. E. McIntyre, pastor.* The interest in the Lord's work continues to be well sustained with us. We have four Sabbath schools well attended and doing, we trust, much good. Our Aid Society maintains regular monthly meetings, and the two mission bands and two B. Y. P. U. societies also prove very helpful. The church is about erecting another house of worship at Chipman Station.

FOREST GLEN, VICTORIA Co.—*No pastor.* During the past twelve months we have had many tokens of the Divine favor. The ranks of our church membership have remained unbroken

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UPPER GAGETOWN—*Rev. Chas. Henderson, pastor.* We have enjoyed the ministry of the word through the faithful labors of our pastor, which we believe will yet bear its promised fruit. We have lost many members by removal, yet we toil on rejoicing in hope.

GRAND LAKE, 1ST—*Rev. F. W. Patterson, pastor.* Through the earnest labors of our pastor, crowned with the blessing of God, we are able to report our church in a good working condition. The attendance at our services continues good, while the spiritual life of our young people has been much quickened.

GRAND LAKE, 2ND—*Rev. F. W. Patterson, pastor.* The work of the Lord is prospering on our field. We are united and hopeful, and feel encouraged to go forward to greater achievements. Our Women's Missionary Aid Society, which has been a power for good in this community for many years, is now even more active than ever. Especially can we report with encouragement of the Sabbath schools in connection with this church. The classes are well attended, and all our young people feel encouraged, through the sympathy and co-operation of our pastor, to strive with greater effort than in years past. The prayer-meetings on the various sections of this field have been well sustained and are marked with spirituality. We are thankful for our blessings, and pray that they may be abiding.

HARTLAND—*Rev. A. H. Hayward, pastor.* Through kind providence the past year has witnessed some increase in our membership. Harmony prevails in the church and an increased interest is manifest both in our prayer meetings and Sunday school. The services in general are well attended.

HODGDON AND RICHMOND—*Rev. C. Currie, pastor.* We are still striving to maintain the worship of God and hold up the standard of King Jesus. Pastor Currie faithfully preaches the gospel to us. We are praying that God may prepare the ground to receive the seed that it may yield an abundant harvest.

JEMSEG—*Rev. W. J. Bleakney, pastor.* The interest in our services continues well sustained and we are encouraged to look for further manifestations of saving grace in our midst. We have lost some of our members during the year who have long been a great support in our Master's work with us. One of them was removed suddenly and under very trying circumstan-

ces. The rod has been laid heavily upon us, yet we trust the Divine blessing will return in due time and that our church may experience a wonderful awakening.

KINGSCLEAR, 1ST—*No pastor.* Our Sunday services, prayer and conference meetings are regularly sustained, though our numbers are often but few. Our church edifice has been rebuilt and we are almost free from debt.

KINGSCLEAR, 2ND—*F. B. Seelye, pastor.* Our pastor has been laboring with general acceptance, but the harvest is not yet. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God must give the increase. While working and waiting we are yet looking forward to the set time of refreshing when Christians will be revived, and the seed already sown spring up and glorify our dear Redeemer.

LUDLOW—*Rev. M. P. King, pastor.* We are thankful to the Lord for the blessings bestowed upon us in the past. In the early part of last year a large number were received into the church who are now proving themselves faithful workers. Our prayer and conference meetings are well attended. We trust that the good work may continue until all shall acknowledge Christ as king.

MACNAQUAC—*Rev. George Howard, pastor.* The regular services of the church have been well kept up. Pastor Howard earnestly and plainly proclaims the gospel to large and attentive congregations. We are now occupying our new house of worship, which is pronounced by visiting brethren a gem. May God build up his church in our midst.

MAPLE GROVE—*Rev. H. A. Charlton, pastor.* Through God's mercy we are permitted to address you again. We are laboring under many difficulties, yet God is richly blessing us. Our members are scattered from Maine to Colorado, yet we know that many of them are working actively in other parts. We thank God that he still preserves their interest in things spiritual. May His grace continue to abide with us.

MILL COVE—*No pastor.* We rejoice that at the close of another associational year we can report God's continued loving kindness with us. Our membership has greatly enjoyed the sermons of Pastor Townsend, who has proved himself a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. We are pressing forward looking for the divine blessing.

NEWCASTLE, QUEENS CO.—*Rev. A. Freeman, pastor.* The cause of God is looking up here. We have had the ministry of Bro. Freeman during the last few months, and large congregations gather regularly to hear the word, which we believe is spoken with profit to all. Our Sabbath schools have been more active and the entire membership has been spiritually benefited.

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UPPER NEWCASTLE—*Rev. A. Freeman, pastor.* The claims of the Lord's work have been faithfully presented at all the stations in connection with this church during the past year. The Sabbath schools on the field have been well sustained and report good attendance. We are looking for further displays of God's power through the instrumentality of his people at Hardwood Ridge, Copeland's Corner and New Zion, where branch services of the church are held; the attendance has been exceptionally good and the spiritual life of the members has been greatly quickened.

ROCKLAND—*No pastor.* Though without regular pastoral care we yet have abundant reason for praise. In the special efforts put forth here God has owned his truth to the salvation of many. Twenty-six have been baptized on profession of their faith and added to the church.

SHEFFIELD, 1ST, LAKEVILLE CORNER—*Rev. O. P. Brown, pastor.* We desire, at the close of another associational year, to return thanks to God for his bountiful blessings. While there has not been any increase in our numbers in the main church as yet, we have lost none of our workers. In a branch section of the field sinners have been effectually called to repentance and backsliders reclaimed.

SHEFFIELD, 2ND, LITTLE RIVER—*Rev. O. P. Brown, pastor.* The past year has been to us one of spiritual progress. The gospel has been faithfully proclaimed, and has become, we believe, the power of God unto the salvation of a goodly number. We rejoice and are thankful.

SPRINGFIELD, YORK CO.—*Rev. C. N. Barton, pastor.* Under the efficient labors of our pastor the church is in a good working condition. Special services held last winter resulted in the revival of the church and the salvation of souls.

