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OF THE  
FIFTEENTH SESSION  
OF THE  
CENTRAL  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
OF  
NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT CANARD, CORNWALLIS,

Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 17, 19, & 20, 1865.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c., &c.



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## MINUTES.

OANARD, June 17th, 1865.

THE Association met pursuant to adjournment at '2 o'clock, P. M.

### LIST OF MEMBERS.

#### DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

*Aylesford, Upper*,—Rev. J. L. Read, Deacons E. D. Harris, G. West, O. Cogswell, and Isaac Wheelock, (Lic.)

*Bridgewater*,—Rev. S. March, and Bro. A. C. Randall, M. D.

*Chelsea*,—Rev. S. March.

*Chester*,—Deacon D. Hume, Brethren J. Thomas, I. Hume, B. Eisenhaur and J. Millege.

*Cornwallis 1st*,—Rev. A. S. Hunt, Deacons J. Ellis, E. Harris, T. W. Rand, H. K. Eaton, J. A. Chipman and W. Thomas.

*Cornwallis 2nd*,—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Deacons A. Parker, William Cragg, T. White, and Brother Robert Lyons.

*Cornwallis 3rd*,—Rev. J. Parker, Deacons A. Strong, C. E. Parker, S. Sweet, Brethren J. Roscoe and J. Bligh.

*Cornwallis 4th*,—Rev. J. L. Read, Brethren C. Hall and H. Ray.

*Cornwallis 5th*,—Rev. D. Freeman, Brethren E. West, D. Sanford, W. A. Tupper and J. E. Rand.

*Dartmouth*,—Rev. A. F. Porter.

*Falmouth*,—Rev. Wm. Barton, Deacons C. Baker, C. E. Young and Wm. Kennedy.

*Halifax 1st*,—Rev. Dr. Pryor, S. Selden and R. N. Beckwith.

*Halifax 2nd*,—Rev. A. H. Munro, Deacon D. Thompson, Brethren G. Robins and J. Steele.

*Hammonds Plains 1st*,—Rev. R. R. Philp.

*Hammonds Plains 2nd*,—Rev. D. Shaw.

*Hantsport*,—Revds. Wm. Burton and S. T. Rand, Deacons William Davison, E. Davison, and Bro. M. Travoy.

*Horton 1st*,—Revds. S. W. deBlois, Dr. Cramp, T. A. Higgins, J. Chase, Deacons S. Fitch and M. Cleveland.

*Horton 2nd*,—Rev. E. O. Read, Deacons C. Martin, J. Pick, and Brother James Vaughan.

*Horton 3rd*,—Rev. S. B. Kempton and Deacon Wm. Davison.

*Jeddore*,—Brother J. Meadows.

*Kempt*,—Deacon J. Greeno and Brother J. Greeno.

*Lambertburg*,—Deacon J. Andrews and Brother J. Mader.

*New Germany*,—Rev. W. E. Hall, Deacon D. Lantz, G. Spidle.

*Newport West*,—Rev. G. Wethers.

*Newport East*,—Rev. J. Bancroft, Deacon F. Parker, and Brother B. J. Moxon.

*New Ross*,—Rev. A. Shields.

*Preston 1st*,—Brother J. Crawley.

*Rawdon*,—Brethren John Casey and J. McLearn.

*Sackville*,—Rev. R. R. Philp, Deacon F. Webber and C. Hefler.

*Windsor*,—Rev. D. M. Welton, Deacon T. S. Harding and D. Mosher.

*Windsor Plains*,—Rev. D. Shaw and Brother D. Williams.

#### DELEGATES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

*Western*,—Revds. J. H. Saunders, J. Stabbert, D. O. Parker, A. Cogswell, A. Weaver, I. Wallace, N. Vidito, W. Hall, R. Morton, D. Cox, G. Armstrong, W. H. Porter, and J. M. Parker, (Lic.)

*Eastern*,—Rev. J. H. Kempton.

#### INVITED.

Revds. T. H. Porter, Sen., L. B. Gates, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Brethren N. Corning, W. Gridley, H. Creed, T. A. Blackadar, (Lic.), H. Thomas, A. A. Pineo, S. D. Shaw, Rupert Eaton, J. W. Bars, J. Lockwood, E. Frail, E. Freeman, M. Beckwith, A. Boggs, D. A. Steele.

The Association was called to order by Rev. J. Parker, Moderator of last year.

After prayer, by the Rev. W. Burton, a ballot was taken which resulted in the choice of Rev. E. M. Saunders as Moderator. The Rev. E. O. Read was appointed Secretary, and Rev. R. R. Philp, Assistant Secretary, and Bro. Mayhew Beckwith, Treasurer.

Revds. T. A. Higgins, J. Bancroft, and Dea. S. Selden, were appointed a Committee to examine the Letters.

Revds. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Pryor, and W. Hall, were appointed to read the Letters.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee of Nomination and Arrangement:—Revds. A. S. Hunt, J. Parker, S. W. deBlois, D. Freeman, S. B. Kempton, Bro. F. Webber, and W. Witt.

The Letters from the Churches were then read from which the following statistics were obtained:—

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## CHURCHES.

	INCREASE			DECREASE		Total.
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Died.	
1 Aylesford Upper, .....	..	..	..	..	1	232
2 Bridgewater, .....	3	1	..	3	1	109
3 Burton, (no Letter), .....	..	..	..	..	..	31
4 Chelsea, .....	1	..	1	..	..	72
5 Chester, .....	2	3	..	3	1	240
6 Cornwallis 1st, .....	55	8	..	2	..	402
7 Cornwallis 2nd, (revised), .....	4	10	..	7	4	398
8 Cornwallis 3rd, .....	..	..	..	7	1	316
9 Cornwallis 4th, .....	..	1	..	..	1	95
10 Cornwallis 5th, .....	2	1	..	..	2	124
11 Dartmouth, .....	2	..	..	..	..	44
12 Falmouth, .....	6	..	..	2	..	56
13 Halifax 1st, .....	3	4	..	3	1	161
14 Halifax 2nd, .....	..	2	1	6	2	169
15 Hammonds Plains 1st, .....	..	..	..	1	2	54
16 Hammonds Plains 2nd, .....	..	..	..	..	..	54
17 Hantsport, .....	2	..	..	7	3	272
18 Horton 1st, .....	60	10	1	7	..	263
19 Horton 2nd, .....	16	..	3	1	2	272
20 Horton 3rd, .....	9	10	..	..	..	132
21 Indian Harbour, .....	8	1	..	..	2	76
22 Jeddore, .....	..	..	1	..	3	110
23 Kempt, .....	2	1	..	1	2	69
24 Le Have, .....	..	1	..	..	..	41
25 Lunenburg, .....	2	..	..	1	1	95
26 New Cornwall, (no Letter), .....	..	..	..	..	..	35
27 New Germany, .....	13	4	2	1	1	128
28 Newport West, (corrected), .....	..	2	..	2	..	139
29 Newport East, .....	..	2	..	1	2	79
30 New Ross, .....	..	2	..	2	1	65
31 Preston 1st, .....	..	..	..	..	..	23
32 Preston 2nd, .....	..	..	..	..	..	15
33 Rawdon, .....	..	..	..	1	1	120
34 Sackville, .....	1	..	..	..	..	32
35 St. Margaret's Bay, .....	1	..	..	2	..	28
36 Tancook, (no Letter), .....	..	..	..	..	..	97
37 Walton, (no Letter), .....	..	..	..	..	..	14
38 Waterville, (no Letter), .....	..	..	..	..	..	12
39 Windsor, .....	..	2	..	..	1	142
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The Committee on Nomination and Arrangement presented the following report:—

### COMMITTEES.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS:—Revds. W. Burton, A. S. Hunt, J. Parker, S. W. deBlois, J. March, G. Armstrong, J. Stubbett, Deas. S. Fitch, Wm. Davison, and Bro. Levi Woodworth.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER:—Revds. A. H. Munro, N. Vidito, W. Hall, S. B. Kempton, and A. Shields.

ON "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."—Revds. D. O. Parker, A. Weaver, J. Stubbett, I. Wallace, D. Shaw, J. H. Saunders, Brethren J. Bligh, R. Lyons, C. E. Parker, and W. A. Tupper.

ON UNION SOCIETIES:—Revds. D. Freeman, A. P. Shields, L. B. Gates, Brethren A. Strong, D. Williams, W. Witt, E. Harris, E. West, D. Sanford, and John Mader.

ON EDUCATION:—Revds. D. M. Welton, Dr. Cramp, A. S. Hunt, T. A. Higgins, G. Armstrong, D. Freeman, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Brethren W. Gridley, J. Corning, F. Webber, J. W. Barss, F. Parker, J. Andrews, R. Eaton, and A. A. Pince.

ON MISSIONS:—Revds. Dr. Pryor, S. T. Rand, G. Wethers, D. Cox, R. S. Morton, D. Shaw, A. P. Shields, Brethren R. N. Beckwith, S. Selden, G. Robins, B. J. Moxon, E. Harris, J. Pick, C. Martin, D. Thomas, G. White, and Crawley J. Rusco.

ON OBITUARIES:—Revds. J. L. Read, J. Bancroft, and Dea. A. Parker.

The Committee also recommend that Prayer meetings be held at 6 o'clock, A. M., during the session at this house, that the meetings commence at 10 A. M., and 2.30 P. M., and close at 12.30 and 6 P. M.

That all the Committees meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., on Monday.

That after the sermon on Monday, the Circular Letter be read.

That the first business of the afternoon be the report of the Committee on Missions.

That the Report on Education be presented on Tuesday morning. Report adopted.

*Voted*, That the following brethren be a Committee on Sabbath Schools:—Revds. D. Freeman, S. T. Rand, J. H. Saunders, Brethren S. Selden, G. Robins, J. W. Barss, E. Lockwood, R. N. Beckwith, and J. Pick.

*Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an abstract of the Letters from the Churches read to this Association, and that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to publish the same in the columns of that paper, and that the following brethren be that Committee:—Revds. A. H. Munro, Dr. Pryor, and Bro. S. Selden.

*Voted*, That Brethren J. W. Barss, R. N. Beckwith, Rupert Eaton, F. Webber, and S. Selden, be Delegates to the Convention.

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*Voted*, That all the Ministering brethren in this Association, and Bro. Selden, be Delegates to the Eastern, and Western Associations.

*Voted*, That 1,000 copies of the Minutes be printed at the *Christian Messenger* office, under the superintendence of Bro. S. Selden, and Rev. R. R. Philp, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association at its next Session, and that \$44.00 be paid to Bro. Selden for the same.

On motion, after prayer by Rev. N. Vidito, adjourned.

On the Lord's day Rev. Dr. Pryor preached at 11 A. M. At 4 P. M., a Sabbath School Concert was held. Meetings were also held in the neighbouring places of worship and sermons preached by members of the Association.

#### Morning Session, June 19, 1865.

Rev. E. M. Saunders preached the Introductory Sermon from 2 Cor. xi. 29.

Prayer by Rev. J. Stubbett.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

*Voted*, That Brethren T. S. Harding and D. Thompson be an Auditing Committee.

The Committee on the Circular Letter recommend that it be read. After the reading of the Letter it was

*Voted*, That it be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

*Voted*, That a public meeting be held this evening, on the subject of Sabbath Schools, at 7 o'clock.

After prayer, by Rev. I. Wallace, adjourned.

#### Afternoon Session, June 19.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Pryor. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

*Voted*, That Bro. Saunders be requested to furnish a copy of the excellent and appropriate discourse, delivered by him before the Association this morning, for publication, and that Bro. Selden be requested to publish it in the *Christian Messenger*.

*Voted*, That the Churches composing this Association furnish in their Letters next year the dates of their formation.

The Committee on Union Societies reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The Committee on Missions reported. Report adopted. Resolutions in regard to Missions were passed. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

*Voted*, That the Association be held next year with the Church at Hantsport. That the Rev. D. M. Welton preach the Annual Sermon, that the Rev. D. Freeman be his alternate, and that Rev. S. March write the Circular Letter.

After prayer, by Rev. J. Bancroft, adjourned.

#### Morning Session, June 20.

Prayer by Rev. W. Hall. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Dr. Cramp called the attention of the meeting to the fact that the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Baptist Association held its Anniversary in this place fifty years ago. There were then 26 Baptist Churches in the Provinces, containing 1207 members; there are now 268 Churches, containing 24,649 members; the increase of churches being tenfold, and of members twentyfold.

Dr. C. further stated that the Introductory Sermon was preached in 1815, by the Rev. Joseph Dimock, from 1 John iv. 9., and that a missionary sermon was preached on the second day of the Association, by the Rev. Edmund J. Reis, from Jonah ii. 2. So powerful was the effect of the sermon that a contribution was raised for the purpose of sending a missionary "to the Eastward of Halifax," amounting to £29 13s. It was also voted, "That the Association is considered a Missionary Society, and with them is left the whole management of the Mission business."

The Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Fund presented his report, which was adopted. (See Appendix E.)

*Voted*, That the present Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund be re-appointed, and that the Treasurer's report be published in the Minutes.

*Voted*, That the Churches of our body be requested to take up a collection to assist in the erection of a Meeting House for our coloured brethren at Hammonds Plains, and that the collection be made on the 1st Sabbath in August.

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*Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to confer with Rev. Dr. Cramp in reference to the publication of the Historical Letters which have appeared in the *Christian Messenger* from his pen, and to report at the Convention at Berwick, a plan for the accomplishment of that object, and that the Revds. J. Parker, S. B. Kempton, and E. M. Saunders be said Committee.

