MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH CONFERENCE

OF THE

FREE BAPTISTS

OF

NOVA SCOTIA.

MELD AT

BEAVER RIVER, YARMOUTH COUNTY, September 9th, 10th and 11th, 1869.

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, AND MINUTES OF THE FOREIGN AND HOME MISSION, AND EDUCA-TIONAL SOCIETIES.

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Beaver River, Sept. 9th, 1869.

The fourth Annual Meeting of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, convened with the Church at Beaver River, Yarmouth County, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting called to order by the standing Clerk. Singing. Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

Resolved-That Rev. D. Oram be Moderator.

The Moderator made some appropriate remarks, after which the Clerk read the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE PRESENT.

REV. D. ORAM. MODERATOR.

REV. C. KNOWLES, REV. T. H. CROWELL,
W. C. WESTON, W. M. KNOLLIN,
E. SULLIVAN, W. DOWNEY.

REV. S. K. WEST. C. CANN.

DELEGATE FROM THE MAINE CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING OF F. W. BAPTISTS, U. S.

REV. A. H. MORRILL.

DEACONS AND DELEGATES FROM QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Z. CHURCHILL,

J. LOUDEN

C. CUSHING, SEN., B. BANKS. B. COVELL,

T. NEWELL, J. PITMAN,

G. BOWER, D. PORTER,

A. LARKIN, A. McGRAY,

J. R. PITMAN, S. W. PORTER, W. SOLLICE,

S. CROWELL, J. ROBBINS,

E. CROWELL. L. MINARD

C. CUSHING, JNR., P. SMITH,

S. W. NICKERSON, A. GAYTON, PITMAN,

S. HAMILTON, J. TREFRY

D. CORNING, M. McGRAY,

J. KENNY, G. W. PERRY, W. SIMMS, A. ROBBINS,

J. BROWN.

E. PERRY. Because of the absence of the Treasurer of Conference,

Jonathan Smith, of Barrington,
Jonathan Smith, of Churchill be appointed Treasurer, pro tem.
Resolved—That Z. Churchill be appointed Treasurer, pro tem.
Resolved—That W. Downey, A. Gayton and L. Minard, be the

Prudential Committee, Prudential Committee, Resolved—That brethren who are not Members of Conference have a scat with us, and enjoy the privileges of Conference, subject to its rules.

Resolved—That we adjourn until 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Crowell.

Resolved - That the case of Rev. C. Cann, referred by last Con-

Resolved—That T. H. Crowell, W. M. Knollin, and W. C. ference, be now considered. Weston, be a Committee to confer with Rev. C. Cann, and re-

Resolved—That C. Knowles, W. Downey, and A. McGray be port at the earliest convenience. a Committee to define article 9th of the Constitution of this Con-

Resolved-That W. Downey, A. Gayton, and A. McGray be

the Committee on Temperanes.

Resolved—That T. H. Crowell, T. Newell, and J. Trefry, be the Committee on Education.

Resolved-That W. M. Knollin, B. Covell, and W. S. Porter,

Resolved-That W. C. Weston, H. Hamilton, and C. Cushing, be the Committee on Missions. Sen. be the Committee on the Sabbath.

Resolved-That L. Minard, J. Louden and E. Crowell, be the

Resolved—That T. H. Crowell, B. Banks, and J. I. Porter, be committee on Sabbath Schools. Finance Committee.

Resolved - That we adjourn until to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Knollin.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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The report of Committee to confer with Rev. C. Cann, was

Resolved-That the report be received and adopted. presented.

REPORT.—Your Committee on the consideration of Rev. C. Cann's case will report, that we find that Bro. Cann has complied with the requirements of this Conference in a resolution passed in September 1868; Therefore we would recommend that the Conference now receive him into Fellowship, and good stand-J. H. CROWELL. ing as he has requested.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE. The report of Committee to define Article 9th of the constitution was presented.

Resolved-That the report be received.

REPORT :- Your Committee appointed to define the mode of admission of an Ordained Minister into this Denomination, beg leave to recommend the following as the future mode of action. 1st. Said Ordained Minister shall obtain a dismission from the

2nd. He shall present said document to some Free Baptist Church of which he is a member. Church, when said Church may by legal vote admit him as an ordinary member, and may grant him a License to preach and exercise the functions of his office until the next Quarterly Meeting Conference, when said Minister shall be examined, after which he may be received for a little of the conference. ter which he may be received into full fellowship by said Quarterly Meeting Conference.

C. KNOWLES, Committee. A. MCGRAT, W. DOWNEY,

Resolved-That this Conference recognize Rev. W. M. Knollin as a member thereof, and requests him to get his dismission from the Denomination to which he belongs.

Resolved—That we adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Weston.

REPORTING MEETING,

Prayer by the Moderator.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

REPORT.—The Committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following:

Your Committee believe that intoxicating drinks are a most prolific source of evil in our country.

We also believe it the duty of all Christians to discountenance and discourage the use of strong beverages; and to support and promulgate the principles of total abstinence.

Your Committe rejoice in being able to report that the Sons of Temperance, the British Templars, Total Abstinence Societies, and kindred institutions, have all been doing a good work during the past year. New societies have been formed, and large accessions have been made to old ones, so that, upon the whole your Committee think they can report favorably. We believe the good cause is progressing.
Your Committe rejoice to know that all our Ministers are

sound Temperance men, while a number of them are most zealous advocates of the reform; also that as a denomination, we have ever been pledged to Temperance principles. Not a few, of our Society are earnest working Temperance men holding positions of honor and responsibility in the different organi-

Your committee are reluctantly compelled however to acknowledge our fears that all who belong to our Churches are not strictly Total Abstalners. Finally, we sincerely hope the time is not far distant when there will not be a single man calling himself a Free Baptist who will allow himself to stain the reputation of the denomination by tipling.

