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OF THE

SECOND SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN NEW-BRUNSWICK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held at Saint John,

SATURDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY.

1st, 3d, 4th and 5th September, 1849.

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The Western New-Brunswick Baptist Association convened according to appointment in this City, in the Baptist Chapel in Brus-

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sel Street, at 2 o'clock, P. M. After a delightful conference in which the Delegates freely participated, the Association organized by the choice of the following Officere : and ondo

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Rev. Samuel Robinson, Moderator. Rev. B. D. Very, Secretary.

Rov. T. Todd, Assistant Secretary. . . action lo guitaud George A. Garrison, Treasurer.

The following Committees were appointed, after extending the usual invitation to Messengers from Corresponding Associations, and to visiting Ministers and Brethren in regular standing in other Associations, to take seats with the Delegates and participate in the deliberations of this Association.

1. To Examine Circular Letter-S. Elder, J. Walker, and the

2. To Examine and Read the Letters-W. Hall, A. McDonald, G. F. Miles.

3. On Special Business-A. D. Thompson, E. D. Very, C. Spurden, S. Kinsman, S. P. Edstabrooks, J. Chase, R. W. Cunnigham. 4. On Domestic Missions - J. Walker, T. W. Saunders, J. Blake-

ney, R. Wells, Deacon J. Smith, Deacon S. Gerow, Deacon J.

Eserett, George Rigby.

5. On Fareign Missions and American and Foreign Bible Society—K. Brooks, Jr., E. W. Pray, S. Elder, A. M'L. Seely, R. W. Cunningham, W. Hall, J. Chape.

6. On Sabbath Schools—G. F. Miles, T. Todd, H. E. Seely, M. Barber, W. D. Flich, G. A. Garrison.

7. On the Christian Visitor - S. Elder, J. Trimble, W. Jackson, W. Hall, 8: On Colportage John Mages, R.H. Emerson, B. Scott, W. D. Fitch, S. P. Eastabrööks, R. Stevens, Ranting, A. M'Donald, D. W. C. Di-

9. On Arrangements—I. Bunting, A. M'Donald, D. W. C. Di-mock, E. D. Very. 11. On New Churches.—J. H. Tapper, E. Webb, C. Stilwell, J. O. Bentty, J. Brown.

2. On the Union Society—T. W. Saunders, J. P. Wells, J. Smith, J. Chare, W. Jackson, W. S. Estey.

After which the Association adjourned till Monday, A. M., at 10 clock.—Frayer by Rev. W. Jackson.

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MONDAY, 10 o'clock. A. M. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. Crandal. Introductory sermon preached by Rev. Charles Spurden, from 1st Cor. 3d ch., 21st, 22d, 23d verses,—"For all things are yours; whether Paul or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and

A collection was taken up for Domestic Missions.

The following brethren were then invited to take seats with the Delegates and participate in their deliberations, viz. :-Rev. E. J. Harris, of Exeter, N. H., Bro. Edward Haestis, of Yarmouth, N. S.; Dea, T. Lockey, Bro. F. H. Duval, and Bro. William P. Everett:

The Letters from the Churches were then read, and the Dele-

gates took their seats

The following brethren then took their seats with the Delegates,

Rev. T. S. Harding, of Horton, N. S.; Rev. John Chase, of do; Rev. R. W. Cunningham, of Granville, N. S.; Rev. Joseph Crandal, of Salisbury; Rev. W. Jackson, of St., Martins; Rev. Joshua Bunting, of Norton; Rev. J. Trimble, of Jemseg; Rev. J. Blakeney, of Gondola Point; Rev. K. Brooks, Jr., of Eastport, Me.; Rev. E.

The following appear, from the Letters, as Delegates from the

Carleton-Rev. A. McDonald; Brethren John Christopher, Wilham Buchanan, J. O. Beattey, John. P. Wells. Woodstack-Rev. T. Todd, Bro. J. Everett.

Portland—Rev. E. D. Very; Brethren A. M.L. Seely, Jesse Olmstead, Thos. Boyne, Robert Stevens.

Saint Andrews - Rev. A. D. Thompson.

Rushagonish Bro, Jared Smith.

Newcastle—Rev. Geo. F. Miles.

Canning—Rev. W. D. Fitch; Brethren John Curry, S. P. Estabrooks, D. C. Stilwell.

