

MINUTES  
OF THE  
TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION  
OF THE  
WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
HELD AT SAINT JOHN,  
ON  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY,  
21st, 22d, and 23d September, 1871.  
WITH THE  
ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
N. B. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY, UNION,  
AND  
EDUCATION SOCIETIES.

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The next Session will be held at Fredericton, York County, commencing on the fourth Thursday of June, 1872.

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Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and all Documents relating to the Western N. B. Baptist Association, and Letters of General Correspondence, may be addressed to the Rev. I. E. BILL, Saint John, N. B.

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## Constitution and Rules of Order of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association, composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall be members of the Churches which they represent, shall be styled "The W. N. B. Baptist Association."

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

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the fourth Thursday in June, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which, the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### RULES OF ORDER.

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

# MINUTES.

BRUSSELS STREET, ST. JOHN, Sept. 21, 1871.

The Western N. B. Association assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M. An hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by the Pastor, Rev. T. Harley. The Association was called to order by Rev. C. Goodspeed, Moderator of last year, and the following list of delegates prepared:

- Avondale*—Rev. J. G. Harvey.
- Beckaguimic*—Rev. J. G. Harvey.
- Blackville*—Rev. W. M. Edwards.
- Blisfield*—Rev. W. M. Edwards, Brethren Wm. Swim, and Thomas Taylor.
- Canning and Sheffield*—Deacon Thomas Bridges, and Brother Charles Estabrooks.
- Centreville*—Rev. T. M. Munro.
- Chipman*—Deacons W. H. Fleming and J. F. Estabrooks.
- Douglas*—Rev. J. H. Tupper.
- Fredericton*—Rev. T. H. Porter, Deacons Asa Coy and W. S. Estey.
- Hainsville*—Rev. J. H. Tupper.
- Howard Settlement*—Rev. B. Jewett.
- Kingsclear, 1st*—Bro. F. Lawrence.
- Keswick, 2d*—Rev. J. H. Tupper.
- Macnaquack*—Revs. J. H. Tupper and Benjamin Jewett.
- Maugerville*—Rev. W. D. Manzer, Deacons G. A. Treadwell, and G. C. Miles.
- Nashwaak*—Rev. C. Goodspeed, Brethren W. W. Manzer, and H. J. Coy.
- New Jerusalem*—Rev. D. Crandall, Brethren D. Moore and George Tripp.
- Newcastle, Grand Lake*—Brethren G. D. Bailey, Gilbert Fowler, and D. J. Bailey.
- Portland*—Rev. W. B. Boggs, and Deacon J. S. May.
- Pennfield*—Rev. W. L. Hopkins, and Bro. Enos Poole.
- Prince William*—Rev. T. W. Saunders.
- Rushagornish*—Rev. A. Estabrooks, and Bro. Adam Nobles.
- Richmond, South*—Rev. Thomas Bleakney.
- Simonds, Middle*—Rev. J. G. Harvey.
- Salmon Creek*—Deacon John McGregor.
- Saint David*—Brethren John Wills and O. B. Doten.
- Saint George*—Rev. E. Hickson, Deacons John Mann and Robert Sparks, and Brother A. Young.
- Saint George, 2d*—Rev. James Walker.
- Saint John, Brussels Street*—Rev. T. Harley, and Brethren John Smith, Z. G. Gabel, C. D. Everitt, Jonathan Titus, and Martin Wortman.
- Saint John, Germain Street*—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Deacons Fisher, Francis, and Blizzard, and Brethren J. H. Harding and M. Lawrence.

*Saint John, Leinster Street*—Deacons A. W. Masters, J. F. Marsters, A. McL. Seely, S. E. Gefow, Robert Sears, and John Chaloner.

*Saint John, Pitt Street*—Rev. J. W. Titus, and Brother Wm. Lewis.

*Saint John, Carleton*—Rev. I. E. Bill, and Brethren D. Buchanan, John Christopher, and Isaac Sharp.

*Saint Stephen*—Brethren George DeWolfe and W. Vaughan.

*Upper Gagetown*—Rev. B. N. Hughes, and Brethren George Coy and Charles Coy.

*Upper Newcastle and Northfield*—Rev. James Trimble, Deacon Henry Rees, and Brother Jeremiah Nightingale.

*Woodstock*—Rev. Thomas Bleakney.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

REV. T. HARLEY, *Moderator*;  
 " W. B. BOGGS, *Secretary*;  
 " J. W. TITUS, *Ass. Secretary*;  
 Z. G. GABEL, *Treasurer*;  
 W. S. ESTEY, *Ass. Treasurer*.

The following Committees were then appointed:

*Arrangements*.—The Pastor and Delegates of the Brussels Street Church, and Revs. W. S. McKenzie, G. M. W. Carey, W. B. Boggs, J. W. Titus, and I. E. Bill.

*Nomination*.—Bro. Asa Coy, Revs. W. M. Edwards, T. H. Porter, J. G. Harvey, Bro. W. S. Estey, and Rev. B. N. Hughes.

The following brethren were invited to seats with the Association:

Revs. Dr. Cramp, D. A. Steele, G. F. Miles, J. Chase, J. M. Curry, W. A. Coleman, W. A. Corey, W. W. Corey, I. E. Bill, jr., F. Beattie, H. Charlton, Bro. John Forest, and Revs. G. A. Hartley and J. T. Parsons, Delegates from the Free Baptist Conference.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to read letters:

Revs. W. S. McKenzie, G. M. W. Carey, and T. H. Porter.

Voted to adjourn till 4 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. D. Crandall.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

That the Association adjourn this afternoon at 5.45, re-assemble at 7.30, and adjourn at 9.30.

That the hours of meeting and adjournment till the close of the Association be 10 A. M., 12.30 P. M., 2.30, 5.45, 7.30, and 9.30.

That this evening be devoted to a public Foreign Missionary Meeting, and that the Revs. J. M. Cramp, D. D., D. A. Steele, G. F. Miles, W. A. Coleman, W. A. Corey, E. Hickson, G. A. Hartley, and T. H. Porter address the meeting.

Report adopted.

The Committee of Nomination reported as follows.

*Circular Letter.*—Revs. D. Crandall and C. Goodspeed.

*Printing and Circulating Minutes.*—The Secretary.

*Special Business.*—Brethren A. McL. Seely and J. S. May, and Revs. J. Walker and J. Tupper.

*Home Missions.*—Rev. E. Hickson, W. D. Manzer, C. Goodspeed, W. A. Coleman, T. M. Munro, Deacons D. Buchanan, C. D. Everett and J. Smith.

*Foreign Missions.*—Revs. D. A. Steele, W. S. McKenzie, B. N. Hughes, I. E. Bill, Jr., Dr. Cramp, G. F. Miles, and Deacon J. Mann.

*Sabbath Schools.*—Brethren A. W. Masters, W. Swim, Rev. W. W. Corey, Hugh Brown, and R. Sparks.

*Education.*—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, Dr. Cramp, and J. Chase, and Brethren J. H. Harding, D. V. Roberts, Wm. Swim, A. Young, and M. Wortman.

*Union Society.*—Revs. I. E. Bill, Sr., W. A. Corey, J. W. Titus, Brethren J. F. Masters, Asa Coy, and Wm. Colwell.

*New Churches.*—Revs. B. Jewett, J. G. Harvey, T. M. Munro, and Deacon Chas. Wallace.

*Departed Brethren.*—Deacon W. S. Estey, and Revs. J. M. Currie and I. E. Bill, Sr.

*Temperance.*—Revs. B. N. Hughes, W. M. Edwards, Brethren T. Taylor, Geo. Tripp, D. Moore, H. Brown, J. Chesly, and Rev. F. Beattie.

*Digest of Letters.*—The Secretary and Rev. W. S. McKenzie.

*Religious Periodicals.*—Rev. W. D. Manzer, Deacon Geo. Coy, Revs. W. A. Coleman, and E. Hickson.

Report adopted.

*Resolved*—That in the absence of the Brother appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and his alternate, Rev. Dr. Cramp be invited to preach the sermon to-morrow forenoon.

A Committee appointed last year reported as follows:

Your Committee, to whom the Constitution was referred, report that, having examined the same they find that the objects contemplated by the organization of the Association are not set forth in the Constitution, and recommend that an Article be inserted setting forth the same.

No further addition or change is suggested.

I. E. BILL,  
TIMOTHY HARLEY, } Committee.  
EDWARD HICKSON, }

Report adopted.

*Resolved*—That Revs. I. E. Bill, Sr., D. Crandall, and E. Hickson be a Committee to prepare the above mentioned Article.

The Letters from the Churches were then read.

*Resolved*—That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of altering the time of holding this Association hereafter, and also to appoint the place

of meeting for next year; and to nominate the preacher of the Introductory Sermon and his alteruate, and the writer of the Circular Letter.

*Committee*—Rev. W. S. McKenzie, Deacon W. S. Estey, Rev. W. M. Edwards, Rev. E. Hickson.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. H. Charlton.

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THURSDAY EVENING.

Association opened with prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

*Resolved*—That the number of copies of Minutes printed be in proportion to the money sent to the Association for that purpose.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, suggesting that a prayer-meeting be held at 7 A. M. on Friday and Saturday, and that the Introductory Sermon be preached by Rev. Dr. Cramp at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

Report adopted.

The letter from the Church at Canning and Sheffield, not having been received before, was now read.

The Committee appointed last year to consider the advisability of organizing a Sabbath School Convention, reported.

Report received to lie on the table.

The Committee on New Churches reported as follows:

That they have examined the letters of Avondale and Tower Hill Churches, and report favorably, and recommend their reception.

And in consequence of objections being urged against the reception of the Upper Newcastle and Northfield Church, your Committee would therefore refer it to the Association.

Respectfully signed in behalf of the Committee.

B. JEWETT.

Report received to lie on the table.

The Missionary Meeting formally commenced by singing the 917th hymn.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. D. A. Steele, the Chairman.

### The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report :

By the action of the late Convention at Yarmouth, we have entered on a new era in our Foreign work. It was there determined to separate from the American Missionary Union, through which we have so long and amicably carried on our operations abroad, and to form an organization to be completely under the control of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. The Foreign Mission Board has been re-organized and located in St. John.

Thus have come upon us as a denomination new and grave responsibilities, in which the churches of this Association are necessarily involved.

An Independent Foreign Mission, to be carried forward successfully, demands much sagacity, great energy, and unceasing prayer.

While there remains much land to be possessed, it is necessary that some special field be selected for our future efforts, and while all inquiry will be made relative to a sphere of operations, your Committee would bespeak the earnest supplications of the children of God that in this matter of first importance we may receive direction from on high.

Your Committee would urge upon our whole membership the necessity of making themselves thoroughly conversant with the subject of missions. Procure all possible information; grapple with the facts and statistics that may be laid before you; ponder the state of perishing millions until your hearts burn within you; and thus proceed intelligently and sympathetically to compass the grand design of rescuing those lost in sin and doomed to hell.

We are blessed at once with the gospel which has proved itself the power of God to ourselves, and with the gold whereby that glorious message may be sent to others. Let us imitate the wise men who, when they had found Jesus, fell down and adored Him, "*opened their treasures and presented unto Him their gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.*"

D. A. STEELE, *Chairman.*

Report received.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. J. M. Cramp, D. D., G. F. Miles, W. A. Coleman, G. A. Hartley, D. A. Steele, T. H. Porter, and E. Hickson.

A collection for Foreign Missions was then taken, and the Report adopted.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. J. Spencer.

## FRIDAY MORNING.

Association opened with prayer by Rev. T. W. Saunders.  
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Letters from several Churches were read.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Cramp. Text, 3d John, 8: "Fellow-helpers to the truth."

*Resolved*—That the thanks of this Association be given to Dr. Cramp for his kindness in supplying the vacancy occasioned by the absence of the brother appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and his alternate; and that Dr. Cramp be requested to furnish the discourse for publication in our denominational periodicals.

The Committee appointed yesterday to prepare an article to set forth in the Constitution the objects of this Association, presented their report, as follows:

The Committee appointed to prepare an Article for our Constitution relative to the organization of the Association, recommend the adoption of the Third Article of the Constitution of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, viz.:

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

I. E. BILL, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*—That the Report of the Committee be adopted, and that the proposed article be embodied in the Constitution.

