

Constitution and Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall consist of Delegates, representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, and shall be styled the "Eastern N. B. Baptist Association."

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

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the second Tuesday in July at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes, and in the denominational paper. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which the officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular session.

RULES OF ORDER.

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

MINUTES.

HAVELOCK, N. B., July 11th, 1882.

The Eastern Association convened with the Butternut Ridge Baptist church, this day, at 2 o'clock, p. m., in its 35th Anniversary.

In the absence of the Moderator of last year, the pastor of the church, Rev. I. J. Skinner, called the Association to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. G. O. Gates. Social religious services were engaged in, while the Clerks made out a list of delegates.

A List of Delegates for 1882 having been prepared, was read as follows:—

- BLACKVILLE—Rev. O. N. Keith.
BUTTERNUT RIDGE—Rev. I. J. Skinner, Deas. Richard Thorne, Howard Hicks, J. Thorne, and Bro. Isaac Alwood.
DUNDAS—Rev. E. H. Howe, Bro. Elijah Vincent.
ELGIN 1ST—Bros. James Horsman, and Wm. Leeman.
" 2ND—Bros. J. C. Gildert, John and William Prosser.
" 3RD—Dea. Peter Collicutt, Bros. Wm. Crandall and Urband Steeves.
FOREST GLEN—Bro. W. H. Colpitt.
HARVEY 1ST—Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Dea. Ezra Bishop, and Alfred Bishop, and Dea. G. Bruster.
HILLSBOROUGH 1ST—Rev. C. B. Welton, Deas. J. L. B. Steeves, Levi Steeves, and Bro. Dudgeon Duffy.
HILLSBOROUGH 2ND—Rev. E. Hopper, Bro. J. Jonah.
" 3RD—Rev. E. H. Howe.
" 4TH—Rev. E. Hopper, Dea. D. McRae, and Bro. A. Jonah.
HOPEWELL—Bros. J. B. Calhoun, Chas. Newcomb, N. Peck.
LUMDEN—Rev. M. Lewis, Bro. B. Fillmore.
MONCTON 1ST—Rev. G. O. Gates, Bro. H. V. Crandall, and Dea. J. S. Triton.
" 2ND—Deas. John Renton, and W. W. Keith.
NEW CANAAN—Deas. A. McDonald, Lewis Keith, and John Carey, Bros. B. Keith and A. Humphreys.
NEW HORTON—Rev. A. T. Dykeman.
NORTH RIVER—Rev. E. C. Corey, Deas. C. E. Gammon, J. M. Killam, and D. Lounsbury.
POLLET RIVER—Rev. W. W. Corey, Bros. B. Smith, James L. Gilbert, and J. C. Martin.
SACKVILLE—Bros. John Sears, and Geo. Dickson.
" 2ND—Rev. D. G. McDonald, Deas. Wm. Ayer, Lora Wheaton, and T. Hicks, Bro. M. Grace.

SALISBURY 1ST—Rev. S. C. Moore, Bros. F. Keith, Henry W. Jones, Rev. W. W. Corey, and Bro. I. Tingley.

“ **2ND**—Rev. Geo. Seely, Bros. D. Herritt, and Herbert Trites.

“ **3RD**—Rev. W. T. Corey, Bros. R. F. Keith, Hiram Wilson, and D. L. Keith.

SHEDIAC—Rev. T. M. Munro, and Bro. H. Fillmore.

VALLEY CHURCH—Rev. E. H. Howe, Bros. M. Q. Steeves, John Cameron.

WELDFORD—Rev. John Hughes, Bro. Wilford Grey.

On Motion, the Association was duly organized by the appointment of the following

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR ,	REV. G. O. GATES.
CLERK ,	BRO. C. B. WELTON.
ASSISTANT CLERK ,	REV. A. T. DYKEMAN.
TREASURER ,	BRO. RICHARD THORN.
ASSISTANT TREASURER ,	DEA. J. L. B. STEEVES.

These brethren having taken their places, the Moderator read the rules of order and Rev. H. Foshay offered prayer.

INVITED TO SEATS.

Rev. E. Kierstead, Rev. C. H. Corey, D.D., Rev. G. W. Springer, H. Foshay, G. R. White (lic.), Rev. J. Williams, Rev. A. Estabrooks, Rev. D. W. Crandall, Rev. W. T. Corey, delegate from Southern Association, Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D., Bro. Beverly Nobles (lic.), W. W. Pride.

Committees were appointed as follows :

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS,—Revs. I. J. Skinner, J. H. Hughes, G. W. Springer, E. C. Corey, Bro. J. S. Trites.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION,—Revs. J. Gammon, Geo. Seely, D. G. McDonald, J. H. Hughes, T. M. Munro, and E. Kierstead,

A partial report of the Committee on Arrangements was submitted and adopted as follows :

That the present Session close at 5 p.m.; that the Rev. D. G. McDonald preach this evening at 7.30 p.m.; that there be prayer-meeting each morning during the Association at 6 a.m.; that the morning Session begin at 9 a.m. and close at 12 noon; that afternoon Session begin at 2.30 and close at 5; that evening Session begin at 7.30 and close at pleasure of the Association; that the Association Sermon be preached to-morrow morning (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock; that the morning Session between 9 and 10 be devoted to reading letters; that Wednesday afternoon be devoted to Sunday School Convention, and the evening to a missionary meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS was completed by the following names:—Revs. J. H. Hughes, E. H. Howe, Bro. A. Palmer, Revs. D. G. McDonald, and H. Foshay.