Maugerville-Bro. R. H. Emerson.

Cardigan—Rev. J. H. Tupper; Thos. Bolten.

Douglas—Rev. T. W. Saupders.

New Jerusalem—Brethren E. Webb, Jehn Brown.

2d St. George—Rev. James Walker,

1st St. George—Rev. Win, Hall; Bro. H. E. Seelye, SECTION PROPERTY WITH THE

St. James Rev. Wm. L. Hopkins.

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Samuel Kinaman, J. Wightman, G. A. Garrison.

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Estey, J. P. A. Phillips, Moses Barbes, Wm. Bar-

Voted, To adjourn to 8 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Rev. W. L.

Mot according to adjournment. Privat by Rev. Trimble. The Committee of Arrangements having reported the order for the afternoonit was

Voted, That Rev. G. F. Miles write the Circular Letter, for the next yearsood amount in many side have larger

That Rev. S. Elder be the Preacher for the Introductory ser-

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That Reid W. D. Fren be the Messenger from this to the Eastern Association, to be held in Springfield; Rev. J. Magee, Al-

That Rev. D. Very be the Messenger to the Nova Scotia Association; Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Alternate,

That Rev. Wm. Hall be the Messenger to the Washington Association in Maine, Rev. W. L. Hopkins, Alternate.

On motion of Rev. A. McDonald, it was

Resolved, That this Association pay the travelling expenses only of the Delegates to the corresponding Associations, and that such Messengers present their bills at the Session following the service

Voted, That the next Session of this Association be held with the Baptist Charelin Mangerville on the first Saturday in Septemager as the Rev. J.0684 drad

Voted, That the following brethren be the Delegates of this Association to the Baptist Convention to be held on the third Saturday of this month at Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, Rev. D. W. C. Dimeck Rev. T. Todd, Rev. S. Elder, Rev. J H. Tupper, Rev. Ger BauMiles. he statutes of this and d

Voted, That Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev. W. D. Fitch, and Brother Emerson be a Committee of Armingement for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the Clerk superintend the Printing of the Minutes; that 800 copies be printed and distributed according to the amount paid by each Church, sending three copies to each church which has not contributed to meet the expense.

The Committee on the Circular having examined the same and re-

commended its adoption, apple 0

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Voted, That the Circular Letter be now read by its Author, and that it be printed in the Minutes.

The Letter was then read by Rev. W. D. Fitch.

The Committee on Special Bus iness then submitted so much of their Report as was concluded, receiving leave to continue its du-

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL BUSINESS 1. The Association after due deliberation, having established as

a precedent, that it was not in a position to ordain or to judge of the qualifications for ordination.

Resolved, That we dismiss all applications for such action, and hope they may not in future be made to us.

2. From the Constitution of this Budy, and in consideration of the objects which it is designed to promote, we cannot review the disciplinary action of any of the Churches, nor pretend to any jurisdiction over them, even by the appointment of councils or by any other direct action whatever. All which is respectfully submitted. Adopted to the fall saviet A. D. MIOMPSON, Chairman.

The following Missionery Boards for Domestic Missions were then appointed for the ensuing year of hatelusian adood to not

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For Saint John District.—John Smith, Thomas Lockey, Geo. A. Garrison, N. S. Demill, James Brayley, Moses Isawrence, Alex. McL. Seely, George W. Roberts, Robert Stevene, C. D. Everitt, Samuel Spillar, J. P. Wells, W. Buchanas, W. Hayward, J. Christopher, Samuel Kinsman, E. H. Duyal, J. F. Mastets—with the Pastors of St. John and vicinity.

For Fredericton District .- Rev. S. Elder, Rev. C. Sporden, Brethren J. P. A. Philips, W. S. Estey, J. C. Watson, C. L. Hartt,

David Scott, T. R. Estey, Por Saint George District, Charlotte County.—Deacons P. Seely, John Mann, J. Walker, James Russell, James Davidson. Brethren H. E. Seely, A. H. Gilmour, and James Howe-with the Ministers of the Baptist Churches in the County.

After prayer by Rev. W. Jackson.

Adjourned to Tuesday, A. M., at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. J. Crandal. Rev. John Magee preached from Matthew 5th ch. 14th v. "Ye are the light of the world." Several Members followed the thoughts introduced in their remarks after the sermon.