Respectfully Submitted,

A GAYTON, Sec. Com.

After the reception of the report, its adoption was moved by Rev. S. K. West, and seconded by J. Trefry, and supported by A. Gayton, Rev. W. Downey, and F. Piper,

The speeches were earnest and appropriate. Resolved-That the report be adopted.

The report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was read, and received.

REPORT; -- Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to

submit the following report:

As the Quarterly Meetings have not yet reported we are unable to obtain that information we would desire. As far as we can learn some of the churches are doing a good work in this sphere of labour, while others we fear are not manifesting that zeal in the nursery of the church which we consider to be

Considering the intimate connection existing between the Church and the Sabbath School we would urge the importance of each church being now actively engaged in this branch of labor.

We would suggest the propriety of organizing Sabbath School Societies where practicable.

Respectfully Submitted.

L. MINARD, Chairman.

Resolved-That the report be adopted.

The report of Committee on Missions was read and received.

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Your Committee rejoice in the efforts that many portions of on the church. the Christian Church are putting forth, and the abundant success

with which God has crowned those efforts. We rejoice moreover that the leven of Missions is beginning

to manifest itself in young and growing denominations. The report of the worthy Secretary of our F. M. Society will furnish all the information concerning what has been done in

Your Committee would seize, this opportunity of urging more forcibly the claims of this Society upon all of our Ministers, that department of effort. Deacons. People, and all concerned; and that more systematic and prompt effort be put forth by our little Zion, remembering that in watering we shall be watered; but that in withholding we shall have poverty or spiritual destitution. Signed in behalf of the Committee.

The adoption of the report being moved and seconded,

was unanimously carried by the meeting. The Report of Committee on the Sabbath was read and

REPORT, -- Your Committee beg to submit the following :received. Believing the Christian Sabbath to be a great boon, conferred by a wise and benevolent God upon mankind; therefore we think its sanctity cannot be too strictly guarded. Its observance has proved a blessing temporally as well as spiritually.

Your Committee would recommend that we, as a denomina-tion, labor by precept and example, to expel from society those destructive habits, such as worldly conversation, the gathering at the corners of the streets, doors of places of Worship, visiting from house to house, allowing children to play in the streets or fields; these, with many kindred habits, sap Christians of their spiritual life, and injure their usefulness in this world; benumbing the conscience of the youth, and leading in the paths of

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Your Committee would urge upon all the necessity of "Rethe destroyer.

membering the Sabbath day to keep it Holy." W. C. WESTON, Chairman.

The adoption of the report was moved by W. Downey, seconded by J. 1. Porter, and supported by W. M. Knollin, D. Oram, A. Gayton, F. Piper, D. Weston, J. Trefry and W. C. Weston.

Resolved-That the report be adopted.

The report of Committee on Education was read, and

REPORT,—Your Committee on Education believe that it is a subject of great importance. We are glad to know that our Conference has taken measures heretofore to lay this subject before our churches through an organized society, and we trust the movement will be the means of encouraging and aiding

voung men to prepare themselves for great usefulness in our denomination, and in the world.

We believe it is necessary to keep the subject before our people, and urge the claims of our society upon them in order that they may assist it in carrying forward its desired object.

We would therefore recommend in agreement with a resolur

fion of last Conference that churches take collections in aid of the funds of our Educational Society.

T. H. CROWELL,

The Adoption of the report was moved and seconded, after which it was spoken to effectually by Rev. W. M. Knollin. Resolved-That the report be adopted.

The report of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting was called for, when the Clerk, Rev. W. C. Weston, read as

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The Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, assembled at

Beaver River, Yarmouth County, sendeth greeting,—
DEAR BRETHREN,—It is with gratifude to God that we live to meet again in this another Annual Conference, and greet each other as the followers of Christ. May God's approbation rest

I am reminded by the flight of time that it is my duty as Clerk of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, to report to you the condition of the churches composing this Quarterly Meeting.

God has been very mindful of us; there has not been the same amount of destitution the present year as the past, and the prospect for the future is brightening financially. God be thanked. We should be conscious of our many imperfections, and feel deeply humbled under a sense of our short-comings, more especially when we see the truth of the saying of the Saviour, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation that the children of this world are wiser in their generation." ration than the children of light." Yet we should humbly thank God that he has made us the instrument of the conversion

Death has not been permitted to enter the ranks of the Ministry; but some of our lay brethren have fallen at their posts, among whom are Deacon Joseph Durkee, of Carlton, that justly lamented brother, who, in consequence of ill health, was not permitted to meet with you at last General Conference, has since fallen asleep in death; also David Richardson and J. M. Nickerson. Most likely some who are present in this meetan, rickerson.

Most macry some who are present in the necessing will fall before another year shall pass away. How necessary that we be at our posts so that if we fall it may be there.

We will now call your attention to the doings of the Quarterly

Meeting during the year. The first session was held with the First Church at Argyle, but few of the churches were reported by letter. The principal business was in connection with A. S. S. Convention in connection with the Q. M.