The Committee on Education reported. After remarks by Revds. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Pryor, Bro. S. Selden, Revds. S. W. deBlois, W. Burton, W. Hall, I. Wallace, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Bro. J. W. Barss, and Rev. S. T. Rand. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

*Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of this Association be presented to the Canard Church and Congregation, and to other friends in the vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session, and also to the Choir for the excellent music with which they have favored us.

On motion, after prayer, by Rev. J. Parker, the Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Hantsport, on the third Saturday in June, at 11 A. M., 1866.

E. M. SAUNDERS, *Moderator*.

E. O. READ, *Secretary*.

R. R. PHILP, *Assistant Sec'y*.

*Canard, June 20th, 1865.*



## Circular Letter.

### TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

*Dear Brethren,—*

The religion of Jesus Christ brings its possessors into a most intimate fraternal relation. The Bible introduces the Great God of Heaven and Earth as the Father of all believers in Christ. Christians are instructed by the Great Teacher to approach the throne of Heavenly majesty and say "Our Father who art in Heaven." And, moreover, God Himself has said in reference to his people I will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters."

Our Saviour recognizes the same family connection when He stretches forth his hands toward his Disciples, and out of the fulness of his loving heart exclaims "Behold my mother and my brethren for whosoever shall do the will of my father, who is in Heaven, the same is my Brother and sister and mother." And it would seem as if He took special pains to include Himself among the number. This appears, when He says to Mary, after his resurrection, "Go to my brethren and say unto them I ascend to my Father and your Father; and to my God and your God."

The addresses of the inspired apostles to the Churches and to the "strangers who were scattered abroad" believers in Christ, breathe the same spirit of brotherly regard. All connection by birth or nationality is entirely disregarded, and the higher fraternal relation is recognized, comprising believers of all nations, tongues, and people. Wherever the gospel shines and men come to the light, receiving its

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truth into their hearts, there are accessions to this great Brotherhood; and it is a source of no little joy to the lovers of Christianity, that the family is destined to enlarge until it shall embrace inhabitants of every land, and the religion of Jesus shall be the ruling principle of all hearts.

In order to the healthy action and steady progress of this great family, the Head of the Church has provided his children with the "Book of books" in which is contained laws and ordinances—precepts and commandments—exhortations and instructions; in short everything necessary for guidance and encouragement, "given by inspiration of God and profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," so that "he may run that readeth it."

Among the many important laws promulgated in that book for the observance of the children of God, is

#### BROTHERLY KINDNESS.

This we have selected as the subject of the present letter. A subject which, although it has only a single mention in the Bible, occupies, nevertheless, a very important place.

Brotherly kindness is one of the links of that glorious chain of Christian 'graces of which faith is the first and charity the last. It is the connecting link between Godliness and Charity. It is a branch of that illustrious tree, of which Faith is the root and Charity the luxuriant foliage. It is one of those important additions to faith concerning which the apostle has said, "If these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

That the principle under consideration, is of heavenly origin may be clearly understood from the fact that it is not found to exist in unenlightened, unrenewed human nature. The more than cold-hearted expression that fell from the

lips of Earth's first born ; " Am I my brother's keeper ? " shows plainly that it is not among the bitter fruits that grow in nature's garden. It is, in fact, the legitimate offspring of brotherly love ; and brotherly love is based upon the love of God. For the testimony of the Apostle is, that " He who loves God, love his brother also. " And we need no inspired penman to tell us that He who loves his brother will be kind to him.

Regarding brotherly kindness then of divine origin, we observe, that it may and ought to be cultivated in the heart of every believer in Christ. We cannot expect a clear stream to flow from an impure fountain ; nor do we look for good fruit on a corrupt tree. No more have we any right to look for the outward manifestation of brotherly-kindness unless that principle be deeply wrought and imbedded in the heart. Hence we would respectfully, and yet most earnestly urge upon our brethren, one and all, the vast importance of using all possible means for the accomplishment of so desirable an object.

A clear perception of the relation in which we stand to the whole family is of the utmost importance as preparatory to its cultivation in the heart. If we fail in this we make a grand mistake. We can have no clearer view of that relation than we see in that beautiful expression " Our Father who art in Heaven. " If the paternal relation be acknowledged, the fraternal follows as a natural and inevitable consequence. Therefore while we approach God as our Heavenly Father and claim Jesus Christ as our Elder Brother, we are to recognize the whole family of believers whether high or humble, rich or poor, bond or free as " all one in Christ, " wrought upon by the same spirit, redeemed by the same blood, and animated by the same hopes and anticipations. A proper, heartfelt sense of this relation will lead to a conviction of the positive necessity of cultivating brotherly-kindness.

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We shall be aided in the accomplishment of this, by a close observance of the practice of the divine Exemplar. If we take a view of the Saviour's intercourse with the early christians we cannot fail to see the most striking illustrations of the principle in question. Although infinitely their superior, yet he was among them as "He that serveth," constantly ministering to their necessities and making provision for their happiness. How conspicuously is brotherly-kindness exhibited in his patience, and forbearance with the weaknesses and infirmities of his disciples. "Henceforth" he says, "I call you not servants—but I have called you friends, for all things that I have received of my Father I have made known unto you." But his crowning act of fraternal regard is seen just after the last supper before his betrayal; when "He laid aside his garments, took a towel and girded himself, poured water into a basin and washed his disciples' feet, and wiped them with the towel wherewith he was girded." Let mortals stand amazed as they behold God in human flesh stooping to the feet of his disciples, setting such a bright and illustrious example of brotherly-kindness.

*Apostolic precept and example* may be studied with much profit in the cultivation of this heaven-born principle. Paul enjoined it as a duty when he said to his brethren in Galatia, "Let us do good unto all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith." In his epistle to the Romans he says "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love." Again he writes to the Colossians, "Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness—forbearing one another and forgiving one another." Paul said to Barnabus on one occasion, "Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord and see how they do." By the prayerful study of these and kindred passages we cannot fail to be imbued—measurably

at least—with the same spirit which moved the hearts of the Apostles, and we shall be prompted to similar acts of kindness.

But it is not enough to cultivate the friendly *feeling*. There must be corresponding *action*. It will not do to say to a brother or sister, naked and destitute of daily food, depart in peace “be ye warmed and filled,” while the needful is not supplied. There must be an outward manifestation of the inward principle. In fact the universal law of cause and effect places the matter beyond a doubt that wherever the spirit of brotherly-kindness exists as an inward principle the legitimate fruits must and will be seen.

Brotherly-kindness may be manifested in various ways.

1. *By cordial greeting.* We are social beings and the element needs to be called into exercise. How often have weak and trembling ones been encouraged and strengthened by christian courtesy. The affectionate grasp of the hand—the word of encouragement, and even a look of kindness will frequently raise the fainting spirit and whisper confidence.

2. *By sympathizing with one another in affliction.* It seems to be the common lot of God's people to drink largely of the bitter cup of sorrow. God himself has said “I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people.” But there may be much sweetness mingled in the unwelcome draught by the presence and kindly attention of christian friends.

3. *By mutual forbearance.* Many imperfections cling even to the best of christians. Some of God's children are wayward and weak, frequently wandering from the fold and bringing disgrace upon themselves, and reproach upon the church. The exhortation of Paul is in point here when he says “Brethren if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.”

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4. *By acts of hospitality.* Of this we have an illustrious example in the conduct of the early disciples. "They had all things common, they sold their possessions and laid them down at the Apostles' feet, and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." It appears to have been the design of our Saviour that his servants should depend largely upon the liberality of their brethren. When he sent them out into the world to preach he commanded them to take no money in their purses. But he took care to provide them with kind friends with whom they might lodge, and who would "help them on their journey after a godly sort."

5. *By affording relief from pecuniary embarrassment.* Examples of this are not wanting. The contribution for the poor saints at Jerusalem, from those of Macedonia and Achaia, is a striking instance. On another occasion we read that the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren who dwelt at Judea, which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

The universal prevalence and constant exercise of Brotherly kindness in our churches would be productive of incalculable benefits and blessings.

1. *It would prevent any undue advantage being taken in financial dealings.* The servant would not endeavour to purloin his master's goods. Masters would give to their servants "that which is just and equal." Business men would not overstep the bounds of integrity in order to increase their wealth. Men of capital would not exact from their less favoured brethren a premium on their loans, over and above the legal rate of interest. Brethren would not go to law with one another "before the unjust." Oppression and extortion would be unknown, and the rights and privileges of each and all would be duly recognized, and each one would "count a brother's case his own."



2. *It would quench the coals of burning strife* and promote peace and harmony in all our Churches. There would be no angry contentions calculated to mar the enjoyment and disturb the quiet which should always prevail—no unhappy dissensions having a tendency to weaken the Church and destroy her influence—no jarring discords so destructive to the harmonious and effectual working of the body. The great among God's children would have no higher aspirations than to be their ministers, and the chief among them would cheerfully take the place of servants. In lowliness of mind each would esteem other better than himself. Our churches would present a picture of loveliness, and would be a beautiful illustration of that delightful expression, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity."

3. *It would greatly tend to narrow down those worldly distinctions of rank and station* which so frequently creep into the church. "The brother of low degree would rejoice in that he was exalted, and the rich in that he was made low." The "poor man in vile raiment would receive like treatment with the rich man in gay clothing." And whatever might be the diversity of situation in regard to wealth, birth, or talents, each and all would recognize their brethren as the purchase of Christ's dying agonies, and entitled to equal privileges with themselves.

Finally. There would be such a majesty in the appearance of the Church—such a power in all her movements—such strength and beauty in her sanctuary—such union of heart and sentiment that the world would be constrained to say, See how these christians love one another. They would with wonder exclaim, "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the North, the city of the great King."

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## APPENDIX.

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### REPORT ON "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

Your Committee beg leave to report that they regard the *Christian Messenger* as indispensable to the best interests of our denomination, and that it should have a place in every family of our associated body. As an important auxiliary in educating the hearts, and in moulding the religious sentiments of the people it should be cherished in the prayers and sympathies of the denomination. The efficient Editor in his manly, independent, judicious, prompt, and laborious editorials, enjoys the entire confidence of this Association, and richly deserves our respect, gratitude, and hearty co-operation. Your Committee would, therefore, respectfully urge upon the pastors the propriety of co-operating with the local agents in enlarging its circulation and of frequently and urgently pressing its claims upon their respective congregations.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

D. O. PARKER, *Chairman.*

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### UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies beg to report, That while we would give free scope to the voluntary principle, we would affectionately urge that as Christians we should feel constrained to consecrate ourselves and property to God. Because our gifts to the cause of God are free-will offerings, and not wrung from us by the hand of oppression,

they should be none the less bountiful. Gratitude to God for our being, our civilization, and our salvation, should cause us to feel it our highest privilege as well as our solemn duty to contribute as largely as possible to his cause.

Let us also study to be as godlike in all our benefactions as possible. Let us give, not once a year, as is the practice of some, but continually. "On the first day of the week, every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." God sends His blessings on us daily, so we should study to make a daily return. Again God gives to all, according to their wants. He hears the ravens when they cry, and feeds the young lions. The grass of the field is not beneath his notice. His tender mercies are over all his works. So let our benediction rest on every good institution that has a right to claim our support. This is the basis of our Union Society. It is cruel to withhold our support from any of these objects simply because our unhallowed sympathies do not happen to move us towards that object. We have Acadia College, Ministerial Education, Home and Foreign Missions and Infirm Ministers to sustain. Let us apportion our support to each according to their needs, and not according to our sinful prejudices, or our capricious likes and dislikes. Let us give largely, give from principle, give habitually, give systematically, give magnanimously, give like ransomed beings, give freely. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us give individually; let us train our churches and congregations to give; let us teach our Sabbath Schools and children to give. In no other way can we hasten the day when men and women will not worship mammon, but the living God.

We would recommend that sermons be preached, prayers be offered, and money contributed for these missionary objects, at least, on the first Sabbath of every month, and that all proper means be employed to cultivate on earth the heavenly fruits of christian benevolence. Here is an object worthy of all our ambition to abound in those fruits which have their root in the heart by the love of God. Let us, too, remember the proverb, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, then shall thy barns be filled with plenty."

D. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report, and Your Committee have learned that since your last session two young men had offered themselves to the Board to go forth to the Foreign Mission field; but that on a professional examination, they were judged physically unfit, while both morally, intellectually, and religiously, they were all that could be desired. We still hope that among those beloved young brethren, who, of late, have been born into the kingdom, some one or more will be constrained to offer themselves as missionaries to the heathen.

Your Committee are pleased to learn, from statements in the *Messenger*, that pecuniary assistance has been freely offered for the support of native preachers, in connection with the Henthada Mission; highly approving of this appropriation, they would earnestly request a continuance of such benevolent offers; believing as they do, that the work performed by those native preachers is, under God, promotive of the highest benefit; and that while it may be necessary to send from christian lands, a few missionaries to aid in educating these native preachers, as well as themselves preaching the Gospel to the Heathen, the main success in propagating Gospel truth and converting sinners among them to God, will largely depend upon the labors of native converts who are called of God to preach the everlasting Gospel.

Your Committee are happy to state that the report of the Home Mission is encouraging; about the same amount of labor has been performed as on the previous year; and tokens for good have appeared in many places, and new fields are opening for the labors of our missionaries.