TOBIQUE VALLEY, SISSON RIDGE—*D. F. Millin, licentiate, pastor.* We thank God for His continued blessings. Our membership has increased from eleven to forty-seven during the year. The good work goes on. We are about to erect a house of worship, which has long been much needed here.

WIGGINS' COVE—*Rev. F. W. Patterson, pastor.* Our interests here are looking better. Good congregations attend the preaching services, and we are hoping for a rich blessing.

LOWER WOODSTOCK—*Rev. Thomas Todd, pastor.* The past year has witnessed much progress in the church and in the Christian life of the membership. Conferences have been resumed, the Sunday-school re-organized, and preaching services regularly maintained. Our membership is small, yet we are hopeful of coming blessings.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	Date of Ordination
Addison, Milton.....	Alma, Albert Co.....	1892
Allen, Wm. A.....	Underhill, North. Co.....	1896
Atkinson, F. N.....	Jacksonville, Carleton Co....	1892
Baker, A. F.....	.....	.....
Baker, E. C.....	Newcastle, North. Co.....	1888
Baker, Geo. R., B.A....	Randolph, St John Co.....	1896
Barton, Carey N.....	Clinch's Mills, St. John Co....	1897
Belyea, Jas. G. A., B.A.	Middle Sackville.....	1898
Bishop, Trueman, B.A...	Harvey, Albert Co.....	1879
Black, S. McCully, D.D.	St. John, N. B.....	1878
Bleakney, Joseph C....	Woodstock, N. B.....	1861
Bleakney, W. Judson..	Jemseg, Queens Co.....	1860
Bluett, William.....	Case Settlement, Kings Co... .	1894
Brown, A. F.....	Campbellton, Restigouche Co.	1886
Brown, O. P.....	Lower Maugerville, Sunb'y Co.	1898
Burgess, C. C.....	Dorchester.....	1877
Bynon, R. M.....	Lewisville, West. Co.....	1895
Cahill, Joseph A. . . .	Centreville, Carleton Co. . . .	1875
Camp, Wellington.....	Sussex, Kings Co.....	1883
Carey, G. M. W., D.D..	24 Paddock street, St. John..	1856
Carpenter, I. W.....	Lutes Mountain, West. Co... .	1871
Champion, J. B. . . .	Gibson.....	1893
Charlton, Henry A . . .	Maple Grove, Carleton Co....	1855
Colwell, Ingram B. . . .	Riverside, Albert Co.....	1891
Coombs, John.....	Cumberland Point, Queens Co.	1870
Corey, Elisha C. . . .	Penobsquis, Kings Co.....	1867
Corey, W. Grant.....	Narrows, Queens Co.....	1888
Corey, Wm W.....	Boundary Creek, West. Co... .	1863
Cornwall, S. H., B.A. .	St. Martins.....	1889
Currie, Calvin.....	Green Road, Carleton Co....	1888
Daley, Ernest E., B.A...	Sackville.....	1891
Davidson, F. D.....	Elgin.....	1884
Dykeman, Alonzo T....	Fairville, St. John Co.....	1881
Ervine, Samuel D. . . .	Hatfield's Point, Kings Co... .	1888
Estabrooks, H. G., B.A.	Petitcodiac.....	1893
Fisher, Ward.. . . .	Moncton.....	.....

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NAME.	ADDRESS.	Date of Ordination
Freeman, Augustus, B.A.	Newcastle Bridge, Queens Co.	1880
Freeman, J. D.	Fredericton	1890
Ganong, Elias K.	Long Point, Kings Co.	1885
Gardner, James W.	Port Elgin, West. Co.	1892
Gates, G. O., M.A.	St. John	1873
Goodwin, Joshua	St. John	1892
Gordon, J. A.	St. John, North End	1875
Gordon, W. J.	Kars, Kings Co.	1898
Goucher, W. C., M.A.	St. Stephen	1884
Gross, N. P.	Grand Falls	1897
Halse, W. J.	Canterbury, York Co.	1897
Harvey, J. G.	Centreville, Carleton Co.	1858
Hayward, Amos H.	Florenceville, Carleton Co.	1879
Henderson, Charles	Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.	1877
Higgins, M. C., B.A.	St. John, West Side	1892
Hinson, Walter B.	Moncton	1879
Hopper, Ezekiel	North Riv. Platform, West. Co.	1875
Howard, George	Keswick Ridge, York Co.	1867
Hughes, John H.	St. John, West Side	1854
Keirstead, Seth W.	Dawson Settlement, Albert Co.	1876
Keirstead, Thomas W.	Gondola Point, Kings Co.	1893
Keith, Oswald N.	Rockport, West. Co.	1875
King, Malcolm P.	Doaktown, North. Co.	1882
Knight, Peter R.	Lower French Village, Y'k Co.	1874
Lavers, A. H.	St. George	1876
Manning, J. W., B.A.	St. John	1868
Manzer, W. D.	St. Mary's, York Co.	1867
Miles, John	Surrey, Albert Co.	1884
Moore, S. C.	Waterside, Albert Co.	1868
Morgan, W. H.	Oak Bay, Charlotte Co.	1891
Munro, T. M.	Pennfield Centre, Charlotte Co.	1868
Macdonald, Alex. B.	Macdonald's Cor., Queens Co.	1858
McGregor, Wm.	St. John	1883
McIntyre, W. E.	Chipman, Queens Co.	1884
McNeil, Nor. A., B.A.	Hampton Village, Kings Co.	1890
Normandy, M.	McLaughlin Road, Kent Co.	1859
Patterson, Fred W.	The Range, Queens Co.	1898
Rees, Peter O.	Zealand Station, York Co.	1868
Rutledge, Adam A.	Riverside, Albert Co.	1895