The Association then gave way for a Meeting of the Education Society, when Father Joseph Crandal, President of the Society,

The Report was read by the Rev. C Spurden, after which several Resolutions were proposed and adopted, opening a field for discussion and remark, in which many of the Ministers participated, all heartily and unanimously advocating the duty and privilege of Education, and especially of Ministerial Education. (The Report and Resolutions will be found in the Appendix.) Pending this discussion, the Society adjourned to 3 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Rev. James Walker.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M. Met according to adjournment. Rev. Wellington Jackson preached a sermon from Philippians, 3d Prayer by Rev. E. W. Pray ch, and 8th verse. "Yes, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord."

The business of the morning was then resumed, and at the close of the discussion on Education, the Moderstor having taken the chair, The Colporteur Committee submitted the following

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE

The Committee on Colporage beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee deeply impressed with the importance of a
healthy, religious and moral literature as a means of promoting and maintaining the cause of God, and of advancing the highest interests. of civilization, regard with pleasing interest the attempt which has been so successfully made by the Colporage Committee, appointed by the Associations of the Province, to diffuse religious knowledge. by the Associations of the Frovince, to minuse rough as a fine most among our churches and people. They rejoice that one of the most pressing wants of the Denomination is being supplied by the circulation of books calculated to raise the general tone of intelligence and piety, to preserve the minds of the young from the corrupting

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influence of works of fiction and error, so rapidly poured forth from an unsanctified Press, and to prepare the members of our churches for more extensive usefulness in the service of Christ.

Your Committee learn with much satisfaction that the labours of an efficient Colporteur have been constantly employed by the Colportage Committee for the last two years, during which a large amount of religious and other books, have been sold and distributed, and much other work performed belonging to such an agency. For the supply of the Colporteur and for general sale, a large and varied stock of books is kept constantly on hand at the Depository in St.

The expenses of the Colportage agency which are limited to the amallest amount, are met partly by the very moderate profits arising from the sale of books, and partly by contributions from one or wo churches and a few benevolent individuals. But it is quite obvious that where books are sold at a very slight advance on the first cost, while numbers of volumes are distributed gratuitously, the sales must be much more extensive than at present in order to defray expenses. In fact the Depository and Colportage operations have hitherto been largely sustained at the risk and by the generous efforts of the brother to whom the immediate direction of the object is entrusted.

Your Committee would further state that it is very requisite for the prosperity of the establishment, that the Depository should be removed to larger rooms to be appropriated solely to its use, the place in which it is now kept being too confined. In the event of the proposed change being made rent must be paid, an expense which has hitherto been avoided through the kindness of the brethren who have allowed the books to be kept in their office.

In view of the facts stated your Committee earnestly recommend to the Ministers and Churches of the denomination, that each Church according to its means adopt immediate measures for creating the sustaining a fund for defraying the necessary expenses of the Depository and Colporage operations, and for increasing their effectiveness. They would suggest that "Female Mite Societies." be formed throughout the Churches, the members contributing a penny a week, for accomplishing this object; and that Pastors give their personal influence and labours towards the fermation and continuance of these Societies.

The Report having been advocated by several brethren, a favorable impression was made, and a number, as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, came to the aid of the Committee.

The following Resolution, moved by the Rev. Joseph Crandal, was then unanimously adopted, " That this Association request the Pasters of the several Churches, when the Celposteur is in their vicinity, to assist him in his work, and make the necessary arrangements for taking up a collection for the support of the Colpor-

The Cummittee en Sabbath Schools then submitted the following

REPORT
The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to seport:
That having examined the Letters of the Churches, we find that

s goodly number of the Churches are taking an interest in this me-

thon of instruction.

Considering the Importance of this Auxiliary to the Church of Christ, the Committee would affectionately and most earnestly urge upon the Churches the duty of sustaining an efficient Sabbath School in connection with each Church.

They recommend that all Pastors should take a still more decided interest in this Institution than has ever yet been manifested.

All of which is respectfully submitted, Adopted.

G. F. MILES, Chairman.

It was thereupon voted unanimously that the thanks of this Association be given to Rev. S. Elder, for the valuable series of articles communicated through the Christian Visitor, on Sabbath Schools.

