

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRD SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT
UPPER STEWIACKE.

SATURDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY, 9TH, 11TH & 12TH JULY, 1853.

TOGETHER WITH THE
Circular Letter, &c.

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EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Association met on Saturday, July 9th, 1853.

Preaching by Rev. S. T. RAND, from 1st chap. Romans, 14, 15, 16. Rev. D. W. C. DIMOCK, Moderator for last year, called the Association to order.

The letters were then read and the following list of Delegates obtained.

MESSENGERS.

Wallace Road—Abraham Rushton, George Rushton.

Merigomish—Robert Lowden, John Olding.

Talamagouche—James Douglas.

Upper Stewiacke—Noah Bentley, Daniel Archibald, Charles Cox, John Archibald, Stephen Johnson.

Onslow—Rev. D. W. C. DIMOCK, D. Page, E. Blackmore, J. King, R. Nelson, R. Upham.

North and Elliot Rivers—M. Ross.

Little River—Charles J. Burnett.

Guyeboro—No Letter.

Cape Canoe—Rev. A. MARTELL.

Economy and Debert—Rev. MAYNARD PARKER, John Carter, William McCully.

Port a Pique—Rev. MAYNARD PARKER, Deacon Thomas Fulton, Joseph Mahon, Archibald Davidson.

Paraboro—Rev. S. THOMPSON.

Three Rivers.

Wallace—James Fountain, Dea. C. Howard, Charles Alderkirk, Patrick Woodland.

East Point, P. E. I.

Lower Stewiacke—Deacon Joseph Sibley, James W. Stevens,
Asael Woodworth.
Indian Harbour—Elder EAGLES.
Wallace River—Dea. James Higgins, John Miers, Charles Hig-
gins.

Port Hood

Earl Town—Deacon Alexander Conchey, John Moore, Robert
Kent.

Pugwash—Rev. J. MARSTERS, Amos Eaton.

Economy—Rev. S. THOMPSON.

St. Mary's—Elder EAGLES.

Tracadie

Charlotte Town, P. E. I.—Rev. S. T. RAND.

Amherst—Rev. JOHN FRANCIS, James Layton, Hugh Logan,
Henry Charleton.

North Sydney—Rev. H. ROSS.

The Rev. E. A. CRAWLEY, D. D., delegate from the Central
Association, took his seat with us. Rev. Obed Chute, the Mis-
sionary to the Acadian French, Rev. James Gillpatrick, agent
of the Am. and F. Bible Society, with Revds. W. G. Parker, W.
Hall, J. Rowe, H. Hull, S. N. Bentley, and Brethren Hurd, Philp,
J. Thomas, and Deacon Miner were invited to take their seat
with the Association.

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STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Restored.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Removed.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
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Amherst Shore,								28
Antigonishe,								31
Bedeque,								86
Charlotte Town,		5			2			41
Canso,				3				112
Canso Strait,								
East Point,								88
Earl Town.		2		5	3	2	1	39
Economy,							1	25
Guisboro and Manchester,		2					2	114
Goose River,								
Indian Harbor,								50
Little River and Leicester,				1	2	1		28
Mabou,								
Maccan,		1			3	4	1	90
North Sydney,								
North River, P. E. L.,								
Onslow,		2	7		2			118
Pugwash,						8		123
Portapique,			1	6	2	1		53
Parrsboro',		1	1					31
Port Hood,								
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First St. Mary,		1						19
Second St. Mary,								25
Tryon, P. E. I.,								
Tracadie,								67
Tatamagouche,								30
Three Rivers,		3			1	1		44
Stewiacke,		2			2			52
Wallace,		2		3	2	1		82
Wallace River,		5						31
Wallace Road,			2					47
Upper Stewiacke and Musquodoboit,	1	13	4					74

The Rev. JOHN FRANCIS was chosen Moderator by ballot, Rev. S. T. RAND Clerk, and Bro. Charles J. Burnett Assistant Clerk.

Adjourned until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. H. Hull.

The following Committees were then appointed:

To examine Circular Letter—Revds. Malcolm Ross, A. Martell, W. G. Parker.

Bible Cause—Revds. E. A. Crawley, D. D., Jas. Gillpatrick, Brethren John Olding, Abraham Rushton.

Religious Periodicals—Rev. S. N. Bentley, Brethren Jacob Layton, J. King.

Temperance—Brs. J. C. Hurd, Daniel Archibald, James Layton, Hugh Logan.

Union Society—Revds. A. Martell, Wm. Hull, Breth. Philp, E. Blackmore, R. Nelson.

Sabbath-school—James Douglas, R. Upham, John Archibald, Charles Mosher.

Committee of arrangements for the present Session—Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, E. A. Crawley, A. Martell.

Committee on Colportage—Breth. A. W. Marsters, H. Charlton, Hugh Ross, Jno. Francis.

Committee to prepare a memorial for deceased Brethren—Revds. J. Rowe, Maynard Parker, H. Hull, James Reid, and bro. Ronald McDonald.

To Audit accounts—Breth. John Lowden, Charles J. Burnett, John King.

Committee on French Mission—Revds. Obed Chute, S. Bentley, William Hall, Breth. Amos Eaton, Robert Kent.

Committee on Tobacco—Revds. A. Martell, W. G. Parker, Hugh Ross, and breth. J. Moore, J. Fountain, Charles Cox, J. Sibley.

Committee on the observance of the Sabbath—Rev. Obed Chute, H. Eagles, Jas. Marsters, and J. Thomas.