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS—*Continued.*

NAME.	ADDRESS.	Date of Ordination
Rutledge, W. J., B.A.	Woodstock	1893
Shaw, H. J.	Windsor, Carleton Co.	1871
Shaw, John L.	St. John	1871
Snell, Fred. T.	Havelock, Kings Co.	1880
Springer, Gilbert W.	Jemseg, Queens Co.	1856
Steadman, J. C.	Salisbury	1863
Steele, D. A., D.D.	Point de Bute, West. Co.	1865
Steeves, Caleb J.	Fairfield, St. John Co.	1897
Tiner, J. E.	Salisbury	1890
Todd, Thomas.	Woodstock	1848
Townsend, C. W.	Hillsborough	1881
Washburn, Abel H.	St. Martins	1861
Wetmore, John D.	Hampton Station, Kings Co.	1888
Worden, Howard D.	Baillie, Charlotte Co.	1894
Young, J. W. S.	Greenbush, York Co.	1876

## LICENTIATES.

## Eastern Association.

Charles Anderson	Sackville
C. G. Blackbourne	1st Hillsborough
W. E. Carpenter	Point Midgie
Percy Christopher	1st Moncton
Horace G. Golpitts	1st Moncton
Robert J. Colpitts	1st Elgin
William Dickie	Campbellton
John A. Glendenning	1st Moncton
Albert T. Horsman	1st Elgin
York A. King	Havelock
A. S. Lewis	Sackville
R. Barry Smith	1st Moncton
Wylie H. Smith	3rd Elgin
Silas W. Th...	Havelock

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E. P.  
Harr  
Louis  
Fred.  
Perry  
I. Ne  
Harry

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R. W  
Willia  
Allen  
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**Southern Association.**

Samuel G. Braman.....	2nd Springfield
E. Buchanan.....	Sussex
E. P. Calder..	Pennfield
Harry V. Davies.....	1st St. Martins
Louis M. Duval.....	Germain street
Fred. B. Seelye.....	1st St. George
Perry J. Stackhouse.....	Musquash
I. Newton Thorne.....	1st Johnston
Harry C. Todd.....	Oak Bay

**Western Association.**

Charles Atherton.....	Woodstock
Hugh A. Brown.....	New Jerusalem
R. Willard Demmings.....	1st Chipman
William A. Hayward.....	Rockland
Allen Hoben, B. A.....	Gibson
James A. Macdonald.....	1st Cambridge
Charles R. McNally.....	Fredericton
C. Jack Mersereau.....	Doaktown
D. F. Millin.....	Forest Glen, Victoria Co
Othniel R. Merritt.....	Bristol
George L. Price.....	Ludlow
Horace B. Sloat.....	Centreville, Carleton Co
Herbert A. Stuart.....	2nd Grand Lake

**BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION.**

Located in New Brunswick.

This Society has for its object the relief of the disabled ministers of our denomination, and of the widows and orphans of those who have become beneficiary members of it during their lives. It is open to every ordained Baptist minister in New Brunswick, under sixty-five years of age, on the conditions set forth in the constitution. The Board has held its quarterly sessions in Fredericton, where its chief business has been transacted.

## REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

*To the Baptist Annuity Association located in New Brunswick :*

DEAR BRETHREN,— The following is a report of the proceedings of your Board since the last annual meeting, held at Gibson, September 13th. 1897 :

The Board has had three meetings since the last annual meeting, the records of which are now open to your inspection.

During the past year the sum of \$2,500.00 has been withdrawn from the bank and placed on mortgages, bearing six per cent interest. At the present time there is \$7,600.00 principal money invested in mortgages on houses and lands at six per cent interest. There is also \$1,000.00 invested at six per cent on a note which is secured by a life insurance policy in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, said policy being for the sum of three thousand dollars. The balance of the principal money of the Association, being \$1,500.00, is on deposit in the People's Bank of New Brunswick, bearing four per cent interest.

Since your last annual meeting the following changes in the list of our annuitants have occurred. The Rev. E. Hickson departed this life on the 25th day of March last, leaving a widow to draw from the funds of the Association. Rev. J. C. Bleakney has been placed on the said list, as will appear by reference to the schedule of beneficiary allowances hereinafter named ; and the Rev. I. W. Carpenter has been placed on the list as entitled to draw a beneficiary allowance from the first day of July last.

The following is a statement of the amounts paid to annuitants during the past year. (See Treasurer's report).

The whole amount of benefits disbursed being \$672.21.

Your Board regrets that for the half year ending April 30th, 1898, it was unable to vote to annuitants more than two-thirds of the amounts formerly given, as stated in Articles XVII and XX of the Constitution, and fears that in view of the present increasing demands upon its funds, without a proportionate increase of income, it may become necessary in the near future to still further reduce the amounts payable to annuitants.

The account of the Financial Secretary-Treasurer is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Board,

HAVELOCK COY,  
*Recording Secretary.*

Dated at Fredericton this 8th day September, 1898.

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THE TREASURER, *in account with*  
THE BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION.

1897.		DR.	
Sept. 10	To Balance as per account, . . . . .	\$	3 48
13	Ordinary Fees—		
	Dr. M. C. Macdonald, . . . \$1 00		
	Rev. N. P. Gross, . . . . . 1 00		
	T. L. Hay, . . . . . 1 00		
	H. Coy, . . . . . 1 00		
	Rev. W. D. Manzer, . . 1 00		
			5 00
	Rev. S. D. Ervine, Beneficiary Fee, . . . . .		5 00
	Rev. R. M. Bynon, " . . . . .		5 00
	Rev. J. C. Bleakney, " . . . . .		21 00
	Rev. Isaiah W. Carpenter, " . . . . .		40 00
	Donation, E. P. Hughes, St. Stephen, . .		2 00
20	Jas. Machum, $\frac{1}{2}$ year's interest, to Sep- tember 8th, 1897, . . . . .		27 00
Oct. 2	Rev. J. C. Bleakney, Beneficiary Fee, . .		7 00
14	W. W. Wedderburn, int. on mortgage in full, . . . . .		217 16
Nov. 1	Ordinary Fees—F. W. Porter, \$1 00		
	J. G. McNally, 1 00		
	A. D. Yerxa, 1 00		
	J. W. Spurden, 1 00		
	A. F. Randolph, 1 00		
			5 00
5	A. J. Beveridge, int. on mortgage to October 28th, 1897, . . . . .		120 00
10	People's Bank—Int. to Nov. 4th, 1897,		74 29
Dec. 11	" Cash on dep., withd'wn, 1,000 00		
	" Int. on same to date, . . . . .		3 55
28	M. S. Hall, $\frac{1}{2}$ year's int. to Dec. 4, '97,		30 00
1898.			
March 8	Wm. Babbitt, interest on mortgage to March 8th, 1898, . . . . .		36 00
11	Jas. Machum, interest on mortgage, . .		27 00
April 2	People's Bank—Deposit withdrawn, . .	1,500 00	
	" Interest on same, . . . . .		32 66
7	Rev. Chas. Henderson, Benefic'y Fee, . .		7 50
			5 00
	<i>Carried forward,</i> . . . . .	\$	3,168 64

## THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ANNUAL.

<i>Brought forward,</i> .....		\$3,168 64
May 6	Ordinary Fees—J. T. Clark, ....	\$1 00
	H. C. Creed, ..	1 00
	M. S. Hall, ....	1 00
July 12	M. S. Hall, $\frac{1}{2}$ year's int. to June 4, '98,	3 00
Aug. 3	Donations—	30 00
	Upper Newcastle church, ..	\$2 00
	1st Springfield church, ....	2 00
	2nd Springfield church, ....	2 00
4	Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Beneficiary Fee,	6 00
12	Donations—	6 00
	1st Chipman church, ....	\$ 2 00
	2nd Chipman church, ....	12 00
	1st St. Martins church, ....	2 00
	2nd Springfield church, bal.,	12
Aug. 23	John A. M. McKee, int. on account, ..	16 12
Sept. 8	Wm. Babbitt, $\frac{1}{2}$ year's interest to date,	15 00
		36 00
Sept. 8	Balance Cash on hand, ....	<u>\$106 55</u>
		\$3,280 76
1897.	Cr.	
November 4—	By Rev. P. R. Knight,	
	to Oct. 31, '97, \$40 00	
	Rev. E. Hickson, do.	40 00
	Rev. J. L. Shaw, do.	40 00
	Rev. J. H. Hughes, do.	40 00
	Rev. Isaiah Wallace, do.	40 00
	Mrs. I. E. Bill, do.	30 00
	Mrs. W. A. Troop, do.	30 00
	Mrs. Jas. Spencer, do.	30 00
	Mrs. J. W. Trimble, do.	30 00
	Mrs. J. E. Hopper, do.	36 00
Nov. 9	Rev. A. B. Macdonald, do.	40 00
Dec. 11	Albert E. Everett, on mortgage,	\$ 396 00
1898.		1,000 00
April 2	B. H. Babbitt, on mortgage, ....	1,500 00
	<i>Carried forward,</i> .....	..... \$2,896 00
		\$3,280 76

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THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ANNUAL.

<i>Brought forward,</i> . . . . .		\$2,896 00	\$3,280 76
May 10	Rev. J. L. Shaw,		
	to Ap'l 30, '98,	\$26 67	
	Rev. J. H. Hughes,	do. 26 67	
	Rev. P. R. Knight,	do. 26 67	
	Rev. Isaiah Wallace,	do. 26 67	
	Rev. A. B. Macdonald,	do. 26 67	
	Rev. J. C. Bleakney,	do. 13 33	
	Mrs. E. Hickson,	do. 25 53	
	Mrs. J. E. Hopper,	do. 24 00	
	Mrs. I. E. Bill,	do. 20 00	
	Mrs. W. A. Troop,	do. 20 00	
	Mrs. Jas. Spencer,	do. 20 00	
	Mrs. J. W. Trimble,	do. 20 00	
	Postage account,	276 21	
	Balance on hand in Bank,	2 00	
		106 55	
			<u>\$3,280 76</u>

A. F. RANDOLPH, *Treasurer.*

Fredericton, N. B., September 12th, 1898.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION.

*Elected September 12th, 1898.*

- President . . . . . Abraham D. Yerxa
- Vice-presidents . . . . . Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Rev. Geo. Howard,  
M. S. Hall and James G. McNally, Esq.
- Recording Secretary . . . . . Havelock Coy, Esq., Fredericton
- Financial Sec. and Treas. . . . . Hon. A. F. Randolph, Fredericton
- Other Directors—J. W. Spurden, H. C. Creed, J. W. Tabor,  
B. A. Everett, J. T. Clark, Rev. S. D. Ervine, Rev. R. M. Bynon,  
Rev. F. D. Davidson, T. H. Hall, Hon. L. P. Farris, Dr. F. W.  
Barbour, F. Wayland Porter, H. C. Henderson, W. A. Bradley  
and Thomas Hoben.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION, LOCATED IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

ARTICLE I. This Corporation shall be known as "THE BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION, LOCATED IN NEW BRUNSWICK," the object of which shall be to make provision for the support of disabled and aged Baptist ministers of the Province of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, but the benefits of this Association may be hereafter extended to the Baptist ministers of other provinces, should equitable arrangements be made to that end.

ARTICLE II. This Association shall consist of ordinary members, beneficiary members, and life members, all of whom must be members in good standing in a Baptist Church, and also resident in New Brunswick at the time of admission, Foreign Missionaries alone excepted.

ARTICLE III. The officers of this Association shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary-Treasurer and fifteen other Directors. To this Board shall be entrusted the faithful management of the Association, and at all regular meetings five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV. *President.*—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Board of Management and of the Association; to correspond with ministers, churches and individuals; to visit personally associations and churches, and to use his best endeavors to extend the usefulness of the Annuity Association.

*Recording Secretary.*—The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Board of Management, and of the Association.