A resolution requesting the Yearly Conference to so alter its constitution as to allow the Quarterly Meeting to be divided into two districts—say Yarmouth and Shelburne—and to hold one meeting a year each.

into two districts—say a state of the control of th The third met April 30th, with First Barrington church, six churches reported by letter; reports encouraging. Rev. T. H. Crowell, delegate from Harmony Quarterly Meeting, gave a report of their meeting. Business commerced with Sabbath School Convention taken up, and a committee appointed to carry fiforward; a change of Cierk constituted principal business. Fourth Session met with the Church at Clark's Harbor Ang. 20th. Churches reported by letter; Cape Sable Island, Port La-Tour, Shag Harbor, Rockingham, Carlton, 2nd. Argyle, Woods

Harbor, with some that came to hand after the Session was

Sabbath School business laid over until next session; with Sabbath School Dusiness laid over until next session; with appointing of Delegates to attend this yearly meeting we send Brethren. Geo, w. Perry, W. S. Porter, Geo. Bower, Enoch Porter, Samuel Hamilton, Albert Gayton, Wilson Simms, Foster Crosby, Prince Morton, James Pitman, James Kenny, Cales Spinney, Manassah Larkin, Warren Crowell, Benjamin Banks, Joseph Trefry, Samuel Atwood, Charles Doali, Nathan Snow, Martin Molray, Parker Smith, Calwell Smith, Raether, Cavill. Martin McGray, Parker Smith, Colwell Smith, Bartlett Covill,

with power of substitution. We will now notice the churches; of these there are nineteen. We now commence with Cape, island, this church enjoys the labor of Rev. W. M. Knoilin all the time, They keep up their conference and prayer meetings; they have been under the neccessity of dismissing some; I am afraid they will have to pursue the same course with others. Added by Baptism during the year 3; reclaimed 1; dled 6; excluded 7; present number 456. They have three Sabbath Schools, numbering about sixty

scholars each, some in a very prosperous condition. Port LaTour.—This church has the labors of Rev. J. L. Porter, one fourth of the time, it reports itself in a low state. Some trial, yet the Conference meetings are kept up though thinly attended. Some are bearing the budren and heat of the

May. No. added by baptism 8; deaths none; whole number seventy. One Sabbath School numbering sixty scholars; interest not as

Shag Harbor—Died 2; No. of members 38. Religous interest said to be very low, enjoys the labor of Rev. J. I. Porter, one fourth of the time, holds monthly Conference and prayer meeting when there is no preaching on the Sabbath; and one in the week. One Sabbath School numbering about forty scholars.

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First Barrington,—This church reports Prayer and Conference meetings kept up with quite good interest. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper regularly administered. No. added during the year by Baptism 4; died 2; present number 254, Rev. J. I. Porter engaged as pastor one half of the time, Its. School in quite a flourishing condition; collection taken every Sabbath for the Farnian Mission, avenue attendance of scholars algebra. for the Foreign Mission, average attendance of scholars eighty-

Kempt Church reports itself in rather a low state, yet many are praying for the reviving of the work of God. Union good, Rev. C. Knowles labors one half of his time with good acceptance. A revival during the year under the labours of its pastor and W. Downey, No. added 30; whole No. 130. Prayer meet-

ings kept up on the Sabbath. The Ordinances of the Lord's Supper administered once a month. Sabbath School doing a good work; numbers about

ROCKINGHAM.—This church has for its Pastor Rev. S. K. eighty. West, it is endeavoring to maintain its visibility. During the winter it enjoyed a revival in which six were added by baptism; two by letter; one removed; whole number twenty-six. One Sabbath School, numbering forty-five scholars, with six

Cariton Church has the labor of Rev. S. K. West one fourth of the time; feels the loss of Bros. Durkee and Richardson very much. No. of members sixty-four; has a good Sabbath very much. No. of members sixty. School, numbering about fifty pupil

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coff the time, holding regular monthly Conference; Prayer amsetings, when no preaching. Mo, of members ninety-four. A good Sabbath School, numbering about fifty scholars, it has become interested in the Foreign Mission cause; held an entertailment, took up a collection in aid of the Mission, amounting to between five and six dollars, which will be forwarded in due time. This seems to be a sten in the right direction. time. This seems to be a step in the right direction.

Wood's Harbor—This church has the labors of Rev. A. Swim and W.C. Weston three-eighths of the time. Conference meeting regularly attended, and prayer meetings when no preaching. Head a good revival in which fifty have been added to the church, mostly by Rev. Wm. Downey; church numbering at members; quite an interesting Sabbath School with about

y scholars.
Second Barrington—This church has the labors of Rev. A.
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Two Sabbath Schools, one of them a Union school with about 75 scholars; the other numbers about 25 scholars.
Tusket Church enjoys the labors of Rev. C. Knowles one-fourth of the time; state of religion low. During the year

fourth of the time; state of religion low. During the year some of the brethren who were the leaders in the union have made some concession, which has so relieved the minds of some of the brethren that they have again taken their places in the worship of God. No. of church members, sixty. There is a Union Sabbath School composed of C. B., F. B., and Episcopa. Ilans, which is working very harmonicusly, and, it is hoped, doing good. doing good. Charlesville Church—No report

Publico Church—No report. Has the labors of Rev. W. C. Weston one-half of the time. State of religion low. No. of members eighty, with two Sabbath Schools, both union.

The First Argyle Church—No report. State of religion low:
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has the labors of Rev. W. C. Weston one-fourth of the time.
Conference meetings and Sacrament monthly. Prayer meetings
when no preaching.

Decrifeld Church (no report) we understand has the labors

Deerfield Church (no report) we understand has the labors of Rev. E. Sullivan a part of the time.