Committee on Education—Revds. S. Bentley, S. T. Rand, Wm. Hall, A. Martell, E. A. Crawley, and D. W. C. Dimock.

Adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock.

On Sabbath morning the Rev. Jas. Reid preached from 45th Psalm, 13 & 14th verses. The Rev. E. A. Crawley without an intermission delivered a discourse from Luke 19th, 26th. At 5

o'clock P. M. Rev. James Gillpatrick preached from Prov. 17, 16. In the afternoon simultaneous services were held at South Branch, and East Ville—The services of the day were highly interesting, and the congregations large.

MONDAY June 11th, 10 o'clock a. m.

Met according to adjournment. Rev. John Rowe proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon from Isaiah 55ch. 10, 11v. A collection was taken for Domestic Missions.

The Circular Letter was read.

Resolved, That Bro. Jas. Gourley be appointed Treasurer, pro tem.

Report on the Bible Cause was presented by Rev. A. Martell.

Resolved, That it be received; and that the Rev. Jas. Gillpatrick, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, be requested to make some remarks upon it. (See Appendix A.)

Resolved, That a collection be taken up this evening for the benefit of the Bible Cause.

Report on Education was presented by Rev. S. N. Bentley. Adopted. (See App. B.)

Committee on special business reported. Adopted. (See App. C.)

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment at 2 o'clock. Opened by prayer.

Resolved, That Elder J. Shaw write the Circular Letter for next year.

The report of the French Mission was called for, and read by bro. Chute. (See App. D.)

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted—carried unanimously.

Bro. Chute, the Missionary to the Acadian French, addressed the meeting, and gave some interesting details respecting his labours among that people. He was followed by bro. S. T. Rand, Dr. Crawley, bro. Layton, and bro. Archibald. Bro. Ronald McDonald addressed the meeting in Gaelic, in behalf of his Romanist countrymen in Cape Breton. Bro. Hugh Ross interpreted his address. These addressess were listened to with great interest by all present.

Moved by Dr. Crawley.—That this Association concur in the

Resolution of the Central Association in regard to a mission to the Gaelic Romanist population of Cape Breton, and strongly recommend the Domestic Missionary Board of this Association, to unite with the Board of the Central Association, in sustaining the Rev. H. Ross in his agency for this Mission.

Seconded by bro. Rand—carried unanimously.

Breth. Crawley, Dimock, Martell, King, Ross, and Chute, were appointed a Committee to digest a plan for raising funds for Missionary support.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

At 6 o'clock. Preaching by bro. W. Hall.

TUESDAY.

Met according to adjournment at 10 o'clock.

Business commenced by prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That the Association be held next year with the Church at Maccan.

That bro. Malcolm Ross preach the introductory sermon, and that bro. Hugh Ross be his alternate.

Resolved, That bro. Hugh Ross be our Delegate to the Western New Brunswick Association.

That bro. H. Ross be our Delegate to the Western N. S. Association next year.

That bro. D. W. C. Dimock be the Delegate to the Central Association.

That bro. Martell be the Delegate to the Eastern N. B. Association.

Resolved, That in case the Delegates to the sister Associations cannot fulfil their appointment, they be requested to give notice to the Moderator, who shall be authorized to appoint others.

Resolved, That breth. Rowe, Dimock, J. S. Layton, M. Parker be our Delegates to the Convention.

Resolved,—That the Committee of Arrangement for making preparation for the Association at Maccan next year, be, brethren Job Seaman, J. M. Atkinson, and W. Blenkhorn.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported.

Resolved,—That the Report be received. (See App. E.)

The Association was addressed on the subject by Dr. Crawley, who entered into a full explanation of the various points referred to in the Report. Bro. Gillpatrick and the Moderator, also ad-

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dressed the meeting, referring to the advantages which would probably arise from a union of these Provinces with the American Miss. Union, in Foreign Miss. work.

Report of the Domestic Missionary Board was read by bro. D. W. C. Dimock.

Resolved,—That the Report be received, and printed with the financial account in the Minutes. (See App. F.)

In connection with the above Resolution bro. Francis and bro. Martell, gave some very interesting and touching details of their Missionary labours in the County of Pictou.

The Committee appointed to digest a plan of raising funds for Missionary support reported.

Resolved,—That the Report be adopted. (See App. G.)

Resolved,—That whereas the Convention has recommended that each Association receive its appropriate part of the monies belonging to the Infirmary Ministers fund, this Association instruct their delegates to receive the portion belonging to this Association, and pay it over to a Board appointed to have the control of its funds.

Resolved,—That the following brethren constitute such Board, viz., W. F. Black, S. Taylor, A. S. Blenkhorne, E. B. Cullen, A. W. Marsters, B. Douglass, J. King, D. Page, L. W. Eton, J. M. Atkinson, Job Seaman, N. Bentley, J. Olding, J. Moore, E. Howard, R. Upham.

The Committee on Religious Periodicals presented their Report. Report adopted. (See App. H.)

The Committee on Tobacco presented their Report. (See App. I.)

The Committee on Temperance also presented their Report for discussion at the same time. (See App. K.)

An interesting and somewhat lengthened discussion on the use of Tobacco followed.

The Report was adopted with acclamation. It was then put to the whole meeting, and passed almost unanimously.

Report on Temperance adopted.

Report on Colportage was presented. Report adopted. (See App. L.)

Resolved,—That one thousand copies of the Minutes be printed, and that the sum of £9 be allowed the Editors of the C. Messenger for their publication.

Resolved,—That this Association recommend the plan of raising the salaries of the pastors of our Churches, by an equal rate of assessment on the property of the members.