We learn also that the French Mission presents encouraging prospects, and now while urging upon our churches increased efforts on behalf of our Missionary Societies, we would remind you, that we are bound to look with constant eye at the spiritual aspect of the world, and at the imperative demands of a Saviour at the solemn trust reposed in us, by Him, for the benefit of the nations, and at the tribunal where we must meet, in the same mo-

ment the glances of the men, for whom, and of the Master, by whom the trust was given; remembering how much depends under God, upon the agency to which we are summoned; and so beholding our own duty and happiness, the Saviour's honor and the world's salvation connected with that agency, that we may be "zealously affected in this good work."

J. PRYOR, *Chairman.*

#### RESOLUTIONS ON MISSIONS.

Moved by Rev. W. Burton, seconded by Rev. J. Kemp-ton, and sustained by Dr. Pryor, I. Wallace, and W. Hall.

1. That it becomes all Baptists to foster the Home Mission enterprise, not only because it is the practical expression of regard to the Saviour's injunctions, but also because it is the spiritual development of patriotism, and has received abundant manifestations of the Divine blessing.

Moved by S. Selden, and seconded by Rev. J. H. Saunders.

2. That the opposition of Baptist principles to Romanism in all its forms renders the French Mission highly important and interesting to our Denomination, and that the success which has followed our efforts should encourage continued liberality and zeal.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Cramp, seconded by Rev. D. M. Welton.

3. That while this Association cannot but regret the failure of endeavours hitherto to secure the services of a Missionary to the heathen, at our own control, the continuance of those endeavours is to be regarded as very desirable; and that in the mean time the employment of native preachers under the superintendence of Brother A. R. R. Crawley offers an excellent mode of appropriating our funds, and is commended to our benevolence by the encouraging results which, through God's favour and blessing, have been already accomplished.

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#### ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee on Questions in Letters beg leave to report as follows;

In reference to the Question from the Church in New Germany,—It has been the custom in our associated churches that ordained ministers alone should administer the ordinances, which practice we deem it wise to retain.

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tized, for membership in any of our churches, it is the privilege of those churches to decide as to the propriety and terms of their admission.

We recommend that a column be added to our Minutes with the following heading,—“Received from other denominations.”

In reference to the question from the Fifth Cornwallis Church, your Committee are of the opinion that the ordinary usage of our denomination in organizing new churches is for members entering the new organization to obtain individually letters of dismission for that purpose. Such being the case, the parent church remains the same body in possession of all its property in tact, unless some arrangement of a different character have been made.

WM. BURTON, *Chairman.*

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**INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, in account with D. R. EATON,**  
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June 20.	To Cash paid Rev. Thomas Delong, for Rev. Wm. Caldwell's widow, .....	\$ 10 00
Sept. 16.	To Cash paid Rev. Wm. Chipman, for Rev. James Palmer, .....	20 00
Nov. 5.	Postage, .....	0 32
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Cornwallis, June 20th, 1865.

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## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg to report, That under the Divine blessing our Institutions of learning have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the past year.

Thirteen young men in the College, besides a considerable number of the pupils in the two Academies, have put on the Lord Jesus Christ by a public profession of religion. The converting grace that has descended almost annually upon Acadia College since it was founded, seems to us to indicate that it has the approbation of God, and that none should therefore hesitate to offer their prayers and contributions for its support.

At the close of the last term, ten young men, having completed the required course of study, received the degree of Bachelor in Arts. Five of the number have, as we trust, been called of God to the work of the Christian ministry, and have resolved to devote themselves thereto.

Your Committee regard the liberal sustentation of Acadia College as essential to the growth and prosperity of the Baptist Denomination in these Provinces, and therefore exceedingly regret that the appeals which are made from year to year to the churches for its support, are, as a general thing so inadequately responded to. It is not surprising that some of the churches whose contributions have hitherto quite come up to the measure of their ability, should begin to feel dissatisfied and discouraged, because others, larger perhaps and more wealthy than themselves, do little or nothing.

As we look to Acadia College for a supply, under God, of missionaries for the Home and Foreign field, and as its vital relation to all our religious enterprises renders their success largely dependant on its own, your committee are, therefore, of opinion, that, until the Endowment Fund reaches the required limit, no object should take precedence of it in the amount contributed for its support.

Your Committee are glad to learn that the Endowment Fund is being gradually increased, and while they appreciate the more ordinary method adopted for the support of the College, they would take the liberty of suggesting to its friends that copying the example of a DeWolf and Jacobs, they remember it in their last will and testament.

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Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that by the addition of Mr. Jones to the staff of Professors, that staff now consists of *four* gentlemen, all of whom are well qualified for their work, and enjoy the confidence and respect of the students and of the denomination. But your Committee believe there should be no relaxation of effort till the President of the College has an assistant Professor in the Theological department, and the College proper has two additional professors, one for Modern Languages and one for Natural Science.

The control of Horton Academy and the Female Seminary has been transferred, by legislative enactment, to the Governors of the College—a step which, it is believed, will give efficiency as well as unity and simplicity to the machinery of the Institution.

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating that the necessity of a Female Seminary, on a larger scale than the one now existing, is beginning to engross the mind of the denomination, and would conclude this report by calling the attention of the Association to the following resolutions:

Whereas the following resolutions were passed at a recent meeting of the Governors of Acadia College, viz.:—

"1. That the success which has attended the Female Department of our educational enterprise is abundantly encouraging, and should stimulate the Denomination to persevering and extended effort.

"2. That the insufficiency of accommodation in the house hitherto used for the Female Seminary renders the provision of a larger and more commodious building absolutely necessary; and that there is good reason to believe the number of pupils prepared to attend the Institution will increase from year to year, till the wants of the Denomination in this respect are fully supplied.

"3. That in the opinion of this Board it is desirable that an effort be immediately made to raise a fund for the erection of a Seminary Building, capable of accommodating at least one hundred pupils, and provided with the most approved means and appliances of education.

"4. That the Committee in charge of Horton Academy be requested to carry these resolutions into effect as soon as practicable, by appealing to the benevolence of the Denomination and of the Public at large, and by taking such other steps for the accomplishment of the object as may be deemed expedient:—

Your Committee would therefore recommend the following resolution for adoption by the Association:—

*Resolved*, That the contemplated measure is regarded with entire approval by this Association, and that the female members of the Churches of which it is composed are hereby especially and earnestly recommended to assist in carrying it into effect.

D. M. WELTON, *Chairman*.



# MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE CHURCHES,

JUNE 17, 1865.

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	French Mission.	Acadia College.	Ministerial Education.	Indian Ministers.	TOTAL.
Aylesford Upper.....	\$ 4 00	12 00	7 90	.....	1 50	3 00	28 40
Bridgewater.....	7 13	1 63	.....	5 25	0 62	1 37	16 00
Burton Church.....	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 60
Chelsea.....	7 10	2 68	4 67	4 14	.....	.....	18 59
Chester.....	24 23	18 06	.....	.....	1 04	2 38	45 71
Cornwallis 1st.....	20 28	25 29	.....	.....	6 00	6 90	58 47
Cornwallis 2nd.....	2 00	17 95	9 91	14 10	.....	6 00	49 96
Cornwallis 3rd.....	10 67	7 79	4 27	.....	0 68	1 27	24 68
Cornwallis 4th.....	2 42	3 93	.....	.....	0 47	0 93	7 75
Cornwallis 5th.....	6 37	12 14	.....	9 75	1 00	1 60	30 86
Dartmouth.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Falmouth.....	4 70	4 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 40
Halifax 1st.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*2 50
Halifax 2nd.....	15 12	8 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	31 12
Hammonds Plains 1st	4 25	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	7 25
Hantsport.....	9 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 25	18 25
Horton 1st.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	8 50	.....	18 50
Horton 2nd.....	10 00	6 00	.....	11 00	.....	.....	27 00
Horton 3rd.....	5 17	5 30	.....	10 75	.....	.....	21 22
Indian Harbor.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50
Kempt.....	4 00	4 25	.....	4 00	.....	.....	12 25
La Have.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	5 25
Lunenburg.....	5 39	5 30	.....	10 00	.....	2 54	23 14
New Germany.....	9 07	15 08	2 65	8 25	0 25	0 88	36 18
Newport East.....	2 00	2 00	2 30	.....	.....	.....	6 30
Newport West.....	8 50	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 75
Preston 1st.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Preston 2nd.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Rawdon.....	2 75	3 50	.....	2 50	.....	.....	8 75
Sackville.....	8 00	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	2 00	15 00
St. Margaret's Bay...	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Windsor.....	31 17	47 80	.....	6 00	.....	.....	84 97
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Windsor Church wishes \$25 of the sum to be paid for Foreign Missions, to be applied to the support of pupil Ma-O-Sa in Mission School under Bro. Crawley.

M. BECKWITH, Treasurer.

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The following Churches reported in their letters additional sums as having been collected during the year, for Benevolent objects, but not having been paid to the Treasurer of the Association, it is presumed they have been paid to the respective Treasurers for the different objects :

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Chester Church.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00
Cornwallis 2nd.....	20 00	.....	.....	8 05	.....	.....	28 05
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Hammonds Plains 2nd	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Horton 1st.....	40 00	40 40	.....	16 00	19 00	.....	115 40
Horton 3rd.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	4 00
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# **MINISTERS IN THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.**

Names.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. Bancroft....	Newport, East.....	Mar. 8, 1849.	Rawdon.
" N. Baker.....	Tancook .....	.....	River John.
" W. Chipman....	Pleasant Valley....	Mar. 19, 1829.	Pleasant Valley.
" J.M. Cramp, D.D.	Wolfville .....	May 7, 1818.	London, G. B.
" John Chase.....	Wolfville.....	..... 1855.	Billtown.
" Geo. Dimock....	Newport, West.....	Aug. 7, 1820.	Newport.
" S. W. deBlois...	Wolfville .....	Feb. 26, 1854.	Chester.
" D. Freeman.....	Canning .....	Aug. —, 1855.	Halifax.
" T. A. Higgins...	Wolfville.....	Aug. 30, 1857.	Liverpool.
" A. S. Hunt.....	Canard, Cornwallis.	Nov. 10, 1844.	Dartmouth.
" A. H. Munro....	Halifax .....	Dec. 10, 1857.	Digby Joggins.
" J. Parker.....	Billtown, Cornwallis.	May 19, 1842.	Up. Wilmot.
" S. T. Rand.....	Hantsport.....	Oct. 7, 1834.	Cornwallis.
" E. O. Read.....	Gaspereaux .....	Jan. 8, 1858.	Gaspereaux.
" J. L. Read.....	Upper Arlesford....	June 30, 1858.	Hopewell, N.B.
" E. M. Saunders.	West Cornwallis....	Dec. 15, 1856.	W. Cornwallis.
" I. J. Skinner....	Chester .....	Sep. 19, 1858.	Port Medway.
" J. Stevens.....	Rawdon .....	Aug. 4, 1830.	Horton.
" B. Taylor.....	New Germany.....	July 13, 1842.	Chelsea.
" B. Vaughan....	Kempt .....	May 4, 1842.	Wolfville.
" D. M. Welton...	Windsor.....	Sep. 2, 1857.	Windsor. [R.I.
" John Pryor, D.D.	Halifax .....	June —, 1830.	Providence.
" T. DeLong.....	St. Margaret's Bay..	Feb. —, 1834.	New Albany.
" R. R. Philp....	Sackville.....	Oct. 12, 1856.	Margaree, C.B.
" D. G. Shaw.....	Falmouth .....	Jan. 24, 1860.	Falmouth.
" D. Pineo.....	Long Point.....	Dec. 24, 1844.	Greenwich.
" R. Walker.....	Aylesford .....	June 3, 1856.	L. Aylesford.
" W. Burton.....	Hantsport.....	July 20, 1828.	Westbrook.
" S. B. Kempton..	New Minas.....	Sep. 16, 1863.	New Minas.
" S. March.....	Bridgewater.....	July 5, 1856.	St. Francis, N.B.
" L. B. Gates.....	Lunenburg, N. W.	.....	Lunenburg, N.
" A. F. Porter....	Halifax .....	July 19, 1858.	Billtown. [W.
" Geo. Weathers..	Newport .....	May 12, 1864.	Newport.
" W. E. Hall.....	New Germany.....	Sep. 23, 1864.	New Germany.

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## PROVINCIAL Sabbath School Convention.

The Annual Meeting of the S. S. Convention was held at Canard, Cornwallis, on Monday, June 19th, 1865.

The President in the chair. The Officers and Boards were elected as follows:—

FOR THE PROVINCE:—S. Selden, President.

Rev. A. H. Munro, Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Pryor, Treasurer.

FOR WESTERN ASSOCIATION:—Rev. H. Angell, Rev. J. H. Saunders, S. Brown.

FOR CENTRAL ASSOCIATION:—J. W. Barss, Rev. D. Freeman, and Rupert Eaton.

FOR EASTERN ASSOCIATION:—Rev. J. E. Balcom, T. B. Layton, David Page.

At the Western Association at Milton, a meeting of the S. S. Convention was held on Tuesday evening the 13th of June.

Rev. Jos. H. Saunders read the statistics of Sabbath Schools so far as they had been received.

Addresses were delivered on the following subjects:—

1. Why are Sabbath Schools necessary? by Rev. W. H. Porter.

2. Who should be Sabbath School Teachers? by Rev. W. G. Goucher.

3. Sabbath School Concerts; their nature, advantages and dangers, by Rev. W. H. Richan.

At the S. S. Meeting with the Central Association, Rev. David Freeman stated that only a small proportion of the Schools had sent returns with their statistics; which he supposed to have arisen from the circumstance of no blank forms having been sent. Some supposed that the statistics sent to the Autumn session, held at Cornwallis last year, precluded the necessity for statistics being forwarded again at the present time.