The Report on Sabbath School Convention was taken from the table, and instead of its adoption, the following Resolution was passed:

That a Special Committee be appointed by this Association to open a correspondence with the Superintendents and Sabbath Schools of our denomination in this Province, with a view to ascertaining their views relative to the establishment of a New Brunswick Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

Rev. T. Harley to be the Committee.

The Report of the Committee on New Churches was taken from the table, and the first section, recommending the reception of the Churches at Avondale and Tower Hill, adopted.



Rev. J. G. Harvey, the representative of the Avondale Church, received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

*Resolved*, That a private session be held at 2 P. M.

Voted to adjourn.

Prayer by Rev. W. L. Hopkins.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 22.

The Association assembled in private session at 2 o'clock.  
Prayer by Rev. C. Goodspeed.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Voted that the letter from a new church, called the Upper Newcastle and Northfield Church, be read. The letter was accordingly read.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the letter be received, and the request of the church to be united with us, be granted.

The right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator to Rev. J. Trimble, the Pastor of the new Church.

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

That this evening the subject of Home Missions be considered in a public meeting, to be addressed by the Revs. W. A. Corey, B. N. Hughes, W. M. Edwards, Thos. Bleakney, and other brethren who may volunteer.

That the subject of Education be taken up at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sabbath services as follows:

Brussels Street,

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Leinster Street,

Germain Street,

Portland,

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Pitt Street,

Free Baptist,

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Carleton,

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Carleton Free Baptist,

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Grand Bay,

Portland (Methodist)

11 A. M., Rev. T. H. Porter.

6 P. M., Rev. W. A. Coleman.

6 “ Rev. Dr. Cramp.

6 “ Rev. E. Hickson.

11 A. M., Rev. Dr. Cramp.

6 P. M., Rev. T. H. Porter.

3 “ Rev. T. Bleakney.

11 A. M., Rev. J. Trimble.

6 P. M., Rev. H. A. Charlton.

11 A. M., Rev. E. Hickson.

6 P. M., Rev. G. M. W. Carey.

11 A. M., Rev. H. A. Charlton.

3 P. M., Rev. W. M. Edwards.

11 A. M., Rev. W. L. Hopkins.

6 P. M., Rev. John Chase.

Germain Street (Methodist),	11 A. M.,	Rev. C. Goodspeed.
South Bay,	2.30 P. M.,	Rev. W. L. Hopkins.
Zion (Methodist),	3 "	Rev. W. D. Manzer.
Lower Cove Mission,	3 "	Rev. J. Trimble.
"	6.30 "	Rev. T. Bleakney.
Fredericton,	11 A. M.,	Rev. W. B. Boggs.
"	6.30 P. M.,	"

Report adopted.

The Committee on time, place, &c., for the next Association reported as follows :

That the time for holding this Association hereafter, be the fourth Thursday in June ; that the place next year be Fredericton ; that Rev. J. G. Harvey preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. W. B. Boggs be his alternate ; and that Rev. B. N. Hughes write the Circular Letter.

Report adopted.

The letters from several Churches were read.

Committee on Temperance presented their report :

Your Committee believe that the drinking customs of this Province constitute one of the greatest hinderances to the extension of Christ's kingdom. They also feel that the time has come when every pulpit in this land should give out a clear and certain sound in reference to this mighty social evil ; that ministers of the gospel should take their shot and shell from the armory of God's word, until it is made plain to the world that intemperance shall find no rest for the sole of its foot within the visible Church of Jesus Christ.

It is also the opinion of your Committee that we are the representatives of the religion of the Son of God, and that it is our duty to act the part of the good Samaritan, and bind up the wounds that rum has made, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and rescue our brother-man from a drunkard's grave.

Let all who love God, and the souls of their fellow-men, unite their energies to drive intemperance from our land.

WM. M. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

After remarks by Revs. I. E. Bill, sr., B. N. Hughes, F. Beattie, W. M. Edwards, Thos. Bleakney, Dr. Cramp and J. M. Currie, the report was adopted.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported that they had examined the Letter, and highly approved of it, and recommend that it be read this evening as an introduction to the Home Missionary Meeting.

Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Periodicals reported :

Your Committee on the CHRISTIAN VISITOR are of the opinion that our denominational paper compares very favourably with the other religious periodicals of the Maritime Provinces, but we are not satis-

fied with it comparing favorably, but wish it to surpass all others, if possible, and in order that this may be done we need to encourage our editor in his work by our prayers and sympathy as well as our support. We need to put forth more effort to supply every Baptist family with the *CHRISTIAN VISITOR*, as it is regarded as the organ of our denomination, and we have no other means of reaching many of our people. They need to know what we are doing, in order that they may become interested in our missionary and other operations.

W. D. MANZER, *Chairman*.

After remarks by Revs. I. E. Bill, sr., W. A. Corey, H. Charlton, T. W. Saunders, and Z. G. Gabel, the report was adopted.

*Resolved*—That the Committee appointed last year on Ministerial Life Assurance be continued.

Remarks on the question by Revs. W. S. McKenzie, I. E. Bill, sr., G. M. W. Carey, and Z. G. Gabel.

*Resolved*—That we respond to the kindly feeling of our Free Baptist brethren, and that a delegation be appointed to meet with the Free Baptist Conference, for the purpose of extending to them our fraternal greeting, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Harley, McKenzie, Carey, Bill, Boggs, and B. N. Hughes.

Prayer by Bro. J. S. May.

Adjourned.

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FRIDAY EVENING—7.30.

Association opened with prayer by Rev. W. W. Corey. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

According to arrangement, the Circular Letter was read by Rev. W. S. McKenzie, the writer. Subject, "Christian Benevolence."

*Resolved*—That the very excellent and timely letter be adopted and incorporated with the Minutes, and published in the *Christian Visitor*.

Committee on Home Missions presented their report.

Your Committee report :

That they learn with pleasure that the Home Mission Board during the past year has been enabled to aid financially several small Churches; that is to say the Churches in Blackville, Saint Stephen, Saint Andrews, Shediac, Woodstock, Hammond Vale, and others.

Much labor has been faithfully bestowed by our esteemed missionaries, and several have been added to the Churches.

It is gratifying to know that the Church in Saint Stephen is now not only self-sustaining, but contributes to our Mission funds, and it is hoped that other Churches now receiving aid may soon follow its example.

Notwithstanding what has been done, yet very much more remains to be accomplished, for which we need men and money.

Dear brethren, let us pray more earnestly, give more liberally, and work more faithfully in this great Home Mission enterprise.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee,

EDWARD HICKSON, *Chairman.*

Remarks were made by Revs. E. Hickson, W. S. McKenzie, W. A. Corey, and W. M. Edwards.

Collection taken.

Further addresses by Revs. B. N. Hughes and Thomas Bleakney.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their report.

Report received to lie on the table.

*Resolved*—That the time be extended fifteen minutes.

Rev. G. F. Miles delivered an address on the necessity and desirability of missionary labor in Newfoundland, which was followed by addresses from the Moderator and Rev. T. H. Porter.

*Moved*—That a Committee be appointed to correspond with the Eastern New Brunswick Association, and the Associations in Nova Scotia, in reference to the establishment of a Mission in the Island of Newfoundland.

Motion received to lie on the table.

Prayer by the Secretary. Adjourned.

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#### SATURDAY MORNING.

Association opened with prayer by Rev. B. Jewett.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was taken from the table, and after some discussion was referred back to the Committee, that the statistical statements might receive further attention.

The motion made last evening, in reference to the establishment of a Mission in Newfoundland, was taken from

the table. Remarks by Bro. Z. G. Gabel, Rev. W. S. McKenzie, I. E. Bill, sr., Thos. Bleakney, Dr. Cramp, and the Secretary.

In lieu of this motion it was

*Resolved*—That a delegation be appointed to visit the Western Nova Scotia Association, which meets at Nic-taux next week, to present the claims of Newfoundland as a mission field; that Revs. I. E. Bill, sr., W. S. McKenzie and T. Harley be the delegation; and that these brethren be a Standing Committee to attend to correspondence on the subject.

*Resolved*—That the Association now give place to the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society.

Association resumed at 12.15 o'clock.

Committee on Sabbath Schools presented an amended report, which was adopted.

Your Committee beg to report:

That comparing the statistics of the schools of this year with those of 1870, we do not find that apparent increase which is so desirable, and so readily attainable in a denomination that possesses so many facilities for rapid enlargement. By an examination of the letters from the Churches we find reported 40 schools, 324 teachers, 2746 scholars, 8598 volumes in libraries, and a cash expenditure for the schools of \$1021.48, a decrease, as compared with last year, of 7 teachers, 199 books, and \$125.27 less expended, while there is only a gain of 1 school, and 70 scholars. It may be affirmed that our Sabbath Schools are as largely attended and as efficiently conducted as in former years, that full returns have not been furnished, and consequently the above statistics do not show their full strength. Accepting this explanation, your Committee would urge it upon the churches that they furnish henceforward full returns to the Association of their work, and thus let all know what each Church is doing for the children. Your Committee would further urge upon the Churches the duty of giving more prominence to the Sabbath School. Brethren and sisters gather in the children, and don't leave out the adults. Let earnest, devoted Christian men and women address themselves to the work of teaching. Be kind, be courteous, prepare yourselves by diligent study of the Word of God for the work of instruction, and pray, pray for your classes; pray for yourselves, that wisdom and skill and every needed grace may be imparted. Addressing yourselves in this way to the work of instruction, great and lasting blessings may be expected to result from the labors put forth.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. MASTERS, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*—That a public Educational meeting be held this evening at 7.30; that the Educational Report be presented; and that addresses be delivered by Revs. Dr. Cramp, G. M. W. Carey, C. Goodspeed, and J. T. Parsons.  
Prayer by Dr. Cramp. Adjourned.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Association resumed at the appointed hour.

Prayer by Deacon Asa Coy.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

*Resolved*—That the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Educational Society, together with their Report, &c., be inserted in the Minutes.

The Treasurer then submitted his Report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

*Resolved*—That a Committee of Arrangements for the next Association be appointed; that the Pastor and Deacons of the Fredericton Church, and Rev. W. B. Boggs, be that Committee; and that they make necessary arrangements respecting reduction of fares, &c.

*Resolved*—That certificates of attendance at this Association be granted to delegates.

The Report on Union Societies was submitted by Rev. I. E. Bill, sr., Chairman.

That the design of these Societies, as understood by your Committee, is two-fold, viz.: 1st. To collect funds from the churches for the support of the several benevolent institutions of the denomination; and 2d. To equalize such funds so as to give to each object its fair proportion of the money contributed. This union organization originally contemplated raising for all its objects a sum equal to *one dollar* per annum for each member of the body, some giving more and some less according to the ability of the donor. This, for our two Associations in this Province, would amount in round numbers to \$10,000 a year. But to make this agency effective one of two things is indispensable, viz.: either a travelling agent constantly in the field, or pastors and churches must do the work themselves. The latter, in the judgment of your Committee, is decidedly the best mode for all concerned, for it saves expense and cultivates healthy action in the churches. But to do this the church must work systematically and constantly. The plan, in such general use, of postponing collections until just before the Association, is highly objectionable. Let the pastors, deacons, and parents, generally, cultivate the idea of laying

by weekly as God prospers them. It would be still better to do this daily. Where, for example, is the member that could not by wise and economical arrangement lay by every day a cent for Christ and his cause? This one cent would amount to \$3.65 per annum, and this for all Baptist church members in the Maritime Provinces alone, would give us for benevolent purposes an annual fund of \$100,000. Such an arrangement would give the Seminary at Fredericton and Acadia College a sufficient endowment, and would afford ample funds for Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, for Sabbath Schools, and for the support of Infirm Ministers, or their Widows and Orphan Children. Your Committee would suggest, therefore, that every pastor should inaugurate this system as soon as possible in his own family, and then extend it to his Church and congregation. Let a simultaneous movement of the entire brotherhood in this direction be made at once, and glorious results would follow. In this way the daily offering would provide for the weekly offering, and the two combined would issue in a generous annual support for all the interests involved. Of course there are those among us who might fail to contribute a cent a day, or even a cent a week; but let this deficiency be made up by a more generous contribution on the part of the more wealthy of our members.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

### Report adopted.

#### The Committee on Obituaries presented their Report.

Your Committee on Obituaries have to report the death of the Rev. J. R. Strang, the late beloved pastor of the Baptist Church of Macknaquack and Upper Kingsclear. He departed this life on Sabbath the 13th of May last, in the full assurance of a glorious resurrection to eternal life at God's right hand. His funeral sermon was preached on the Tuesday following by the Rev. I. E. Bill, sen., in the Macknaquack Church, to a crowded and deeply affected congregation.