Resolved,—That bro. Charles Mosher, and bro. James Douglass be recommended as suitable persons to be employed as Colporteurs.

The Committee on Union Societies reported. Report adopted.
(See App. M.)

Moved by Dr. Crawley, seconded by bro. Malcom Ross,

That this Association have heard with much interest the statements made by the Rev. S. T. Rand, respecting the Mic-mac Mission, and take this opportunity of expressing their earnest hope and prayer that the Great Head of the Church may abundantly bless and prosper our brother Rand in the conversion of our Mic-mac brethren.

The Committee on the proper observance of the Sabbath presented their Report. Report adopted. (See App. N.)

Committee to prepare a memorial for deceased brethren presented their Report. Report adopted. (See App. O)

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was received.—
(See App. P.)

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks be tendered by this Association to the Christian friends and members of this community for their kindness and hospitality shown to us during the Session.

Minutes of the present session read and approved.

Concluded by singing a verse of the Union Hymn and prayer.

Great harmony, christian affection, and despatch, characterized the Session.

S. T. RAND,

Clerk of the Association.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause submit the following Resolutions:—

1st, *Resolved*,—That we regard the translations of the Bible by our Foreign Missionaries as worthy of entire confidence, and the American and Foreign Bible Society, the principal object of which is to circulate the Scriptures in foreign lands, as worthy of our continued patronage.

2nd, *Resolved*,—That the providence of God in opening wider and wider before us fields for Bible distribution, and the spirit of God in preparing the people more readily to receive it, call upon us loud and distinctly for increased efforts in the Bible Cause.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES GILLPATRICK, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education recommend the following

Resolution.—That this Association are gratified to learn that the Academy at Horton is reported to be in a more flourishing condition than heretofore; and that the Endowment Fund for the College is said to be so far advanced that £9000 are now secured, and they trust that all needful exertions will be made to obtain security for the whole sum subscribed, as also that continued efforts will be made to raise the amount to such a sum as will adequately maintain Acadia College in such a degree of efficiency as the wants of the country require; and in view of such information as has been afforded to the Denomination through the press, respecting the final arrangement for the appointment of Professors, this Association cannot but hope, that the Governors of the College will yet see some means whereby they can carry into effect the resolution of the last Convention on that subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. N. BENTLEY, *Chairman.*

[C.]

REPORT ON SPECIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Special Business beg to report,

They recommend that the Church at Margaree obtain the assistance of brethren Hugh Ross and Malcom Ross who are about to visit them; together with Elder G. Richardson; and if these brethren are satisfied with the doctrinal views and standing of bro. McDonald, and there be no obstacle in the way of his ordination, then appears from the letter received from that Church—We recommend his ordination as an Evangelist.

They recommend that £5, the amount forwarded for Domestic Missions, by the Guisboro Church, be appropriated according to their request, towards defraying the expenses of the Mission of bro. T. Delong in that region during the present year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. T. RAND, *Chairman.*

(D.)

REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

The Committee on the French Mission report as follows:

That the condition of the Catholic French in our country call for our liveliest sympathies, and our most earnest efforts and prayers, for their elevation and salvation.

That the time has arrived in the providence of God, in which we are to go forth unitedly and unweariedly in the prosecution of the high and heavenly object.

That we have cause for abundant thankfulness and encouragement, that our efforts, which are as yet but initiatory, are connected with much of pleasing promise. That the Missionary who has been going forth among our Acadians for the past nine months, has circulated freely and largely evangelical truth in Tracts, and the blessed book of God, that he is received kindly by all, and is listened to with attention and interest by many families.

Your Committee would recommend that earnest and believing prayer be made unceasingly, that it may please heaven to shed abundant blessing upon this rising mission, that it may be instrumental in the enlightenment and conversion of many souls who are now in darkness, in the region and shadow of death.

O. CHUTE, *Chairman.*

[E.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions recommend the following Resolutions :

That this Association are assured that a deep concern for the condition of the perishing is the duty of every christian and of every christian community. That such sentiment wherever it is sincere will necessarily lead to contributions and efforts proportioned to the ability of the churches.

That such feelings and efforts have always re-acted and must continue to re-act most blessedly in increased spiritual life on the churches that have cherished and maintained them, and that therefore it is the interest as well as the duty of the churches of these Provinces to continue their interest and contributions toward a Foreign Mission.

That in the estimation of this Association therefore it is desirable to maintain as intimate connection as possible with our brother A. Crawley, by acceding to his desire to go at once to the Heathen,—by the aid of the American Board,—and by continuing to cultivate with him while abroad as close and frequent a correspondence through the Secretary of the Missionary Board or otherwise, as circumstances will permit; as also by offering to the American Board the funds, or a portion of the funds, collected from time to time in this country, so as to keep up the interest of the churches in our Brother personally, as well as with Foreign Missions in general.

That in such a course this Association see nothing to prevent the Convention undertaking to commence an independent mission under their own control whenever they shall be in circumstances to do so; and they trust that the Convention may therefore see proper to adopt such course—and that the Delegates of this Association to the Convention be instructed to bring their views as

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here expressed to the notice of the Convention, and to press their adoption; as otherwise they greatly fear the churches will soon suffer, and their missionary efforts cease from want of the needful means for refreshing their christian sympathy on the subject.

This Association would also respectfully suggest to the Convention the propriety of seriously reconsidering the question whether it may not be best to unite wholly and permanently with the American Union in their Missionary operations.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. CRAWLEY, *Chairman*.