Several Bills of Expenses incurred in the service of the Association were then presented, and approved and ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Foreign Missions then submitted the follows ing Report, which, with recommendations was adopted,

REPORT :

The Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following Report:

Your Committee regard the failing health of our beloved Missionary, brother R. E. Burpe, which will probably lead not birly to the suspension of his labours, but also to his entire withdrawal from the scene of his devoted exertions, as an event calculated to produce deep regret throughout our Churches, and to awaken the liveliest sympathy for our afflicted brother. But regarding this event as one which cannot but produce profound sorrow, they yet constder it to be the duty of all to manifest humble submission to our Heavenly Father who has been pleased to visit us with this trial of our faith and patience, for reasons which though concealed from our sight, are doubtless characterised by the highest wisdom and good ness Your Committee would express their decided conviction, that the painful dispensation alluded to, so far from justifying disconvagement and abatement of zeal among our Churches in behalf of the Foreign Mission, calls for redoubted and immediate efforts to sestain it. They regret that the general decline of the Union Societies, a principal object of which is the support of our Missionary enterprises, has prevented the fulfilment of the repeated and selemn promises of this Association in relation to the Foreign Mission; and hey are impelled to assert their belief that the failure of our Ctiarches in this respect involves a serious neglect of religious obligation. They would affectionately and argently, therefore, press upon the attention of the Ministers and Delegates present, and upon all the Charenes, the daty of pulling forth speedy and strenuous exertions to furnish that propertion of the Poreign Mission funds for which they stand solely pledged.

Your Committee also recommend that the following Resolutions

be submitted to the Association this evening.

1st. Phat this Association deeply regretting the impaired health of their beloved Missionary, and the interruption thus occasioned to his labours, would bow in numble submission to that mysterious vet ri edge t 2nd. we fee

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2nd. That while we regard this affliction as a trial of our faith, we feel bound to increase our efforts to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom, assured that in due time, we shall reap if we faint not.

In relation to the American and Fereign Bible Society, your Committee Report-

That in their opinion, this Society is one of the most powerful and effective agencies for the dissemination of the Gospel, and the promotion of the cause of Christ; and as such commends itself to the cordial co-operation and support of our Churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. HALL, Chairman of Committee.

The Committee on the Union Society then submitted the fol-REPORT:

The Committee on the Union Society beg leave to Report as fellows :

The information received by the letters from the Churches shows clearly that the recommendations contained in the Committee's Re. port of last year have not been carried into effect. While a few Churches have been nobly carrying out the objects contemplated by the Society; the greater number have done but little. The comunittee fully believe the organization of the Society admirably adapted. to meet all the wants of the Denomination in money matters, if carried out in the spirit of benevolence which should ever characterize the disciples of Christ.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the sentiments contumed in the Committee's last year's Report in reference to

As it is a subject of vital importance to the Denomination, the neglect of which has had a withering influence on its prosperity; they further recommend that action forth with be taken to carry out the above recommendation. T. W. SEUNDERS, Chairman

The Committee on Special Business beg leave to conclude their

Report, by the following Resolution,

"That this Association recommend that the General Union Society and the Education Society alternate their Annual meetings for the transaction of business with the two Associations. The latter Society, however, making its report annually to the Eastern Association for publication in their Minutes, reserving the choice of officers and transaction of business in the alternate year to the Meeting of the Western Association,

They recommend further, that the business of but one of the Societies be attended to by the same Association at any one ses-A. D. THOMPSON, Chairman.

The Demestic Missionary Boards then submitted their Financial Report which were approved.

The Committee on Domestic Missions then submitted the follow-REPORT.

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destitution existing in many parts of the Province, the wants of many small churches without pastors, and the numerous and carnest applications for missionary help coming from these quarters,would urgently call upon the Churches composing this Association to use immediate and strenuous efforts to increase the funds committed to the trust of the Missionary Boards. They would remind their brethren that the rise and progress of the cause of Christ in connection with the Baptist body of this Province, has been largely owing, under the Divine blessing, to Missionary labours; and that our hope of the further advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom amongst us rests on the maintenance and multiplication of these labours.

As the Union Society has become an established instrumentality for supporting Domestic Missions, as well as all our other religious and benevolent undertakings, your committee fervently recommend the Pastors and Churches of the Association to take such steps as may be necessary for reviving and promoting this instrumentality.