The Session Hill Church (no report) we are not aware of their The Session Hill Church (no report) we are not aware of their having any regular labor engaged, but they enjoyed some revisal during the winter under the labor of Rev. W. Downey. Number added 12; whole number 45; has a S. S. of 50 scholars. The Sandford Church (no report) when last reported 140, has the labors of Rev. E. Sullivan one-fourth of the time, it has enjoyed a revival under the joint labors of its Pastor, and Rev. Wm. Downey. Mumber added 6. Sabhath School 55 Scholars. Dismissed 1.

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The Beaver River Church (no report) mamber when last reported 115. Rev. Wm. Downey is now on a visit to them. Chebogue.—No report from this Church. It has the labors of Rev. C. Knowles one fourth of the time. It embraces Plymouth, Little River, and Chebogue Point—some reviat. In this branch during the year—Brooklyn, and Salmon River. No. about 275. We wish that Clerks would be more punctual and particular in sending letters to report their churches to the Fourth Q. M. Clerk some trouble; besides he would be able to report more correctly gounds for complaint.

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Home Mission Society.

This Society has held four meetings during the year in connection with the Q. meetings, which have been well attended; quite liberal subscriptions and collections have been received in

A Missionary has been employed—Elder W. Downey—nearly aid of its funds. all the time since November last, as all of the readers of the Intelligencer are aware; and as his doings have been reported through that channel it is not necessary to report it here; and at the close of November, 1869, his last half-year's salary will

We now take this opportunity to appeal to the friends of the cause, and ask, "shall our Home Mission operations cease. or cause, and ask, "shall our Home Mussion operations cease. Or will the brethren contribute of their means, and so enable the Board to meet their present engagements and be able to continue their operations through another year. Will all do their duty in this respect," if so, we believe we shall be able to keep a Missionary in the field. Will the friends who have previously subscribed, who have not paid up their subscriptions be kind or provided the same as a soon as powering to the Treatment. enough to forward the same as soon as convenient to the Treasurer-Bro. Ebenezer Growell, or any of the Home Mission Board, viz :- W. C. Weston, J. I. Porter, Solomon Kendrick, Board, viz.:—W. C. Weston, S. L. Forter, Sotomon Rendrick, Barrington; Colwell Smith, Cape Sable Island; David Larkin, East Pubnico. or the Home Missionary—Rev. W. Downey. We believe God has given the Tree Baptists in Nova Scotia a work to perform, and if all would do their duty there is no

doubt but that the work would go forward.

We are aware there will be very important business before you for your consideration, as the denomination is looking for a change in our Q. M. sessions. We hope that you will be guided by wisdom in all your deliberations, that whatever may be done may be for God's glory, and the salvation of souls, W. C. WESTON.

Y. & S. Q. M. Clerk. Barrington, Sept. 1869.

Resolved-That the report be received. Rev. T. H. Crowell moved its adoption, with appropriate remarks, and Rev. W. Downey seconded it, and was followed by Rev. W. M. Knollin and W. Simms, when it was Resolved-That the report be adopted.

The report of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting was called for, when it was stated that the report had been sent, but had not come to hand, consequently was not read in the meeting, but came to hand soon after, as follows:-

The Harmony Free Baptist quarterly meeting to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia assembled at Beaver River, Yarmouth Co. sendeth Christian Salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN HONORED AND BELOVED IN CHRIST.

The Apostle James advised the early Christians, "If any of you flack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." By a close application we may grow wise in a certain sense with the experimental knowledge, here termed wisdom, can be only obtained from the Holy Salisi the areast instructor, and comforobtained from the Holy Spirit the great instructor and comforter of his people. He honors the means of his own appointment so that we cannot expect to make any great progress without diligence on our part; and he does not teach all at one time, but by slow degrees. His school is experience; the observation for commising

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and improvement of which is daily passing within and around us. The Book of Books contains a history in miniature of the heart of man, the devices of Satan, the state of the world, and above all the method of grace. And the most instructing and affecting commentary on it to an enlightened mind may be gathered from what we see, feel, and hear from day to day and month to month; and at the close of each year the sum of the

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We ofttimes grow impatient under the fultion of the Holy Spirit and feign would change the routine of instruction. But, we are as well qualified to direct and manage the seasons of the year, as we are to prescribe what dispensations are most proper year, as we are to prescribe what dispensations are most proper to promote the growth of grace in our souls. Repotee therefore my dear brethren, that "" of are God's husbandry" and not his Executive Council. The early and the latter rain and the cheerful beams of the sun of righteousness are surely promised to ripen your souls for glory; but storms and frosts likewise are useful and seasonable in their places, though we perhaps may think me could do better without them. In our bright and think we could do better without them. In our bright and lively frames we learn what God can do for us, in our dark and dull hours we feel how little we can do of ourselves; and both are needful to perfect our experience and to establish our faith. are needed to perfect our experience and to establish our faith. In our past life, at one time we were enabled to rejoice in God, at another we were seeking after him sorrowing: such seasons are equally good in their turn, though not equally comfortable; and there is nothing we need fear but security, carelessness, and presumption. May the Lord keep us from such danger and as to all the rest we shall do well. Let us be faithful and diligent in the use of all appointed means, especially in seems. Average. in the use of all appointed means, especially in secret exercise. and leave him to lead us with a shepherd's care, and though our path should lie through the fire it shall not kindle upon us. our pain snould he through the hre it shall not kindle upon us, or through the water it shall not overflow us; we are repeated assured by the word of God therflow us; we are repeated as the control of the control of

we have no reason to be discouraged; at first in the estimation of some of our influential brethren the consolodation for the advancement of the cause of God was to them like a green fruit, it had a disagreeable austerity which could not be corrected out of its proper course, it wanted time and growth; but by waiting awhile the nourishment it has received from the root, together with the action of the sun; wind, and rain in succession from without it has insensibly acquired much flavor and some consi-