[F.]

REPORT OF THE D. M. BOARD.

Not having heard from all the Missionaries appointed to perform Missions, the Board is not able to state positively the whole amount of time spent in Missionary labour, the past year.

Unavoidable circumstances prevented the Establishment of permanent Missions in some important localities, which it was hoped would have been effected—still the Board never lost sight of this object, and laboured, but without success, to accomplish it.

With so small amount of funds it is exceeding difficult to accomplish any thing desirable or at all satisfactory; nevertheless, the labours of our Missionaries have not been in vain—we proceed to give a brief outline of their labours.

Cape Breton.—On this Island it was hoped that a continuous mission would have been sustained, at least for one year, but your board are able to report but 36 weeks. Bro. Shaw spent of this time 13 weeks, bro. H. Ross, 8, and bro. R. McDonald 15. As the journals of these brethren have appeared in the Christian Messenger, information is given of the several places visited by them, and of the success of their Missions.

Prince E. Island.—Breth. Cogswell and Ross laboured on this Island, the former about 8 weeks, the latter 12. These labours were not without tokens of the divine presence.

For some time they laboured conjointly, and were made to rejoice in witnessing the prosperity of Zion, and some hopeful conversions to God.

The ordinance of baptism was administered at St. Peters Road and a Union Society formed there.

In the spring bro. Ross resumed his labours on the Island; this mission he represents as one of great interest, and of spiritual reviving among the Churches, and of deep interest manifested in the preaching of the word.

Bro. Cogswell states, "I visited in my tour of Churches and preaching stations connected therewith, attended two Conference Meetings, seven prayer meetings, three Sabbath-schools, administered the Lord's supper once, visited nearly one hun-

dred families, preached fifty-one public discourses, and travelled about 421 miles.

The Board being so limited in funds, thought it necessary to employ some means of increasing them—and accordingly employed bro. M. Ross to visit the Churches—from U. Stewiacke to Port au Pique. In conjunction with other ministering brethren missionary meetings were held at U. Stewiacke, Onslow and Truro, Upper Londonderry, Great Village, and Port au Pique, which resulted in a large increase to the funds of the U. Societies, while there were drawn from the Board, only two pounds.

At a meeting of the Board in Onslow bro. J. B. Bancroft was appointed a mission Agency to E. Town, Tatamagouche, Wall ce, and Wallace River.

Bro. B. laboured three weeks in this service, and besides the direct benefit from constant preaching, visiting, holding missionary meetings &c., he obtained in subscriptions about £18., drawing from the Board about £3 7 6.

In concluding this Report, your Board are led to hope that its present inefficiency arising from the limited amount of funds at its disposal will be removed, and some decisive change will be made in the mode of our missionary operations.

The Board has learned with much pleasure that the Central Association has engaged to co-operate with us in our large mission field; and truly the claims upon us, occasioned by the destitution of so large a part of this Eastern Section, may well make us hail with gratitude the above offer.

Pressing upon us are the spiritual necessities, not of hundreds only, but of thousands of our fellow-men; who have been, so far as direct efforts is concerned, uncared for, the salvation of their souls unsought. Shall it continue thus? Can we be clear of their blood if we let their souls remain, without energetic, and unceasing labour to enlighten them, and point them to the blood of cleansing.

The voice of conscience and of God in his word commands us onward. Providence is pointing out our duty—plain is our path—clear is our duty—in the strength of God shall we not then go forward?

D. W. C. DIMOCK, *Chairman.*

[G.]

The Committee appointed to digest a plan for raising funds for Missionary operations in this Association, report as follows:

That they estimate the amount required for Missions within the district of this Association, namely for general Missionary purposes, for the mission to the Gaelic Catholics of Cape Breton, to that Island generally, to the Shore east of Halifax, to Merigonish and Pictou, and to Prince Edwards Island, as well as for the proportion of aid desirable to be rendered by this Associa-

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tion in sustaining the Mission to the Acadian French, at the sum of £450.

That they further estimate the amounts that may be expected to be gathered on these various Miss. fields at £219.

Leaving the sum to be made up by the Churches within the Association to amount to £231.

Which sum of £231 the Committee are of opinion might be fairly distributed among the Churches of the Association, not themselves missionary ground, as follows:

Onslow,	£25	Amherst,	£20
Macan,	15	North Sidney,	10
Pugwash,	10	Sidney,	5
St. Mary's,	5	Wallace, Wallace Road	
Little River,	5	& River, Gushaw	20
Guysboro,	5	Three Rivers, P. E. I.,	10
Badeque, P. E. I.,	5	Canso,	7
Bro. Moore, a donation,	1	North River & Elliott	
		P. E. I.,	7
	£71		
			£79

	Making in all,	£150
Which added to the sum £231 gathered from the		
Mission field,		£231
	Makes the sum of	£381

Which deducted from the whole sum required, £450, leaves a balance of £69 which this Committee are of opinion may be counted upon as likely to be provided by the Western and Central Associations, as their proportion of contribution towards the general Missions of the Eastern Association, inasmuch as these so greatly exceed in extent all other Missions undertaken in the Province.

For the purpose of collecting for the several Churches within the Association the sums above placed against their names respectively, the Committee would recommend that the several delegates representing the Churches be each one requested to undertake to collect the sum set against their several Churches respectively, deducting what each Church may have already contributed for Domestic Missions this year. And that each delegate take the earliest opportunity to send the sums collected in their respective Churches, to the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Board of this Association, or to write to inform him whether it will or will not be collected.