In an obituary notice which appeared in the *CHRISTIAN VISITOR* of the 25th of May last, it is said, "Our lamented brother was a native of Prince Edward Island. There he was converted. From the Island he went to the United States where he spent some time. Subsequently he came to this Province, and was ordained to the work of the ministry at Studholm, King's County. After that he fulfilled the duties of the pastorate at Johnson, Wickham, Scotch Town, Upper Gagetown, Upper Kingsclear, and Macknaquack. In all these places he was highly esteemed as a devoted Christian, an affectionate pastor, and a successful minister of the Lord Jesus. In his last field, especially, his ministry was signally blessed. Our departed brother was among our most judicious and useful pastors. He constantly labored for souls as one that must give an account, and by his ardent zeal for the present and eternal welfare of his people, by his unwavering fidelity to his Master, and by his uncompromising adherence to the weighty obligations of his office, he gave full proof of his ministry. His early death has left a vacancy in the denomination that cannot be easily filled."

In these appropriate remarks your Committee most fully concur, and have only to add that they most cordially commend the bereaved widow and her fatherless children to the sympathies and prayers of the Lord's people, and above all to the gracious Saviour, who knows what sore temptation means, for he has felt the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. ESTEY, *Chairman.*

Report adopted, with the understanding that the Committee have power to make any alterations or additions which further information may render necessary.

[*See Appendix.*]

*Resolved*—That the Committee appointed last year to review the Act of Assembly, &c., be discharged.

Prayer by Rev. E. Hickson. Adjourned.

#### SATURDAY EVENING.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. T. H. Porter.

The Committee on Special Business having reported through the Moderator, that no business had been brought under their notice, were discharged.

The Committee on Education reported through the Chairman, Rev. G. M. W. Carey, who also offered some brief remarks.

Your Committee on Education beg to report :

That the prospect is bright and encouraging, and should incite us to renewed effort in the cause of liberal and sanctified culture. The debt that overshadowed our Seminary at Fredericton, and darkened its future is now entirely removed. The past year has been one of marked progress and the present opens very auspiciously. Now in the commencement of the Academical year there are 52 students, including both sexes, in regular attendance; of these, three have the Christian ministry in view. Twelve young men are expected soon to enter, five of whom it is hoped will eventually preach the gospel. The promise of eight additional laborers in the great spiritual harvest field is cheering. The Rev. C. A. Goodspeed, A. M., and his staff of teachers have been and are doing work of which the denomination has no reason to feel ashamed. Your Committee would recommend, nay urge upon the Churches composing this Association, to gather around the Seminary with renewed zeal, increasing affection, and patronage, and make it, by the blessing of God, a centre of intellectual and religious power, whose influence shall be felt in every part of the Province.

In connection with our Academy at Fredericton your Committee would not overlook Acadia College in which the Baptists of New



Brunswick have equal rights and responsibilities with their brethren in Nova Scotia. The record of the College for the past year is pleasing, the future is hopeful. A class of twelve, the largest in the history of the College, was graduated last June; fourteen have recently matriculated and entered on the regular course of study. An effort will soon be made to increase the Endowment Fund, and we are expected to do our part in accomplishing this desirable object. We must not forget that the history of Acadia College is a special chapter in the Book of God's Providence; that our departed and sainted fathers loved it and bequeathed it to us as a precious legacy; that now its outlook is full of promise of heavenly guidance and success; and we must not fail to aid in making it an increasing power for good in diffusing the blessing of higher education.

In closing their report, your Committee would say, that the young men of our churches looking forward to the Christian ministry, do not lack opportunities to prepare for the great work of expounding and declaring the doctrines of the Bible; and they should be urged, and, if need be, aided, to avail themselves of the advantages afforded by our Academy and College; for educated as well as divinely called ministers are preeminently needed to handle the questions and consider the issues before the present generation. Men of good understanding, thorough discipline and extensive acquirements in the various departments of knowledge—men whose hearts are full of love for Jesus and immortal souls, are demanded now more than at any previous period "to defend the truth once delivered to the saints, and proclaim the glorious gospel of the blessed God."

Deeply interesting and effective addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Cramp, C. Goodspeed, J. T. Parsons, and W. S. McKenzie, and collection was taken for the object.

The Report of the Committee was then adopted.

*Resolved unanimously*—That the most hearty thanks of this Association be given to the Church and people who have so generously entertained this Association.

*Resolved*—That this Association do now adjourn to meet with the Church in Fredericton, the fourth Thursday in June, 1872, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

T. HARLEY, *Moderator.*

W. B. Boggs, *Clerk.*

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

BELOVED BRETHREN—We ask your attention, in this our Annual Epistle, to the subject of CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE.

This virtue holds a commanding prominence in the teachings of Scripture. It is enforced by many positive precepts, and illustrated by reference to brilliant examples. The gift and sacrifice of the Son of God for human Redemption, is its grandest exemplification. It goes out in search of opportunities to execute its Christly mission. It opens deep and broad channels of holy influences to reclaim and fertilize the arid wastes of human wretchedness. It delights to wipe away tears of sorrow, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to smooth the rough path of the children of want, and to reach forth a helping hand on every field where the cause of God is struggling against the antagonisms of sin. Many are the benedictions which God has pronounced upon the exercise of this practical element of Christian discipleship. The Scriptures abound in counsels to guide, and in promises to stimulate it. "God loveth a cheerful giver." "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." "The liberal soul shall be made fat." "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

The churches which exhibit the largest measure of this spirit of benevolence, and under the guidance of an intelligent zeal, are the most generous in their contributions to the cause of God, are always the most signally prospered of Heaven, both in temporal and spiritual interests. History abundantly verifies this statement. Hence, those churches which are poor, and it may be, struggling hard to meet their own immediate necessities, commit a mischievous mistake, when they dismiss, without attempting to answer, the outside claims of Christian Benevolence. Such churches are likely to be *always* embarrassed by the crying wants of their own field of toil. It is a significant fact that many churches refusing to proffer succor to worthy objects outside of themselves, under the plea that their own wants are numerous and pressing, have for years continued under their crippling encumbrances, and in some instances have eventually sunk into utter extinction under their financial embarrassments.

The proverb so often quoted, and especially by the penurious, that "charity begins at home," is nowhere to be found in the sacred Scriptures. It is of the earth, earthy. It is evidently a child born of Selfishness. With it the sordid and illiberal have checked the cry of many an appealing interest connected with the cause of Christ. It heartlessly sends away the needy to pine and perish in their need. The proverb seems very plausible, but its history is a shameful one. Facts show that this kind of charity, not only *begins* at home, but forever *stays* at home, ever growing more miserly in the narrow cell it has built about itself, until it at length dies a disgraceful death. It will neither feed its own, nor drop a crumb from its penurious table to appease the biting hunger of another.

A Church of Christ animated and guided by the spirit which originated and executed the work of human redemption, will be *missionary* in its spirit, expansive in its benevolence, and aggressive in its labors, while at the same time it becomes more earnest and successful on its own immediate field of obligations. Sending forth a portion of its substance to aid in securing and occupying posts of labor in the great spiritual vineyard, there will be sent back at length, into the ranks of that church, the very blessings which it generously sought to com-

municate to others. God will give it more to do with, and then smile upon its augmented benefactions.

The stream of Christian benevolence not only irrigates and enriches the territory through which it flows, but returns at length, bearing on its bosom, yet larger and richer blessings for him who supplied the stream that went forth to gladden the desert. The winds, charged with the vapors drawn from ocean tanks, travel over plains and mountains, dropping their burden of blessing upon the earth, to be surely regathered into streams and returned to swell the ocean exchequer. Such is God's ordination in Nature. Terrible would be the consequences of an arrest of this arrangement. Let the waters that fill the great nursery of vapors remain stationary—let them refuse to yield to the demands of the divine economy in Nature, and never travel in clouds over the continent—let the clouds fail to drop their contents in genial showers to drench the earth and revive vegetation, and how fearful would be the consequences. The world would wither with drought. The fair face of Nature would contract into ghastly wrinkles. The parched and burning ground would blister the feet that touched it. Nor is this all. Those stagnant and stinky sea waters would soon become foul and pestilential. There are certain land-locked expanses which do not yield any succor to the earth. Their own immediate surroundings would famish but for the help which the winds bring them from other sources. They make it a point, never to yield up any of their accumulations. Consequently they become bitter, pestiferous and deadly. Slimy and hideous things crawl out of the stagnant abyss, and sprawl on the sluggish surface. Such inhospitable and surly seas are the *Aral* and *Caspian*, and the ill-omened expanse, called *Lake Asphaltitea*. They refuse to bless with their possessions, and consequently become unblest; fit emblems of selfish and niggardly souls, who neither gladden any spot in God's heritage, nor are gladdened in their own. "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

But it is not simply as *Churches* that we are summoned to the duty of Christian Benevolence. *Individual responsibility* must be recognized and felt, or the duty in question will be neglected, and the cause of God will be left to suffer for lack of the necessary means to sustain and promote it. Each Christian disciple, however scanty his possessions, is a steward of a few of the gifts of God, and is required to make some offering, however humble, on the altar of Christian Benevolence. Are we "faithful over a few things?"

How many excuse themselves with the plea that their moderate possessions and income do not permit them to respond to the claims of Christian Benevolence. The attention of such is directed to the example of one, whose humble offering the Saviour has elevated into an enduring renown. It was an insignificant gift, *in itself*—those "two mites" of the poor widow—but how magnificent, for it was her all, "even all her *living*." Little did it swell the contents of the sacred treasury, but how did it kindle the admiration of the Saviour, who estimates the gifts of Christian Benevolence, not by their intrinsic worth, but by their relative value. Neither the poor widow, nor her meagre contribution gained the notice of the wealthy and proud ones who, on that day, swept along the Temple courts, admiring their own, or envying their rival's splendor. But Jesus, passing by the royal offerings of the rich, as if deserving of no special attention, summoned the attention of his disciples to the indigent widow, depositing her trivial, and yet princely charity. Her portrait is hung up in the gallery of the ancient worthies.

In circumstances like those of the poor widow, it would seem almost unreasonable, if not wrong, for her to donate anything to charitable purposes. She might have plead the adage, which some sordid soul has coined, "Charity begins at home." But instead of pleading her destitution against the calls of Christian Benevolence, she brings forth "*even all her living*." She *denied* herself, not merely of the comforts and conveniences, but of the very necessities of life.

Many say, when such an example is imitated, "that is *irrational*, if not *fanatical*." We leave the sneer to be rebuked by Him who has had the poor widow's self-denial entered with His approval upon the pages of the sacred Oracles.

Let us remember, that, in the Divine judgment, our charities are estimated, not by the amount which we give, but by our *ability* to give. Thus did our Saviour measure the charities cast into the treasury of the Temple, on the occasion just mentioned. Hence, if we could look into the book of God's reckoning, we should find that his entries of charitable offerings differ widely from those found in the book of man's reckoning. It would be discovered that many of the names standing at the head of the page in that of *man's*, are at the bottom in that of *God's*. It would be seen that many of the poorest of earth have given more than the richest—judged by the standard of Him who accepts "according to that a man hath."

But there is another important feature of our benefactions, by which the estimate of Heaven respecting them is regulated. We refer to the amount of *self-denial* in which those benefactions are made. The poor widow, whose record we have noticed, gave more than the rich, because she *denied* herself in giving. The rich gave from their abundance; she, from her poverty. They were subjected to no inconvenience; they relinquished not a single comfort, nor curtailed a single luxury in giving. But the widow's gift cost much, for it was "even all her *living*." She had *little* to give, but how much of the Christly spirit of *self-denial* went with it.