We will now give a report of the Quarterly Meeting Sessions during last year, and the Churches constituting the Harmony

The first Quarterly Session was held with the church at tarmony, Queen's County. The attendance was small. Ministers present were: -Revs. W. M. Knollin, T. H. Crowell and B. Minard, Licentiate. A few of the churches were reported verbally. A resolution for the organization of a Home Mission Section 2018. Society was introduced and laid on the table until the next session for further consideration. On Sabbath morning accordsession for infiner consideration. On Sabbath morning according to the liberty granted the Quarterly Meeting by the yearly meeting, Brother B. Minard was set apart to the work of the ministry by the imposition of hands. Ordination sermon preached by Rev. W. M. Knollin from 2 Cor. 4, 5. Dedicatory prayer offered by Rev. T. H. Crowell: Charge given by Rev. W. M. Knollin; Right Hand of Fellowship given by Rev. T. H.

Growell; Benediction by Rev. B. Minard. Religious service in the afternoon and evening. We trust much good was done for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The second Session did not convene, owing to sickness in the

church when it was to meet.

The third Session convened with the church at East Medway in April. Rev. E. Sullivan and Rev. T. H. Crowell were present. Among other items of business was the organization of a Home Mission Society. The religious services were deeply interest-

ing.
The fourth Session was held with the church at Mount Denison, Hants County. Revs. T. H. Crowell and B. Minard were in attendance. Most of the churches were reported either verbally or by letter. The following brethren were appointed as delegates to represent the Harmony Quarterly Meeting in the yearly Conference: Charles Cushing, jur., Eldred Cohoon. Freeman Cohoon. Weiner Cox. Henry Potter, jur., Samuel Vaughn, Solomon Stuart. They were also granted the power of

We will now proceed to notice the churches which are ten in number. The church at Port Mouton has the labor of Rev. T. H. Crowell one-eighth of the time. The church during last spring and the summer has enjoyed a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Eighteen added by baptism, one by letter, total

The church at Harmony reported spiritually low; sustains a number sixty-six. Union Sabbath School and prayer meeting. The Monthly Conference is still maintained. Added during last year four by baptism; number expelled, two; total number of members

eighty-five.
The East Medway Church prosperous. One expelled; one

added by baptism; total number thirty-four. Employs Rev. T.
H. Crowell one-eighth of the time.
The church at Port Medway reported low. Has the labor of
Rev. T. H. Crowell five-eighths of the time. church membership, one hundred and one. Sustains the means of Grace and has an interesting Sabbath School of fifty scholars.

Mount Denison Church reported spiritually low and without astoral aid; numbers sixty members and has a small Sabbath

Church at Avenport reported favorable; enjoyed a gracious revival last spring. Six added by baptism; one died; church membership thirty-five. Has the labor of Rev. B. Minard one-

Church at Canning rather low at present; enjoyed a very good season last winter; two added by baptism; church mem-bership at present one-hundred and six; died one. Sustains the means of grace, and has an interesting Sabbath School. Rev. B. Minard labored with them one-half of the time since January

Scott's Bay Church low and destitute, but sustains a nice Union Sabbath School, and the faithful few that remain are sub 1

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praying for brighter days. Hall's Harbor church very low and scattered. Number of names on the church record one hundred and twenty-eight.

Black Rock church reported somewhat low, but trying to sustain the means of grace. Numbers about fifty. Has two Sabbath Schools, both of which are very interesting. The lack of ministerial labor is, no doubt, one cause of so much declension in some of our churches. How earnestly should we be seech the Throne of Grace with our prayers "that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers into His vineyard."

We are too liable to judge of things by their present appearances, but the Lord sees them in their consequences; if we could do so likewise we should be perfectly of his mind willing to abide the set time to favor zion;" but as we cannot it is an unspeakable mercy that he will manage for us. Let us, with humble prayer, commit ourselves to Him. The path of wisdom is the path of safety, and it is spoken of as one of the heaviest judgments when he gives any person, or people, up to the way of their own hearts, and to walk after their own counsels.

In conclusion, permit me to say, may the great Head of the Church preside over this Annual Session, assist you in your many deliberations, that all may be done to the glory of God.

LEWIS MINARD.

The report of the Delegate to the Maine Central yearly meeting of F. W. Baptists was called for, when the Rev. J. I. Porter arose and spoke of the gratitude which he felt, and I. Forter arose and spoke of the granting which he enjoyed, for the privilege, and while attending the meeting, said he met a cordial reception. Found the F W. B. brothers zealously engaged, for the promotion of all the moral reforms, and enterprises, connected with their denomination.

The devotional spirit of the meetings was excellent. Remarked particularly concerning their action on the Temperance question. Belleved our correspondence with that body calculated to greatly benefit us. Rev. A. H. Morrill was appointed delegate to our Conference.

Resolved—That we adjourn until to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Rev. C. Knowles.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by W. M. Knollin.

Moderator absent, W. M. Knellin appointed Moderator pro. tem.

Notice having been given last year of intended alteration of the constitution of this Conference, on motion the matter

Bro. Morrill Delegate from the U. S. having come in, it was resolved to suspend the discussion for a few minutes to

Resolved-That we invite Bro. Morrill to a seat, and part in Conference. The discussion was resumed when it was the to rear?

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to report on this

Hegolees - That W. Downey, T. H. Crowell, A. McGray, W. M. Knollin, and W. C. Weston be the committee.

The business of incorporation was taken up as it was referred from the last yearly meeting.