EDUCATION,—Revs. I. J. Skinner, Ezekiel Hopper, Bro. J. J. Wallace, Revs. G. O. Gates, T. M. Munro, and W. T. Corey.

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DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE,—Revs. C. B. Welton, J. Gammon, H. Foshay, E. H. Howe, and Dea. J. L. H. Steeves.
FOREIGN MISSIONS,—Revs. T. M. Munro, T. A. Blackadar, J. E. Filmore, Bro. A. P. Wilson, Revs. A. Estabrooks, D. W. Crandall, G. Seely, and Bro. Ezra Bishop.
TEMPERANCE,—Revs. A. T. Dykeman, W. W. Corey, E. C. Corey, D. W. Crandall, O. N. Kieth.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. Cohoon, Secretary of the Home Missionary Board, expressing regret that he was not able to meet the Association, and stating that the Board had appointed Bros. G. O. Gates and E. H. Howe to advocate the claims of Home Missions, &c.

Report of Committee on Nomination was submitted in part as follows:—

COMMITTEE ON CIRCULAR LETTER,—Bro. J. S. Trites, Revs. H. Foshay, and E. C. Corey.
COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND READ LETTERS,—Revs. J. H. Hughes, Geo. Seely, and D. G. McDonald.
COMMITTEE ON LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,—Rev. W. T. Corey, J. Gammon, and E. Kierstead.
COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES,—Revs. W. W. Corey, Geo. Beck with, O. N. Kieth.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. G. McDonald and benediction by Rev. J. H. Hughes.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7.30 o'clock.

After the usual services, the Rev. D. G. McDonald preached from Matt. 16: 18. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The sermon was followed by fervent and touching exhortations from several brethren.

A collection for denominational purposes was taken and the Session closed with singing by the choir and the benediction by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Session opened with Moderator in the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. W. W. Corey.

Minutes of the last Session read and approved.
Reading of the Letters was then taken up. The hour for the Annual Sermon having arrived, Rev. I. J. Skinner, the appointed preacher, discoursed very ably from the Epistle of Jude 3rd verse.

Resolved, That the writer be requested to furnish a copy to the Editor of the *Christian Visitor* for publication.

The Circular Letter was read.

Resolved, That it be printed in the Minutes.

The Committee on Arrangements further reported that the order of business for the afternoon and evening be as follows:

FOR AFTERNOON—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Sabbath Schools and their relation to Home Missions. To be spoken to by Rev. C. H. Corey, D. D.

The relation of the church and Sabbath School. Rev. G. O. Gates.

Sunday School Helps. Rev. D. G. McDonald.

The Teacher and his Qualifications. Rev. J. H. Hughes.

Who shall attend the Sabbath School. Rev. C. B. Welton.

FOR EVENING—HOME MISSIONS.

The Commission. Rev. H. Foshay.

Its Claims upon us. Rev. G. O. Gates.

The destitution and requirements of our Home Mission field.

Rev. E. H. Howe.

The requirements of the Foreign Mission field, and how they are to be met. Rev. C. H. Corey, D. D.

Suggestions as to the best means to be adapted to ensure the greatest success. Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Hughes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. D. W. Crandall. Minutes of last Session read and approved.

Resolved, that the Association now adjourn to give place to the Sabbath School Convention.

The Association resumed business at 4.50 p.m.

Reading of letters resumed.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. H. Howe.

WEDNESDAY EVENING 7.30 o'clock.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. D. G. McDonald and G. R. White. Addresses were made on the different phases of missions, by Revs. H. Foshay, G. O. Gates, E. H. Howe, Dr. Corey, Dr. Hopper.

Collection \$17.44. Adjourned. Doxology and benediction by Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by Rev. D. W. Crandall. A special Committee was appointed to consider the question asked by the 1st Salisbury church. Committee, Rev. D. G. McDonald Rev. J. H. Hughes, Rev. W. T. Corey.

The Committee appointed by the Convention of last year to prepare a letter to be read by all the churches comprising our Association, submitted a form of such letter, which was unanimously adopted, subject to such changes as the Committee may see fit to make when they meet in August next.

Committee on Denominational Literature reported:—

Report of Committee on Denominational Literature.

The printed page is now having like power for good and evil. Duty to God and to the truth, require that this power should be controlled and directed, as far as possible, by and for the church of Christ. The spread and use of debasing and demoralizing literature should be repressed. Literature exerting an influence in accordance with a firm and scriptural adherence to God's truth, should be spread and studied as widely as may be possible. No better or more effective christian or denominational work can be done than that which furnishes a distinct, sharply-cut, and doctrinal religion for old and young, and supplies a pure, salutary, and instructive literature for children and youths.