How is it with our offerings when measured by the amount of our self-denial? Are they not *very cheap*—cheap to us—and consequently cheap in the *Divine estimation*? We scarcely sacrifice unnecessary comforts, to say nothing of real necessities. Some spend more in one month on the merest trifles, not to say injurious luxuries, than they give in a whole year to the cause of God. Let us examine our offerings in relation to the matter of self-denial. How much has our Christian Benevolence *cost* us? What real wants have been set aside? What reasonable wish has been sacrificed? Nay, rather, what vain wants and selfish wishes have we not gratified before counting out the offerings which we, as Christian disciples, owe to the cause of our Redeemer? O, how shameful is the record of our Christian Benevolence, not only in relation to our *ability*, but also to the spirit of *self-denial*! Is it not a wonder that God's patience toward us is not exhausted? Is it not a wonder that He does not strip us of every earthly good, and leave us to suffer, as we leave His holy *cause* to suffer by our penurious and reluctant offerings? Is it not a wonder, that He does not *spurn* from His altar the gifts we do bestow, when He compares them with our ability, and witnesses the *grudging spirit* in which we bring them to his altar?

We need more *religious principle* and more *systematic effort* in this sphere of christian activity. Too much of the limited amount done in the direction of pecuniary contributions for the support of religious enterprises is obviously and sadly lacking the essential elements of CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE. Many individuals and entire churches, it is feared, never think of stately and from principle contributing to the cause of Christ, and never would make a contribution except under some extraordinary emergency, or urgent solicitation. Such individuals and churches will be likely to regard every call made upon them for aid as a vexatious annoyance; and if they respond it will be with the merest pittance, and that only to purchase deliverance from the annoyance that irritates them. And then, others, if they give pleasantly and generously, do it spasmodically, the spasm of benevolent emotion being produced by a pressure of arguments and appeals that are frequently and lamentably destitute of the spirit that should always prompt and permeate the offerings brought to the treasury of Christ. Were we to adopt the apostolic counsel, given in 1 Cor. xvi. 1-2, there would be no need of the periodical appeals now made to pro-

vide, and of special agents to collect, means required to carry into execution the projects of CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE. Suppose each member of a church, comprising a membership of two hundred, should, according to the *plan* enjoined by the apostle, lay by every week, the small sum of *five cents*, to be sacredly preserved for the treasury of the Lord, the annual contribution from that church would amount to *five hundred and twenty dollars*. The membership of our churches in this Province, is about 10,000. Adopting the low rate of contributions just mentioned, it would yield a yearly sum of *twenty-six thousand dollars*. But the rate specified contemplates almost the *minimum* of pecuniary ability within the ranks of our churches. If now the apostolic *principle* were carried into the *plan*—if upon the first day of the week every one should lay by him in store, *as God hath prospered him*—how immensely would the sum of *twenty-six thousand dollars* be augmented, and never should we hear of any missionary cause *begging* help, or lagging for means to succor and extend it.

The exertions of the humblest may be extended far beyond the sphere of personal labors. Such are now the facilities for the transmission of influence, that we may sit in the shade of our own dwellings, amid the refinements of civilized society, and there touch a cord whose vibration shall be felt in the most distant lands. The former barriers against the intercourse of the human family are, in the providence of God, being universally and rapidly demolished. Oceans, though geometrically as wide as ever, are becoming, to all practical purposes, narrow channels. Mountains are levelled, or tunneled, and continents are linked by the skill and industry of man. Commerce is exploring the pathways for future missionaries to tread, and opening gates through which the heralds of Christ may enter with the Word of Life. The vast enginery of the Press is shooting the light of secular knowledge, of political liberty and of pure religion around the globe. The darkness so long brooding over the world is fleeing away. The schemes of infidelity and the delusions of superstition are coming to nought. Science and philosophy are laying their treasures upon the altar of religion. We see evidences of the approaching day of Christ in the mighty revolutions that are shaking empires, in the reorganizations of the institutions of society, and in the sudden awakening of millions from the slumber of ages. Rulers tremble on their thrones. Social, political and ecclesiastical despotism is losing its hold upon the masses, because the masses are becoming enlightened. The inventions of the Papacy that have so widely corrupted Protestant religion, are being renounced by the best Biblical scholarship in the denominations in which those inventions have been received and practiced. The illegitimate, polluted and polluting alliance between Church and State is undergoing a sharp scrutiny, and is soon to be dissolved. The massive and monstrous hierarchy of Roman Catholicism is tottering to its doom. The countries so long controlled, enslaved and defiled under its despotic and debauching sway, are rising to a vigorous and virtuous resistance, amazed at their past lethargy and reasserting their right to religious freedom. Princes and people are no longer terrified by the illogical thunder of a Holy Father raving and roaring in Rome. A few short months after the blasphemous assertion of infallibility, the Bayonet and the Bible are the ruling forces under the very eaves of the Papal palace. True, the changes are attended with a dislocating energy and a discordant sound. The wild commotion makes sad havoc with the interests of peace. But it is the light meeting with the darkness. It is the truth in conflict with the error. It is the tempest twirling everything into disorder, but the same tempest will sweep away the miasmatic exhalations under which the people have been declining and dying. The times, then, in which we live are calling aloud upon the people of God to push on their labors with quickened zeal and renewed energy.

Dr. Cramp, the preacher of the annual sermon at our present Association,

discoursed on the duty, the dignity, and the delight of being fellow-helpers to the truth. Yes, there is delight *here*, and yet greater delight to be experienced *hereafter*. How many are now standing upon the sublime heights of the heavenly Zion, praising God that they were privileged with opportunities to labor for his cause. How many Christian merchants, who, when on earth, gave liberally of their wealth to extend their Redeemer's kingdom, are now rejoicing in the celestial temple, and adoring the grace that led them to lay up their treasures where moth and rust do not corrupt. Said a dying Christian merchant, who had given largely of his extensive acquisitions to support the various enterprises of Christian Benevolence: "What I have *spent* of my fortune is gone; what I have *lost* is beyond my reach; but what I have given to the cause of God I carry with me."

Brethren, almost daily some missionary enterprise stands before you, as God's chariot, to receive your treasures, and to transport them to that bright land whither you yourselves are hastening, as you hope. That chariot, freighted with your offerings, will go by the way of heathen shores, to cheer the missionary in his toils, to place in the hands of the benighted and devoted idolator, the pearl of great price. Your offering, on such an errand, shall not be diminished, but increased; and having been increased by being scattered, the same chariot shall take it up again to pass on with it to the heavenly shores, there to await your arrival, that you may rejoice over your increased, sanctified and everlasting gain.

## DIGEST OF LETTERS.

## LOWER WOODSTOCK—Statistics only.

## WOODSTOCK.

Rev. E. C. Cady remained with us after the settlement of our difficulty, holding meetings most every evening, without intermission, from the early part of December until May following, which resulted in a large number professing faith in Christ.

## UPPER GAGETOWN.

We have Rev. B. N. Hughes labouring earnestly in this field, but no special interest manifested—the spiritual day is cold and dark. Our prayer is that the Sun of Righteousness may arise with healing beams, scattering light and truth broadcast over this Church and people. Our prayer and Conference meetings are regularly sustained, but thinly attended.

## TOWER HILL, SAINT DAVID.

We were regularly constituted a Baptist Church, and recognized as such by a council composed of delegates from the Union street Saint Stephen and Saint David Baptist Churches, January 30th, 1871. The Church was organized by giving its assent to the Articles of Faith and Practice and Covenant of the regular Baptist body of New Brunswick.

## SAINT STEPHEN.

During the past year we have maintained the usual order of Church exercises, not with all the blessing we would wish, yet with some encouragements. Our Sabbath services have been well attended, and the congregation has increased. Our prayer meetings, owing to the following considerations, viz.: the smallness of the Church, the distance of the residences of many of the members from the place of meeting, the age and infirmity of others, together with a lack of zeal on the part of some, have not been as well attended as we would wish. Our communions have been well attended, and have proved to be refreshing seasons.

## CARLETON.

Rejoice to know that our Covenant God and Father has not forgotten to be gracious, or in anger shut up his tender mercies. He continues to us the faithful preaching of his gospel, and the regular administrations of his ordinances; by which we are strengthened to persevere in the discharge of the sacred duty of our high vocation. He has also graciously made his word effectual in the salvation of some in the bloom of life, who greatly cheer us with their steadfastness in the faith.

## PITT STREET, SAINT JOHN.

Some are now inquiring the way, and others have decided, yet not made a public profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus. We are determined, the Lord being with us, to toil on, having strong faith in the power of gospel truth, knowing that we shall reap in due season if we faint not. Our prospects are growing brighter, and our hopes stronger than ever they have been since our organization.

## GERMAIN STREET, SAINT JOHN.

The gospel has been preached faithfully among us. Our congregations have been good and attentive, but our prayer meetings have not been so well attended as they should have been. As the prayer meeting is the thermometer of the Church, it is to be feared the love of many is waxing cold. Good seed has been sown, but the harvest has not yet come. Our cry to God is, "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee."

## BRUSSELS STREET, SAINT JOHN.

Our numerical strength has not been increased during the past year. We are happy to report, however, that our financial affairs are in a healthy state, and that there is manifestly a growing promptitude in meeting our engagements to the Lord, both in sustaining His cause in our midst, and in contributing to our denominational objects. The gospel has been preached most faithfully by

our beloved pastor, and the week-evening services and the prayer-meetings and Conferences have been, for the most part, well attended; and yet there has been a lack of spiritual energy among the members, and our hearts have rarely been gladdened with the sight of converts eager to follow the Saviour in his ordinances. We have, nevertheless, great cause for thankfulness that union and harmony prevail among us; that we have felt much comforted and edified while listening to the faithful declaration of scripture truth by our pastor; that we have enjoyed the Divine presence at many of our social gatherings for prayer; and that we have experienced so many happy seasons at the Lord's table. Moreover, it has been cheering to see that a number—both male and female—who united with us not many months since, are giving evidence of a desire to be useful, and are ready for every good word and work.

## LEINSTER STREET, SAINT JOHN.

The past year has been one of planting and purging instead of reaping. The catalogue of our Church membership is undergoing revision. Many of our Church and congregation have removed to distant localities, but we are happy to learn they are aiding the cause of God in the places where they are resident. We have two young men studying for the ministry, one in his junior year at Acadia College, the other fitting for a College course at Fredericton Seminary. The earnest piety, the profound conviction of a divine call to the ministry, and the eminently studious habits of these young brethren give us a firm ground to believe that they will make good and successful ministers of the gospel. We believe in revivals of religion, though such seasons often, if not always, bring forth more or less of spurious professions, which make the work of discipline a subsequent and sad necessity.

SAINT JAMES—Statistics only.

SAINT GEORGE (Second Falls)—Statistics only.

SAINT GEORGE, 2d—Statistics only.

SPRINGFIELD, York County—Statistics only.

## SAINT GEORGE.

Since the Rev. Mr. Hickson settled with us in November last, the regular ordinances of the Church have been observed. The ministry of our pastor is in every way acceptable to the Church and congregation, being manifested in the general esteem in which he is held, and in the large attendance at public worship every Sabbath, both in the morning and evening.

## SAINT ANDREWS.

The pastor, Rev. George Seely, is labouring faithfully, and is highly esteemed by all. The prayer and conference meetings are held regularly. We are praying earnestly for a revival of religion, and soon hope to see some souls converted to God.

## SAINT DAVID.

Last January we held a series of meetings, and the Lord revived the Church, and eight precious souls were added to our number by baptism, and one by letter. Since that time we have held a prayer meeting regularly every Sabbath, and our souls have been refreshed by the presence of the Lord.

## BAY SIDE, SAINT ANDREWS.

We have Rev. George Seely for pastor one-fourth the time, commencing March last, for which we pay him one hundred dollars per annum.

## SALMON CREEK.

The cause of God is low in this place. The truth has been preached, but without any visible effect. Our prayer is that the seed sown may yet bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

## AYONDALE.

God in his infinite mercy has greatly blessed us in this place. Last fall Bro. Howard paid us a visit; at that time sin abounded, the Sabbath by many was desecrated; the faithful warnings, the affectionate appeals of the servant of God was not in vain. The interest gradually increased, and last spring we en-

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joyed a good revival—eighteen were baptized. The brethren thought it expedient to form a Church here. A Council was called, consisting of Brethren Cady, Harvey, Howard, and Burr. These brethren organized the Church April 7, 1871. Since that time we have enjoyed the preaching of Bro. Howard occasionally, and have had some additions.