Resolved—That a committee be appointed to report on the

Resolved—That J. I. Porter, A. Gayton, L. Minard, T. Newell, W. Downey, T. H. Crowell, J. Trefry, H. Hamilton and D. Oram be the committee.

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REFORT-Your Committee recommend that this conference give their consent, and approbation to the quarterly meeting to hold less than four sessions annually as they may prefer.
W. Downey, Chairman Com.

Resolved-That the report be adopted.

The report of committee on incorporation was read.

REPORT The committee recommend that a Committee of three be appointed to frame a bill of incorporation, and place it in the hands of some member of the Legislature; on the basis of incorporating the yearly meeting Conference, as the Free Baptist Denomination; in the name of the ex-officio members thereof, with power to grant incorporations to its subordinate hodies and societies. J. I. PORTER. Chairman, Com.

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Resolved—That the report he received, and adopted.
Resolved—That W. Downey, J. J. Porter, and W. C. Weston
the the committee to carry into effect, the recommendation of
the report on incorporation.

Resolved—That the bills presented by J. I. Porter and T. H. Crowell, be approved and an order drawn upon the Treasurer

for their payment.

**Resolved—That W. C. Weston, J. Louden, and C. Cushing.

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**Inc. be a committee to locate the next yearly meeting, and that they do so within three months from this date and give

notice of the same in the Intelligencer.

Resolved—That Rev. T. H. Crowell, he Delegate to the next
Annual Conference of F. C. Baptists of New Brunswick.

Resolved That the delegate to N. B., receive twenty-five dol-

Resolved—That Rev. W. M. Knollin be delegate to the Maine lars for expenses

Central Yearly Meeting of F. W. Bantists of the U.S.

Resolved—That W. C. Weston be substitute for Bro. Knollin,

as delegate to the States.

Resolved—That the delegate to the Maine Central V. M. Resolved—That the delegate to the Maine Central V. M. Resolved—That the collection on the Sabbath go in aid of the

Foreign Mission fund.

Resolved—That the Clerk prepare and get printed and circulate

eight hundred copies of the minutes.

Resolved.—That the Glerk receive ten dollars for his services.

Resolved.—That this Conference rise.

Prayer by W. C. Westen bombser and moissposit adT

The meetings for Worship were as follows:---

Thursday evening Rev. D. Oram preached at the place of Conference, and Rev. T. H. Crowell at Cedar Lake. These were felt to be profitable seasons. budgess of theorpoption was taken up as it was

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

Met for social conference. The gathering was large, and a precious season was enjoyed. A large number gare hearty expressions to the love they felt for God and his people.

Sabbath morning 9 o'clock, a prayer meeting was enjoyed by quite a large number who attended.

At half-past 10 o'clock Rev. A. H. Morrill preached at the

Free Baptist house, and at the same hour Rev. W. M. Knollin preached at the Baptist house, which had been kindly lent as by those brethren for our use during the day.

Three o'clock, Rev. C. Knowles preached at the F. B. house, after which a gracious communion season was enjoyed, it seemed as if many could not restrain their joyful praises to the Lord; and so that large company of God's children continued the joyful work, most strikingly exemplifying the

"How loth we are to leave the place

Where Jesus shows his smiling face." At the same hopr Rev. W. M. Knollin preached at Steel's Hall to a crowded congregation.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., Rev. T. H. Crowell preached at the F. B. House; a good season was enjoyed, many speaking for Christ. At the same hour Rev. A. H. Morrill preached an able sermon in the Baptist House to a very large congrega-

The services of the day were a success. The preaching good; the devotional tone excellent; the gathering very

large; the weather all that could be desired.

All things considered, this yearly meeting has been one of success and encouragement.

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This Meeting was need at the Free Baptist Meeting House Beaver River, on Friday evening, Sept. 10th, 1869.

The President, Rev. J. I. Forter, was in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer.

The President made a few appropriate remarks; stated the object of the meeting, and called upon Rev. T. H Crewell, the Corresponding Secretary to read his report comen it with cheleijan sent and make promises and He will oron b

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Our Society was organized in September 1867, consequently this is only our second annual report, and therefore it cannot be expected that we will have great results no speak of we are great to say, however, that while powerful moral agencies have been operating upon the world during the two years of its existence, penetrating every opening, besting down formidable barriers, and disseminating the principles of an unadulterated Gospel among fairle numarity, our fittle society has been maturing, taking form, and gaining strength, and promises to give them a helping hand some day in gathering the great Spiritual harvest.

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That society was organized A. D. 1835. Its field of labor at present is in Orissa, a province in India. During the 36 years since the society was organized it has raised and expended the sum of about \$168,500. As a result there are at present in the foreign field II Missionaries, 4 males and 7 females. (one—Rev. A. Miller, died last year), 5 native preachers, and about as many native assistants of the preachers. There are four churches with a membership of about \$150. There are Sabbath schools and about 40 week day schools in operation, the former having about 550 and the latter about 830 scholars in attendance. These schools prove to be, in reality, the "hand-maids of the church." There is also a Biblical school established at one of the stations where candidates for the Misiary are being trained for that important office. There are other departments of labor which was might speak of die space permit which are proving of freet iservice to the Mission. We must, however, refer to the Dispensary and the Printing Press because from the former is distributed avast amount of medicine for the relief of the physical sufferers, and because the latter (in the words of the Corresponding Secretary of that society) "is a valuable working power, sending the healing leaves of salvation throughout the land."

In the district meduded in the operation of that society there are, it is said, a million of precious souls sunk in idelatory and misery, looking to its for help. The society at home has been contriving and laboring and using every possible means, and the wants of those degraded and suffering ones.