Your Committee would suggest the following ways in which these duties may be discharged.

1. By parents and guardians exercising a careful supervision over their children's reading. Children will read, and it is the parents duty to see that they read only good books. Let it be their aim gradually to develop a taste in their children for the purest and noblest type of literature.
2. By pastors, superintendents, teachers, and colporteurs, and religious editors recognizing the importance of promoting the circulation of such books and papers only as teach the truth clearly and emphatically in regard to the principles which distinguish us as a denomination.
3. By religious families giving special attention to catechetical instruction. This is of unquestionable power in doctrinal training, and that denomination which neglects it suffers a strong arm to hang unemployed, if not to be paralyzed.

In regard to denominational papers, your Committee believe that it would tend to the advancement of our cause, if instead of having two denominational papers with a limited circulation, these Maritime Provinces, now united in Mission and Educational work, should combine in the establishment and support of one able journal, such as will meet the wants of the denomination, be recognized by Baptists as their organ, and be furnished to subscribers at the least possible cost consistent with efficiency.

Your Committee desire most gratefully to record their recognition of the faithful and efficient services rendered in the past by the

Christian Visitor and *Christian Messenger*; and till the present condition of things shall give place to something better, we bespeak for them the patronage and hearty support of the denomination.

C. B. WELTON, Chairman.

Discussed by Revs. A. Estabrooks, J. H. Hughes, Elias Kierstead, D. W. Orndall, Deacon Allen McDonald, Dr. Corey, Rev. G. O. Gates, C. B. Welton, and D. G. McDonald.

Adopted.

Committee on Education reported:

Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee beg to report: That in their opinion no subject is of greater importance in its bearing on the general well-being and usefulness of mankind than education, especially for the young. There is both truth and poetry in the couplet written many years ago by one who knew.

"Tis education forms the common mind,
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

It is a matter of unqualified gratification that the government under which we live, makes provision for and aims to give to all classes a good thorough common school education, thus laying a broad foundation for the future development of the intellect of our country.

The Committee likewise rejoice that as the fruit of the prayers of the Fathers who have gone home, and the self-denying and unremitting labors of the men who succeeded them, and the liberality and energy of our denomination generally, we have an institution of learning affording ample facilities for higher education in the various departments, Academic and Collegiate, Secular and Theological, where our sons and our daughters may receive the training necessary to fit them for usefulness in every department of life.

The Committee do not deem it necessary to go into details, as they will be reported in their proper place. But we are most happy to be able to state generally—that our College and Academy at Wolfville, N. S., with their beautiful and commodious buildings situated on one of the most magnificent sites to be found in our country, with its efficient staff of instructors under the able management of the President, Doctor Sawyer, were never in a more efficient condition than to-day.

We would most earnestly commend our loved institution to the sympathies, prayers, and liberality of our denomination, and especially would we recommend our young men and women to avail themselves of the facilities there afforded for the acquisition of that knowledge that will enable them to fill honorable and important positions to which they may be called, and labor for the benefit of their country.

Spoken to by Dr. Corey and Rev. D. G. McDonald, and Adopted.

The resolution was moved that:

Whereas, The New Brunswick Baptist Education Society was organized to provide Education under Christian watch-care, and as there is at this day a pressing necessity for the work, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend the Society to make provision at an early day for the re-opening of the Baptist Seminary.

Discussed by Revs. J. H. Hughes, H. Foshay, E. Kierstead, A. Estabrooks, I. J. Skinner, C. B. Welton.

Adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Hughes.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2.30 o'clock.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. A. Estabrooks. Minutes of last Session read and approved.

Committee on Nominations finally reported.

Committees for 1888 as follows:—

Committee on Home Missions: Revs. G. O. Gates, E. C. Corey, and Bro. J. S. Trites.

Foreign Missions: Revs. C. B. Welton, W. T. Corey, A. T. Dykeman.

Education: Revs. J. H. Hughes, D. G. McDonald, Bro. Isaiah Tingley.

Temperance: Bro. C. E. Knapp, Revs. W. W. Corey, E. H. Howe.

Denominational Literature: Revs. T. M. Munro, Geo. Seely, J. Gammon.

Obituaries: Revs. I. J. Skinner, E. Kierstead.

Preacher of Associational Sermon, Rev. C. B. Welton; Alternate, Rev. A. T. Dykeman.

Writer of Circular Letter, Rev. J. H. Hughes.

Resolved: That Rev. J. H. Hughes, Bros. J. S. Trites, Isa. Tingley, Dea. J. L. B. Steeves, and Bro. Rolland Keith be the delegates from this Association to the Convention.

Resolved: That Bros. Isa. Tingley, C. E. Knapp, and Nathaniel Peck be a Committee to provide a place for the meeting of the Association next year.