#### UPPER NEWCASTLE AND NORTHFIELD.

We were formerly in connection with the Newcastle Church, but some of our brethren and sisters were not able to attend there, as most of them live from four to nine miles from the meeting house, and have no way of going except walking. They have not had the privilege of attending at communion seasons, or indeed at other seasons at the meeting house; so we prayerfully considered the whole matter, and we believed that it would make for our comfort, the advancement of Baptist principles, and the glory of God, to have a Church formed here. We requested our dismission from the Newcastle Church; and on the 9th May, at a public business meeting of the Church, we had our dismission granted to us.

SIMONDS (Middle)—Statistics only.

ROLLING DAM—Statistics only.

RICHMOND, 3D—Statistics only.

#### RICHMOND, SOUTH.

We have been without stated preaching for the most part of the year; in consequence thereof the cause is low. Rev. T. Bleakney paid us a visit about the first of last May, and preached for us to acceptance. We have engaged his services part of the time.

#### RUSHAGORNISH.

The cause is in a better state than it was formerly. Elder Troop laboured with us some weeks last summer, and his labours were blessed. He baptized three, who were added to the Church. Elder A. Estabrooks has preached for us every alternate Sabbath since last March.

#### PRINCE WILLIAM.

On this occasion we have reason for joy and thankfulness to God for his great mercy as manifested in the outpouring of his Holy Spirit in our midst, in the conversion of sinners, and bringing them into the Church of Christ on earth; in the reclaiming of backsliders and wanderers, and bringing them to their Father's house.

#### PENNFIELD.

Our Church is in good working order. Peace, love, and harmony prevail amongst us. We are hoping for some additions to the Church pretty soon.

PORTLAND—Statistics only.

NASHWAAK—Statistics only.

#### NEW JERUSALEM.

Rev. David Crandal has come here among us, and is labouring with the Church in Jerusalem and Greenwich for three months. He is gathering in the scattered sheep of the fold, and we hope his labours may be blessed of God.

#### NEWCASTLE, GRAND LAKE.

We are now in a destitute state, without a pastor to go in and out before us. We hope the Great Shepherd of Israel will send some faithful servant to take charge of his little flock in this place.

#### MAUGERVILLE.

During the past year we have been holding on our way, and as a Church have been walking in harmony. Our pastor has been faithfully labouring, and a good measure of success has crowned his efforts. Since he has moved here, and given us all his time, the congregation has increased, and matters are looking hopeful. Quite a large debt has been paid, leaving the meeting house clear. This has been done through the indefatigable efforts of our pastor.

HOWARD SETTLEMENT—Statistics only.

## JACKSONVILLE.

We are still struggling along ; sometimes our meetings have been quite encouraging, and a good feeling among the brethren.

## JACKSONTOWN.

We have enjoyed the faithful labours of our much esteemed brother, the Rev. George Howard, for the past year. He has been absent from us now for five or six weeks, and it is uncertain that he will return to us again ; but if not, we hope that wherever God may in his providence call him to labour, that he will abundantly bless him.

## FIRST KINGSCLEAR.

Some of our meetings have been very encouraging, especially the Conference. We have felt the Lord has met with us and blessed us.

## SECOND KINGSCLEAR.

We sustained a loss, great and difficult to be repaired, by the demise, in May last, of our esteemed pastor, J. R. Strang, whose labours were signally blessed.

## SECOND KESWICK.

We have had the labours of the Rev. James H. Tupper a part of the time for the past year, but he is about leaving us. Our Conference meetings have been kept up, and our congregations very good.

## THE LEDGE.

We have preaching once a month on Sabbath days, and once a month on a week-day evening, with Conference and communion seasons quarterly. These services have been well attended, and the religious interest has been increasing. We have had one baptism, and hope that others will soon follow their Lord in this ordinance.

## MACNAQUACK.

Our esteemed pastor—the late Rev. J. R. Strang—having, through the providence of God, been called to his reward, we are without a pastor.  
HODGDON AND RICHMOND—Statistics only.

## LOWER HAINSVILLE.

In our last Conference we were encouraged with one young sister coming forward for baptism ; and we hope the day is breaking.

## FREDERICTON.

We have had the good fortune to secure the pastoral labours of the Rev. T. H. Porter. We have introduced the weekly-offering system of raising funds for Church purposes, which is working well, and will, we trust, when fully adopted, be perfectly successful. And we have been permitted to have three administrations of the ordinance of baptism.

## DOUGLAS.

Have nothing new to write. We have tried to keep up our meetings.

## CHIPMAN.

The cause of God is low with us ; still our Conference meetings are generally kept up, and there are those that labour in the cause of God.

## BECKAGUIMICK.

We are enjoying the faithful labours of Brother Harvey, our pastor, and are hopefully looking for a revival.

## BLISSFIELD.

Have had the gospel faithfully preached to us by our beloved pastor, and we have often felt that God has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We hold, in connection with our Church, one mission station, where our pastor labours one quarter of his time ; and we are anxiously looking for a revival of religion.

## BLACKVILLE.

At all our mission stations the gospel has been faithfully preached, and our meetings regularly kept up; and yet we regret we have no additions to report.

CANNING AND SHEFFIELD—Are united, and in good fellowship.

## CENTREVILLE.

We are enlarging and improving our Chapel this season; and expect it will cost us to finish and furnish it, about one thousand dollars.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI—Statistics only.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	PLACE OF ORDINATION.
Bill, I. E. sen.,	Carleton, Saint John.	March 1829	Nictaux, Nova Scotia.
Beckwith, W. H.	Upper Gagetown.	Sept. 1832	Pembroke, Maine.
Bleakney, J. E.	Richmond, C. C.	Feb. 1868	Hodgdon & Richmond.
Bleakney, Thomas	Woodstock.	1861	Caledonia.
Boggs, W. B., A. B.	Portland, Saint John.	Sept. 1865	Sydney, C. B. <sup>A</sup>
Campbell, G. R.	Eel River.	July 1857	Howard Settlement.
Carey, G. M. W. A. M.	Saint John.	July 1856	St. Catharines, Ontario.
Edwards, Wm. M.	Blissfield.	March 1855	Hampton.
Estabrooks, G.	Simonds.	July 1847	Upper Gagetown.
Estabrooks, Alex.	Fredericton.	July 1864	Andover.
Goodspeed, C., A. B.	Fredericton.	June 1869	Andover.
Harley, Timothy	Saint John.	March 1863	England.
Harvey, J. G.	Upper Woodstock.	Feb. 1858	Springfield, Queensbury.
Hickson, E., A. M.,	Saint George.	July 1862	Northesk.
Hopkins, W. L.	Pennfield.	Nov. 1854	
Hopper, J. E., A. M.	Saint Stephen.	Sept. 1867	Fredericton.
Howard, George	Jacksontown.	1869	Jacksontown.
Hughes, B. N.	Upper Gagetown.	Oct. 1858	Maugerville.
Jewett, Benj.	Bloomfield.	Sept. 1860	Andover.
Manzer, W. D.	Marysville.	Sept. 1867	Shediac.
McKenzie, W. S., AM	Saint John.	June 1857	East Abington, Mass.
Munro, T. M.	Florenceville.		Florenceville.
Porter, T. H.	Fredericton.	Nov. 1861	Brookfield, C. C., N. S.
Reece, P. O.			
Rideout, W. C.	Saint David.	Sept. 1849	Nova Scotia.
Rigby, George	Kingsclear.	March 1842	
Saunders, T. W.	Princee William.	July 1832	Prince William.
Seely, George	Saint Andrews.	1854	Carleton.
Spencer, James	Saint John.	1852	Nova Scotia.
Spurden, C., D. D.	Fredericton.	April 1841	England.
Tozer, James	Ludlow.	March 1826	Northesk.
Titus, J. W.	Saint John.	1869	Saint John.
Tupper, J. H.	Queensbury.	March 1844	Jacksontown.
Trimble, James	Newcastle, G. L.	Feb. 1845	
Walker, James	Mascareen.	Jan. 1839	
Webb, E.	South Richmond.	Oct. 1850	

LICENTIATES.—T. P. Davies, George Jewett, D. C. Stillwell, James S. May, John Forrest, S. W. Parent, G. L. Price, John Simpson, F. G. Currie, J. A. Durkee, William Annis, Peter R. Knight, Edmund H. Duval, William Beddow, and Edgar Hatfield.

# ABSTRACT STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Date of Formation.	PASTORS.	Date of Settlement.	CLERKS, AND P. O. ADDRESS.	INCREASE & DECREASE.						S. S. STATISTICS.							
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	TOTAL.	Minute Money.	No. Schools.	No. Teachers.	No. Scholars.	No. Vols. in Library.		
*Andover, .....	1871																	
Avondale, .....	1871																	
Beckguinit, .....	1882	J. G. Harvey,	1870	James Barter,														
Blackville, .....	1829	W. M. Edwards,	1860	A. H. Hayward, Rockland, C. Co.														
Blissfield, .....	1865	W. M. Edwards,	1860	L. Dunphy, Upper Blackville, Mir.														
*Bocabeo, .....				Wm. Swin, Freeze's W. O., Doak-														
*Cardigan, .....				[town.														
Canning and Sheffield, .....				Judson Estabrooka.														
*Canterbury, .....					6	6												
Centreville, .....	1843	T. M. Munro,	1868	W. D. Estey.														
Chipman, .....	1844			Wm. H. Fleming.														
Douglas, .....	1831			Geo. Wheory.														
*Dumfries & Queensbury .....																		
Frederick, .....	1814	T. H. Porter,	1870	C. L. Hart, Frederickton.														
*Florenceville, .....	1866				5	9	20	2	187									
*Grand Falls, .....	1843																	
Hainsville, Lower, .....	1868	J. H. Tupper,	1870	Daniel Allen, Lower Hainsville.														
Hodgdon & Richmond, .....	1832	J. E. Bleakney,	1866	L. Sypher, Union Corner, S. Rich'd.														
Howard Settlement, .....	1860	B. Jewett,		Geo. Jameson, Canterbury Station.														
Jacksontown, .....	1825	Geo. Howard,	1868	John Estey, Jacksonstown.														
Jacksonville, .....	1859			Robert Hannah, Jacksonville.														
Kingsclear, 1st, .....		Geo. Rigby,	1867	Joseph T. Dunphy, Spring Hill.														
Kingsclear, 2d, .....	1861			G. A. Hammond, Bristol, Kingsclear.														
*Keswick, 1st, .....																		
Keswick, 2d, .....																		
*Ludlow, .....		J. H. Tupper,	1869	Charles J. Tozer, Douglas.														

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Of all monies received at the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, convened in the City of Saint John, N. B., with the Brussels Street Baptist Church, on the 21st, 22d, and 23d September, 1871.

		Minute Money.	Union Money.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Seminary at F'ton.
From the Upper Gagetown	Church,	\$2 00	\$29 65	\$4 00	....
do. Brussels street	do.	5 00	61 66	....	....
do. Jacksontown	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Germain street	do.	4 00	....	....	....
do. Leinster street	do.	2 00	....	....	....
do. Rushagornish	do.	1 00	4 00	....	....
do. Salmon Creek	do.	2 00	....	....	....
do. Blackville	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Jacksonville	do.	37	....	....	....
do. Avondale (Carleton County)	do.	50	....	....	....
do. Fredericton	do.	1 10	44 00	34 68	....
do. Maugerville	do.	1 20	17 30	....	....
do. 1st Saint George	do.	2 00	....	....	....
do. 2d Falls, St. George,	do.	60	....	....	....
do. 2d Saint George	do.	50	....	....	....
do. 2d Hainsville	do.	40	....	....	....
do. Hainsville	do.	80	....	....	....
do. Centreville	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Saint James	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Tower Hill	do.	1 00	....	1 00	....
do. Rolling Dam	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Saint David (Oak Bay)	do.	1 00	5 75	....	\$0 75
do. Macnaquack	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Howard Settlement	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Beckagumic	do.	1 25	....	....	....
do. Middle Simonds	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Saint Stephen	do.	1 30	17 40	....	2 60
do. Ledge	do.	75	8 56	....	74
do. Chipman	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Portland	do.	8 10	....	....	....
do. Pitt street	do.	1 25	14 32	....	....
do. New Jerusalem	do.	1 12	7 00	....	....
do. Blissfield, Miramichi,	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Pennfield (Charlotte County)	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Canning and Sheffield	do.	1 50	19 00	....	....
do. 2d Kingsclear	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Prince William	do.	70	5 25	....	....
do. Douglas (African)	do.	1 53	....	....	....
do. Woodstock	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Newcastle, Grand Lake,	do.	1 50	....	....	....
do. First Kingsclear,	do.	1 00	7 64	....	....
do. Newcastle, Northfield,	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Third Richmond	do.	50	....	....	....
do. South Richmond	do.	50	....	....	....
do. Springfield (York County)	do.	1 00	....	....	....
do. Hodgdon and Richmond	do.	1 00	....	....	....
Carried forward,	....	\$57 47	241 85	\$39 68	\$4 09

## Treasurer's Report—Continued.

	Minute Money.	Union Money.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Seminary at P'ton.
<i>Brought forward,</i> .....				
From the Second Saint Andrews Church, .....	\$57 47	241 58	\$39 68	\$4 09
do. Lower Woodstock do. ....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
do. Nashwaak do. ....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
do. Carleton, Saint John, do. ....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
do. Newcastle, Miramichi, do. ....	1 50	30 05	.....	.....
	50	.....	.....	.....
Donation from C. A. Hammond, Esq., Grand Falls, V. C., .....	\$62 47	271 58	\$39 68	\$4 09
Col. on the 21st inst., for Foreign Missions, .....		10 00		
Col. on the 22d inst., for Union Society, .....		32 00	16 63	
Col. for Education, on the 23d—Seminary, .....				6 00
	\$62 47	313 58	\$56 31	\$10 09

Minute Money, .....	.....	\$62 47
Union Money, .....	.....	313 58
Foreign Missions, .....	.....	56 31
Education, .....	.....	10 09

Grand total, .....