Three addresses were then given:—

1. What are the objects to be sought by Sabbath Schools? by Rev. S. March.
2. What faculties of the soul should principally be cultivated in Sabbath Schools? by Rev. Amos Weaver.
3. The uses of Poetry and Music as means of instruction in Sabbath Schools? by Rev. D. M. Welton.

At the Eastern Association the following subjects were discussed:—

1. What are the essential characteristics of efficient Teaching in Sabbath Schools? by Rev. James E. Balcom.
2. Prayer in Sabbath Schools. How may the young be taught to pray? by Rev. Mr. Langridge, late of Ottawa, Canada West.
3. Preaching, Teaching, and Training: What are their relative merits in Sabbath School instruction? by Rev. T. A. Higgins.

The time which it is possible to appropriate to Sabbath School matters at our Associational gatherings, renders it impossible for us to organize the Convention properly, or distinguish the Sabbath School Delegates from the members of the Association and others present at the public meetings, or make use of communications from individual schools, as might be done at a separate meeting, solely for the purpose of a Sabbath School Convention. It is nevertheless highly important that there shall be some recognition of Sabbath School work, at each session of the Association. If, therefore, returns could be obtained from all the Sabbath Schools in each of the Associations at an earlier date, so as to present a summary of the whole, and some reference to particular cases or schools before the several Associational gatherings, it would be very desirable. All the schools would then be brought before all parts of the Province united in Convention, and there would be a better opportunity of having the full statistical information published. This work, brethren, is of the highest moment and worthy of your best energies. When we engage in it heartily we follow the footsteps of the Divine Redeemer, the Great Teacher.

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At the S. S. meeting held at Amherst the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this meeting recommends the officers of this Convention to adopt such measures, during the ensuing year, as they may be able, for the purpose of securing an earlier and fuller return of the statistics from the Sabbath Schools in connection with the denomination throughout the Province.

The Secretaries have taken pains to get together the statistics contained in the following tables, and yet they are very imperfect.

As some of the Schools have failed to report their numbers of "males" and "females," both as respects scholars and Teachers, we are unable to give the Totals under those separate heads, and can only give the aggregate number without such distinction. We hope that more care will be taken in future in giving these particulars. The following are the totals of the Returns sent in:—

	Schools.	Scholars.	Teachers.
Western Association,	30	1841	227
Central           "	37	2454	310
Eastern          "	17	848	124
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	74	5143	661

In the Western Association ten schools, containing about 649 scholars, report themselves last year, but have failed to do so this year.

In the Central Association the larger proportion of the schools failed to report themselves, but the Secretary obtained the statistics of a number from the returns sent to the session of the Convention held in September 1864. Still there are eight schools containing upwards of 400 scholars reported last year but not in the above list.

In the Eastern Association fifteen schools, containing upwards of 600 scholars, reported themselves last year, but have failed to do so at the present.

There are, therefore, probably, about one hundred and seven Sabbath Schools, containing about seven thousand Scholars, in connection with the Baptist Churches in our three Associations.

S. S.



Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Central Baptist Association. June, 1865.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in B. C. and S. S.	Volumes in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.				
Halifax North Church.....	Geo Robbins.....	59	72	131	7	12	19	13	8	324	70 67
" Grenville Street Church.....	H. N. Paint.....	43	50	93	5	7	12	8	8	489	37 67
Bridgewater.....	Isaac Durland.....	19	22	41	3	4	7	8	8	140	20 00
New Germany.....	David Lantz.....	38	49	87	7	8	15	15	25	250	4 81 1/2
" Branch.....	Wm. Wagner.....	18	15	33	3	2	5	5	12	180	5 00
Jeddore.....	James Jennex.....	40	50	90	7	6	13	27	...	...	...
Cornwallis, Upper Canard.....	J. E. Lockwood.....	60	42	92	6	5	11	...	...	179	14 50
" Lower Canard.....	D. R. Eaton.....	44	20	64	6	3	9	...	...	175	9 50
" N. Mountain.....	Otis Eaton.....	21	20	41	3	3	6	...	...	160	9 00
" Franklin Hall.....	A. McPhail.....	20	25	45	2	3	5	...	...	...	...
Cornwallis 2nd, Black Rock.....	Thos. White.....	35	25	60	4	4	8	6	...	...	...
" Berwick.....	Wm. C. Shaw.....	82	92	174	9	10	19	26	26	112	43 50
" Coldbrook.....	Robt. C. Winsby.....	26	19	45	3	5	8	5	...	...	...
" 3rd, Bilkdown.....	Melatan Kinsman.....	43	19	62	4	4	8	...	...	60	5 19
" 3rd, Arnold school house.....	Samson F. Porter.....	24	15	39	3	3	6	...	...	...	2 25

Cornwallis 5th, Percan.....	E. C. West.....	25	30	59	6	6	12	12	7	283	24 50
" Canning.....	J. S. Witter.....	50	80	130	3	4	7	12	2	400	8 00
Chester Town.....	L. J. Skinner.....	23	21	44	3	4	7	9	2	160	8 50
" East.....	Joseph Thomas.....	20	16	36	3	3	6	5	5	100	5 30
" Marriot's Cove.....	Edward Hickman.....	25	15	40	3	3	6	...	...	...	...
" Grant.....	John White.....	25	15	40	3	3	6	...	...	...	...



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" " Grant.....	John Whalen.....	12	14	28	24	4	4	1	6	2	50	0 50
St. Margaret's Bay.....	Cornelius Kennedy.....	26	24	50	40	5	5	2	6	7	100	12 00
" " Mutton Cove.....	Cornelius Kennedy.....	19	16	35	30	2	2	4	4	4	...	...
Falmouth Union Missionary School.....	James Greeno.....	20	30	50	35	2	2	5	5	...	100	...
Horton 1st Westville.....	Andy Shaw.....	36	43	79	75	4	4	10	10	...	250	16 00
" " 2nd Gasparen.....	J. W. Baise.....	63	75	140	90	3	3	12	15	...	400	70 00
" " Wallbrook.....	E. O. Read.....	24	40	64	50	3	3	7	7	...	3	90
" " 3rd, New Minas.....	John Wallace.....	37	33	70	60	4	4	9	9	8	110	12 00
" " Kentville.....	Jas. Fitch.....	48	55	103	60	4	4	7	11	4	278	16 00
Newport West.....	Wm. Eaton.....	8	12	20	20	3	3	5	5	1	...	...
" " East.....	Shubael Dimock.....	50	61	111	70	6	6	5	11	14	322	56 00
South Rawdon.....	B. J. Moxon.....	22	23	50	28	4	4	8	8	...	6	120
Aylsford Upper.....	Dea. Creed.....	34	26	60	46	4	4	3	7	3	100	...
" " Morristown.....	Geo. West.....	44	26	70	46	3	3	6	6	6	200	10 00
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		1149	1205	2454	1684	143	155	310	72	171	5347	478 88

# Mission to the Acadian French.

## REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

Fourteen years ago no Protestant mission was established among the Acadian French of this Province, nor any regular evangelistic labor among them expended. This vast body of our population, numbering some 20,859, lay sleeping in the arms of the papacy; to a sad extent, without bibles, without education or schools for securing it, without an evangelical ministry, or a true knowledge of the way of salvation. Firmly wedded to the delusive superstitions of the Romish Church, they were regarded by evangelical christians as in the way of spiritual darkness leading down to eternal night.

Considering their numbers, their social and moral condition, and their proximity to us; and withal, it may be, the injuries they had sustained at the hands of our forefathers, the hearts of a few among us were touched with commiseration of their condition and yearned for their salvation. Consequently at a meeting of this Association held in Yarmouth in the year 1851, their claims were presented and the sympathies of our denomination appealed to on their behalf. The result was that, through the agency of the Home Mission Board, the services of Bro. O. Chute were employed and a mission was established among them. In 1853 a separate Board for working this mission was appointed and located in Yarmouth. For seven years, with varying prospects, Bro. Chute labored in this cause, at the expiration of which time commodious mission premises had been procured, although somewhat in debt, one person had proposed faith in Christ by baptism, several individuals and some families had renounced Romanism, and a spirit of enquiry seemed to be extending amid bitter opposition, when he was compelled to abandon his post on account of failing health.

In this juncture the friends of the Mission directed their enquiries for a labourer to Canada, whence Bro. Michael Normonday, of the Grand Ligne Mission, was immediately obtained, of whose success in the work high hopes were

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entertained, he being of their kindred by birth, speaking their language as his own vernacular, having been trained in the superstitions of their religion until mature years, and, having been enlightened by heavenly wisdom, manifested a loving and tender solicitude for their salvation. And for years succeeding the hopes thus raised were not altogether disappointed. At successive yearly gatherings of our body reports were made of additional families having abandoned Romanism, additional individuals having given evidence of conversion, additional believers having professed their faith in Christ by baptism, and easier access enjoyed by the missionary to the homes and the hearts of the people, until in 1863 the Mission reckoned as its fruits 10 baptized converts, 21 families friendly to the missionary, mission premises in possession, clear of debt, having cost about £800, one Sabbath School established, a mission day school on the eve of opening, three places for meeting occupied, and interest in the truth from time to time being manifested by additional individuals.

But as professions of change of heart were not, in every case, genuine in the time of Christ and his Apostles, nor have been at any time or in any place, since; so if there should be some professed converts among the Acadian French who disappoint the hopes which may have been cherished respecting them, this should not be surprising, nor have the effect to lessen our faith or repress our zeal. Two out of the 21 baptized have turned back and walk no more with the followers of Christ. And this proportion is not greater than we have occasion to regret in any of our churches where fewer difficulties are experienced and more advantages enjoyed.

Your Board in presenting this, their eleventh annual report, having sketched thus rapidly the past history of the Mission, deem it advisable to describe briefly the field it now occupies. This lies within the Counties of Yarmouth and Digby, which contain a French population of about 8370. The mission premises are located at Tusket, in the parish of which, comprising the settlements of Eel Brook, Pass de Pré and the Forks there are some 500 French families. Adjoining this parish, on the west side of the Tusket river, in the township of Yarmouth is the French settlement known as the Wedge, comprising also some 300

families. About 20 miles east from Tusket is Pubnico, comprising also some 300 families. Northwardly in the County of Digby are the thickly populated French settlements of Chitichamp, Metegan, and Saulnierville, and, beyond, at a distance of some 60 miles from the Mission house, is St. Mary's Bay where communities of these people reside. At the last named place is found what seems to be the most productive soil of the Mission field. Here a house for weekday and Sabbath School purposes, as well as for public worship, has been built by the people when a congregation of 50 or more assemble for social worship and to receive the ministrations of the word. At Metegan, and at Pubnico private dwellings are opened for occasional preaching. Next to the district of the North Range on St. Mary's Bay, for productiveness, Pubnico seems to promise most results for labor expended. Here as well as at St. Mary's Bay the French seem to be of a better class in morals, social elevation and thrift, than in some other parts of the field. But, as a people, it may be said of them, throughout, they are in the darkness of ignorance and error, they are fortified against the truth by the strongest prejudice and the most settled hate, and stand in direful need of earnest evangelistic efforts.

The labor devolved upon a missionary in such a field as this cannot be understood without personal observation. The amount of labor and the manner of it, that seemed to promise most, in the circumstances, has been the following. From Tusket the missionary has made stated tours, at intervals of five weeks, through Chitichamp, Metegan, and Saulnierville to St. Mary's Bay; returning, has devoted a portion of time to the settlements in the neighborhood of the Mission premises and has there completed the round by making a visit to Pubnico. The character of his labors in these districts is varied according to the varying circumstances of time and place. At St. Mary's Bay public meetings are held, at each visit, on Sabbaths and work-day evenings, the services of which are sometimes conducted in the French language, and at others in the English, either being understood by the people. Here it has also been a custom to have informal meetings whenever occasion offered, the people gathering at evening wherever the missionary happened to be, and engaged in conversation, sometimes on

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personal experience, at others on gospel topics, and at others taking the form of animated argumentation and discussion of points in dispute between Romanists and Baptists, which, because of the lively interest felt, would be unconsciously protracted until a late hour. Such meetings as these are of quite frequent occurrence. Next to the place above named, meetings have been held with most advantage at Pubnico. But at both these places family visitation and private interviews, as opportunity offered, have been prominent means for securing the ends desired, while at all the other points, these last have seemed the only means available. Sometimes, on such occasions, the missionary has been allowed to read and expound the scriptures and offer prayer, and where the opportunity has offered, has availed himself of it. During the year he has travelled 2678 miles; made 221 family visits, and preached 49 sermons. Here it might be remarked, that in most sections of the field, the Sabbath is the least favorable day of the week for missionary labor, and preaching the most ineffectual means, as the people cannot be collected into congregations, and on this day are mostly devoted to pleasure. The missionary has also distributed 35 copies of the scriptures and 2000 pages of tracts.

With reference to the results of the year's efforts, with sorrow and shame, we have to report, again, that they are not what we could have desired. Yet we cannot say that nothing has been achieved. We have grounds for believing that three persons of the French have, during the past year, fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before them, through the instrumentality of our missionary. One of these was a woman, a widow, in humble circumstances, who in the early part of the year, turned from the crucifix to the cross and laid up her trust in Jesus as her savior. She has since died in the triumphs of faith. The opposition of her friends, the influence of the priest, nor the neglect and harshness of her only son on whom she was dependent for support, could shake her faith, or daunt her courage. She died in joyful trust in Christ desiring that Brother Charles Randall, rather than the priest, should officiate at her funeral, which request was complied with.