Treasurer's report submitted as follows:—

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCH.	Convention Scheme.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.	TOTAL.
New Horton.....	\$ 6 15	\$ 50	\$ 2 00	.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 9 65
Blackville.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
1st Salisbury.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	20 00
2nd Elgin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	1 20
Calcedonia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40
Surrey.....	.....	8 00	8 37	.....	90	17 27
3rd Hillborough.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	1 40
5th Elgin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	60
1st Harvey.....	21 86	7 50	4 00	50	1 40	35 26
Welford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40
3rd Sackville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50
3rd Salisbury.....	.....	.....	5 90	.....	70	6 60
Shediac.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50
Hopewell.....	17 00	.....	75	.....	1 50	17 75
Butternut Ridge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50
1st Sackville.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
1st Moncton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00
New Castle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
North River.....	8 68	.....	.....	.....	32	9 00
1st Hillsboro.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Lumsden.....	.....	3 75	.....	.....	30	4 05
Petticoodiac.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Pollet River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50
Alma.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	1 25
4th Hillsboro.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40
Dea. McDonald.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
W. W. Keith, L's Mountain.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40
3 Collections.....	35 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 05
Richard Thorne.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....	1 00
Jacob Trites.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Canaan.....	1 0
Mrs. S. H. Scribner.....	1 00	1 0	1 00
Roland Keith.....	1 00	1 00
S. H. Scribner.....	50	50	1 00
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Bal. to be forwarded to Bro. March \$166 01

Adopted.

On Motion, it was passed that the Clerk be authorized to write to the churches not sending Minute money to the Association, reminding them of their duty in this respect, and the deficiency required be made up in this way.

Resolved: That the Treasurer pay over the Minute money in his hands to the Clerk of the Association as part payment for the publication of the same, and that he secure the printing of 800 copies.

Committee on Temperance reported :

Report of Committee on Temperance.

As a denomination we recognize our duty to use every effort possible for the suppression of evil and the building up of the Kingdom of Christ. We believe that intemperance is an evil, a mighty evil and a growing evil, therefore, we as the people of God, should discountenance in every way that which is the direct cause of this evil, viz. the use of alcoholic stimulants.

Total abstinence should be the motto of every professed follower of Jesus. We believe that intemperance on the part of any member is a just cause for discipline.

Your Committee are happy in being able to report that the late decision of the Privy Council places the constitutionality of the Scott Act upon a firm basis and beyond legal dispute, and that now we have placed in our hands the power and means of suppressing the use of the accursed traffic with all its horrid train of woe.

Your Committee believe that we as Baptists would prove entirely recreant to our trust did we not employ every means to effect its enforcement.

We would therefore urge upon the pastors and delegates of this Association, as well as all professed follower of Jesus to heartily and cheerfully unite and co-operate with all temperance workers in this great work, in order that this great evil may be put away from among us, and thus will we confer a great blessing upon humanity and advance the interests of the Kingdom of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. DYKEMAN, Chairman.

Spoken to by Revs. A. T. Dykeman, D. W. Orndall, A. Estabrooks, J. Gammon, I. J. Skinner, J. H. Hughes, Dea. Allen McDonald, Bros. Harris, Calhoun, Isa. Tingley, Revs. G. O. Gates, D. G. McDonald.

Report adopted with slight changes.

Committee on Home Missions reported:—

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, there is no work in which we, as a body of christians are engaged, is of such paramount importance as the matter of Home Missions. Neglect the Home field, and all our other benevolent operations must dwindle and suffer. Therefore our weak and scattered churches must be aided with means and men that they may become strong, and sufficient to care for themselves, and to give to the general fund. There are outlying fields in many parts of these Maritime Provinces where isolated Baptists seldom if ever hear the gospel from ministers of their own faith and order, and as a result, are being gathered into other folds, and so lost to us as a denomination, which is no small drain upon our nominal strength, and material resources.

Your Committee would therefore recommend a grand rally on the part of all the brotherhood to the rescue, and culture, of the Home field, and to this end, would urge upon all our churches the adoption and effective working of the Convention Scheme, (and its practical working) which if properly worked would give us means to carry for-

ward all our benevolent enterprises. We do not believe in the sickly sentiment so unfortunately prevalent that a dollar per member from our churches cannot be raised, for we see by some of the letters to this Association that some of our poorest churches have accomplished it, and what has been done by some may be done by all, if the pastors and leading brethren will only take hold of it with christian zeal and earnestness. We are pleased to know that the Home Missionary Board is doing a noble work through the men and means at their disposal. But a much more efficient work might be done if the necessary means were forthcoming.

We see by their late report in the papers of this week, that the Board will require three thousand dollars to meet its liabilities at the incoming Convention. We therefore urge upon all the churches of this Association to make a strenuous effort to do what they can to help them report at the Convention a clean financial sheet.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. HUGHES, Chairman.

Discussed by Revs. G. O. Gates, J. H. Hughes, D. G. McDonald, A. Estabrooks.