For the purpose of collecting the above named sum of £69 supposed to be claimable from the sister Associations it is recommended that the Missionaries employed by this Association, or some one of them be requested to make occasional visits to the

Churches of the other Associations for the purpose of bringing to their notice the extended Missionary field of this Association, and to obtain contributions to that amount.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. CRAWLEY, *Chairman.*

[H.]

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Religious Periodicals report as follows:—

Of the priceless value of a good religious literature, this Association scarcely needs to be reminded. To sustain and increase a healthy tone of morals, and to promote the varied interests of Christianity in our land, we must look in a great measure to the power of a vigorously conducted religious press. The help of this potent ally should be sought alike by the philanthropist, the pious parent, the educator of youth and the minister of the gospel.

In recommending the *Christian Messenger* to the continued patronage of the denomination your Committee feel that they are but echoing the sentiment of its numerous readers.

This periodical has won for itself a reputation surely indicative of its future success. Its local adaptation and general character alike commend it. Its earnest advocacy of truth coupled with its dignified and kind bearing towards those who hold views differing from our own, reflect honor on its conductors. We congratulate the friends of the *Christian Messenger* on the improved appearance of the paper, on the wider range of selected matter presented by our industrious Editors, and we call upon correspondents to contribute more liberally to its pages. The spirit of enquiry and discussion is abroad, and it is important that articles lucidly and fearlessly presenting our distinctive sentiments in the light of history, of reason, and of the sacred Scriptures, as well as appeals on the subject of missions, &c., should be ever before the public. We hope the Editors will keep before them the same high standard in the conduct of their journal, and that this paper which has already effected much good in almost every part of the Province, will be better sustained by writers readers and payers. We call upon the denomination to support the *Christian Messenger* in all possible ways. Let every family read it and pay for it.

Your Committee further recommend the circulation in all our churches of the *Macedonian* a monthly paper printed by the American Bap. Miss. Union. A native of our Province is about to be connected with the missions of that Society and the *Macedonian* will be an appropriate channel through which to receive intelligence from him; while in addition to this, our churches will by such connexion become interested in receiving accounts from American Baptist Missionaries generally. Your Committee believe that the paper may be procured by an agent in Halifax, and distributed at seven pence half-penny a year, and that its circulation will

benefit all our benevolent operations and in no wise injure the interests of the Christian Messenger.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. N. BENTLEY, *Chairman.*

[I.]

REPORT ON TOBACCO.

The Committee on Tobacco submit their report.

Your Committee believe the habit of smoking, snuffing and chewing Tobacco to be injurious to the health, wasteful to the property and humiliating to christians. Your Committee beg to call your attention to the startling fact that some where about £4000 are expended by the Baptists of these Provinces in Tobacco annually. Then think of £4000 passing away from the Churches of Nova Scotia, while we suffer and are cramped in our Educational Missionary and other movements. Then let us ask who is not willing to forego the use of Tobacco in order to obtain annually £1000 for the education of 40 young men at £25 each in the College for the ministry, £1000 for Domestic Missionary purposes, so as to enable us to sustain ten Missionaries at an annual salary of £100 each—£1000 to sustain 4 Missionaries among the heathen—£500 for superannuated ministers, and £500 to circulate the word of God.

Resolved,—Therefore that this Association kindly solicit from our brethren their tobacco money to be appropriated to the cause of Christ.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MARTELL, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance report as follows :

That they view the Temperance Reform in all its organizations as one of vast and unfathomable importance, and one on the promotion of which depends in a great measure the general advancement of our best interests both temporal and spiritual.

And though we are constrained to view with inexpressible gratification and thankfulness to Almighty God the exceeding rapid progress of its principles during the past year, yet we are irresistably convinced that nothing short of the enactment and stern enforcement of a strictly prohibitory Law will ever be effectual in the entire extermination of the incomparable evils of intemperance.

They therefore most earnestly recommend to all ministers of the gospel—all christians and all virtuous individuals the propriety and necessity of strictly withholding their influence both

directly and indirectly from all such men (whether legislators or otherwise) as oppose the adoption of the "Maine Law."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. HEAD, *Chairman.*

[L.]

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

The Committee on Colportage beg leave to report,— That your Committee are of opinion that greater impressions are made upon the mind of the Churches by Colportage than by any other known agency, at the same amount of expense and labor.

That it happily unites the preaching of the gospel in its most substantial form, and the practical piety with which the church in past ages has been blessed, and while it also affords efficient aid to the living ministers by increasing their libraries, it also gives interest to Sabbath Schools, and is a most excellent agency for the circulation of cheap religious periodicals.

That our Churches are recommended to give aid to the Colportage by their liberality, so as to enable the Colporteur to spend as much time as possible with the destitute, and where baptist sentiments do not largely exist.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. MARSTERS, *Chairman.*

[M.]

REPORT ON UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies submit their report.

Your Committee wish to express their decided conviction that Union Societies are of the most vital importance to the usefulness of the Baptists of these Provinces.

Your Committee further feel convinced that notwithstanding the many advantages already derived from the Union Societies, that some movement should now be made to put those Societies in a more efficient condition. We therefore suggest the desirableness of some suitable person being appointed in connexion with the Home Missionary Board, or in some way controlled by it, as an agent to visit the Churches of this Province for the purpose of placing those important societies in a better working order.

Resolved.—That this Association recommend the Domestic Missionary Board to seek out from among us, and employ some suitable person to attend to this business; feeling assured that notwithstanding that many prejudices exist against agencies, an incalculable amount of good would be accomplished by such an arrangement.