*Financial Secretary-Treasurer.*—It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary-Treasurer to carry on the financial correspondence of the Board of Management, under the direction of the

President, to receive and deposit all monies in bank, or to invest the same as directed by the Board; to disburse all monies upon the order of the Board, signed by the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, and countersigned by the Recording Secretary; to keep accurate accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Association, and to report upon its monetary affairs at the regular meetings of the Board, and at the meetings of the Association. He shall give guarantees to the Board for the faithful administration of his duties—such guarantees to be at the expense of the Association.

ARTICLE V. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as may be determined upon by the Association in session, for the reception of the reports of the Board of Management and its officers; for the election of officers; and for the despatch of all necessary business. Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time upon the order of the Board of Management.

The Board of Management shall hold regular quarterly meetings for the transaction of business; and special meetings may be held upon the call of the President and Secretary. Due notice of the meetings of the Board shall be given to all its members. All sessions of the Board of Management, and of the Association, shall be held in New Brunswick.

ARTICLE VI. At the annual meeting of the Association the Board of Management shall submit a report of its proceedings during the previous year for the approval of the Association. Such report shall contain a full account of the receipts and disbursements, the condition of the Capital Fund, and all other particulars necessary to a complete showing of the financial affairs of the Association; together with other information pertaining to the welfare of the Association.

ARTICLE VII. The Capital Fund of this Association shall consist of donations, legacies, quarterly or annual payments of members, and other contributions.

ARTICLE VIII. All donations and bequests of ten dollars and upwards, unless otherwise directed by the donor, shall be added to the Capital Fund, and surplus money from all sources shall be added in like manner.

ARTICLE IX. Ordinary members shall pay an annual subscription of one dollar to the funds of this Association.

Beneficiary members shall pay the annual fees required by the scale. (See Article X.)

The payment of twenty dollars at one time shall constitute the donor a life member of this Association, if qualified under Article II.

ARTICLE X. Beneficiary members of this Association shall pay into its treasury according to the following scale :

From 20 to 25 years of age,	.....	\$4.00	per annum.
" 25 " 30	"	.....	4.50 "
" 30 " 35	"	.....	5.00 "
" 35 " 40	"	.....	5.50 "
" 40 " 45	"	.....	6.00 "
" 45 " 50	"	.....	6.50 "
" 50 " 55	"	.....	7.00 "
" 55 " 60	"	.....	7.50 "
" 60 " 65	"	.....	8.00 "

Beneficiary members shall continue to pay the same annual fee as that at the time of admission to membership until they have reached sixty-five years of age, when they cease to pay.

ARTICLE XI. If any minister having a right to this fund shall leave the denomination, he shall forfeit all claims on the fund. If a minister ceases to labor as a minister and engages in a secular calling, except from some physical disqualification for continuing his ministerial work, he shall forfeit his claims on the fund, but shall receive back one-half of the amount paid in yearly dues.

ARTICLE XII. The Recording Secretary shall furnish to each beneficiary member a certificate signed by himself and the President, stating that such member has complied with the prescribed regulations ; and this certificate shall be presented as a voucher to draw the money to which such member may be entitled.

ARTICLE XIII. None but Ordained Ministers in good standing with the Baptist denomination shall become beneficiary members of this Association.

ARTICLE XIV. Any Baptist Missionary in foreign service, supported by the Baptists of Canada, shall be entitled to membership, with equal claims for his widow and orphans as other beneficiary members.

ARTICLE XV. The current expenses of this Association, and all annuities, shall be paid out of the funds accruing from interest, fees of beneficiary members, annual subscriptions of ordinary members, and donations of less than ten dollars.

ARTICLE XVI. When any beneficiary member of this Association shall become disqualified by illness, or by the infirmities of age, to discharge the duties of his ministry, and shall have paid, according to Article X, he shall be regarded as having a legal claim upon the funds of this Association.

ARTICLE XVII. Any disabled beneficiary member shall be entitled to an annuity of eighty dollars, and if he has children he shall receive twelve dollars additional for each child under fifteen years of age. The Board of Management shall have discretionary power to increase an annuity in special cases. No annual fee shall be required of any beneficiary member while incapacitated for service.

ARTICLE XVIII. The claims of the beneficiary members shall be paid semi-annually, in equal parts, on the first day of May and the first day of November in each year; the certificate of each claimant having first been submitted to the Board of Management.

ARTICLE XIX. No beneficiary member of this Association shall have a claim upon the funds for aid until he shall have made five annual payments, in accordance with the provisions of the scale (Article X), or paid an amount in lump sum equal thereto.

ARTICLE XX. When a beneficiary member is removed by death his widow shall receive sixty dollars annually so long as she remains his widow. If the widow be left with children to provide for she shall receive twelve dollars additional per annum for every such child under fifteen years of age. If the deceased minister shall leave orphans, but no widow, they shall each receive twenty dollars annually until fifteen years of age, and the money shall be paid to their legal parents or guardians.

ARTICLE XXI. If a widow receiving an annuity shall marry she shall cease, from the date of her marriage, to participate in the fund; but the children of her former husband shall continue to receive their annuities the same as if their mother had remained a widow.

ARTICLE XXII. When any beneficiary member of this Association shall die before becoming a claimant upon its fund, and shall not leave a widow or orphan, his heirs shall have a legal claim for one-half the amount paid by him, unless it shall have been freely donated to the Association prior to his death.

ARTICLE XXIII. In case any beneficiary member of this Association shall remove to any other province or country, his removal shall not invalidate his claim; provided always that he continues to comply with the conditions of his membership.

ARTICLE XXIV. Should any beneficiary member of this Association fail to pay during any year the annual amount of fees required by Article X, he shall cease to have a claim upon the benefits of this Association. Should however such defaulting beneficiary members within two years thereafter pay into the funds of this Association the full amount of fees due from such

default to the time of such payment, he shall be entitled to a full participation in all the benefits of this Association as though such default in payment of his annual fees had not occurred.