Report amended and adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported :—

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee regard the work of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to the perishing heathen to be one of the grandest that the churches can possibly engage in on the earth.

The Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, independently of all other mission societies and Boards, have undertaken to establish missions among, and give the gospel to, the heathen in Teluguland, India. So far, this enterprise has been attended with success sufficient to encourage continued effort.

We learn with pleasure that our missionaries are able to report to our Foreign Board, success in the way of conversions and baptisms.

Some difficulties and trials have been experienced, and discouragements felt: but they have thus far been more than overcome by the interposition and blessing of Him who came to seek and to save the lost. To our minds it is evident that God intends to give these heathen to his Son through our instrumentality. Here then, we have just encouragement to determined perseverance and effort in the light of such revealed intention, and by the promise, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

In this part of the foreign field in the East we have three mission families, Brethren Sanford, Churchill and Hutchinson, with their wives; also an unmarried lady, Sister Hammond.

We are glad to be able to report that our missionaries are enjoying their completed buildings, and a fine measure of health, except our Sister Sanford, who has been obliged by ill-health to return to her native clime in order to rest and recuperate.

It is our prayer that the desired blessing may be granted and experienced by our esteemed Sister, and that in due time she may be returned to her loved family and work in the foreign field.

We learn with satisfaction that our Foreign Mission Board are seeking to re-inforce our mission, by sending at least another mission-

ary family to India, to relieve one of the missionaries who will speedily have to return to gain health.

Bro. Hutchinson, who arrived with his family at his station in Chicacole last December, has already entered upon the study, and is making rapid progress in the language of the Telugus.

In conclusion, your Committee would earnestly recommend that all the members of our churches make these missions an object of continuous prayer to God and of Christian benevolence, that they may be supported and rendered efficient and powerful in giving the heathen to Christ for his inheritance. They would also recommend that every pastor preach at least one sermon each quarter during the next Associational year on the subject of missions, giving special prominence to our foreign interests, that our people may be properly instructed as to the claims of these missions and their duties respecting them.

All of which is submitted,

T. M. MUNRO, Chairman.

On motion, it was adopted.

Fervent prayer was now offered for our missionaries on the field by Revs. J. H. Hughes, D. G. McDonald, I. J. Skinner.

Resolved: That this Association now provide for the submission of a report on Systematic Benevolence to be placed before the body at the its annual gathering.

Committee, Revs. D. G. McDonald, C. B. Welton, and A. T. Dykeman.

Resolved: That the thanks of this Association be tendered to this church and community for the generous manner in which they have entertained the delegates and friends assembled at this time in Association.

Resolved: That this Association do now adjourn to meet on the Second Tuesday in July, 1883, at the place hereafter specified by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Prayer by Rev. C. H. Corey, D.D. Benediction by the Moderator.

G. O. GATES, Moderator.

C. B. WELTON.

A. T. DYKEMAN. } Clerks.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE EASTERN N. B. BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren,—This subject upon which this Annual Letter is written, is one of great interest and vital importance, especially to us who are Baptist Christians. The principles of our faith making it so.

PIETY,

for this is the subject, is the whole of New Testament godliness. I do not say, it is the foundation of it. This is certainly laid in the new spiritual creation whereby all things become new. I think it is, however, the belief of every intelligent christian among us that the piety which the word of God enjoins upon us embraces such a fulness and completeness that the possessor of it becomes Christ-like from the very fact of its nature and origin, and that it gives power and influence to the soul and life of the believer.

It may be in its inception like the mustard seed; but it increases and develops with experience and advancing years. It becomes deep-toned in proportion as we ascend in the scale of christian faith and grow in divine knowledge.

Wherever piety exists we may safely conclude that the Spirit and grace of Jesus our Lord have taken hold of the affections of the soul—that the love of the crucified dwells in the heart—that Christ rules and reigns there in those precious graces of the Spirit. The heart is under sanctifying power; and thus a character is being formed such as the Divine Being can utilize in the interests of His advancing cause and spreading kingdom.

Piety is certainly *more* than morality in the common acceptation of that term. It is grace divine ramifying into all christian duty and christian life. It takes hold of the heart and reveals itself in the fruits of godliness. This is the light that shines out into the world, and exerts an influence for good.

It is marvelous beyond expression to witness the contrast between a godliness that consists only in a religious prating, and a *piety* that expresses itself in a godly life and christian

activity. The former is weak and disgusting, while the latter is powerful and blessed. In the allegory of Bunyan these two thoughts are beautifully illustrated. But it is not necessary to resort to books for illustrations of this fact, all we have to do is to look at our churches. In them we find those whose profession of religion and church membership, as it would appear according to their life, constitute the whole of christianity. If there be anything for which they are distinguished, it is for a religious indifferentism—a freezing coldness in their hearts, which prevents them from answering the end of their church relationship and doing the will of Him who says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Nothing short of an active, determined piety will answer the New Testament demand. A perpetual devotedness, prompted by the all-constraining principle of Divine love, is the requirement of the Great Head of the church.