Z. G. GABEL,

Treasurer Western Baptist Association,

September 1871.

# APPENDIX.

## NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

### OFFICERS FOR 1871-72.

#### *President.*

REV. INGRAM E. BILL.

#### *Vice Presidents.*

REV. G. M. W. CAREY, M. A.,	REV. J. E. HOPPER, M. A.,
“ W. A. COLEMAN,	“ W. S. MCKENZIE, M. A.,
“ DAVID CRANDALL,	“ JAMES A. SMITH,
“ TIMOTHY HARLEY,	“ C. SPURDEN, D. D.,
“ JAMES HERRITT,	“ THOMAS TODD.

#### *Corresponding Secretary.*

J. W. HARTT, M. A.

#### *Recording Secretary.*

JAMES E. MARSTERS.

#### *Treasurer.*

GILBERT M. STEEVES.

#### *Auditor.*

THE HON. A. McL. SEELY.

#### *Executive Committee.*

REV. W. B. BOGGS, B. A.,	J. W. HERRINGTON,
“ J. W. TITUS,	WILLIAM LEWIS,
THOMAS BELL,	A. W. MARSTERS,
WILLIAM BLIZZARD,	JAMES S. MAY,
C. E. BURNHAM,	THOMAS RALSTON,
JOHN CHALONER,	ROBERT SEARS,
EDWARD H. DUVAL,	L. L. SHARPE,
C. D. EVERETT,	JOHN SMITH,
Z. G. GABEL,	JONATHAN TITUS,
S. E. GEROW,	HENRY VAUGHAN,
VALENTINE GRAVES,	GILBERT WHITE,
JOHN H. HARDING,	MARTIN WORTMAN.

Of this Board all Ministers, connected with the two Associations, are members, *ex officio*.

## MISSIONARY AND UNION SOCIETY REPORT FOR 1870-71.

Your Board have much pleasure in presenting their Eighteenth Annual Report. During the year the members of the Board have generally manifested a deep interest in the great work entrusted to them, and been regular in their attendance at the meetings. Unanimity and a dependence upon Divine aid in the discharge of the responsible duties devolving upon the members, have characterized every meeting of the Board. Though, for the want of means, much has been left undone that the cause of Christ requires to be done, yet your Board are thankful to God that they have been able during the past year to respond to so many of the calls made upon them, and that so much good has been done with the limited means at their disposal.

Rev. E. C. Cady, Agent of your Board, though sustained by funds raised outside thereof, has been of incalculable service in raising funds and in otherwise advancing the interests of the great objects embraced in the Union Society. Your Board feel thankful to the Divine Master that He put it into the heart of our dear brother to devote himself to this work; that the means of his support were so readily secured, and that his labors have been so much blessed. Bro. Cady's frequent reports in the *VISITOR* have been read with interest, and make it unnecessary to refer to his labors at greater length in this Report.

Only a hasty glance at the operations of the Board can be given in a limited Report. By referring to the Treasurer's Report, much information may be drawn, which cannot be embodied in this.

### NEWCASTLE, NORTH ESK, LITTLE SOUTH WEST, AND NELSON.

These important fields enjoyed the labors of Rev. E. Hickson till Autumn last, when he accepted the pastorate of St. George. Urgent appeals have been made to the Board to send a missionary in Bro. Hickson's place. Most strenuous efforts have been made by a Committee appointed by the Board to obtain a missionary, and they have succeeded in securing Bro. G. F. Currie, who will labor in those fields for a time. If possible, the Board will send a permanent missionary to the North before Bro. Currie leaves. Bro. Hickson baptized nineteen during the year ending September 20th, 1870.

### ST. ANDREWS, BAY SIDE AND BOCACBEC.

In March last, Rev. Geo. Seely became pastor of these churches. The Baptists in these localities being unable, within themselves, to raise a competent salary for Bro. Seely, urgently appealed to this Board for assistance to the amount of one hundred dollars for one year. To this appeal the Board unanimously thought it their duty to respond. It is most gratifying to know that Bro. Seely "is universally esteemed, and is proving himself a most suitable minister for the work." These churches intend, as soon as possible, to sustain their pastor independent of missionary aid.

### BLACKVILLE AND BLISSFIELD.

These stations are still occupied by Rev. W. M. Edwards, who is one of our most indefatigable missionaries. Your Board, knowing

the importance of these fields, the extent of Bro. Edwards' labors, and the inadequacy of his support, have increased the appropriation, which is now one hundred dollars per annum. Bro. Edwards has also expended labor in the Newcastle field.

#### SAINT STEPHEN.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the efforts made to raise a Baptist church in this town. Rev. J. E. Hopper, the pastor, sends the most cheering reports of progress. This church will be henceforth not only self-sustaining, but will become one of the most active contributors to the funds of the Union Society. A parsonage has been commenced, which is expected to be completed in August. Brother Hopper reports a visit to St. James, where two were baptized, and that the state of things is encouraging. Moore's Mills, Oak Bay, and the Ledge are stations receiving care and attention from the pastor and church.

#### WOODSTOCK.

This church has been passing through a season of deep affliction. This Board was assisting the church in supporting their pastor, whom they were compelled to set aside. Very providentially, Rev. E. C. Cady visited them in their difficulty. They wished him to remain, promising his support for three months, viz., from February to May. The Board sanctioned this arrangement, and Bro. Cady ministered to this church, and was greatly blessed in comforting and strengthening them. Much good was done by Bro. Cady in adjacent localities. Several additions were made to the church by baptism during this visit. Rev. Thos. Bleakney has recently accepted the charge of this church.

#### DIPPER HARBOR AND MUSQUASH.

Brother Abel Washburn has been laboring a portion of the year in those localities. Brother Durkee is now supplying these stations.

#### DORCHESTER.

This church was assisted by your Board in sustaining Rev. Thomas Bleakney, and the reports of his labors in this field are encouraging. The late pastor has been indefatigable in endeavors to promote all our denominational enterprises. May the Lord speedily send them another pastor!

#### SHEDIAC.

Assistance is given to this church in supporting Rev. Frank Beattie. The fostering care of the Board is needed in this locality, as the church is weak and suffers for want of a house of worship in a convenient place. Valuable members have removed to other parts, but additions of new members have been made by letter.

#### CENTREVILLE AND FLORENCEVILLE.

Rev. T. M. Munro labors in these churches, and your Board assists in his support. He is a successful missionary. Aid has been given to Father James Walker, who, under the sanction of the Board, visits various destitute localities.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS.

Brethren Simpson and Beddow, at the Baptist Seminary, Fredericton, and Brother Durkee of Acadia College, have received aid in the prosecution of their studies as far as the means would allow. An appropriation has been made to Bro. G. F. Currie to assist him next year at Acadia College.

Applications for aid to Sabbath Schools and infirm ministers, or widows of deceased ministers, have been responded to as far as means would allow.

Your Board regret to report the death of Rev. A. D. Thomson, one of the Vice-Presidents of this Society, and a most valuable and successful minister of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. HARTT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## AN ACCOUNT OF MONEY

received by me, in the Eastern Association, both before and at the session in Sackville. Much of the amount received at the Association was from John Cahill and John Tingley, to whom I give credit for it all.

Name of Chnrch.	Before and at Asso'n.	Mnute Money.	U. S.	F. M.	H. M.	Total for Missions
1st Alma,.....	At	\$1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
2d Alma,.....	At	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bay Side,.....	At	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Butternut Ridge,.....	Before	.....	.....	\$24 76	.....	.....
do. ....	At	1 09	.....	43 50	.....	\$68 26
Caledonia,.....	At	1 10	.....	6 00	.....	6 00
2d Cambridge,.....	At	1 00	\$6 50	.....	.....	6 50
1st Cambridge,.....	At	1 00	11 49	23 44	.....	34 93
L. Cambridge,.....	At	1 00	6 97	.....	.....	6 97
1st Coverdale,.....	Before	.....	1 33	.....	.....	.....
do. ....	At	36	5 42	.....	.....	6 75
3d Coverdale,.....	Before	.....	2 44	.....	.....	.....
do. ....	At	40	3 45	.....	.....	5 89
Dorchester,.....	Before	.....	8 23	.....	.....	.....
do. ....	At	1 00	23 50	2 00	.....	33 73
1st Elgin,.....	At	1 02	.....	.....	.....	.....
2d Elgin,.....	Before	.....	2 85	.....	.....	.....
do. ....	At	40	2 03	.....	.....	4 88
3d Elgin,.....	Before	.....	4 18	.....	.....	.....
do. ....	At	.....	7 08	.....	.....	11 26
2d Grand Lake,.....	At	1 00	13 01	.....	.....	13 01
Germantown,.....	At	1 20	.....	20 80	.....	20 80
Glenville,.....	Before	.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....
do. ....	At	40	.....	13 30	.....	16 55
Hampton,.....	At	60	10 62	.....	.....	10 62
Hammond Vale,.....	Before	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....
do. ....	At	82	22 02	.....	.....	29 52
1st Harvey,.....	At	1 00	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
2d Harvey,.....	At	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
1st Hillsboro,.....	Before	.....	22 90	1 50	50	.....
do. ....	At	3 12	79 76	1 50	.....	106 16
2d Hillsboro,.....	Before	.....	34	.....	.....	.....
do. ....	At	40	.....	1 00	.....	1 34
4th Hillsboro,.....	Before	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
do. ....	At	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell,.....	At	2 60	34 00	8 50	9 20	51 70
Hairwood,.....	At	50	5 80	.....	.....	5 80
Jemseg,.....	At	1 00	14 25	17 54	.....	31 79
1st Johnson,.....	Before	.....	2 90	2 00	.....	.....
do. ....	At	1 20	2 34	2 33	.....	9 57
Kars,.....	Before	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....
do. ....	At	50	4 10	.....	.....	7 35
1st Moncton,.....	Before	.....	4 95	2 73	.....	.....
do. ....	At	2 00	.....	17 41	.....	25 09
2d Moncton,.....	Before	.....	6 23	1 00	.....	.....
do. ....	At	84	15 99	4 50	.....	27 72
Mill Cove,.....	At	2 03	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
New Canaan,.....	Before	.....	3 00	3 98	2 60	.....
do. ....	At	1 12	18 85	5 00	.....	32 43
Norton,.....	Before	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
do. ....	At	.....	20 30	.....	.....	21 30