Your Committee having learned that the attention of some of our brethren has been specially directed to the spiritual destitution of the French pertion of our population, and that a mission has been commenced among them which seems to promise great good, would respectfully suggest that measures be at once devised by the Association for encouraging and sustaining this important enterprise. All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WALKER, Chairman of Committee.

On motion of Rev. Wm. Hall, and appropriate remarks it was Resolved. That we recommend to the Churches to observe the first day of January, 1850, as a day of solemn prayer for his blessing upon our Zion in this Province.

The Committee on the " Christian Visitor" submitted the fol-REPORT:

The Committee on the Christian Visitor beg leave to Report. That this acknowledged organ of the Baptist body in New Brunswick which has assumed, in the hands of its able and accomplished Editor, a rank among the first class of Religious periodicals, is indispensable to the complete advocacy and support of our great denominational interests, demands the entire and earnest efforts of our association to extend its circulation and to provide for its sustentation ample and constant funds. That every Paster and Minister of our churches should not only take the paper, hunself and pay for it, but by his personal influence and labors seek to enlarge the list of paying subscribers; and the same duty devolves on all the members of our churches who are at all able to aid in promoting this object. Your Committee the more earnestly urge this duty on the association, because they know to a great extent it is neglected; and because the result of a continuance of this neglect must inevitably be the suspending of the Christian Visitor, an event which would be disastrons in the extreme to the cause of God amongst us, and to all our religious and benevolent undertak-Adopted.

S. ELDER, Chairman of Committee.

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The Association then adjourned to meet on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by the Rev. W. S. Hopkins.

According to the recommendations of the Committee on Foreign Missions, the evening of this day was devoted to the discussion of the Resolutions submitted by that Committee,

A large congregation having assembled, the first Resolution was moved by the Rev. A. D. Tho npson, and seconded by the Rev. Joseph Crandal, and was further supported by the Rev. T. S.

Harding.

The second Resolution was moved by the Rev. S. Elder, and seconded by the Rev. E. J. Harris, and afterwards supported by the Rev. E. W. Pray.

The attention of the congregation and the interest of the services were kept up till a late hour, when a generous collection exceeding six pounds was taken up, and the meeting dismissed by a benediction from Father Crandal.

WEDNESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. E. D. Very. Rev. W. Hall preached from 1st Cor. 1st ch. and 18th verse. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto as which are saved it is the power of God."

The Moderator having taken the chair, a letter was read from Rev. Obed Chute, who has spent a short time amongst the French in Westmoreland County, giving an account of his reception and

labors.

The Delegates and friends present were deeply moved by the representations made by Brother Chute, and by others acquainted with the field, and a subscription opened at once, the result of which appears in the Treasurer's Report. It was afterwards

Resolved, That as the Providence of God has directed the steps of an esteemed and competent brother to this Province, who is willing to apply himself to the religious instruction of the French pepulation, and who has already entered the field at the request of a few benevolent individuals, this Association recommends to the different Missionary Boards to appropriate a part of their funds to the support of this mission.

Voted, That Brother John F. Marsters be the Treasurer of this Association for this Fund, and that further subscriptions be solicited

and forwarded to him.

Voted, That this Association request Brother Chute to lay the claims of this mission, and such incidents and observations as may be suitable for that purpose before our Churches, through the columns of the Christian Visitor.

The Treasurer's Report was then submitted and after a friendly exchange of sentiments and exhortations in behalf of the objects of

the Union Society, it was

Resolved, That we approve of a general agency in behalf of the Union Society, and would request Rev. Joseph Crandal to accept an agency of several months and visit all our churches.

On motion of Rev. A. D. Thompson, Voted, That the thanks of this Association be affectionately ten.

dered to the Baptist Church, and friends in this city and vicinity for their kind hospitality.

The Association thereupon adjourned to meet in Maugerville the first Saturday in September, 1850.

Prayer by the Moderator.