W. HALL, *Chairman.*

[N.]

REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath report as follows:—

That they are impressed with the deepest conviction and assurance that this subject, the observance of the Sabbath, demands our most serious attention.

That as a general fact, no due impression is felt of the solemn force of the command, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." That the divine frown is no doubt resting upon us for our delinquencies in this respect. That we are called upon to report of the past, to come up to the help of the Lord against this crying sin, and to ring a peal thereon which shall be heard through the length and breadth of our land.

Your Committee would recommend to the heads of families, most earnest and serious attention to this subject. And would further recommend that all pastors and missionaries make renewed and strenuous efforts to impart information as to our delinquencies and duties respecting this duty, and that they preach discourses as often as once a quarter on this subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

O. CHUTE, *Convener.*

[O.]

MEMORIAL OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

The Committee to prepare a memorial of esteem for our deceased brethren, the Revd's D. Harris, R. E. Burpe and J. Park, would report as follows:

That they are again called upon to mourn the loss of dear brethren, watchmen in Zion, standard bearers in the army of Israel. Death has come and hastened them away, from the labours of the Church militant to the repose of the Church triumphant.

We deeply mourn their loss; but amidst the deepest sorrow the word of assurance and consolation comes, "They are not lost, but gone before," and are now enjoying the beatific vision.

Our beloved brother and father Harris, who lived long and laboured faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord, has gone to receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Dear brother Burpe whose pious heart burned with love to Jesus and for souls, and who desired to live and labour for the enlightenment and salvation of the distant perishing heathen, has been called in the prime of life to gather up his feet in death, and leave the toils of earth for the rest of heaven.

Brother Park, after a brief but active and useful period of labour as a herald of salvation, "has entered the joy of his Lord."

To whom the Committee would add our esteemed bro. Dr. Sawers recently called suddenly to his reward. He was the originator of our Union Societies, and an active and useful member of our denomination. May the God of the fatherless and widow watch over those whom he has left behind.

Our loss we most deeply feel, but in humble submission desire to say, not our will but thine be done. "May we be followers of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

J. Rowe, *Chairman.*

[P.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report, That nearly all the Schools that are reported appear to be in a flourishing condition.

Your Committee would urge the importance of furnishing a Library to every Sabbath School.

The value of Sabbath Schools can scarcely be overrated. Many of our pastors as well as active members of our Churches are living illustrations of the blessings resulting from Sabbath School instruction.

It is however a matter of regret that many of the youth leave the Schools just at the period when their minds are expanding into maturity. Your Committee would request this to be taken into consideration, and believe nothing would be attended with greater success for the encouragement of youth to continue in their Schools, than the formation of Bible Classes under experienced teachers. And they would further suggest that the youthful members of our Churches be recommended to join such classes.

Your Committee hope that it is not necessary to enforce a careful and powerful preparation on the part of the teachers for the efficient discharge of this duty. The teacher should avail himself of every means within his reach, which may enable him to explain with clearness and simplicity the word of God to his youthful charge.

In concluding, your Committee feel gratified in learning that in many of the Schools the exercises are concluded by addresses to the whole School. An opportunity is hereby given to make such appeals to the pupils, as by the blessing of God may result in their conversion, while it may be a blessing to the teacher and the Church in general.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DOUGLAS, *Chairman.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Having observed that the cause of God is liable to sustain injury and that his people are often cast down and depressed in consequence of entertaining fears of a rupture in the Denomination, it is desirable to remove as far as possible what may appear to produce this paralyzing effect upon our efforts in the cause of Christ. (viz.) The impression that conformity is necessary to union,—that is— that union of heart cannot exist while there are diversity of voices causing discussion, and resulting in the adoption of different modes of action. In consequence of this impression almost every practicable measure introduced for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom has caused alarm lest it should divide the denomination.

Your attention therefore is called to a few circumstances that may serve to show that difference of opinion leading to the adoption of various measures, is not incompatible with *Christian Union*—i. e.,—union of heart, and oneness of object—and so far is it from being a cause of depression—we should view it as an indication of health and vigour in the body, and as manifesting the existence of a principle established in the word of God, and dear as life to Baptists, (viz.) the right duty and necessity of private judgement—i. e.,—the right of every brother to judge for himself by the word of God, whether that which is presented to him as religious truth is God's truth—and whether measures proposed for his co-operation are scriptural and efficient or not. While this principle of right is acknowledged and men continues imperfect we must expect differences of opinion will exist of necessity, and free discussion, resulting it may be in the adoption of various plans for the accomplishment of the same object,—yet not of disunion or strife, there being no more necessity for it, than there was in the case of Abraham and Lot.

The first incident to be noticed is the division of the Association in the sister Province. The proposition created a warm discussion; many were alarmed and expressed their fears that disunion would follow—but the blow was struck and the result proves that division does not necessarily cause disunion.

A similar proposition in this Province caused considerable fear and commotion,—the battle waxed hotter and hotter,—division triumphed—which affords another proof that we are not the less united though divided.

The introduction of Union Societies is another instance—different opinions existed—disunion followed—which resulted in the adoption of the system by the many, while others have continued to contribute to the same objects separately.

The introduction of an additional Baptist periodical in these Provinces, is another case in point.

Also with regard to the origin of the A. and F. B. Society in the United States, and the Bible Translation Society in England,

much difference of opinion existed, and while these excellent institutions have been preserved by union of heart in the body, yet some have continued their co-operation with the B. and F. B. Society, and still aid it in its great object of giving the Bible to the world.