ARTICLE XXV. Should any beneficiary member of this Association from any cause sever his connection with it, he may hold the Association legally bound to refund to him one-half the amount he has paid into the funds, provided such claim is filed with the Board of Management within one year of such withdrawal.

ARTICLE XXVI. Any society, church or person, by paying the annual fees required of beneficiary members, shall be entitled to nominate as a recipient of the benefits of this Association, any Baptist minister in New Brunswick or Baptist missionary abroad supported by the denomination in Canada, and such benefit shall accrue to him, his widow and his orphans as though he had personally contributed to the funds of this Association in accordance with Article X.

ARTICLE XXVII. Should the Board of Management upon proceeding to vote the semi-annual grants to beneficiary members, their widows and orphans, at any time, decide that the available funds are not sufficient to warrant the full amounts specified in Articles XVII and XX, they shall vote only such proportionate parts of the sums so specified in said Articles XVII and XX, as the funds will in their judgment warrant.

ARTICLE XXVIII. This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present; provided that no such alteration or amendment conflict in any way with the terms of the Trust Deed conveying to this Association the original gift of Joseph Bradshaw of ten thousand dollars, and that due notice of the proposed change be given in writing at a previous annual meeting.

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## COUNTY SEC

*Name of*

Albert . . .  
 Alma . . .  
 Caledonia . . .  
 Elgin, 1st . . .  
 Germantown . . .  
 Harvey, 1st . . .  
 Hillsborough . . .  
 Hillsborough . . .  
 Hillsborough . . .  
 Hopewell C . . .  
 Hopewell H . . .  
 Riverside . . .  
 Surrey, Hill . . .

## COUNTY SEC

Benton . . .  
 Bristol . . .  
 Centreville . . .  
 Florenceville . . .  
 Hartland . . .  
 Jacksontown . . .  
 Jacksonville . . .  
 McKenzie C . . .  
 Rockland . . .  
 Union Corne . . .  
 Woodstock . . .

**THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES OF  
NEW BRUNSWICK.**

*(With the Name and Address of the Secretaries.)*

**Albert County.**

COUNTY SECRETARY..... Miss Minnie Colpitts, Mapleton

<i>Name of Society.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
Albert.....	Mrs. Isa Calhoun, Albert
Alma.....	Miss Ella Keirstead, Alma
Caledonia.....	Mrs. J. L. Reid, Caledonia
Elgin, 1st.....	Mrs. R. A. Smith, Elgin
Germantown.....	Mrs. Hiram Fillmore, Germantown
Harvey, 1st.....	Miss Bertha Cowan, Harvey
Hillsborough, 1st.....	Mrs. J. L. Peck, Surrey
Hillsborough (Salem).....	Mrs. Hugh Steeves, Salem
Hillsborough, 2nd.....	Miss Ethel Keirstead, Dawson Settlement
Hillsborough, 4th (Baltimore).....	Mrs. W. H. Bishop, Irving Settlement
Hopewell Cape.....	Mrs. Samuel C. Spencer, Hopewell Cape
Hopewell Hill.....	Miss Frances Peck, Hopewell Hill
Riverside.....	Mrs. J. C. Peck, Riverside
Surrey, Hillsborough.....	Mrs. M. Gross, Surrey

**Carleton County.**

COUNTY SECRETARY..... Mrs. George Saunders, Woodstock

Benton.....	Miss S. A. Hendry, Benton
Bristol.....	Mrs. John Farley, Bristol
Centreville.....	Mrs. Alice Good, Centreville
Florenceville.....	Mrs. H. H. McCain, Florenceville
Hartland.....	Mrs. George C. Watson, Hartland
Jacksontown.....	Miss Helen Good, Jacksonville
Jacksonville.....	Mrs. James Good, Jacksonville
McKenzie Corner.....	Mrs. Robert Flemming, McKenzie Corner
Rockland.....	Mrs. J. R. Stevenson, Coldstream
Union Corner (Richmond, South).....	Mrs. Frank Chase, Union Cor
Woodstock.....	Mrs. W. T. Sherwood, Woodstock

**Charlotte County.**

<i>Name of Society.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
COUNTY SECRETARY.....	Mrs. J. B. Robinson, St. Stephen
Baillie.....	Miss M. Gertie Robinson, Baillie
Oak Bay.....	Mrs. Annie B. Doten, Oak Bay
Pennfield.....	Miss Mary Hawkins, Pennfield Centre
St. George, 1st.....	Mrs. Kinsman Gillmor, St. George
St. George, Second Falls.....	Mrs. E. C. Gillmor, Second Falls
St. Stephen.....	Mrs. A. Ludlow, St. Stephen

**Kings County.**

COUNTY SECRETARY....	Mrs. C. E. Miller, E. Scotch Settlement
Hammond.....	Mrs. I. N. Faulkner, Hammond Vale
Hampton Village.....	Miss Maud Marsters, Hampton Village
Havelock.....	Miss Ethel G. Keith, Havelock
Lime Hill.....	Mrs. Colby McMackin, Lime Hill
Norton.....	Miss Sophia Pickle, Central Norton
Penobsquis.....	Miss Mary Anderson, Penobsquis
Springfield, 1st.....	Mrs. W. S. Perkins, Hatfield Point
Springfield, 3rd (Bellisle Station).....	Mrs. C. E. Miller, E. Scotch Settlement
Studholm.....	Miss Iola Northrup, Collina

**Northumberland County.**

Doaktown.....	Miss Sadie Bamford, Doaktown
Ludlow.....	Miss Ida J. Hovey, Ludlow
Newcastle.....	Miss Margaret Dumut, Newcastle

**Queens County.**

COUNTY SECRETARY.....	Mrs. Chas. W. Pierce, Narrows.
Cambridge, 1st (Macdonald's Corner) .....	Miss M. M. Briggs, Macdonald's Corner.
Cambridge, 2nd (Narrows).....	Mrs. M. C. Macdonald, Narrows.
Cambridge, Lower, Miss Susie O. Macdonald, Central Camb'd'ge.	
Chipman, 1st.....	Mrs. Geo. H. Briggs, Gaspereau, Chipman.
Chipman, 2nd.....	Mrs. H. B. Hay, Chipman.
Gagetown, Upper.....	Mrs. Henry A. Estabrooks, Up. Gagetown.
Grand Lake, 2nd.....	Mrs. Wm. Burke, The Range.
Jemseg.....	Mrs. Jacob H. Dykeman, Jemseg.