That is not the religion of Christ, let its pretensions be what they may; if there be no altar of consecration—no activity in the Redeemer's cause. The religion of the Bible is something not only to be experienced but practiced. It is a love-moving, love-constraining, love-actuating principle. "The love of Christ constraineth us," says the great Apostle of the Gentiles.

Piety is love to God, love for his truth and for his cause, and leads the individual who has it to *obey* and to *do*. "If ye love me keep my commandments."

Piety is benevolence. I conceive it to be quite impossible for a man to be truly Christ-like and not exercise the grace of benevolence. Paul says to the Corinthians, "See that ye abound in this grace also," and our Divine Lord says, "Freely ye have received freely give." Giving then for Christ sake, is one of the outgrowths of benevolence and piety, or in other words, it is piety itself acting out and developing its own nature, as the bud develops into the beautiful rose.

Now the question is, can a person be truly pious, truly godly, and withhold from God the portion which He demands, and which duty and the instincts of his new nature prompt him to lay on the altar of christian beneficence? According to divine teaching, there is no true piety where there is no benevolence, a benevolence that always results in active goodness. God first loved, and then he gave. The spirit of Christ is a spirit of benevolence and love, and they who are partakers of Christ must be Christ-like—must have his spirit—without

which none are his. To be a christian, then, is to be like and walk like our blessed Lord. The benevolence of Christ embraced a lost and perishing world. The christian cannot do less, and have that piety, that love, that benevolence which characterized a Carey, a Judson, the Apostle of Modern Missions, and thousands of others who have long since entered upon the state of the Glorified Spirit.

It is not enough to have the feelings of piety—to talk piety—there must be a *doing* piety. A practical godliness, a godliness that feels for others, that prays and gives, that conforms to the will of God, that acts in unison with the church and the kingdom of Christ, that seeks the advancement of truth, the spread of the gospel, through which God has brought life, and immortality to light.

Brethren we need a piety in our churches that will give up all for Christ—that will influence our daily life, that will feel as much pleasure in giving a dollar to the cause of Jesus, as we ever did in earning it; a piety that will sacrifice for Him who laid down his life for us, when His cause demands it, that will lead us to lay ourselves with all our acquisitions upon the altar of consecration.

There is a religion in this world that sings "Glory to God in the highest," in the time of religious excitement in the house of God, but forgets it on the door-step. If there is anything that his Satanic Majesty likes, it is this spasmodic religion which ebbs and flows with circumstances, "unstable as water," destitute of principle. There is no growth, no development in this religion, therefore it is false. "Not all they who say Lord, Lord," who make considerable out cry by times against sin, but who never depart from it.

The religion of Christ in the heart is like a well of living water, springing up and spreading out into beautiful christian life and activity. This religion embraces principles that interweave themselves with the very texture of the regenerated mind, and manifest themselves in the steady onward progress and pious action of the believer. It is progressive. Hence the christian is said to be like a "tree planted in the house of the Lord that bringeth forth fruit in his season." It does appear to me that true religion never contradicts itself—never reproaches its author. There may be temptations to assail the child of God, difficulties of various kinds to contend against; but faith is the victory that overcomes. The child of God may be the object of calumny and persecution, like his Blessed Lord, but the spirit of which he is possessed leads him to walk even as Christ walked in the midst of it all.

Once more, piety is designed to be an active principle regulating the conduct of life and exerting itself in good works, so that it does not altogether consist of internal emotions as many seem to imagine. Wherever this principal does exist, however, there will be pious devotional feelings. This we do not deny. There will be warm sentiment. There will be joy. There will be a devout elevation of the heart towards God and celestial objects. But it should be remembered at the same time that the ardent Spirit within—this warm affection, will terminate in holy activity as it did in Robert Bayle, who instituted public lectures for the defence of christianity; manifested an unquenchable zeal for the diffusion of the gospel in India and in America, and among the native Welch and Irish; made munificent donations for the translation of the scriptures into Malay, Arabic, Welch; and of Elliott's Bible into the language of the Massachusetts Indians; and for other religious books; and lastly, a legacy of £5,400 for the propagation of christianity among the heathen. To this stern religious principles he united the purest morals, a rare modesty and active benevolence.

Indeed I may say in a word that the history of christianity abounds in such illustrations of active godliness. It cannot but interest intelligent goodness, to trace out those lives distinguished for a whole soul devotion to the service of God. Is their zeal worthy of emulation? Is their example worthy of imitation? Then let us do so, and we shall prove to the world the sincerity of our love to Christ, our loyalty to his kingdom, our attachment to his cause.

I am convinced that the greatest need in our churches today is, active piety. We need it in order to make our church life powerful and effective. To embrace these schemes and benevolent enterprises in connection with our denomination, which have for their highest and best object the glory of the Divine Being in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth. That piety which communes with God, and brings forth fruit,—the fruit of gentleness, peace and order. Let this principle, unselfish in its nature, dwell in our hearts and influence our conduct with reference to one another and our God, and amongst us and in us will be felt a power, against which scepticism cannot prevail. Our churches then will be like leacons to guide the tempest-tossed souls into the way of salvation and eternal life. Brethren let it be our continual prayer unto the Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for a revival that will make our piety deeper and broader, and hence more influential.