Another, a young man belonging to a family of most determined hostility to Protestantism, was accustomed to

manifest kindness toward the missionary, and take pleasure in conversation with him on religious subjects, yet never avowed his faith and hope in Christ until during his last sickness. Being kept secluded from christian influence during his illness, little is known of his exercises, except the reports given by a sister, herself a convert. Enough however is known to warrant the assurance that he slept in Jesus.

The other is a man, the head of a large family, who only waits to be accompanied by his wife who some time since renounced Popery, and it is hoped, is interested in the blood and righteousness of Christ, to avow, openly, his attachment to the Saviour in the ordinance of Baptism. Having learned that too much haste in bringing persons into an open profession of religion, is calamitous to the cause, the missionary has not urged them hastily to this step.

Encouraging results of labor are also recognized in the easier access enjoyed by the missionary to a number of families before decidedly hostile, and an increasing spirit of enquiry manifested on the part of individuals. There are grounds for believing that from month to month, the truth presented to this people is making its impression, and that results are constantly being obtained that can find no record here, but which future years or eternity will develope.

Among those who, before, publicly put on Christ there is exhibited a pleasing steadfastness and growth in grace. We believe that in soul-stirring and active piety they surpass the members of our English churches generally. At a meeting of your Board, recently held, it was remarked by one who has been more intimate with the majority of them than any other, except the missionary, and whose estimate in the case would be as readily received as that of any other, that "with respect to their decision and piety he has seen nothing so encouraging in his own church or elsewhere for a length of time. Although the Acadian French have not been converted by scores, yet there are results discernable of the past years' labor in view of which we should thank God and take courage."

Your Board, however, would not deem it wise to stimulate hopes of future success which may not be realized. There are obstacles surrounding the mission which can only

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be removed by believing prayer and patient protracted effort. The friends of the mission must be aware that the hold which the superstitions of Catholicism take of the minds of its adherents, cannot be at once and easily broken. The influence of the priests; the persecutions by friends; the horrors of excommunication and final perdition, with inveterate prejudices, conspire to make the gospel of God's dear Son, proclaimed in purity and simplicity, to be hated and rejected. These seem to be the necessary and inevitable obstacles in the way of efforts for the conversion of Romanists every where. But in addition to these your missionary finds difficulties of a local kind which are a serious impediment to him in his work. Personal grievances, real or imaginary, have been made, most unreasonably, the occasion for relentless opposition to the cause and work of the mission, by individuals who ought to be its friends. Rumours to the prejudice of the converts and the missionary, which the most superficial investigations of the most careless observer, (much less thorough acquaintance,) would show to be entirely false, have found circulation and credence, thus weakening the faith of the supporters of the mission and thereby impairing the mainspring of successful effort. Even in the immediate vicinity of our present gatherings, grave charges have been propagated and circulated which the Board indignantly repel as unfounded and base. But obstacles and opposition are not a cause for discouragement, Christ must reign until his enemies are put under his feet, and his friends "can do nothing against the truth but for the truth."

Again, the extent of the field and the amount of traveling, consequently which has to be performed by the missionary, must be regarded as operating against immediate results. But, finally, the location of the mission premises must be regarded, for several reasons, as unfavorable to success. These premises are not among the French; they are remote from the points where the mission has, and is likely to have, its greatest success; and they are not among friends. Feeling the disadvantages under which the mission lies in this respect, and a lot with an unfinished building upon it, in a favorable locality, and Saulnierville, having been purchased by individuals and being held for the acceptance of the mission, agreeably with a resolution of the

last Association, an act has been obtained from the Legislature empowering the Board to dispose of the property at Tusket, and a committee has been appointed to finish the building and prepare for occupation of the premises at Saulnierville. At the last meeting of the Board this committee reported that material had been secured and labor engaged for the work. As to the result of this change the Board indulges sanguine hopes.

Nothing has been done in the mission school during the past year, for the reasons, principally, that the mission premises are unfavorably located for gathering a school, and the wife of the missionary has been suffering from impaired health.

In material support for carrying on the operations of the mission, the Board has felt no want during the past year. An agency undertaken by bro. Jos. H. Saunders during the winter in the Counties of Digby, Annapolis, Kings, Halifax, and Queens, was quite successful, and the funds so collected with the sums raised by the Yarmouth Churches, and those pledged to be paid at this Association will meet present indebtedness and leave a balance in the treasury.

During the year your Board has held bi-monthly meetings, regularly, except when interrupted by unfavorable weather, and have taken a watchful and active interest in all the affairs of the mission. At those meetings a regular part of exercises has been to hear from the missionary an account of his doings, discouragements, and successes, and to learn and provide for the wants of the cause we are engaged to promote.

On a careful survey of the situation we see no cause for discouragement. We have a warrant in the commands of Christ for laboring in this field. We have an abundant guarantee for success in the promises he has given. A review of the past is calculated to stimulate our faith. The wants of the Acadians are as imperative as ever. The claims of God on us as a people, in this connection are binding as ever. Cease not praying or contributing, then, brethren, until this branch of our population are taught the truth as it is in Jesus, and renouncing their superstitions, turn to Christ as their Saviour.

R. D. PORTER, *Secretary*.

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## EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

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### **U. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.**

The N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society held its Eighth Annual Meeting in the Baptist Meeting house at Amherst, on Monday, 3rd July, 1865.

John King, Esq., Vice President, in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Bro. Selden read the report of the Board.

The Report was adopted and ordered to be printed and circulated under the direction of the Board.

Addresses were delivered by Revds. Jas. Parker, R. J. Langridge, E. O. Read, M. Normonday, Jno. Davis, and Bro. Wm. Cummings.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. R. N. Beckwith, the Secretary, for his valuable and gratuitous services during the year.

On motion of Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, seconded by Rev. M. P. Freeman, the following were appointed the officers of the Society and Board of Managers for the ensuing year:—

#### **Officers of the Society.**

J. W. Nutting, *President.*

J. W. Barss, } *Vice Presidents.*  
John King, }

D. McN. Parker, M. D., *Treasurer.*

R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary.*

George Robins, *Auditor.*

#### **Board of Managers.**

Rev. J. E. Balcom,

" J. M. Cramp, D. D.,

" S. W. DeBlais,

" D. W. C. Dimock,

" David Freeman,

" A. S. Hunt,

" G. F. Miles,

" A. H. Munro,

" John Pryor, D. D.,

" A. F. Porter,

" Jas. Parker,

" E. R. Philp,

Rev. E. M. Saunders,

" I. J. Skinner,

" D. M. Welton,

H. R. Cunningham,

Louis Estano,

H. N. Paine,

L. S. Payzant,

Alex. Robinson,

S. Selden,

J. Steele,

D. Thompson,

Francis Webber.

Adjourned to meet next year with the Central Association at Hantsport.

## REPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to present their Eighth Annual Report.

The number of Missionary employed, and the amount of labor performed, have been about the same as during the previous year. The collections made by the missionaries, are much larger, being \$721 against \$252 the preceding year.

Application has been made by your Board to the Provincial Legislature for an act of incorporation which has been granted.

Extracts from the reports of the missionaries will inform you how and where they have labored, and with what success, the Committee cannot but feel that we have reason to thank God, and take courage.

And now brethren we wish to remind you, that our Home Missionary Society is an agency depending for its prosecution and success, upon your prayers, efforts, and pecuniary aid. Having consecrated yourselves and your property to the Lord, and his Church, you are under the most solemn obligations to labor, and contribute in his cause. Consider the circumstances in which God has placed you. The world is lying in wickedness, and you are to recover it back to God. Pagan myriads, at a distance, wrapped in the gloom of the "shadow of death" here, near at hand, and depending upon your benevolent action, young communities, growing settlements, feeble churches, multitudes ready to perish, without the bread of life, stretching out their hands to you. Does not every object which you see, every sound which you hear, urge you to do what you can, to save the perishing.

The last injunction which fell from the Mediator's lips well deserves your attention, "Go ye unto all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The obligations of this command reach every professed Christian. The great

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work of gathering the human family around the Cross lies fully before every friend of Jesus. In this work you are bound, by the authority of God, to engage with a zeal and resolution proportioned to the magnitude of the task imposed upon you. Keep also before you the example of the man Christ Jesus. He came into the world to place the church on a foundation which should not be shaken. How is every footstep marked, every movement distinguished by entire consecration to the kingdom of heaven? How did the most vehement desires for the immortal happiness of man move his soul? Never did he shun an effort, however painful, or shrink from sacrifices however expensive, which the glory of God and the salvation of souls required. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us, and we *ought to lay down our lives* for the brethren.

You dear brethren belong to that happy number, to whom Paul applies the description "None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself; for whether we live, we live unto the Lord and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore or die we are the Lord's." This is a description of Christian character. Ask yourselves, am I then a Christian? Is it the great end of all my designs, plans and exertions, to glorify the Saviour and build up his cause? Do I contribute for the support of Christian institutions at home and abroad, reluctantly and grudgingly? When called to incur expense and sacrifices for the sake of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom, am I apt to be cold, impatient, peevish? Do I complain of the burdens, which my christian profession imposes on me. These, and such as these, are serious questions, and deserve a serious answer. The apathy and selfishness of many in our churches have occasioned the endless ruin of immortal souls. Let those who would not, on the final day, be required to answer for the blood of their brethren look well to this matter. Woe to the false disciple, who in despite of obligations sacred as the authority of God, lives for any other object than the prosperity of Zion.

We make our appeal to you, brethren, of our churches, for men and means. Our Society deserves your efforts and your sacrifices. A great door and effectual, is being opened daily for the spread of gospel truth; and woe to

our churches if they fail to take advantage of the present opening of Providence. Who then, while he lays his soul at the feet of Jesus Christ for salvation, is ready to devote himself a living sacrifice to his service. He is the one, who in the day of retribution, shall be welcomed to the "joy of his Lord." Be ours the blessedness of full participation in his labors and rewards.

We invite your attention to the following abstract of missionary labor performed during this year:—

### Miscellaneous.

Rev. D. G. Shaw has laboured 6 months, principally with the coloured population; one month of which time having been given to the white people in destitute localities.

Preached 95 sermons; attended 7 Conference and Prayer meetings; made 206 family visits; baptized 7; distributed 500 pages of tracts, 30 copies of Church articles, 1 dozen Home Mission reports; travelled about 1100 miles; collected \$43.75.

The following report has also been received.

I have visited and re-visited nearly all the churches, and preaching stations included in the African field, lying within the bounds of the Central Association, preaching the gospel to the people and visiting from house to house.

I also spent a few days at Oldham Gold Diggings on the Truro Road. I found here and there one with his face Zionward, but the most of the people, I fear, have but little concern about the "one thing needful," toiling and striving after the gold that perisheth, until they are enshrouded in a more terrible darkness than the pits in which they work.

In my labours among the coloured people I have found it necessary to heed the injunction, "In your patience possess your souls," for, as they say of themselves, they are a stiffnecked generation. They have been sadly neglected by us and wickedly imposed upon by others, of this they are well aware, and have made to myself many a piteous complaint, and were I allowed to measure my success by their manifestations of joy, and their heartfelt expressions of gratitude to God and the Missionary Board for sending them help, it would indeed be cause for thankfulness.

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Dear Brethren, Why should that people be neglected? they have precious souls, either to be saved or lost. Here is a great field for usefulness. A missionary should be kept continually among them.

There are about 21 churches, *so-called*, this side of Tracadie with a membership of between 700 and 800. With eleven of these I have laboured and have found in some of them much to encourage, and in others much to cause dejection and sadness of heart. I would be exceedingly glad if some of our Temperance advocates would turn their attention this way. Intemperance is their besetting sin, especially among those in the neighbourhood of the metropolis. Will not the Board continue to send them help? There are no body of Baptists in our Province that held more tenaciously to, or take a warmer interest in anything pertaining to our body than do these coloured churches in connection with us. Then let us love them, let us pray for them, let us tangibly help them.

#### Antigonishe County.

Rev. John Miller spent 22 weeks in the service of the Board at Antigonishe.

Preached 77 sermons; attended 14 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 154 families; distributed 160 pages of Religious tracts; travelled 210 miles; collected in aid of the Society \$88.

Bro. Miller represents the church there as small, numbering only 23, eight of whom are males. They are decided Baptists, possess a degree of mind and energy, and are quite willing to put their shoulder to the wheel. Antigonishe is completely missionary ground, but for the aid of the Board they could have but little preaching. By the assistance of the Board, the cause may be maintained and ultimately become self-sustaining.

As to the results of my mission I can say but little. I hope good impressions were made, and that the fruit will hereafter be visible. A very good feeling was produced in the Church, the brethren were revived and encouraged. The attendance was considerably increased during my stay among them.

### Colchester County.

Bro. Joseph Murray (Lic.) performed 10 weeks missionary labour in the above county; 8 weeks were spent in Upper Stewiacke, and 2 weeks in Lower Stewiacke.

Preached 24 sermons; attended 10 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 30 families; collected for the Society \$32.13.

### Cape Breton.

Rev. Malcom Ross laboured 7 weeks on the above Island in the following places:—Mabou, Margaree, Baddeck, North Sydney, South Sydney, Acadia Mines, and Cow Bay.

Preached 26 sermons; attended 7 religious meetings, taking part with other ministering brethren; visited 38 families; travelled 450 miles; collected \$38.98.