The same might be observed in reference to the formation of the benevolent objects of the denomination. Great fears were entertained lest the time had not come, or that the proper men had not taken the work in hand, or that it was not called for and therefore would disunite God's people and destroy his cause.

Beloved brethren let not freedom of thought, free discussion leading to the adoption of a variety of instrumentality depress our minds and paralyze our efforts for the cause of truth, but let it rather kindle fresh gratitude in our hearts that we can all unite in seeking the accomplishment of the one great object of our spiritual existence (viz) the salvation of souls and the glory of God in any way we can possibly conceive or desire, so great is the variety of instrumentality now in efficient operation for that end. For instance those who are most interested in furthering the distribution of the Scriptures, translated without reserve into the languages of the heathen, as well as in circulating at the same time the old received English Version, may do so with the aid of the American and Foreign Bible Society; while others who to the Foreign Translation would add the circulation of what they deem a more perfect English Version, may accomplish their object thro' the labours of the Bible Union. We may feel united in heart to the officers and supporters of both, and respect them alike for their conscientiousness and zeal for the truth; we may be members of both and our hearts desire and prayer to God may consistently be—that the two might be prospered in the work of the Lord.

Beloved brethren,—circumstances may arise that will call forth the talent, the energy, and the wisdom and piety of the whole body, to discuss perhaps some doctrinal question on the subject of Church government or communion—Education or Missionary plans and measures—let us then put on the whole armour of God, and be prepared to entertain with prayerful deliberation and discuss any question on measures affecting our beloved Zion, casting unnecessary fears to the winds, and follow the more excellent way enjoined upon us in God's word, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good."

NOTE.—The letter from the Church at Trackside to the Eastern Association, has just been sent us by bro. Tabor, to whom it was addressed. It contains the following statement:—Received by baptism, 12; restored 6; excluded, 4; discharged, 1; died, 3; present No., 77; Collection for Missions, 15s., to be sent to Deacon Jost, Guisboro.—We have forwarded bro. Borden's letter to Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

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To balance last year,	£6 15 1
July 13. Cash paid Rev. J. Francis, Miss. to Pictou 100s.,	5 0 0
" 12. " " " J. Shaw, Miss. to Gulf Shore,	2 18 2½
" 14. " " " H. Hull 60s. Sept. 15., Rev. J. Francis 100s.,	8 0 0
" " " Wm. Hobbs 30s. Oct. 30. Rev. M. Ross, Miss. P. E. I., 67s. 4d.,	4 17 4
" " " M. Ross Miss. from Pictou to Londonderry 50s.	2 10 0
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" 22. " " J. Shaw 105s., 30d., Rev. J. Cogswell to P. E. I., £8 2 5½,	13 7 5½
1853] Jan. 4. " " R. McDonald, 58s. 8d., M. Ross in part 31s. 6d.,	4 10 2
" " " H. Ross in part his Miss. to C. B., 60s.,	3 0 0
Registering letters, postage &c.	0 5 0
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July 13. Received from A. M. Marsters, Treas. Ass.	£50 17 9½
" Rev. Geo. Richardson above the expense of Miss.	0 17 6
" Sydney Church 42s. 6d., Tracadie, 12s. 11d.,	2 15 5½
	£54 10 9

On hand also from a person in C. B. per Dr. Crawley, towards a permanent Mission on that Island. }
 Also from a person for a Mission specified. }
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CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 1.—This Association shall be composed of Ministers and other Delegates, who shall be members of the churches which they represent, together with Delegates from corresponding Associations, and such other brethren present as the Association shall see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4.—At each meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for a vote for a Moderator, which vote shall be given by ballot; no brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, nominate Committees unless ordered by the Association, and maintain due order. A Secretary shall be chosen whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of its additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this Body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order; this being done and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall in behalf of the Association give to one of its Messengers present the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communications for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance and shall engage to inquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline. Yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association for itself to judge of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ART. 9th.—The religious sentiments of this Body are those expressed in the Articles of the faith and practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia.

ART. 10.—Alterations or Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2.—No member of the Association shall leave the session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

RULE 3.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 4.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the Body.

RULE 5.—All Resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 6.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered at the time.

RULE 7.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the session.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION, RECEIVED JULY, 1833.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Bible Cause.	Infirm Ministers.	Total.
Guisborough,	4 19 7½	2 7 10½		0 14 9½	1 2 9	9 5 0½
Canso,	2 0 0	1 4 9				3 4 9
Indian Harbour,	0 7 6	0 7 6				0 15 0
First Church at St. Mary's, 13s; Second, 13s 1½d.	1 15 0	0 7 6				1 6 1½
Mabou, £1; Merigomish 15s.	1 15 0	0 5 0				1 15 0
Economy.	0 15 2	0 5 0				1 0 2
West Brook,	0 5 0	1 11 10				1 16 10
Portapique,	3 8 4	1 13 4	3 6 8	0 16 8	0 16 8	10 1 8
Earltown,	2 14 8	1 0 0				3 14 8
Upper Londonderry,	4 9 2	0 10 0	1 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	6 9 2
Amherst,	10 7 4	7 0 0	10 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	30 7 4
Maccan and Manudie,	1 16 8	0 13 4	1 6 8	0 6 8	0 6 8	4 10 0
Stewiacke,	4 0 0	0 13 4				4 13 4
Wallace Road,	5 5 0					5 10 0
Tatamagouche,	1 6 3½					1 6 3½
Charlotte Town, P. E. I.	1 0 0	1 0 0		0 8 9	0 8 9	2 17 6
Bedeque, do.	1 0 0		0 2 6			1 2 6
Three Rivers, do.	0 15 10½					0 15 10½
Pugwash,	1 0 0	1 0 7½				2 0 7½
East River, P. E. I.	3 12 6	1 0 0				3 12 6
North River, do.	3 0 0	1 0 0				4 0 0
Upper Stewiacke,	2 10 0	1 10 0				3 20 0
Collection at Association Upper Stewiacke,	3 10 2	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 4 6	0 4 6	4 9 0
Wallace River, £3 15; French, do 15s. Micmac do. 10s.	5 15 0					5 15 0
Onslow,	15 0 0	6 3 11	1 0 0	0 8 9	0 8 9	23 1 5
Do. 5s. French; Micmac do. 5s.	2 0 0					2 0 0
Jacob Layton,	6 7 6					6 7 6
Little River, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Paint, £1; East Point £5						