*Name*  
 Mill Cove  
 Newcastle  
 Newcastle  
 Pennlyn.  
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Mill Cove.....	Miss Chlotilda E. Farris, Mill Cove.
Newcastle, Lower.....	Mrs. A. L. Bailey, Newcastle Creek.
Newcastle, Upper.....	Mrs. James Miller, Newcastle Bridge.
Pennlyn.....	Mrs. William Leckie, Coal Creek.
Scotchtown.....	Mrs. Bessie Balmain, Scotchtown.
Wickham, Lower.....	Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Macdonald's Point.

**Restigouche County.**

Campbellton.....	Miss Martha G. Barnes, Campbellton.
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**St. John County.**

Brussels Street..	Mrs. Jonathan Crandall, City Road, St. John.
Carleton.....	Mrs. Frank L. Theall, Carleton.
Fairville.....	Mrs. Chas. F. Baker, Randolph.
Germain Street ..	Mrs. Lebaron Vaughan, St. John.
Leinster Street..	Mrs. Sophie Longmaid, St. John.
Main Street..	Mrs. N. C. Scott, Main Street, North End.
Musquash (Chance Harbor),	Miss L. Thompson, Chance Harbor.
St. Martins, 1st.....	Mrs. A. W. Fownes, St. Martins.
Tabernacle.....	Miss M. S. Whitman, S. Side King Sq., St. John.

**Victoria County.**

Andover.....	Mrs. Mary Prescott, Andover.
Forest Glen (Tobique).....	Mrs. D. Curry, Tobique River.

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COUNTY SECRETARY.....	Miss Flora Clarke, Middle Sackville.
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Cape Tormentine.....	Miss Maggie Briggs, Cape Tormentine.
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Dorchester, 2nd.....	Miss Jepsie Tingley, College Bridge.
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Lewisville.....	Mrs. John W. Snow, Lewisville.
Midgic.....	Miss Flora Clarke, Middle Sackville.
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Petitcodiac.....	Mrs. H. G. Estabrook, Petitcodiac.
Point DeBute.....	Miss S. Janie Tingley, Upper Point DeBute.
Port Elgin ..	Miss Laura A. Silliker, Baie Verte.
Sackville.....	Mrs. Willard Estabrook, Middle Sackville.
Salisbury, 1st.....	Miss Lu. M. Taylor, Salisbury.
Steeves Mountain.....	Mrs. E. Lutes, Berry's Mills.
Wood Point.....	.....

**York County.**

<i>Name of Society.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
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Fredericton.....	Mrs. Rosa B. Phillips, Fredericton.
Gibson.....	Miss Belle Miles, Gibson.
Kingsclear, 2nd.....	Mrs. A. H. Hartt, Kingsclear.
Macnaquac.....	Miss Mabel Coburn, Keswick Ridge.
Marysville.....	Mrs. J. C. McPherson, Marysville.
Queensbury, Upper.....	Miss Alice Parent, Upper Queensbury.

**GRANDE LIGNE MISSION.**

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY, 1898.

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Rev. Theodore Lafleur, Montreal, ..	<i>Secretary.</i>
Joseph Richards, 252 St. James Street, Montreal. .	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Rev. E. Bosworth, Tilsonburg, Ont.,.....	<i>Field Secretary.</i>

The regular monthly meetings of the Board are held on the second Tuesday in each month, in Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, at 8 P. M.

**CONVENTION OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.**

The seventeenth session of this body convened at Winnipeg, June 14-18, 1898.

<i>President</i> .....	W. A. McIntyre, Winnipeg.
<i>Recording Secretary</i> .....	J. F. McIntyre, Winnipeg.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	H. E. Sharpe, Winnipeg.
<i>Superintendent of Missions</i> ....	Rev. A. J. Vining, Winnipeg.

The next session is to be held at Portage la Prairie in June, 1899.

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**CONVENTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

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*Superintendent of Missions* . . . . . D. Spencer.  
*Treasurer* . . . . . Wm. Marchant, Victoria Co.

**ONTARIO AND QUEBEC CONVENTION.**

Annual session held in Hamilton, Ontario, May 16-20, 1898.  
Foreign Mission Board; income, \$32,537.00; expenditure,  
\$35,079.46. Baptisms in foreign field, 400. Present member-  
ship of mission, 3,600.

Home Mission Board; income, \$22,298.89; expenditure,  
\$23,821.95.

**BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES**

Fifty-third annual session, held at Amherst, N. S., August  
20-24, 1898.

*President* . . . . . Rev. J. C. Spurr.  
*Secretary* . . . . . H. C. Creed, M. A., Fredericton.

Next annual session to be held on the first Saturday after  
the 18th of August, 1899, at a place yet to be designated.

**WESTERN ASSOCIATION.**

Fifty-first annual session held at Florenceville, June 24-26,  
1898.

*Moderator* . . . . . Rev. A. H. Hayward, Florenceville.  
*Clerk* . . . . . Rev. C. N. Barton, Millville, York Co.

Next session to be held on the fourth Friday in June, 1899,  
at a place to be determined by the officers.

**SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.**

Nineteenth annual session held at Kars, Kings County  
July 9-11, 1898.

*Moderator*.....John McKinnon, St. John, West.  
*Clerk*.....J. F. Black, Fairville.

Invited to meet with Sussex Church at next session, on  
second Saturday in July, 1899.

**EASTERN ASSOCIATION.**

Fifty-first annual session held at Midgie, Westmorland Co.,  
July 16-18, 1898.