The following extracts from his letter published in the *Christian Messenger*, will be read with interest:—

“It is very obvious to casual observers who have travelled in Cape Breton twenty years ago, that the Baptist cause in some localities is retrograding. It cannot be otherwise, where they are from year to year without the stated means of grace. Yet in all those places we have sterling, noble hearted pious Baptists, who are willing to do their utmost to sustain the cause, if suitable men of God were to labour among them.

Could we not obtain the services of an Evangelist? Or will not our strong churches send forth their Pastors occasionally, as in the days of the Dimocks, the Hardings, and the Mannings, when the glory of the Lord shone upon us, and the forest was converted into a fruitful field. Oh! that those expiring churches in Cape Breton may hear the soul-stirring response—We will!

I can truly say that my mission proved refreshing to my own soul, and I sincerely hope profitable to the people.

Rev. Wm. Burton spent 9½ weeks in the service of the Board at Margaree, C. B.

Preached 42 sermons; attended 3 Conference meetings; visited 113 families; travelled 400 miles; collected \$81.15.

The following particulars were received in a letter from Bro. B., dated 11th Oct. 1864:—

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"I feel it my duty to lay before you the state of things here. Margaree Valley supplies the largest congregation to hear Baptist preaching, of any place between here and Truro. There is no stated minister of any denomination at present settled here. If an acceptable Baptist minister could come and reside in their midst, he would take nearly the whole people, as the mass seem inclined to fall in with our views. I feel that they ought not to be neglected any longer. Can no suitable man be had? A man of *age* and *experience* is *indispensable*. I am sure that now is the time for us to strike if we wish to hold this field. The congregation averages between 300 and 400. There is but one house of worship, 30 by 40 feet, well finished outside, floor laid and rough seated, which belongs to the Baptists, and it will need to be enlarged, as the population will in all probability be largely increased.

Brethren, I leave this matter in your hands and pray that the right man may soon be obtained to take this important field."

Rev. Ronald McDonald performed 6 weeks missionary labour on Boularderie Island.

Preached 24 sermons; made 48 family visits; travelled 176 miles; collected \$8.00.

#### Mira Bay.

Rev. J. F. Kempton spent 30 weeks in the service of the Board.

Preached 75 sermons; attended 69 Prayer and Conference meetings; made 279 family visits; distributed 3177 pages of tracts, and travelled 987 miles; collected \$141.23.

Rev. Joseph F. Kempton has a 12 months' mission at Mira Bay neighbourhood.

Bro. K. writes as follows to the Board on the 29th Sept. 1864:—

"The question may be asked why make missionary ground of a field where there is a Baptist Church already organized? There are many reasons, a few of which I will answer.

1st. The Church, although numbering 124, is very weak and very scattered. It is really unable to sustain the preached gospel, and must be left without it unless aided by the Board.

2nd. The Church in general are anxious to have the gospel preached among them, and are willing to contribute pretty liberally for its support.

3rd. The Baptist interest, to all human appearance, must die out, unless a Preacher be sustained here.

4th. Then again viewing the field apart from the Baptist Church altogether, it is one of the most interesting, and perhaps one of the most promising in the three Provinces. I need not attempt to explain this remark. It is enough to say that the field is almost one continuous coal bed. Already there are 5 or 6 separate Companies operating upon it.

Two lines of Railroad have already been surveyed and decided upon, to run from this field to Sydney, and the third line of Railway is now being surveyed from Cow Bay, through Mira, and so on to Louisburg.

The population of this district, during the last two years, has, I believe, more than doubled; and the prospects of increase are on the advance. There is no stated preaching of any sect, in connection with any of the coal mines, and in all of them there is an open door for Baptist preaching. There is awful wickedness and great need of faithful preaching in all of these mines, and I may say on the whole field."

The following additional particulars were received by letter dated 20th May:—

"I have seldom spent a day among the miners without having something encouraging before its close; the following is an instance: I entered a house where I had not been before. There were several little children and the mother present. The woman was very busily engaged in household duties; but on my introducing the subject of religion she immediately took a seat, and listened attentively. I urged the importance of attending to the concerns of her soul. She was deeply moved, and on my rising to leave said, with her eyes full of tears, "Be sure and call again, Sir; you are the first one who has spoken to me on the subject of religion since I came to this place."

I often see much more to encourage me while visiting from house to house than while preaching. A few weeks since I entered a dwelling where there were several females, some of them Roman Catholics. I introduced "Christ

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Crucified," and they all listened attentively. In a few minutes there came in quite a number, and all stood "hearing the word." But one especially took my attention,—a woman of thirty-five or forty years of age. Though I directed my discourse to another, she seemed deeply affected, and stood with tearful eyes to listen. She could not leave till I had done speaking, and then she invited me to call at her own house. I did so and had the privilege of presenting Christ to both her and her husband, who had just come in from the pit—I have conversed with her several times since, and cannot help hoping that her conscience is somewhat aroused to a sense of her dreadful state before God.

I witnessed one thrilling death-bed scene. A young woman was suddenly seized with illness, I heard of her condition, and could not rest till I saddled my horse and rode to her father's house. But oh! the scene that followed I cannot describe, nor forget. When I entered, the poor sufferer turned her great full eyes—already glassy with death—and fixing them upon me said, Oh sir, I have been praying for three days to see you, I am very sick and going to die; oh pray for me, I am a great sinner, and oh! the anxiety and agony of that gaze, the earnestness of those words. I pointed her to Christ as exhibited in John iii. 14-16; she heard me with *awful attention*; and then turned her face to the wall and cried aloud to God for mercy. The pain of her poor body was most acute; but this seemed to be forgotten for the time being; so galling was her weight of guilt in view of the "judgment seat of Christ." As I rose from my knees and bade that poor sufferer a final farewell, knowing that she was on the brink of eternity, it seemed as if I had been there too. She continued in much the same state a few hours longer and then died. "The day" will reveal her condition, may we not hope that she embraced Christ even then, though at the eleventh hour? That girl had often slighted God's proclamations of mercy, like many are doing to day, and death came at an hour she thought not. Oh that others would be warned. The old blind man referred to in a former report, still avows his attachment to Christ and seems to be happy in the love of God. Let God be praised forever.

## Halifax County.

Rev. Obed Parker has laboured 15 weeks in Dartmouth and vicinity.

Preached 46 sermons; attended 22 Prayer and Conference meetings; made 105 family visits; baptized 2; administered the Lord's Supper to over 20 present; collected \$25.42.

The following particulars have been received by the Board.

At the commencement of my mission the prospect looked dark and gloomy, but obstacles have been removed, the dark cloud is rising and light is beginning to dawn upon this people. The congregation has increased from a few to a goodly number, larger it is said than at any time since the demise of our late and much lamented Bro. McLearn, and your missionary is encouraged to believe that the cause of God is advancing in Dartmouth. Two have obeyed their Lord in Baptism and been added to the Church.

We have now five preaching stations and more are called for. There is much work to be done, much wisdom and prudence to be exercised, and energy to be put forth if we would go up and possess this land.

As my stay here must be short, it is very desirable that the services of Rev. Albert Porter should be obtained as he is now residing in Dartmouth.

Rev. T. C. Delong performed 10 days missionary labor on the east side of Margaret's Bay.

Preached 8 sermons, attended 2 Conference and Prayer Meetings, visited 9 families, baptized 1, travelled 80 miles. Collected in aid of the Mission \$2.61.

Rev. R. R. Philp has been engaged in the service of the Board 26 weeks at Sackville and adjacent places.

Preached 97 sermons, attended 6 Conference and Prayer Meetings, visited 65 families, baptized 3, travelled 410 miles. Collected \$113.82.

Bro. Philp reports to the Board as follows:

On presenting my report of the mission to Sackville and vicinity it may not be out of place to take a hasty review of the present state of the churches in this County.

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they were all destitute of pastoral supervision, and as a natural consequence they were in a feeble and scattered state. Encouraged by the Missionary Board I spent about 9 months in Dartmouth and adjacent places, without apparently much good being accomplished. I then took the oversight of the little churches at Hammond's Plains, Margaret's Bay, and Indian Harbour. The prospect at first was not very cheering, but after a few months things began to look more encouraging and hopeful. During the year twenty-seven were baptized.

The church at Sackville then wishing me to spend a portion of my time with them, I resigned my connection with the Margaret's Bay church and settled at Sackville, the Missionary Board giving 8 weeks to Sackville and vicinity. The first year spent here was an exceedingly trying one. The congregations were small and the churches spiritually dead. At length a ray of light pierced through the dark cloud and hope revived. The congregation began to increase, the church became more active and 3 were added to our numbers. To have the Indian Harbour church in connection with Sackville did not appear desirable, I therefore urged upon them the duty of uniting with the Margaret's Bay church, in the support of a minister who would reside in the Bay; they did so and secured the services of Rev. T. C. DeLong, so that during the past year there have been two ordained settled ministers in the county. The Churches at Sackville and Hammonds Plains are truly grateful for the assistance afforded them, are happy to inform the Board, that this year they feel themselves in a position to sustain a minister three fourths of the year. The Missionary Board will thus see that the labour they have expended in Halifax County has been productive of good and that these little churches have been gradually gaining strength.

In connection with Sackville and the Plains, I have preached at the following places:—Waverley, Bedford, and Lucas settlement about 2 miles above Waverley."

#### Hants County.

Rev. Geo. Wethers has spent 12 weeks in the service of the Board in Maitland and vicinity.

Preached 52 sermons; attended 5 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 34 families; travelled 325 miles, and collected \$38.50.

Bro. Wethers writes on the 9th June as follows:—

“Having completed a mission of twelve weeks as appointed by the Board, I hasten to give you some information respecting this field, knowing your desire to appropriate the funds of the Society so as best to promote the glory of God and the spread of truth.

The village of Maitland where we have a large audience is a growing place. Our congregations there are made up of Presbyterians, Churchmen, Methodists, Baptists and non-professors. We have to occupy a hired house but hope soon to have one of our own.

At Beekville and the Dimock settlement we got a fair hearing. There are some enquiring souls there.

I have also preached at Noel corner and on the road leading from Newport to Maitland, twelve miles from the latter place, but was looked upon with a jealous eye.

This field ought not to be forsaken, true there have been no baptisms since I have been laboring there, and but two while Bro. Porter was there. But we must be like the husbandman, who waits for the precious fruits of the earth, and has long patience for it, till he receives the former and the latter rain. I hope the Lord will abundantly water the seed sown, so that for a rich harvest we may give praise to His name.”

#### Lunenburg County.

Rev. Augustus Shields has performed 8 weeks missionary labour in New Ross.

Preached 32 sermons; attended 23 Conference and Prayer meetings, and 80 family visits; collected \$18.75.

“I had delightful services. Romanists and Episcopalians crowded our meetings and evidently there are indications of the good work of grace among the people. I trust the good seed of the kingdom will spring up and yield a glorious harvest. They are very destitute and have claims on our sympathies and prayers.”

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## Prince Edward Island.

Rev. Benj. Scott spent 6 weeks on the above Island in the service of the Board.

Preached 16 sermons; attended 3 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 76 families; travelled 350 miles; delivered 2 Temperance Lectures; dispensed the Lord's Supper twice; collected \$33.57.

Under date Nov. 8 the following report of the mission was received:—

“During the mission assigned me at P. E. Island, I laboured at North River, Lot 49, and Grand River.

**NORTH RIVER.**—There is a small church of thirty-eight members, about four miles from Charlottetown, from which it receives pastoral aid a small proportion of the time. I spent one Sabbath at this place and preached before a very attentive congregation. It is a promising field of labour.

**LOT 49.**—The Baptist Church is situated six miles eastward of Charlottetown, on the Georgetown road, in the midst of a large settlement. They have a comfortable meeting house and full congregations when favoured with preaching. I remained two weeks with the church preaching and going from house to house. It is now more than 12 years since they enjoyed the labours of a stated pastor. But the few faithful ones who remain are holding on their way in anticipation of the time when they shall again enjoy the labours of a settled pastor.

**GRAND RIVER.**—This is a growing and thriving settlement including Avondale and Dundas. The Baptist Church numbers twenty members. They have a meeting house, conduct a Sabbath School, and hold prayer meetings. They are seldom favoured with preaching from Baptist ministers. The Bible Christian, Wesleyans, and Presbyterians occupy the field a part of the time. I laboured three Sabbaths here. The congregations were large and solemnly attentive to the word preached. If labour could be given here, I doubt not that the cause would rise, and a rich harvest of souls be gathered to Christ.”

Bro. E. N. Archibald spent 9 weeks in the service of the Board in P. E. Island.

The following report has been received, dated 23rd Sept. 1864 :

"At Lot 49 I spent five weeks, at Uigg two, at East Point one, and one week with Bro. Freeman in his field of labor. Preached 9 times at Lot 49 and collected \$11.80; 4 times at Uigg, and received \$7.57; once at Belfast, and received \$1.60; at East Point held meetings for five days in connection with other brethren, preached 3 times, and received \$0.87½; received from Bro. McLean of St. Peters Bay, \$0.80; preached once at Charlottetown, and attended quarterly meeting Aug. 10th, with four of the brethren; preached twice at Cavendish, received \$5 from Bro. J. Simpson; 4 times at Tryon, received \$1.55.

From this statement it will be seen that I have preached 26 times, and collected \$29.20.

I attended Prayer meetings weekly, and visited almost daily; also started a S. School at Lot 49 and put a library in circulation.

All these are the means, but what of the end? Known to God alone. What he has blessed, or will bless, is as unending as himself; all else as the dew of the morning. We were not, I trust, without tokens of his presence. There lie the wide fields whitening for the harvest. Where are the reapers? And where are the christian hearts overflowing into the H. M. treasury for the support of those whom God has appointed to gather the sheaves into his garner?"