Again, the Piety of the New Testament of which we are speaking, finds no time to settle down in a listless indifference, while there are numerous agencies in aggressive operation for ascendancy and dominion. The powers of darkness are arrayed against christianity and the church as much to-day as ever they were. The influences that are against the religion of Christ are manifold and pernicious.

False teaching and religious error are prevalent. Pride and selfishness are marching like an armed host upon the spirituality of the church. Ease and luxury are reclining upon their downy couches even in the Zion of our God. The love of the world which is always inimical to the love of the Father of all our mercies, opposed to spiritual progress and piety, like a mighty incubus is settling down upon many who profess to be the children of God. Covetousness and unbelief are within our doors. Sabbath desecration, and intemperance, blasphemy and infidelity, all are exerting an influence, and are destructive agencies in the hand of the great adversary to the cause of truth and righteousness.

Brethren there never was a time in the history of our denomination when active and aggressive piety was more needed. When the children of God, every one of them, was required to lift up his voice both in precept and example against sin, than at this present day. Then let us put on the whole armour of God, and earnestly contend against principalities and powers in high places, against pride and ambition, false teaching and religious error. Let us go forth in the name of our holy christianity and in the strength of omnipotence, determined by the power of the Infinite and Eternal Saviour to slay the Goliath that threatens and defies the army of the living God. Let piety and love be the badge of discipleship and the cement that binds us together in this warfare; then shall we be successful and victorious. We shall witness the enlargement of the church, the increase of Christ's Kingdom on earth, and enjoy the presence of the Great Master in our midst and be happy in the assurance of his promise and love.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. And the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAME.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
George Bealwith,.....	Havelock,.....	Dec. 1874	Elgin.
W. W. Corey,.....	Havelock,.....	Nov. 1860	Grand Lake.
D. D. Carpenter,.....	Salisbury,.....	Jan. 1868	Keswick.
J. E. Fillmore,.....	Point Midgie,.....	July. 1868	Bayside.
I. W. Carpenter,.....	Turtle Creek,.....	Feb. 1871	Pollet River.
J. Gammon,.....	New Horton,.....	Feb. 1871	Bay Side.
Geo. O. Gates,.....	Lutz Mountain,.....	Oct. 1873	Lutz Mountain.
James Goldrup,.....	Moncton,.....	Oct. 1873	Liverpool, N. S.
M. Gros,.....	Coverdale,.....	Oct. 1880	Pollet River.
James Heritt,.....	Hillsborough,.....	..... 1849	Little River.
E. Howe,.....	Havelock,.....	..... 1870	Havelock.
O. Keith,.....	Surry, Hillsboro	Feb. 1870	Johnston.
E. Hopper,.....	Spring Hill,.....	Sept. 1872	Collins, Kings Co.
J. Hughes,.....	Dawson Set,.....	Feb. 1876	Pollet River.
M. Lewis,.....	St. John,.....	Jan. 1884	Hillsborough.
T. M. Munro,.....	Lamsden,.....	Jan. 1873	Albert.
S. C. Moore,.....	Shediac,.....	..... 1868	.....
I. J. Skinner,.....	Salisbury,.....	..... 1869	Hammond Vale.
S. Smith,.....	Havelock,.....	Sept. 1828	.....
J. C. Steadman,.....	Manleton,.....	..... 1871	Alma.
C. B. Welton,.....	Elgin,.....	..... 1863	.....
D. Bleakney,.....	Hillsborough,.....	April. 1877	Kentville, N. S.
A. T. Dykeman,.....	Petiteodiac,.....	Nov. 1858	Caledonia.
	Harvey,.....	April. 1861	Harvey.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization	NAME OF PASTOR.	Date of Appointment	CLERK AND P. O. ADDRESS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Last Report.	Membership.	
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Unbaptized.	Excluded.	Died.			
Albert,	1871	G. T. Shaw,		J. C. Rider, Harewood, Salisbury, W. Co.								36	96
Alnut, 1st,	1869	O. N. Keith,	1881	D. Cleveland, Alma, A. Co.								65	65
Blackville,	1838	F. J. Skinner,	1876	C. P. Ward, Bucktonche				1	3			21	88
Bucktonche	1876		1882	I. N. Alward, Butternut Ridge	2	2		1				237	250
Butternut Ridge,	1882		1882	J. Stewart, Caleronia				2				83	89
Caledonia,	1882			S. A. Webb, Cocaigne, Kent Co.								5	5
Cocaigne,	1862											5	5
Coverdale, 1st,													125
" 2nd,													41
" 3rd,	1858			Wm. Leman, Little River, Coverdale									121
Dorchester,	1845			A. T. Hicks, Rockland Station									114
Dundas,	1860			E. G. Vincent, St. Mary's, Dundas	10			2					70
Elgin, 1st,	1855			J. Hornean, Elgin, A. Co.				2					254
" 2nd,				J. C. Geldert, "									250
" 3rd,	1855	F. C. Stradman,	1873	E. A. Smith, "				1					144
Forest Glen,	1870	W. W. Corey,		R. E. C. Spitts, Forest Glen, A. Co.		1							209
Flat Lands Church,	1856	C. K. Harrington,	1881	Wm. Stiles, More's Settlement	1	1		2					37
Germanstown,	1856	J. E. Fillmore,	1860	N. Wilbur, Hopewell Corner									66
Harvey, 1st,	1841	A. I. Dykeman,	1852	J. Mahop, Harvey, A. Co.									65
" 2nd,				E. Copp, Little Rocker	5	2		6					67
" 3rd,	1852			E. E. Steeves, Hillsborough, A. Co.									67
Hillsborough, 1st,	1852	C. H. Wetton,	1878	E. E. Steeves, Hillsborough, A. Co.									364
" 2nd,	1852	E. H. Roper,	1881	L. Jonah, Dawson Settlement				2					92
" 3rd,	185	E. H. Roper,	1881	L. Sincihar, Demoguelle Creek				2					89
" 4th,	1857	E. H. Roper,	1882	J. Sincihar, Demoguelle Creek				3					163
Hopewell,	1818	G. Burgess,	1882	R. Clark, Rossvale, A. Co.				2					115
Lainsden,	1879	M. Lewis,	1879	R. Williams, Rossvale, A. Co.	6			7					389
Moncton, 1st,	1828	Geo. O. Gates,	1879	H. F. Crandall, Moncton				1					13
" 2nd,	1859		1880	H. F. Crandall, Moncton	29	8		4					41
New Cansan,	1859		1859	D. P. Stiles, Mt. s Village				1					145
New Castle,	1859	E. E. Curry,	1881	A. Humphreys, New Cansan				1					106
				J. E. Milner, New Castle	3	2							40