*Moderator*.....Rev. C. C. Burgess, Dorchester.  
*Clerk*.....F. W. Emmerson, Esq., Sackville.

Next session to be held according to invitation with 1st  
Elgin Church, on second Saturday in July, 1899.

**FORM OF BEQUEST.**

The following clause was drawn up by Havelock Coy, Esq.,  
Barrister, of Fredericton, as a guide to any Testator bequeathing  
money towards our Denominational work :

**CLAUSE FOR INSERTION IN WILL.**

I give, devise and bequeath to "The New Brunswick Baptist  
Convention" the sum of.....dollars, to be used by  
the said Corporation for Home Mission work in the Province of  
New Brunswick.

N. B.— If for the Annuity Association, for the help of aged  
ministers, substitute, in place of the phrase "Home Mission  
work," "The Baptist Annuity Association, located in New  
Brunswick."

Or, if for Academic purposes, a similar change may be made.  
One brother, recently deceased, has left a legacy for Home  
Missions. We hope other brethren will kindly remember the  
claims of the Lord's work. All these objects calls for enlarged  
support.

## MINUTES

OF

## N. B. BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

HELD AT HAVELOCK, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1898.

The Convention was opened at 2.30 p. m. Pastor M. Addison led an interesting prayer service for twenty minutes.

Pastor T. Patterson was then called on to teach the Model Lesson from II Kings, xiii, 14-25. Many useful and important lessons were brought out.

Next, reports from different schools were presented by their delegates. Also, reports from County and Parish Conventions. They were all of an encouraging nature.

The following Conventions reported: Kent Co. S. S. Convention, Queens Co. Convention, also the Convention of Albert Co., and Kings and St. John.

The District Conventions following also reported, namely, St. Mary's and Buctouche, Hammond, St. Martins, Springfield and Kars, Johnston and Cambridge, and Waterborough and Chipman.

*Resolved*, Election of officers be postponed until morning session.

Bro. F. Emmerson was appointed to lead the devotional meeting in the evening.

Adjourned to meet at 6.45 in business session.

Evening session opened at 6.45.

Vice-President Bynon in the chair.

Prayer by Pastor Patterson.

Resolution inviting visiting brothers and sisters to seats with us. Report from Steeves Settlement Union school. Ten Baptists, five classes in the school.

Business session adjourned, singing hymn No. 272.

Social service for half-hour, led by Bro. F. W. Emmerson. Truly we realized the Holy Ghost was present. Many fervent prayers were offered. At the close of this service Pastor Ervine took the chair, made a brief and touching opening address; then called on the speakers of the evening:

*First*, Pastor F. D. Davidson. Subject: The Object of Sabbath School Work.

*Second*, Pastor R. M. Bynon. Subject: The Object and Benefits of Baptist S. S. Convention.

*Third*, Pastor Howard. Subject: The Relation of Parents to the Sabbath School.

The Havelock choir increased the interest of the evening's exercises by favoring us with music, for which a hearty vote of thanks was tendered them.

Adjourned to meet in morning session at 9 A. M.

Third session, 9 A. M. Saturday.

President Ervine in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. T. Todd. Remarks on Organizing Province by Pastors Bynon, McIntyre, Cornwall and Barton.

Election of officers were as follows:

*President*..... Pastor M. Addison  
*Vice-Presidents*..... Pastors Patterson, E. C. Corey and Barton  
*Sec. Treasurer*..... S. H. Cornwall  
*Executive Committee*..... J. D. Wetmore, R. M. Bynon, and Bros. August Muller and C. E. Knapp

The following brethren were also appointed to represent the different counties in the province:

Albert..... Pastor C. W. Townsend  
 Kent..... W. Ayer, Buctouche  
 Madawaska..... Ephraim Ryder, St. Leonards  
 Victoria..... D. T. Millin, Sisson Ridge  
 Charlotte..... I. D. Webber, St. Stephen, N. B.  
 Sunbury..... James Jardine, Northfield  
 Restigouche..... H. H. Bray, Campbellton  
 Gloucester..... Luther Hetherington  
 Northumberland..... Mersereau, Doaktown  
 Kings..... N. A. McNeil, Hampton  
 St. John..... E. A. Titus, St. Martins

Westmorland.....	F. N. Emerson, Moncton
Carleton.....	Thomas Todd, Woodstock
York.....	George Howard
Queens.....	Dr. M. C. McDonald

*Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended as to provide for the appointment of Auditor.

Bro. T. H. Hall elected auditor.

Adjourned to meet at the call of Executive.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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	To S. S. Convention, Kars.....	\$6 48
	S. D. Ervine.....	50
	N. P. Cottle.....	9 70
Dec. 10	2nd Grand Lake S. S. ....	3 60
Jan. 18	S. D. Ervine.....	4 00
	S. H. Cornwall.....	30
Feb. 18	Ernest M. Straight, District No. 3, Queens Co.	1 00
Aug. 17	Thomas Keirstead ...	1 00
19	Miss Annie L. Briggs, from Camb'dge District Convention.....	2 00
Sept. 9	Collection at Havelock.....	2 48
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Jan. 17	Cash.....	14 00
June	Cash paid to J. S. Titus.....	1 00
Aug. 15	Cash paid W. E. Skillen.....	2 00
	Postage on circulars.....	1 77
	Stationery and Envelopes. ....	24
Sept. 4	Cash paid for programmes.....	1 25
	Balance due Treasurer last year..	1 42
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Balance in Treasury Sept. 15, 1898, \$0 68

S. H. CORNWALL, *Treasurer.*

### CHURCH COVENANT.

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Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour ; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love ; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort ; to promote its prosperity and spirituality ; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines ; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion ; to religiously educate our children ; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance ; to walk circumspectly in the world ; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment ; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger ; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love ; to remember each other in prayer ; to aid each other in sickness and distress ; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech ; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

#### PRAYER.

Now the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do His will ; working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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