SAMUEL ROBINSON, Moderator. Thos. Todd. Ass't. Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE WESTERN NEW BRUNS-WICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren.—In selecting a subject for your consideration, and upon which to address you in this annual epistle, we have made choice of one that yields to few others in importance. Although it has been inculcated from the Pulpit, the Platform and the Press, yet it may be received with less pleasure than, some other topic. We refer to the obligations resting upon the Charch of Christ, to exemplify a spirit of Christian liberality. The importance of such a spirit may be seen from its inseperable connection with the progress of the kingdom of Christ set up in the world; and his holy refligion which he came from heaven to make known to the lost and perishing.

The efforts of the primitive disciples to advance the reign of rightcousness and truth among their fellow beings, were crowned with
unparalleled success; and the spirit of Christian benovolence, which
they possessed and exhibited, goes far to account for this prosperity.
Their numbers were comparatively few, and their pecuniary resources small, but such was their Christian enlargement of sonl,
that all they possessed was thrown into one consecrated channel,
and through divine grace, it had a powerful influence in securing
the salvation of souls, and forwarding the interests of Zion.

It was not long, however, that real prosperity continued to crown the labours of the primitive Churches. And the reason is obvious. They lost the spirit of Christian benevolence, and imbibed the selfishness of the world; and, while actuated by that, their efforts could not meet the approbation of God, nor be attended with the divine blessing.

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Comparatively nothing is being done at the present time to ameliorate the condition of men and save them from impending ruin. Where so many fields for Christian enterprise are presented, and so many affecting voices are calling upon the Churches for aid in behaff of those who are perishing. And why is it thus? The reason is clear. The same worldliness that crept; into the primitive Church, pervades that of the present day, and men, who are called the disciples of Christ, are panting and to the pleasures and temoluments of this world. They are almost entirely destinate of that spirit of benevolence, which was a living operating, and ever-expanding principle in the breasted, the carry describes.

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The absence of a spirit of Christian liberality among the professed friends of the Saviour, and the possession of one directly the reverse are operating powerfully and constantly against the dearest interests of the kingdom with which God has identified his own glory and the present and eternal happiness of men. Why is it that so many Churches and congregations in this Province are destitute of the stated preaching of the Word,—the bread of life ? Is it because there are no pecuniary means to sustain the servants of God which would supply this lack? No one acquainted with the temporal circumstances of the Churches comprising the Association, and who have any knowledge of the value of divine truth and the souls of men can came to such a conclusion. For, were there such a spirit of christian liberality in exercise as the word of God enjoins and primitive believers exhibited, and were the much needed means systematically collected, according to the scriptural rule "as the Lord hath prospered," and judiciously appropriated, there would be enough to supply abundantly every just demand. All our Subbath Schools could be furnished with efficient Libraries; and our Colporteurs travelling through the length and breadth of the Province, could supply every family with the Heaven indited Volume, and other books of wholesome instruction. Our Seminary at Fredericton, filled with knowledge-seeking students, would demand public attention and esteem; and from it would go forth year after year, young men whose mental faculties would be prepared to elevate the moral character of their countrymen and unite them toget ther by the strongest ties. We should have, at least, five times the number of Missionaries that we now have in the foreign field : and our contributions would be increasing the fund appropriated to supply the Lamp of Life where a mysterious and divine Providence is every day opening an easier way of access.

We meet in our annual Associations, and deliberate on the means to be employed for advancing the interests of our Holy Religion. And, while looking apon the moral and intellectual harvest, spread invitingly before us, while thinking of its value and liability to perish and be forever lost, our hearts become deeply affected and our emotions warmly excited; and with our spirits grasping in warm desire for the salvation of sinners, we lay our plant for gaining so. God-honouring and soul inspiring an object. But pecuniary aid as indispensably, necessary in currying our schemes into effective operation; so that, with the blessing of Heaven, they may accomplish the object for which they were designed. My then, we are destined. of a spirit of Christian liberality, which is so inseperably connected? with the progress of the cause of Christ, no benefit can accure from our stated meetings for deliberating, and forming plans which cannot be carried into effect for want of means. Indeed it would seem almost as well, to discontinue our deliberations, since they are devoted to mere caute building. It were almost useless to offer any more prayers for the promotion of the glory of God in the sal vation of sinners, since they appear little more then useless and uncharies table, patitions. Mithous such a dimensuration of our love to Gad and the couls of mental is exemplified in the spirit of liberality, all: our prayers and exhitrations are no better than a solemn mockery.