About five years ago timely assistance was rendered in carrying on this good work by our their sister the Free Christian Baptist Foreign Mission Society of New Brunswick, in becoming responsible for the support of Rev. J. L. Phillips in the foreign field, and we are griad to hear by the report of the parent society that she has proved herself competent to meet her engagements. These are the luterests with which our interests as a

society are identified. While that society has been looking up to God for other re-chforcements in order to perform the Mission assigned if, more successfully He has inclined our hearts to engage in the Mission work; and graciously opened the way for us to bestow our labor where it was so much needed. Then as the All Wise God has thus opened such an interesting and inviting field for us, let us enter it with christian zeal and noble purposes and He will crown our labors with abundant success, for he has said, "he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

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The friends of the society doubtless will be glad to learn that in agreement with a resolution of our conference we have adopted one of the Female Missionaries now in the foreign field as our Missionary, agreeing to sustain, her to the extent of our ability. Miss Julia E. Phillips has been selected by the recommendation of the Rev. C. O. Libby. Corresponding Secretary of the present society. She is a sister of Rev. J. L. Phillips and (Bro. Libby says.) is talented, plous, and deeply engaged in her work. She resides in her brother's family at the Midnapore Station. Besides teaching in the orphan ginls school she is associated with other Missionaries in the "Canna Work." This is the christian labors of the Female Missionaries in the homes and with the wives of the wealthy and better class of Hindoos. and with the wives of the weathy and better class of Hindoos. The wives of the Babu's are visited at their homes, where they are taught to sew and read. The gospel also is presented to

are taught to sew and read. The gospel and is presented to them and a general elevating influence exerted upon them.

That it may be seen how the superstitions of that people shut out the wives from all civilization and how interesting and promising is this department of the Mission labor. We will give an extract from a report of one of the risits of the Missionaries.

After speaking of their reception by the Rabu, they go on to After leading us through many corious dark rooms into a birth walled court, up a direct, of stairs into an anartment

a high walled court, up a flight of stairs into an apartment farthest from the street, he introduced us to its constant occupant, his young and delicate wife, ode

Aside from her naked feet, she was so entirely enveloped in Cashmere, silk and jewels, that but for the nervous grasp of her little cold hand, we should have fancied we ware standing beside some richly robed mankin, for not a syllable escaped her lips, notwithstanding our best efforts to be social and make her feel at ease. Finally the Babu, perceiving her ellenge was making us not a little uncomfortable said. "I will leave the room, then she will talk with you." No sooner was he fully out of sight than her alle robe silvand from a face for too young and pretty than her silk robe slipped from a face far too young and pretty to be thus abused, and she freely talked with us about her little world—her all—a beautiful little boy playing with the jewels on her ankles, and her great desire to learn to read and sew. And when we arose to leave she begged us to come again with an earnestness that was exceedingly grateful." The last report of the Foreign Mission Society shows that the

Missionaries are very much encouraged in this work and are cooking for more glorious results in the future.

By the suggestion of Bro, C. O. Libby we have opened a cor-

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Afte was ca respondence with Miss Phillips, giving her the history of our society and informing her of our desire to adopt her as our

An extract from a letter received from her by our Corresponding Secretary, dated Midnapore. April 3rd. 1868, will show the manner in which she treats the subject. She tays, "I am very glad to know that our brothren in Nova Scotia have formed a Foreign Mission Society, and have so kindly voted to adopt me as their representative in this foreign field; therefore with a feeling of deep gratified. Thumbly accept the favor they offer. I trust in some small degree I may be enabled to add you in keeping alive the interest already awakened in these poor degraded ones.

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September 1869.

When we left America I was adopted by the Mission Band of Brunswick, Me. But since then most of the ladies composing the band, have been scattered, and Bro. Libby writes me that he thinks there will be no objection to my accepting your offer. I shall greatly rejoice to hear of the prosperity of your Society and shall be very glad to send you occasionally some incidents of our work. The field truly is one, whether in America or India, and we have the same blessed Master. Although the trackless ocean does roll between the two portions of His vineyard, still in Him we may meet, and in His strength we may lead some weary pilgrims into His fold where they may find rest to their

Miss Phillips's salary is \$300, of that we have remitted \$100 through the parent society. We have on our books pledges amounting to about \$100, which we hope will be promptly paid and trust with the assistance of the friends of the Mission enterprise and suffering humanity we shall be able to collect the balance by the end of the year.

Here is a work for us to do. With this specific, interesting and noble object in view, let us rally our forces and enter the field. We believe we have not been as active as we should have been the last year. The recommendation of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting to the churches to organize auxillary societies within their limits, we think, was a move in the right direction, but it has not been acted upon. Some such means are necessary to gather in funds during the interim of our annual meeting.

annual meeting.

Bro. C. O. Libby's letters during the year have continued to breathe a spirit of interest and sympathy for us. May he long

be spared to labor in so good a cause.

In conclusion, humbly thanking Almighty God for the degree of prosperity we have enjoyed in the past, and depending on Him for the Increase in the future, we call upon our churches, our brothers and sisters and the friends of the Mission cause and our common humanity to assist us by their sympathy, money, and prayers in sustaining this Mission. And may the God of Missions who has promised to give to His Son the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession and to give Him the dominion from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth, pour down their riches of His grace upon all who bear a part in bringing about such glorious results.

THEO. H. CROWELL, Corresponding Secretary.