Name of Church.	Before and at Associa'n	Minute Money.	U. S.	F. M.	H. M.	Total for Missions
North River,.....	Before	.....	.....	\$4 38	.....	.....
do.	At	\$0 40	.....	1 47	.....	.....
Point DeBute,.....	Before	.....	3 25	.....	.....	\$5 85
do.	At	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Migic,.....	At	1 40	.....	10 95	.....	14 20
Pollett River,.....	At	80	7 84	.....	.....	7 84
Petitcodiac,.....	Before	.....	8 18	.....	.....	.....
do.	At	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....
Amasa Killam, Esq.,.....	At	.....	10 00	.....	.....	29 18
1st Sackville,.....	At	1 10	19 85	.....	.....	19 85
2d Sackville,.....	Before	.....	6 48	.....	3 00	.....
do.	At	1 50	23 26	.....	.....	32 74
1st Salisbury,.....	Before	.....	25 06	2 00	.....	.....
do.	At	1 00	7 00	.....	.....	34 06
2d Salisbury,.....	Before	.....	11 74	1 00	.....	.....
do.	At	70	2 65	.....	.....	15 39
3d Salisbury,.....	At	54	.....	16 49	.....	16 49
1st Springfield,.....	Before	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
do.	At	1 00	20 00	.....	.....	25 00
2d Springfield,.....	Before	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
do.	At	70	5 36	.....	.....	6 36
Studholm,.....	At	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
1st St. Martins,.....	Before	.....	23 00	.....	.....	.....
do.	At	2 00	.....	.....	.....	22 00
2d St. Martins,.....	last Sept	.....	10 75	.....	.....	.....
do.	At	.....	9 50	.....	.....	20 25
Shediac,.....	Before	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	.....
do.	At	1 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Sussex,.....	Before	.....	.....	.....	11 00	.....
do.	At	90	.....	.....	.....	11 00
Sussex (Upper),.....	Before	.....	28 65	5 12	5 66	.....
do.	At	50	1 00	.....	.....	40 43
Upham,.....	Before	.....	13 55	.....	.....	.....
do.	At	20	10 85	.....	.....	24 40
Wickham, Upper,.....	Before	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....
do.	At	75	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Willow Grove,.....	At	.....	.....	.....	4 00	4 00
Rev. D. Crandall,.....	At	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Friday A. M. Collection,.....	At	.....	.....	.....	12 32	.....
do. evening do.	At	.....	.....	.....	8 97	.....
Sabbath do.	At	.....	.....	.....	19 04	40 33
Bay Verte & Port Elgin,.....	At	.....	.....	.....	5 29	5 29
Unknown friend,.....	Before	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00
		\$50 19	\$658 05	\$279 45	\$101 58	\$1089 08

Thus it will be seen that I have received from the Eastern Association, since its session at Springfield, up to date—

Union Society Money,.....	\$658 05
Foreign Mission ".....	279 45
Home ".....	101 58
Minute ".....	50 19
Total,.....	<u>\$1089 72</u>

I have received from the Western Association, since its late session at Upper Gagetown, as follows:

For the Union Society—		
From Jacksontown,.....	\$22 59	
“ Grand Falls,.....	1 00	\$23 59
For Foreign Missions—		
From Upper Gagetown,.....	1 00	
“ Widow Grace Anderson, per Rev. J. E. Hopper,	10 00	
“ Tobique,.....	6 98	17 98
For Home Missions—		
From York County Quarterly Meeting,.....	8 14	
“ St. Stephen,.....	11 31	
“ Jacksontown,.....	3 22	
“ Woodstock,.....	60 55	
“ Carleton Co. Quar. Meeting,.....	19 05	
“ Centreville,.....	1 00	
“ Tobique,.....	2 22	105 49
Total,.....		<u>\$147 06</u>

Total receipts from both Associations, since October 1st, 1870—

Minute Money (Eastern Association),.....	\$50 19
Union Society,.....	692 59
Foreign Missions,.....	286 48
Home Missions,.....	207 07
	<u>\$1236 33</u>

Since the above was in type, I have returned from St. Martins, with the following sums, to be added:

1st St. Martins, H. M.,.....	\$53 86
“ “ U. S.,.....	23 50
	<u>\$77 36</u>
2d St. Martins, H. M.,.....	\$ 3 00
“ “ Minute Money,.....	50
	<u>3 50</u>
Total,.....	<u>\$80 86</u>

I have received in all from First St. Martins, \$90.36, \$60 of which is from Capt G. W. Marsters. The \$50 given by him yesterday is for Home Missions. Received in all from 2d St. Martins, \$23.25. Of this sum \$10.75 was contributed last summer, but did not come into my hands in time for last year's Minutes.

July 25, 1871.

E. C. CADY.



1871.		Cr.		
		<i>Brought forward,</i>	.....	\$1,587 94 \$2,592 66
Nov	12.	By cash from C. D. Everett, account Rev. E. C. Cady's salary,	.....	
		H M F,	.....	50 00
Jan	19.	" cash from Rev. E. C. Cady, H M F,	.....	93 28
	19.	" cash from do.	.....	82 72
	27.	" cash from T. H. Hall, Esq., U F,	.....	10 00
Feb	6.	" cash from Brussels street Church, H M F,	.....	5 85
	6.	do. do. U F,	.....	90 00
	6.	" cash from Leinster street Church, account Rev. E. C. Cady's salary, H M F,	.....	25 00
	28.	" cash per Rev. I. E. Bill, from a Friend,	.....	3 00
	28.	" cash from Rev. D. Manzer, for F M F,	.....	4 00
	28.	" cash per Rev. I. E. Bill, from Edward Seely, U F,	.....	1 00
	28.	" cash per do. from Chas. Balmain, I M F,	.....	1 00
March	5.	" cash per H. Todd, Esq., from Corey Estate, H M F,	.....	25 00
	6.	" cash from Brussels street Church, per Z. G. Gabel, U F,	.....	21 00
	6.	" cash from Rev. G. M. W. Carey, on account E. C. Cady's salary, H M F,	.....	5 00
	18.	" cash from C. D. Everett, on acct. E. C. Cady's salary, H M F,	.....	25 00
	18.	" cash from Rev. E. C. Cady, coltd. in Carleton Co., F M F,	.....	11 00
		do. do. H M F,	.....	9 13
		do. do. do. U F,	.....	25 47
June	5.	" cash from C. D. Everett, Esq., account E. C. Cady's salary H M F,	.....	25 00
	6.	" cash from Rev. E. C. Cady, U F,	.....	76 43
	6.	" cash from Portland Church, on account E. C. Cady's salary, H M F,	.....	800 00
	6.	" cash from Leinster street Church, on account E. C. Cady's salary, H M F,	.....	25 00
	27.	" cash from Rev. E. C. Cady, F M F,	.....	58 20
	27.	" cash from do. H M F,	.....	22 93
	27.	" cash from do. U F,	.....	89 71
	27.	" cash from G. M. Steeves, on account E. C. Cady's salary, H M F,	.....	10 00
				<u>\$2,592 66</u>

*The several Funds, Baptist Missionary and Union Society, in account with G. M. Steeves, Treasurer.*

UNION FUND.

1871.		Dr.		
July	1.	To paid credit Home Mission Fund,	.....	\$459 36
		" Foreign Mission Fund,	.....	143 55
		" Ministerial Education Fund,	.....	173 26
		" General Education Fund,	.....	143 55
		" Sabbath School Fund,	.....	114 84
		" Superannuated Ministers' Fund,	.....	114 84
				<u>\$1,148 40</u>
1871.		Cr.		
July	1.	By receipts to this Fund during year,	.....	\$1,148 40
				<u>\$1,148 40</u>

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1871.		Dr.		
July	1.	To paid orders on this Fund,	.....	\$1,324 16
		" balance on hand,	.....	27 22
				<u>\$1,351 38</u>
1870.		Cr.		
July	1.	By balance on hand,	.....	\$6 23
1871.				
July	1.	" receipts during year,	.....	885 79
		" proportion from Union Society,	.....	549 36
				<u>\$1,351 38</u>



## MINUTE FUND.

1870.					
July	1.	To balance due Treasurer,	.....	.....	\$4 23
1871.					
July	1.	" paid orders on this Fund, ....	.....	.....	93 99
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					\$98 22
1871.					
July	1.	By receipts during year, ..... Cr.	.....	.....	\$98 22
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					\$98 22
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					CASH ON HAND.
1871.					
July	1.	Home Mission Fund, .....	.....	.....	\$27 23
		Foreign Mission Fund, .....	.....	.....	201 92
		Ministerial Education Fund, .....	.....	.....	75 03
		General Education Fund, .....	.....	.....	26 58
		Sabbath School Fund, .....	.....	.....	96 67
		Superannuated Ministers' Fund, .....	.....	.....	57 74
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					\$485 76

I have examined the foregoing accounts of G. M. Steeves with the Baptist Missionary Society, and compared the vouchers, and find all correct, except the following, for which there is no vouchers: July 11th, 1870, Mrs. McInnis, \$6, and J. Tozer, \$5; June 13, 1871, there is charged paid the Rev. Dr Tupper, \$138.28—voucher for \$102 only; and on the 19th June, 1871, there is charged \$12.50 paid the Shediac Church, for which there is no voucher. There are but few vouchers for amounts credited by the Treasurer. The balance on hand belonging to the several Funds of the Union Society is, as per account, \$485.76.

A. McL. SEELY, AUDITOR.

Saint John, N. B., July 20, 1871.

## APPENDIX—No. 2.

## OBITUARY NOTICES.

[Continued from page 16.]

REV. A. D. THOMPSON fell asleep in Jesus, September 10, 1870. He was born in St. Andrews August 7, 1800, and was born again when about 25 years of age. He was then engaged in teaching a successful school in his own community, and was instrumental in the conversion of several of his pupils. In 1830 the late Rev. Thomas Ansley visited the County of Charlotte, and his ministry was attended by a remarkable work of grace. Among the number baptized by him was A. D. Thompson; but as there was no Baptist Church at St. Andrews at that time, he joined the Church in Calais. Subsequently a Church was organized at the Ledge, St. Stephen, in which he took an active part, and was called by the new Church to ordination. Rev. T. H. Harding preached his ordination sermon: Rev. Joseph Crandal, Rev. Thos. Magee, and Rev. John Masters assisted in the service. He itinerated extensively not only through the County of Charlotte, and in the State of Maine, but also in many sections of these Provinces, and was eminently successful in the conversion of souls. Some five hundred persons were baptized by him. His ministry partook largely of the missionary spirit; he was therefore never more in his element than when engaged in pleading for Home and Foreign Missions. He was a friend to education; and some of his last years were mainly devoted to the collection of funds for Acadia College, and for the Seminary at Fredericton. His last sermon was preached in the spring of 1868. His illness was protracted and severe; but he was blessedly sustained by the rich and precious promises of the Gospel; and when death came to his release, it found him ready to go up and receive the promised crown, all radiant with many gems brought to Christ through his instrumentality.

Rev. J. E. Hopper frequently visited him during his last sickness, conducted his funeral services, administered consolation to his bereaved widow and children, and saw his remains deposited beside the grave of Father Ansley, on Sand Point Bay. What a glorious resurrection these two faithful witnesses will have together when the Saviour shall come to fashion their mortal bodies like unto His own most glorious body.

In an obituary notice written by Brother Hopper for the *Christian Visitor*, and published Oct. 6th, 1870, the writer very justly remarks: "The departed ranks among those we term the 'Fathers.' He partook largely of their spirit. His religion was a thing of the heart as well as of the mind. He yearned over dying men, and besought them in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God. He being dead yet speaketh. His sermons, exhortations, and prayers, are remembered by thousands; and, like bread cast upon the waters, will be seen after many days.

The N. B. Western Baptist Association esteemed him highly in love for his work's sake, and make this record of their departed

Brother Thompson in the depth and sincerity of christian love, and with feelings of the deepest sympathy for his mourning widow and sorrowing children.

REV. THOMAS LOCKEY has gone to rest. He was a native of Gloucester, England, and was educated in the Episcopal Church; but when brought under the influence of redeeming grace, he was led to investigate prayerfully the word of God for guidance, and the result was a deep conviction that it was his duty to follow Christ in baptism, and to unite with the Baptist Church. He accordingly did so. Subsequently he emigrated to New Brunswick, and joined the Germain Street Baptist Church, St. John. The Church showed their appreciation of his gifts and graces by electing him as one of their deacons. Subsequently he was called to the ministry of the Word; and for some fifteen years he rendered valuable service as a faithful minister of the New Testament. He performed successfully the duties of the pastorate at New Jerusalem, Chipman, Scotchtown, and Cambridge. Wherever he was known in his denomination he was highly esteemed as an earnest christian, and as a diligent and successful laborer in the Master's vineyard. The great passion of his soul was to lead souls to the Redeemer. Nearly fourscore years passed over him in this world of conflict, and then he departed to be with Christ, and participate in the fulness and glory of that life which shall never end. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life."