If motives are needed, and can have any influence in stimulating us to an active exercise in the holy and charitable work, we have them, powerful and numberless, pressing upon our attention and under our observation. The benevolence of the Divine Being towards mankind, ought indeed, to awaken in us a sympathy for our fellow beings who are enveloped in the thick veil of ignorance, The merciful kindness of God is exhibited in the creation of all things, and the provision made for the wants of every animate object. But the most inconceivable and likewise unparalleled exhibition of God's merciful benevolence is seen in the plan of salvation, devised by the Holy Trinity for the redemption of man; and the means employed to carry it into execution. Can we live, in time and eternity, upon the streams of divine mercy flowing from the heavenly fountain, and allow selfishness to shut up our howels of compassion against the cry of our fellow beings who are perishing for the want of the Bread of Life; with which we might instrumentally supply them? Shall the Divine Being open his hand and pour upon us benefactions more munificient than our most enlarged desires can ask, -and shall those benefits, so freely conferred and so undeservedly received, have no influence upon our minds, -awaken no spring of benevolence in our hearts to promote the glory of God? Ought we not, in imitation of our heavenly example to devote ourselves and our substance to the spiritual welfare of a perishing world? And what a perfect example have we in Christ, the head of the Church? "Though he was rich, for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich." He when rich in all the treasures of the universe, -emptied himself of them all, and descended into the lowest depths of poverty, that we might be called to the possession of great treasures in this world and a crown in the world to come. And shall not this unparalleled example of benevolence drive from our hearts the selfish spirit which characterizes the men of this world who have no experimental knowledge of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We might refer to many of the followers of the Saviour, who taking the Scripture as their guide, exhibited upon all occasions that ardent spirit of love and benevolence of which their Divine Master set them, such an imitable example. If, then, examples can have any influence in arousing us from our lethargic condition, and directing us in the path which we are imperatively called to follow, we have them most plainly laid down in the inspired word. We feel thankful that the Church is not entirely without examples of Christian charity at the present day, and that some of you do not live for this world, but in the hope of that which is to come.

DEAR BRETHREN, let us turn our attention, then, to the great cause for which the Redeemer died; the salvation of sinners. Let us be sincere; let us be zealous; let us be liberal, for "The Lord lovath a cheerful giver," and "they that water shall be watered." If any persons have come to the conclusion, that their estates and enjoyments can be enlarged by robbing God of the tithes and offering which are his most rightful due, they have reasoned erroneously and their conclusion betrays an ignorance of the principles of Divine government; and a want of observing the dispensations of Pro-

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If parents store up wealth for their children by witholding from the cause of God what it justly demands, a curse will be bound up in such treasure, which will be entailed upon their offspring, perhaps, during time and eternity. If, then, we desire to obtain the favour of God ourselves, and be a blessing to others, both here and hereafter, let us seek after that holy and script aral piety which

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The present state of the world calls, in a voice that cannot be silenced nor misunderstood, for benevolent exertions for its salvation, by all those who love the Saviour and the souls of men. To whatever part of the inhabited world we turn our attention, inviting fields for Christian enterprise and liberality present themselves. The word of God and the heralds of salvation are now having free access to thousands of the human race, who, not long since, raised an almost insurmountable barrier against all approaches of the Gos-We cannot help observing the hand of the Sovereign of worlds in the vicissitudes through which some of the nations of the earth have recently passed and others are now passing. God is shaking to the very centre those kingdoms which stand opposed to the progress of his Gospel, and preparing them for the reception of truth. Can we turn away with indifference from those doors, opened by the providence of God, for the introduction of his soul-saving truth? Can we shut our ears to the cry of those who are perishing for spiritual instruction? coming, as it does, from every quarter,from the nominally christian, and from the heathen,-from home and from foreign lands. If we do become deaf to such appeals, the curse auciently pronounced upon Meroz, will most assuredly fall upon us. Many persons who profess to love the Saviour, and who are worth, not only hundreds, but in some cases thousands, tell us that such is the pecuniary depression under which the Province now labours, that they have nothing to contribute to the cause of God. Let such persons know that one of the principal sins for which God is now visiting the earth in judgment, is withholding more than is meet; it has tended to poverty already, and will continue increasingly to do so until the sin be repented of. Dear brethren, let us seek for a clearer knowledge of the requisitions of the Bible, that our hearts may become more deeply imbued with the spirit of Christ. Then shall we hail with pleasure every opportunity of giving a fresh demonstation of our love to God and the souls of men.