Bro. John Shaw has performed a six weeks mission on the Island. The following account of his labours has been received :

I spent four weeks in Feby. at Long Creek and Clyde River, preached, exhorted and visited as often as I conveniently could, publicly and from house to house. Part of the time I spent in company with Bro. Ross, the pastor, and Brethren Dobson, Davis and Freeman, and part of the time I was alone in the field. The amount of good done is not for me to say. There has been a general awakening among the people. Eleven have been baptized and added to the church.

The other two weeks I spent between Grand River, St. Peters Bay and Forest Hill, (a new settlement). Those localities are contiguous, and form one large Baptist field, which is already white to harvest.

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### Pictou County.

Rev. A. Chipman has spent 10 months in the service of the Board. He writes :

"I spent about six weeks during the last winter in Pugwash. While there had the privilege of baptizing *five* converts.

I have also, since first of August last, spent four Sabbaths in Antigonishe. Baptized *one* there."

With reference to Pictou County he writes :—

"I would hail with more than ordinary satisfaction, clear evidence of the time having come for me to change my present field of labour.

Brethren, it is a hard field. Those who have never laboured in the same relations, on the same or similar ground know but little about its hardships and trials. But of trials and perhaps personal injuries let me not further speak, especially as I trust I have gained during the last two years and a half, an experience otherwise scarcely attainable and one of invaluable use to me in all future life and labour.

I think I can say with truthfulness I increasingly love the work thus assigned me by the Board, and I hope, by the gracious and unerring Providence of the God of Christian missions.

But, brethren, I am fully convinced that you should be placed in such a position by our churches, as to be enabled to send out your missionaries, especially to such fields of labour as that in which I am now stationed, *two by two*, thus imitating the Divine wisdom and human sympathy of our Lord and Saviour.

Therefore I would here again respectfully, but urgently press on your consideration and that of our people, the great desirableness of soon if not immediately, stationing a suitable brother in Pictou town, and another elsewhere in the county. These might thus by frequent association and co-operation encourage each others hearts, and labour with tenfold the success of a single worker in such a field, in the cause of Divine truth and perishing souls. Assuredly the field is amply large, and I am not alone in the conviction, that it is abundantly encouraging for the united, continuous effort above urged. I trust and believe my present encouragement of feeling in respect to Pictou county, is based on great truths and facts, those truths being no less than the immutably gracious character and promises of God in Christ, those facts being a partial fulfilment of the Divine promises.

I will briefly notice the county in order, commencing at River John.

Our little church here is, I fear, not in so lively a condition as it was a year ago. It has had since last summer, *one* addition by baptism, *three* have been added by letter, and the church has been strengthened rather than weakened by exclusion found necessary in two or three cases. A church conference has been somewhat regularly held, and the Lord's Supper administered.

A weekly and generally a Sabbath Prayer meeting have been maintained. The attendance and interest have varied extremely, our church members have, alas too much, forsaken the assembling of themselves together. I am, however, not without hope of early seeing our church at River John in a more satisfactory position, its numerical strength enlarged, its inward piety and outward consistency and activity materially increased. My congregation during the portions of the last ten months spent *here*, have, with few exceptions, been fair in numerical attendance, and the interest manifested quite encouraging. From one point especially of this extensive settlement, known as River and Cape John, I cannot but hope for ultimate, if not indeed early fruit to the praise of God's truth applied by his Holy Spirit. Our small chapel, to be fully called the *Oak Chapel* or Church, remains yet unfinished, owing to neglect. I hope to see it dedicated to Divine service ere, or by, the beginning of '66.

As you are aware I have laboured in Pictou town scarcely at all since August last, and in fact for some time previous to that date. My reasons I have before stated to the Board, and trust they were wise. Yet this church as a visible body, small though it is in numbers, and backward in christian effort, *lives* and I hope will soon be revived, coming up to the help of the Lord against the *strongholds*. A favourable opening seems now again presented to us to re-enter the town and endeavour to establish a Sabbath and other weekly services.

I expect during the coming two months to attempt to preach in River John settlement every Sabbath morning and in Pictou town Sabbath evenings, thus aiming to supply partially those two places. I should like also to be in a position to hold or to see held by a brother Baptist minister, an occasional service even in New Glasgow. I recently spent a day in that town chiefly among a few resident Baptists. They merit some regard at our hands. A large floating population is now also becoming a characteristic feature of New Glasgow and of the neighbouring *Coal Mines*, consequent principally on the building and anticipated traffic of the Pictou Railway. Here there is a missionary field for lovers of the truth and immortal souls.

Of *Merrigomish* time and space forbid me now from saying much. The Baptist Church in this part of the county, although rather larger numerically than either of the others, is exceeding-

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ly scattered as regards the residence of its members, several of them also are now quite infirm; yet there are no essential alienations or divisions in this church, its members on the whole are happy and united in feeling, and occasionally for the last ten months the most of them have assembled for Conference and the observance of the Lord's Supper, also a section of the church for a Sabbath Prayer meeting. We have lost a valuable and loved brother here some months ago by death, one member has been excluded. On the other hand four have been added by baptism, from these we have good reason to believe much strength is imparted to the church, and influence given to the whole truth as it is in Jesus and in his Word.

The congregations in different places in Merrigomish have of late been decidedly encouraging as to attendance and attentive hearing of the Word.

I have to admit that there is at present no Baptist Sabbath School in Pictou County. The children of the families connected with our churches and congregations, have all, however, opportunity of attending Presbyterian schools, and generally avail themselves of such privilege. But we have in possession a few books and will endeavour as soon as practicable to institute and continue under our own supervision one or more Sabbath Schools.

I have not kept a record of the number of sermons preached, or of Prayer and Conference meetings held, miles travelled, or family visits made. My reasons for these omissions I have before stated to the Board.

As regards visiting I may here, however, say that while great has been my conscious unfaithfulness to Christ, and souls, in all this field of labor, my conscience reproaches me less in respect to visiting than it accuses me of shortcomings in other departments of duty. I have learned that whatever may be said of ministerial labour, outside the pulpit, no other field of christian effort, whoever labours with any measure of true success as a Baptist Minister in Pictou County, must for some time to come give up much of his time and do much of his work among the people in the way of preaching from house to house. "Blessed are they that sow beside all waters."

I have aimed, dear brethren, to confine myself in this report to facts and fair inferences. More I might adduce and enumerate. The success of your Pictou mission will, I trust, not be gauged chiefly by the *additions to our churches* although they have been sufficient during the last two years to stimulate us to more faithful effort, in this section of our Province. Within the last ten months a few other cases of awakening of a very interesting character I have met with in this year. Enlightenment and conviction may, we hope in such cases will, result in a saving experience of and obedience to the truth.

The recent conversion of one little girl I may just allude to,

an instance of more pungent conviction and subsequent clearer conversion to Christ I have seldom known. She has seen but thirteen summers in this world, but is far in advance of her years and has been truly taught of God. This interesting young christian we do not expect will unite, however, with our churches at present. But is it not encouraging to be at all, directly or indirectly, instrumental in such conversions?

Dear brethren, by what you have experienced of the liberty of the Gospel of Jesus; by the present lamentable state, and the eternal worth of multitudes of souls in this county, by the yearning love of God in Christ over our fallen world, and by your position and obligations in respect to the truth as christian labourers, I entreat, I beseech you, to continue in prayerful faith to sow the seeds of Divine and soul-saving truth throughout this county. And may the great Lord of the harvest, ultimately, yea speedily, for the sake of his own declarative glory, and those that are perishing, crown your efforts with abundant and joyous success.

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No. of Missionaries employed, all of whom but two are ordained,	16
Weeks services, (upwards of 4½ years,).....	238
Sermons reported,.....	530
Prayer and Conference Meetings held,.....	139
Family Visits,.....	978
Baptisms,.....	29
Miles travelled,.....	4488
Tracts distributed by three,.....	pages, 3837

30 copies of Church Articles and 1 doz. H. M. Reports by one.

1 Sabbath School organized, and library put in circulation.

2 Temperance lectures delivered.

The Board would here impress upon the Missionaries the importance of giving more attention to the establishing of Sabbath Schools, and urging an increased interest in those already organized, within their spheres of labor.

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## GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1, 1864,.....	\$245 33
Received during the year,.....	1949 90
Collected by the Missionaries,.....	721 72
	<u>\$2916 95</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Collected and retained by Missionaries, including their Travelling Expenses,.....	\$721 72
Disbursed by Treasurer for labor performed to May 31, 1864,.....	305 20
Do. Do. to May 31, 1865,.....	873 22
Printing Reports, &c., 2 years,.....	75 50
Postages, Stationery, &c.,.....	6 72
Box for Society's papers,.....	4 00
Loaned on Real Estate,.....	1000 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	130 59
	<u>2916 95</u>
Present liabilities of the Board, say....	\$400 00

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.  
in account with D. McN. PARKER, Treasurer.

1864.	Dr.	
July 1.	To Secretary, for Postages, Stationery, &c. ....	\$ 6 50
19.	Rev. J. E. Kempton .....	26 99
	" D. McKeen .....	44 09
	" T. H. Porter, Jr .....	20 00
	" J. Shaw .....	9 61
	" J. Bancroft .....	80 11
	" Alfred Chipman .....	121 00
Sept. 24.	S. Selden, 2 years' Reports.....	72 50
	Rev. David Shaw .....	89 25
	" Ronald McDonald .....	40 00
	" T. H. Porter, Jr. ....	13 40
	Postages .....	0 22
Oct. 22.	Eliakim Archibald .....	26 60
	Joseph Murray .....	23 62
Nov. 14.	Jotham O'Brien, Londonderry, on Mortgage...	1000 00
29.	Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	20 00
Dec. 7.	" R. R. Philp .....	44 43
13.	" Alfred Chipman .....	40 00
	" Benjamin Scott .....	24 43

1865.			
Feb'y 4.	Rev. Obed Parker .....	43 70	
	" Malcolm Ross .....	32 00	
	" Wm. Burton .....	8 84	
	" T. Delong .....	8 81	
	S. Selden, .....	3 00	
Mar. 7.	Rev. J. K. Kempton .....	46 14	
	" Obed Parker .....	27 20	
	Dechezeaw & Crow .....	4 00	
April 18.	Rev. A. Chipman .....	100 00	
May 10.	" John Miller .....	98 00	
31.	Balance .....	130 59	

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June 6.	By Balance .....	\$245 33	
17.	Granville Street Church .....	34 52	
July 1.	North Sydney Church .....	17 57	
	Central Association .....	328 57	
	Francis Webber, Special Contribution .....	20 00	
	Rev. A. S. Hunt .....	4 00	
	A friend .....	4 00	
	Rev. D. Freeman .....	2 50	
	J. Vaughn .....	0 62	
	Rev. J. Chase .....	0 62	
	A friend .....	0 25	
	Bridgewater Church (per Robert West) do..	5 00	
	Lunenburg Church (per A. W. Longille) do..	5 00	
	North Baptist Church, Halifax (per Rev. A. H. Munro) do .....	2 00	
19.	Eastern Association (per S. Selden) .....	368 65	
	Do. do. for Gaelic Mission (per S. S.) .....	12 25	
Sept. 10.	Cornwallis Church (per Rev. E. M. Saunders) .....	14 00	
15.	W. J. Gates, Bridgewater, (per S. S.) .....	2 00	
	Rev. A. F. Porter, Antigonish, do .....	4 00	
29.	Rev. E. M. Saunders, for 2nd Cornwallis Church (promised at Central Association)..	6 00	
Oct. 12.	Jas. Forbes and Chas. Bill, Executors of the Estate of W. S. Jacobs, Liverpool .....	1000 00	
29.	Chester Church .....	6 00	
Nov. 14.	Miss Sophia Bishop, Wolfville .....	1 25	
Dec. 7.	Savings Bank Interest .....	11 33	
9.	Interest to Dec. 31, 1864, on money loaned....	12 00	
1865.			
Jany. 31.	Wolfville Church .....	40 00	
Feb'y 14.	Wm. Frizzel, Mabou .....	4 00	
March 8.	J. W. Basse, Wolfville, for Dartmouth Mission .....	14 08	
17.	Windsor Church .....	20 00	
May 31.	Interest to date on money loaned .....	6 15	
	North Baptist Sabbath School .....	3 52	

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G. ROBINS, Auditor.

June 10, 1865.

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# CONTRIBUTIONS.

## HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Collected by Rev. R. R. Philp.*

### SACKVILLE.

F. Webber, Esq.....	\$20 00
Sackville Church.....	50 00
Hammonds Plains.....	6 00

### BEDFORD.

Henry Beals.....	4 00
Mrs. Beals.....	0 50
Miss F. Beals.....	0 12½
Mr. Beals.....	1 00

### WAVERLEY.

Rev. R. R. Philp.....	2 00
Mrs. Taylor.....	2 00
Mr. Charles Thomas.....	1 00
Mr. Nicholson.....	2 00
Collected at Hmnds. Plains	8 00
Collections at Waverley	
and Bedford.....	6 62½
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do Bedford.....	5 50

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*Collected by Rev. O. Parker.*

Edward Meagher.....	4 00
Mrs. Lowe.....	2 00
Mrs. Coleman.....	1 50
Mrs. Payzant.....	1 25
Mr. Keilor.....	5 00
Mrs. Bettinson.....	5 00
Stephen Bissett and family	1 05
Collections.....	3 50
Do.....	1 82
Do.....	0 30

Total.....\$25 42

## HANTS COUNTY.

*Collected by Rev. George Wethers.*

### SELMAH.

Geo. Smith, Esq.....	7 00
Alexander Gray.....	2 00

### MAITLAND.

Alexander Gillie.....	10 50
James Greeno.....	1 00
Simeon Macdonald.....	2 00
William Dickie.....	0 50
John Godfrey.....	2 00

James Johnston.....	0 25
Susan Montieth.....	1 00

### ROCKVILLE.

John Graham.....	1 00
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### FIVE MILE RIVER AND DIMOCK SETTLEMENT.