Contributions to the Eastern Association—Continued.

Advocate Harbour, sent for Minutes				
last year, - - -	£0	1	10½	
Amount sent for Minutes from various				
Churches, - - -	2	8	9	
Total—Domestic Mission, - - -	93	16	11	
Foreign Mission, - - -	28	11	6	
Ministerial Education, - - -	17	5	10	
Bible Cause, - - -	3	5	1½	
Infirm Ministers, - - -	6	13	1	
Minutes, - - -	2	8	9	
French Mission - - -	1	0	0	
Miema, do. - - -	0	15	0	
	£153	16	2½	

JAMES GOURLEY,
Treasurer.

Eastern N. S. Association

In Account with A. W. Marsters, Treasurer, 1852.

By amount from	Educa. Society.	Bible Cause.	Minist. Educa.	Foreign Mission.	Home Mission.	Infirm Minist'rs	T-total.
Little River 4s. 4d.; Earl Town, £1 8s 11 ^d	6 0 0		4 16 2	5 15 7 ¹ / ₂	7 19 9	1 13 9	26 5 3 ¹ / ₂
Amherst Shore, 10s.; Up. Lon. 16s 5d.					1 13 4		1 13 4
River Philip.					1 6 5		1 6 5
Bedeque.				0 2 7 ¹ / ₂	0 3 0		0 5 7 ¹ / ₂
Upper Stewiacke, Colportage 5s.			0 16 0	0 12 0	0 18 7 ¹ / ₂	0 4 0	2 10 7 ¹ / ₂
Parsboro.	1 0 0		1 11 9	1 4 0	11 16 6	0 3 0	16 5 3
Economy.				0 5 0	0 10 0		0 15 0
Fortapique.			0 6 0	0 4 6	0 6 1 ¹ / ₂	0 1 6	0 18 1 ¹ / ₂
East Point.			1 4 0	0 18 0	1 4 3	0 6 0	3 12 9
Three Rivers.			2 6 0	11 4 6	2 11 8	0 11 6	7 3 8
North River.					0 18 1 ¹ / ₂		0 18 1 ¹ / ₂
Dog River.			1 12 0	1 4 0	1 16 0	0 8 0	5 0 0
West River, 7s. 6d.; Merigomish £1 2s. 6d			0 5 0	0 3 4	0 6 1 ¹ / ₂	0 1 3	0 16 1 ¹ / ₂
Guisborough.					1 10 0		1 10 0
North Sydney.	1 0 0	1 2 11 ¹ / ₂	0 4 0	2 8 1	6 16 4 ¹ / ₂	1 2 3	12 13 8
Mabou 15s.; Tatmagouche 6s. 3d.			0 12 0	0 10 0	2 0 0	0 4 5 ¹ / ₂	3 6 5 ¹ / ₂
Wallace.				0 7 0	1 1 3		1 1 3
Wallace Road, 9s. 2d.; Maccan, 10s.					0 15 0		0 15 0
Goose River.			0 8 0	0 6 0	0 19 2	0 2 0	0 19 2
Wallace River.			1 10 0	1 2 6	1 14 10	0 7 6	4 14 10 ¹ / ₂
Stewiacke.		0 18 3 ¹ / ₂		1 10 0	1 12 6	0 9 2 ¹ / ₂	5 10 0
Pugwash.			1 18 0	1 8 6	2 5 0	0 9 6	6 1 0
Causew.	0 10 0		0 7 6	1 0 0	2 3 2 ¹ / ₂	0 7 6	4 18 2 ¹ / ₂
Antigonish.			0 8 0	0 6 0	0 9 0	0 2 0	1 5 0
St. Mary's 1st 2s. 3d.; St. Mary's 2nd 7s 6d.			3 1 11	1 16 11	0 9 9	0 9 9	0 9 9
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By amount brought forward.

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To amount paid Rev. D. W. C. Dim-

	ock, for Home Miss.	£50 17 9½
"	J. Ferguson, Minutes,	8 0 0
"	Rev. J. Whidden,	5 12 3½
"	Rev. J. Francis,	5 10 0
"	Rev. J. Chase. F.M.,	23 2 6
"	" Minister'l Education	18 16 4
"	" Education Society,	9 10 0
"	Rev. J. Davis; Bible	
	Cause,	6 13 11½
"	Treasurer of Cumberland	
	County Mission.,	7 16 1½
"	Western and Eastern	
	Colportage,	0 5 0
"	Amo't to credit of Infirm	
	Ministers fund,	7 13 10½

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May 1853. Received from a friend
per Rev. John Chase.
Wolfville, £2 10s., for
Infirm Ministers Fund.

A. W. MARSTERS, *Treasurer.*