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THE N. BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

At the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Society, held at St. John on the 4th Sept., 1849, the following Report was asbmitted by the Committee.

REPORT.

The adjoining list contains the names of the Students who have attended the classes in the Seminary during the past year, from which it will appear that the number amounts in all to Fifty, and the Principal has much satisfaction in bearing testimony to the diligence evinced by the Students generally, the proficiency they have made in various branches of learning, and the good behaviour

which has been observed during the year.

It would afford the friends of the Society pleasure to learn that the members of the community to which the Institution more immediately belongs were availing themselves of the means of improvement thus afforded them on behalf of their sons; the Committee however are sorry to be compelled to state that but few families, resident in the country, seek for their children the advantages of a more extended education than that which is furnished by the common schools; they do not pretend to determine the causes which operate to produce this neglect of a higher order of education, but they may be allowed to deplore that any thing short of the most absolute necessity should be suffered to prevent a youth from advancing to the highest state of mental cultivation within his reach.

But notwithstanding the indifference to education which apparently exists, and the severe commercial depression which the last year has witnessed, the Committee regard with satisfaction the circumstance that the number of Students during the year has nearly equalled that of previous years; they congratulate the friends of the Society upon this indication of general confidence in the community, and healthy prosperity in the Institution. Mr. Emserson, a licentiate of the body, pursued his studies with much diligence and success from Oct., 1848, to the May following, according to provision made at the Western Association held last year at St. George's: the statement of expenses incurred for the necessary purposes of the Board at the Seminary will be found in the Cash acct.

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The Annual Examination of the pupils took place on Friday, the Sth June, and was attended by the Rev. J. M. Brooke and Professor Jack, of King's College, as Commissioners on behalf of the Government. The Legislative grant, amounting to two hundred and fifty pounds, has been received this year as before. The amount received last year from the General Union Society was only ten pounds, which is not much more than a fourth part of the interest of the debt for one year; and as the Committee have felt themselves in justice bound to increase the Salary of the Assistant Teacher, to the amount of ten pounds for the ensuing year, they trust that the dividend from the Union Society will be augmented, and so enable them to meet all demands. The Committee cannot is connection with this subject, refrain from reverting te the less and diesevantages which accrue from the payment of so large a sum as

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The interior of the building stands in need of some repairs which the Committee have judged it proper to order, with the assurance of the determination to study the ulmost economy that is compatible with the preservation of the building and the comfort of the immates.

The Committee mentioned in their Report two years ago, that the Records of the Society had been destroyed by fire; they would suggest the propriety of searching for the record of the constitution of the Society, and having it again committed to writing among their papers; and should the Society see fit to authorize the Executive Committee to frame a draught of such additions to the Constitution as altered circumstances may render expedient, they will endeavour to attend to that duty, and present the subject for consideration at the next meeting of the Society.

The following Resolutions were then adopted

1st. That the Report now read, be received and laid before the Churches.

2nd. That the friends of the Society rejoice in the measure of prosperity which has been vouchsefed them by the disposer of all events, during a period of extreme commercial depression; and they look forward with confidence to still more cheering indications of the divine favour in future years.

3rd. That we coincide with the appointment of officers made at the Meeting of the Eastern Association at Hopewell, as follows:—Asa Coy, Esq., Secretary; and Rev. C. Spurden, Rev. S. Elder, llon. W. B. Kinnear, S. W. Babbitt, Aaron Hartt, W. Sewell, and L. P. A. Phillipse Grant Control of the Control of th

P. A. Philips, Committee of Management for the ensaing year. The following Resolutions also, submitted by the Board of Disectors, were unanimously adopted.

1st. Whereas the impossibility of meeting the expense of Board at the Seminary has been a great barrier to the attendance of young nen of limited means, therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Directors authorise the Managing committee to allow young men to board themselves at their own

pense and trouble on the premises.

2nd. Resolved, That this body having every confidence in the overament of Acadia College, and fully sympathising with the rethren engaged in the support of Education in that Province, resumend that young men from amongst us, desiring a College burse, to avail themselves of the advantages to be obtained at orten in preference to other Institutions.

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