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## A DECLARATION

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Church of Christ,  
composing the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth: Deut. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Ps. xc. 2, cxlvii. 5; James i. 17; 1 Tim. i. 17; Mark x. 27; Isaiah vi. 18; Deut. xxxii. 4; Ex. xv. 11, xxxiv. 6, 7.
2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: Matt. xxviii. 19; John xv. 26; 1 Cor. xii. 4-6; 2 Cor. xiii. 14; Eph. ii. 18.
3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which He hath given us our only rule of faith and practice: Luke xvi. 29-31; 2 Tim. iii. 15-17; 1 Thess. ii. 13; 2 Peter i. 21, iii. 2; Rom. iii. 2; Isa. viii. 16, 19, 20.
4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, has foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18, ii. 23; Ps. lxxvi. 10, xxxiii. 11; Rom. ix. 17-23, xi. 36.
5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power: Gen. i.; Ex. xx. 11; Dan. iv. 35; Heb. i. 3.
6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness; and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen. i. 26, 27; ii. 16, 17; Ecc. vii. 29; Gal. iii. 10.
7. That man being left to himself soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 12-19.
8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: John vi. 44; Eph. ii. 4, 5, 7-10; 1 John iv. 10.
9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of Christ's kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. Rom. viii. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5, 11; John vi. 37-39; Rev. vii. 9; Titus ii. 14; Mark xvi. 15; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Isa. ix. 7; Rev. xi. 15.
10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the

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

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

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

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedience to his holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3; 1 Cor. x. 31; Eph. ii. 10; Col. iii. 2, 3; Gal. ii. 20; Rom. xii. 1, 2.

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

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

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

17. That there will be a general resurrection, both of the just and the unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works; when the wicked will be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal: John v. 28, 29; Acts xvii. 31, xxiv. 15; Rom. ii. 15; Matt. xvi. 29, and 26-46.

## PART THE SECOND.

### Concerning a Visible Church of Christ, and its Discipline.

1. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of Saints and people, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to shew forth

his glory, and for their own edification: 1 Peter, ii. 5; Acts, ii. 42, ix. 31; Hebrews, x. 25; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter—that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their faith have been baptized by Immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. xxviii. 19, 29; 1 Cor. xi. 23-26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26; and viii. 12, 35-39; Matt. iii. 6-16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; Gal. iii. 27; Matt. xxvi. 26-28; Acts xx. 11; 1 Cor. x. 16.

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

4. That a Church thus gathered hath power to choose, and by Elders to ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz.: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the Gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of the neighboring Churches of Christ: Acts i. 21-26, vi. 8-6, xiv. 23, and xv. 6-31; 1 Cor. v. 18; 2 Thess. iii. 6, 14, 15; Titus, iii. 10.

That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother, yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place; whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house: Matt. xx. 25-29; 1 Peter v. 8; Acts xx. 20-28, 31; Heb. xiii. 17; 1 Thess. v. 12, 13.

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

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him; in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the Church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz., the glory of God and the good of his people; and the Church ought to be subject to such improvements: 1 Peter iv. 10, 11 and v. 6; 1 Tim. iv. 14; 1 Cor. 12th and 14th chapters; Rom. xii. 8-8.

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

## COVENANT.

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

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

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others; and if we have any personal difficulty with our brethren, we will not cherish enmity or speak of our grievances to others, but will faithfully labour with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Matt. xviii. 15, 17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harboured in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his word—expecting that He will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom; applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

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APPENDIX—No. 3.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK  
BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D. 1836.

OFFICERS FOR 1871-72.

*President*—Z. G. Gabel, Esquire.

*Vice-Presidents*— { Rev. C. Spurden, D. D.

{ Hon. A. McL. Seely.

*Treasurer*—Valentine Graves, Esquire.

*Secretary*—James A. Estey.

*Board of Directors*—A. F. Randolph, A. D. Yerxa, W. S. Estey, C. F. Clinch, A. Young, James H. Moran, Wm. Vaughan, R. T. Babbit, J. R. Bradford, Wm. Swim, James Titus, A. W. Masters, C. E. Burnham, C. G. Berryman, G. M. Steeves, John Fisher, John H. Harding, Henry Vaughan, R. G. Lunt, John Smith, D. V. Roberts, E. Read, Joseph Crandall, Esquires, and Hon. Judge Steadman.

*Trustees of the Seminary*—Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., and Asa Coy, Z. G. Gabel, A. F. Randolph, and Henry Vaughan, Esquires.

*Executive Committee*—Revs. Dr. Spurden, W. S. McKenzie, Timothy Harley, T. H. Porter, and Z. G. Gabel, A. F. Randolph, and R. H. Phillips, Esquires.

Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society.

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Baptist Education Society, held in connection with the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, at Saint John, September 22rd, 1871, (Saturday, 11 o'clock, A. M.)*

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, the Association gave place to the deliberations of the Education Society. The chair was taken by the President; the Moderator of the Association (for the time) retired.

Meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Cramp. The Secretary then read the Seminary Report (prepared by the Secretary at Fredericton), also the Treasurer's Report.

On motion—The Reports were received.

Attention was called to a paragraph in the Secretary's Report, which required alteration.

The paragraph referring to the successor of Professor Goodspeed was duly altered, as the Report had been prepared previous to his re-acceptance of the Principalship.

The Secretary then read the Constitution of the Society.

On motion—The Rev. Mr. Parsons (Free Baptist) was unahimously invited to take a seat with the Education Society.

The President then gave an interesting and detailed statement of the action and procedure of the Committee during the year. Necessary furniture for the Seminary had been procured, and it was now equipped in an excellent manner.

Professor Goodspeed then delivered a short address, giving expression to his great interest in the Seminary. He remarked: "There has never been more students in attendance—a large proportion of which are young men. The prospect for an increase of students is very favourable. The internal arrangements of the Seminary have been greatly improved; and the small debt thereby incurred would be liquidated easily, at an early date, by the plan proposed."

Moved by the Rev. Timothy Harley, and carried—

That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate the Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

The following gentlemen were then appointed, viz.: Revs. W. S. McKenzie, Timothy Harley, and E. Hickson.

The Committee then retired, and upon return, gave names of Directors as stated above.

This Directorate, on motion, was approved.

The following Committee of Management was then appointed:—Revs. Dr. Spurden, Timothy Harley, W. S. McKenzie, T. H. Porter, and Z. G. Gabel, A. F. Randolph, and R. H. Phillips, Esquires.

On motion—A Committee was appointed to revise the Constitution of the Baptist Education Society.

The following gentlemen constitute this Committee—Revs. I. E. Bill, Timothy Harley, and W. S. McKenzie.

On motion—The meeting adjourned to give place to the Association.

JAMES A. ESTEY, *Secretary*.

## REPORT.

Eighty-six have studied at the Seminary the past year, and it is a matter for rejoicing that the majority of them has been young men and women. The average weekly attendance has been fifty-one. Twenty-eight studied classics. Thirty young men were at one time pursuing their studies. If the interest was what it should be throughout the Province, the number fitting for College would be greatly increased. A good proportion of this year's students, we have reason to believe, will eventually find their way to College.

Many of them, not possessing the means to carry them through their studies at once, are obliged at intervals to teach, &c. This and other causes make the attendance at the Seminary fluctuating, and at the close of the year the number of pupils is much less than at other times; especially is this the case the present year. This should, and might to a great extent, be obviated, by all feeling the desirableness of remaining the year through.

The number that has been prepared for the College course the past six years has been large, and we believe during these years no other Institution in our Province has done more in this respect.

The examinations during the year, have been highly creditable to the Principal and the Teachers, and have been the bestpro of of their worth as instructors.

The closing examination was largely attended by ladies and gentlemen. Among the latter were Professor Jones, of Acadia College; Hon. J. A. Beckwith; Dr. Jack, President of N. B. University; Principal Crockett, of the Provincial Training School; Rev. Dr. Brooke; Rev. P. Melville, A. M.; Hon. Judge Steadman; Dr. Atherton; Z. G. Gabel, and Asa Coy, Esquires; Rev. Dr. Spurden, Rev. T. H. Porter, Rev. E. C. Cady, Rev. W. A. Corey, and Rev. W. D. Manzer.

It is with great pleasure we note the presence of Prof. Jones, of Acadia College, as one of the examiners, the first gentleman from that Institution who has paid us a visit in that capacity, and whose example, we trust, will be annually followed by the President and the other Professors of Acadia.

We have for several years past enjoined in our Reports (and we do not intend to let this opportunity slip, to repeat) the duty of christian parents remembering the Seminary in their prayers; and likewise again ask a prayerful interest in Acadia College; and let those prayers be seconded by your money. Every church in our Province should make it a point to send an annual donation to *our* College, that we may not only help to maintain but to increase its efficiency.

RICHARD H. PHILLIPS,  
*Secretary.*

Fredericton, June 15, 1871.

## No. 1.

*Baptist Education Society in account with A. F. Randolph.*

1870.		Cr.		
Mar. 3.	By amount of collection this date,	.....	.....	\$4 98
April 4.	" subscription 1st Springfield Church,	.....	.....	5 00
July 23.	" amount received from Rev. C. E. Goodspeed,	.....	.....	200 00
Aug. 3.	" cash from Rev. C. Spurden,	.....	.....	19 00
Aug. 5.	" cash from Z. G. Gabel, Esq.,	.....	.....	31 23
				<u>\$260 21</u>
1870.		Dr.		
July 23.	To paid Rev. C. E. Goodspeed,	.....	.....	\$19 00
23.	" R. Phillips' account,	.....	.....	31 23
Sept. 1.	" order to J. Haines,	.....	.....	200 00
Apr. 22.	" R. Phillips,	.....	.....	8 50
Aug. 5.	" balance, ....,	.....	.....	1 48
				<u>\$260 21</u>
By balance to new account,		.....	.....	<u>\$1 48</u>

## No. 2.

*New Brunswick Baptist Education Society in account with Rev. C. Goodspeed.*

1871.		Cr.		
June	To paid rent of Hall for concert,	.....	.....	\$6 00
	" putting up staging and sundry expenses for the entire concert,	.....	.....	22 35
	" window blinds for school room,	.....	.....	2 97
	" cash paid over to Z. G. Gabel,	.....	.....	11 34
				<u>\$42 66</u>
1871.		Dr.		
June	By cash nett proceeds of concert,	.....	.....	\$56 66
	" received from rent of barn,	.....	.....	6 00
				<u>\$42 66</u>





CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY,  
AS FORMED IN 1834.

1. That this Society be called "THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY."
2. That each subscriber of Twenty Shillings, annually, shall be a member; and that a donation of not less than Ten Pounds, at one time, shall constitute an individual a member for life.
3. That a General Meeting of the Society be held annually.
4. That the Officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, and Committee of Management.
5. That the Board of Directors shall be composed of all the ordained Baptist ministers and twenty-four persons, at least twelve of whom shall be regular members of Baptist churches, in connection with the New Brunswick Baptist Association.
6. That the Committee of Management, consisting of seven, shall be chosen by the Board of Directors, who shall have power to change all or any of them whenever they think it desirable.
7. That the Funds of this Society be appropriated to the establishment and maintenance of a Seminary of Learning, at Fredericton, under the management of the Committee, and supervision of the Board of Directors.
8. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year, to make such general regulations as may be deemed necessary for the promotion of the objects of the Society, and the government of the Committee.
9. It shall be the duty of the Committee to conduct the business of the Society, and to provide pious and efficient Teachers; under whose care and that of the Committee it shall be an all-important object to inculcate sound, religious and moral principles, and to induce habits of industry, good order and economy.
10. It is contemplated that this Institution shall afford the means of instruction in the usual branches of English Literature, and of Scientific, Classical, and other Studies, which usually comprise the course of education at an Academy, Theological Seminary and College.
11. That the Seminary be open to persons of any denomination.
12. The Tuition and Board to be fixed at as low a rate as possible.
13. That eleven of the Board of Directors shall form a quorum.
14. That no alteration shall be made in the Constitution of this Body, unless with the consent of at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

FORM OF PROMISE.

We, the undersigned, engage to pay annually the sum set opposite our names, as annual subscribers to the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society—the year commencing from the first day of July in each year—unless notice in writing be given to the President or Secretary of the Society, discontinuing such annual subscription.