James Burgess.....	3 00
Daniel B. Dimock.....	2 00
Margaret Dimock.....	0 50
Mrs. Abigail Dart.....	0 75
Geo. Wethers.....	5 00

\$38 50

## COLCHESTER COUNTY.

*Collected by Joseph Murray.*

### UPPER STEWIAKKE.

Rev. O. Chute.....	0 50
Dickie Newcomb.....	1 00
Samuel Upham.....	2 00
Elizabeth Bentley.....	0 25
Edward McKabe.....	1 50
Wm. Cox.....	1 75
James Cox.....	3 00
Mrs. Mary Bentley.....	1 00
Rosie Bentley.....	1 00
Wm. Bentley.....	1 00
Eliakim Bentley.....	1 00
Margaret Bentley.....	1 00
Jacob Layton.....	3 00
Martha Pratt.....	1 00
Daniel Archibald.....	2 00
John Archibald.....	1 25
Charles Johnson.....	0 60
Collections.....	4 69

### LOWER STEWIAKKE.

Collections.....	4 00
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### FOREST GLEN.

Collection.....	0 59
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## PICTOU COUNTY.

*Collected by A. Chipman.*

### RIVER AND CAPE JOHN.

B. Gammon, (in hay)....	2 40
N. Sutherland, (in hay)...	2 00
Sabbath collections.....	7 45

## PICTOU TOWN.

Jno. P. McDonald, (work)	1 25
Mrs. R. J. Griffiths.....	4 00

## MERIGOMISH.

Wm. Turner, (in oats)....	1 00
" (in cash).....	2 00
Mrs. Wm. Turner.....	0 50
John Olding, Esq.....	2 00
Alex. Meldrum.....	0 50
Mrs. Magee.....	0 50
Mrs. Robinson, (in socks)...	0 25
P. McKowen.....	0 25
R. Lowden, Esq.....	2 00
Jane Olding.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Murray, (in socks)...	0 25
Sabbath collections.....	4 30

## ANTIGONISH.

Collections.....	9 00
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## PUGWASH.

From Church and congregation.....	35 00
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## ONSLOW.

Hector Munro.....	0 50
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Collected by Rev. Wm. Burton.

Collection, Merrigomish..	0 00
Do. Guysborough..	0 85
R. H. Cunningham do	1 00
Rev. A. F. Porter do	0 50
Christopher Jost do	0 80
Collection Crow Harbour,	
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John Ehler.....	0 75
Catherine Ehler.....	0 25
Mrs. John Ehler.....	0 25
John Bigdon.....	0 25
Henry Creemer.....	0 25
Small sums.....	0 37
Laban Hearst.....	0 25
Collection Cape Canso....	9 00
Norris, Esq.....	1 00
Collection Port Hood.....	5 15
Do. Mabou.....	2 81
Do. Little Baddeck.....	2 50

## MARGAREE, C. B.

Wm. S. Hart.....	1 20
Mark Hart.....	0 40
Mark Crowdis.....	1 20
John Etheridge.....	0 40
Rev. Ronald McDonald....	0 60
Joshua Tingley.....	0 40
Joseph Tingley.....	0 90

Mrs. J. Tingley.....	0 25
Abraham McKenzie.....	0 40
Murdoch McLean.....	1 90
John McLeod.....	0 40
Murdoch Ross.....	1 20
John Ingram, Senr.....	0 80
Thos. Etheridge.....	0 80
Wm. F. Burton.....	0 40
John Burton.....	4 30
John G. Crowdis.....	0 80
Robt. Burton.....	0 40
David G. Burton.....	0 80
Donald McDonald.....	1 80
Wm. B. Ingram.....	0 80
John Ingram.....	0 40
Mark Ingram.....	0 80
Henry Phillips.....	0 60
Reuben Phillips.....	0 80
George Ingram.....	0 80
Joseph Ingram.....	0 80
Joseph Ross, Senr.....	0 80
Mrs. Donald McDonald....	0 62
Mrs. John R. R. Ross....	1 00
Donald Ross.....	0 90
Mrs. Joseph Ross.....	0 30
Mrs. Mary Ross.....	0 30
Wm. Burton.....	1 00
John McDonald.....	1 00
Mrs. Thomas Etheridge..	0 30
Collection.....	6 94
Murdoch McLean.....	1 50
Murdoch McDonald.....	0 50
Flora McDonald.....	0 30
Catherine Fraser.....	0 30
Lachlan McDonald and }	
Murdoch McDonald.. }	5 00
Mrs. McLeod.....	0 50
Mrs. McLeod 2nd.....	0 25
Miss Murray.....	0 30
Wm. Murray.....	1 00
Collected at Chitcamp....	2 75
Mrs. Potter.....	1 00
Collected at Strait Canso..	4 16

\$81 15

## LUNENBURG COUNTY.

## NEW ROSS.

David A. Corkum.....	0 25
David A. Herget.....	0 25
Joseph Lantz.....	0 75
Mary E. Lantz.....	0 25
John G. Lantz.....	0 50
Samuel Turner.....	0 50
William Corkum.....	1 00
George Broome.....	0 50
Joseph Bezanson.....	0 25

Henry Brown  
James Lantz  
Samuel Brown  
Elias Bezanson  
Emily Lantz  
George Corkum  
Margaret Lantz  
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Emma Lantz  
Benjamin Lantz  
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Peter Lantz  
Frederick Lantz  
George Corkum  
John Brown  
John Broome  
G. A. Elliott  
William B. Lantz  
David Broome  
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John Collins  
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Jacob Ratuse  
Mrs. Caroline  
Mrs. G. Elliott  
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## CAPE

Robert Frizel  
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0 25	Henry Brown .....	1 00
0 40	James Lantz .....	0 50
1 90	Samuel Brown .....	1 00
0 40	Elmas Bezanson .....	0 50
1 20	Emily Lantz .....	0 25
0 80	George Corkum .....	0 25
0 80	Margaret Lantz .....	0 25
0 80	Mary Lantz .....	0 25
0 40	Emma Lantz .....	0 25
4 30	Benjamin Lantz .....	1 00
0 80	Lydia Corkum .....	0 50
0 40	Peter Lantz .....	0 50
0 80	Frederick Lantz .....	0 50
1 80	George Corkum .....	0 25
0 80	John Brown .....	0 25
0 40	John Broome .....	0 50
0 80	G. A. Elliott .....	0 75
0 60	William B. Elliott .....	0 50
0 80	David Broome .....	1 00
0 80	Mrs. Ellen Broome .....	0 25
0 80	George Collins .....	0 75
0 62	John Collins .....	0 50
1 00	Mrs. Collins .....	0 25
0 90	Jacob Rafuse .....	0 50
0 30	Mrs. Caroline Rafuse .....	0 25
0 30	Mrs. G. Elliott .....	0 25
1 00	In small sums .....	1 75
0 30		\$18 75

## CAPE BRETON.

## MABOU.

0 30	Robert Frizel .....	0 50
0 30	Mr. Frizel .....	0 50
5 00	Mrs. Frizel .....	0 75
0 50	A friend .....	0 12
0 25	D. Smith .....	1 50
0 30	Samuel McKeen .....	0 62
1 00	J. Austin .....	0 62
2 75	Mrs. Potter .....	0 50
1 00	A friend .....	0 20

## MARGAREE.

\$31 15	J. McDonald .....	0 50
	Miss Flora McDonald .....	0 30
	Murdoch McDonald .....	1 12
	J. Tinglay .....	0 25
	John McLeod .....	0 50
	Miss Jane McLeod .....	0 25
0 25	Mrs. M. McLean .....	1 00
0 25	Loch. McDonald .....	0 50
0 75	W. Ingram .....	0 50
0 25	D. McDonald .....	0 62
0 50	Mrs. D. McDonald .....	0 25
0 50	Miss Mary McLeod .....	0 50
1 00	M. Ross .....	0 60
0 50	Collection .....	5 00

## NORTH SYDNEY.

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High Ross .....

Collection .....

COW BAY.

Dr. Spencer .....

Donation .....

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Collected by Rev. Ronald McDonald.

Mrs. Stubbard, Little d'Or. 0 62

Donald McDermitt .....

Mrs. Donald McLean, Big

Bank .....

Donald McLean .....

Roderick McLean .....

David Corbit .....

Mrs. D. Corbet .....

Miss Dollina Corbet .....

Hector Corbet .....

Small sums .....

Donald McLean, Merchant,

Victoria .....

Ronald McDonald .....

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Collected by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Arnold Holmes, Jr .....

Arnold Martell .....

Leonora Martell .....

Annie E. Holmes .....

Amelia Holmes .....

Arnold Holmes, Jr .....

James McKeen .....

Mrs. James McKeen .....

Mrs. Gordon .....

Collection, Glace Bay .....

" Mira Gut .....

Edward Dixon .....

Theophilus Dixon .....

Francis Dixon .....

Charles Martell, Senr. ....

Mrs. Flora Martell, .....

Miss Sarah Martell .....

" Susannah Martell .....

" Patie Martell .....

Mrs. Chas. Martell .....

Miss Julia Martell .....

Small sums .....

Thos. Martell .....	0 50
Mrs. Thos. Martell .....	0 50
Esther Martell .....	0 25
T. H. Martell .....	0 25
Arnold Holmes, Senr. ....	1 00
Anthony Murrent .....	0 54
William Murrent, Senr. ....	0 50
Mrs. W. Murrent .....	0 25
Mrs. Adelaide Murrent .....	0 25
Mrs. Wilson .....	0 25
William Murrent, Jr. ....	0 50
George Turner .....	0 50
David Spencer .....	0 50
Mrs. David Spencer .....	0 50
Rory McDonald .....	2 50
Samuel Peters .....	1 00
Mrs. Samuel Peters .....	0 37
A friend .....	0 31
Arnold Holmes, Jr. ....	4 00
David Spencer .....	4 00
Miss Severeance .....	0 25
David Spencer, (shoe work) ..	1 43
Stephen Holmes .....	5 00
A. E. Holmes .....	1 00
David Spencer .....	1 00
George Turner .....	0 25
Benjamin Martell .....	4 00
A Roman Catholic .....	0 25
Arnold Holmes, Junr. ....	2 00
Arnold Holmes, Senr. ....	0 50
Charles Martell, Senr. ....	4 00
William Holmes .....	2 00
Philip Spencer .....	5 00
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Rory McDonald .....	1 25
Joseph Holmes .....	6 00
Samuel Peters .....	8 00
John Martell .....	4 00
Collections, Grace Bay .....	2 00
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" Cow Bay Mines .....	2 14
" South Head .....	0 97
William Holmes .....	6 00
David Spencer .....	1 20
Philip Spencer .....	4 00
Miss Severeance .....	0 37
Collection, Grace Bay .....	0 50
" Cow Bay Mines .....	4 20
" Grace Bay .....	0 57
" Naira Gut .....	4 26

Collection, Glace Bay.....	1 85
“ Cow Bay.....	2 98
“ Grand Mira....	10 52
“ Galen Holmes .	4 00
“ Cow Bay Mines	1 92
Chas. Martell, Senr.....	2 50
Chas. Martell, Junr.....	1 00

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**P. E. ISLAND.**

Collected by Eliakim Archibald.

Lot 49 .....	11 80
Uigg .....	7 50
Belfast .....	1 60
East Point .....	0 87
Bro. McLearn, St. Peter's Bay .....	0 80
Bro. J. Simpson, Cavendish	5 00
Tryon .....	1 55

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Collected by Rev. Benj. Scott.

North River.....	£1	0	0
Lot 49 .....	1	0	0
Grand River.....	4	10	0
Sundry Subsc iptions..	0	11	6
Elder B. Scott's sub...	3	0	0

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N. S. Currency.... \$33 57

Collected by Rev. John Shaw.

Archd. McNeil.....	£0	6	3
Mrs. Livingstone.....	0	8	0
John Darrach.....	0	5	0
Duncan MacCounel...	0	3	0
Mrs. Darrach.....	0	1	6
Donald Lamont, Esq..	0	5	0
Colin MacPhail.....	0	5	0
Collections, Long Creek	3	15	11
"    Clyde River	2	0	0
"    Grand River	0	10	0

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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such other Brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

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

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

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Moderator, shall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, as hereinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it will be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is chosen.

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

ART. 6th.—At each Annual Meeting the letters from the Churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place, after which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator shall not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. When large Committees are judged desirable they shall be appointed by the Association, and two-thirds of the number appointed shall be competent to act.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its messengers present the right-hand of fellowship.

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

**ART. 9th.**—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge for itself of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

**ART. 10th.**—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

**ART. 11th.**—That the Moderator be authorized at any time during the year, to call a special meeting of the Association, in pursuance of a requisition signed by ten members thereof.

**ART. 12th.**—Alterations and amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

## RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1st.**—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer; and immediately after the opening, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and corrected.

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

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

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

**RULE 5th.**—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

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

**RULE 7th.**—These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.