After the reading of the report, the Rev. W. M. Knellin was called on to move its adoption, and the Rev. W. Down-

ey to second it; after which the motion was supported by riev. Aaron Cogswell. The speeches were earnest and appropriate. The letted man formers noted a most routine at

The motion being put to the meeting passed unanimously. Collections were then taken, and subscriptions paid and pledged towards the funds of the Society.

Meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

Perhaps we ought to remark that the evening was very stormy, preventing many from attending wee were interest, ed in the Society; yet all things considered the a tendance was good, and the meeting a success. Although, no doubt, the subscriptions and collection were far less than would have been if the evening had been fine, some and safe some north

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Other monies have been raised for this fund but we have not been able to learn the amount although we have written to some parties for the information, and delayed sending in manuscript, hoping to receive the necessary information so as to have it appear in the account, but it will have to go in the account of next year.

the account of next year.

We urge the importance of all subscribers to this fund sending in their subscriptions at the earliest convenience. Also hope that those of our friends who have not subscribed will not lorget that we have a Missionary in the Foreign field to be sustained at a salary of three hundred dollars per annum.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY, HELD AT THE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEAVER RIVER, SEPT. 11, 1869.

The meeting was called to order by the President. After Singing and Prayer, the President stated the object of meeting, made a few interesting remarks, and called upon the Secretary to read the Constitution, Minutes of last meeting, and his Annual Report.

REPORT:

Believing both a Scientific and a Theological education to be very valuable helps to an efficient ministry, and in view of the wants of our denomination, our conference took measures at its annual session held at Kemptville in 1867 to organize an Education Society, the object of which should be to encourage and raise funds to assist young men in securing an education pre-paratory to entering the ministry. Nothing more was done un-til the time of the following and last annual session of Conference, when a public meeting of that society was held. In that meeting the cause of education for the ministy was advocated and the claims of the society were urged upon the attention of the people in a very able manner by several of the ministers pre-

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Collections were also taken and pledges made in aid of the funds of the society, amounting in all to about Thirty Dollars.

Since that time we can report but little progress. There has been no special demand upon our soft ty from any direction though several of our young men have usen at school in the United States part of the time since its origination. It so happened that when we were about considering the wants of some of them we heard they, for some reason, had the school, consequently what little funds we have collected are still on hand. quently what little funds we have collected are still on hand.

The Executive Committee without the knowledge of Bro. Crowell had decided to forward the money on hand to Bro. Jos. Cox, to assist him in paying arrears while at school.

But this is no reason why we should be discouraged or slack our hand. The cause is a good one. We have started in the right direction and though we do not seem to make much progress at present our society is getting shaped and no doubt ere

long will accomplish great good.

There are suitable schools comparatively easy of access, and there are young men in our churches who have thoughts of the ministry who ought to be encouraged and assisted to attend those schools, but we want more funds to warrant the utility of seeking out those young men and encouraging them to go forward. Then it becomes us to be more active in the future in trying to bring about the object for which our society was organized. Let us urge the importance of the subject upon the attention of our denomination, let us appeal to christians for the necessary help to carry on the enterprise, let us pray God to bless every effort put forth and may the future show that much wood has been escensibled. good has been accomplished. T. H. CROWELL, Secretary.

After the reading of the report, Rev. S. K. West moved,

and Rev. D. Oram seconded the adoption with a few very pointed, timely, and appropriate remarks.

The motion for the adoption of the report was then in a very able manner supported by the Revs. W. Downey, and

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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YARMOUTH AND SHELBURNE QUARTERLY MEETING HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This Society was formed or organized in May, 1867, yet notwithstanding the shortness of its existence has been productive of a large amount of good, and its supporters are lead to be lieve that truly their labors are not in vain in the Lord. There are four Meetings a year in connection with the Q. M's, at which time collections and subscriptions are taken in aid of

These meetings have been quite successful as the Treasurer's account will show.

At these meetings efforts are made to arouse the minds of the people to the importance of the Missionary work, and thereby procure means for its successful operation.

During the first year of the Society, Rev. E. G. Eaton was employed a considerable part of the year, who visited many desitute churches and laboured for their strengthening and encou-

Also a considerable sum was paid Rev. W. C. Weston to enable him to bestow pastoral help to certain churches which were

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Since October, 1868, Rev. W. Downey has been employed by the society whose labours have been abundantly successful in the convertion of souls, as well as the upbuilding of the cause generally within the limits of the Q. M.

We feel that we have abundant reason to praise God for the saccess which has attended the operations of the society hitherto

and trust He will make it a greater blessing in the future to those whom it was designed to help.

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NOTICE.

Whereas Elder Knowles, either forgot or did not understand that the following document should have been read in yearly meeting Conference; and as it was not read therein, therefore it is here published for the satisfaction of those concerned.

Tusket Village, November 12th 1868.

To all whom it may concern:-

Be it remembered that we the undersigned, late Free Christian Baptists, who were principal actors with others, in the union between the Free Will Baptist and our Denomination:—That whereas the "Easis" of union was framed, and immediately proposed to the Free Will Baptists, without first giving notice to our churches and consulting them through the Quarterly Meeting as was reasonable we should have done; therefore we hereby acknowledge that in that respect our action was too hasty, and premature, giving just ground for grievance; and in as much as any of our brethren were afflicted thereby, we sincerely hope that they will forgive us, and not allow themselves to be too deeply wounded by the course pursued: but try to overlook our errors, and take their stand with us, as heretofore, in the work and service of the Lord, for we are firm in the conviction that the union is of God, and for the best good of His cause, and that the said Basis was the only possible terms upon which mutual agreement could be had. CHARLES KNOWLES.

J. I. PORTER, EDWARD SULLIVAN, WM. DOWNEY.