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New Horton, 1876; A. T. Dykeman, 1862; J. W. Reed, Forest, N. Y. 1860; North River,

New Canaan.....	1876	1	1	1	1	130
New Canaan.....						106
New Castle.....						106
New Castle.....						40

New Horton.....	1876	A. T. Dykeman,	1883	J. W. Reed, Upper New Horton.	55	50
North River.....	1880	E. C. Carey,		D. R. Sherman, Pefticodiac Intervale	37	106
Point DeBute,	1882	C. F. Milles,	1881	Wm. Tingley, Font DeBute.	1	
Pefticodiac,		Geo. Beely,	1882		64	
Foilet River.....		W. W. Corey,	1880	J. C. Marston, Poilet River.	77	84
Sackville, 1st.....	1788	D. McKeen,	1882	H. B. Reed, Middle Sackville	100	88
" 2nd.....	1809	D. G. McDonald,		L. E. Wortman, Sackville	120	100
Salisbury 1st.....	1841	E. C. Moore,	1881	L. E. Wortman, Sackville	5	88
" 2nd.....	1847	E. C. Moore,	1878	D. Horsman, Pefticodiac	120	100
Sackville, 3rd.....	1882	W. W. Corey,	1881	J. W. Lounsbey, Rawcatt Hill, W. Co.	86	84
Shediac.....		T. M. Corey,	1881	J. L. Evans, Shediac.	1	104
Verny Church.....	1877	E. H. Howe,	1882	W. H. Gross, Surrey, Hillsborough	33	32
Weldford.....	1860	J. H. Hughes,	1882	J. C. Smith, Weldford Station.	100	99
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SUNDAY SCHOOL
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 REV. PASTOR
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 ON SUNDAY MORNING
 AT 10 O'CLOCK
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MINUTES

—OF THE—

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,

HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE EASTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, AT BUTTERNUT RIDGE, JULY 12TH, 1882.

Sunday School Convention convened at 2.30 o'clock, on Wednesday, Rev. G. O. Gates, President, in the Chair.

On motion, *Resolved* that the delegates to the Association, be the delegates during the present Session to S. S. Convention.

On motion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

J. S. Trites.....President.
Rev. E. H. Howe.....Vice-President.
Rev. A. T. Dykeman.....Sec'y-Treas.

Letters were read from several of the Sabbath Schools, and Statistics from nearly all.

In accordance with previous arrangements the following speakers addressed the Convention upon the different subjects assigned them:—

The relation of S. Schools and Home Missions, by Dr. Corey.
Relation of S. Schools to the church, by Rev. J. Hughes.
Sunday School Helps, by Rev. D. G. McDonald and Dr. Hopper.
Teacher and his qualifications, by Rev. G. O. Gates.
Who shall attend the S. School, by Rev. C. B. Welton.

These addresses were followed by some well timed remarks by Bro. James Marsters.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Association next year.

A. T. DYKEMAN, Sec'y-Treas.